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Dear Oriskany CSD Colleagues and Community Members,

I hope this letter finds everybody healthy, and that you were able to spend some quality time with family, friends and loved ones over the past few months. It is hard to believe, as I write this communique to you, that the first 20 weeks of the school year have come and gone. By the time you receive this letter, we will already be in the third marking period. More than half of our school year will be for the history books. Time seems to go by so quickly.

I wanted to take some time to reflect upon my time here at Oriskany as I transition into retirement from the District effective September 1, 2023. Although words alone cannot capture or express my gratitude for the Oriskany Central School District, I sincerely and respectfully write the following to you:

Please know it has been an extreme honor and privilege to serve as the Oriskany Central School District's Superintendent of Schools for the past six years; leading an exceptional school District whose teachers, staff and community have dedicated themselves to educating, engaging, supporting and empowering all of our students. As you may know by now, during their December 20, 2022 meeting, the Board of Education formally accepted my resignation with intent to retire effective September 1, 2023.

Reflecting on my time in Oriskany, I am very proud to have worked alongside so many talented and dedicated administrators, teachers, students, community leaders, volunteers, parents and staff. I will be forever grateful to have been your colleague and a part of the Oriskany CSD "family" and community. There is not a day that goes by that I do not marvel at your work. Being able to witness, the numerous innovative and creative ideas unfold during the course of our work to reimagine how students experience their learning, has been a fulfilling experience. The tradition of innovative programming for students continues in Oriskany because of the collective efforts of this community. I am proud of the incredible growth and success the District has experienced and am confident that we have provided a clear path to continue moving forward in a positive direction.

I will work closely with our Board of Education to support a transition process that ensures our District continues on its path to excellence. I will be forever grateful for the experiences I have shared and the relationships I have established with the students, staff and community of the Oriskany Central School District. I will always carry Oriskany Pride in my heart and in my soul. Thank you, for continuously demonstrating your passion and support for our students and our school community. Thank you, in essence, for always being there!

With sincere gratitude,

**Timothy Gaffney**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

### Dear Members of the Oriskany CSD Community,

It's hard to believe that we are in the second half of the school year; quarter three is underway. Since our last newsletter, many wonderful happenings have taken place and many more are yet to come!

In December, our holiday charities were a success (pre- K: food drive for local families; kindergarten: Spring Farm Cares; grade one: Stuff the Bus; grade two: The Pajama Project; grade three: Sleep in Heavenly Peace; grade four: Anita's Stevens-Swan Humane Society; grade five: The Utica Zoo; grade six: Thea Bowman House). If you were able to contribute, thank you! Your generous response was apparent and made a difference in the lives of many people and animals! With your support, our children learned that even small contributions add up to make a big difference.

Our December schoolwide assembly focused on kindness and self-control. Officer Jeff recognized those students who received positive referrals, and our special area teachers awarded Positivity Project (P2) banners to homerooms that demonstrated those particular traits. Congratulations to the following homerooms for being recognized: Ms. Island, Mrs. Gray and Mr. Janes. Also, a huge thanks to our N.A. Walbran Student Council, who made the P2 banners. Other components of the assembly included a "mini" concert from our high school band/chorus, a holiday sing-along and a visit from Santa Claus!

Our P2 traits for January were hope, optimism, perseverance and prudence. We felt that there was no better way for our students to connect with these traits than to learn about our local refugee center. On January 31, our students enjoyed an informative presentation and left the assembly with a better understanding and more compassion for the challenges faced by refugees. They also learned the richness that they can bring to one's community.

February is historically known for "Winter Fun Day" at N.A. Walbran. The purpose of this event is for students to get outside and have some frolicking fun in the snow! Parents, please be sure to send your child with appropriate winter gear (coat, snow pants, boots, hat and gloves). This year's event has been postponed due to the lack of snow. We hope to schedule at a later date. Additionally, Spirit Week was held the last week before February recess, February 13-17, with recess beginning on February 18 and school resuming on February 27. More details on Spirit Week will be forthcoming.

Finally, our fourth through sixth graders engaged in career exploration activities with our School and Business Alliance (SABA) liaison from the OHM BOCES during January and February. These activities provided our students with opportunities to think about their future interests and career options.

