



Oriskany

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET EDITION

May 2022

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ANNA ZUMBRUN VALEDICTORIAN

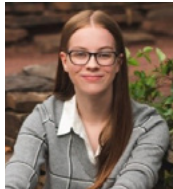


Anna Zumbrun, daughter of Arnold and Colleen Zumbrun, has been named the Oriskany Central School Class of 2022 valedictorian.

Anna is an excellent student and an active member of her community. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Athletics, Student Council and Oriskany's Future Business Leaders of America Chapter. Throughout her high school career, Anna has always strived for greatness. During the last two years, Anna was able to participate in Oriskany's College Connections program. This program allowed her to take many challenging courses with professors at Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC). She has excelled in courses such as calculus 2, differential equations and engineering physics. She is truly ready for her college endeavors.

In September of 2021, Anna enlisted into the New York Air National Guard. After she graduates, she will be shipped off to Air Force boot camp and technical school, training to become a cyber-systems operator. When she returns in six months, Anna plans on attending SUNY Polytechnic Institute so that she can earn a degree in civil engineering. Even after she graduates, it's clear that Anna will continue to strive for excellence as she goes forth into her new adventures. Congratulations, Anna!

KALEY HAMM SALUTATORIAN



Kaley Hamm, daughter of Luke and Rebecca Hamm, has been named one of the Oriskany Central School Class of 2022 salutatorians.

Kaley has received multiple awards throughout her time in high school, including the Rensselaer Medal Award, the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology and various other academic achievement awards. During her time at OCS, Kaley has taken various rigorous courses, including AP world history, AP U.S. history, AP literature and composition and many MVCC dual enrollment courses.

Kaley is still deciding where she would like to further her academic studies. Congratulations, Kaley!

ERIC NOGA SALUTATORIAN



Eric Noga, son of Barney and Susan Noga, has been named one of the Oriskany Central School Class of 2022 salutatorians.

Throughout his high school career, Eric has received many different awards, such as the Elmira Key Award, Whitestown Optimist Award and various other academic achievement awards. Eric has never failed to challenge himself and has taken the most challenging courses that Oriskany has to offer, including AP English and composition, AP world history, AP U.S. history, AP chemistry, AP calculus and several MVCC dual enrollment courses.

Outside the classroom, Eric participates in many different clubs and activities. He partakes in Mathletics, is President of National Honor Society, Vice President of Technology Club and a member of Key Club and Student Council. Eric has also been a competitive swimmer for 13 years as a member of the Clinton Cudas. He has been recognized on the national level for his achievements in swimming and has qualified for various high-level competitions.

Eric has been granted admission to several different universities and is currently deciding where he would like to further his academic and athletic career. He plans to major in computer science or mechanical engineering and compete on the varsity swim team. Congratulations, Eric!

Budget
HEARING

MAY 9
6:00 P.M.

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

Budget
VOTE

MAY 17
12:00 - 7:00 P.M.

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
CANOPY ENTRANCE



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians, Families and Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well with the promise of warmer weather and brighter days as our school year begins to wind down into the summer months.

Over the past two plus years of managing and living with COVID-19; I have been very proud of our staff, students and community for their diligent and gracious efforts in maintaining a safe, supportive and rigorous learning environment for all of our students. The height of the accomplishments and achievements of our students never ceases to amaze me. Additionally, I am excited to see our students take on the remainder of the school year with continued enthusiasm as spring sports advance; music and fine arts performances take place; local, state and advanced placement testing gears up and the thought of graduation night, senior celebrations and family gatherings begin to permeate the air.

Our seniors will try on their caps and gowns one last time in preparation for that final walk to accept their diplomas, concluding one chapter of an amazing story and entering into another – a chapter that only our students are prepared to write.

I am enthusiastic to see and hear about all of the wonderful accomplishments our Oriskany graduates will undertake over the span of their careers, and their passion, drive and commitment. There is much to celebrate and recognize within the Oriskany Central School District regarding our students, staff and community.

While times may have been challenging and uncertain, together, our continued planning for the next school year continues to remind us that the future continues to hold many pathways, possibilities and opportunities for our Oriskany students. Our many District accolades and accomplishments; and your continued support of our programs, staff and students; have been monumental as we continue to focus our efforts on teaching, learning and opportunity for all students.

As you may know, planning and preparing for our 2022-2023 school budget is well underway. At their April 19 meeting, the Oriskany Board of Education approved a \$16,688,766 budget to be voted on for the 2022-2023 school year. This budget represents an increase in expenditures of 2.23% or \$363,668 from the current year's budget. We believe this budget offers the best possible balance for a continued commitment to a comprehensive and rigorous education for the children of the Oriskany Central School District while maintaining an affordable value for our residents and members of our community.

Additionally, we continue to seek out any and all opportunities by working in partnership with our local BOCES; federal, state and local governments; neighboring districts and local industries. We will also continue to look for cost efficiencies throughout the operation of our District while maintaining a high level of programming and learning opportunities for our students.

