

Optimist Club of West Bloomfield



Student of the Month Program

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HISTORY

The Optimist Club of West Bloomfield was founded in 1972 and has been serving the needs of the youth in our community every since. Each year our projects infuse our community with thousands of dollars for worthwhile causes while involving thousands of children each year. As a member of Optimist International, one of the largest service-volunteer organizations in the world, our mission is **“by providing hope and a positive vision, Optimists Bring Out the Best in Kids!”** At 80+ members strong, our annual programs include; Educational Scholarship programs, Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, Kids Holiday Party, Summer Reading Program, and Bike Safety Day, just to name a few of our ever-expanding involvement in the community. Our newest effort is our Student of the Month program, which is detailed below.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

The Optimist Club of West Bloomfield has initiated a new program, Student of the Month, to recognize students who may not be otherwise be recognized in positive ways. We are eager for these succeeding students to act as role-models for others. The goal, with your help, is to appreciate and acknowledge students whose effort and attitudes reflect the strengths conveyed in the Optimist Creed:

1. **Demonstrates respect of self and others**
2. **Is a positive leader by example**
3. **Shows acts of kindness**
4. **Overcomes physical or mental challenges**
5. **Displays good conduct and responsibility**
6. **Assists others in need**

The Optimist Creed:

Promise Yourself...

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - NOMINATION PROCESS

SCHOOLS:

- Students are nominated by teachers, coaches, or advisors at the elementary and middle school level.
- Nominations are submitted to an individual identified by the School Principal by **2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.**
- Each school may create a group of teachers and/or counselors (who are not involved in the nomination process) to compose the nomination committee.
- The **ONE** student nominated from **EACH** participating school will be submitted BY **3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH** to the Optimist Club for final selection of students.
- Students and their parents are notified by the school principal approximately one week prior to the student being honored by the Club.
- An Optimist Club Student of the Month picture frame will be provided to display the student's picture in the school.

OPTIMIST CLUB:

- Optimist Club Student of the Month Committee will receive student nominations from participating schools and make selection of students to be recognized (recommending one (1) student to be recognized each month per participating school).
- A confirmation letter will be sent from the Optimist Club to the school principal confirming the date of the recognition.
- Students of the Month, and their parents, will be honored at a Tuesday breakfast hosted by the Optimists Club of West Bloomfield at Fiddler's Restaurant, located at 6676 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI.
- The person nominating the student and school principal are also invited to attend the breakfast.
- Students will receive a certificate, letter of recognition, and their photo will be taken for the Optimist Club web site, the local newspaper and for display at their school.



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH – NOMINATION FORM

To nominate a student for the Student of the Month Program please complete form with nominee's name, grade and a brief explanation why you feel this student deserves to be nominated.

Name of Student: _____

School _____ Grade _____

Month: _____ 2009

Person Nominating Student: _____

Nominator Email _____ Nominator Telephone _____

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Nominations should identify how the student demonstrated respect of self and others; is a positive leader by example; shows acts of kindness; overcomes physical or mental challenges; displays good conduct and responsibility; and/or assists others in need.

Reason for nomination:

DEADLINES:

2nd MONDAY of the MONTH: Please submit student nominations to the School Principal (or designee)

3rd MONDAY of each MONTH: Principal (or designee) please submit one (1) Student of the Month nomination, to:
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