

# Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

## Newsletter

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### Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

Thank you for taking the time to view our latest building newsletter. I'm grateful to Mrs. Grinnell for her outstanding work on this, and it's hard to believe we're on to a new month already! Since I joined the team at the Jr./Sr. High School back in August, I have been continually impressed with all the many positive things our students and staff are doing on a daily basis. Going to school in Oriskany means being part of a long line of proud graduates from over the years. Not a day goes by that I do not hear of a parent or grandparent that once walked the halls of the Jr./Sr. High School or succeeded on the athletic fields. Usually this is accompanied by a laugh, a sigh, perhaps a tear or two, and memories flashing back all at once for the person who is telling me. When all our students participated in back to school student assemblies, I was sure to remind them of this important fact, and to always wear the Maroon and White with great pride.

Thank you for your flexibility as we continue to navigate the Covid-19 cases in schools. I thank Mrs. Stopera, our school nurse, for her assistance as we do our best to work hand-in-hand with the Oneida County Department of Health. We continue to employ universal mask wearing in school as well as set up lunches in a socially distanced manner. Our custodian Chris Kingwater and his team do an outstanding job keeping our school safe and clean at all times and deserve our thanks for the work he does day in, day out.

As I also reminded our students at their respective assemblies (partly because I had to - as a Yankees fan!), recent Cooperstown Hall of Fame inductee Derek Jeter did not make it to the Hall of Fame by sheer talent alone. He also had a "first person in, last person out" mentality. One picture shows Jeter sitting next to elder statesman Don Zimmer, Yankees bench coach, in order to pick Zimmer's brain on this topic or that. Jeter eagerly soaked in as much information as he could get on any piece of baseball information from those who knew more about the game than he did. The takeaway from this sports metaphor is that, oftentimes, those who work the hardest often seem to have the best luck! Our students know that they can always reach out to their teacher, counselor, or myself with any concern, but nothing replaces that sheer grit and determination that we seek to instill in all of our learners here in Oriskany.

By the time this newsletter reaches your hands, OCS Spirit Week here at the Jr./Sr. High School will have completed. Special thanks to teachers Amy Piersma and Erin Cortese, and Dave Buck, our new athletic director, for their combined efforts. It was incredible seeing students at their creative best participating in such events as "anything but a bookbag day," "dress as your favorite salad dressing," and "favorite sports jersey day." The week culminated with an all-student assembly to recognize and promote school spirit.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Proud to be your principal,

Mark Ranieri



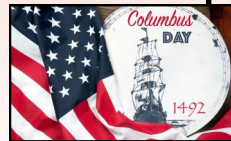
# October Happenings

## October:

- 1st- Yearbook Sale Begins
- 5th- BOE Meeting @7pm
- 8th- Superintendent Conference Day= No School
- 11th- Columbus Day= No School
- 12th- MVCA College Night
- 13th- PSAT
- 15th- Progress Reports Mailed
- 16th- Athletics @ Oriskany
- 18th- Modified Winter Sports Begin
- 19th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 22nd- TATF Blood Drive
- 31st- HALLOWEEN!!



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### Did You Know...

#### October

- 1st- International Music Day
- 4th- World Animal Day
- 6th- Mad Hatter Day
- 13th Silly Sayings Day
- 15th- National Cheese Curd Day
- 17th- National Pasta Day
- 20th- Unity Day
- 27th- Black Cat Day
- 29th- Frankenstein Friday
- 30th- National Candy Corn Day



# October Happenings



**ATTENTION!!!**

The 7th and 8th grade classes are having a Florida Indian River Groves fundraiser. The sale will end on October 12th. If you are interested in ordering please see a 7th or 8th grade student. You can also order online.

Thank you for your support!!



Carve out a new tradition.  
**Give Blood!**



American Red Cross

## Blood Drive

American Legion Post 1448

Banquet Room

7908 Route 69, Oriskany

Friday, October 22, 2021

11:00AM-4:30PM

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

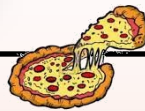
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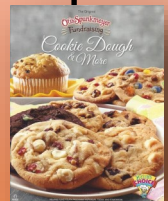
The 7th and 8th grade classes will be selling pizza after school all fall and winter for \$2 a slice.



