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Calendar of Events

13 SEP	Open House, 5:00-7:00 PM
01 OCT	Chusok; Student Holiday
05 OCT	Columbus Day; no school



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Student Support Services (SSS) Department Health & Wellness Provided by School Counseling, Nursing, and Psychology Services

Overview of DoDEA "Student Support Services" (SSS)

Student Support Services (SSS) focuses on the whole child and is an integral part of the total education program. The SSS Department is an integrated team that includes DoDEA school nurses, school counselors, and school psychologists who work with students from preschool through 12th grade. The SSS Department at Osan Middle School works collaboratively and in partnership with parents, community, students, and other educators to assist in creating an educational environment which supports academic, personal, social, and career growth of all students. The SSS staff are extensively involved in implementing programs that support DoDEA Community Strategic Goal 1, to assist all students reach their maximum academic potential so they are prepared for continuous learning and productive citizenship. For additional information, please visit the following website:

<http://www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/index.cfm>

Psychological Services

New to Osan MS this year is our school psychologist, Dr. Joanne Kalesnik, Ph.D. The school psychologists serve as a vital part of the Student Support Services (SSS) Department and work closely in conjunction with school counselors, nurses, and administrators in the delivery of services to address the educational, emotional and social needs of students. Ultimately, the overarching goal of the psychological services program is to increase student capacity to overcome academic, personal, and social difficulties that might hinder their attainment of educational success and a satisfying and productive life. The primary intent of the provision of school psychological services is to promote mental and physical wellness and facilitate learning of all students. School psychologists collaborate within their SSS team and with administrators and other school personnel in designing and providing services to address academic, career, and social/personal development. Comprehensive school psychological services are comprised of diverse activities in concert with School Health Services and Guidance and

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Counseling standards as described in the Competency-Based Counseling Program (CBCP). These activities complement one another and therefore are most accurately viewed as being integrated and coordinated rather than discrete services. For further information, please see this website: <http://www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/psychological.cfm> or contact Dr. Kalesnik at Osan Middle School, Room 107-A, tel. 784-7259.

Military and Family Life Program

Parents, please read the attached Parent Permission Letter concerning the Child and Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Program (CYB-MFLC) and the Military and Family Life Consultant, Ms. Carly Zies. This is wonderful service should your child ever need to use it. For more information, please contact Ms. Zies at <mailto:cyb.mflc.osanhigh@gmail.com>.



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Osan Middle School Needs Parent Volunteers

Osan MS is need of parent volunteers to serve as parent representatives on the following school committees:

Continuous School Improvement Leadership Team

Purpose: To develop and monitor our school improvement plan in accordance with DoDEA protocol to ensure student and staff success.

Health Council

Purpose: To promote and protect student's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity.

Parent Teacher Student Organization [PTSO]

Purpose: To provide a venue for the direct support of OMS students and teachers to ensure open lines of communication for collaborative leadership and decision making.

School Advisory Council [SAC]

Purpose: To ensure open lines of communication for collaborative leadership and decision-making.

Student Activity Fund

Purpose: To promote the general welfare and morale of students by financing recognized and authorized extracurricular activities of the student body which are not authorized or funded by appropriated funds.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to help strengthen the school and home community relations to ensure highest student achievement for Osan Middle School students!

Please contact the school at DSN 784-7256, from off-base or cell phone 031-661-7256, or email the principal using the following e-mail address:
legena.roberts-kpinkpin@pac.dodea.edu.



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Osan MS School Advisory Committee Parent Positions Need to be Filled

The OMS SAC is requesting parent participation in this year's program. The SAC is a parent and school employee committee which advises the principal on educational matters such as:

- School policies affecting students and parents
- Administrative procedures affecting students
- Instructional programs and educational resources within the school
- Allocation of resources with the school to achieve educational goals
- Pupil services (health, special ed, testing, evaluation)
- Student standards of conduct and discipline
- Policies and standards of the dependent's education system related to the above

The SAC will be holding an election for the following positions:

Two parents, with one of the parent positions as the Installation Advisory Committee Liaison.

If you are interested in one of these elected positions, please contact Mr. Bryan Kwasniewski at bryan.kwasniewski@us.af.mil.

SAC meetings are scheduled to be held the first Monday of every month beginning in October. Agendas will be posted seven days in advance in the school office and through the parent connection. All parents are welcome to attend meetings.

Thank you and have a wonderful school year.