This budget stays within the District's allowable tax cap formula at 2.0%, maximizing the District's ability to raise funds to support programming for our students. Each school district's annual tax cap is calculated by a formula developed by New York State. Oriskany's maximum allowable tax cap for the 2022-2023 school year equates to 4.54%.

Thank you again for making Oriskany such a wonderful community that prioritizes and places students first. Please come out and support our District at the annual school budget vote and Board of Education election to be held on Tuesday, May 17 at the Jr./Sr. high school from noon to 7:00 p.m.

As always, I would encourage you to please continue to visit our District website, Facebook and Twitter feeds for information on our most up-to-date activities, events and student opportunities at Oriskany.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Education, we thank you for the continued support each of you have provided for our students, staff and schools throughout the year. The partnership between school and community is critically important to the success of all our students at Oriskany and we greatly appreciate all of your collaborations and efforts in making our school a very special place to be a part of.

Please feel free to contact the District Office at (315) 768-2058 with any questions you might have.

I wish each of you a healthy and happy spring and summer spending time with friends, family and loved ones. Be happy, be kind and be well!



Timothy J. Gaffney
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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Dear Members of the Oriskany Central School District Community:

As we move from the times of uncertainty to the times of being back to normalcy, planning for a new school year reminds us that the future holds infinite possibilities. The District's accomplishments have been monumental as we continue our focus on teaching and learning, all the while maintaining our tradition of personal attention, positive relationships and an innovative climate of learning.

As we live in this new world of coming out of the pandemic, we are faced with rising costs due to inflation. The Board of Education felt very strongly that we support our community members as much as possible. Through the hard work of our administrative team, we are able to stay within the NYS tax cap limit. The total budget for the 2022-2023 school year is \$16,688,766. It represents a 2.23% increase or a total of \$363,668 over the 2021-2022 school year. In order to make this happen, the Board of Education and the Oriskany CSD administrative team analyzed all facets of the budget to keep programming intact.

This year's budget proposal again demonstrates our enduring support of a comprehensive educational program that continues to provide safe, supportive and creative learning opportunities for our students to enhance their educational experience and a rigorous and relevant curriculum that prepares students to be college and career successful. At our April 19 meeting, the Oriskany Board of Education approved a \$16,688,766 budget for the 2022-2023 school year for District vote. This budget is reflective of our commitment to maintain a high-quality educational program. We continue to maximize monies and services by working partnerships with BOCES, MVCC, federal, state and local governments, and continue to look for cost efficiencies throughout the operational aspects of our District.

We are very fortunate that our Capital Improvement project, that will start in this budget cycle year, will address many of the heating and cooling inefficiencies in our buildings and aging building components. Both the elementary and the high school will have many infrastructure upgrades and renovations. New boilers, windows, LED lighting and electrical service entrances are amongst a few of the major upgrades. This will shed our carbon footprint and our buildings will be more energy efficient in future budget years to come, passing a cost savings to the community.

The Oriskany Board of Education believes the 2022-2023 proposed budget offers the best possible balance of a continued commitment to a comprehensive education for the children of the Oriskany CSD while maintaining an affordable value for our residents and members of our community. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and urge your participation in the voting process on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from noon to 7:00 p.m. at the canopy entrance of the Jr./Sr. high school.

The budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. high school auditorium. All community members are welcome to attend. Further, please visit our District website for the latest budget information or feel free to call the District office at 315.768.2058 with any questions you may have regarding the 2022-2023 proposed budget.

On Behalf of the Oriskany School Board,
BRIAN JUDYCKI *Board President*

Absentee Ballots

Notice is given that applications for absentee ballots to those who may be entitled under Education Law 2018-a are available in the office of the Clerk of the District on school days between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. A list of all the persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the Clerk of the District until the day of the election. Notice is given if an absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application for the same must be received by the Clerk of the District at least seven (7) days before the election; if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the application for the same must be received by the Clerk of the District the day before the election.

Voter Qualifications

In order to vote in the School District Budget Vote and Election, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen;
- 18 years or older;
- a District resident for 30 days prior to the vote; and not being disqualified from voting, such as certain convicted felons, or the person has been adjudicated mentally incompetent.

BUDGET 2022-2023

Proposed Budget

Administrative Component

	2021-2022 Approved Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget
Board Of Education	\$19,875	\$22,475
Central and Business Administration	\$440,652	\$415,300
Central Services	\$584,731	\$612,950
Supervision - Regular School	\$295,695	\$297,100
Benefits	\$351,545	\$364,558
Total:	\$1,692,498	\$1,712,383

Capital Component

	2021-2022 Approved Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget
Operations/Maintenance	\$1,487,172	\$1,411,000
Debt Service	\$1,078,438	\$1,020,000
Benefits	\$672,241	\$657,697
Total:	\$3,237,851	\$3,088,697

Program Component

	2021-2022 Approved Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget
Teaching - Regular School	\$4,895,450	\$4,946,441
Special Education	\$2,797,857	\$3,100,000
Instructional Support Programs	\$376,811	\$323,950
Transportation	\$958,397	\$986,350
Benefits	\$2,366,234	\$2,530,945
Total:	\$11,394,749	\$11,887,686