## ATTENTION!!!

The junior class is having an Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough sale. The sale will be in effect through the second week of October. Please see a junior if you are interested in ordering. There are over 13 delicious cookie dough flavors and more.

Thank you for your support!!





# Counseling and Career Services News...



## JUNIORS take the PSAT/NMSQT

11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT), which will be administered on October 13, 2021. The benefits of taking the PSAT include the following:

1. It provides practice for taking the S.A.T., which most juniors will take for the first time in the Spring 2021.
2. Students can predict their S.A.T. scores from the PSAT/NMSQT scores. This information will be helpful this year as students explore colleges and consider the admission requirements of particular schools.
3. Students may choose to participate in a service that will forward their names to various colleges that are seeking students like them. Then they will receive information from these colleges.
4. Students are automatically entered in scholarship competitions by taking the PSAT/NMSQT.
5. Scores on the PSAT will indicate if students have the reading and math skills they need for college.

As stated earlier, the PSAT will help prepare for the SAT which the Juniors should take in the Spring. If you do not perform as well as you would have liked to in the Spring, you will have the opportunity to take the SAT over again in the Fall. Information regarding upcoming test dates can be found online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Students will also receive information in their English classes later in the year.



## Selective Service Registration

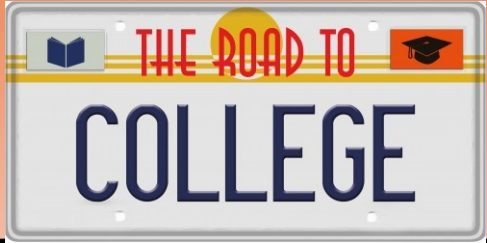
May I have your attention please!!! I have an important announcement for all 17 – and – 18 year-old males. If you are within 30 days of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, federal law requires you to register with Selective Service.

Registering with Selective Service allows you to receive federal student loans for college, participate in federal job training programs, and have the opportunity to work in the federal government. If you do not register with Selective Service, you will lose out on these things and more.

Registering with Selective Service is simple and easy. Registering with Selective Service within 30 days of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday is the law! Just fill out and return the registration card you receive in the mail or go to the post office down the street and fill out a form there. Even better, save a stamp. Save time. Register on-line. Use the internet to register at: [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).



# Counseling and Career Services News...



## College Night



The 44th annual Mohawk Counselor's Association College Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Utica College. It will be held inside the Todd and Jenn Hutton Sports and Recreation Center (aka the sports dome).

Students and families will need to wear masks.

There will be close to 60 colleges attending.

Students do not need to pre-register for the event.



Information can be found at [www.mvcany.org](http://www.mvcany.org).

College Night will be hosted by Rome Free Academy on October 13th at 6pm.



### Financial Aid Workshop

Monday, October 18th

6:30 PM

Alumni Auditorium



- October 1st- LeMoyne College @ 11am
- October 5th- SUNY Canton @ 12pm
- October 12th- Cazenovia @ 12pm
- October 14th- SUNY Brockport @ 11am  
Keuka College @ 1:30pm
- October 19th- University of Maine @ 11am
- November 1st- St. John Fisher College @ 11:45am

\*Updates will go out as more colleges schedule visits.



# Counseling and Career Services News...



## Saturday Fall Open Houses

October 23, 2021

and

November 13, 2021



At Morrisville, we hone our specialized skills through real-world experiences every day. Whether our students are climbing a wind turbine or rehabilitating a horse, they'll be prepared to make an impact in their fields from Day One.

