



SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

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Celebration, Recognition & Appreciation:

During the month of October, we celebrated two important members of our school community. These include our school board members and our principals!

School Board Recognition Week:

The New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) sponsors School Board Recognition Week (October 1-21, 2022) to recognize school board members for their commitment to New York public school children. Recognizing school board member service should be a year-round endeavor but designating one week to highlight these volunteers' efforts ensures they receive some of the thanks they deserve. School Board Recognition Week is an opportunity to raise community awareness, and understanding of the crucial role school board members have within a school district. We are joining the NYSSBA in honoring our Board Members for School Board Recognition Week!



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Vice-President



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Board Member



Ira Katzenstein
Board Member



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Board Member



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Board Member

*Thank
You*



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Celebration, Recognition & Appreciation Continued:

National Principal's Appreciation Month

Also, October was National Principals' Appreciation Month! National Principals Appreciation Month honors principals for their significant impact on the success and well-being of our district's students. Principals, thank you for being a guiding light for our schools.



Pictured left to right: Mr. Brian Crawford, East View Elementary Principal, Mrs. Laura Hodara, High School Assistant Principal, Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Maureen DiCerbo, Intermediate Middle School Assistant Principal, Mr. Gerald Trietley, Intermediate Middle School Principal, Mr. Jeffrey Andreano, High School Principal, and Lauren Stuff, Washington West Elementary Principal.

Thank you!



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Recognizing OCSD Faculty & Staff:

I was joined by the Board of Education Vice President, Mary Hirsch-Schena and other members of the School Board of Education on September 20th to present five (5) faculty/staff members with recognition awards.

Charmaine Hill, Sara Williams, Mark Nolan and Nancy Martin were awarded the "Leader of the Pack" Award honoring a staff member who is a leader in their own right and who goes above and beyond their job description to make Olean a special place for students.

Ms. Angela Mest was awarded the Mr. Ron Shoup Memorial Award honoring a teacher in the district who consistently goes out of their way for students.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients. To learn more about these awards and/or to nominate someone, please visit the following link: <https://www.oleanschools.org/Domain/755>



Pictured left to right are as follows: Dr. Genelle Morris, Charmaine Hill, Sara Williams, Mark Nolan, and Mary Hirsch-Schena.

Congratulations!

Pictured left to right are as follows: Dr. Genelle Morris, Angela Mest, Recipient of the "Mr. Ron Shoup Memorial Award" and Nancy Martin, Recipient of the "Leader of the Pack" Award.





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National Walk to School Day:



On Wednesday, October 5th, I had the honor of joining some of our district husky pups in celebrating "National Walk to School Day." National Walk to School Day began in the United States in 1997 as a one-day event aimed at building awareness for the need for walkable communities. In 2000, the event became international when the U.K. and Canada joined the United States for the first International Walk to School Day! It was so much fun getting to walk with our husky pups and their families!





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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! Our first set of our Seniors scholars are highlighted below. All Seniors will be featured so continue to check back for more highlights!



Name: Brooke Capito

Highlight of HS career: The atmosphere

Plans after HS: Go to College

Advice to underclassmen: Enjoy high school while you still can.

Senior Shout Out: Sophia Burt



Name: Ariel Maine

Highlight of HS career: Homeless Huskies 8th Grade Year

Plans after HS: Go to college and play softball

Advice to underclassmen: Don't give up easily after a hard time.

Senior Shout Out: My mom and dad



Name: Randy Hall

Highlight of HS career: Being part of the swim team

Plans after HS: College

Advice to underclassmen: Study hard

Senior Shout Out: Thanks mom and dad



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Senior Spotlights:



Name: Emma Anastasia

Highlight of HS career: Starting my mental health club, Mending Minds

Plans after HS: I intend on going to college to study political science on the pre-law track

Advice to underclassmen: Everyone makes mistakes. Understand that everyone is learning and be mature about the situation.

Senior Shout Out: I would like to thank my family, friends, and teachers for all of their support throughout my high school career. Special thanks to Miss. Kranz for being so accepting; Naomi Hill, for always supporting me; Devin Singh and Maryam Mirza, for amazing advice; and my Mom and Dad for shaping me into the person I am today.



Name: Kyra Vroman

Highlight of HS career: Joining National Honor Society

Plans after HS: Going to college, and traveling.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't skip the little things, they matter.

Senior Shout Out: Mrs. Wolfgang

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