Total Appropriations	\$16,325,098	\$16,688,766
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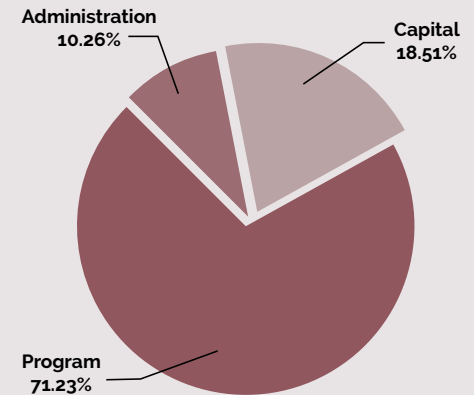
Three Component Budget

The State legislation which requires the state's school districts to have a public budget vote, includes the requirement that the budget be divided up into three components: program, capital and administration.

Administration Component: Provides funding for the support services of the District. This component is comprised of those expenses which are associated with the Board of Education, Central Administration and Central Services.

Capital Component: Comprised of those expenses which are associated with the operation and maintenance portions of the budget. Also included in this component is debt service.

Program Budget: Generally the largest portion of the District budget. This portion covers general instruction, special education, BOCES instructional programs, curriculum and staff development. Additionally, pupil support services such as counseling, library, health, co-curricular, interscholastic and transportation are included in this component.



Revenue

	2021-2022	2022-2023
State Aid	\$7,879,707	\$6,781,525
Local Non-Tax	\$413,822	\$1,587,827
Tax Levy	\$6,351,405	\$6,618,827
Fund Balance	\$1,680,164	\$1,680,587
Total Revenues	\$16,325,098	\$16,668,766

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For more budget information, please visit our website!



School District Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$16,325,098	\$16,688,766	\$16,463,766
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$363,668	\$138,668
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.23%	0.84%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$6,331,405	\$6,618,827	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$6,331,405	\$6,618,827	\$6,331,405
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$301,618	\$301,620	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,029,787	\$6,317,207	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,029,787	\$6,317,207	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,692,498	\$1,712,383	\$1,705,383
Program Component	\$11,394,749	\$11,887,686	\$11,709,686
Capital Component	\$3,237,851	\$3,088,697	\$3,048,697

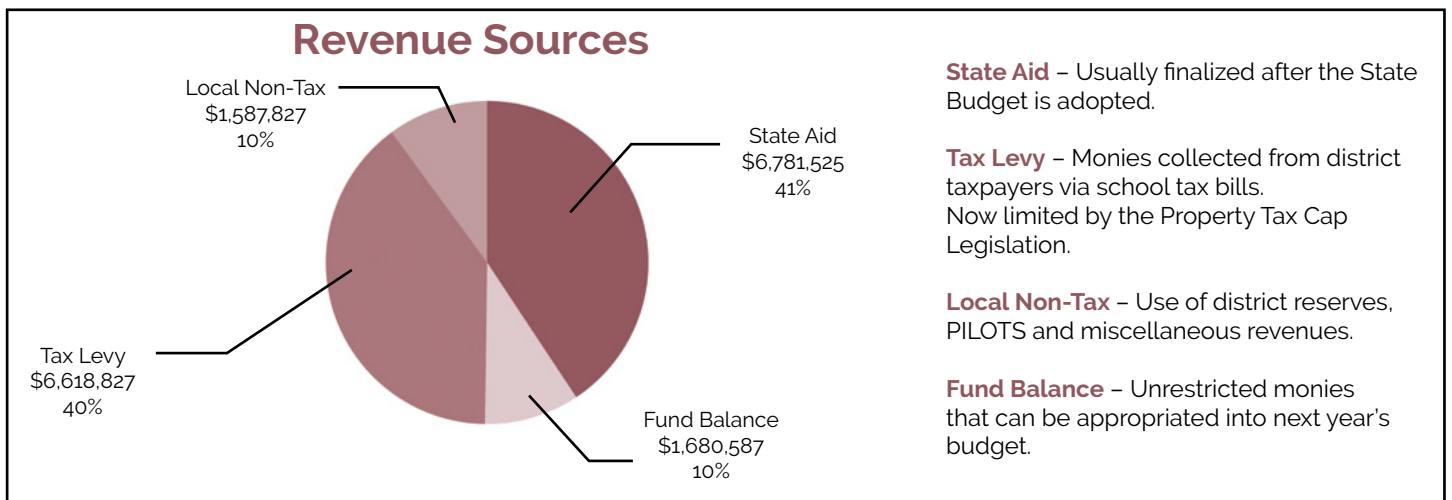
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

If the proposed budget is defeated, the tax levy for 2022-23 would remain at the 2021-2022 level. The majority of equipment purchases would be removed and the remaining reductions would be in areas that have the least impact on instruction.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Oriskany Central School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., prevailing time at the Jr./Sr. High School canopy entrance, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



