

# Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

## Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

It's great that it is already April. There is more daylight in the day and hopefully we've had the last snowfall. Spring sports have already started. We are offering golf, baseball, softball and outdoor track and field. I look forward to seeing the community out at these athletic events as we support our student athletes. We are also making arrangements for our upcoming Jr./Sr. Prom, as well as our senior trip to Boston/Salem Massachusetts.

April also signifies the start of assessment season at the Jr./Sr. High. The 7th and 8th grade NYS English Language Arts Assessment will be administered on April 19th and 20th. The month of May brings the NYS Mathematics Assessment on May 2nd and 3rd, Advanced Placement Exams on May 3rd - May 11th, and the NYS Grade 8 Science Performance Assessment at the end of the month. June brings the NYS Grade 8 Science assessment on June 5th, NYS Regents Examinations and World Language Checkpoint A & B Examinations. We continue to offer the Academic Enrichment program for students to utilize (academic help) from 3-5 pm. This especially will be helpful with the school year starting to wind down in the upcoming months.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our students, staff and school! Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or positive school happenings.

ORISKANY PROUD

Sincerely,

Andrew K Kennedy  
Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School



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## Oriskany Central School Valedictorian and Salutatorians Announced!



### **Congratulations Ryan!**

Ryan Donohue, the son of Edward and Kimberly Donohue, has been named the Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2023 Valedictorian.

Ryan has received many accolades during his time at OCS, including the Rensselaer Polytechnic Medal, and the Clarkson University High School Leadership Award. Ryan's most noteworthy achievement was being named a National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student. Ryan has taken an extremely rigorous course load which included AP World History, AP English Literature, AP US History, AP Calculus, AP Physics, and nine MVCC dual enrollment classes.

Ryan is also involved in many extracurricular activities at OCS including; National Honor Society, President of the Technology Club, President of the Key Club and Class Treasurer. He has balanced his academics while also participating in the OCS athletic program. He has been on the Varsity Golf team throughout high school. He was recently named team captain for the 2022-2023 golf team. This year, he was also a player on the Varsity Basketball team.

Ryan has been accepted to several colleges and is currently deciding where he would like to further his academic career. He plans on majoring in Civil Engineering. Congratulations Ryan!

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### **Congratulations Arnold!**

Arnold Zumbrun, son of Arnold and Colleen Zumbrun, has been named the Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2023 Salutatorian.

Arnold has been the OCS nominee for the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal, and the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Science Award. Last year, Arnold doubled-up on his classes and completed his sophomore and junior year of high school simultaneously. This accelerated his high school graduation allowing him to graduate high school in three years. This year, he participated in the MVCC College Connections program where he is taking computer science related courses. In June, Arnold will have completed over 40 credits through the MVCC College Connections program and dual-enrollment

courses offered at OCS.

Arnold is an excellent student and an active member of his community. Throughout high school, he has been a member of Technology Club, Science Club, National Honor Society, Mathletics, and Student Council. He also held the position of 10<sup>th</sup> grade class president. Additionally, Arnold is an active member of St. Peter's parish in Rome.

After high school, Arnold hopes to attend SUNY Binghamton's computer science program, but he is also considering attending SUNY Polytechnic Institute or SUNY Buffalo. He plans to use his degree in Computer Science to be a software engineer with a focus in artificial intelligence. Congratulations Arnold!

# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## April:

1st-	April Fool's Day
4th-	BOE Meeting @ 7pm
6th-	End of 3rd Marking Period
7th-14th	Spring Recess
21st-	Report Cards Go Home
19th-21st	Grades 3-8 NYS ELATest
25th-	BOE Meeting @ 7pm
28th-	Arbor Day



**Please support the Class of 2024**

### **Flower Basket Sale**

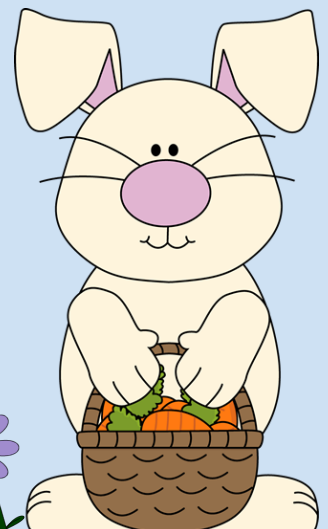
Vouchers for hanging flower baskets will be available for purchase

