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## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"*

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### Pink Pumpkin Project

Members of the Olean High School raised \$1,278 for the Pink Pumpkin Project.

The Olean Student Activities Council hosted a Pink Out football game with the help of the Olean Sports Boosters. In addition, the Olean Girls Volleyball teams held their annual Pink Out game to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. Volleyball held a Chinese auction as well as a large item raffle which included a Smart TV, Cutco, lottery tickets, and a GOACC gift certificate. We would like to thank everyone who donated and hope to make it bigger in the future.



### Girls Volleyball Claims Sectional Title

The Olean Girls Volleyball team claimed its 3rd Sectional title in 4 years.

Members of the team are: Adele Dwaileebe (senior captain), Makenna Pancio (senior captain), Kiley Anastasia (senior captain), Michelle Droney, Logan Baer, Leah Williams, Mercedes Colbert, Jemini Fayson, Amy Campbell, Sophia Bartman, Emma Dodge, and Ashley Zewe. Coaches are Carrie Peters, Michelle Acierno, Rich DiMartino and Trainer John Eaton.



### Bills Day!



## Happy Retirement Mr. Moore!



The Olean City School District would like to thank Mr. Rick T. Moore for his dedicated years of service to the students and staff at Olean City Schools. Mr. Moore began his career in Olean in 1988 serving as a Social Studies Teacher until his appointment to the Assistant Principal position at Olean High School in 1997. As a teacher

in Olean, Mr. Moore was active as a soccer coach, Advisor for the Ski Club, Class Advisor, and leader in the Olean Teacher's Association. Many stories of the squeaky-wheeled "discipline cart" Mr. Moore pushed up and down the halls of Olean High School as he dispatched his duties as Assistant Principal still linger today. Mr. Moore left Olean in 1999 to take on the role of High School Principal at Otto-Eldred and then advanced in his career to Superintendent of Schools at Salamanca in 2004.

Prior to his tenure at Olean as teacher and assistant principal, Mr. Moore was well-traveled having spent time in Japan, Brazil, and Korea. He received both his Bachelor's (1979) and Master's (1984) degrees from Bowling Green State University in Ohio as well as a Master's in Administration (2001) from St. Bonaventure University. It is rumored that Mr. Moore took

only his sleeping bag with him as he traveled to college in Ohio in 1975 and left with it in 1979. Within the Japanese culture, Mr. Moore learned the concept of Wabi-sabi – a concept centered on a view of the world marked by the acceptance of imperfection coupled with beauty which he carried with him as he served students throughout his career.

Mr. Moore returned to Olean City Schools in August of 2017 to take the helm as Superintendent of Schools and finish his 33 year career in education retiring this past month. Mr. Moore enjoyed talking with students and staff every day and knew a great deal about their lives and their interests. He could be found chatting with students and teachers in classrooms offering advice as a former assistant principal to students struggling with code of conduct injustices or in the gymnasium playing some pickle ball. Mr. Moore loves Olean. He often would say "It Takes All the Huskies to Pull the Sled" and truly believes in the community that is Olean and Olean City Schools. We would like to wish Mr. Moore a very restful and happy retirement. I am sure you can find him searching for a golf ball on Main Street in the summer and on the slopes at Holiday Valley in the winter. Thank you for your years of service, Mr. Moore – we will miss you!



## Welcome New Hires!

### *Support Staff:*



*Lindsey Green –  
Teacher Aide*



*Katy Neff –  
Teacher Aide*



*Abram Webster –  
Teacher Aide*



*Devon Winters –  
Keyboard Specialist*



*Megan Zampogna –  
Teacher Aide*



## Olean City Schools is hiring substitutes in all areas!

Want to be a Husky with a paycheck? We are always in need of quality student-focused individuals to serve our students at Olean City Schools. If you are interested in substituting, log on to [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org), go to “Human Resources” to find the Professional Application (for teachers) and the Civil Service Application (for Teacher Aides, Cleaners, Nurses & Cafeteria substitutes). Send completed applications to Aaron W. Wolfe, Director of Human Resources, 410 W. Sullivan Street, Olean, NY 14760 or come by the HR Office at OHS – we’d love to meet you!

