

# Osan Middle School

## Parent Connection

October 25, 2010



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Dear Parents:

Recent weeks have been full of exciting activities and events for students including Korean Culture field trips, student pictures, and PSAT testing for many of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Looking ahead I would like to draw your attention to two dates, 5 November is a student holiday/teacher work day; and, 12 November is a student holiday/parent-teacher conference day. Also, you may have noticed that we have an outstanding group of Civil Air Patrolmen who have taken on the important duty of raising and lowering our flags each day. These CAP members are Adain Kress, Charles Reuss, and Brandon Reuss.

Finally, if you have a few minutes to spare in the mornings from 0800-0830 and/or from 1115 to 1215, we would be in need of a few more volunteers to assist us supervising students in the T-Bird Café. If interested, please contact our main office at: DSN 784-7256. v/r

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### Red Ribbon Week

This week is **Red Ribbon Week (RRW)**, an alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. Osan Middle School will have the daily trivia questions and announcements, a drug free pledge signing and a wear red spirit day (Thursday) to celebrate this week. Students who wear predominately red clothing on Thursday will receive a prize and be part of our group "Proud to be Drug Free" photo. Parents, you can support RRW by talking with your child about drug abuse. Also, because teen abuse of prescription and over the counter drugs is fast becoming one of our nation's biggest problems, be sure to keep your medications locked up at home. More information from a variety of sources may be easily found online.

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October 15, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR SUPERINTENDENTS AND PRINCIPALS, DODEA  
PACIFIC

SUBJECT: Guidance on Accelerated Withdrawal for SY 2010-2011

This memorandum provides guidance on early withdrawal of students with full credit for the semester or year. DoDEA policy states that students withdrawing from school before the end of the semester may be granted credit for an accelerated study program, outlined by the teachers involved and approved in advance by the Principal, providing that the withdrawal date is no earlier than 20 school days before the end of the semester. Students meeting conditions of the accelerated program are to be granted semester grades and credits. The acceleration date for DoDEA Pacific first semester is December 15, 2010. The date for the second semester is May 18, 2011. While DoDEA policy on this issue is stated in the Administrators' Manual, questions have arisen regarding the applicability of this to family plans for vacation, as well as for withdrawal prior to the 20-day limit.

The provision for permitting the early withdrawal of students with full Carnegie credit was based on careful consideration of the unique circumstances found in the DoDEA system. It is recognized that due to military necessity, families are occasionally required to move prior to the end of the semester or school year, and children should not be penalized for this. The 20-day limit provides reasonable flexibility without compromising academic standards or placing the student in an untenable position in regard to mastery of curriculum content. This provision was not intended for the convenience of family travel, visits, or other discretionary reasons. The policy requires that students present verification of the date of their sponsor's departure, i.e., Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or other official orders, to school officials in order to receive consideration for full academic credit. Students who withdraw prior to the 20-day limit receive a "withdrawal" grade rather than a final grade.

You should be confident of my complete support should you be questioned or challenged in the enforcement of this policy. A school procedure for parents and staff should be published or highlighted in school handbooks - especially at the high school level. Questions or concerns may be addressed to Mr. Charles Kelker, Chief of Staff.

  
Diana J. Ohman  
Director, DoDEA Pacific

# OMS Activity Schedule

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Homework Club</b> Ms. Hampton Room 203 3:15-4:30	<b>Knitting /Crochet Club</b> Ms. McCarthy Ms. Dunham Library 3:30-4:30	<b>Student Council</b> Ms. Hampton Room 203 3:15-3:30	<b>Knitting /Crochet Club</b> Ms. McCarthy Ms. Dunham Library 3:30-4:30	<b>Drama Club</b> Ms. Montiel Room 117 3:30-5:00
<b>Swim Team</b> Ms. Gourdin Mustang Valley Pool 3:45-5:00	<b>Cooking Club</b> Ms. Montiel Room 328 3:30-5:00 <b>Seasonal</b>	<b>Swim Team</b> Ms. Gourdin Mustang Valley Pool 3:45-5:00	<b>National Junior Honors Society</b> Ms. Votipka Room 109 3:30-4:30 <b>1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays</b>	<b>Swim Team</b> Ms. Gourdin Mustang Valley Pool 3:45-5:00
<b>Yearbook Club</b> Mr. Paul Room 3:30-4:30 Room 114 <b>Only on B Days</b>	<b>Yearbook Club</b> Mr. Paul Room 3:30-4:30 Room 114 <b>Only on B Days</b>	<b>Math Counts</b> Ms. McIntyre Room 215 3:15-4:30	<b>Swim Team</b> Ms. Gourdin Mustang Valley Pool 3:45-5:00	<b>Yearbook Club</b> Mr. Paul Room 3:30-4:30 Room 114 <b>Only on B Days</b>
<b>Cross Country</b> Mr. Edwards Meet in Room 216 Proceed to Flight Line to run 3:30-4:30 <b>Until 6 November</b>	<b>Cross Country</b> Mr. Edwards Meet in Room 216 Proceed to Flight Line to run 3:30-4:30 <b>Until 6 November</b>	<b>Drama Club</b> Ms. Montiel Room 117 3:30-5:00	<b>Homework Club</b> Ms. Hampton Room 203 3:15-4:30	<b>Craft Club</b> Ms. Laird Ms. McIntyre Room 215 3:30-4:30 <b>Seasonal</b>
<b>Video Broadcasting Club</b> Ms Laird/Mr. Paul 07:30-8:00am <b>Start 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester M-W-F</b>	<b>Tennis Club</b> Ms McIntyre <b>TBA</b>  <b>Cheerleading</b> Ms. Lunsford <b>TBA</b>	<b>After School Detention</b> Ms. McAllister 3:15-4:15  Students will meet in the nurses office to check in	<b>Yearbook Club</b> Mr. Paul Room 3:30-4:30 Room 114 <b>Only on B Days</b>	

<p><b>Note</b></p> <p><b>All sports that are listed TBA are second semester activities</b></p> <p><b>An updated schedule will be sent out at that time...</b></p>	<p><b>Basketball</b> Ms Hampton <b>TBA</b></p> <p><b>Volleyball</b> Mr. Dixon <b>TBA</b></p> <p><b>Literary Magazine</b> Ms. McCarthy <b>TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Yearbook Club</b> Mr. Paul Room 3:30-4:30 Room 114 <b>Only on B Days</b></p>		
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