



# Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

Monthly Newsletter

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**WE HERE AT ORISKANY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
WISH YOU AND YOURS A MAGICAL HOLIDAY  
SEASON!!** 



# Principal's Message



Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break with their families. November was an amazing month at the Jr./Sr. High. On November 9th, the National Honor Society inducted 11 new students into our local chapter. I also had the privilege of attending the Student of the Month dinner hosted by the Optimist Club of Whitestown on November 15th. Anthony Kernan, Megan Wright & Anna Kasperovich were three seniors that were honored at the dinner.

Winter varsity sports started this Tuesday. The first home game in Oriskany is the Boys Varsity Basketball vs NY Mills on November 30th. Modified sports registration will start December 2nd, and the first practice for modified athletes will be January 2nd. I look forward to watching our student athletes compete on the hardwood, ice and on the track. Also in December, I'm excited to attending Christmas in the Nettles on Sunday, December 3rd. We will have several clubs and our students will be volunteering at this wonderful community event. The technology club will also be selling limited edition Oriskany, holiday pajama bottoms. These will only be sold at the event. I am excited to bring my family again to this event and be part of this remarkable community.

We are also excited to host our Jr./Sr. High School concert on December 7th from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Our students have been practicing for months, and it will hopefully help everyone get in the holiday spirit. Finally, Oriskany's Language Club is hosting a movie night for our elementary school students. This event is planned for Wednesday, December 13th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Students will view Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch in the High School Auditorium*. The \$5 ticket price includes the viewing of the movie, a juice box, and popcorn/bagged chips.

Thank you for always being extremely 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...

- 1st- TATF Blood Drive @ High School
- 5th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 1th- Mathletics @ Canastota
- 7th- Winter Concert @7pm
- 19th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- Winter Concert Snow Date
- 21st- First Day of Winter
- 21st- Progress Reports Mailed
- 29th- TATF Blood Drive @ Legion
- 22nd-31st- Winter Recess

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**YEARBOOK**



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### PIZZA

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



### Poinsettia Pick Up

From Ski & Snowboard Club Fundraiser

Now until December 15th

@ River Road Farm and Greenhouse





# CHRISTMAS IN THE NETTLES

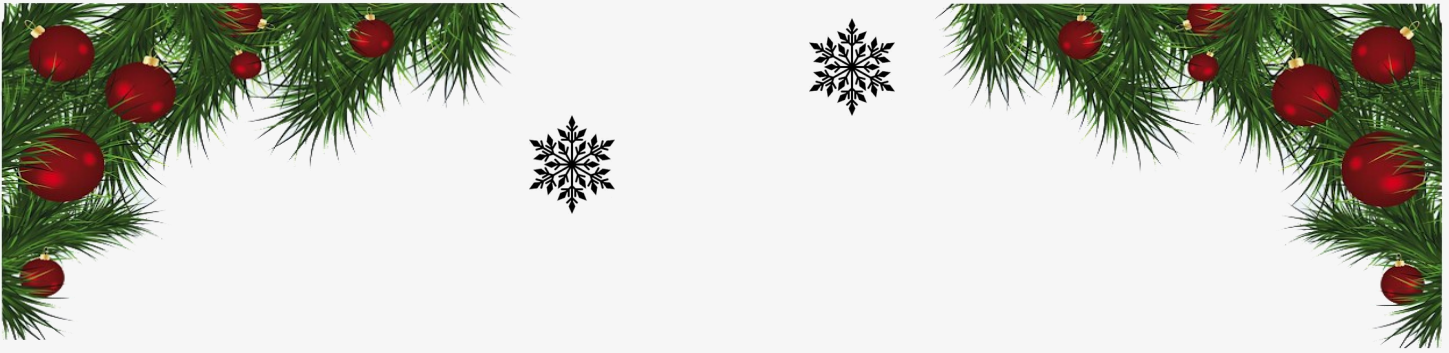
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**Christmas in the Nettles will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. The event will kick off with a parade and conclude with fireworks. Music, cookies, cocoa, and a basket raffle will be hosted at the fire house. Anyone willing to make cookies, please deliver them to the firehouse on the afternoon of Dec. 3. If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle, please deliver to the village office the week leading up to the event. The Junior Class will be selling beef sticks for stocking stuffers, & the Technology club will be selling exclusive holiday pajama bottoms. Come join the FUN!**







