

Old Quarry Post

Old Quarry Middle School, Lemont Bromberk CSD 113A

Old Quarry Welcomes New Students

Old Quarry Middle School will officially welcome new students on August 22, 2011, when the new school year begins. This year that welcome includes fifth graders from Central and River Valley Schools as part of the district's restructuring. Staff have been working throughout the summer to move furniture and classrooms to welcome the new grade level to OQMS. The fifth grade day will look a lot like it did at Central and River Valley with students primarily matched up with a homeroom teacher. Students may switch classes for one of their core subjects of math, science, social studies or language arts. The new part of the schedule for the fifth graders will be moving to encore classes which include art, music, health, literacy lab, and physical education. Fifth graders will also be able to partake in some extracurricular activities such as band, cross country, and student council.

The fifth graders will not be the only new students to OQMS. Sixth graders also are new to the building. While the sixth grade schedule looks a lot like a typical middle school schedule, there are some changes which focus on literacy and advisory. Sixth graders will have the opportunity to participate in the extracurricular activities offered by the Warrior Booster Club and Lemont Band Booster Club.

We are very excited to welcome all of our new students to OQMS on August 22, 2011.

Principal's Corner: by Bill Caron

Welcome Back

Where did the summer go? With only two weeks left before school starts, I want to welcome you all to OQMS. I look forward to getting to know all of our new students and staff and am very excited to get they year going. We have a couple of opportunities for you to come see the building and meet your teachers before the first day.

On August 11, 2011, we will be hosting an open house. This is a very informal way for all of our new students to come in and see the building. Teachers are just starting to set up rooms and will not be available this day. However, come back on August 18 to meet your teachers and see the rooms during our annual Meet and Greet Night. Please look for more details throughout this newsletter.

Once again, welcome to all of our new students and welcome back to our seventh and eighth graders.

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OQMS Open House and Meet and Greet

Old Quarry Middle School will open its doors for incoming fifth and sixth graders along with new students on August 11, 2011. The day is designed to allow new students to OQMS to walk around the building and get a feel for their new school.



The building will be very busy as teachers begin to set up their room, and students and parents volunteer to help set up rooms and put some finishing touches on the building.

On August 11, informal building tours will take place at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 1:00 PM. The building will then be open from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM for new students and parents to check out their new building.

On August 18, 2011, it is time to come back and meet your teachers and see the rooms set up for the 2011 school year. Go to our webpage at www.sd113a.org to see the times for each grade level.

News from the Health Office



- This is a reminder that all health forms, including sixth grade physical and dental forms, must be turned in to the health office prior to the start of the school year.
- All new students must have current health information turned in to the health office by the start of the school year.
- Any student who may participate in extracurricular sports must have a current physical on file dated after June 1, 2011. (For sixth graders, the physicals they get to enter will meet the requirements for sports physicals.)

2012 Student Schedules

Parent Connect will be re-opened for parents and students to see their 2012 schedules on August 15, 2011. Please print out your schedule and bring it with you to the Meet and Greet on August 18, 2011. Only those families who have fully paid all 2012 fees will be able to view their schedules. Parents will be sent directions, ID, and password for Parent Connect on August 15, 2011.

Warrior Booster Club 2011-12 Activity Registration to begin July 25th

The Warrior Booster Club, in conjunction with Old Quarry Middle school, will hold on-line registration (www.warriorboosterclub.com) for **ALL** extracurricular activities for the 2011-12 school from **July 25-Aug. 12**. Various activities will be offered for students in 5th through 8th grade. Any student wishing to participate in extracurricular activities for the upcoming school year will need to register and pay by the August 12th deadline.

A list of activities being offered and the cost to participate in each activity will be posted on the Warrior Booster Club website on July 25. The WBC will also offer 2 walk-in registration days in addition to on-line registration on Wednesday, Aug. 3rd from 6-9 pm and on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 4-6 pm at Old Quarry Middle School. Payment must be made at time of registration.

Like last year, per the agreement District 113a has with the State Board of Education, all money used to run extracurricular activities for this school year must be received by the school prior to the school year beginning. If an activity does not get enough students registered to meet minimum number of participants to cover the cost of the activity, that activity will not run and money will be refunded. We cannot guarantee that we will offer a 2nd registration period after school starts as we did last year.

Register at: www.warriorboosterclub.com

Learn more about the *Warrior Booster Club* or *Lemont Bromberek CSD 113A* Schools by visiting their web page at www.warriorboosterclub.com or the District at www.sd113a.org or calling any on the school buildings at 630.257.2286 for more information.