Tax Cap Levy Calculation

2022-23

Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0046
Allowable Levy Growth Factor	2.00%
Prior Year Tax Levy	\$6,331,405
Prior Year Adjusted Levy X Tax Base Growth Factor (1.0041)	\$6,360,529
Add Pilots Receivable in 2020-21	\$182,991
2021-2022 Local Capital Levy Share from last year's tax cap calculator	\$301,620
Adjusted Prior Year Tax Levy	\$6,241,901
Adjusted Tax Levy X Allowable Levy Growth Factor (2.00%)	\$6,366,740
Remove Pilots Receivable in 2021-22	\$49,533
Tax Levy Limit	\$6,317,206
Add Current Year Exemptions: 2021-22 Local Capital Levy Share	\$301,620
Tax Levy Threshold	\$6,618,827
Allowable Increase in Dollars	\$287,422
Allowable Increase in %	4.54%
2021-22 PROPOSED LEVY	\$6,618,827
Actual Increase in Dollars	\$287,422
Actual Increase in %	4.54%
Difference Between Allowable and Actual	\$0.00

Basic STAR Exemption

Three factors that determine the tax rate on your home include: tax levy, equalization rates and property assessment. The tax levy is set by the school district in May; equalization rates are established by the New York State Office of Real Property Services in August and each respective town establishes assessments and equalization rates. These are estimates, therefore, tax rates are not finalized until late August, at which time school tax bills are printed and mailed.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$566

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Taxpayers will receive their rebate check because we are within our 2% tax cap calculation



Resource Management Strategies

The 2022-23 school expenditure plan supports a quality, comprehensive instructional program. Actions taken by the Board of Education and administration have allowed the District to continue providing exceptional programs and opportunities for our students that will prepare them for college and career success. As a result of sound fiscal management again this year, the District is in a position to increase program offerings for students in order to support Oriskany's commitment to safety, personal attention, positive relationships and a productive climate for learning. These areas of focus are reflected in the expenditure budget proposal, including:

- Increased enrichment opportunities for students both at the elementary building and the Jr./Sr. high school building.
- Utilizations of BOCES programs to offer summer academic programs for our elementary, middle and high school students.
- Additional access to instructional technologies to support the innovation initiative that will position our students for success in existing highly competitive college and career placements.
- Expanding partnerships with area organizations and institutions to increase internship and apprenticeship experiences for students and staff.
- Maximizing grant, state and federal funds to support and offset local funds necessary for school programs.
- Supporting staff improvement through research-proven means that lead to increased student performance.
- Recognizing and allocating a large percentage of the District's expenditure dollars to focus on supporting educational programs for all students. The District has been able to show a consistent trend in recognizing the support systems and opportunities provided for our students.



Property Tax Report Card

412901- Oriskany Central School District Contact Person: Kevin Sommer , School Business Administrator Telephone Number: 315-768-2051	Budgeted 2021-22 (A)	Proposed Budget 2022-23 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$16,325,098	\$16,688,766
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	\$6,331,405	\$6,618,827
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$6,331,405	\$6,618,827
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$301,618	\$301,620
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	\$6,029,787	\$6,317,207
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,029,787	\$6,317,207
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	0	0
Public School Enrollment	554	554
Consumer Price Index		4.70%
¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest. ² Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements. ³ For 2022-23, includes any carryover from 2021-22 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.	Actual 2021-22 (D)	Estimated 2022-23 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$7,189,372	\$5,113,807
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,680,164	\$1,680,587
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$982,005	\$667,551
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.02%	4.00%

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description*	3/31/22 Actual Balance	6/30/22 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2022-23 School Year (Limit 200 Characters)**
Capital	Capital	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$2,970,734	\$971,219	\$2,000,000 to support the voter approved Capital Project
Repair	Repair	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	\$201,025	\$201,126	As needed for unexpected repairs
Workers' Compensation	Workers' Compensation	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	\$230,066	\$230,181	As needed for workers' compensation
Unemployment insurance	Unemployment	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	\$173,962	\$174,049	As needed for unemployment compensation
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service	Debt Service	To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.	\$979,239	\$901,569	\$78,121 to stabilize debt service payment fluctuations
Insurance	Insurance	To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	\$821,859	\$822,270	If necessary for uninsured losses
Property Loss	Property Loss	To cover property loss.	\$50,963	\$50,988	If necessary for property losses
Liability	Liability	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	\$100,147	\$100,197	If necessary liability claims
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	\$105,740	\$105,793	If necessary for tax certiorari settlements
Retirement Contribution	ERS Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS)	\$858,337	\$858,766	If necessary for payments to Employment Retirement System
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	For the payment of accrued employee benefits due to employees upon termination of service	\$550,167	\$550,442	If necessary for employee benefit payments
Retirement Contribution	TRS Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the state and local Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)	\$147,133	\$147,207	If necessary for payments to Teachers' Retirement System