March is reserved for Pick a Reading Partner (PARP). We all know the importance of reading to our children and having them read to us. Be on the lookout for information coming home about how you can be an active participant in this year's PARP program. To kick off PARP, we have a visiting author joining us on March 3 at our PARP/P2 assembly. Search on Google for "Kathleen Blasi" to see a preview of the special treat that your children will be in for. Finally, on March 20, we will be holding our pre-K/K Parent Orientation for all parents (and students) of incoming pre-K and kindergarten students for the 2023-24 school year. Please see inside this newsletter for more information on this important event.

Just after April break, our third through sixth grade students will be participating in our NYS Assessments in both math and ELA. This year, these assessments will remain paper-based for all of our students. Next year, our fifth graders will shift to computer-based for their ELA, math and science tests. Remaining grades will follow suit in the years thereafter. Parents, please mark your calendars: NYS ELA Assessment - April 19 and 20; NYS Math Assessment May 2 and 3. Please know, you can best support your children by ensuring that they get a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and simply encourage them to do their absolute best!

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

**Maureen Gray**  
INTERIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL



## **Dear Members of the Oriskany CSD Community,**

The second semester started on January 30. This means we are officially more than halfway done with the 2022-23 school year! I am really proud of all the hard work our students have put in so far. We had the lowest number of students fail the first marking period in 15 years!

Our winter sports teams are having successful seasons. It has been great seeing our student athletes compete on the hardwood, track and ice these past two months. It is also great seeing our modified girls and boys basketball teams starting to compete recently. Varsity spring sports registration began February 13, with the season starting March 3. Our students have also been busy with the various clubs we offer at the Jr./Sr. high school. I highly encourage all students to get involved in something extracurricular outside of their regular school day. We have something for everyone!

On March 3 and 4, please come out and support our students performing in this year's musical "Alice @ Wonderland." The performances will take place Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Our students have been working extremely hard to put on this performance for our community. More information can be found on the District website.

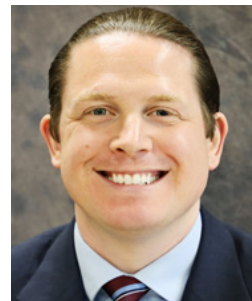
Our school counselors have been busy with scheduling courses for students in grades eight through 11 for the 2023-24 school year. If you would like to be a part of the meeting to create your child's schedule, please contact the Office of Counseling and Career Services at 315.768.2065. The Course Description Guide, which highlights all of the courses that we offer for grades nine through 12, can be found on the District website: [www.oriskanycsd.org](http://www.oriskanycsd.org) > Departments > Counseling/Career Services > Course Description Booklet/Curriculum Guide.

As always, if I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 315.768.2063.

**ORISKANY PROUD**

All my best,

**Andrew Kennedy**  
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



# Parent ORIENTATION

The Oriskany Central School District will be holding a Parent Orientation for all parents/guardians of eligible pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners for the 2023-24 school year. To be considered eligible, the following criteria must be met:

- Children must reside in the Oriskany CSD.
- Incoming pre-kindergarteners must be four (4) years of age by December 1, 2023.
- Incoming kindergarteners must be five (5) years of age by December 1, 2023.
- The Parent Orientation will be held on Monday, March 20 from 6-7:00 p.m. at N. A. Walbran Elementary School. Future pre-K and kindergarteners are welcome to attend the orientation.

Registration materials, which can be picked-up from the main office of N. A. Walbran Elementary School, will be collected during the Parent Orientation session. Please be sure to bring two (2) proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, tax document, etc.) and proof of your child's age. Thank you!

Tours of the school will be given to all families that attend. During the Parent Orientation, parents will also be asked to sign up for a pre-K or kindergarten screening time slot, which will take place at the elementary school during the first week of June.

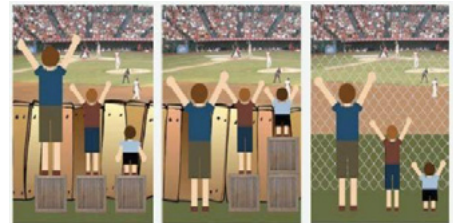
Thank you for taking an active role in your child(ren)'s education; involved parents make a huge difference!

