

Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

Monthly Newsletter

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Please check out the Holiday Giving Tree in the lobby near the bridge entrance. Students and staff can take an ornament and replace it with needed items for our community.

The Holiday Giving Tree will be set up through December 13th. Thank you for your thoughtfulness for the holiday season.



Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving recess with your families. This year, I am particularly thankful for some of the many people at Oriskany that make our school a better place: first and foremost, our students, who show up ready to learn and give their best each day. Our students are kind, caring, and respectful towards adults and each other. Next, our faculty and staff, who work hard to ensure our students have the very best education possible and routinely go above and beyond the call of duty in providing guidance for our students. Last, but certainly not least, our parents/guardians, who have been tremendously supportive of our building initiatives, and patient with us as we navigate the COVID “new normal.”

November was another fun month with our students, highlighted by our National Honor Society induction event on November 4th, where we welcomed 17 new students into our local chapter of this prestigious group. On November 18th, science teacher Mrs. Mann, was honored by the Genesis Group as an outstanding educator in the Mohawk Valley. This month also began Winter Varsity Sports, and it is great to see so many students participating in these events resuming in a safe manner. As we look into December, we look forward to the Christmas in the Nettles event starting back up again, which will feature the contributions of Mrs. Smith and our art club. We are also excited to host our JSHS concert on December 16th, led by Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Gutowski.

As we continue into Marking Period 2, please know there is the 3:00-5:00pm academic enrichment program in our library that is available each day for any student who would like extra academic support. This is in addition to the usual 2:30-3:00pm period after school where students can make appointments with their teacher(s) for extra help.

As we approach “the most wonderful time of the year,” on behalf of the Oriskany JSHS, I wish you and yours a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ranieri





Did You Know...

December:

- 4th- National Cookie Day
- 6th- Mitten Tree Day
- 10th- Nobel Prize Day
- 11th- Gingerbread House Day
- 17th- Wright Brothers Day
- 21st- World Peace Day
- 26th- National Candy Cane Day
- 30th- Bacon Day



December...

- 7th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 11th- Mathletics @ Westmoreland
- 16th- Winter Concert
- 17th- TATF Blood Drive
- 21st- First Day of Winter
BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 20th- Winter Concert Snow Date
- 22nd- Progress Reports Mailed
- 23rd-31st- Winter Recess



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PIZZA

The 7th and 8th grade classes will be selling pizza after school all fall and winter for \$2.50 a slice.





THE VILLAGE OF ORISKANY'S *Christmas* IN THE PLACE OF NETTLES

Sunday, December 5, 2021 • PARADE STARTS AT 4:30 BONFIRE & FIREWORKS 7:00-7:30

Celebrate the Spirit of Christmas in the Village of Oriskany!

The evening will kick off with the Annual Ringing of the Bell at the old Waterbury Felt Mill, followed by the Parade of Firetrucks



Christmas MUSIC

Annual Reading of "The Night Before Christmas"

At the Library...

MORE FREE FUN!

HOLIDAY CRAFTS (with Oriskany Teachers Assn.) • POPCORN

Turn in your COMPLETED 'Elf Hunt' List at the library for a chance to win the ELF BASKET!

Food Drive

As we near the holidays with thoughts of large meals and family gatherings, it's a good time to think about those less fortunate who could use a little extra. This year at *Christmas in the Nettles*, we encourage our generous community to help feed those who are hungry and bring a non-perishable food item for donation. Bins for donations will be available at both the library and Firehouse. **Food Donations will support "Feed Our Yets"*

At the Fire house...

FREE FUN!

Wagon rides • Candy Guess
Basket Raffle (over 20 baskets!)
Cookies & Hot Chocolate • Meet SANTA

Available for purchase :
Hot Dogs, Chilli, Water, Soda
& Coffee



FIRE TRUCK PARADE BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

Visit all the local favorites along Utica Street!

Capri Pizza

**Stockdale's
BAR & GRILL**

**Rosie's
Oriskany
Diner**
315-768-1590





National Honor Society Induction 2021

On November 4th Oriskany CSD held its annual National Honor Society Induction to welcome and honor new members.



