

Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

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Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and Community Members,

How exciting it is to be entering April! There is more daylight thanks to Daylight Savings Time, the birds are slowly coming back, and the grass is getting greener. Hopefully, the snow is fully in the rearview mirror at this point!

At school, we recently had our professional development days on March 17th and 18th for all faculty and staff. Teachers and staff selected sessions to attend based on options offered through our local BOCES in New Hartford. Professional development is something I would like to take a closer look at this month in this newsletter. Professional development is a buzz word in the teaching profession and beyond. As both human beings and working professionals, we all have areas in which we are relatively strong, while we have other areas in which we may require some assistance, knowledge, or know-how. In this regard, we all share this aspect in common with our students as well as those outside the education world. While "experience" may be the best teacher in many respects, we all can continuously refine our practices. Indeed, some of the most successful companies in the world, such as Amazon or Google, continuously invest in their staff in order to build up their employees and provide them with any assistance needed to take their success to the next level.

Here at Oriskany, we take this very seriously. While professional development can always be improved and refined, this understanding helps us to then support our students. What areas can we invest in to help students reach their potential? What systems or procedures can be adjusted to improve our outcomes and our district's mission? Again, while knowing that we will always have pitfalls and fall short from time to time, the goal of leaving things better than we found them is part of our everyday belief system.

In this spirit, looking ahead to the next few weeks, all sophomores and juniors: please take advantage of our free SAT prep offered on Sundays. Please see the district website for more information. Thank you to Ms. Millick and Mrs. George for leading this program.

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

Thank you,

Mr. Ranieri

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Oriskany Central School Valedictorian and Salutatorians Announced!



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

Congratulations

Anna!

Anna is an excellent student and an active member of her community. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mathletics, 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 MVCC. She has excelled in courses like 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, Anna will continue to strive for excellence as she goes forth into her new adventures. Congratulations Anna!



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

Congratulations

Kaley!

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

Congratulations

Eric!

Throughout his high school career, Eric has received many different awards, such as the Elmira Key Award, Whitestown Optimist Award, and a handful of other academic achievement awards from various classes. 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 course.

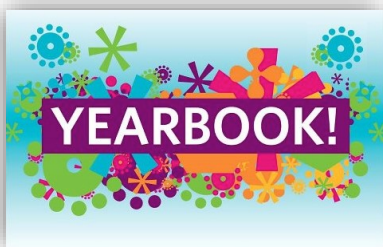
Outside the classroom, Eric participates in many different clubs and activities. He partakes in Mathletics, is President of National Honor Society, Vice President of Technology Club, and a member of Key Club and Student Council. Eric has also been a competitive swimmer for 13 years as a member of the 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

April:

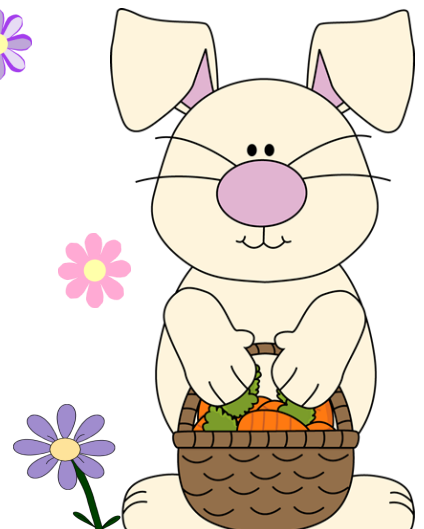
1st-	April Fool's Day
5th-	BOE Meeting @ 7pm
8th-	End of 3rd Marking Period
11th-18th-	Spring Recess
22nd-	Report Cards Go Home
26th-28th-	Grades 3-8 NYS Math Test
26th-	BOE Meeting @ 7pm
29th-	Arbor Day



Online yearbook sales are closed.

There will be very few yearbooks available for sale on a first come first serve basis

Your order will be added to the list when payment is received by Mrs. Piersma or Mrs. Mazza



PROM

“An Enchanted Evening”

Saturday, May 14th

7-11pm

Twin Ponds

Ticket sales will begin in mid April.

More information to follow.





**American
Red Cross**



The need is constant.

The gratification is instant.

Give blood.

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Blood Drive

American Legion Post 1448

Banquet Room

7908 Route 69, Oriskany

Friday, May 20, 2022

11:00am—4:30pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Each donation saves lives and
helps OCS students earn scholarships.**



Herkimer
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



Saturday, April 9th at 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Meet our faculty, tour campus, and learn why Herkimer College is ranked among the top two-year colleges for student success.

COLLEGE NIGHT at SUNY Oswego



**Marano Campus Center Arena, SUNY Oswego
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

- Representatives from over 75 colleges available to answer questions!
- Financial aid information table staffed by experts from SUNY Oswego.
- Presentation on the college application and financial aid process.
- No registration required — All are welcome.

www.oswego.edu/collegenight

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Arrive early
for an
Admissions and
Financial Aid
Presentation at
5:45 p.m.