## Denise Mazza, Director of Special Programs & Support Services

### ENGAGE AND EMPOWER

#### The Least Restrictive Environment (LRE):

CSE meetings are held annually to determine how to empower students to be successful in the LRE. The Least Restrictive Environment is defined as "children with disabilities are educated with peers without disabilities in the regular educational environment to the maximum extent appropriate."



What is "appropriate," you might ask? "Appropriate" can be described as an equitable education with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) to identify support services, modifications, supplemental services and accommodations to engage students in the independent pursuit of success:

- Progress toward grade-level achievement
- Realizing the benefits of instruction
- College and Career Readiness within social, academic and management skills to prepare for future academic and employment

Please contact me if you have any questions: [dmazza@oriskanycsd.org](mailto:dmazza@oriskanycsd.org) or 315.768.2048.



# PRINCIPAL DONATES TO WIGS FOR KIDS

Some of you may have noticed that Mr. Kennedy got a haircut over winter recess. He and his father have been growing their hair out for more than two years now. Mr. Kennedy grew his hair out back in college and donated 13" his senior year.

A student at Mr. Kennedy's previous district encouraged him to grow his hair out again, and this time donate to Wigs for Kids. Wigs for Kids is a charitable organization and has touched close to 10,000 recipients and families over its 40 years. They also do not make recipients pay for their wigs. During winter recess, both Mr. Kennedy and his father donated.



## Christmas in the Nettles

On December 4, Oriskany's National Honor Society volunteered at the annual Christmas in the Nettles. National Honor Society students helped pass out cookies and hot chocolate, and helped with temporary tattoos in the firehouse. They also helped with arts and crafts projects in the Village Library provided by Oriskany's Teachers Union.



# TRANSPORTATION GARAGE RENDERING



**Dear Oriskany Community Members,**

As we move along with our Capital Project, I wanted to inform you of the progress moving forward on Phase I and Phase II of the project.

## **PHASE I**

Contractors mobilized to the District Office in November and immediately began working on construction of the new Transportation Center for the Oriskany Central School District. Please see the rendering of the Transportation Center created by March Associates shown above.

Activities on the project began with the dredging of the two storm water detention ponds adjacent to the existing parking lot of the bus garage. This work has now been completed and the capacity of the ponds has been restored to their original design. Upon completion of that, work has now shifted to the excavation for, and installation of, the building foundations of the transportation center, which are nearly complete. Once the foundations are in place, the exterior masonry walls will be constructed.

## **PHASE II**

The architects and engineers have completed the design of the proposed renovations for the Jr./Sr. High School and the N.A. Walbran Elementary School, and the documents have been submitted to the New York State Department of Education for their review and approval. This process is expected to take approximately eight to 10 weeks for review, and it is anticipated that the project will go out to bid for potential contractors in the spring.

Please visit our District webpage for additional information regarding the Capital Project. To see updates, please visit [www.oriskanycsd.org](http://www.oriskanycsd.org), click on Our District and Capital Project 2022 for updated information.



# WORK HARD / PLAY HARD

The kindergarten classes at N.A. Walbran have been busy at work and play!

The students have learned to work together to create buildings with blocks, make books, play on the playground, pretend they are in a restaurant and store and play cooperatively.

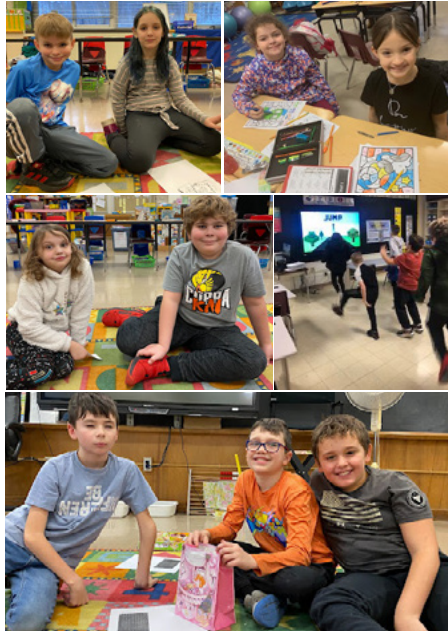
The Oriskany CSD is sure the students are making lifelong friends!