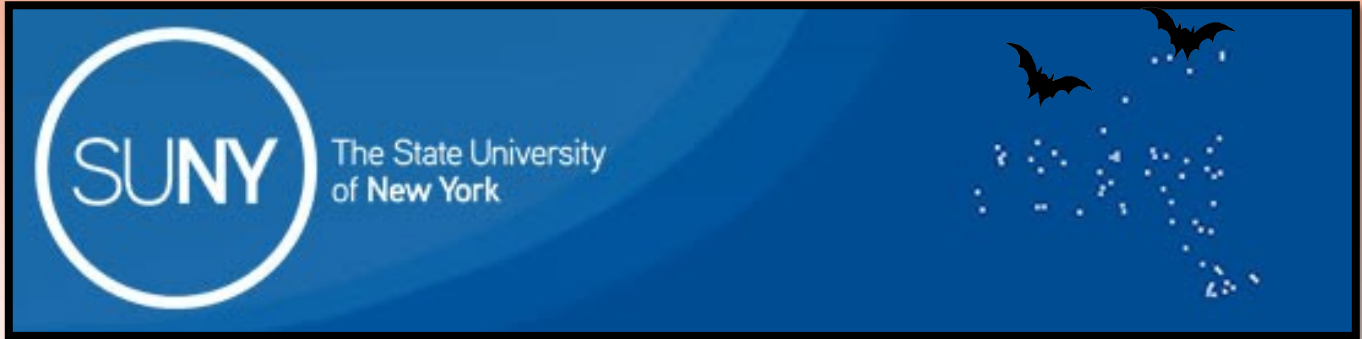
- Meet faculty members in your major
- Talk to current students
- Find out more about financial aid, scholarships and paying for college
- Tour the campus and its unique academic facilities
- Ask our admissions staff about the application process
- Visit with the Athletics Department staff

Register Online



# Counseling and Career Services News...

## Important information from SUNY...



We are writing to announce SUNY's decision to extend the current temporary suspension of SAT/ACT testing requirements for rising high school seniors intending to enroll at a SUNY bachelor's degree-granting campus for the 2022-2023 academic year. This extension applies through the fall 2022 and spring 2023 cycles.

SUNY will maintain its longstanding commitment to holistic review of applications that includes grades, program of study, exam scores, academic achievements, non-academic achievements, and other activities that allow for the evaluation of the potential success of a candidate for admission.

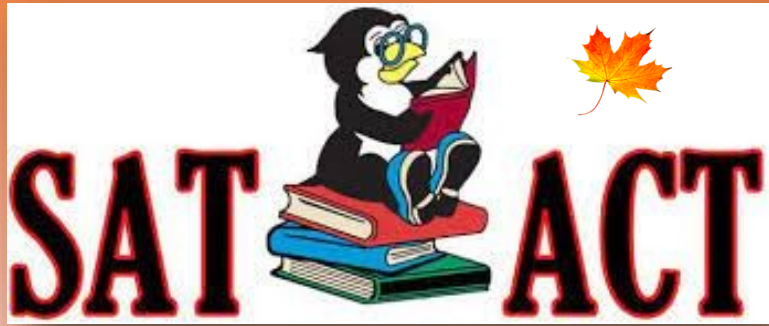
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.



Recruitment Response Center  
The State University of New York  
1.800.342.3811 or 518.320.1888







SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021
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
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021
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





# Student SPOTLIGHT

**Gabrielle Koenig,**  
aka, Gabrielle Eden



*Hello, let me introduce myself. My name is Gabrielle Eden. I am a teenage actress, singer, and writer (both story writing and songwriting). I have performed on stage and worked on music in Syracuse, New York. I am Broadway show tunes for concerts and at Utica College in my last year (Historically before the pandemic), and I am writing songs for my school newspaper (since the school was shut down). I also write for the Central NY Women's Editor magazine for "Teen Talk". I have many other "Red" if you want to do a guest list. I want to star in Broadway as "Christine Daae" from "The Phantom of the Opera".*

