

## January PTSA Newsletter

Dear Parents and Students,

As we enter 2009, it is time to reflect on what we accomplished in the Fall of 2008. These PTSA accomplishments included:

- Met PTSA membership goals (we could still use more members and greenbacks, it's never to late to join)
- Welcome Back Breakfast for the teachers and staff
- Panther Picnic booth
- Learning at Lunch Programs with MADD and Voters Information
- Rock the Vote for students, signing up many new voters
- Reflections Program in which 29 students participated and were judged and many moved on to district level
- PTSA program with the Police Department and Palmer Drug Center
- Thanksgiving Luncheon for the teachers and staff
- PTSA web page for communication with the parents.

This is in addition to all of the great things that Project Graduation has done to raise funds for our 2009 Senior Class' graduation night party. As you can see, we've been very busy. We could not do it without your support and the tireless efforts of all of our board members and committees. If you see a PTSA Board Member, please thank them for all they do for O'Connor High School.

For 2009, we are planning more Parent Education events. **Please join us on January 27 at 7:00 PM in the library for our PTSA General Meeting and Program.** For the most up to date information on our upcoming events visit our new PTSA web site under Organization at [nisd.net/oconnor/](http://nisd.net/oconnor/). For seniors, Project Graduation meets monthly and specific information is also provided on our web site.

Cina Lesley  
PTSA President

## 2008 – 2009 Environmental Awareness Program

### ***"I've got ENERGY!"***

Students are invited to think of an idea involving the program theme "***I've got ENERGY!***" Write a news article (Opinion Editorial or Reported Information), design a print advertisement, compose a photograph or produce a 30 second public service announcement in audio or video format. Students can submit entries in multiple categories, but must fill out a separate entry form for each. Complete details and entry forms are available on the O'Connor PTSA website at [nisd.net/oconnor/](http://nisd.net/oconnor/) or by emailing [Panthermom09@hotmail.com](mailto:Panthermom09@hotmail.com). Entries must be submitted to the school office no later than February 13, 2009.

## Attention 2009 Seniors: Graduation is June 11!

### Join your friends for a night of fun at the Project Graduation party!

Project Graduation is a drug/alcohol-free all-night party for seniors the night of graduation. Enjoy friends, food, games and prizes. We hope you will join your friends for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration! **Early bird tickets are \$45 until February 2nd** for this all-inclusive event.

Registration forms are available from the school office or at [nisd.net/oconnor/organizations/pta/prograd.htm](http://nisd.net/oconnor/organizations/pta/prograd.htm). Turn the completed form with your check for \$45 into the school office by February 2nd. Just ask an office worker to put your registration in the Project Graduation box. On February 3rd, ticket prices will go up to \$55.

For information on how you can earn a free ticket, or for other information, visit our website listed above, or email [OHSpg2009@hotmail.com](mailto:OHSpg2009@hotmail.com).

# Reflections 2008-2009 "WOW!"

We would like to thank everyone for their participation and support as we launched the Reflections Program at O'Connor High School this year. **Below is the list of entries and awards for the 2008 – 2009 Program.**

**Congratulations to all of our students for an outstanding job!**

## Seniors and their Parents: Project Graduation Meeting

Join us for the next Project Graduation meeting to be held on Monday, **January 12th at 7 pm** in the school library. Students and parents in attendance will earn Panther Bucks for their senior to use for more chances at prizes during the Project Graduation event.

**Seniors and parents: Please send your email address to OHSpg2009@hotmail.com,** so we can update you on all the exciting information about Project Graduation as it unfolds. Also, email if you have questions.

Name	Arts Area	Title of Work	Award
Sarah Aburumuh	Visual Arts	The Worlds Personality In The Making	Honorable Mention
Joshua Aguilar	Visual Arts	Big Blue	Award of Merit
Cayman Allen	Photography	Walls	Award of Merit
Deidre Bitto	Visual Arts	Dead of the Color	Award of Excellence
Nathan Blankenship	Photography	Teeth	Award of Excellence
Boglarka Bordas	Literature	Death By Devour	Award of Excellence
Jackie Boucher	Visual Arts	World of Wonders	Award of Merit
Celina Cortez	Music	Everything In Between	Award of Excellence
Leslie Cruz	Visual Arts	Creative Colors	Honorable Mention
Sonny Israel Elizondo	Visual Arts	Mi Amor, Mexico	Honorable Mention
Jacqueline Fierro	Photography	No Title	Award of Merit
Rachel Ftaiti	Visual Arts	Pink Poodle	Honorable Mention
Adrianna Grimmer	Visual Arts	Hot Air Balloons	Honorable Mention
Jake Hill	Visual Arts	War	Honorable Mention
Brooke Hodges	Photography	Hershey	Award of Merit
Kathleen Langford	Music	Annabelle's Dance	Award of Excellence
Kristen Leisey	Photography	Sunshine	Award of Merit
Kacie Loessberg	Visual Arts	No Longer Invisible	Award of Merit
Hanna Manifold	Photography	Child's Play	Award of Merit
Tiffany Merryman	Visual Arts	Mystery of the Vines	Award of Excellence
Bailey Miller	Visual Arts	Skin Deep	Award of Excellence
Louis Olivarez	Visual Arts	Cool Time	Honorable Mention
Michael Ramos	Visual Arts	Howl	Honorable Mention
Mayra Rivera	Visual Arts	Free Hand	Honorable Mention
Graci Samudio	Photography	Enigma	Award of Excellence
Elizabeth Stockton	Visual Arts	The Paint is Laughing at Me	Award of Excellence
Tyler Thompson	Visual Arts	Stage	Award of Excellence
Martin Vazquez	Photography	BaBe	Award of Merit
Viktoria Wahl	Photography	Crack	Award of Excellence

