

Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

Monthly Newsletter

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Principal's Message



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Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

I hope everyone had a great winter recess and I want to wish a Happy New Year to all. Our students put on a fantastic winter concert on December 7th, which helped everyone get in the holiday spirit. This winter's Spirit Week was December 18-21 and was designed to promote school spirit and a sense of community. All students were encouraged to participate in a week of themed days. This winter's Spirit Week days were as follows:

Monday: Merry Grinchmas
Dress like your favorite holiday character

Tuesday: Festive Family Photo
Match your friends

Wednesday: Wacky Holiday
Wear wacky holiday attire

Thursday: Twas the Night Before Winter Break
Wear your Pjs

I cannot believe that we start the third marking period at the end of January. We only have four weeks left of the second marking period when we return from winter recess. Students are encouraged each day to stay during the student activity period from 2:30-2:55 in the afternoon. This is a way to pre-arrange support from one of their teachers, and catch up on any work they need to complete. I hope that students take advantage of this supportive program that we offer to benefit their academics. January 23rd-January 26th will be Regents week. All Juniors will take the English exam on Tuesday, January 23rd. We also have a select few students taking exams throughout the week. However, it is important to know that during these exams the Jr./Sr. High will remain open and all students will report to school as normal. Moreover, final exams of all half year courses will take place the same week. Your continued support with the education and well-being of our students is greatly appreciated.

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



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YOUR INFO

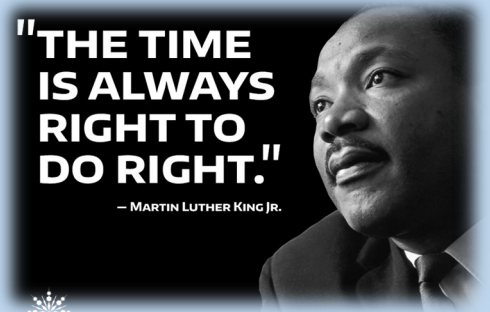
Attention Parents/Guardians:

If you have moved or are planning on moving, if your phone number or any other contact information has changed, please contact Ms. Vaughn, district registrar. She will be happy to make the necessary changes in SchoolTool.

Phone: 315-768-2065 Email: tvaughn@oriskanycsd.org



What's Happening?



January...

- 1st- New Year's Day
- 6th- Athletics @ Oneida
- 9th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 15th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- NO SCHOOL
- 23rd- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 26th- End of 2nd Marking Period
- 31st- Yearbook Sales End



January...

5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

February...

2nd, 9th, and 16th

March...

1st and 8th



Did You Know...

January

- 4th- National Spaghetti Day
- 7th- Bobblehead Day
- 15th- National Hat Day
- 18th- Winnie the Pooh Day
- 21st- National Hug Day
- 23rd- National Pie Day
- 30th- National Croissant Day
- 31st- National Hot Chocolate Day



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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



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

Deciding to attend college is one of the biggest decisions one will make in one's lifetime. Some may wish to obtain certifications in other fields as a career path versus attending junior college, four-year colleges or universities, but the final decision will affect one's life forever. Hence, it is a decision that is not to be taken lightly; it should be researched earnestly and thoroughly.

As a starting point, students should think of what interests them, what makes their heart sing, so to speak, and what would be fun to do as a lifetime job. Yes, work should be fun, at least to a point, and something that makes one happy.

Then, spend time with the student talking about needs versus wants. There are many to consider.

- **Location:** Does your student want to be close by or away from home?
- **Size:** Would they be more comfortable in a small or large school?
- **Academics:** To work in their chosen field, does your student need a master's degree or Ph.D., or will a bachelor's degree be their ticket to enter?
- **Cost:** What is their budget and tolerance for student loans? What scholarships might be available?
- **Social scene:** What kind of social environment are the students (and parents) comfortable with? Are they interested in joining a fraternity or sorority?
- **Housing:** Do freshmen have to live on campus? Or maybe the student wants to still live at home (no shame in that!) Consider the cost of each.
- **Dining:** Would it be easier to eat meals on campus as part of the housing package or do they want to cook their own meals?
- **Extracurriculars:** Are there clubs and organizations that will be interesting or that will connect him or her to their future career?
- **Athletics:** Could a high school athlete potentially play intercollegiate or club sports?

