

Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

Monthly Newsletter

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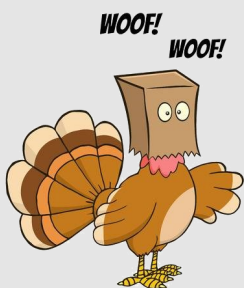
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November 6, 2021



A note from the Principal

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

I can't believe it is already November. I want to thank the teachers, students, parents/caregivers and the community for such a great fall. The end of the 1st Marking Period is November 10th. The Academic Enrichment Program will begin this month. I will send out an email/phone/text message when we have an official start date. Students will be able to take advantage of extra help from certified teachers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5pm. Pizza is provided, and there will be a 5 o'clock bus run that all students staying after can take advantage of. Students are also encouraged to stay with their teachers during the 2:30-2:55 activity period each day.

Also, I want to congratulate our fall student athletes for a great season both on and off the field. The combined Westmo /Oriskany Boys' Soccer team, the combined Oriskany/Westmo Cheer team, Cross Country team and our Gymnastics team all made sectionals this year. I also want to thank Mr. Buck for his leadership in helping our student athletes.

It has been great getting back to normalcy and having field trips again. On October 11th, the 9th graders went on a field trip to SUNY Poly. Our students engaged in breakout sessions designed to empower students to explore the power of reconnection and the importance of building resilience. Our students also had the privilege of hearing a joint Keynote address by two very special guests; Erin Gruwell, Teacher, Author, and Founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation and Liz Murray, Co-founder of the Arthur Project and Inspirational Speaker and Best Selling Author of "Breaking Night: My Journey from Homeless to Harvard". On October 25th, our 8th graders toured the CTE programs at BOCES. This is a career exploration and helps with future high school planning.

On November 2nd, 10th graders will also be going on group tours for career exploration. The class is broken up into 6 different groups. Three groups go in the morning and three groups go in the afternoon. The clusters are healthcare, communications/journalism, advanced manufacturing, animal science, law enforcement/human and public service, and construction/skill building trades. All students were able to get their first choice. Senior shadowing will take place on November 15th. This does not include students already at BOCES or New Visions because they already get internships through their programs.

Oriskany Proud



Sincerely,

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



NOVEMBER happenings



November 6th



November...



- 1st- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 3rd- National Honor Society Induction @ 6:30pm
- 6th- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 8th- Election Day
- 10th- End of 1st Marking Period
- 11th- Veteran's Day- No School
- 12th- Mathletics
- 14th- JV & Varsity Winter Sports Begins
- 15th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 19th- Report Cards Mailed Home
- 23rd-25th- Thanksgiving Recess



Did You Know...

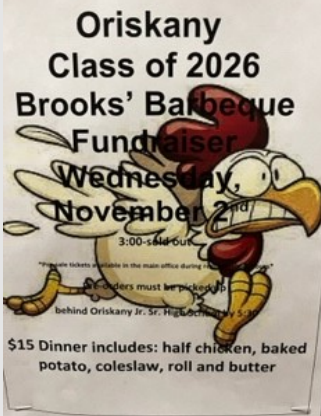
November

- 1st National Calzone Day
- 4th National Candy Day
- 9th World Freedom Day
- 13th World Kindness Day
- 17th Homemade Bread Day
- 20th National Peanut Butter Fudge Day
- 21st World Hello Day
- 24th Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day
- 29th Square Dancing Day



PIZZA

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



Support the Freshman Class!
Order your chicken Barbeque Dinner
\$15
Wednesday, November 2nd



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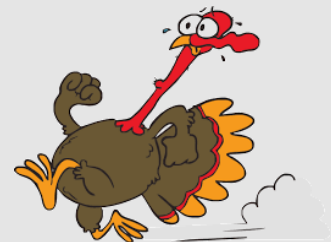




| SAT Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| December 3, 2022 | November 3, 2022 | November 22, 2022 |
| March 11, 2023 | February 10, 2023 | February 28, 2023 |
| May 6, 2023 | April 7, 2023 | April 25, 2023 |
| June 3, 2023 | May 4, 2023 | May 23, 2023 |



| ACT Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| December 10, 2022 | November 4, 2022 | December 2, 2022 |
| April 15, 2023 | March 10, 2023 | April 7, 2023 |
| June 10, 2023 | May 5, 2023 | May 19, 2023 |



Counseling and Career Services News...