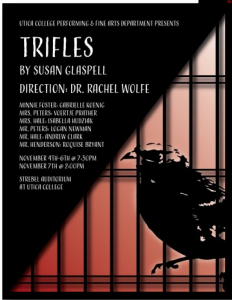
Today, I am here to talk about a day on the set, and the script reads like a teenage actor. First and foremost, when you land a job, you have to do a script read with the cast. I really enjoy doing a script read with the cast. I get to imagine what happens in the scene in my head and what I am doing, feeling, etc. Not only that, I get to meet new people and some old friends I have worked with before. We would sit at a table and get to know each other. When the script read starts, that is when the magic starts! When you are in a script read, you never know what is being changed or what remains. As an actor, you have to be flexible with the script. You can't get too comfortable with what it is once you get your first copy. I know I have had parts changed, and they can be pretty cool too. Once you meet everyone and do the script read, you go home to know that you made some new friends and know how to practice a little better before filming starts.

That's the big day (or days) is here: filming day! That is when the real magic begins. Once you write on the set, you can't help but realize how lucky you are to be there. You never know of the crew as they set up, and you have to wait in a small room until everything is ready. At that time, you have to change into your costume and have your make up done. I'm telling you, you'll be amazed how much different you look on camera than in real life. But as a teen actor or youngling, there are state requirements that the crew has to follow. So, unfortunately, I had to sit around a lot. I did a short film last year, and I sat around for at least five

to six hours. I became a little restless. But it was part of the job. When you're a child or teen actor, you have to bring stuff to do. I normally bring something to draw or write with. I am not big on using my phone unless I really need to. Reading the script too, you may want to practice lines and act out with your fellow actors or someone who is willing to help you out.

Now the moment you've been waiting for: the actual filming! When you film, you have to have a clear throat and mouth. Otherwise, no one can hear you. You have to feel the character, too, make a few notes to yourself or make a backstory for your character if he or she doesn't have one. Once you step onto the set and the camera is pointing at you, there is this rush of excitement and a tad nervousness that I know I feel. But just take a breath or two, and everything will be fine. Before you film, they will do a rehearsal take, and they will give you pointers on how they want you to do the scene. Mind you that you have to do the scene over and over again until the director is satisfied. But depending on who or what it is, filming times can be different. I recently did some filming, but because I know what I was doing, I did my filming in under an hour for my day. They make you do the scene over and over again until you are sick of it, but you have to keep that character in mind too. But once the filming is done for the day, you will have a wonderful feeling that you expressed yourself in a way no one could. After many days of filming, the director will say, "That's a wrap!" Once the filming for the movie is done, I know I feel excitement and sadness. I feel sad because I know that is something I can't do every day, so I try to make the most out of it. Mind you, editing takes a while, and once you see the film for the first time, you can't help but say: "Hey, I'm in a movie! I can't wait to tell this to my grandchildren!" And that is a day and the life of a teenage actress on set.

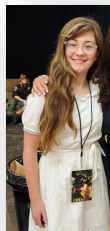
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for all of my writing, acting, and singing posts.



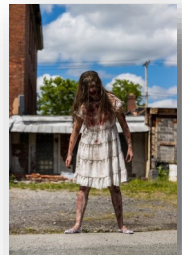
Gabrielle Koenig, a current junior at OCS, has been very busy. She recently got the lead role at Utica College for their play, *Trifles*. She is in a dual enrollment there while attending Oriskany CSD. Gabrielle was also honored as one of 2021-2022 Broadway Utica Youth Ambassadors for the Stanley Theatre. She was published in 3 magazines this year, one including, "Red Silk Carpet", which is connected with the Emmy awards.

This past summer was exciting for Gabrielle. She started in 2 films, *Bloodfly* and *Z Dead End* and worked with some Hollywood celebrities, Kane Hodder (Jason from Friday the 13th), Felissa Rose (Sleep Away Camp), and Robert LaSardo.

What would Gabrielle like to do in the future? She wants to attend an acting school in New York City and maybe be in *The Phantom of the Opera* as Christine Daae. Voice acting in cartoons, writing musicals and films and creating worlds of her own are on her list of goals. Currently, Gabrielle is writing a short film and writing songs for the film. She is a teenage actress, writer, and songwriter from a local area with big dreams that she plans on pursuing. She is thankful for everyone who supports her along this adventure.