### Teacher Substitute Rates:

- Associates Degree Rate (2 years college equivalent): \$95.00/Day
  - Bachelors Degree Rate: \$110.00/Day
  - Certified Teacher Rate: \$125.00/Day
  - Retired OCSD Teacher Rate: \$165.00/Day

Cleaner, Teacher Aide, Cafeteria Substitute Rate: \$12.50/Hour (\$13.20 January 1, 2022)

Nurse Substitute: \$22.50/Hour



## Congratulations New York State Champion, Alexis Trietley!

What does it take to be a New York State Champion? That is a question that can certainly be answered by Olean High School senior, Alexis Trietley. Alexis traveled to Ithaca College Friday, November 19th and Saturday, November 20th to secure the New York State 100 Freestyle State Championship with a top spot on the podium. Alexis is also credited with All-American standings in the 50 Freestyle & 100 Freestyle, was state runner up in the 50 Freestyle, won the Section 6 Sportsmanship Award, is the new Section 6 50 Freestyle record holder, and holds multiple Olean High School swimming record times. Throughout her high school career she has amassed over 50 records at Olean High School and throughout the surrounding area. In addition to her outstanding athletic accomplishments, Alexis also excels in her academic pursuits. Alexis will be swimming and learning next fall at Colorado State University having accepted a scholarship for her athletic and academic endeavors. She is a member of the 2021-2022 New Visions class at Olean BOCES and has aspirations in the medical field beyond college. When I spoke with Alexis in my office on a sunny Thursday afternoon, her mask only partially concealed her smile. I was struck with her poise and determination. I asked her “What have you wanted to say throughout this journey that you haven’t had a chance to say?” Thinking she would need some processing time, I then began to let her know my deadline and the amount of time she had to get that information back to me if she needed to think a bit. She did not need processing time. She immediately began to talk about the honor of not just the state award but the All-American titles that she really didn’t even know about until she achieved them. When you are an All American Athlete, it means this: you are among the top 100 athletes in your field in the nation. It’s kinda a big deal (my words). Then she began talking about how much she really loved being with her teammates, her Olean coaches, her club coach Caren Barnes, and the fun of rooming with fellow athletes competing at the state and national level. She said “When you get to that level, you get to pick the song you walk out to!” I asked what song did you pick?” “Mr. Brightside, by the Killers” she said. Congratulations Alexis Trietley – New York State Champion! We think you have been “coming out of your cage and [you’re] doing just fine ...” Olean City School District is proud of you!



# News From OHS



## Plus Haut

Aim High is this year's theme in Mrs. Napoleon's French classes. At the start of the year, students were introduced to the French song <Plus Haut> which focused on plotting a course with set goals. All classes brainstormed different ways to improve their daily habits to chip away at goals for this year. Students then chose 5 personal goals and wrote them down on their air balloon (a sign of rising above a difficult year). Many discussed being more positive and being mindful of the power of our words. Our hot air balloons of goals will remain all year in our hallway as a reminder that when we are in a positive frame of mind, we can rise above with greater ease. It also helps us to look ahead with a plan rather than just reacting to our setbacks. The song helped students to realize that they do have control over their choices and the direction of their future path.



## Spanish Club Celebration

The Olean High School Spanish Club celebrated Día de Muertos on November 4th with snacks and an art activity! The Spanish Club organized this event with Mr. Sean Conklin from the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. Mr. Conklin gave a fantastic presentation on the history and cultural practices of this Latin American holiday and students were able to create their own Alebrije crafts. Quesadillas, cookies, and sugar skulls were provided to enhance the fiesta! Each student left with a special Día de Muertos themed goodie bag as well. Special thanks to our awesome amigos at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts, especially Mr. Sean Conklin for the awesome learning opportunity and art activity!