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

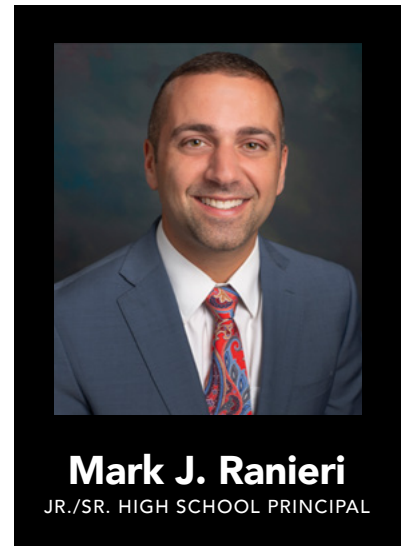
Hello Students, Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

We are grateful for your support as we enter the fourth marking period and the home stretch of the school year. Often in life, you can chart your progress by looking back and remembering just how far you've come. For us, looking back to last school year meant a year interrupted by the pandemic and the continuous changes our students, faculty and families had to endure on a constant basis. Students were in school on a hybrid or fully remote schedule, sports, music and extracurricular events were paused and we were masked-up and socially-distanced. Taking stock of this school year, we note a year with daily in-person instruction, the lifting of safety restrictions as the year went on, and our sports and music schedules in high gear. and the like. Credit is due to all who remained flexible and upbeat despite all of these changes. As humans, we are all creatures of habit, and hopefully we are at the point where we can know what is around the next bend with some certainty moving forward.

As we enter the fourth marking period, it goes without saying that much of our focus will be on grades and testing, as one year closes out and students look towards the following academic year. Our school recently administered the New York State ELA and math exams to grades seven through eight students, and later in May, grade eight students will sit for the New York State science exam. These exams continue to provide both practice for students taking high stakes testing, and serve as a meaningful data point about our school's performance in these areas of study. Good luck in early May to our students who are taking their advanced placement exams. We are proud to offer these challenging courses and for the work our teachers and students do in this area. Beginning June 1, Regents Exams will once again be administered in New York State after the recent reprieve in Regents testing. We hope for strong results for our students on all of their tests.

Each year at the end of May, we pause for Memorial Day and give thanks for the many sacrifices soldiers made on battlefields throughout our nation's history. I am personally grateful for the Oriskany graduates who, year after year, choose to enter our nation's armed services and make Oriskany proud. As the namesake school district of the famous 1777 battle that helped turn the tide of the American Revolution, we know all too well that the cost of freedom is high.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.



Dear N.A. Walbran Families,

As we venture into the last quarter of the school year, we have much to celebrate. Our students and staff, as always, have brought many opportunities for learning, excitement and exploration to our school community.

Our big focus for the month of March was our Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) initiative. Through this, students read as much as they possibly could to build up their love of reading and to sweeten the deal, our PARP team and several local businesses provided prizes for a variety of activities and contests throughout the month. We hosted author Robin Brickman who created an extraordinary mural with all the students, held our PARP read-in where students in grades K-6 stayed after-school and cuddled up with a good book and some snacks and finally ended with presentations from a scuba diver and the Oriskany Technical Team Emergency Rescue Swimmers (OTTERS). I was so impressed with how engaged and respectful our students were during these events and am proud of the work they did during the month. It is evident that even at this young age, they have acquired a love of literature.

Other notable recent events include our student council initiated spirit day for St. Patrick's Day and our staff development day in which we began our journey to learn more about the science of reading with the support of The Reading League organization. Last but not least, we'd like to congratulate our art teacher Mrs. Kane as she recently published an article in the New York State Art Teacher Association Newsletter showcasing our student art work and the importance of student art displays within the school environment. Congratulations!

Upcoming events for the remainder of the school year include NYS math assessments, sixth grade and pre-K moving up ceremonies and hopefully some warmer weather!

Thank you for your continued support.



ON MAR. 25-27, THE ORISKANY DRAMA CLUB PERFORMED

"Oh, Horrors! It's Murder!"

This musical mystery comedy was interactive and family, friends and community members were excited to enjoy the performance live and in-person.

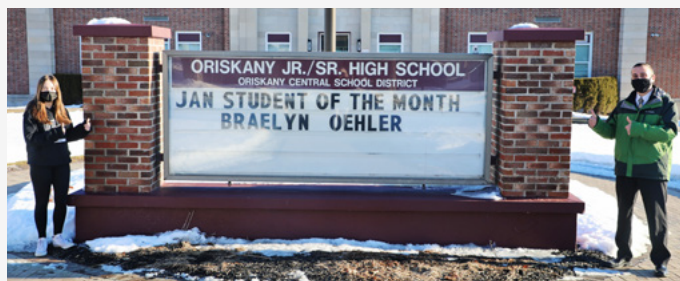


After-School Enrichment PROGRAM

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY
3:00-5:00 P.M.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School January, February and March students of the month Braelyn Oehler, Brody Anderson and Janae Reid. The Oriskany Alumni Association presented each student with a monetary award. Thank you for representing our school so well!





On March 28, Mrs. Smith-Carone revealed February/March mystery artists to her students - 11th grade student Kaylee Burnop and former student Ms. Mandi Drake!