Gabrielle with Robert LaSardo



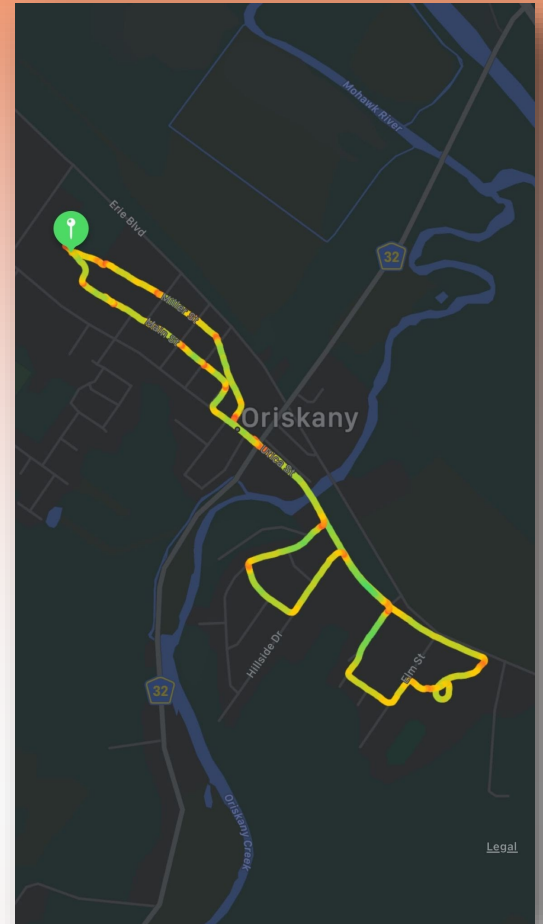
Gabrielle with Felissa Rose

# What's Happening at OCS???

## Physical Education

If you have spotted a row of bikes traveling around the village during school hours it is our PE Class! Mr. Meiss and Mrs. Pruckno started out the school year with a Bicycle Education unit. The students in grades 7-12 have been given an option to ride a bicycle during their physical education classes. Students are learning the proper bicycling skills and behaviors around traffic. We try to get down to the Elementary school to do the bus loop and make our way back to the Jr. Sr. High. The bike rides range from 2.5 to 4 miles! This photo is a map of one of our 5k (3.1 mile) rides.

As a result we are hoping our students will get more physical activity, have fun getting off school campus for a bit, be safer when bicycling, and be more likely to use bicycling as a form of activity and transportation for a lifetime!





# What's Happening at OCS???

Mrs. Dhara's English Classroom #306

For our first project in room #306, we decided to address the topic of bullying and the harm that comes from it because our first novels in both grades revolve around appropriate behaviors. Seventh graders will begin reading Jerry Spinelli's *Stargirl* and eighth graders will begin reading Oscar Wilde's play, "The Importance of Being Earnest".

Seventh and eighth graders spent one week working in groups to research and create anti-bullying campaign posters as a public service announcement. These were created to raise awareness about what bullying is and how many students are affected by it all over the world.