Oliva Balfe

Karsten Bates

Jessalyn Birt

Kaylee Burnop

Nicholas Cortese

David Cronauer

Rachel Daskiewich

Ryan Donohue

Emmanuela Gergi

Sydney Hight

Gabrielle Koenig

Mya Melvin

Jenna Palmiotto

Payton Smith

Juliet Tagliaferri

Jack Tamburino

Joshua Zyskowski



Oriskany Central School's First Marking Period Honor Roll 2021-2022

Highest Honor Roll: 94.5-100.0

- Grade 12:** Arianna Armstrong, Ashley Burnop, Alexander Burrows, Jordyn Carlo, Nicholas Cortese, Madeline Denison, Nicholas DeRiso, Emily Frank, Kaley Hamm, Kourtney Hines, Emily Kendall, Alexis Lasher, Tyler Macera, Morgan Manley, Emily Miller, Eric Noga, Ashley Reid, Janae Reid, Jason Reid, Avery Roberts, Isabella Romano, Ryan Shackett, Anna Zumbrun
- Grade 11:** Karsten Bates, Jessalyn Birt, Rachel Daskiewich, Ryan Donohue, Gabrielle Koenig, Jenna Palmiotto, Payton Smith, Juliet Tagliaferri, Jack Tamburino
- Grade 10:** Anthony Kernan, Megan Wright, Arnold Zumbrun
- Grade 9:** Kate Dellers, Brienne Eldred, Erika Reid, Jessica Zyskowski
- Grade 8:** Matthew Kernan, Braelyn Oehler, Edward Wright
- Grade 7:** Emma Combs, Danica Dame, Charles Golden, Lance Smith III, Holly VanPatten, Ashely Zyskowski

High Honor Roll: 89.50-94.49

- Grade 12:** Logan DiNitto, Alivia Franz, Emmanuela Gergi, Patrick Maher, Emily Moulton, Robert Richie, Ryan Seymour II, Lily Spears, Gianna Welker, Paris Welker, Sophia Zinicola, Ty Zizzi
- Grade 11:** Olivia Balfe, Kaylee Burnop, David Cronauer, Miranda Foss, Mya Melvin, Justin Rosinski, Magdalena Serrano, Jacob Usyk, Shawn Williamson, Joshua Zyskowski
- Grade 10:** Kaelyn Buehler, Kaelyn Fabbio, Gavin Howd, Lauren Kraus, Gannon Lisberg, Madelyn Race, Alivia Rizzo, Katie Saladin, Briannah Wishart
- Grade 9:** Jullian Jalowiec, Chase Koenig, Thomas Maher, Jeffrey Phillips Jr., Gianna Santucci, Jack Tagliaferri
- Grade 8:** Jessica Beckwith, Kamryn Eichhorn, Dawson Foss, Corinne Looney, Gabryella Manella, Jayson Mayo, Ishaal Mirza, Cameron Post, Kyle Saladin, Nicholas Swald, Elizabeth Wright, Ethan Zarnoch-Riley
- Grade 7:** Peyton Buehler, Kaylee Corey, Adilyn Jamieson-Rothdiener, Ryan Kilmartin, Tayton Kimball, Dean Koenig, Daniel Kosakowski Jr., Reilly O'Brien, Aiden Pysnik, Olivia Richard-LaShure, Alexis Roman, Carter Usyk

Honor Roll: 84.00-89.49

- Grade 12:** Zachary Combs, Briana D'Alba, Faith Doyle, Owen Dunderdale, Caleb Eldred, Kayden Measheaw, Alexis Pula, Hanna Wright
- Grade 11:** Jordyn Coleman, Dellon Hammers, Sydney Hight, Chloe Seamans, James Shamis, Jakob Van Etten
- Grade 10:** Skylar Albin, Jake Burrows, McKenzie Frank, Peyton Hemming, Anna Kasperovich, Daniel Kraus, Paige Mazur, Derek Rieben, Noah Sciorilli, Katelyn Shamis, Ryan Skinner, Kyla Zabek
- Grade 9:** Joseph Abbadessa, Guilianna Ameduri, Leah Denison, Nathan Domenico, Addison Fabbio, Sean Graziano, Nicholas Hays, Collin Hessler, Henry Inserra, Brian Terchowicz, Maggie Tylutki, David Zinicola Jr.
- Grade 8:** Jazmin Barnes, Jacob Bennett, Jamyson Kelly, Bryana Manella, Tyler Tamburino
- Grade 7:** Broderick Anderson, Colin Brough, Delilah Chase, Ryalee Cushman, Joseph Iacovissi, Wyatt Judycki, Darcie Klein, Matthew LoCash, Darian McGallian, Christopher Robinson, Danika Sykes, Kameron Zabek

Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Career and Technical Education HONOR ROLL

1st Marking Period 2021-2022

HIGH HONOR 90-100

Nicholas Cortese, Briana D'Alba, Madeline Denison, Caleb Eldred,
Dellon Hammers, Kayden Measheaw, Emily Miller, Emily Moulton,
Janae Reid, Robert Richie, Justin Rosinski, Ryan Seymour II,
James Shamis, Lily Spears, Paris Welker

HONOR ROLL 85-89

Olivia Balfe, Zachary Combs, Owen Dunderdale, Alexis Pula,
Chloe Seamans, Jakob Van Etten

HONORABLE MENTION 80-84

Julianna Jones





SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022
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
December, 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022





News From the Office of Counseling and Career Services...

Mohawk Valley Community College is excited to announce that they will be hosting their Open House on Friday, December 3rd from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Jorgensen Athletic and Events Center on their Utica Campus.

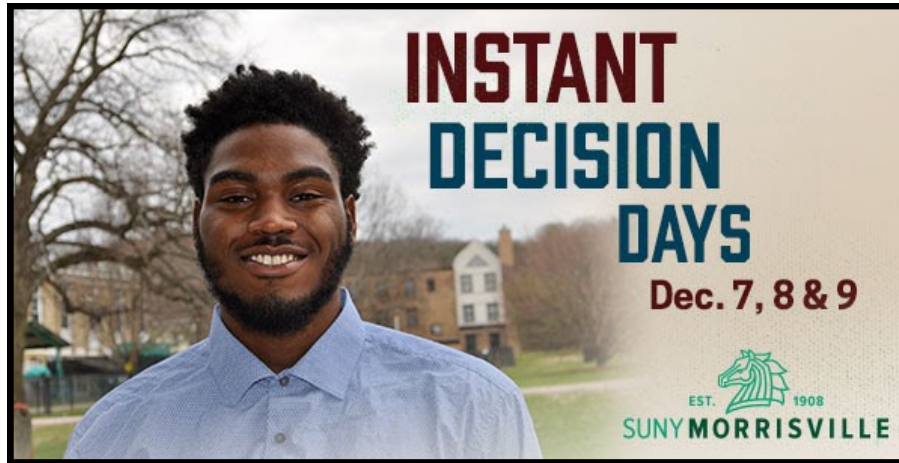
For more information please go to <https://admissions.mvcc.edu/register/dec21oh>.

They strongly encourage students to pre-register if they are planning to attend, however, same day registrations will be welcome.





News From the Office of Counseling and Career Services...



Are you ready to be a Mustang?

Many future Mustangs have **already submitted** their applications for Fall 2022. Be sure to **submit yours now** for review as soon as possible and be one step closer to scholarships! We have **more than \$1 Million in Scholarships** that we will award for First Year and Transfer students. For the earliest consideration for admission and for scholarships, **submit your application today!**

We are hosting **Instant Decision Days** on December 7th, 8th and 9th, and we can review your application and give you a decision on the spot! If you sign up for an Instant Decision Day appointment, we'll even **pay your application fee**. We can meet with you in person, or online, if you can't come to campus.

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Winter Concert



Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

Winter Concert

December 16, 2021

Starts at 7:00 PM



Student SPOTLIGHT



Megan Wright



This month's Student Spotlight is recognizing Megan Wright, a 15-year-old tenth grade high honors student at Oriskany Jr/Sr High School. She has been a member of Rise Performing Arts/ Dance 10 Studio for 13 years, where she has competed both at the regional and national levels in multiple styles of dance. Megan also participates in basketball, softball and school band. This is Megan's third performance of *The Nutcracker*. This year Megan will be performing the roles of Gig-gly Girl, Seraphim, Chinese Tea, Snow Corps, and Flower Corps.

Megan would like to thank her family and friends for all the love and support they have given her throughout the years. She would also like to thank her dance teachers for all their guidance in helping her become the dancer and person she is today. Megan would like to thank her parents for always being there for her and for being her taxi drivers to dance.

