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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](mailto:James.Edwards@pac.dodea.edu) or DSN 784-7540 or 784-7256. Only 2 people have volunteered thus far, but a total of 27 volunteers are needed.

## 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](http://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

Help your child by regularly visiting  
our website:  
[www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/](http://www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/)



## Calendar of Events

- 08 OCT Columbus Day; no school
- 15 OCT SAC meeting at 1600 hours
- 17 OCT School picture day
- 02 NOV Teacher Work Day

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## A Letter From Our New PTSO President

Dear Osan Middle School Parents, Teachers and Students,

On Tuesday night, myself, Lori Johnson, Landa Strunk, and Kyra Mailki were elected to become this year's PTSO board. We are very excited, motivated and committed to help make a difference in all of our children's school year. One of our goals is to increase membership. We all have an interest as our children are students here so thank you to those who have already signed up for this year. We are really asking you to support us by becoming a member if you haven't had an opportunity already. We will be planning some fun activities and a few fundraisers for this year. All these efforts are being organized to help improve the quality of life needs as well as activities for our kids. We can use as much time and assistance that you can spare. If you can commit to just one extra hour this year or one activity to help us, it will go a long way.

Here is where we need some help. We do need some big time commitments as well, some committee chair people for our upcoming activities, but for now all I am asking for are small sacrifices from you, and this is an easy request, I promise. Box Tops 4education. This is the easiest way to earn direct cash for our school. We want to utilize this amazing program so if you would please sign up and register for their online program at:

[WWW.BTFE.COM/HERO](http://WWW.BTFE.COM/HERO) to start earning points (cash) online. Be sure to pick Osan Middle School PTA/PTO. Currently, there are 6 supporters. Can we increase that to 106? How about 206? I know we can. To earn points, there are videos to watch in their click and earn section (earns points), games to play (points), and coupons to print (\$ for you) to save even more at the commissary. This one is my favorite. Need winter boots? Buy UGG boots through their marketplace and earn between 1 - 9 points per \$10 spent for the school depending on which of the 100+ contributing stores you shop at. How easy can that be? For more information go to their main website at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

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These small ways of helping can add up to earning lots of money for our school quickly if we all work together on just box tops alone. Even grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends can register online to help us earn points. Of course we still want your clipped box tops and we will be having a contest for the month of October. Box tops are due on NOV 1 so, the seminar class with the most box tops turned in by October 31st will win a prize. We will give more details on this and how to turn them in, so stay tuned.

Thank you for your time and your amazing contributions thus far and we look forward to a very successful year for the PTSO and our children. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or just want information on where you can help out, please feel free to contact me. See you at our next meeting!

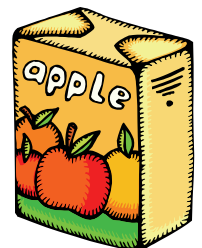
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## Students May Buy Breakfast

Osan Middle School is now serving breakfast, beginning on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 8:00-8:20 AM. Students may purchase the following items using their AAFES lunch account or cash:

- Breakfast sandwich, sausage or ham w/egg and croissant bread — \$2.29
- Tater tots — \$1.09
- Juice — \$1.00
- Water — \$1.25

For additional information, please contact AAFES cafeteria manager, Ms. Un Chu Chong at 784-7352.



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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. 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:customerservice@cpiphoto.net).

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