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Groundhog Day

Thursday, February 2nd



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students and Families,

Monday, January 30th marked the start of the second semester and third marking period at the Jr./Sr. High. This means we are officially more than halfway through the 2022-2023 school year. I am very proud of all the hard work our students have put forth this first semester, and I am hoping for a continuation of this success in the spring. Just a reminder, report cards are being mailed home February 3rd. If you have any questions about your student's grades, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Our winter sports teams are having successful seasons. It has been great seeing our student athletes compete on the hardwood, track and ice these past two months. It is also great seeing our modified girls and boys basketball teams starting to compete recently. Varsity spring sports registration begins February 13th, with the season starting March 3rd.

On March 3rd and 4th, please come out and support our students performing in this year's musical Alice @ Wonderland. The performances will take place Friday, March 3rd at 7 PM, and Saturday, March 4th, at 2 PM and 7 PM. Our students have been working extremely hard to put on this performance for our community. More information can be found on the district website.

Please remember that students will be on Mid-Winter Recess from February 20th-24th. After break our counselors will continue meeting with students individually to plan out their courses for the 2023-2024 school year. After meeting with students they will receive a course selection sheet to bring home. If you have any questions regarding their course selection sheet or would like to be a part of the meeting to create your child's schedule, please contact the Office of Counseling and Career Services at (315) 768-2065. The Course Description Guide, which highlights all of the courses that we offer for grades 9 through 12, can be found on the district website.

ORISKANY PROUD
Sincerely,

Andrew K Kennedy
Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School Principal



FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS



Ski and Snowboard Club

February...

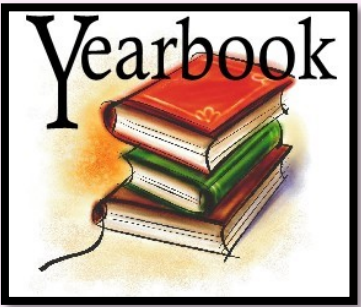
3rd, 10th, and 17th

March...

3rd and 10th



- February...
- 3rd- Report Cards Go Home
 - 4th- Athletics
 - 7th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
 - 14th- Valentine's Day
 - 18th- Dismissal @ 12:15pm
 - 20th- President's Day
 - 20-24th- Mid-Winter Recess
 - 28th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm



You can still order a yearbook, without personalization.
Just go to jostensyearbooks.com.

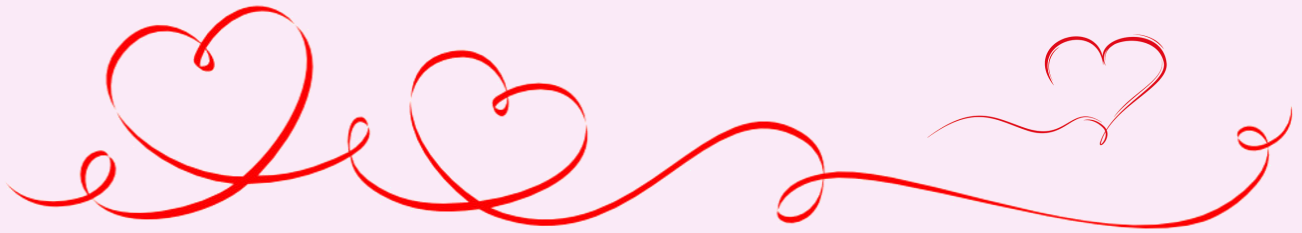


Sophomore Class 2025 will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts 2/27/23-3/7/23.

\$12 dozen, \$10 half dozen of specialty ones

Thank you for your support!!





Principal Donates to Wigs for Kids



Some of you might have noticed that Mr. Kennedy got a haircut over break. He & his father have been growing their hair out for over two years now. Mr. Kennedy grew his hair out back in college and donated 13 inches his senior year.