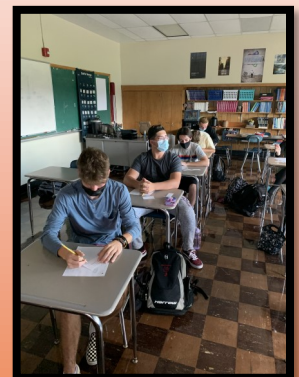
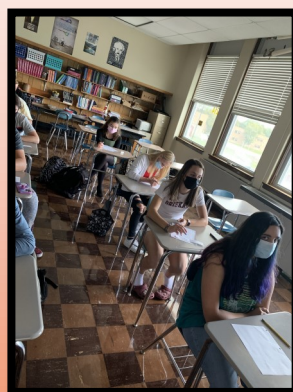
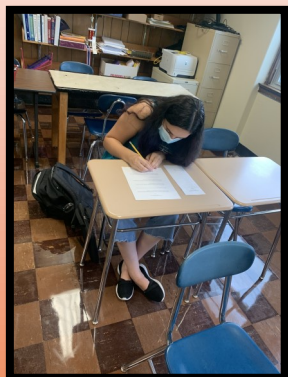
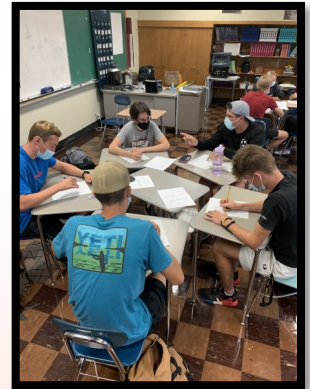
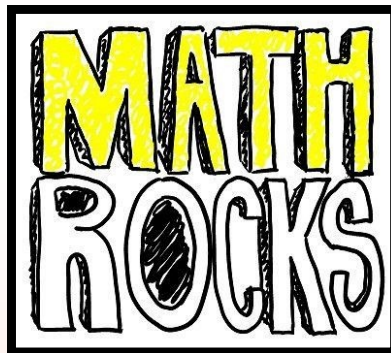
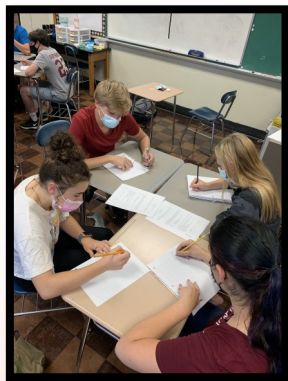
This social emotional learning project helps students talk about their own experiences and allows them to empathize with others who have been affected by bullying. The students created their campaigns after researching three facts they could use on their posters. They had to answer why we should promote kindness and persuade us with their words and creative choices. They also had to provide us with a solution to common bullying practices which could be as easy as simply introducing themselves to new people, or behaving like an upstander instead of a bystander if they should see something happen. Please take a look at their final versions. Thanks to all the 7th and 8th grade students for their hard work.



# What's Happening at OCS???

## Mathletics...

The Mathletics Team started off the year strong with a team of 9 participants. They competed in the individual event with Ryan Donahue recording the high score for the team. Ryan Shackett, Jordyn Carlo, and Jason Reid all tied for the second highest score. The team competition was a success for both teams representing Oriskany. In the relay challenge, the scoring team of Alex Burrows, Patrick Maher, Ryan Donahue, Jason Reid, and Eric Noga edged out the team of Avery Roberts, Alexis Lasher, Madeline Denison, and Jordyn Carlo, earning points for the Oriskany Team. The next meet is October 16th at home. The team is still accepting new members. Anyone interested should talk to their math teacher for the details.







## Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES

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### Dear Parent/Guardian,

The 2021-2022 school year is underway and all school meals continue to be FREE for all students regardless of income or application status. Meal service will vary from district to district; some meals are being offered through traditional service lines, others in classrooms or alternative locations, or in a grab and go manner.

Regardless of service method, all school meals are prepared by trained professionals who take great care in providing nutritious, well-balanced meals, including whole grains, lean proteins, and lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. Additionally, school nutrition professionals have extensive food safety training, make accommodations for students with food allergies, and have the skills and knowledge to ensure a safe and healthy experience for all.

As plans for returning to school come into focus, we at OHM BOCES want to assure parents, students, teachers, administrators, policymakers, and community members that our school nutrition professionals across our component school districts are well-equipped to incorporate additional health and safety procedures and to continue to provide high-quality service. We look forward to serving FREE, nutritious, safe and delicious meals for all students next year.

While meals are free regardless of whether or not this application is returned, you should consider applying for the following reasons:

- If confirmed your free or reduced-price benefit (based on the meal application you submitted this year) will carryover up to 30 operating days into SY2022-23.
- P-EBT Benefits: If extended, households may be eligible for Pandemic-EBT benefits.
- Fee Waivers: Student Free and Reduced-Price meal eligibility can be shared with other programs (with parental consent) for the purposes of fee waivers, scholarships and more.
- School Benefits: School districts receive State and local funding based on the number of students eligible for Free and Reduced-Price meals.