Sweetheart Semi-Formal



Custom Made DECAL

Tech Club members Eric Noga and Ashley Reid recently created and hung a custom made Oriskany CSD logo in the high school main office.



On March 4, Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School students came together for the Sweetheart semi-formal.

Scholar-Athlete AWARDS

Oriskany's winter sports teams were awarded the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2022 winter season. With the requirement of an overall 90% GPA, Oriskany's teams carried a 95% or above GPA.

Contributing teams include boys and girls basketball, indoor track and cheerleading. Congratulations to our athletes!



CONGRATULATIONS Payton Smith!



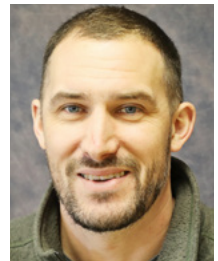
Congratulations to Payton Smith who finished sixth out of 60 gymnasts on the vault from across the state.

Payton represented Oriskany and Section III was crowned the overall state-wide champion!

NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kyle Kennerknecht

Director of Facilities



Mr. Kennerknecht is excited to join the Oriskany CSD family.

He worked at the Holland Patent CSD for the past 19 years as a maintenance mechanic and is a certified electrician and director of facilities II. In his free time, he enjoys being outdoors.

Mr. Kennerknecht is looking forward to helping keep the Oriskany CSD a safe and prosperous part of the community.

Jugglers Hockey



Our two seniors Logan DiNitto and Nick DeRiso as well as Noah Narolis and Sean Graziano were honored at the Mohawk Valley Jugglers hockey banquet. The Jugglers is a hockey team made up of 13 school districts.

Logan was voted captain by the players this past season. Even with an injury, he excelled in his role. Nick scored the most points of anyone on the team for the 2021-22 season. Sean was voted Rookie of the Year by his teammates. Noah was chosen as team MVP as well as captain for next season; both decided upon by his teammates.

Congratulations to our athletes!

Basketball All-Stars

Congratulations to Ty Zizzi, Jack Tamburino, Ashley Burnop and Ashley Reid on being chosen as CSC basketball all-stars. Jordyn Coleman received an honorable mention as a CSC second team all-star.

Ty, Ashley B. and Ashley R. all played in the Exceptional Seniors game on March 9, 2022.

Our very own first-year varsity boys basketball Coach Ryan Schmadel was also named to the boys senior game coaching staff.





In honor of Pi Day, the Jr./Sr. high school hosted their annual "Pi K" walk/run. At a distance of 3.14 kilometers, students walked, ran and were rewarded with a mini pie at the finish.

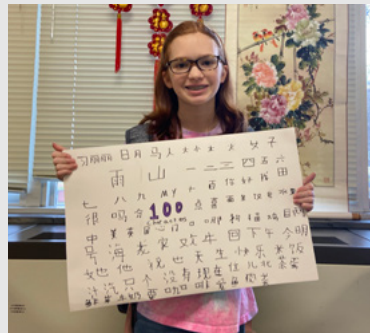
There were over 40 participants including students, faculty, parents and alumni, and AP calculus students volunteered to facilitate. Thank you to all who participated!

School Bus Driver APPRECIATION



In honor of School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, students at N.A. Walbran Elementary School made cards for their bus drivers, thanking them for their hard work and dedication!

Sixth grade Chinese students recently had a party celebrating their achievement of **LEARNING 100+ CHINESE CHARACTERS!**



Pick a Reading Partner

March 4 was the official kickoff to N.A. Walbran Elementary School's 2022 Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) initiative!

The goal of this initiative is to get students reading for three weeks. The theme chosen to inspire the students this year was "Sea of Books" and could be seen displayed on all of the teal colored, aquatic themed doorways throughout the school.

The kickoff event featured a presentation by illustrator Robin Brickman. Brickman is the illustrator of the book "One Night in the Coral Sea." As an illustrator, Brickman creates not only drawings, but also specializes in 3D illustrations.

After the presentation, students worked on creating their own 3D sea creatures, inspired by the drawings presented by Brickman, as well as real seashells and other images for their reference. The culmination of the presentation and activity was a mural, based on Brickman's book, which is composed of all students' sea creatures and will serve as a lasting memory of her visit and the kickoff of the sea-themed reading event.



Sea of Books

On March 25, elementary school students wrapped up the "Sea of Books" Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) initiative during a day full of sea-related learning activities.

Students rotated between a scuba diving presentation in the cafeteria and an Oriskany Technical Team Emergency Rescue Swimmers (OTTERS) demonstration outside in the parking lot. They learned about the process and safety measures taken during scuba diving as well as the duties and importance of the OTTERS.



Mucurio VS. Ranieri

As an incentive during their Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) initiative, Principal Mrs. Mucurio and Jr./Sr. High School Principal Mr. Ranieri agreed to have a jousting match if students reached a goal of 800 hours of total reading in three weeks.

By the end of PARP, students read a total of 1,201 hours. As promised, students were invited to the cafeteria to watch the two principals joust and Mrs. Mucurio was crowned the winner!



