



# SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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## A Message from Dr. Morris:



Dear Husky Community,

During the upcoming holiday season, when we traditionally take time to give thanks, I am sending each of you a sincere word of thanks and my warmest wishes for a happy and safe holiday celebration with your loved ones. This season offers a chance to pause and reflect. As we do so, we remind ourselves just how fortunate our school system is to serve a vibrant community that deeply values our children's learning.

On behalf of our Board of Education and district leaders, we appreciate the continued dedication of our school administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and guardians. Thank you for the continuous demonstration of time, energy, and generosity you have provided our students and the district.

As a student-centered school community, I want to encourage all of us, parents, guardians, and educators, to celebrate the students in our lives this holiday season. No matter what your holiday celebrations look like this year, please acknowledge and encourage the students in your family. Tell them you are proud of their work and rooting for their success. We are grateful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they remind us daily what is important and why we are here.

I am so thankful for being a part of the Husky Pack, and I look forward to working with you during the next several years. On behalf of the Olean City Schools Board of Education and district leaders, I wish you a Happy holiday season. I wish you the best for a holiday break filled with family, friends, love, and laughter!

Sincerely,

*Dr. Genelle Morris*  
Superintendent  
Olean City School District

HAPPY  
*Holidays*



## December Coffee with Dr. Morris:

The December Coffee with the Superintendent is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 7:30am to 8:30am in the LGI room at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. If you are interested in attending, please pre-register by emailing Melissa Biddle, OCSD Public Relations Specialist at [mbiddle@oleanschools.org](mailto:mbiddle@oleanschools.org).



## Community Thanksgiving Dinner a Success:

We would like to thank everyone who made the November 18th Community Thanksgiving Dinner possible! We would especially like to thank those who attended and enjoyed the delicious meal as well as the volunteers!





## School Psychologist Appreciation Week:

Olean City School District recognized the week of November 6-10, 2023 as National School Psychology Week to highlight the important work our School Psychologists do to help all of our Huskies!



## School Related Professionals Day

The Olean City School District recognized November 21st as School Related Professionals Day! It is a well-deserved honor for the hard-working women and men who help educate, feed and transport students, monitor their health, administer school offices, and maintain school facilities - providing a safe and nurturing environment for student-centered learning! Thank you for all you do!





## Save the Date for the Upcoming Musical Performance:

Save the date for the upcoming performances of ELF the musical scheduled for Friday, December 15th AND Saturday, December 16th at 7:00pm. Ticket cost at the door is \$5.00/student and \$10.00/adult. Children ages five and under are FREE. Our Huskies have been working hard on these performances and we hope you are able to join us!



Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday & December 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00pm

Olean High School presents...  
**ELF the Musical**  
Book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin  
Music by Matthew Sklar  
Lyrics by Chad Beguelin  
Based upon the new line cinema film Written by David Berenbaum

Ticket cost at the door  
**\$5.00 Student**  
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Children 5 and under FREE

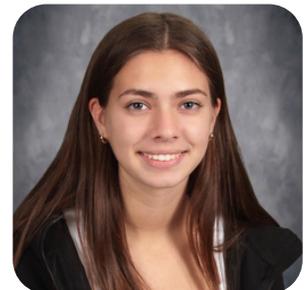
Please Ticket Here:  
  
www.mtschools.com

Elf the Musical is presented through special arrangements with Musical Theatre International (MTI) All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
www.mtschools.com

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## Welcome New School Board Members:

On Tuesday, November 14th, two Olean High School student representatives were welcomed to the Olean City School District Board of Education. We welcome Heartly Phipps and Ava Smith.





## Native American Heritage Month:

On November 30th, the students of Olean Intermediate Middle School closed out Native American Heritage Month with a performance by the Old Bridge Singers and Dancers. The members are of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, most coming from Salamanca. They taught students about their social dances, regalia, and heritage. Staff members joined in on several social dances with the members and had a lot of fun!



## OHS Community Service Project:

Olean High School students raked leaves at the Bartlett House as a community service project - they also enjoyed playing in the leaves too! Upon completion, students were treated to yummy leaf shaped cookies and cocoa and even got a sneak peak at the Bartlett House's decorations for the Holidays!





## St. Bonaventure University Readers:

Husky Pups at East View and Washington West have been enjoying their time spent with St. Bonaventure D1 Athletes! The SBU Athletes have been coming in to both of the Elementary Schools to read with the students as part of the Bob Lanier Literacy Program.