## Homeless Huskies

The 28th annual Homeless Huskies was a great success! We were overjoyed to able to have this event again, as last year the event did not take place due to Covid. This event is designed to raise awareness for the homeless and allow students to see the hardships that people face daily. Along with this, the event raises money for local organizations. We were able to donate \$5,600 to the Genesis House, the food pantry, and the Good Samaritan Scholarship fund. On November 12th, approximately 75 students showed up the OHS front lawn and got ready for the event. People had creatively decorated boxes or tents that they could sleep in, or they could sit by the fire. The night definitely was not easy. Not only was it cold, but it also started to rain as well. By 6:00am, when it was time to go, all the students had a very different perspective on what it means to be homeless.



## Talk Abroad

The JCC 2510/2520 French students are continuing to participate in completing 3 Talk Abroad conversations this year. What is Talk Abroad you ask??? It is an online platform for World Language learners that helps students to increase their language proficiency through a video chat of 30 minutes with a native speaker. This platform was adopted into the JCC language curriculum about 3 years ago when the design and output of material was reformed.

The JCC World Language curriculum is presently taught using authentic resources (such as videos, interviews, podcasts, surveys, articles etc.) that discuss current and complex topics such as the influence of media in how we see the world, or how one person can truly make a difference. French students are able to choose partners from France, Belgium, Togo, Canada and Tunisia; then they discuss the specific topics covered in class. The goal of the conversation is to practice introductions, gather information about their partner, and to make a cultural comparison to gain a different perspective.

The Talk Abroad experience is the ultimate opportunity for students to feel validated about reaching an intermediate proficiency level in French. Intermediate proficiency defines someone who is able to handle a variety of communicative tasks and social situations, with solid phrases and good transitional words. In addition to navigating language, our JCC French students also gain competency with their creativity, flexible thinking, tolerance and acceptance of those things that are different, and learn to view uncomfortable situations as a challenge with the goal of self-improvement. Students in the World Language programs in Olean are encouraged to continue with their World Language practice well past the Level One graduation requirement. Students continuing onto JCC 2510/2520 French could earn a total of 6 JCC college credits and a marvelous skill set, giving our local students a cutting edge in our competitive global world.



## Gibbons Signs with Niagara

JoJo Gibbons will be attending Niagara University in the fall, as part of the Purple Eagles Softball Team. JoJo plans to major in Business while at Niagara, which is located in Niagara, NY.

Pictured from left to right :

Front row: Greg Gibbons (father), JoJo Gibbons, and Kathleen Gibbons (mother)

Back row: Samy Gibbons (sister) and Steve Anastasia (OHS AD and Varsity Softball coach)



## Model UN Conference

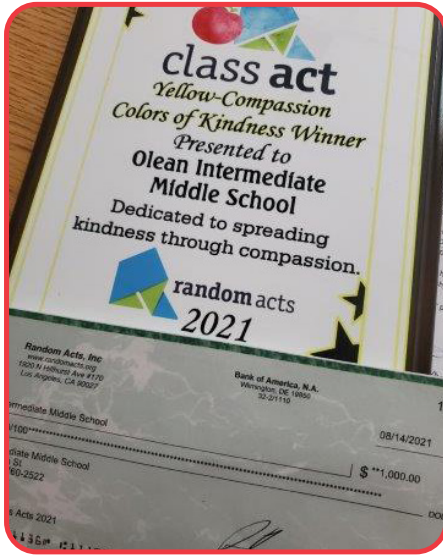
The Model United Nations Team competed against 15 other Buffalo-area high schools at a conference hosted by Canisius College on November 4. Delegates to the conference were Emma Anastasia, Naomi Hill, Alex Vogel, Tyler Camp, Hailee Zalwsky, Riti Anumalasetty, Dylan DiRosa, Rose Scordo, Lilli Khettry, Nate Martinelli, and Emma Dwaileebe.

Students who participated and also won awards in their committees were Chance Padlo and Heartly Phipps who were recognized as the Best Delegates in Contemporary Security Council. Milo Mandel earned the Outstanding Delegate designation in the Human Rights Council. David Ruskowski and Gaaron Jones were acknowledged with an honorable mention in the Historic Security Council.

Congratulations to all delegates on representing OHS so admirably!



# News From OIMS



## Matejka Random Acts of Kindness

Ms. Matejka's Literacy of Love club won the Compassion Award through Class Act's RandomActs program. After an application process, the club represents the Olean Intermediate Middle School in being a leader of kindness!