Please take a few minutes to complete this application, **and submit anytime after August 26** to: Your school building office or the OHM BOCES School Food Service Office, c/o Perry Jr. HS, 9499 Weston Rd. New Hartford, NY 13413. You can find out the status of your application by calling the OHM BOCES School Food Service office at 315-738-0848, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Kate Dorr, RDN, MBA**

*OHM BOCES School Food Services Director*

## Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **The Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Food Service Program** offers healthy meals every school day. **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IS FREE this year!** While all meals are free regardless of whether or not you return an application, your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals leading to other benefits such as reduced cable/internet fees, waived test fees, reduced or waived college application fees and others.

- 1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No, complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **OHM BOCES Food Service, 9499 Weston Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413, or your school district's main office.**
- 2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
- 3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children, including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
- 4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call 315-738-0848 to see if they qualify.
- 5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State who are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
- 6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call **315-738-0848** if you have questions.
- 7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participation in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a Free/Reduced Price Meal Application.
- 9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.
- 10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free or reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling 315-738-0848.
- 12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

- 14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1,000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- 16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- 17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

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## 2021-2022 Income Eligibility Guidelines For Free And Reduced Price Meals Or Free Milk

### REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,828	\$ 1,986	\$ 993	\$ 917	\$ 459
2	\$ 32,227	\$ 2,686	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,240	\$ 620
3	\$ 40,626	\$ 3,386	\$ 1,693	\$ 1,563	\$ 782
4	\$ 49,025	\$ 4,086	\$ 2,043	\$ 1,886	\$ 943
5	\$ 57,424	\$ 4,786	\$ 2,393	\$ 2,209	\$ 1,105
6	\$ 65,823	\$ 5,486	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,532	\$ 1,266
7	\$ 74,222	\$ 6,186	\$ 3,093	\$ 2,855	\$ 1,428
8	\$ 82,621	\$ 6,886	\$ 3,443	\$ 3,178	\$ 1,589
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,399	\$ 700	\$ 350	\$ 324	\$ 162

**HOWTO APPLY:** To get free or reduce price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANIF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income for each household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application for free and reduced priced benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

**REPORTING CHANGES:** The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

**INCOME EXCLUSIONS:** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

**REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:** Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability.

**MEAL SERVICE TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES:** Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess education progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

**REAPPLICATION:** You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at the time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,

**Kate Dorr, RDN, MBA**

*OHM BOCES School Food Services Director*

**Nondiscrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the **USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form**, (AD-3027) found online at <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-program-discrimination-complaint> and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## 2021-2022 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the Oriskany Central School District. Call 315-738-0848 if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School District	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE# \_\_\_\_\_ IF ELIGIBLE, **MUST** PROVIDE CASE OR FOOD STAMP **NUMBER**

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

**All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).**

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising that there is no income to report).

Name of household member <i>LIST <b>EVERYONE</b> EMPLOYED OR NOT</i>	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)   

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have SS# box" before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not have a SS#

### DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE — FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

**Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)**

Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Free Meals     Reduced Price Meals     Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Instructions

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to your school district.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

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## **PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.**

1. Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
2. List their grade and school.
3. Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

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## **PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.**

1. List a current SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR (Food Distribution Program or Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
2. An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

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## **PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.**

1. Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
2. Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.
3. Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
4. The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
5. An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

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**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

### **USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT**

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

### **DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS**

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1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## Free and Reduced Price Meal Application Fact Sheet

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

**SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number:** This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

**Foster Child:** A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical and therapeutic needs are **not** considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

**Household:** A group of related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

**Adult Family Members:** All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

**Financially Independent:** A person is financially independent and separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from each other.

**Current Gross Income:** Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household **before deductions**. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income - gross sales minus expenses only - not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

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If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact: 315-738-0848





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**National Caramel Month**

**National Popcorn Poppin' Month**

**National Roller Skating Month**

**Pizza Month**

**Positive Attitude Month**

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