



Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

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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 19th. Thank you for your thoughtfulness for the holiday season.



Principal's Message



Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break with their families. November was terrific at the Jr./Sr. High. On November 3rd, the National Honor Society inducted 11 new students into our local chapter. The Positivity Project sold green paper light bulbs for a donation of twenty-five cents each in honor of Veteran's Day. Two hundred and twenty one light bulbs were sold to show their support for our veterans. All of the funds raised were donated to the Veterans Outreach Center in Utica. I also had the privilege of attending the Student of the Month dinner hosted by the Optimist Club of Whitestown on November 16th. Payton Smith, David Cronaue, and Juliet Tagliaferri were three seniors that were honored at the dinner.

I also want to congratulate the Oriskany/Westmo Cheer team on being crowned the Section III Class D Champs. Jenna Palmiotto was named as a Section III All Star. Winter Varsity & JV Sports began Monday, November 14th. Modified registration will start December 3rd and the first practice for modified athletes will be January 3rd. I look forward to watching our student athletes compete on the hardwood, ice and on the track.

In December we are excited to host our Jr./Sr. High School concert on December 13th from 7:00-8:00 PM. Also in December, I look forward to attending Christmas in the Nettles on December 4th. We will have several clubs and students volunteering at this wonderful community event. I am excited to bring my family and meet more members of our great community.

Lastly, as we begin the second marking period, I am pleased to say that the Academic Enrichment program is back every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-5:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for all of our students to receive extra academic support from certified teachers. This is in addition to the usual 2:30-3:00 PM period after school where students can stay after with teachers for extra help. Thank you as always for being so supportive of our students. May you enjoy this holiday season with your family and friends.

ORISKANY PROUD

Sincerely,

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





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...

- 6th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 10th- Athletics @ Canastota
- 13th- Winter Concert @7pm
- 20th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- Winter Concert Snow Date
- 21st- First Day of Winter
- 23nd- 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 winter for \$2.50 a slice.



Wreath & Poinsettia Pick Up

From Ski & Snowboard Club Fundraiser

Now until December 15th

@ River Road Farm and Greenhouse



CHRISTMAS IN THE NETTLES

2022



Christmas in the Nettles will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. The event will kick off with a parade and conclude with fireworks. Music, cookies, cocoa, and a basket raffle will be hosted at the fire house. Anyone willing to make cookies, please deliver them to the firehouse on the afternoon of Dec. 4. If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle, please deliver to the village office the week leading up to the event.





National Honor Society Induction 2022



On November 3rd Oriskany CSD held its annual National Honor Society Induction to welcome and honor new members.



Kaelyn Buehler

Gavin Howd



Anna Kasperovich

Anthony Kernan



Gannon Lisberg

Madelyn Race



Alivia Rizzo

Katie Saladin



Briannah Wishart

Megan Wright



Arnold Zumbrun





Oriskany Central School's First Marking Period Honor Roll 2022-2023

Highest Honor Roll: 94.5-100.0

- Grade 12: Olivia Balfe, Karsten Bates, Jessalyn Birt, Kaylee Burnop, David Cronauer, Rachel Daskiewich, Ryan Donohue, Sydney Hight, Gabrielle Koenig, Mya Melvin, Jenna Palmiotto, Payton Smith, Juliet Tagliaferri, Jack Tamburino, Jacob Usyk, Arnold Zumbun, Joshua Zyskowski
- Grade 11: Anna Kasperovich, Gannon Lisberg, Madelyn Race, Alivia Rizzo, Katie Saladin, Noah Sciorilli, Briannah Wishart, Megan Wright
- Grade 10: Kate Dellers, Brienne Eldred, Erika Reid
- Grade 9: Ishaal Mirza, Braelyn Oehler, Edward Wright
- Grade 8: Ashley Zyskowski
- Grade 7: Lilliana Ciotti, Nicholas Citriniti, Audrina Gulisano, Nathan Gulisano, Troy Gu, Collin Opperman, Landon Volz