## *Kinetic Art*

Artwork at N.A. Walbran has been in motion as students created and interacted with kinetic art. Walruses wiggled their whiskers and snowboarders saw 360 views with the help of brass fasteners. Pull sliders were used to change the facial expressions of snowmen and to move sledding characters down the hill. Hanging mobiles of the Northern Lights relied on air currents for movement and skaters twirled on silver ponds with the help of magnets.





## N.A. Walbran After-School Enrichment Program

Fourth grade students have been working hard reviewing spelling words, practicing multiplication facts, problem solving, working collaboratively and honing their decision making skills.

The After-School Enrichment program began in November and runs every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Forty students in grades one through four are signed up. A typical session consists of ELA, math and physical education activities. The program will conclude in March.

Second graders in the After-School Enrichment Program had fun practicing and using addition and subtraction facts to reveal a hidden mystery picture.

Fourth graders enjoyed completing the virtual PE Minecraft fitness run activity.

## JANUARY'S P2 ASSEMBLY AT N.A. WALBRAN

A presentation through the The Center educated students, faculty and staff about the services provided to refugees and immigrants as they come to the United States.

Officer Jeff presented students with positive referrals. Special Area teachers awarded their banner to a homeroom class that demonstrated one of this month's character traits: optimism, prudence, perseverance and social intelligence.

### CLASS WINNERS THIS MONTH:

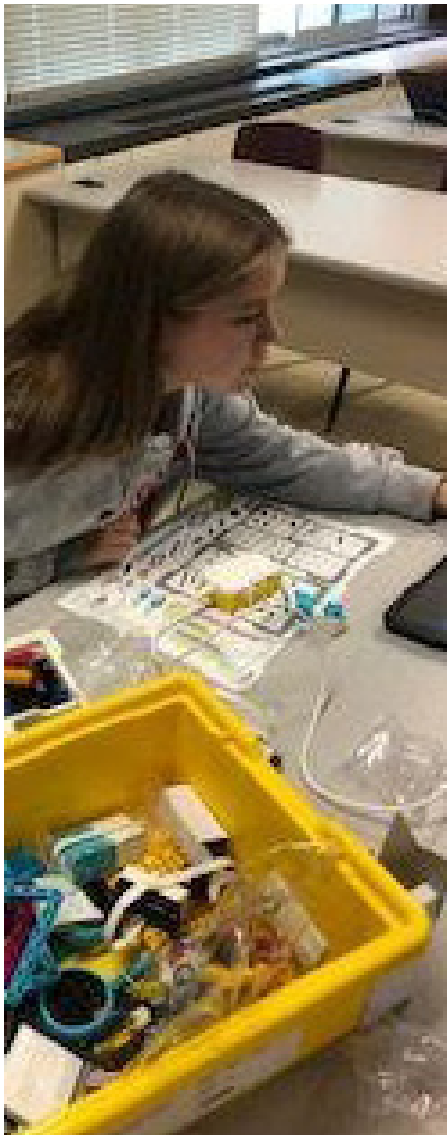
Art: Mr. Janes | Music: Mr. Hutchins | PE: Mrs. Commisso | Tech: Ms. Gadbow | Library: Mrs. Caruso





# ROBOTICS

Students in sixth grade have had the opportunity to sign up for a five-week after-school robotics session with Mrs. Daskiewich. Students have used the Lego Prime kits to build robots. Once the robots have been built, students use their Chromebooks to program their creations. Students have had lively competitions racing their cars, as well as programming the breakdancer robot to their favorite songs and sounds.



# FOOD TRUCK WARS



The seventh grade home and careers class created their own food trucks complete with menus. Staff and students were given “cash” to vote for their favorites. The truck with the most cash at the end of the day was the winner!

Congratulations to Troy Gu for being the winner of the third annual Home and Careers Food Truck Wars. Troy’s truck was the Poultry Palace. The seventh graders worked hard and created amazing trucks for the competition!