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What are the steps to finding the best college? Here are some of the best recommendations you can offer to your school population:

- 1) Start early: Freshman year is not too early for a student to start thinking about their college list
- 2) Advise families to spend time with their child thinking about needs versus wants. Do any of the school choices offer the student's preferred major (for example? What are they looking for in terms of proximity, size and setting (i.e. rural, suburban, urban)?
- 3) Use that wonderful invention called the internet to kick off research. The Common Data Set Initiative (CDS) is a great place to begin searching. Almost every college publishes its Common Data Set on its website. You'll find information about admission rates, graduation rate and persistence, student life and financial aid. To locate the CDS for a specific college, type the following into a search engine: "common data set college name school year."
- 4) Seek advice from others – from other parents of other college bound children and students from their peers who are already in college.
- 5) Visit, visit, visit. Plan a summer road trip around the colleges your child is interested in. When you've narrowed down the list, plan visits while classes are in session. It's the ideal way for your child to figure out if they mesh well with the culture, people and environment.
- 6) Demonstrate interest: Show colleges you're interested in them by going to college fairs, talking to admissions representatives, signing up to receive information online and by mail and interacting with them on social media.

Now that you have some tips, I know you will help your students make amazing choices for the perfect college and college experience.

The previous information came from an article written by Joanne Leone. She is an advisor for www.MyCollegePlanningTeam.com. She speaks at their free workshops and writes for MCPT's website. Joanne has earned a degree in communications and creative writing from Chapman University in Orange, California.



Holiday Concert

On Thursday, December 7th the Jr./Sr. High school band & chorus members performed their Holiday Concert. Ms. Roberts, Mr. Shipp & all the students worked hard in preparing for this magical evening. It was a wonderful performance enjoyed by many!







Christmas In The Nettles



On Sunday, December 3rd, members of the National Honor Society volunteered at the annual Christmas in the Nettles celebration. Members served hot cocoa & cookies.

Members of the Technology club sold limited edition pajama pants to raise money for their club.

There were many community members in attendance and fun was had by all!



Holiday Spirit Week



Holiday Spirit Week was a hit! Not only did the students participate but many of the staff did as well.

Ms. Jenks continues to be our reigning champ for spirit week, despite Mr. Kennedy trying to dethrone her!

Holiday Movie Night



Members of Language Club hosted a Holiday Movie Night for Elementary students. "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" was a popular choice. Students enjoyed popcorn & treats while watching the movie. Fun was had by all!

This Happened...



On Friday, December 1st, eight seniors had the opportunity to network with local business and industry leaders at OHM BOCES' 19th annual School and Business Alliance breakfast. Students had the opportunity to network with 35 different career sectors during the breakfast, which was prepared by the Culinary Arts students at CTEC.

This Happened...

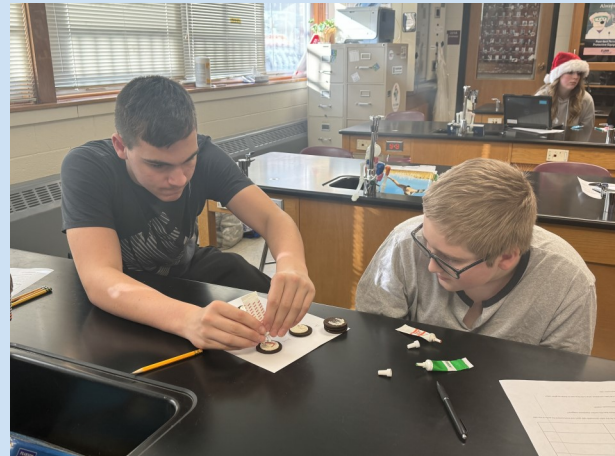
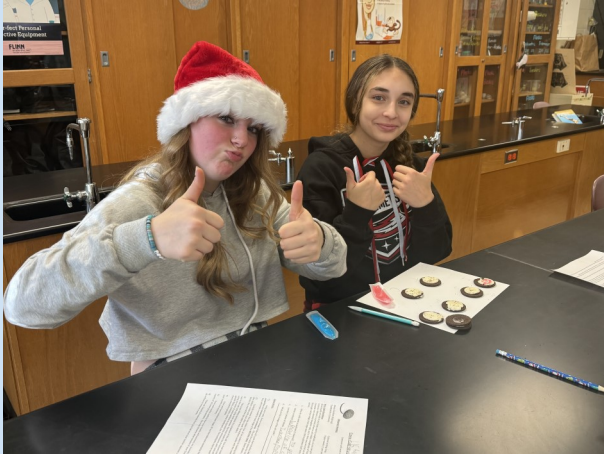