High Honor Roll: 89.50-94.49

- Grade 12: Julianna Jones
- Grade 11: Skylar Albin, Kaelyn Buehler, Jake Burrows, Kaelyn Fabbio, Gavin Howd, Anthony Kernan, Daniel Kraus, Lauren Kraus, Noah Napolis
- Grade 10: Leah Denison, Addison Fabbio, Sean Graziano, Jullian Jalowiec, Addison Judycki, Chase Koenig, Thomas Maher, Jeffrey Phillips Jr., Gianna Santucci, Jack Tagliaferri, Brian Terchowicz, Jessica Zyskowski
- Grade 9: Jessica Beckwith, Corinne Looney,
- Grade 8: Broderick Anderson, Kaylee Corey, Danica Dame, Charles Golden, Darcie Klein, Matthew LoCash, Aiden Pysnik, Olivia Richard-LaShure, Alexis Roman, Brynne Russum, Lance Smith III, Danika Sykes, Carter Usyk, Holly VanPatten
- Grade 7: Robert Duff Jr., Kirill Kasperovich, Arianna Kernan, Nicholas Koenig, Chase Larson, Kaelyn Mayo, Donte Wolcott, KhaiLee Worn

Honor Roll: 84.00-89.49

- Grade 12: Jordyn Coleman, Miranda Foss, Aolani Roberts, Justin Rosinski, Chloe Seamans, Shawn Williamson
- Grade 11: Javante Brill-Rollins, Wyatt Carter, McKenzie Frank, Peyton Hemming, Jayden Luton, Brooke Matys, Matthew Matys, Paige Mazur, Derek Rieben, Katelyn Shamis, Alexandria Wlock, Kyla Zabek
- Grade 10: Nathan Domenico, Gavin Franz, Nicholas Hays, Henry Inserra, Angelina Occhipinti, Angelo Soullas, Maggie Tylutki, David Zinicola Jr.
- Grade 9: Jazmin Barnes, Alexia Birt, Matthew Kernan, Cameron Post, Audrina Snogles, Nicholas Swald, Tyler Tamburino, Elizabeth Wright
- Grade 8: Peyton Buehler, Seth Carneal, Delilah Chase, Adilyn Jamieson-Rothdiener, Ryan Kilmartin, Tayton Kimball, Daniel Kosakowski Jr., Darian McGallian, Vincent Paiz, Brent Tinney
- Grade 7: Ashlynn Andrews, Jewels Bewick, Gianna Detrick, Mckenzie Kronafel, Madeline Powers, Lukas Russum, Mia Shwamle, Isabella Smith, Jayden Twang



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

1st Marking Period 2022-2023

HIGH HONOR 90-100

Skylar Albin, Wyatt Carter, Sydney Hight, Julianna Jones, Daniel Kraus, Lauren Kraus, Ryan Mayo, Mya Melvin, Juliet Tagliaferri, Alexandria Wlock

HONOR ROLL 85-89

Matthew Matys, Justin Rosinski, Christopher Sebastian,
James Shamis, Jake Spears

HONORABLE MENTION 80-84

Ryan Skinner, Jakob Van Etten





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





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

10TH GRADE

GROUP BUSINESS TOURS



On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 10th grade students had the opportunity to tour different local businesses. The students were divided into 6 career clusters. Each student was assigned into one of the career clusters based on a survey that they completed in English class. Students visited the following businesses; The Grand - Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, Kiss FM, New Hartford Animal Hospital, Danfoss Silicon Power (Electronics manufacturer in Marcy, NY), Oneida County Courthouse, Gaetano Construction (Obleston Apartments worksite). The School and Business Alliance (SABA) worked with the Office of Counseling and Career Services to provide this opportunity to our students.

** Due to Confidentiality or Copyright legalities only a few pictures could be taken at several of the locations





KISS FM

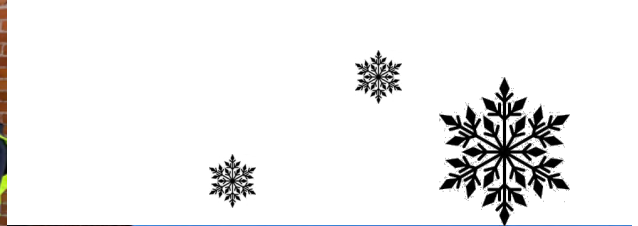


NH ANIMAL HOSPITAL





GAETANO CONSTRUCTION



ONEIDA COUNTY COURT





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



On Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School had a job shadowing event. Approximately 25 students from the Senior Class were provided a job shadowing experience. Students were placed with over 20 business place employers across the Mohawk Valley. Students visited some of the following locations; Griffiss Institute, Department of Transportation, Air Force Research Lab, Oneida County Sheriffs, Mohawk Valley Design, Riverhawk Company, Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute, Pavia Real Estate, Rome City Police Department, Utica Football Club, and Rome Health. A job shadowing experience is literally spending time “in the shadow” of a person performing his or her job functions. It’s typically a day-long workplace visit with an individual working in a position, career or industry of interest to you. The OHM BO-CES - School and Business Alliance (SABA) worked with the Office of Counseling and Career Services and the Oriskany Transportation Department to provide this opportunity for our students.