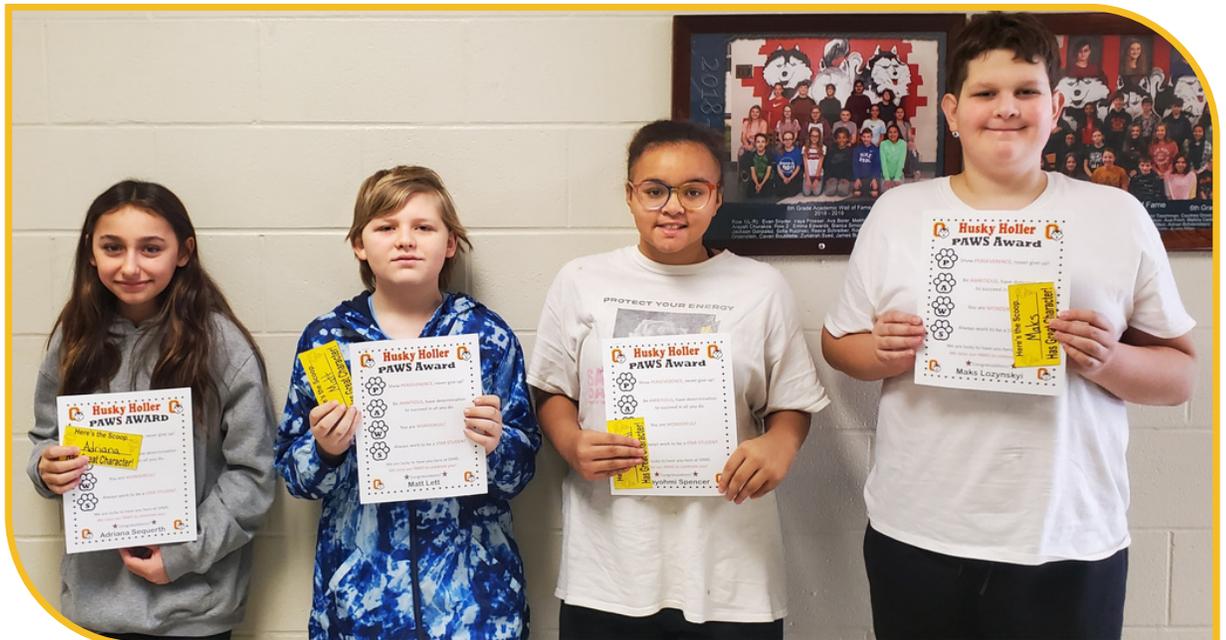
St. Bonaventure Athletics is implementing this program to be modeled after the NBA's, Read to Achieve Program, but adapted to the best impact the local community and area schools. The Athletes come in, connect with our students, read them a grade-appropriate book, and then each kiddo gets to take home a copy of that book!





## Character Continues to Count at OIMS:

Character continues to count at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. These 6th graders have been caught being THANKFUL!





## Senior Spotlights:

Every issue of my Superintendent's Briefs will introduce and celebrate all of our hard-working Senior Scholars in their last year before they prepare to move on to college or careers at the end of the year. We are certainly husky proud of them all! All Seniors will be featured so continue to check back for more spotlights!



**Name:** Elise Trudeau

**Highlight of HS career:** Getting done and graduating

**Plans after High School:** Going to college and majoring in Business Administration.

**Advice for underclassmen:** If you think about going out for a sport or club, just do it, you might love it.

**Senior Shout Out:** Mr. Nawrot for being a supportive tennis coach and teacher. He has helped me understand how tennis relates to everyday life, showing me how to not be in my head when something is becoming stressful.



**Name:** Riti Anumalasetty

**Highlight of HS career:** The highlights of my high school career are learning different subjects and skills, balancing academics and extracurricular activities, playing tennis, playing musical instruments, and participating in Model UN and DECA conferences.

**Plans after High School:** After high school, I am planning to attend an undergraduate college and pursue a bachelor's degree in a stem major with a pre-med track and a future goal of entering the medical field.

**Advice for underclassmen:** My advice for underclassmen would be to enjoy every moment of high school and make lots of good memories.

**Senior Shout Out:** I would like to thank my family, friends, and teachers who helped me become the person I am today.



## Senior Spotlights:



**Name:** Helaina Rucinski

**Highlight of HS career:** I thoroughly enjoyed my 10th grade global class and would definitely say this is my main High School highlight. I loved having Mrs. Perry as a teacher and the activities we did in class are unforgettable. I feel that I gained so much knowledge from her style of teaching and this is something I will never forget.

**Plans after High School:** I plan on attending a four-year college after I graduate High School and I would like to major in Psychology. With my degree I would eventually love to get a job in the counseling and social work field due to my love for helping people.

**Advice for underclassmen:** If I were to give one piece of advice to the underclassman it would be to try to attend every High School event that you can! As a senior, I frequently look back and wish I would have done more. Attend as many sporting events as you can, participate in Homeless Huskies and the Super Bowl of Caring, join clubs you're interested in! The friends and memories that come out of these experiences are worthwhile and memorable.

**Senior Shout Out:** I would like to shout out my family, especially my mom and dad for constantly showing me support and pushing me to my full potential. From always keeping the Olean Times Herald paper for when the High Honor Roll list came out, to sitting down with me and assisting with my homework, they have always been by my side!



**Name:** Amy Campbell

**Highlight of HS career:** Winning Volleyball Sectionals 2022

**Plans after High School:** Attend Alfred State College

**Advice for underclassmen:** When you have those times where you feel alone and feel lost, reach out! There are so many teachers willing to help you with any problems you are having. Don't give up!

**Senior Shout Out:** I would like to thank the Perry's. They have helped me learn about History! I would also like to thank Mr. Nawrot for always being there. He is not only a great teacher but a great supporter!



## Applied Technology Crafts Decorations:

Eighth-grade students in Mr. Ruckinski's and Mr. Brown's Applied Technology classes expanded their skills by working on a variety of equipment, including planners, jointers, band saws, miter saws, and air nailers. Applying their newfound expertise, they crafted decorations from recycled wood.



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