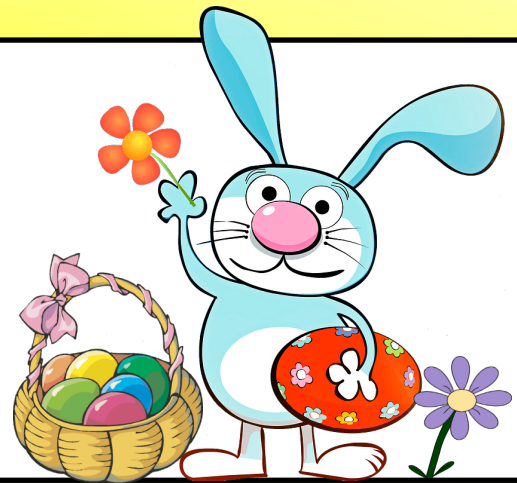
Counseling & Career Services News/Information...



Attention Seniors/Parents:

We have been sending out a lot of emails to seniors regarding scholarships. There is a lot of money out there for you to get to help pay for college. You have to apply for scholarships in order to win. You should be spending the next 2-3 months just focusing on scholarships. Once you complete one application every one after that just gets easier.

As a reminder, if you plan on attending college you will need to complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Please use the helpful tips on the next page to help you with this process.



Seniors!!

Please check your email regularly. I email scholarship information and applications as they are received by the counseling office.

If you need them printed you can contact me by email, phone, or just stop into the counseling office. I am always happy to help.

~Mrs. G

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Counseling & Career Services News/Information...



If filling out financial forms is not your idea of fun, follow these tips to save time + hassles.

A few days before the FAFSA form is released (on October 1), set up your [FSA ID online](#).

This step takes about ten minutes.



Wait about a week after October 1 before you dive into the FAFSA.

It becomes available on October 1, but each year brings a new set of circumstances. It can take a few days for FAFSA administrators to workout bugs and problems that don't become evident until after it's in use. There's no harm in waiting a few days, and you may actually save yourself some hassle.

Gather your paperwork beforehand. You'll need:

- Household or parent's 2021 tax return and W2s. ("Parent" is the custodial parent for the previous 12 months.)
- Student's 2021 tax returns and W2s
- Social security numbers
- Student's driver's license



Bank statements, records of investments, records of untaxed income (e.g. child support, veteran's non education benefits).

Set aside an hour of quiet time to work on this with your parents or guardians.

Go to [FAFSA.gov](#) (it's free!); avoid FAFSA.com (FAFSA.com charges a fee).

BONUS TIME SAVER! The IRS data retrieval tool will link your parent or guardian's IRS records with the FAFSA form and automatically pre-fill parts of the FAFSA for you, saving you time and work. In order for it to work, however, you need to make sure the *street address* you enter in the FAFSA is a perfect match to how your parent/guardian entered it when they completed their tax return.

If you're a resident of New York State, complete your TAP right after you submit your FAFSA. Doing it now, while you're in the mode, will save you the hassle of having to log back in and do it later.

To avoid data common processing errors and delays:

- Don't leave spaces blank; fill in every answer, even if the answer is "0".
- Use your full name every time (e.g. "Samantha"), not nicknames (e.g. "Sam").
- Double check that social security numbers have been entered correctly.
- Save copies and make a note of the date you submitted any forms or correspondence. Always keep copies of your tax return transcripts and W2's, too.





Counseling & Career Services News/Information...



SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022



Test-Taking Strategies

- R** Read the question carefully, then reread the passage or the problem.
- E** Examine every answer choice before you choose your answer.
- L** Label your answer (Math)
Look for proof in the passage and underline it (ELA)
- A** Always check your work!
- X** X-out answers that you know are wrong



Counseling & Career Services News/Information...

Junior Year Calendar (reminders)

Continue college selection process. Attend in-person or virtual college fairs, financial aid seminars, general information sessions, etc., to learn as much as you can about the college application process.

April

- When selecting your senior courses, be sure to continue to challenge yourself academically.
- Register for the May/June SAT.
- Continue to evaluate your list of colleges and universities. Eliminate colleges from the original list that no longer interest you and add others as appropriate.
- Look into summer jobs or apply for special summer academic or enrichment programs. Colleges love to see students using their knowledge and developing their skills and interests.

May

- Get a jump start on summer activities-consider enrolling in an academic course at a local college, pursuing a summer school program, applying for an internship, working, or volunteering. If you work, save part of your earnings for college.
- Begin visiting colleges. Phone to set up appointments. Interviews are always a good idea. Many colleges will tell you they are optional, but an interview will show interest, enthusiasm and initiative on your part and provide an excellent opportunity to have your questions answered. Do a practice interview with your counselor, teacher, employer, or a senior who has had a college interviews. Set up interviews as early as possible-interview times become booked quickly!
- Take the SAT Reasoning Test.

