



## Oak Middle School Update to Families



**December 19, 2016**

Dear OMS Families,

This week we are proud to announce that Shrewsbury's Ambassador for Project 351 is **Preston Karp from 8 White**. Each year we nominate a student from Oak Middle School to represent our town in this prestigious youth leadership and service organization that includes an 8th grade ambassador from each of the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns. The Project 351 journey begins with Launch Day in January under the direction of Governor Charlie Baker. Ambassadors then spread out over the city of Boston and engage in service projects designed to create positive change in the city's neighborhoods. With guidance from the Project 351 Team, students return to their communities to work on their own service projects, uniting students from all over the Commonwealth under one purpose, service to their communities.

Preston embodies all of the values of this wonderful organization; kindness, compassion, humility, and gratitude. He joins a strong tradition of youth leadership representing Shrewsbury. We are proud that he is representing us this year and wish him the best.

We wish your and your family a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!

Ann, Anne, and Scott

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### CSLC's "Coins of Fury" Results

It is been a tradition for many years for the [Community Service and Leadership Club](#) at Oak Middle School to run a service project to support school families in need during the Holiday Season. Several years ago, the club began running its "Coins of Fury" as a way to involve the entire school community ( students and teachers) in this project.

Color teams work together to raise the most money. Coins count towards your total and paper money is subtracted. The money is collected during lunches by the Community Service and Leadership Club (CSLC) members using large water jugs. Teams are allowed to work together on a strategy as students can donate to any teams collection!!

This year CSLC is being asked to support 18 families, please help us meet our goal of raising \$1800.

***This year we raised a total of \$2415.53!! We cannot thank you enough as we surpassed our goal and will now be able to help 19 families this holiday season.***

For more information about the results, please visit their [webpage](#).

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### Speech Team Competition Results

The Oak Speech Team competed at RJ Grey in Acton on Sunday. Fifty-five students participated, and the following students were honored for their fine performances.

#### ***Children's Literature***

1<sup>st</sup> place - Preston Karp  
6<sup>th</sup> place - Shriyaa Chittibabu  
8<sup>th</sup> place - Safalta Shukla

#### ***Declamation***

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Isha Gopal  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Anushka Mujhopadhyay  
6<sup>th</sup> place - Nicole Karadimitriou

#### ***Demonstration Speech***

#### ***Dramatic Performance***

1<sup>st</sup> place - Arnav Mishra  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Mourya Mukka  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Sumer Shinde  
5<sup>th</sup> place - Shrenik Kamma

1<sup>st</sup> place - Divya Raghanathan  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Katelyn Smith  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Gaurav Savant  
4<sup>th</sup> place Suheera Haq

### ***Duo Interpretation***

5<sup>th</sup> place - Diyala Bera & Aniya Chojar

### ***Free Verse/Poetry***

6<sup>th</sup> place - Cassidy McNamara

### ***Impromptu Speaking***

1<sup>st</sup> place - Aadarsh Punnamaraju  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - John Chen  
5<sup>th</sup> place - Shayaan Chaudhary  
6<sup>th</sup> place - Arman Meraj  
7<sup>th</sup> place - Aashirwad Deochakke

### ***Original Oratory***

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Sreeanvitha Emani  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Reeya Kansra  
6<sup>th</sup> place - Parin Shaik  
7<sup>th</sup> place - Rahul Kasibhatia

### ***Storytelling***

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Rithika Prasad  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Deeptha Ganesh  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Isha Gupta

## **Congratulations to all for their great work!**

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### **FIRST Lego League Competition Results**

The Lego teams competed at the Northborough and Worcester qualifiers this weekend and Marlborough qualifier before Thanksgiving. The teams earned 5 awards and 1 of the high school coaches was selected to receive The Coach's Award from the Northborough qualifier. Of those 5 teams 3 will be moving forward to the State Championship next weekend, December 17th at WPI. The Oak teams and their awards are listed below:

#### **Team 9164 The Unbreakable Bricks** - all 7th grade students - coach Sean Burns

Rathika Nair	Isha Gopal
Veeksha Gangaraju	Jordan Cooksey
Riley Firlotte	Saniha Kumar
Shreeya Ravi	