## Scientific Method Projects

Students in 5th grade completed individual Science Fair experiments after learning the Scientific Method. They picked their projects, completed the experiments, and then typed them. The projects were completed with a poster.



## Sled Dog Window Display



## DIY Macy's Day Parade

Mrs. Burrows' and Mrs. Hamed's 5th Grade class participated in a STEM challenge to create their own balloon puppets for the Macy's Day parade inspired by the book "Balloons Over Broadway" by Melissa Sweet about the life of Tony Sarg, the original puppeteer behind the balloon puppets.



## Crafts and Cards for Vets

Sixth grade students showed their appreciation for Veterans by creating special crafts, making cards, and writing letters that were then delivered to local agencies to be shared with Veterans in our community.





## Homeade Fall Pumpkin Delivery

Students in Mrs. Mest's Class made and delivered Fall pumpkins as they Trick or Treated through the District Offices at OIMS and OHS.



## Expressions Through Art

Ms. Cawley's 6th grade art classes have been learning about expression through line by painting to different kinds of music. 7th grade art classes learned about printmaking and creating prints using text.



## Learning About Native American Culture

During the month of October, 7th Grade Social Studies students learn about Native Americans. On Wednesday, October 27th, Mrs. Coulter and Mrs. Howard's 7th grade Social Studies classes were joined by members of the Seneca First Nation. Travis and Justin Schapp, and Blaine and Chris Tallchief visited Olean Intermediate Middle School with artifacts demonstrating their history and culture. They taught students traditional songs and of all of the things they are thankful for. Students played traditional instruments along with Travis, Justin, Blaine and Chris! Students then selected and researched a Native American group of interest. As a culminating project, students wrote a paper about that group and built a model home.







# OLEAN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

[www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org)  
[ocsdfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ocsdfoundation@gmail.com)

A 501c (3) organization that fundraises to support:  
Academic Enrichment Grants and the OCSD Wall of Honor

## ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR WALL OF HONOR 2022

Nomination form and Instructions found at:

[www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org)

Deadline for submission 12/31/21

## ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Instructions and Grant application found at:

[www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org)

## THANK YOU

Max Wolfe and Anna Mest, SAC and OSF members

The OCSD Student and Staff donors

The Olean community and alumni

## FOR MAKING THE OSF CATTARAUGUS GIVES DAY 2021 SUCH A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Total raised (with incentive awards): \$9,502

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in most donor: 238

80+ of those donors were Olean students!

## District Outreach Van Wrap

### OSF Grant

ictured: OSF Board members and OHS Students

It really does “Take all the Huskies to Pull the Sled” and, once again, you’ve proved it!







# Washington West Elementary School



## Catapult Challenge of 2021

Several of our third-grade husky pups took on the Catapult Challenge of 2021, to see who could launch a candy pumpkin the farthest. Their hard work and efforts to make a successful launch was put to the test this November. How far do you think they were able to have their pumpkins fly?



## Save the Turkey

These kindergartners were tasked with a STEAM challenge to hide the turkey before Thanksgiving. They used blocks and other materials to keep their gobbler hidden before the big feast. Great teamwork, husky pups!



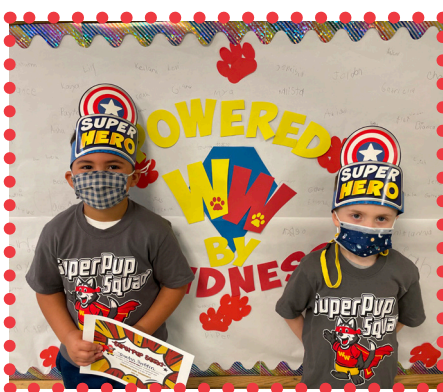
## Husky Pride

To cheer on the OHS Varsity Volleyball Team and our own Miss A, Washington West hosted a husky pup pride pep rally. We lined the hallways, danced, and cheered for the huskies as they advanced in competitive play.



## Home on the Range

These husky pups were roasting some marshmallows as they learned the famed classic "Home on the Range" in music class.