Scholarship Opportunities.....

The Oriskany Retirees' Organization, which is made up of administrative, instructional, & non-instructional retirees from the Oriskany Central School District, offers two types of scholarships.

The Future Educators' Scholarship: This scholarship is open to any student pursuing a degree in Education. This is a shared scholarship with the Oriskany Alumni Association, therefore, in order to be considered for this application, you must also apply to the Oriskany Alumni Association Scholarship.

Oriskany Scholarship: This scholarship is for any student who will be attending a 2 or 4 year college, career and technical school, or the military.

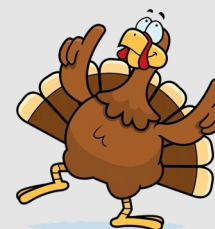
For further details and applications for these scholarships, see the Counseling office in January 2023. The deadline for these scholarship applications will be April 18th, 2023



MVCC SAT Prep Classes



MVCC has a couple of SAT prep classes available if any students are looking for additional support before they take their test. The following page has the information for each class, as well as the links for the students to use to register. If you have any additional questions, or need assistance, you can stop in the Counseling office.



Mohawk Valley Community College

SAT Reading and Writing Workshop

Are you hoping to do well on the SATs but you're worried about how the test is set up? This class will dissect each section of the reading/writing portion of the SATs so that you feel more comfortable with the wording of the questions as well as the answer options. \$50.00

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

11/28/2022 - 11/30/2022

<https://www.campusce.net/mvcc/course/course.aspx?C=73&pc=1&mc=13&sc=0>

SAT Math Review

Get extensive math explanations and problem-solving skills to help prepare for the math portion of the SAT. There will be an in-depth emphasis on successful test-taking strategies, as well as use of sample tests. Bring pencils and a scientific or graphing calculator. \$50.00

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11/1/2022 - 11/3/2022

11/29/2022 - 12/1/2022

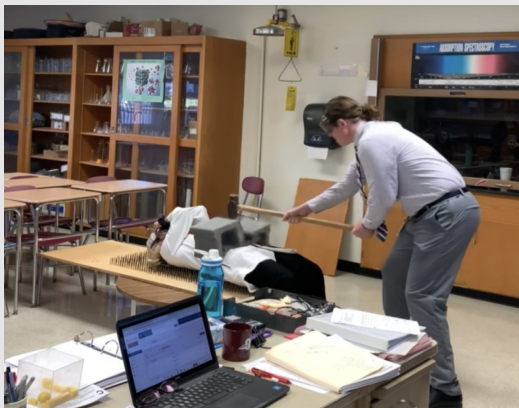
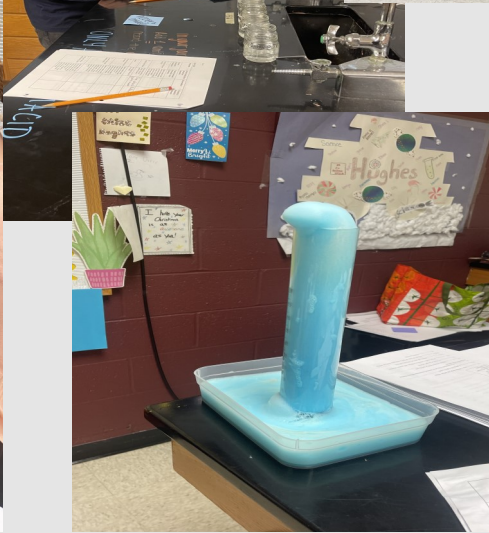
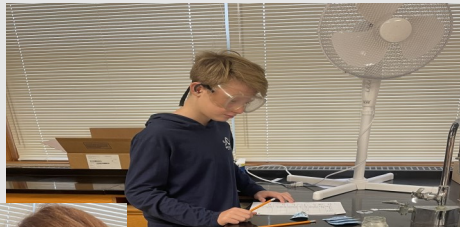
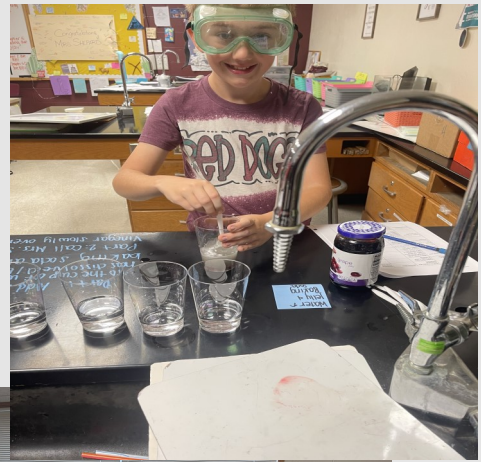
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MAD SCIENCE