June

- After school ends, get on the road to visit colleges. Seeing the college firsthand, taking a tour and talking to students can be the greatest help in deciding whether or not a school is right for you. Although it is ideal to visit colleges during the academic year, going in the summer will be valuable. Admission offices employ their students to give tours and answer questions from prospective students and their parents.
- Take the SAT Reasoning Test and/or the ACT.

July

- Visit colleges, take tours, have interviews and ask questions. Make college visiting a family event. Involve your parents and siblings in every step of your application process. Choosing the right college is a tough decision; the opinions of those who know you best can provide helpful insight into which college is best for you.

August

- Continue to refine your list of potential colleges and universities.



This Happened...



In celebrating St. Patrick's Day, the Language Club decided to raffle off 6 boxes, one for each grade, of special edition Lucky Charms. The winners were:

7th - Brody Anderson and Aiden Pysnik (not pictured)

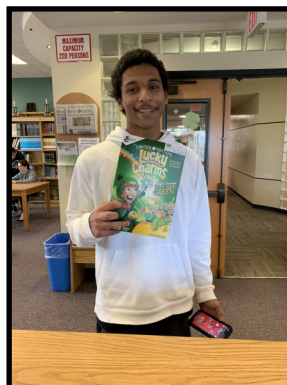
8th- Kamryn Eichhorn

9th- Joseph Abbadessa

10th- Javante Brille-Rollins

11th- David Cronauer

12th- no sales

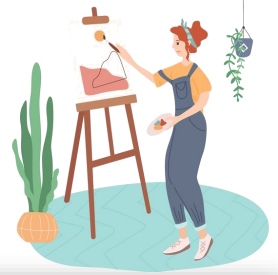


THE ART BUZZ

FEBRUARY AND MARCH'S MYSTERY ARTISTS REVEALED



STUDENT SERIES: **KAYLEE BURNOP**



Kaylee Burnop is an 11th grade student and has been in Art at the Junior-Senior High school since her 7th grade year. She has taken Art 7, Art 8, Studio Art, Ceramics, 3D art, Digital Photography and is currently enrolled in General Drawing. Kaylee's love for art is evident in her work. Not only does she have a multitude of pieces on display, but it is created using a variety of art media and techniques.

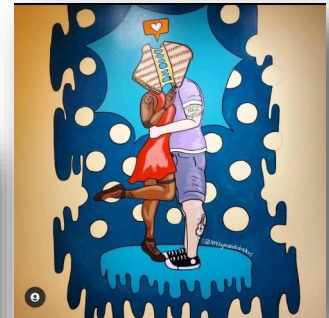
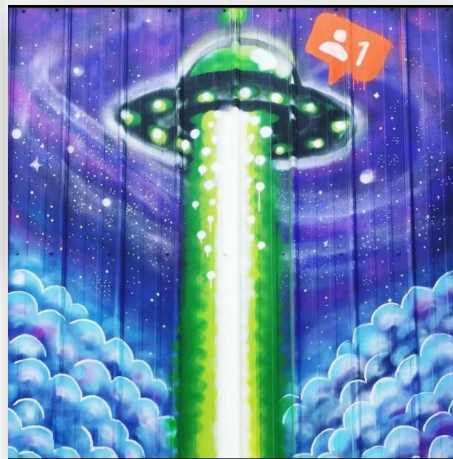
Her favorite work of Art she created as a 10th grade, 3d Art student. Using reclaimed cardboard she constructed a free-standing sculpture portraying a monkey.

PROFESSIONAL SERIES: MANDI DRAKE



Mandi Drake is a local professional artist. She is a former Oriskany Art Student and has taken classes at MVCC and Syracuse University. As a student at Oriskany Junior/Senior High School she created numerous murals for the school, including an aerial map of the Village of Oriskany, which can be found above the interior doorways of the "Bridge entrance" at the high school.

Drake has been inspired by her murals as a high school student, and currently has received multiple commissions from local business owners, such as The Compound in Clinton and Utica, 16 Stone in Holland Patent, and Sickenburger Lane in Utica.





Spring Break Activities

Pajama Day

Adventure Day

Plant a Spring Garden

Volunteer Day

Have a Picnic

Have a Spa Night

BBQ

Pizza Party

Local Sights Day

Clean Your Room



April...

Adopt a Horse Month

Frog Month

International Guitar Month

National Care and Letter Writing Month

National Kite Month

Physical Wellness Month

Tulip Month

World Habitat Awareness Month

1st- National Fun Day

5th- National Deep Dish Pizza Day

11th- National Pet Day

15th- World Art Day

21st- World Creativity & Innovation Day

22nd- Earth Day

26th- National Pretzel Day

27th- Administrative Professionals Day