A student at Mr. Kennedy's previous district encouraged him to grow his hair out again and this time donate to Wigs for Kids. Wigs for Kids is a charitable organization and has "touched close to 10,000 Hearts (recipients and their families) over its 40 years". They also do not make recipients pay for their wigs. Last week both Mr. Kennedy & his father donated.



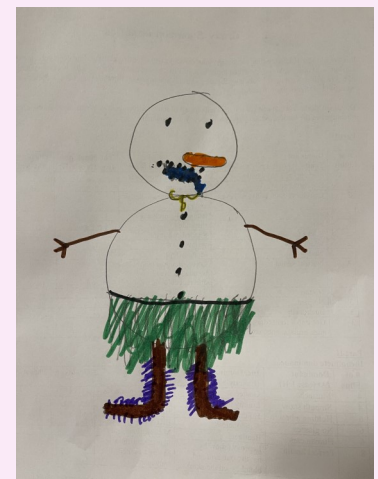
This Happened...

Anatomy & physiology students made anatomically correct ugly sweaters to review body systems



Forensic students analyzed blood splatter from different height, angles, & surfaces with the assistance of Officer Szmurlo.

Living Environment students constructed snowmen using genetics to celebrate the holiday break.



This Happened...

This month the Positivity Project focused their attention on the topic of Fairness. With the help of our Physical Education teachers the members of the Positivity Project wanted to incorporate teaching what it means to play fair within their physical education classes. Each class, the teacher broke the students up into two teams. One team was given one set of rules to follow, while the other team was given rules that would provide them an advantage. After they played for a bit, a discussion was given about what it means to play fair and how they felt when things didn't seem to be fair. The goal of this exercise was to help students to understand the importance of following rules and to be more self aware of treating each other with fairness.



This Happened...

Chinese
Mandarin
2B
Class



The students of the Chinese Mandarin Class made Chinese New Year Lanterns. Pictured is Gavin Franz, Thomas Maher, Brienne Eldred, Maggie Tylutki, & Kate Dellers



Calligraphy Practice

Students from Chinese 4 & Chinese 2B practiced calligraphy in class. Pictured is Mya Melvin & Aolani Roberts, Maggie Tylutki, Kate Dellers,

Brienne Eldred
& Gavin Franz



This Happened...

7th Grade Home & Careers Class created their own Food Trucks complete with Menus. Staff & students were given “cash” to vote for their favorites. The truck with the most cash at the end of the day was the winner!



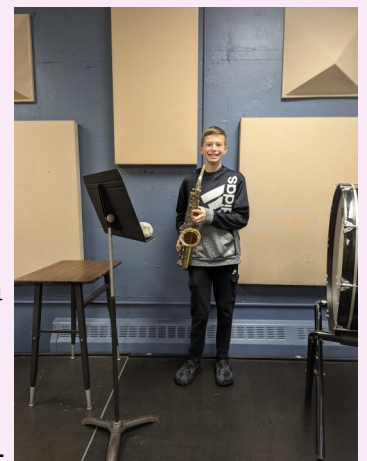
Congratulations to Troy Gu for being the winner of the 3rd annual Home and Careers Food Truck Wars. Troy's truck was the Poultry Palace. All the 7th graders worked hard and created amazing trucks for the competition!!

This Happened...

The AP Biology class completed a lab on cell communication. For this lab they tasted different foods (sugar, broccoli, salt, sauce, and lemons), with their normal taste buds. They then retasted the foods after washing their mouth with an herbal tea. This tea disrupts the cell communication and alters the taste buds. For example, sugar and sugar products can no longer be tasted after consumption. This tea is sometimes used by diabetics for this exact reason. Students completed the lab and then had a discussion on why exactly this disruption occurs, based on information obtained in this unit. They did confirm that the tea did not make the broccoli taste any better!