# Congratulations KAELYN BUEHLER

Oriskany Central School District would like to congratulate junior Kaelyn Buehler on being chosen for the first ever NYSPPHSAA Student Leadership Conference, to be held in Albany this coming March.

Kaelyn is one of 16 participants that were chosen to represent Section III at the Conference, which will bring students from all over New York state to discuss some of the challenges they experience as student athletes.

Kaelyn is a three sport athlete, participating in varsity soccer, varsity winter cheer and varsity softball, where she was a member of the state finalist team last season. Kaelyn also takes part in Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Student Council, Teen Aids Task Force (TATF), Science Club, National Honor Society, Tech Club, Robotics Club, Ski and Snowboard Club and is secretary of the junior class. Kaelyn is also a writer for the “O,” a school publication that covers what’s going on in the halls at Oriskany.

Congratulations, Kaelyn!





# Holiday CONCERT

On December 13, the Jr./Sr. high school band and chorus members performed their Holiday Concert. Ms. Roberts, Ms. Gutowski and all the students worked hard in preparing for this magical evening. It was a wonderful performance enjoyed by many!



## FBLA *Oriskany Chapter*

Congratulations to the FBLA Oriskany Chapter on earning the full 1,700 points on their "Shaping Success" submissions for the National FBLA Champion Challenge. This is a series of membership-focused challenges that chapters may choose to complete for national recognition. Our members completed various projects above and beyond the normal FBLA requirements. We are 300 points away from reaching the National Bronze Level.



## SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR Roll

### HIGHEST HONOR ROLL: 94.5-100.0

- Grade 12* Olivia Balfe, Karsten Bates, Jessalyn Birt, Chase Bureau, Ryan Donohue, Gabrielle Koenig, Payton Smith, Juliet Tagliaferri, Jack Tamburino, Arnold Zumbun, Joshua Zyskowski
- Grade 11* Anna Kasperovich, Madelyn Race, Alivia Rizzo, Katie Saladin, Noah Sciorilli, Briannah Wishart, Megan Wright
- Grade 10* Kate Dellars, Brienne Eldred, Erika Reid, Jack Tagliaferri
- Grade 9* Ishaal Mirza, Edward Wright
- Grade 8* Alexis Roman, Lance Smith III, Holly VanPatten, Ashley Zyskowski
- Grade 7* Lilliana Ciotti, Nicholas Citriniti, Audrina Gulisano, Troy Gu

### HIGH HONOR ROLL: 89.50-94.49

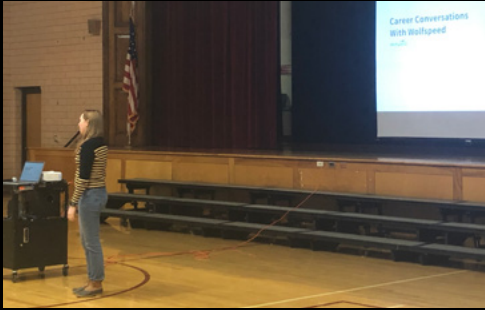
- Grade 12* Kaylee Burnop, David Cronauer, Rachel Daskiewich, Sydney Hight, Julianna Jones, Mya Melvin, Jenna Palmiotto, Aolani Roberts, Justin Rosinski, Jacob Usyk
- Grade 11* Kaelyn Buehler, Jake Burrows, Kaelyn Fabbio, Gavin Howd, Anthony Kernan, Daniel Kraus, Lauren Kraus, Gannon Lisberg, Matthew Matys, Noah Narolis, Katelyn Shamis
- Grade 10* Gavin Franz, Sean Graziano, Jullian Jalowiec, Addison Judycki, Chase Koenig, Thomas Maher, Jeffrey Phillips Jr., Gianna Santucci, Jessica Zyskowski
- Grade 9* Jessica Beckwith, Alexia Birt, Corinne Looney, Braelyn Oehler
- Grade 8* Broderick Anderson, Delilah Chase, Kaylee Corey, Danica Dame, Charles Golden, Darcie Klein, Matthew LoCash, Darian McGallian, Olivia Richard-LaShure, Brynne Russum, Danika Sykes
- Grade 7* Nathan Gulisano, Kirill Kasperovich, Arianna Kernan, Nicholas Koenig, Chase Larson, Collin Opperman, Landon Volz, KhaiLee Worn