## Oriskany Central School's First Marking Period Honor Roll 2023-2024

### Highest Honor Roll: 94.5-100.0

- Grade 12: Kaelyn Buehler, Kaelyn Fabbio, McKenzie Frank, Anna Kasperovich, Gannon Lisberg, Madelyn Race, Alivia Rizzo, Katie Saladin, Katelyn Shamis, Briannah Wishart, Alexandria Wlock, Megan Wright
- Grade 11: Kate Dellers, Brienne Eldred, Sean Graziano, Erika Reid, Jack Tagliaferri, Jessica Zyskowski
- Grade 10: Jazmin Barnes, Alexia Birt, Corinne Looney, Ishaal Mirza, Edward Wright
- Grade 9: Brynne Russum, Ashley Zyskowski
- Grade 8: Nicholas Citriniti, Audrina Gulisano, Troy Gu, Collin Opperman, Landon Volz
- Grade 7: Gavin Bronk, Wyatt Davis, Isabella Hart, Ceci Piersma

### High Honor Roll: 89.50-94.49

- Grade 12: Javante Brill-Rollins, Jake Burrows, Elijah Hanna, Gavin Howd, Anthony Kernan, Daniel Kraus, Mark Malinowski Jr., Brooke Matys, Matthew Matys, Paige Mazur, Noah Napolis, Noah Sciorilli
- Grade 11: Leah Denison, Addison Fabbio, Gavin Franz, Henry Inserra, Chase Koenig, Gianna Santucci, Maggie Tylutki
- Grade 10: John Babcock, Jessica Beckwith, Gabryella Manella, Jayson Mayo, Braelyn Oehler, Nicholas Swald
- Grade 9: Danica Dame, Charles Golden, Alexis Roman
- Grade 8: Lilliana Ciotti, Arianna Kernan, Chase Larson, Kaelyn Mayo, Madeline Powers, Isabella Smith, Jayden Twang
- Grade 7: McKenzie Benoit, Caroline Gulick, Sophia Judycki, Jacob Kent, Cohen Kraeger, Camryn LoRusso, Lilly O'Dell, Trenton Pryor,

### Honor Roll: 84.00-89.49

- Grade 12: Skylar Albin, Wyatt Carter, Darryn Danielski, Peyton Hemming, Lauren Kraus, Owen Long, Briana Measheaw, Derek Rieben, Ryan Skinner, Jake Spears, Kylie Thierry, Oleksandra Vozniuk, Kyla Zabek
- Grade 11: Eric Babcock, Ryan Birt, Nathan Domenico, Nicholas Hays, Jullian Jalowiec, Vincent Jones, Addison Judycki, Thomas Maher, Chelsea Mason, Angelina Occhipinti, Michael Smithling, Emelia Ulrich
- Grade 10: Matthew Dibble, Tara Calderon, Hayden Eaton, Matthew Kernan, Brayden LaGasse, Bryana Manella, Cameron Post, Savanah Schultz, Tyler Tamburino, Elizabeth Wright, Ethan Zarnoch-Riley
- Grade 9: Broderick Anderson, Kaylee Corey, Joseph Iacovissi, Matthew LoCash, Ryan Kilmartin, Darcie Klein, Dean Koenig, Darien McGallian, Aiden Pysnik, Lance Smith III, Carter Usyk
- Grade 8: Ashlynn Andrews, Jewels Bewick, Gianna Detrick, Robert Duff Jr., Nathan Gulisano, Kirill Kasperovich, Nicholas Koenig, Elliana Reed, Koley VanVechten, KhaiLee Worn
- Grade 7: Mya Avery, Giada Baker, Kabryn Barringer, McKenzie Cooney, Joseph Day



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

## 1st Marking Period 2023-2024

### HIGH HONOR 90-100

Eric Babcock, Darryen Danielski, Vincent Jones, Daniel Kraus,  
Mark Malinowski, Matthew Matys, Brandon Poirier, Alivia Rizzo,  
Christopher Sebastian, Michael Smithling, Jake Spears,  
Kylie Thierry, Emelia Ulrich, Briannah Wishart, Alexandria Wlock,  
Megan Wright

### HONOR ROLL 85-89

Skylar Albin, Ryan Birt, Hayden Eaton, Raelin Johnston, Lauren  
Kraus, Chelsea Mason, Savannah Schultz, Ryan Skinner

### HONORABLE MENTION 80-84

Wyatt Carter, Angelo Soullas





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 and Career Services...