THE MATCH CONTINUED



SNOW MUCH FUN!



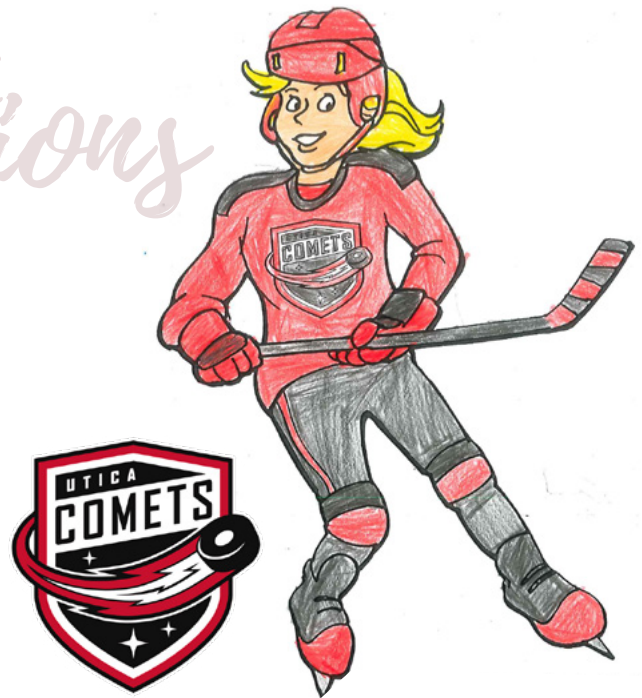
Elementary school students recently got outside and enjoyed some fun in the snow during their annual Winter Fun Day.



Congratulations Maddalena!

Congratulations to our very own Maddalena Pettinelli who won second place in the first grade category of the Comets Coloring Contest. There were students from 32 participating schools in the Mohawk Valley area that competed.

Maddalena won an iPad mini and two tickets to a Comets game.



On February 15, Oriskany elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing like they were 100 years old, wearing 100 of something or representing 100 in another way!

All Students Eat Free

All students 18 and under will receive meals free of charge through June 2022. Please continue to fill out your free/reduced meal price applications.



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Clash OF CLASSES

This year's annual Clash of Classes event commemorated six years of the tradition, and was back to being held traditionally after last year's amended games due to COVID-19.

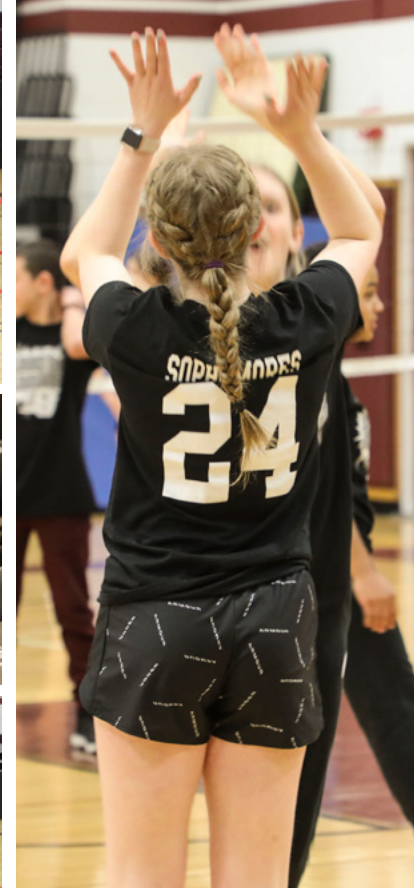
The Clash of Classes is an after-school competition among seniors, juniors and sophomores. The intent behind the competition is to promote school spirit and give students the opportunity to interact with and compete against their peers.

A wide variety of activities are offered, and students may only participate in one event per session. Tournaments or competitions are set up to find a first, second and third place finisher. First place earns 300 points, second place earns 200 points and third place earns 100 points. Classes may win multiple places on given events based on the number of participants and performance.

This year's games included kickball, spoons card game, Mario Kart, pickleball, volleyball, a technology challenge, food art and ping pong.

The class with the most points is awarded individual medals and their class is added to the plaque in the trophy case at the Jr./Sr. high school. Both of these awards are created and produced by the school's Technology Club.

For the 2021-22 school year, the senior class took first place overall.



THE CLASH CONTINUED



Second Marking Period Honor Roll 2021-2022

Highest Honor Roll 94.5-100.0

- GRADE 12** Arianna Armstrong, Ashley Burnop, Alexander Burrows, Jordyn Carlo, Kaley Hamm, Kourtney Hines, Alexis Lasher, Emily Miller, Eric Noga, Janae Reid, Jason Reid, Avery Roberts, Isabella Romano, Gianna Welker, Anna Zumbrun
- GRADE 11** Olivia Balfe, Karsten Bates, Jessalyn Birt, Rachel Daskiewich, Ryan Donohue, Gabrielle Koenig, Jenna Palmiotto, Payton Smith, Juliet Tagliaferri, Jack Tamburino, Shawn Williamson
- GRADE 10** Kaelyn Buehler, Anthony Kernan, Lauren Kraus, Madelyn Race, Alivia Rizzo, Katie Saladin, Megan Wright, Arnold Zumbrun
- GRADE 9** Kate Dellers, Brienne Eldred, David Itzep, Chase Koenig, Erika Reid, Jack Tagliaferri, Jessica Zyskowski
- GRADE 8** Corinne Looney, Ishaal Mirza, Braelyn Oehler, Edward Wright
- GRADE 7** Emma Combs, Danica Dame, Charles Golden, Adilyn Jamieson-Rothdiener, Reilly O'Brien, Lance Smith III, Holly VanPatten, Ashely Zyskowski