*The Teamwork Award and place at State Championship*

#### **Team 9160 Sea Pandas** - all 8th grade students - coach Akshay Ram

Kyle Basgaard	Gaurav Savant
Michael Valutkevich	Rishi Nandurbarkar
Saad Mufti	Mahir Sowad

Jake May

*The Judges Award and place at State Championship*

**Team 9159 Animal Cult** - all 8th grade students - coach Aidan Sevinsky

Amar Kapoor                      Allen Guo  
Asish Eda                              Elijah Hansen  
Pranav Vardhan Praburam      Derek Liu  
Patrick Liu

*The Research Award*

**Team 9163 Tiger Commandos** - all 7th grade students - coach Max Isaacson

Shashin Kunduru                  Anish Karre  
Andrew Friedman                  Arun Loganathan  
Jarid Whitten                        Ajmal Nazeem

*The Gracious Professionalism Award*

All the teams did a great job and should feel proud of themselves and their achievements.

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**SEPAC Meeting:**

Please join Shrewsbury SEPAC on **Monday, 12/19 @ 7:00** pm in the Floral Street School Media Center. At our final meeting of the year we will review the work we've done in 2016 and plan for 2017. All are welcome.

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a volunteer organization made up of parents and caregivers whose children receive special education services through Shrewsbury Public Schools. We were created under Massachusetts law and serve as a voice for parents by advising the Shrewsbury school administration and School Committee on matters related to the education of students with disabilities. The SEPAC provides a forum for parents and caregivers to share experiences and exchange information. Together, we work for understanding, respect, support and the appropriate education of all children with special needs in our community.

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**OMS Basketball Game Schedule**

12/20/16	OMS vs. <a href="#">Whitcomb Middle School</a>	AWAY
01/03/17	OMS vs. Hudson Public Schools	HOME
01/05/17	OMS vs. <a href="#">Melican Middle (Northborough)</a>	AWAY

01/10/17	OMS vs. Dudley Middle School	HOME
01/12/17	OMS vs. <a href="#">Charlton Middle School</a>	AWAY
01/17/17	OMS vs. <a href="#">Gibbons Middle School</a>	AWAY
01/19/17	OMS vs. <a href="#">Trottier Middle School</a>	AWAY
01/24/17	OMS vs. Whitcomb Middle School	HOME
01/26/17	OMS vs. <a href="#">Hudson Public Schools</a>	AWAY
01/31/17	OMS vs. Melican Middle (Northborough)	HOME
02/02/17	OMS vs. <a href="#">Dudley Middle School</a>	AWAY
02/07/17	OMS vs. Charlton Middle School	HOME

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 Oak Weekly Lunch Menu 12/19 to 12/23 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Burger and Toppings</b> <b>*Cheese Quesadilla</b> Baked Fries Broccoli Apple Slices Chocolate Chip Cookie  <b>Soup: Chicken Dumpling</b>	<b>*Monti's Pizza</b> <b>Assorted Sandwiches</b> Baked Fries Green Beans Caesar Salad Strawberries  <b>Soup: Stuffed Pepper</b>	<b>Roasted Turkey Dinner</b> <b>Grilled Cheese</b> Mashed Potato Peas Gravy WG Roll Mixed Fruit  <b>Soup: Corn Chowder</b>	<b>* Papa Gino Pizza</b> Baked Fries Steamed Carrots Tossed Salad Peaches  <b>Chef's Choice:</b> <b>Chicken Fajita Wrap w/peppers &amp; onions</b>  <b>Soup: Butternut Squash</b>	<b>Chicken Nuggets</b> <b>Assorted Sandwiches/Baked Chips</b> Oven Roasted Parmesan Ranch Spuds Corn Hummus and Syrian Bread Pears  <b>Soup: Clam Chowder</b>

### Events Calendar

December 26th-Jan 2nd - December Vacation

January 10th - Select Band/Chorus Concert 7:00pm (snow date 1/11)

January 16th - Martin Luther King Day - No School