Members of language club have been working alongside the staff at Eastern Star Daycare Center to introduce basic vocabulary within their language of study through the use of songs, stories and mini lessons. This past month students worked on numbers and colors. Members of language club helped the Pre-K students count, and color.



This Happened...

Anatomy and Physiology students wrapped up December by applying their knowledge of body systems to ugly sweaters while Living Environment students reviewed mitosis on Oreos.



On December 6, Mrs. Musacchio's Accounting class attended the 2023 Data Analytics Summit hosted by The Genesis Group. The event included a panel of public and private sector professionals from many area businesses. The panel, along with the keynote speaker, answered questions from several students and professionals about the Data Analytics field and the career opportunities now and in the future. It was a good learning and networking experience for our students. Takeaways shared by our students are listed below;

"Data management is everywhere in business, the field is promising and always looking for employees"

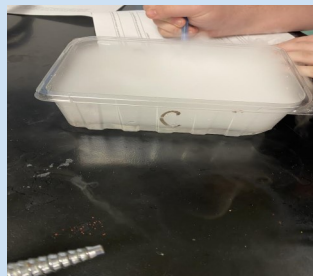
"Data analytics is used in so many more things than just an office space even our first responders use it to their advantage"

"Data analytics is important to know in any occupation, data is being collected everyday everywhere and it is super important to know what to do with that data"

Science News

Thanks to Mercer's Ice Cream, Oriskany Chemistry students had the opportunity to observe the behavior of solid carbon dioxide (a nonpolar substance) and compare it to the behavior of solid water (a polar substance).

The fog seen in this picture is produced when the carbon dioxide that's at about -78°C , sublimates producing invisible carbon dioxide gas and interacts with water vapor, causing the invisible water vapor to condense and form the visible cloud.

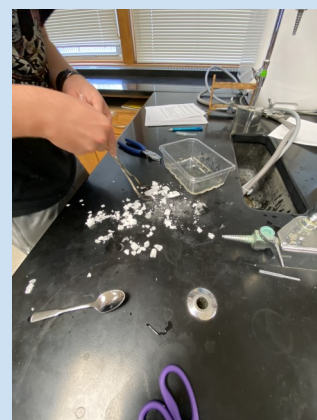


In this picture, students are listening to a screeching sound produced when the metal spoon is held against the dry ice. As the solid carbon dioxide sublimates into carbon dioxide gas, it causes the metal spoon to vibrate strongly enough to feel and to hear.

Next, we are preparing to melt the dry ice, which can only be done under pressure. When dry ice is placed in a disposable pipet and the pipet is clamped shut, the pressure begins to increase as the bulb fills with CO_2 gas.

When the pressure gets high enough, the dry ice melts, but if it is not released and continues to absorb energy, the CO_2 boils and the pipet explodes.

Of course, there are a number of safety precautions to observe when working with dry ice. The low temperature of the solid and the rapid changes in pressure that occur when carbon dioxide sublimates, both present risk. Avoid direct contact with skin. Wear goggles and do not use glass containers.



A serene winter landscape featuring a stream flowing through a forest of snow-laden trees. The sun is positioned low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow that filters through the bare branches, casting long, soft shadows. The ground and rocks are covered in a thick layer of white snow, and the water in the stream reflects the ambient light.

January Is...

Be Kind to Food Servers Month

International Brain Teaser Month

International Creativity Month

National Polka Music Month

National Blood Donor Month

Walk Your Pet Month