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Cross Country Needs Volunteers

There will be a Cross Country Meet at Osan Air Force Base on OCT 27, from 1000 to 1230 hours. The race will start at 1100 hours for girls and 1130 hours for boys at the pavilion by the softball fields. Volunteers will be responsible for keeping the runners safe on the road during the race. If you want to volunteer and help, contact James.Edwards@pac.dodea.edu or DSN 784-7540 or 784-7256.

Online SAT and ACT Test Preparation Program

Along with this week's Parent Connection electronic newsletter, you will see the "SAT/ACT PowerPrep Program" document. PowerPrep is an online program donated by eKnowledge and NFL athletes for all DoDEA middle and high school students, both military and civilian. There is a nominal charge for materials, support, shipping and handling of \$13.84 -\$19.99 per standard program. Go to www.eKnowledge.com/DoDEA to secure this program.

Upcoming SAC Meeting

Our **SAC** (Student Advisory Committee) will meet on Monday, OCT 15 at 1600 hours in the information center (library). The purpose of SAC is to ensure open lines of communication for collaborative leadership and decision making. Parents are welcome to attend. Upcoming meetings will be posted in the Calendar of Events section of Parent Connection. We hope to see you there.

Help your child by regularly visiting
our website:
www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/



Calendar of Events

- 01 OCT Chusok; student holiday
- 02 OCT PTSO meeting at 1700 hours
- 05 OCT Early release for students
- 08 OCT Columbus Day; no school
- 15 OCT SAC meeting at 1600 hours
- 17 OCT School picture day



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PTSO Needs Executive Board and Committee Chair Positions Filled

The Osan Middle School PTSO will be meeting on Tuesday, OCT 2, at 1700 hours in the OMS Information Center (Library). Any and all interested parents are invited to attend. This will be the first official meeting of the year, and we will be handling nominations and elections for the 2012-2013 PTSO Executive Board. All positions are open at this time, so if you are interested in being nominated for a position please let Mrs. Kyra K. Mailki know as soon as possible at kyramailki@gmail.com.

In addition to the Executive Board, the PTSO has several chair positions that are perfect for those parents that might have a limited amount of time to spend working with the PTSO. Box Tops, Fundraising, and Spirit Wear are just a few of the positions that we would like to fill for this school year. The duties of each Executive Board position are as follows:

The President will:

Preside at all meetings of the general membership. Appoint subcommittees and chairpersons. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. Review the charter, bylaws, and attachments within 30 days of election to determine accuracy and currency, and make recommended changes as required. Countersign minutes of all meetings in which he/she presides. Sign checks drawn on association funds when the treasurer is not available. Sign all general correspondence generated by this association. Conduct the routine business of the association between meetings of the general membership. Execute the decisions of the Executive Council and the membership, and develop agenda for scheduled meetings.

The Vice-President will:

Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. Assume the office of the President if a vacancy occurs. Assist the President at all times and maintain a working knowledge of the association activities. Reserve meeting location and publicize date and time. Serve in any capacity deemed necessary by the President.

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The Secretary will:

Ensure the minutes of all meetings are properly recorded, transcribed, signed, distributed, and filed. Prepare all routine correspondence concerning the association and ensure such correspondence is signed, distributed, and filed. Keep a current list of all committee members, officers, and association chairpersons. Help develop agenda items for scheduled meetings and ensure copies are available to the membership. Serve as property custodian, if necessary, and maintain accountability for all property purchased by or donated to this association.

The Treasurer will:

Receive and be responsible for all funds belonging to the association. Maintain necessary bank accounts. Collect dues and maintain a payment ledger. Balance account(s) monthly and provide a verbal report at each general membership meeting. Dispense and sign checks drawn on association funds for all authorized expenditures. Present the books and financial records of the association for audit when directed by AFT 34-223, paragraph 10.7.3, to the installation commander or officers of this association.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Kyra K. Mailki at kyramailki@gmail.com if you have any questions. We hope to see you on Tuesday!



