

# Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

## Newsletter

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Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

We are officially one month into the 2022-2023 school year. It has been a fantastic 19 days here at the Jr./Sr. High. It has been a great start to the year here at Oriskany. I have been working hard on building relationships and getting to know my students, staff, parents/caregivers and the community. You all have been welcoming and helpful.

This year's Spirit Week was September 19-24 and included a variety of activities designed to promote school spirit and a sense of community. All students were encouraged to participate in a week of themed days. This year's Spirit Week days were as follows:

Monday: Decades Day

Come to school dressed in fashions from your favorite decade

Tuesday: Fandom Day

Fan of random things? Dress to represent what you are a fan of

Wednesday: Fancy vs. Comfy

Sweat suit or suit and tie, you pick!

Thursday: Color Wars

Dress in your class color,

meet with classmates in gym to decorate your area of the Davis gym

Friday: Maroon and White Day/Pin Day

Show school spirit; dress in maroon and white or your team uniform

I want to thank everyone for a great Spirit Week. Also, I want to give a special shoutout to Amy Piersma, Emma Rodgers, Erin Cortese and Dave Buck for all of their help in making the Pep Rally and Maroon and White Dance a great success! I have enjoyed the school spirit during Spirit Week. The school spirit during Spirit Week has been amazing! I really enjoyed the pep rally and I was excited to have the community be involved again. The Modified Teams played Group Rock Paper Scissor, the Underclassmen (9th -11th) had a Balloon relay race, the Senior Athletes had a Bucket challenge, and the Pin Game winners played head, shoulders, knees and cup.

Your ongoing support is appreciated and valued. 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 Principal



# October Happenings

## October:

- 3rd- Yearbook Sale Begins
- 3rd- Financial Aid Workshop 7pm
- 4th- BOE Meeting @7pm
- 7th- Superintendent Conference Day=  
No School
- 10th- Columbus Day= No School
- 12th- MVCA College Night
- 12th- PSAT
- 14th- Progress Reports Mailed
- 15th- Athletics @ Hamilton
- 17th- Modified Winter Sports Begin
- 18th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 22nd- ACT



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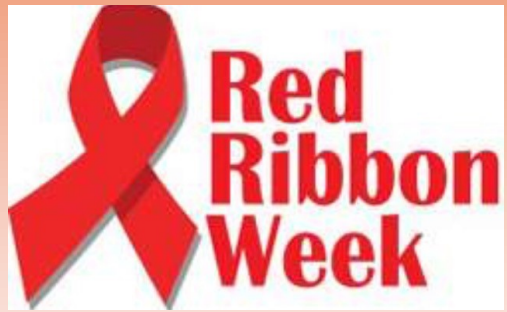
### Did You Know...

#### October

- 1st- International Music Day
- 2nd- National Custodian 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
- 28th- Frankenstein Friday



# October Happenings



## ATTENTION!!!

The 7th and 8th grade classes are having a Winter Wonderland fundraiser. The sale will run from October 11th-Oct 28th. This fundraiser is full of great holiday gift and food ideas! If you are interested in ordering please see a 7th or 8th grade student. You can also order online.

## **RED RIBBON INSPIRES OUR KIDS TO BE HAPPY!**

Red Ribbon Week takes place each year from October 23 through 31st. Join us in our MISSION to help keep kids drug free.

**SADD** will be selling bracelets in support of Red Ribbon Week throughout the month of October! See a **SADD** member for yours today!



## PIZZA

The 7th and 8th grade classes will be selling pizza after school for \$2.50 a slice starting October 3rd.

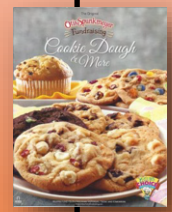


## ATTENTION!!!

The senior class is having an Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough sale. The sale will begin on Friday, October 14th. Please see a senior if you are interested in ordering. There are over 13 delicious cookie dough flavors and more!

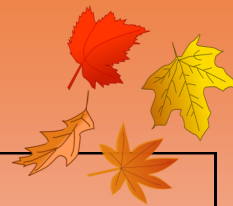
Thank you for your support!!

The Seniors would also like to give a shout out to all those who helped make their Fall Mum Sale a success!!! We hope you enjoy your Fall Flowers!





# 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 12, 2022. 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 2023.
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).