After weeks of preparation 6 students from the music department traveled to Clinton on January 11th to audition for the OCMEA Jr. High All County Festival. Jr. High All County is an opportunity offered to 7th-9th grade Band and Chorus students and if they are accepted into one of the ensembles they will have the chance to sing and play in a large group of talented students from across Oneida county. While we eagerly await their results we would like to congratulate Wilbur Wright, Darien McGallian, Lilliana Ciotti, Olivia Lloyd, Jessica Beckwith and Brody Anderson for all of their hard work.





SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
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





Winter Break Activities...



WINTER HIKING



Snowball Fight!!



Walk Your Dog



Go Ice Skating



Go To The Library



Visit A Museum



Family Bake/Cook Day



Relax and Recharge

National Honor Society



National Honor Society will be collecting new socks to donate to the Rescue Mission. The Sock Drive will run from 2/27/23-3/3/23.



They will kick off their Drive with Crazy Sock Day on 2/27/23



The Oriskany Central School
Drama Club Proudly Presents



Alice@
Wonderland
The Musical

Book by Jonathan Yukich
Music by Bill Francoeur • Lyrics by Scott DeTurk
with additional lyrics by Bill Francoeur



March 3, 2023 7:00pm

March 4, 2023 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Tickets \$5.00

Concessions Available



Oriskany Central School District

Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration

March 20th 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: N.A. Walbran Elementary School

Children must reside in the Oriskany school district and be 4 or 5 years of age by December 1, 2023.

Registration packets are available at N.A. Walbran Elementary or Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School, or can be printed from the district website, www.oriskanycsd.org.

Parents of current pre-k students do not need to attend registration.

Please be sure to bring the following:

Proof of Identity (Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, etc.)

Proof of Residency (Mortgage Statement, Utility Bill, Tax Documents, etc.)

Immunization Record

Current Physical

Questions? Contact Ms. Vaughn: 315-768-2065 or tvaughn@oriskanycsd.org.



EXPLORE CAREERS

IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY



5-8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 21
Jorgensen Center
Field House,
MVCC Utica Campus

Students and parents are invited to talk to industry leaders and MVCC faculty to learn about the variety of lucrative and stable careers available right here in the Mohawk Valley and what you can do to get started.

Local industry leaders from:

- STEM
- Information Technology
- Business
- Hospitality
- Government
- Public Safety
- Human Services
- Health
- Arts
- Communications



**Employers
will be added
soon! Please
check back.**



**For more information, contact the MVCC
Career Development Center:**

315-731-5847
careerdevelopment@mvcc.edu
mvcc.edu/exploring-careers

Spring into life.

Give blood.



Oriskany Jr/Sr High School

March 24, 2023

11:00AM-3:00PM

Alumni Auditorium

1312 Utica St.

Oriskany, Ny 13424

Each Donation helps saves lives and earns scholarships for students

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

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

Student SPOTLIGHT

Oriskany Alumni Association Student of the Month...



Jackson Bell

Jackson was selected by the Oriskany CSD staff as the November Student of the Month. Jackson is a sophomore. He has been a long standing member of Band performing with Percussion. He is also a member of the Book Club.

His love for music has led him to hopes of pursuing a career in Music either right here close to home at MVCC or traveling to NYC. He also has an interest in Culinary Arts.

Jackson is a very kind & respectful student, who is always helping others.

Congratulations Jackson!

Jayson Mayo

Jayson was selected as the December Student of the Month. Jayson is a Freshman this year and has participated in Football, Basketball, & Baseball. He is also the Vice President of his 2026 class.

Jayson hopes to attend Utica University when he graduates, & is thinking about studying Culinary Arts or Mechanical Engineering.

Jayson is a conscientious, hardworking student who strives to succeed!

Congratulations Jayson!



February Is...

Bake For Family Fun Month

Great American Pies Month

Library Lovers Month

National Snack Food Month

Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month

Sweet Potato Month

Youth Leadership Month

Did You Know...

February

3rd- National Sweater Day

5th- National Have Ice Cream for Breakfast Day

9th- National Pizza Day

13th- World Radio Day

23rd- Tootsie Roll Day

27th- National Retro Day