## 10TH GRADE

### GROUP BUSINESS TOURS



On Thursday, November 9, 2023, 10th grade students had the opportunity to tour different local businesses. The students were divided into 5 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, Rome Sentinel Media, Danfoss Silicon Power (Electronics manufacturer in Marcy, NY), New York State Police, & S.R. Sloan Inc Construction Company. 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



## THE GRAND





# NEW YORK STATE POLICE



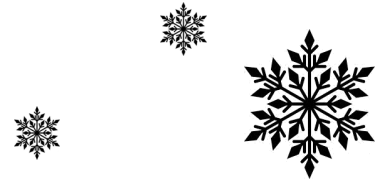
# DANFOSS







# ROME SENTINEL MEDIA



# S.R. SLOAN INC.







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

### MVCC PROGRAMS



Scan to see the course offerings and register online!



**EMPOWER YOUR FUTURE:  
FREE COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES  
FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

MVCC's High School Apprenticeship Exploration Program offers free college credit courses in healthcare, culinary, electrical technology, and more. Explore, learn, and shape your future with hands-on experiences.




**Health Care (ONLINE)**  
HC100 - Introduction to Health Care  
HM100 - Medical Term for Health Professionals (ONLINE)  
Jan 17 through May 1


**Human Services (Utica Campus)**  
HS101 - Intro to Human Services  
Wednesdays, 5 - 7:55 p.m.  
AB 254, Utica Campus  
Jan 17 through May 1

SEE MORE COURSES ON THE NEXT PAGE




**EMPOWER YOUR FUTURE:  
FREE COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

**Culinary (ROME CAMPUS)**  
FS150 - Safety & Sanitation  
Wednesdays, 3 - 4:50p.m.  
PC 219, Rome Campus, Jan. 17 through Feb. 28



**Electrical Technology (UTICA CAMPUS)**  
ET101 - Tech Electricity 1  
Wednesdays, 5 - 9p.m.  
AB 122, Utica Campus  
ET123 - Proper Refrigerant Usage  
Tuesdays, 5 - 8 p.m.  
AB 127, Utica Campus  
Jan. 17 Through April 30



**Mathematics (UTICA CAMPUS)**  
MA105 - Technical Math 1  
LECTURE 3 - 4:50p.m.,  
LAB 5 - 7p.m.  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, AB 253, Utica Campus  
Jan. 17 Through May 1



Don't miss out! Contact Brandon Horender at [bhorender@mvcc.edu](mailto:bhorender@mvcc.edu) today or 315-792-5500 to unlock your potential. Tuition, books, and fees covered.




## Senior Shadowing

On Tuesday, November 15, 2023, Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School had a job shadowing event. Approximately 20 students from the Senior Class were provided a job shadowing experience. Students were placed with 20 business place employers across the Mohawk Valley. Students visited some of the following locations; Airforce Research Lab, Masonic Medical Research Institute, Utica University, Blooming Pediatrics, ICAN, MVHS Medical Group-Washington Mills, Coldwell Banker Faith Properties, Bartell Machinery Systems, Pasaalacqua & Associates, Function Better Physical Therapy, and Utica Zoo. 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 BOCES - 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.





## \$\$\$\$\$ Scholarship Opportunities \$\$\$\$\$

Do you need money in your pocket for school?

Are you a graduating **senior** and plan to continue your education at a trade or technical school, a college, or in the military?

The **Oriskany Retirees' Organization** can help!

Scholarships for future teachers are available.

The **Future Teacher Scholarship** is a shared scholarship with the Oriskany Alumni Association and is worth \$750.

There are also scholarships for other fields of study from O.R.O. The **Oriskany Scholarship** is worth \$375.

Please visit the **guidance office** for applications.



# Winter Concert



*Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School*

*Winter Concert*

*December 7, 2023*

*Starts at 7:00 PM*





# Student SPOTLIGHT



## Seniors Honored as Students of the Month..

### ...by Whitestown Optimist Club

On Wednesday November 15, three Oriskany students were honored at the Elks Lodge for the Optimists Club of Whitestown's Student of the Month Program.