## 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.

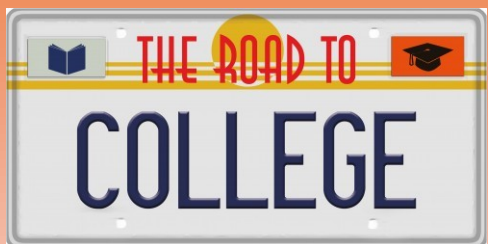
Registering with Selective Service allows you to receive federal student loans for college, participate in federal job training programs, and have the opportunity to work in the federal government. If you do not register with Selective Service, you will lose out on these things and more.

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 45th annual Mohawk Counselor's Association College Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at SUNY Poly. It will be held inside the Fieldhouse.

There will be close to 80 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 11th at 6:30-8pm.



### Financial Aid Workshop

Monday, October 3rd

7:00 PM

Alumni Auditorium



October 11th- Paul Smith's @ 8:30am  
Keuka @ 9:45am  
SUNY Canton @ 12pm  
Geneseo @ 1:30pm  
October 13th- Lawrence Tech University @ 9am  
SUNY Potsdam @ 10am  
Utica University @ 1:15pm  
October 14th- St Bonaventure @ 9:30am  
November 1st- Cazenovia @ 11am

# Counseling and Career Services News...



## Saturday Fall Open Houses October 29, 2022 and November 19, 2022



St. Bonaventure University is a Catholic university dedicated to educational excellence in the Franciscan tradition. We enhance the lives of our students and help them prepare for their futures by providing experiences that build knowledge, skills, and character. There's no better way to learn what it means to be a Bonnie than by visiting our campus. Plan your visit today.

- 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

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# OPEN HOUSE



**Attend Open House for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship!** Five students at each Open House will win this one-time scholarship for incoming students who attend SUNY Morrisville in Spring or Fall 2023. Students earn an entry for the scholarship by **registering and attending** on either [October 22, 2022](#) or [November 19, 2022](#).

When you attend Open House

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Register Online

If you can't make it on one of those dates, see all the ways you can connect with us at [morrisville.edu/visit](http://morrisville.edu/visit)

OR CALL 315.684.6046



SUNY MORRISVILLE





# Counseling and Career Services News...



SUNY Delhi offers more than 60 outstanding academic programs with flexible options for students seeking a hands-on, career-focused education and those wanting a strong academic foundation for advanced study.

Come explore everything SUNY Delhi has to offer! Talk to faculty, tour our beautiful campus, and get your questions answered about admissions, financial aid, and scholarships. We can't wait to see you!



# Counseling and Career Services News...

## Important information from SUNY...

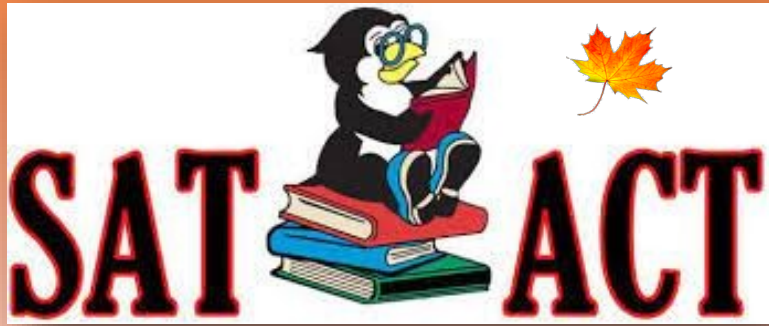


We are writing to announce SUNY's decision to extend the current temporary suspension of SAT/ACT testing requirements for rising high school seniors intending to enroll at a SUNY bachelor's degree-granting campus for the 2023-2024 academic year. This extension applies through the fall 2023 and spring 2024 cycles.

If you believe your scores are an accurate representation of your ability, SUNY colleges can consider them along with all other materials in your application file. If you think your scores do not represent your abilities, SUNY colleges can holistically evaluate your application without considering them. Please consult your school counselor or advisor if you are unsure about what to do.

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.





SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
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
October 22, 2022	September 16, 2022	October 14, 2022
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







**Ryan**

**Donohue**

### **Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program**

As announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, **Ryan Donohue** the son of Edward and Kimberly Donohue, a high school senior at Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School has been named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. *A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by the principal (Andrew Kennedy) to this scholastically talented senior.*

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



# What's Happening at OCS???

## Key Club

Oriskany Key Club participated in the Relay for Life event held at Delta State Park Saturday September 17th. The event organizers had a goal to raise \$90,000. Oriskany students were proud to be a part in surpassing the goal, reaching \$155,000 for the day!



## Physical Education Class News...

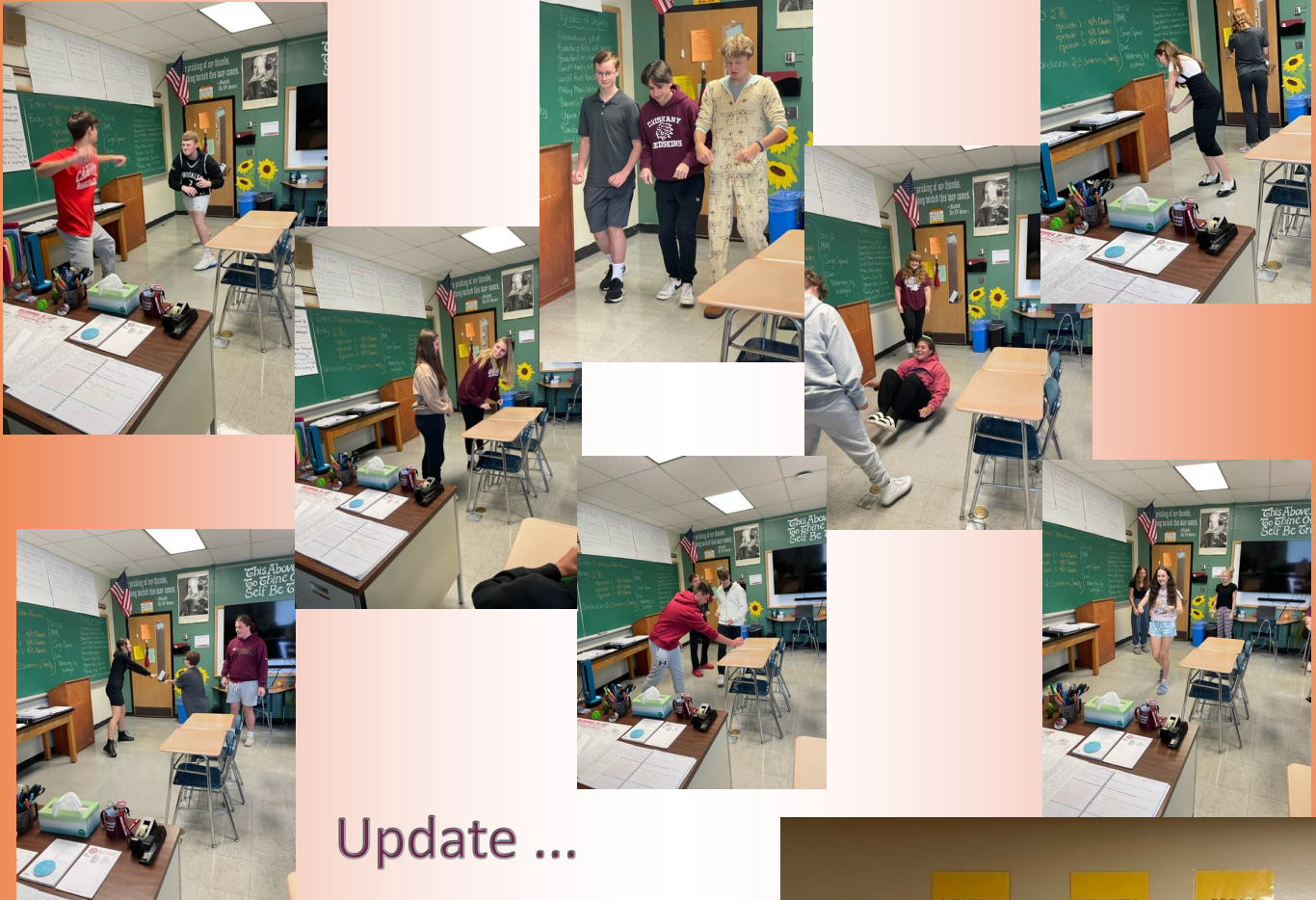
Last week the middle & high school physical education classes participated in their golf unit. Part of this unit included a lesson making their own miniature golf course. Take a look at some of their work!