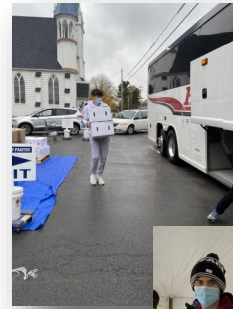


This Happened...



FBLA...

On November 15th, the FBLA members Patrick Maher, Mya Melvin, Karsten Bates, Tyler Macera, and Jack Tamburino displayed leadership and teamwork skills along with sincere acts of kindness as they helped the many wonderful volunteers at the Clark Mills Food Pantry distribute 45,000 lbs. of food to three local communities.



Mathletics Team News...



The Mathletics Team had another successful event on Thursday, November 18th. The team outscored all of the schools in their division and improved on their score from October. In the individual event, Ryan Donahue and Ryan Shackett recorded the highest scores. Our Oriskany team also excelled in the team event, earning a perfect score.



The November group was composed of the following problem solvers: Alex Burrows, Jordyn Carlo, Patrick Maher, Eric Noga, Jason Reid, Avery Roberts, Ryan Shackett, Ryan Donahue, Arnold Zumbrun, Sean Graziano, Erika Reid, and Thomas Maher.



Mrs. Dhara's English in Room 306

Our 8th graders have been learning about 1800's etiquette from Oscar Wilde's play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*. This is a silly play focused on comedy of situation. Check out their characters and the sets they created to perform sections from Act 1, Act 2 or Act 3 with their class groups.



Students had to create their characters and their sets according to "text evidence". What do you think? Did they capture 1800's Victorian England?



This Happened...



INTRAMURAL SPORTS



This year we are welcoming back our intramural program. All students here at the Jr. Sr. High School are encouraged to participate in this free after school activity program when it is offered. Mr. Meiss and Mrs. Pruckno held Volleyball Intramurals after school in November between Fall and Winter sport seasons for all students in grades 7-12. We had an outstanding number of students show up to play!

The intramural program runs from 2:45-4:15 and there is no commitment required as students can attend activities as they are able. Students will be notified when we will be offering more intramurals in the new year!



THE ART BUZZ

MYSTERY ARTIST OF THE MONTH- STUDENT

In addition to a Professional Artist Series of "The Mystery Artist of the Month", The Visual Arts Program at The Junior-Senior High School is excited to share the addition of a Student Artist Series. Similar to the Professional Artist Series, a student will have their artwork displayed each month. During the month-long exhibit, students, faculty and staff will view the student's creative masterpieces. Weekly hints will be given throughout the month as students, faculty and staff guess who the artist is.

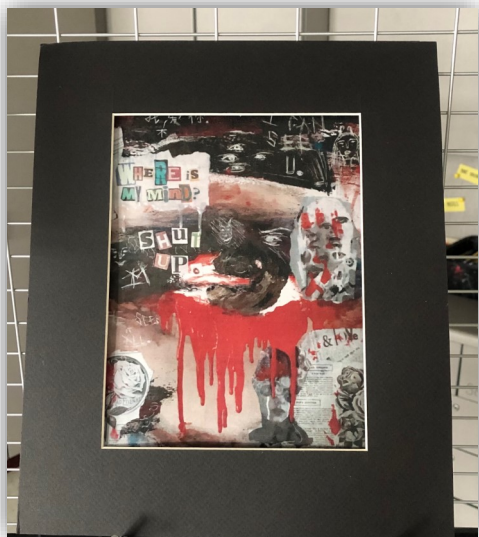
At the end of the month, the student will reveal themselves during a presentation to Miss Smith's art classes. They will discuss their artwork, creative processes, and inspirations, and answer any student or faculty questions. Please keep posted each month for the upcoming artists (both student and professional)!

Below is artwork created by November's Mystery Artist-Student Series! Can you guess who it was?



THE ART BUZZ

NOVEMBER'S MYSTERY ARTIST REVEALED STUDENT



Answer: Ishaal Mirza (Grade 8)

THE ART BUZZ

MYSTERY ARTIST OF THE MONTH- PROFESSIONAL

Below is artwork created by November's Mystery Artist-
Professional Series! Can you guess who it was?



Answer: BarBara Schooley (Retired Oriskany Art teacher)

Hello December



Bingo's Birthday Month

Car Donation Month

National Pear Month

Safe Toys & Gifts Month

Universal Human Rights Month

Worldwide Food Service Safety Month

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!