### HONOR ROLL: 84.00-89.49

- Grade 12* Jordyn Coleman, Miranda Foss, Chloe Seamans, James Shamis, Jakob Van Etten, Shawn Williamson
- Grade 11* Skylar Albin, Javante Brill-Rollins, Wyatt Carter, McKenzie Frank, Peyton Hemming, Jayden Luton, Brooke Matys, Jake Spears, Alexandria Wlock, Kyla Zabek
- Grade 10* Guilianna Ameduri, Emerson Appler, Leah Denison, Nathan Domenico, Addison Fabbio, Nicholas Hays, Henry Inserra, Vincent Jones, Angelina Occhipinti, Brian Terchowicz, Maggie Tylutki, David Zinicola Jr.
- Grade 9* Jazmin Barnes, Justin Fisher, Cameron Post, Nicholas Swald, Tyler Tamburino, Elizabeth Wright, Ethan Zarnoch-Riley
- Grade 8* Peyton Buehler, Emma Combs, Seth Carneal, Ryalee Cushman, Joseph Iacovissi, Adilyn Jamieson-Rothdiener, Ryan Kilmartin, Dean Koenig, Tayton Kimball, Vincent Paiz, Aiden Pysnik, Carter Usyk
- Grade 7* Ashlynn Andrews, Jewels Bewick, Robert Duff Jr., Colton Huey, Mckenzie Kronafel, Kaelyn Mayo, Madeline Powers, Lukas Russum, Mia Shwamle, Victor Smith, Jayden Twang, Koley VanVechten

In the 2021-22 school year, the Oriskany CSD Jr./Sr. High School students excelled on Regents Math and English Language Arts exams. In Oneida County, Oriskany had the second highest percentage in math proficiency (94%) and the third highest in English (54%).

# WOLFESPEED PRESENTATION



On December 7, a representative from Wolfespeed headquarters in North Carolina visited the Oriskany CSD. Several of Mr. Lallier's technology classes were able to attend the seminar. Students learned about Wolfespeed, what they do and why it matters; the Mohawk Valley Fab (Cree Mohawk Valley SiC Wafer Fab Facility); the Wolfespeed experience and careers at Wolfespeed.

## Job Shadows



On November 15, Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School students participated in a job shadowing event. Approximately 25 students from the senior class were provided with a job shadowing experience through the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES School and Business Alliance (SABA). Students were placed with more than 20 business partners across the Mohawk Valley. Job shadow locations included the Air Force Research Laboratory, the Department of Transportation, Griffiss Institute, Mohawk Valley Design, Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, Pavia Real Estate, Riverhawk Company, Rome City Police Department, Rome Health and Utica City Football Club.

A job shadowing experience is spending time "in the shadow" of a person performing their daily job functions. It's typically a day-long workplace visit with an individual working in a position, career or industry of interest to a student. The OHM BOCES SABA worked with the Office of Counseling and Career Services and the Oriskany Transportation Department to provide this opportunity for our students.





# Cell Communication

The AP Biology class completed a lab on cell communication. For this lab, they tasted different foods (sugar, broccoli, salt, sauce and lemons) with their normal taste buds. They then retested the foods after washing their mouth with an herbal tea. This tea disrupts the cell communication and alters the taste buds. For example, sugar and sugar products can no longer be tasted after consumption. This tea is sometimes used by diabetics for this exact reason. Students completed the lab and then had a discussion on why exactly this disruption occurs based on information obtained in this unit. They did confirm that the tea did not make the broccoli taste any better!

# OCMEA JR. HIGH ALL-COUNTY FESTIVAL

After weeks of preparation, six students from the music department traveled to Clinton on January 11 to audition for the OCMEA Jr. High All-County Festival. Jr. High All-County is an opportunity offered to Band and Chorus students in grades 7-9. If they are accepted into one of the ensembles, they will have the chance to sing and play in a large group of talented students from across Oneida county. While we eagerly await their results, we would like to congratulate Brody Anderson, Jessica Beckwith, Lilliana Ciotti, Olivia Lloyd, Darien McGallian and Wilbur Wright for all of their hard work.