The 7th grade physical science students participated in a lab experiment, where they observed & created chemical reactions with common cooking ingredients, and regular house products such as milk and vinegar.



The Regents Physics class observed a series of demonstrations involving the nail-bed. The first few demonstrations dealt with force and pressure. Students observed that when a force is applied over a larger area, the pressure is less than when the same force is applied to a small area. The more nails available to support the teacher, the more weight she can support without injury. It is noteworthy that, we often associate only "warm, fuzzy" personality traits with a "supportive" environment, but here students observed that even "cool, prickly" nails, were able to provide the support necessary to distribute a large stress and reduce pressure.

The picture was taken during the next part of the lesson, in which students witnessed the principal, Mr. Kennedy, smash the block with a sledge hammer. This was a phenomenon used to introduce students to investigations about momentum, impulse, forces and inertia. Students were asked to consider what it is about the sledge hammer that presented a threat to the teacher and how did the interaction between the block and the hammer reduce the threat to the teacher.

This Happened...

TATF ran a successful blood drive on September 30 with 21 units of blood collected and 5 first time high school donors.



Mental Health Break

The poster outside of Mrs. Cortese room that students can use to take a moment and regroup while relaxing & coloring, has made much progress. As the poster fills with the bright colors, it has become a lovely masterpiece for all to enjoy!



This Happened...



Home & Careers

Friday is for Food!

On October 14th the 7th graders worked hard in the Home and Careers kitchen making Monkey Bread in a Mug. It was enjoyed by everyone!

Recipe:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 Tbsp butter
- 2Tbsp sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cinnamon
- 2 buttermilk biscuits

Directions:

- Melt butter in a dish
- In another dish combine cinnamon and sugar
- Cut the biscuits into quarters (8 small pieces)
- Coat the pieces in butter then toss in the sugar and cinnamon mixture
- Add all to your mug or bowl
- Heat in microwave for 30-45 seconds
- Let cool then eat!



Overcoming Obstacles

On Tuesday, October 11th, all of the ninth grade students at Oriskany, along with ninth graders from Oneida, Madison, and Herkimer Counties, met at SUNY Poly for the Overcoming Obstacles Conference sponsored by Utica National Insurance Group. Through this conference our ninth graders were able to connect with people who were able to overcome great odds and learn about resilience. They were also able to listen to Keynote Speakers, Erin Gruwell, author of the ***The Freedom Writers Diary*** and Liz Murray, author of ***Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard***, as they spoke about overcoming obstacles to find success.





A photograph of a swing set in a park during autumn. The ground is covered in fallen leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The background shows trees with colorful foliage and a bright, hazy sky. The text "Hello November" is written in a cursive font across the upper part of the image.

Hello November

Banana Pudding Month

Beard Month

National Gratitude Month

National Family Literacy Month

National Native American Heritage Month

Picture Book Month