The three students were Anthony Kernan, Megan Wright & Anna Kasperovich. These students were chosen based on their academic standing, participation in school activities, community service/volunteering and for taking on leadership roles in their school & community.

Congratulations Anthony, Megan & Anna!



# This Happened...

Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School faculty members Erin Cortese and Pam Musacchio were recently awarded a \$1000 grant by First Source Federal Union. The grant money will be used to collaborate on a real life financial literacy experience with students. We envision our high school students using their knowledge from personal finance to create real world scenarios for the middle school students involving community members and local professionals. Secondly, we would like to create a "retail business" managed by the high school students where the middle school students can earn "Cortese Cash" or fake money to spend on food, beverage and supplies. Students can earn a "paycheck" based on the work they complete in class. We will go over gross pay and net pay and what their deductions are. They will need to deposit their earnings into the bank which will be managed by the high school students as well as managing the retail store.



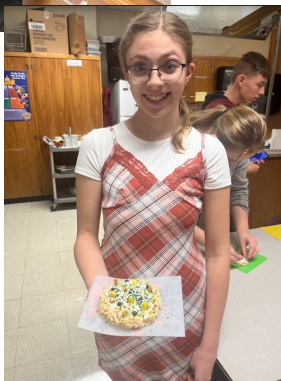
Congratulations Mrs. Cortese and Mrs. Musacchio!!!





# This Happened...

## Home & Careers



On October 31st, Mrs. Cortese's 7th grade Home and Careers class completed a Nailed it Halloween version challenge. While working together, each group had to complete their job in order to make a batch of Rice Krispy treats. Once the treats were made, the students were individually tasked with producing a halloween themed designed treat. Students were supplied with frosting, food gel and a variety of decorations. They "nailed it"!

## Class of 2027

The Class of 2027 would like to thank the Oriskany community for their continued support of the Brooks BBQ fundraiser that was held on November 1st. 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 2027 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



*Congratulations to our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members Eric Babcock, Wyatt Carter, Nathan Domenico, Sean Graziano, Nick Hays, Ashlee Kowiatek, Lauren Kraus, Thomas Maher, and Angelo Soullas for attending the Fall District Meeting at Theodore's Restaurant. The members participated in three workshops. They also participated in the "Battle of the Best" chapter challenge, and placed third in the coin collection fundraiser for "Clear Path for Veterans".*



## Language Club

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 by reading *Ten Apples Up on Top!* by Dr. Seuss. Afterwards, members of language club helped the Pre-K students count, color and trace sentences for their own story to treasure in their classroom.





# This Happened...

## Art News



Students in ceramics class are creating open vessels using the coil method and visual rhythm. Currently, students are working on creating each coil type and are strategically placing them to create rhythm as they build their pots vertically. The students cannot wait to share their finished products!



Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a holiday celebrated primarily in México, but can be celebrated in other Spanish-speaking countries as well. The dates of the holiday coincide with All Saints Day from traditional Catholic beliefs and is celebrated on November 1st and 2nd every year. Día de los Muertos is a celebration and remembrance of deceased loved ones. It is believed that their loved ones come back to the "Land of the Living" for a visit with their friends and family. If they are not honored and remembered, they could end up in the "Land of the Forgotten."



The families decorate cemeteries and "ofrendas" in their homes with pictures, food, flowers and candles. They believe the candles and flowers help guide them to the celebrations. It is meant to be joyous and colorful, not dark and sad.

The students were able to learn and celebrate this wonderful holiday in their Spanish classes this year. They decorated "calaveras" and wrote about how the holiday is celebrated, as well as how they would celebrate in their own homes. They also helped decorate a class "ofrenda" and some students even brought in their own pictures to add. Miss Davidson made the traditional "pan de muertos" so students could expand their cultural palettes.

## Language Class Celebrates The Day of The Dead





**Shake Up Your  
Holiday Tradition**

*Give Blood*

## **Oriskany High School**

**Friday, December 1, 2023**

**9am - 2pm**

High School Auditorium

1312 Utica St

**Friday, December 29, 2023**

**11am-4pm**

Oriskany Legion

In this season of giving, give the gift of life!  
Saving lives and helping students earn scholarships.

For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



*Hello December*



**Bingo's Birthday Month**

**Car Donation Month**

**National Pear Month**

**Safe Toys & Gifts Month**

**Universal Human Rights Month**

**Worldwide Food Service Safety Month**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**