High Honor Roll 89.50-94.49

- GRADE 12** Nicholas Cortese, Madeline Denison, Nicholas DeRiso, Emily Frank, Tyler Macera, Patrick Maher, Morgan Manley, Emily Moulton, Ashley Reid, Robert Richie, Ryan Shackett, Lily Spears, Paris Welker, Ty Zizzi
- GRADE 11** Kaylee Burnop, David Cronauer, Justin Rosinski, Jakob VanEtten, Joshua Zyskowski
- GRADE 10** Kaelyn Fabbio, Anna Kasperovich, Gannon Lisberg, Noah Sciorilli, Katelyn Shamis, Briannah Wishart
- GRADE 9** Leah Denison, Nathan Domenico, Addison Fabbio, Sean Graziano, Nicholas Hays, Henry Inserra, Jullian Jalowiec, Thomas Maher, Jeffrey Phillips Jr., Gianna Santucci, Brian Terchowicz
- GRADE 8** Angela Ajiataz, Jessica Beckwith, Matthew Kernan, Jayson Mayo, Kyle Saladin, Nicholas Swald, Tyler Tamburino, Anzhelika Tkach, Ethan Zarnoch-Riley
- GRADE 7** Broderick Anderson, Colin Brough, Peyton Buehler, Delilah Chase, Tayton Kimball, Daniel Kosakowski Jr., Matthew LoCash, Aiden Pysnik, Olivia Richard-LaShure, Brynne Russum, Carter Usyk

Honor Roll 84.00-89.49

- GRADE 12** Zachary Combs, Logan DiNitto, Faith Doyle, Owen Dunderdale, Alivia Franz, Emmanuela Gergi, Alexis Pula, Sophia Zinicola
- GRADE 11** Jordyn Coleman, Miranda Foss, Sydney Hight, Mya Melvin, Magdalena Serrano, James Shamis, Jacob Usyk
- GRADE 10** Skylar Albin, Javante Brill-Rollins, Jake Burrows, Darryen Danielski, McKenzie Frank, Peyton Hemming, Gavin Howd, Daniel Kraus, Paige Mazur, Briana Measheaw, Noah Napolis, Derek Rieben, Kyla Zabek
- GRADE 9** Guilianna Ameduri, Collin Hessler, Addison Judycki, Maggie Tylutki, Chelsea Mason, Thomas Murphy, Emilia Ulrich, David Zinicola Jr.
- GRADE 8** Jacob Bennett, Matthew Dibble, Kamryn Eichhorn, Dawson Foss, Bryana Manella, Gabryella Manella, Gavin LaForest, Cameron Post, Jon Pryor
- GRADE 7** Kaylee Corey, Ryalee Cushman, Joseph Iacovissi, Ryan Kilmartin, Darcie Klein, Dean Koenig, Darian McGallian, Vincent Paiz, Christopher Robinson, Jayden Stapleton, Danika Sykes, Kameron Zabek

Professional Development Opportunities

On March 17, Oriskany CSD began offering professional development opportunities for staff in conjunction with the March 18 Superintendent's Conference Day.

Both elementary and Jr./Sr. high school staff attended a student learning objective (SLO) presentation given by Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Director Education Leadership Network Coordinator Ann Turner.

According to the New York State Education Department, an SLO is an academic goal set for students at the start of a course. It represents the most important learning that is aligned to Common Core, State, or national standards, as well as any other school and district/BOCES priorities.

This presentation was followed by time for teachers to congregate with their grade-level colleagues and begin practicing the SLO writing process.



New York State Art Teachers Association Newsletter

Elementary School Art teacher Mrs. Kane was recently featured in the New York State Art Teachers Association newsletter.

Mrs. Kane wrote a piece titled "Recharging our School Spaces with Art" that details the creation of a school environment that brightens the hallways and classrooms with seasonal joy and excitement at N.A. Walbran Elementary School.

In the beginning of the year, the "Ride the Wave" theme was displayed through fish sculptures and florescent fish. As the seasons changed, displays were replaced with frozen themed projects such as creamer bottle snowmen and snow globes.

This spring, Mrs. Kane plans to challenge her students to see through the lens of spring and the rain that comes with it which sustains and brings new life.

Currently in her 30th year of teaching, the District is lucky to have Mrs. Kane, her wealth of experience and her attestation that art is a necessity for the full development of a better quality of life for all people.





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