



ORISKANY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Groundhog Day
Thursday, February 2nd



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Students and Families,

Monday, January 29th 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 2023-2024 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 sent home with students February 2nd. If you have any questions about your student's grades, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

On January 26th, the Jr./Sr. High had its first ever Winter Pep Rally and Senior Recognition Night. Students, faculty and community members were invited to come and recognize all of the senior athletes from all winter sports. I really enjoyed the event and it was great to have the continued involvement of the community. During the Winter Pep Rally, the Modified Teams played Hot Potato, the Freshmen and Sophomores had a Pool Noodle Relay Race, the Juniors and Seniors played Ships and Sailors, the Senior Game was a Balloon Relay Race, and the Pin Game winners played a Cup Game.

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 11th, with the season starting March 11th.

On March 22nd and 23rd, please come out and support our students performing in this year's musical Willy Wonka Jr. The performances will take place Friday, March 22nd at 7 PM, and Saturday, March 23rd 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 19th-23rd. This month our school counselors will begin scheduling courses for students in grades 8 through 11 for the 2024-2025 school year. If you 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...



2nd, 9th, and
16th

March...



1st and 8th



February...	
2nd-	Report Cards Go Home
3rd-	Mathletics @ Westmoreland
6th-	BOE Meeting @ 7pm
10th-	Winter Ball @7pm
14th-	Valentine's Day
19th-	President's Day
19-23rd-	Mid-Winter Recess
27th-	BOE Meeting @ 7pm



FUNDRAISING
EVENT

Junior Class 2025 will be selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough & other desserts 1/31/24-2/14/24.

Otis Spunkmeyer
FUN-RAISING



Thank you for your support!!



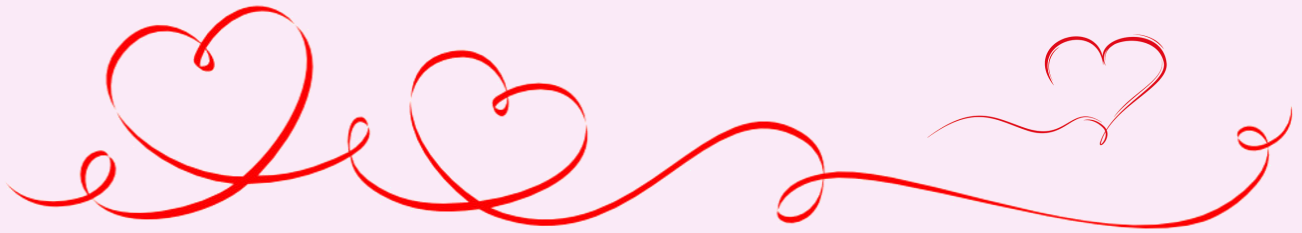


On Friday January 5th Bill Balsamico from Squeezers Lemonade food truck, presented in Mrs. Cortese's 7th grade home and careers classes. His presentation was the kick off to the annual food truck challenge. At the end of the project, students will design, create and display their trucks and menus for a school-wide vote. Good luck to all the 7th graders!



7th Grade Home & Careers Class created their own Food Trucks complete with menus. Staff & students voted for their favorites. The truck with the most votes at the end of the week was the winner! Congratulations goes to Sophia Judycki & Camryn LoRusso for their Sugar Mommies Cotton Candy Truck!





Whether you need to wipe the sweat off your face or cheer on your Oriskany athletes, the SADD club has the towel for you!! Only \$8, see any SADD member or contact Mrs. Cortese for details.



The Student Council Hot Chocolate and Hot Cider Sale is Back!!!! Students can come down to the home and careers kitchen and warm up with a hot beverage after walking or riding the bus in the morning to school. Open 7:30 - 8am - Cups are \$3 each



This Happened...

Eighth grade art students from the first semester have successfully completed their middle school art experience. A few of the students spent their last day of art putting their artwork on display for the remainder of the year. The artwork on display includes "Fauvist Pet Portraits" which explore flat areas of color and expressive color combinations. Also, on display are "Impressionist Landscapes" which studied the effects of sunlight on color and captured a single moment in time! See below for examples of student artwork and the student artists who created them.



This Happened...

On January 26th, Oriskany Jr./Sr. High had its first ever Winter Pep Rally and Senior Recognition Night. Athletes from all winter sports were recognized along side their families. Students, faculty and community members were invited to come and enjoy the evening. Class games were played & fun was had by all! Thank you to Ms. Piersma and Varsity Club for all your hard work making it a successful evening.





SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024



ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	April 7, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 19, 2024





Winter Break Activities...



WINTER HIKING



Snowball Fight!!