OLD QUARRY BAND LEMONT BAND BOOSTERS BAND NEWLETTER

BAND DIRECTORS: JIM RALLIS, TONY RALLIS, FRANK ALONGI, AND GLENN PAWLAK

**TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE 2011-2012 BAND YEAR
NEVER PLAYED AN INSTRUMENT? COME JOIN THE BAND AND LEARN**

*****Check out our website at <http://www.lemontbandboosters.com>*****

****WE NEED VOLUNTEERS****

POOL PARTY AT LEMONT POOL - JULY 18

WE HAD GREAT WEATHER FOR OUR POOL PARTY. ALL STUDENTS HAD A FUN TIME.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO BROUGHT IN THE TREATS AND THE AWESOME NACHO MACHINE.



OUR BAND STUDENTS HAVE BEEN BUSY ALL SUMMER.

EVERY THURSDAY DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE AND JULY MR. RALLIS HELD BAND CAMP FOR THE 5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS AT LEMONT HIGH SCHOOL.

SOME OF OUR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS WENT TO UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOR SUMMER CAMP, ISYM, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY REGARDED AND WELL KNOWN SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES. SOME OF THEM WERE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE LEMONT BAND BOOSTERS AND OTHERS WENT ON THEIR OWN. WE HOPE TO SEE EVERY 7TH GRADER APPLY FOR THE ISYM SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR. WE HEARD FROM THE STUDENTS THAT THEY HAD A GREAT TIME.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES

AUGUST 18: MEET AND GREET 4PM TO 8PM

AUGUST 24: BEGINNING BAND PRESENTATION TO 5TH GRADERS IN THE SMALL GYM AT 1:30PM

AUGUST 26: REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE TO BAND BOOSTERS

AUGUST 27: MACY'S FUNDRAISER

AUGUST 29: FIRST DAY OF BAND FOR 6, 7, AND 8TH GRADERS

AUGUST 30 AND 31: BEGINNING BAND PARENT MEETING 5-7PM AND 7-9PM

Get ready for 7th grade math!

The following web sites will help you review some basic math facts and jump start your brain!



http://multiplication.com/interactive_games.htm This site has little mini-games to help you review your basic multiplication tables. Check out games like Grand Prix and Farm Freak-Out!

<http://www.math.com/homeworkhelp/PreAlgebra.html> This site has many options under pre-algebra, including decimals, fractions, and percents. You can also do basic math review by visiting the home page.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbX44YsQ2I&feature=related> See if you could win \$16,000! Did you get this question right?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmz39XOEHC4&NR=1> What about this one? Tricky?

and finally... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU5LoCLGMdQ>. Where did they go wrong?

Welcome Back 8th Grade Warriors!

The eighth grade teachers are looking forward to meeting you – our new eighth grade leaders - at Old Quarry's Meet and Greet scheduled for the evening of August 18 from 7:00-7:45 P.M. Remember to print a copy of your schedule at home, and bring it that evening so that you have the opportunity to locate all of your classrooms and teachers. You can also bring your school supplies that night so that your locker will be all set up and ready to go for the first day of school on August 22. Your homeroom teacher will have your locker assignments ready for you at the Meet and Greet night. We can't wait to get started. We have an exciting year in store for you as you begin your last – and BEST – year at Old Quarry!



Safety Concerns and Transportation

The Lemont Police Department and Old Quarry Middle School strongly discourage bus students from walking home at any time during the school year when they qualify for bus transportation. We have had our students accused of being in fights, creating disturbances at local restaurants, and destroying property when they walk home. This has typically happened on Fridays throughout the school year. Out of the approximate 1100 OQMS students, 999 (+90%) are bus riders. That leaves only about 100 students who live within 1.5 miles of school and are allowed to walk or be transported by their parents.

Coming home on the bus is a perfect way for parents to check in with their children and get an update on the school day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work collaboratively with the Police Department to keep our students safe and secure.

Volunteer Opportunities for Parents

Wondering how you can get involved at OQMS?

Want to be a member of a committee, organization, or support system?

If you answered yes to any of the above, fill out the information below and return it to OQMS by August 24, 2011.

We are looking for parents who are interested in being part of our School Improvement Committee, Parent Involvement Analysis Committee, and Student Mentoring.