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



Level Up Your Math & Reading Writing Scores!

Get extensive math explanations and problem-solving skills to help prepare for the math portion of the SAT. Sharpen your reading and writing skills for the SAT. Using sample tests, you will get intensive practice for the SAT. There will be an in-depth emphasis on successful test-taking strategies, as well as use of sample tests. Bring pencils & a scientific graphing calculator.

Enroll Today!!! Classes are November 28- December 1

on MVCC Utica Campus

Call 315-792-5300



Winter Concert



Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

Winter Concert

December 13, 2022

Starts at 7:00 PM



Student SPOTLIGHT

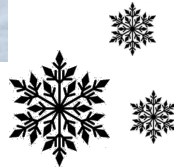
Oriskany Alumni Association Student of the Month...



Jack Tamburino



Jack was selected by the Oriskany CSD staff as the September Student of the Month. Jack is a senior and will graduate this June. He has participated in numerous clubs and sports throughout his years at Oriskany. More specifically, he played Basketball, Baseball & he was captain of the soccer team. He is a member of National Honor Society, as well as Student Council & Tech Club. He is a Senior Class Officer. Jack is an exemplary student who always tries hard & is always eager to help others. Congratulations Jack!



Madelyn Race

Madelyn was selected as the October Student of the Month. Madelyn is a Junior this year. Madelyn was recently inducted into National Honor Society. She is Vice President of SADD club, & a member of Science Club & Teen AIDS Task Force. Madelyn has volunteered at several local animal shelters, as well as for the Relay for Life, & the TATF Blood Drive. Madelyn is a very conscientious student who always works hard, and is always asking questions eager to learn more. Congratulations Madelyn!



Student SPOTLIGHT



Seniors Honored as Students of the Month..

...by Whitestown Optimist Club

We want to congratulate Payton Smith, David Cronauer, and Juliet Tagliaferri for receiving the Whitestown Optimist Student of the Month award on November 16th. All three students were honored at a dinner at the Elks Lodge in Utica. This award is presented to a senior who has:

An accumulated academic average of 85 or above

Participated in a variety of school extracurricular activities

Displayed leadership ability

Been active in community activities and is of good moral standing





November-Payton Smith



The Whitestown Optimist Student of the Month for November is Payton Smith. Payton's extracurricular activities include Varsity High School Gymnastics, Competitive club gymnastics, National Honor Society-Treasurer, FBLA, Technology Club, Language Club, & Yearbook Club.

Payton was nominated for a Russell Sage College Scholarship. She has received academic achievement awards in Sociology, MVCC Computer Applications, and Computer Applications. She has also received Citizenship Recognition awards in AP World History & Physical Education.

Her community service includes volunteering for Valley Kids Care Foundation, Valley Gymnastics Spooktacular & Sparkle & Shine meets, & Oriskany's Christmas in the place of the Nettles Celebration. She has participated in the Breast Cancer walk, & the K-9 bulletproof vest car wash & bake sale.

February-David Cronauer

The Whitestown Optimist Student of the Month for February is David Cronauer. David's extracurricular activities include Varsity Soccer, Basketball & Baseball, National Honor Society, Varsity Club, Key Club-Vice President, Technology Club & Yearbook Club.

David was nominated for the University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology. He has received 6 Scholar Athlete awards, CSC All-Star Honorable Mention in Soccer, & Most Improved Player (Varsity Soccer). He was named the Oriskany Student of the Month & received an Academic Achievement award in Spanish III.

His community service includes volunteering at the Country Pantry, the Relay for Life, & at Oriskany Little League games. He planted a Soccer Memorial Gar-



May-Juliet Tagliaferri



The Whitestown Optimist Student of the Month for May is Juliet Tagliaferri. Juliet's extracurricular activities include Varsity Soccer, Basketball & Softball, Band, Key Club, Language Club, Yearbook Club, Technology Club, Student Council Secretary, National Honor Society President & Senior Class President.

Juliet was nominated for the Le Moyne College Heights Award, & the George Eastman Young Leaders Award. She has received an Academic Achievement award in AP Biology, as well as a Citizenship award in Spanish. She was awarded the MVP for softball for 2 years, All-Star Athlete for softball for 2 years, the All Mohawk Valley Softball team selection & the CNY section III softball team selection in 2022. She was an All-CNY Sports Award Finalist & an All-NY State softball Second Team Selection.

