

Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

Monthly Newsletter

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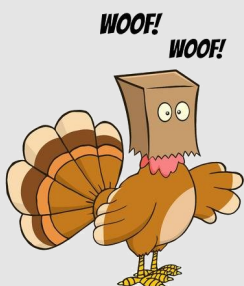
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November 5, 2023



A note from the Principal

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

This school year is flying by. I want to thank the teachers, students, parents/caregivers and the community for such a great fall in all areas of school academics and activities. Just a reminder, the end of the 1st Marking Period is November 9th. Students are 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 Oriskany Girls' Soccer team, combined Westmo / Oriskany Boys' Soccer team, the combined Oriskany/Westmo Cheer team, the combined Westmo/Oriskany Cross Country team and our Gymnastics team all made sectionals this year. The Varsity Competitive Cheer team took first in their division at the first Fall Game Day Section III Championships! This is the team's third consecutive fall season championship. OCS Seniors Kylie Thierry and Briana Measheaw, and Westmoreland Senior Cheyanne Doolen, were recognized as All-Star Cheerleaders. Sophomore Arianna Kernan took 6th place on floor at the Sectional Meet and qualified on floor for the Section III State Team. Fall sports have ended for everyone except for our Westmo/Oriskany Cross Country team, who will be running at Sectionals this Saturday, November 4th, at VVS.

I am happy to announce that the Jr./Sr. High is participating in the new Elevating Student Voices program run by OHM BOCES. The goal of the program is to create a discussion between 8 neighboring districts, in the pursuit of embracing diversity, equity, inclusion, and creating a sense of belonging for all students. We will be sending 8 high school students (two per grade) to participate, including two senior students who will act as facilitators. The group will meet for a half day, three times during the year, for discussion sessions. It will end with an all day Youth Summit in May 2024.

On November 9th, 10th graders will also be going on group tours for career exploration. The class is broken up into 5 different groups. Three groups will go in the morning and two groups will go in the afternoon. The clusters are healthcare, communications/journalism, advanced manufacturing, law enforcement/human and public service, and construction/skill building trades. Senior shadowing will take place on November 15th. This does not include students already at BOCES, or New Visions, because they already receive internships through their programs. As always, thank you for your continued support of our students, staff and school!

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Sincerely,

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



NOVEMBER happenings



November 5th



November...



- 5th- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 7th- Election Day
- 7th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 9th- National Honor Society Induction @ 6:30pm
- 9th- End of 1st Marking Period
- 10th- Veteran's Day Observed- No School
- 11th- Veteran's Day
- 13th- JV & Varsity Winter Sports Begins
- 17th- Report Cards Mailed Home
- 21st- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 23rd-25th- Thanksgiving Recess



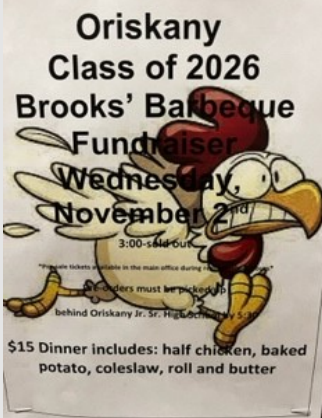
Did You Know...

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 1st



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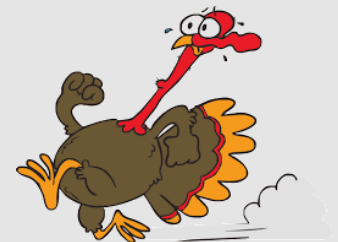




SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024



ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	December 2, 2023
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	April 7, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 19, 2024



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 2024. The deadline for these scholarship applications will be April 18th, 2024





National Stem Challenge



For more information, scan the QR code or
visit: nationalstemchallenge.com

CALLING ALL YOUNG INNOVATORS!



Show us your creativity and problem-solving skills!

Your mission? Craft a STEM project that tackles a real-world challenge. Choose from one of the themes and use the scientific method or engineering design process.

Themes: Environmental Stewardship, Future Foods, Health & Medicine, Aerospace, or Tech for Good

The Challenge is open to students in grades 6-12 in the U.S. and its territories.

200 National STEM Champions will have travel and accommodation expenses covered to attend the **National STEM Festival on April 12-13th, 2024** in **Washington, DC**

Submissions close: Nov. 12, 2023





Oriskany High School

Friday, December 1, 2023
9am - 2pm

High School Auditorium
1312 Utica St

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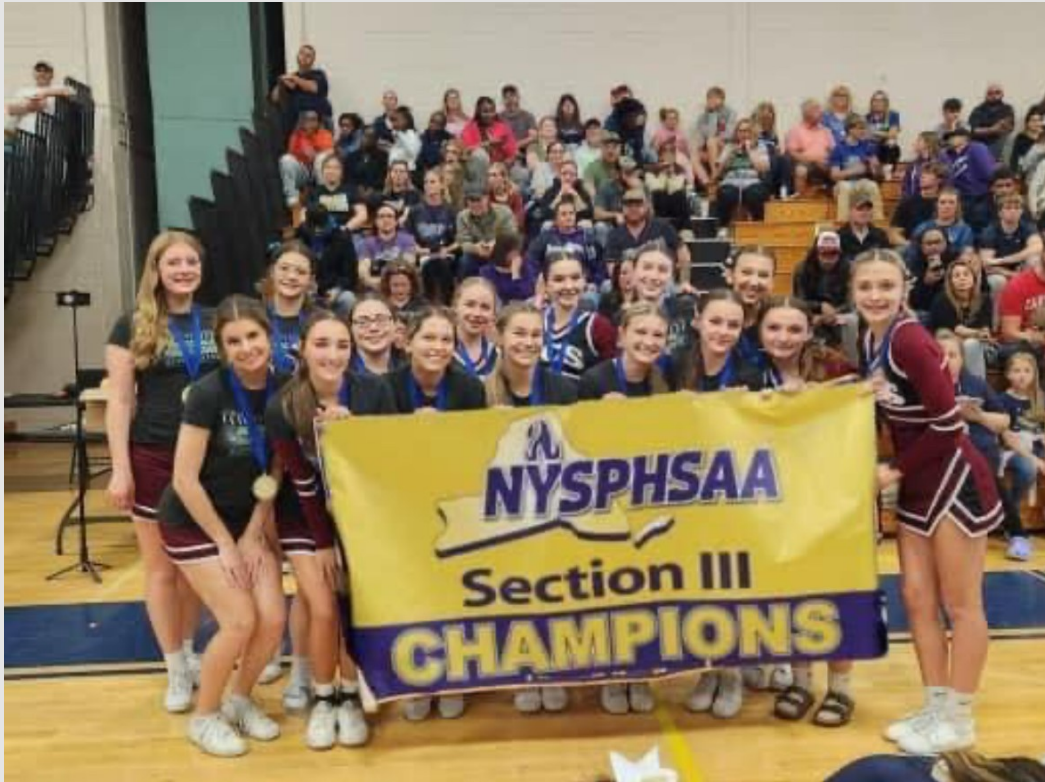


Members of language club are working alongside the staff at Eastern Star Daycare Center to introduce basic vocabulary within their language of study (Spanish, Chinese, ASL). In the month of October they focused on the numbers 1-10. They sang a song, read a story and helped pre-k students work on their fine motor skills with some number tracing. They had a blast!

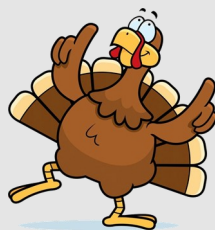




Congratulations!!!



Congrats to the Oriskany/Westmo Varsity Cheerleading Team on their third consecutive fall season championship.



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 similar 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