- School Improvement Committee—Meets Monthly typically at 3:30 PM. This committee works on the state required school improvement plan focusing on student achievement and Adequate Yearly Progress goals.**
- Parent Involvement Analysis Committee—This committee will meet four times during the school year. Meetings typically begin at 4:00 PM. Members will also be invited to attend a State sponsored conference in September. The work of this committee is based on our Parent Involvement Analysis sent to ISBE in the spring of 2011.**
- Student Mentoring—Parents interested in being mentors will work with students individually or in small groups during the school day. A background check and fingerprinting is required for all parent mentors.**

YES I AM INTERESTED

Name: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

___ SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

___ PARENT INVOLVEMENT ANALYSIS

___ MENTORING

Signature: _____

DATE: _____



FIND THE **MAGIC** OF GIVING BACK!

Saturday, August 27, 2011

Since 2006, Macy's Shop For A Cause Event has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$38 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

Shop For A Cause gives you the opportunity to give back to your community and to help our organization. Purchase a \$5 Shopping Pass* for exclusive savings in every Macy's store and online at macys.com on Saturday, August 27th, and we keep 100% of the proceeds. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card.

Find the magic of giving back, as Macy's celebrates a national day of support for our community.



*Some exclusions and restrictions apply. For more information or to purchase a pass contact: _____

Information from the Physical Education Department

Parents/Guardians:

Just a reminder that all incoming 5th/6th grade students WILL NOT be changing for gym classes this year. And therefore, you WILL NOT need to purchase a gym uniform.

All 7th & 8th grade students will need to wear the Old Quarry gym uniform for class. The uniform consists of a red t-shirt, black shorts, gym shoes and socks. In order to receive full credit, each student must wear his or her *own* Old Quarry P.E. uniform daily. This includes socks. If your child has misplaced or outgrown his or her gym uniform, a new uniform is required. Gym uniforms may be purchased at Main Street Sports and Embroidery, located at 216 Main Street, (630) 257-5836, in downtown Lemont.



Thanks!

Old Quarry Physical Education Staff



Lunch Payments:

When sending money to school for your child's lunch account, please put it in an envelope with your child's name on it. Money is collected the first day of the week during first period. This makes it easier for the cafeteria to account for the money.

School Hours:

7:30 AM First Period Starts
2:30 PM Students Dismissed

Open House:

August 11, 2011
Informal Tour
9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM
Open Building 4 PM—6 PM

Meet and Greet

August 18, 2011
Fifth grade - 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Sixth grade - 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Seventh grade - 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Eighth grade - 7:00 - 7:45 PM

Bring your schedules and meet your teachers!

First Day of School

August 22, 2011
7:30 AM—10:45 AM

Registration Fees:

If you have not paid your school registration fees by August 1, 2011, there is a \$25.00 late fee. All fees should be paid by August 15, 2011.

Students with outstanding fees for the 2012 school year will not be able to access their schedules.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Franta or Cathy Aguirre at 630-257-2286.

Employment Opportunity:

Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A is seeking a Nurse for Old Quarry Middle School. A qualified candidate must have a Registered Nurse License, be certified in CPR, be first aid trained, and certified or capable of obtaining certification in vision/hearing screening through IDPH.

Interested individual can apply on line at www.sd113a.org.

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Mission Statement

Old Quarry Middle School prepares students during a unique, critical, and evolving time in their lives, to learn, succeed, and contribute responsibly in a safe, supportive environment, through a respectful partnership between school, family, and community.

Common Core Standards

You may have heard in the news that Illinois is one of a number of states which have adopted the Common Core Learning Standards. So what are the Common Core Standards?

The Illinois State Board of Education has adopted the new Mathematics and English Language Arts standards for K-12 education as the New Illinois Learning Standards Incorporating the Common Core. The goal of the standards is to better prepare our students for success in college and the workforce in a competitive global economy. These standards define what students should know and be able to do in their studies in math, language arts, social studies, science and technical subjects.

Why new standards?

- Our expectations for what students must know and be able to demonstrate were different in 1997 when Illinois adopted the current standards.
- The new standards aim to provide clear, consistent academic benchmarks with “fewer, clearer and higher” academic standards for essential learning and skills. The standards were developed while considering the standards of top performing countries and the strengths of current state standards.
- The 2010 state standards provide benchmarks for academic progress (skills and knowledge) that students should have at the conclusion of each grade level. This will allow teachers to establish the best approach to help their students meet those standards.
- Students and parents will clearly understand the knowledge students are expected to attain each year. (Source: http://isbe.net/common_core/default.htm)

Watch for more information regarding the Common Core Standards throughout the school year.
