

# *NOVEMBER 2009 Newsletter*



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# Spring 2010 Pre-Registration

December 7<sup>th</sup> is the Pre-registration deadline for our Spring 2010 Term. Please note that everyone must register again for the new term. To register, you can download an application from our website: [www.msoaonline.com](http://www.msoaonline.com) or you can pick up one from our school office. A \$35 registration fee is also due at time of registration. Enrollment (signing up for classes) will begin on December 15<sup>th</sup> for those who are pre-registered.

Open Enrollment will begin January 5<sup>th</sup> for all those who register after December 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will be sending out an email when our Spring 2010 schedule is available for viewing on our website. If you have any questions regarding registration or enrollment, please contact our Director of Admissions, Lisa Barnes at [lisa@msoaonline.com](mailto:lisa@msoaonline.com).

## Pot Luck Thanksgiving Party

**November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

This coming Thursday & Friday, MSOA students & teachers are celebrating our annual Thanksgiving Party. We celebrate this occasion by a shared meal together. The students look forward to the yummy lunch. Everyone contributes a main dish, finger foods or goodies. Drinks, cups, plates and utensils are also appreciated. We do need a few moms to help us put this special event together.

After the lunch, the kids may draw names for the Christmas Gift Exchange. We encourage the kids not to exceed a five-dollar gift. Homemade gifts such as baked cookies, homemade jewelry and scarves are nice. It is a fun way for kids to love one another.

## Thanksgiving Break

School will be closed the week of November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.

# School Christmas Party & Gift Exchange

December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> is our annual student's Christmas party. The students are asked to bring special goodies. The last 30 minutes of the day we are changing the afternoon class schedule to make time to exchange gifts and celebrate. Lunch will begin at 11:15 and end at 11:45, which will give us 30 minutes at the end of the day to party. For those who come at 12:15, come at 11:45 A.M, and those who come at 1:15, come at 12:45. Each afternoon class will begin 30 minutes early. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa.

## Christmas Break

MSOA will be on Christmas break from December 19<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will resume classes on January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK - ANNUAL SCHOOL PARTY

During Christmas break, many of our students do not go away on vacation and look for something creative to do; plus this gives parents time off to shop. MSOA is open **Tuesday, December 22nd from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. It is not a usual school day. There will be various fun activities going on throughout the day. Students paint, make decorations, jewelry and gingerbread houses. Also, be sure to bring a white elephant gift for a fun gift exchange. A white elephant gift is something that is in good condition, useful, fun, but no longer needed. No junk or embarrassing gifts please. 😊

Non-MSOA siblings and/or friends are welcome to attend for a \$15 all-day fee. Students must bring their own lunch, although we ask that they bring Christmas finger foods and desserts. MSOA provides the graham crackers and icing for the gingerbread houses, but the students must bring their own decorations for their houses.

Again, we need volunteers to help with this fun party. This is an RSVP event, so e-mail Lisa ([lisa@msoaonline.com](mailto:lisa@msoaonline.com)) if you, your children and/or siblings and friends plan on attending. Thank you.

## Calendar Fundraiser

One way that you can help keep the tuition low and provide necessary equipment for our students is to help us sell calendars. The MSOA students' artwork is wonderfully illustrated in the calendar. It is again only \$10. MSOA receives \$5 profit that will go into purchasing new flat screen monitors for our computers. We also desire to purchase small computers and drawing pads for each computer. We want to give our students the best possible computer graphic programs available. Thanksgiving time is a great opportunity to show off the calendars to your relatives and friends. Thank you for your support. All orders must be returned to our office by December 4<sup>th</sup> at the latest if you wish to receive them in time for Christmas. Money must be turned in at time of order. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact Lisa Barnes.

## Wreath for Christmas



Please visit our website for information regarding our wreath fundraiser. On our Fundraiser page, you can download a form that lists descriptions, prices and pictures of all the beautiful types of wreaths being sold this year. You can also either fill out an order form straight from our website, or download a form to carry with you to sell wreaths to family and friends. All orders must be returned to the school office no later than December 4<sup>th</sup>. You can turn in your orders at anytime from now until December 4<sup>th</sup>. Wreaths will be delivered to the school the following week from receipt of order. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact our Fundraising chairperson, Michelle Glassley at [michelle@msoaonline.com](mailto:michelle@msoaonline.com).

## Winter Weather

Hopefully snow doesn't close us down over the Christmas Holiday. If it does snow, or if there is an ice storm, then school will be closed. If it is beautiful in Portland, and snow in your area then school will be open. We realize that a few families live in mountain areas and will have snow where the valley is clear. We will send out an email if school is closed.

## Tuition Due Date

We just wanted to remind everyone that December's tuition is due this week (by the 20<sup>th</sup>). It's imperative we receive tuition on time as we must pay our instructors early because of our break from school the last week of the month. We thank all in advance for your prompt attention in this matter.

## End of the Term Revue

Our term will end on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is MSOA's END OF TERM REVUE & ART EXHIBIT. Our Art Exhibit will begin at 6:00pm and our Revue will begin at 7:00pm.

We have all of our events and functions on the Events Calendar on our website. Be sure to check our web calendar for all school events. If you click on an event in the calendar, it will take you to another page with more information regarding that specific event.

## Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

*Colossians 3:17*

*Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of  
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*