Oriskany senior Mya Melvin has recently been accepted by the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) as a member of the New York State Future Business Leaders of America Honor Society. Membership to the honor society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school member of the NYS FBLA. The NYS FBLA Honor Society recognizes students that uphold academic excellence while displaying positive character, leadership and service as a member.

Members will be recognized at the NYS FBLA State Leadership Conference this April in Rochester.



**Congratulations, Mya!**



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**HIGH HONOR 90-100**

Wyatt Carter, Sydney Hight, Julianna Jones, Daniel Kraus, Lauren Kraus, Matthew Matys, Justin Rosinski, Juliet Tagliaferri, Alexandria Wlock

**HONOR ROLL 85-89**

Skylar Albin, Ryan Mayo, Mya Melvin, James Shamis, Ryan Skinner, Jake Spears, Kylie Thierry, Jakob Van Etten

**HONORABLE MENTION 80-84**

Mark Malinowski Jr., Natalie Rieben, Christopher Sebastian



**Student Athlete Team Achievement**

The Oriskany Central School District recently earned the School of Distinction award. This high honor is earned by a school district whose varsity athletic teams maintain a 90 or above grade point average. The award is given out by the governing body of all New York State scholastic sports, NYSPHSAA.

Of Oriskany's 12 varsity teams, all carried a GPA of 90 or above. Oriskany was one of seven school districts from Section III Athletics and one of 86 school districts across New York State that received this honor for their scholar athletes.

We attribute the success of our varsity teams and the scholar athletes not only to the work and commitment of our student-athletes, but to the commitment and dedication of the faculty and staff of the Oriskany Central School District.



*Scholar*  
**ATHLETES**

At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success.

To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition and certificate, the team's average GPA for 75 percent of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00.

The Oriskany Central School District has a tradition of earning the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Team Award Program. The program has been created to recognize outstanding scholastic achievement by varsity level student-athletes.

During the 2022 fall sports season, all of our varsity level sports qualified for the NYSPHSAA scholar athlete team award due to the team's outstanding overall GPA.

Gymnastics, cheer, boys and girls soccer and cross country all were awarded the Scholar-Athlete Team Award. Each student athlete will receive a Scholar-Athlete pin and the Oriskany CSD will be presented with certificates recognizing our accomplishments.



## ORISKANY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT



#### *Georganne Jadhon* **Office Specialist II**

The Oriskany CSD welcomes Georganne Jadhon as an office specialist II. Ms. Jadhon looks forward to working with the Oriskany School District and her new peers.

Ms. Jadhon chose to work at Oriskany as a result of her love of a structured environment with great people. She also enjoys exercising her typing skills. With an associate degree from MVCC, bachelor's degree from Utica University, as well as experience working at Clinton High School and MVCC, Ms. Jadhon is thrilled to be welcomed at the Oriskany CSD.



#### *Madisyn Lee* **Teaching Assistant**

The Oriskany CSD is excited to announce that teaching assistant Madisyn Lee joined the team this past December. With a passion for teaching, coaching and working with students, Ms. Lee is a perfect fit for the District.

With work experience from the Tree House After School and Summer Program, America Reads, America Counts and substitute teaching at the Oriskany CSD, Ms. Lee has a diverse teaching background and works well under pressure. Athletic performance is also close to Ms. Lee's heart – she is a certified personal trainer at the Fitness Mill and has a Level I Olympic Lifting certification through USA Weightlifting (USAW).

As an Oriskany graduate, Ms. Lee chose to return to her home district to help contribute to the continuing and outstanding reputation the District has for providing an excellent education to all students.



#### *Bradley Roser* **School Bus Driver / Laborer**

Bradley Roser joined the Oriskany CSD as a school bus driver/laborer in November of 2022. Mr. Roser has a passion for working with children and looks forward to the opportunity to forge connections that he will have in his new position.

Mr. Roser chose to work at the Oriskany CSD due to the positive interactions he had with the superintendent and transportation director. He also enjoys hunting and fishing in his free time. Mr. Roser has 10 years of school bus driving experience and operates well under pressure. He is also CDL Licensed, 19A qualified and has school bus and passenger endorsements.