**4/1/2023-5/8/2023**

Vouchers will be redeemable at **River Road Greenhouse** during

**May 2023**

**Vouchers make a great Mother's Day Gift!!!**





**Play your part. Donate blood.**



**American Red Cross**

**Oriskany High School**  
1312 Utica St, Oriskany NY  
Alumni Auditorium

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

**10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Save lives and help students earn scholarships.**  
For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) OR  
Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

**The need is constant. The gratification is instant.**

**Give blood.**

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THE JUNIOR CLASS OF  
ORISKANY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# Starry Night

Junior/Senior Prom  
May 13, 2023  
Delta Lake Inn.  
Rome, NY

7:00 pm-11:00 pm



# COLLEGE NIGHT at SUNY Oswego



**Deborah F. Stanley Arena & Convocation Hall, Marano Campus Center**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023 6:30-8:00pm**

- 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](http://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...

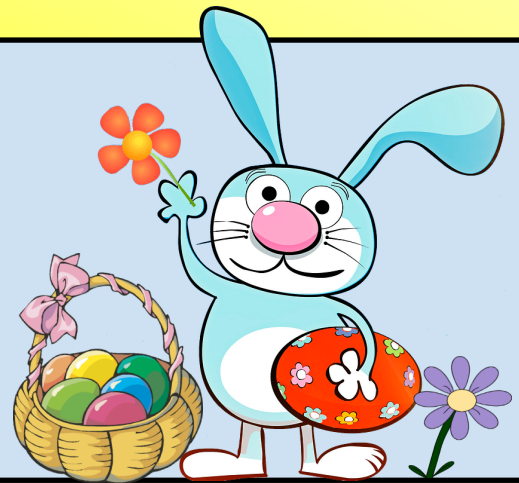
## Attention Seniors/Parents:

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 couple 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.

HAVE YOU  
COMPLETED  
THE FAFSA?

*Don't  
wait!*



## 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.

~Ms. Vaughn

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**APPLY FOR  
SCHOLARSHIPS**



# 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 2022 tax return and W2s. ("Parent" is the custodial parent for the previous 12 months.)
- Student's 2022 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 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	April 7, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023



**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.
- Begin preparing for the actual application process: draft application essays; collect writing samples; and assemble portfolios or audition tapes. If you are an athlete and plan on playing in college, contact the coaches at the schools to which you are applying and ask about intercollegiate and intramural sports programs and athletic scholarships.
- Complete the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse form if you hope to play Division I or II sports. (This form cannot be mailed until you finish your sixth semester of high school.)





# This Happened...

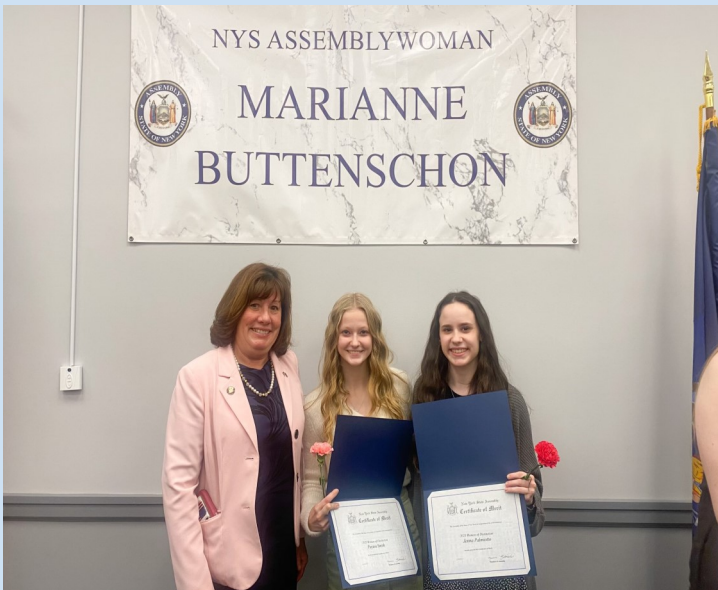
Junior Madelyn Race through the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Interactive Video Courses (IVC) program, recently received honorable mentions in the Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools (CLASS) National Essay Contest. For the high school 2022 essay contest, students were asked to describe something they love about their life, something going on in the world that they don't like and something that they wish were different. The competition aims to promote the study of the Chinese language and culture among students in the United States and to foster greater cross-cultural understanding.



Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, D-119, Marcy, held her annual Women of Distinction awards ceremony on Friday, March 24, 2023 at the State Office Building.