# Some Classroom Fun...

As part of MVCC Composition, the seniors had to write about a process. As a warm-up activity, the class played Process Charades. The exercise was intended to help the students begin to break down a task into defined steps, and maybe have a bit of fun. The topics included mowing the lawn, delivering the mail, making a pizza, playing mini golf, making a bed, painting a picture, having a snowball fight, and making a peanut butter sandwich



## Update ...

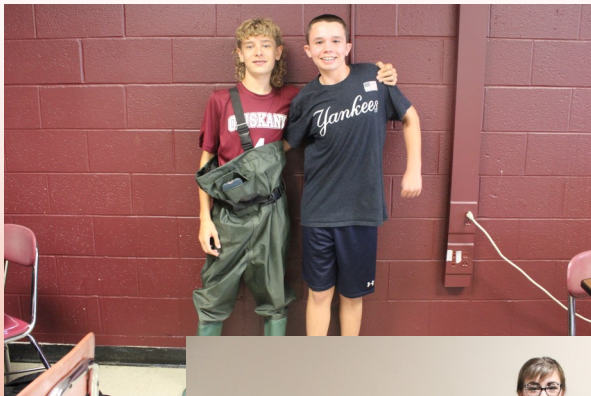
Mrs. Cortese wanted to remind you of her Coloring Corner that is new to the downstairs hallway. Shown to the right is the progress of the poster from the beginning of September. Need a Mental Health Break? Grab a crayon! Help to continue to make this poster look amazing!!





# SPIRIT WEEK SHENANIGANS...

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# SPOOKTACULAR Fun For Spirit Week

A big shout out to Ms. Piersma & Ms. Rogers for all their hard work making this years Spirit Week, & Maroon & White Weekend a success!!! There was much fun and a lot of laughs had at the Friday night PepRally. Student athletes enjoyed several exciting games, senior athletes and their parents were recognized for all their hard work, the Senior class was awarded the champions of the famous Color Wars, & the night culminated with one lucky student winning the honor of smashing a pie in our new principal's face! Mr. Kennedy was a great sport and all enjoyed the evening.

The week ended with the Westmo Oriskany Varsity Football team hosting VVS at Bernie Block Field, unfortunately taking the loss. Several of the senior athletes recognized & honored one of their teachers whom has made an impact on their academic career. The students ended their celebration with the Maroon & White Dance on Saturday evening.

Thank you to Mr. Buck & Mrs. Cortese, as well as all the staff who helped to make Spirit Week a success!!









# Teacher Appreciation to conclude Spirit Week

On Saturday September 24th senior athletes from both Oriskany and Westmorland invited teachers to the football game at Bernie Block field to be recognized and appreciated for the impact they have had on the student athletes academic careers. Below is a list of teachers that were honored and the athletes that chose them.

Payton Smith- " I chose Mrs. Musacchio because I look forward to her class and getting to see her every school day. She has helped me with many things and is very understanding. She also cares about her students and always takes the extra time to help us!"

Jenna Palmiotto - "I chose Mrs. Mann because of her good energy in the physics classroom. I look forward to her fun attitude every school day. She's always ready with jokes and will put me in a good mood."

Chase Bureau - "I chose Mr. Kennedy because he really helped me get enrolled in school and made moving here much easier."

Sofia DePasquale - " Mr. Notaro has been one of my favorite teachers since I first had him in my freshman year. His history classes were always the highlight of my day and his support and encouragement kept me striving for success throughout the three years he taught me."

Miranda Foss - "Mrs.Smith never failed to put a smile on my face even on my worst days. She always believed in me when I couldn't believe in myself. Overall, she just brightened my day without even knowing it."

Paige McNamara - "Coach Alicia Guarascio has always encouraged me, I cannot thank her enough for seeing the best in me. She's always pushed me to not just be a better cheerleader but a better person"

THANK YOU TEACHERS!







**October is...**

**Bat Appreciation Month**

**Halloween Safety Month**

**National Caramel Month**

**National Popcorn Poppin' Month**

**National Roller Skating Month**

**Pizza Month**

**Positive Attitude Month**

**National Fire Prevention Month**

**National Apple Month**

**Have a happy and safe Halloween!!**