Juliet's community service includes participating in the Walk for Autism and Wreaths Across America. She volunteered at Oriskany's Christmas in the Place of the Nettles celebration & Oriskany's Halloween Trick or Treat Activity.

This Happened...



The Student Council invited all Oriskany Students, Teachers and Staff to walk around the village on Wednesday October 26 in support of Bully Prevention Month. Everyone was encouraged to wear orange on this day.



Why does Orange represent anti bullying? For so long, those who were bullied felt that no one cared—the simple act of wearing orange shows them that they are not alone and will hopefully empower them to speak out and reach out. The key message of this month, and this day, is to unite for kindness, courage, and inclusion, to prevent students from being bullied.



Student Council News



8th Grade Class Field Trip



On Tuesday, October 25th, the 8th graders attended a field trip to Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES. This trip provided our students a Career Exploration experience and will help them in their future high school planning.

They spent their time visiting over 15 CTE programs that BOCES has to offer, and learned a little bit about each program. At the completion of this field trip, several students expressed enthusiasm and a high level of interest from this experience.

This Happened...

Positivity Project



In honor of Veterans Day, The Positivity Project reflected on the importance of our veterans and sold green paper light bulbs for a donation of twenty-five cents each. Green is the color of hope, renewal, and well-being. Greenlight a Vet is a campaign in which the community is asked to change one light outside their home or other visible location to green to show their support for our veterans. All of the funds raised will be donated to the Veterans Outreach Center in Utica.



Class of 2026

The Class of 2026 would like to thank the Oriskany community for their continued support of the Brooks BBQ fundraiser that was held on November 2nd. The fundraiser was a success thanks to all of you! Mark your calendars for the next Brooks BBQ date of Wednesday March 29th. Presale tickets are highly recommended and will be available in the Oriskany Jr/Sr High school main office during regular school hours starting March 8th. The Class of 2026 is going to work hard to surpass sales from the fall fundraiser and would appreciate any support you can provide.



This Happened...

Future Business Leaders of America



Thumbs Up to our FBLA members for having a successful and busy Fall season. Payton Smith, Mya Melvin, Jack Tamburino, Karsten Bates, Joshua Zyskowski, and Eric Babcock attended the Fall District meeting at Theodore's Restaurant in Canastota. They spent the day participating in various leadership and confidence building workshops.

On October 22nd, our members participated in the Oneida County Intergenerational Fall Clean-Up. They assisted our older neighbors with raking leaves and general yard clean up. They are organizing fundraisers and building their skill sets for the local and state competitions in the Spring.

Science Classes

Fruit Loops were used in Living Environment to help students learn about the rearrangement of atoms and conservation of mass during the photosynthesis reaction in plants .



Pumpkin dissection was open to any students at lunch or after school. Students analyzed both exterior and interior pumpkin structures including cells from different parts of the pumpkin.



The Bubble Lab allowed students in Living Environment to explore the different properties of the cell membrane using bubble solution, straws, and string.



This Happened...



Music News

On Saturday, November 19th, Gabrielle Koenig attended the Zone 4 Area All-State Music Festival in Little Falls. Gabrielle really enjoyed this experience and made the most of this magnificent opportunity! She is pictured here with Mrs. Gutowski and Morgan Jolley, the guest conductor & clinician. Way to go Gabrielle!



Art News

On November 21st, members of the yearbook club attended a field trip to BOCES. During their trip, they photographed students who are a part of the following programs: BOCES, Mitech, DTECH, and New Visions. These photographs will be displayed in the 2023 yearbook, highlighting the students as they learn construction, welding, health, cosmetology, criminal justice, auto tech, and so much more!



This Happened...



Technology Club Updates

Hallway Signs

You may have noticed some new signs hanging in the hallway. The technology club has been working hard to create and update our classroom signs throughout the school. All of the signs are designed and laid out using graphic design software, cut out with a vinyl cutter, then they are carefully picked out and transferred in place by hand. This is a big job being done by many of the club members using skills that they have learned through the technology club and classes.



Technology Club Sweatshirt Sale

The technology club has just wrapped up its second annual sweatshirt fundraiser. This year, the club decided on a black, long sleeve, quarter zip sweatshirt with maroon lettering. Tech club members wanted to give customers the options of the Oriskany "O" and the Oriskany mascot.

Each sweatshirt was worked on and heat pressed by hand. There was a great deal of time and effort that went into them, and it was worth it. Members received a lot of positive feedback and this year was a record sale! If you purchased one of the sweatshirts, we appreciate your support and look forward to making some new gear next year.

