

# Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School

## Newsletter

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### Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

It has been a fantastic first month of the 2023-2024 school year. This year's Spirit Week was September 25-29 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: Adam Sandler Day  
Come to school dressed as the actor Adam Sandler
- Tuesday: Holiday Day  
Everyone has a favorite holiday, dress to represent yours!
- Wednesday: Iconic Duo  
Grab a partner and become a famous pair
- 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 an amazing 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 huge success! The school spirit, during Spirit Week, has been amazing. I really enjoyed the pep rally and I am excited to have the continued involvement of the community. The Modified Teams played Heads or Tails, the Upperclassmen (9th -11th) had a Pool Noodle Drop, the Senior Athletes had a Cold as Ice 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:

- 1st- Yearbook Sale Begins
- 3rd- BOE Meeting @7pm
- 6th- Superintendent Conference Day= No School
- 9th- Columbus Day= No School
- 10th- MVCA College Night
- 13th- Progress Reports Mailed
- 14th- Athletics
- 17th- BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 19th- PSAT
- 28th- ACT
- 31st- HALLOWEEN!!



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## Did You Know...

### October

- 1st- International Music Day
- 2nd- National Custodian Day
- 4th- National Taco Day
- 6th- Mad Hatter Day
- 13th Silly Sayings Day
- 15th- National I Love Lucy Day
- 17th- National Pasta Day
- 20th- Unity Day
- 27th- Black Cat Day
- 27th- Frankenstein Friday



# October Happenings



## ATTENTION!!!

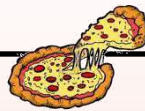
The 7th and 8th grade classes are having a Earth Candle fundraiser. The sale will run from October 9th-Oct 30th. If you are interested in ordering please see a 7th or 8th grade student. You can also order online.

Thank you for your support!!



## PIZZA

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



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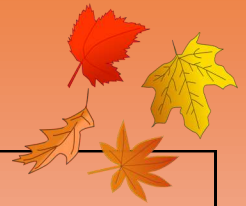
The Junior class will be selling Beef Sticks. The sale will begin on Monday, October 2nd. Please see a junior if you are looking for a snack & interested in purchasing one...or two!. There are several different flavors.

The Sophomore class will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts October 2nd-October 16th. Please see a sophomore to order.

Thank you for your support!!



# 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 19, 2023. 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 2024.
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 46th annual Mohawk Counselor's Association College Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at MVCC.

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).



## UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS



October 5th- Utica University @ 10:00am

October 11th- St Bonaventure @ 9:00am

SUNY Oswego @ 10:15am

Wells College @ 11:00am

SUNY Potsdam @ 11:45 am

Keuka @ 1:00pm

October 12th- University @ Albany 9:00am

St Lawrence @ 12:15pm

October 23rd- HCCC @ 1:30pm

October 30th- SUNY Delhi @ 10:00am



# Counseling and Career Services News...

## Come visit us this fall!



# 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 2024. Students earn an entry for the scholarship by **registering and attending** on either [October 21, 2023](#) or [November 18, 2023](#).

When you attend Open House

- 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

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



*Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Rep. Molinaro, Rep. Stefanik, Rep. Tenney, and Rep. Williams invite you to a*

# **Service Academy Information Night**



**Friday, October 6th | 6:00 pm**

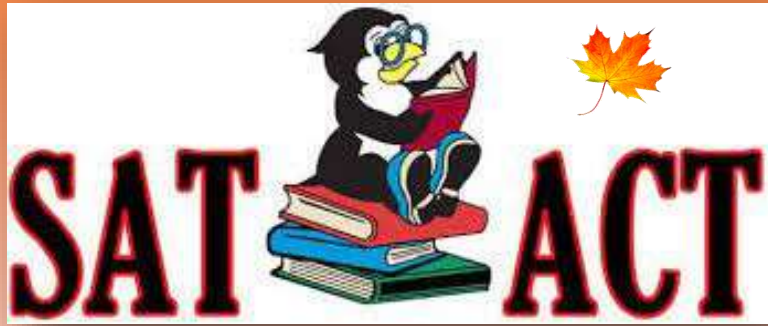
**National Veterans Resource Center  
Daniel & Gayle D'Aniello Building  
101 Waverly Ave  
Syracuse, NY 13244**

**RSVP**



KIRSTEN  
**Gillibrand**  
U.S. SENATOR FOR NEW YORK





SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 28, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2022	October 24, 2023
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
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 14, 2023
December 09, 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





# Student SPOTLIGHT

## AP Scholar Awards

Every fall, the AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams.

AP Scholar Awards come in different levels and types. See the criteria below:

AP Scholar

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

AP Scholar with Honor

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

The following Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School Students (12th graders) and students from the Class of 2023 have been named AP Scholars:

### 12th grade students

Javante Brill-Rollins - AP Scholar  
Kaelyn Buehler - AP Scholar with Honor  
Gavin Howd - AP Scholar  
Anthony Kernan - AP Scholar  
Megan Wright - AP Scholar



### Class of 2023

Jessalyn Birt - AP Scholar with Distinction  
David Cronauer - AP Scholar  
Ryan Donohue - AP Scholar with Distinction  
Jenna Palmiotto - AP Scholar  
Juliet Tagliaferri - AP Scholar



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!**

# What's Happening at OCS???

On June 14th, the Oriskany Alumni Association dedicated 13 new memorial bricks on the walkway in front of the school. That makes a total of 374 bricks that have been installed over the last 12 years. The bricks are installed every May and dedicated at the scholarship night.



# Overcoming Obstacles

On Tuesday September 26th our 9th grade students had a wonderful opportunity to join other 9th graders from around the area at the second annual Overcoming Obstacles seminar. Teacher and author Erin Gruwell and her former students known as the Freedom Writers spoke to and interacted with our students to help them learn how to express themselves and how to find commonalities amongst one another.





# 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. A student that was voted most spirited during the week was awarded the privilege of smashing a pan of shaving cream in Mr. Kennedy's face. Thank you Mr. Kennedy for being such a great sport!

The week unfortunately ended with the Westmo Oriskany Varsity Football team falling just a little short to Sandy Creek. However our Boys Varsity Soccer team defeated Hamilton with a 2-0 win at Bernie Block Field. The Junior class hosted a dunk tank during the soccer games which provided much fun and many laughs. Thank you to the staff who volunteered to sit in the tank and to those who came out to support the Juniors. 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!!













# DUNK TANK





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**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!!**