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School Picture Day, October 17

It's time again for our annual school photos. You are invited to take this opportunity to order school photographs for friends and relatives just in time for the holidays. Campus Photography International will provide this service on Wednesday, Oct. 17th. All students will be photographed regardless of purchase.

There are two ways to make your package selection in advance:

(1) **Online** -use your credit or debit card. Go to <http://www.cpiphoto.net/> and click on **Order Now**, or (2) use the **order envelope**, which which has been sent home with students or the e-mail attachment, "2012 Osan MS Picture Order Envelope." that was sent along with this Parent Connection.

If not ordering online:

- Your child must give the completed order envelope and payment to the photographer on Picture Day. Students **MUST HAVE PAYMENT** with them on Picture Day or their photo is considered "yearbook only." (Do not return the order envelope if you order online.)
- Please use one envelope per student, **NOT** one envelope for multiple children.
- Please make checks payable to *CAMPUS PHOTOGRAPHY*, **NOT** the school. Post-dated checks up to two weeks are accepted. Money order and cash are also accepted, but cash payment must be exact amount.
- Only pre-paid orders are produced and returned to school. All photographs are ultimately taken for inclusion in the school yearbook.

The biggest advantage to the pre-pay photo program is that you receive the actual package, not just a small proof. Your satisfaction is guaranteed or Campus Photography assures that you will receive a 100% refund. This program allows a faster return of the finished package. See the package prices for details.

Additional 2x3 (wallet size) Photos, an 8x10 and / or 2-5x7 portrait may be added to your package selection.

For further information, contact Ms. Andrea Geer at 784-7256 or Campus Photography at customerservice@cpiphoto.net.



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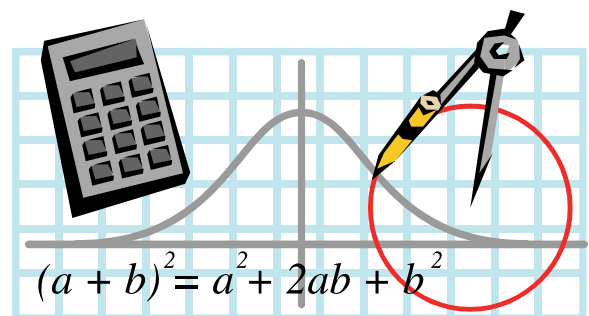
MathCounts Begins!

MathCounts training sessions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The first practice is on Wednesday, 3 October in Room 329. Students will be trained for various math competitions against other middle school-aged students throughout DoDDS. All OMS students are invited to join. A good attitude and the desire to learn is all that is required.

MathCounts is a national enrichment club and competition program sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. It is a math academic extracurricular activity that challenges students in grades 6-8 with high school-level vocabulary, concepts, skills and word problems (Warm-ups and Workouts).

Last school year Osan Middle School's MathCounts Team placed second in the Pacific Region and first individually. It placed sixth in DoDDS and fourth individually. This year's goal is to do even better, but the community's help is needed. **OMS is recruiting volunteer coaches who have a mathematics background.** Their expertise is the edge required to advance the OMS MathCounts Team to that higher level of understanding and performance. If interested please contact Ms. McIntyre at 784-7256 or at martha.mcintyre@pac.dodea.edu.

Further MathCounts information will be posted in the morning broadcasts and future Parent Connections. Math Rocks and Math is FUN!!!





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Osan American High School PTSO Auction

The Osan American High School (OAHS) Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) will be having an auction. See below advertisement and the "OAHS Auction Items" attachment that was sent along with this week's Parent Connection.

The OAHS PTSO are in need of several volunteers to help Friday evening unload and set up. On Saturday they need cashiers, accounting help, auctioneer, and many other jobs which need to be filled. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parents and students to work together to help the school community. If you are interested in volunteering for this fundraiser, please e-mail Landa Strunk at landa.strunk@zoho.com. All proceeds will benefit OAHS students and teachers.

Thank you all very much for your time and support. This event would not be possible without your dedication to helping the PTSO and the Osan community.



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