In honor of Women's History Month, Buttenschon once again hosted the Women of Distinction Awards to recognize women in the Mohawk Valley who effect positive change and go above and beyond to support their communities. This year, Buttenschon expanded the awards to two young women in each high school throughout the area that meet the criteria for the Women of Distinction award.

Payton Smith and Jenna Palmiotto were selected and nominated to represent the Oriskany Central School District at the Women of Distinction event.



# This Happened...

Four music students represented Oriskany at the Oneida County Music Educators Association (OCMEA) Junior High All County Music Festival held at Clinton CSD on March 17 & 18. 9th graders Jessica Beckwith and Wilbur Wright, and 8th graders Olivia Lloyd and Darien McGallian joined over 200 of the best musicians in 7th, 8th, & 9th grade from across Oneida County to work with guest conductors in the festival band, chorus, and orchestra. The students auditioned in January and then spent the next two months working with choir director Mrs. Gutowski to learn the festival music. At the festival, the chorus worked with award-winning Rochester-based guest conductor Mrs. Carrie Zugelder to polish the music and prepare it for performance. All of the students enjoyed making connections with other musicians from around the county and performing with a larger chorus. They are looking forward to continuing their growth as musicians and participating in other opportunities that are available through the Oriskany music department, OCMEA, and NYSSMA.



Some of the most requested items in homeless shelters are socks. Between walking to medical appointments, work opportunities, and searching for food banks, the average homeless person puts a lot of wear and tear on their socks and shoes. Keeping their feet warm and dry is difficult, especially with weather that can be extreme. Clean, dry socks are the best way to prevent skin infections, nail diseases, and frostbite. That is why the National Honor Society decided to collect socks and donate them to our local Rescue Mission. From February 27-March 3, the National Honor Society collected new socks to donate. The NHS members collected over 100 pairs of socks to donate to the homeless .



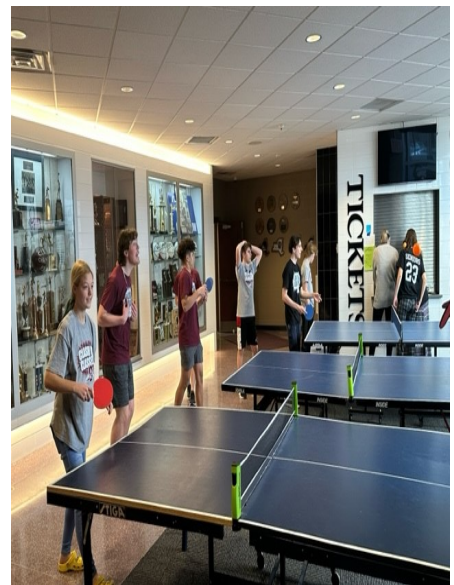


# CLASH

## Of The Classes



During the week of March 6-10, students participated in the annual Clash of Classes. This week-long competition puts students against each other in activities such as a Bake Off, Mario Kart, Spoons, along with sports like ping-pong, ultimate football, and more. With points being awarded to first, second, and third place finishers, total grade level points are added up at the end of the week. The winning class earned bragging rights along with their graduating year inscribed on a plaque displayed in the school. After a back and forth long couple of days with each class taking home multiple first place finishes, it was the senior class that reigned supreme finishing with 3,150 points. The Juniors came in second with 2,350, followed by the Sophomores with 2,300.







# CLASH

Of The Classes



Seniors



Sophomore



JUNIOR



Seniors

# CLASH Of The Classes



Sophomore



JUNIOR







# CLASH

Of The Classes







## Faculty Basketball

It was a standing room only crowd at the Faculty Basketball Game, where the High School Staff took on the Elementary Staff! It was a well played game by both teams, with the High School coming out on top! A great time was had by all, filled with laughter and maybe a few tears. Thank you to Mr. Murphy for organizing this awesome event, & thank you to all the families , staff and students who came out to support the teams!





















Spring Break Activities

**Pajama Day**

**Adventure Day**

**Plant a Spring Garden**

**Volunteer Day**

**Have a Picnic**

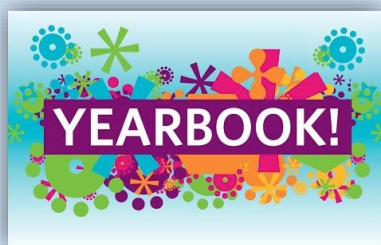
**Have a Spa Night**

**BBQ**

**Pizza Party**

**Local Sights Day**

**Clean Your Room**



Online yearbook sales are closed.

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



# 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**