Walk Your Dog



Go Ice Skating



Go To The Library



THE ORISKANY MUSEUM

Visit A Museum



MOVIE MARATHON



Family Bake/Cook Day



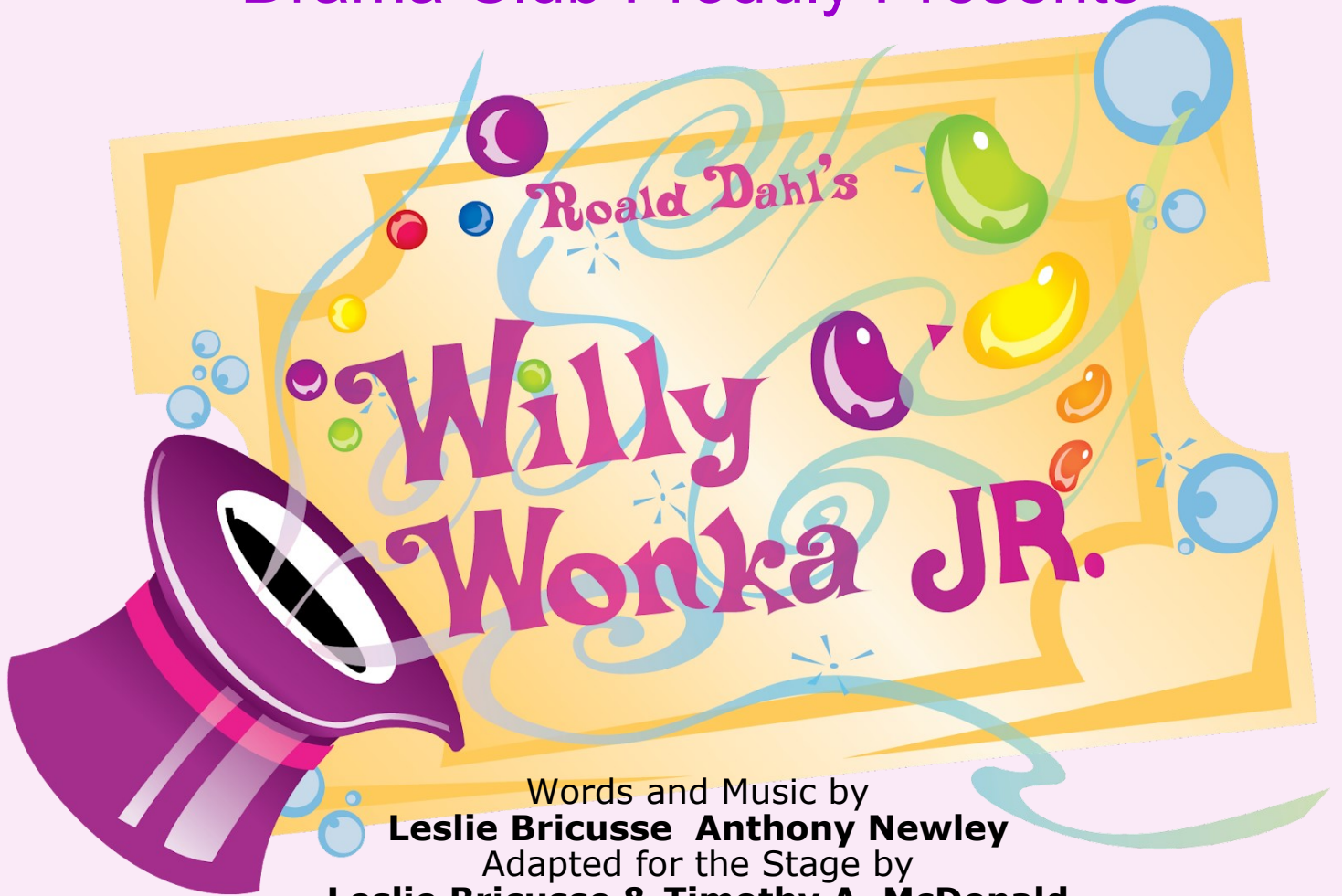
College Visits



Relax and Recharge



The Oriskany Central School
Drama Club Proudly Presents



Words and Music by
Leslie Bricusse Anthony Newley
Adapted for the Stage by
Leslie Bricusse & Timothy A. McDonald

Based on the book
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
By **Roald Dahl**

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theater
International (MTI).

All Authorized performance materials asr also supplied by
MTI

March 22, 7:00pm

March 23, 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Tickets \$6.00

Concessions Available



Oriskany Central School District

Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration

Monday March 18th 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: N.A. Walbran Elementary School

The Oriskany Central School District will be holding a Parent Orientation for all parents/guardians of eligible pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners for the 2024-2025 school year.

To be considered eligible, the following criteria must be met:

- Children must reside in the Oriskany CSD.
- Incoming pre-kindergarteners must be four (4) years of age by December 1, 2024.
- Incoming kindergarteners must be five (5) years of age by December 1, 2024.
- The Parent Orientation will be held on Monday March 18th from 6-7:00 p.m. at N. A. Walbran. Future pre-k and kindergarteners are welcome to attend the orientation.

Registration materials, which can be picked-up from the main office of N. A. Walbran Elementary School, or at the Registrar's Office will be collected during the Parent Orientation session. Please be sure to bring two (2) proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, tax document, etc.) and proof of your child's age.

Tours of the school will be given to all families that attend.

All Pre-K slots are assigned by lottery . If more families complete applications during the March 18th-April 12th registration period than available slots, a lottery is held. All applications and documents must be on file with the registrar's office by 4:00 pm on April 12th to be included in the placement lottery. Anything after will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Thank you for taking an active role in your child(ren)'s education; involved parents make a huge difference!

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



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