## Powered Up by Kindness

In advance of World Kindness Day on November 13, our husky pups committed to kindness in several ways. They passed along notes of kindness to their peers and our esteemed staff, and signed a kindness banner showing how Washington West is Powered Up by Kindness.

Follow your Husky Pups on Twitter @OleanWW





# East View Elementary School



## 3rd Graders Morning Announcements

Our third graders have taken over our morning announcements and are doing an amazing job. You can check them out each day by going to our school You Tube page by going to You Tube and searching for "East View Elementary".



## Halloween 2021

Halloween was so much fun this year! Students wore costumes to school and participated in a virtual parade. The parade got over 1,000 views on our You Tube page.



## The First Snowfall of the Year

Two of our students are loving the first snowfall of the year on their way in to school.

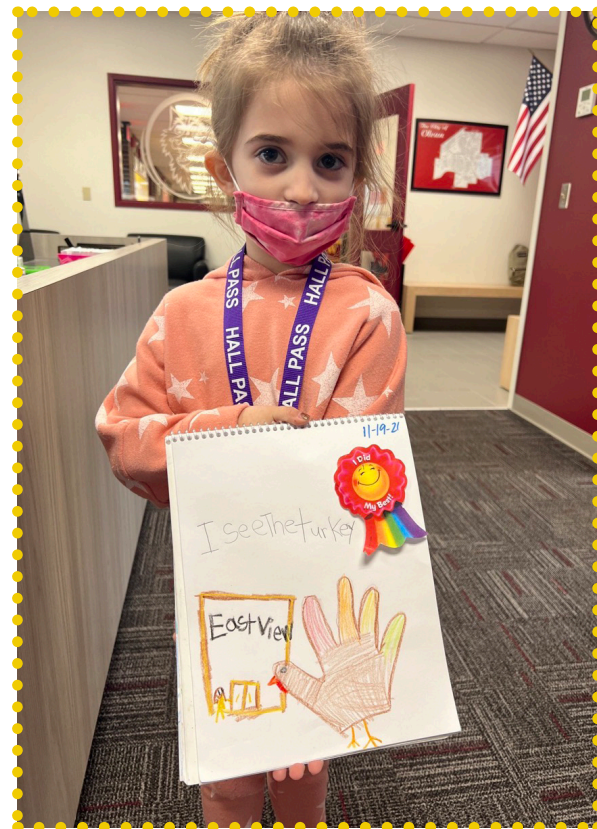






## Thank You Veterans

Mrs. Caya's class honored some Veterans this year with some packages.



## East View School Spirit

Showing off some school pride!



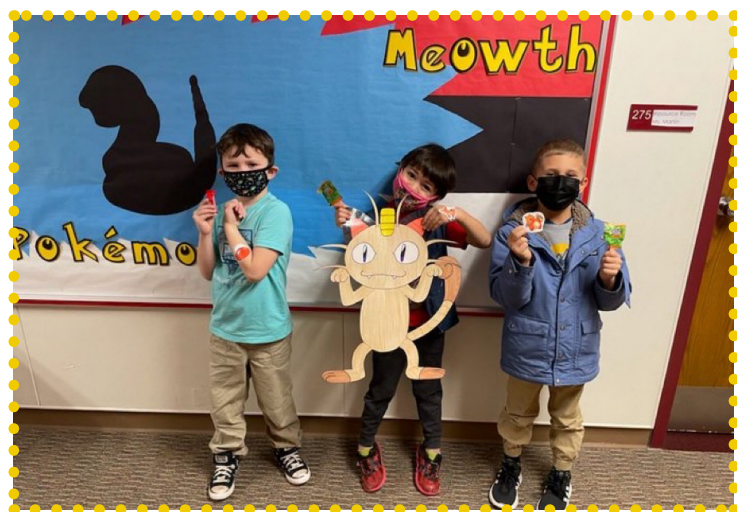
## Just a Bunch of Turkeys

Mrs. Knight's class visited the office to show off their turkeys.



## Center Learning

Mrs. Martin's class is learning in their centers.



## Pokemon Challenge

Ms. Martin does a Pokemon challenge for our students and it's amazing!

Follow our school on twitter @OleanEastView





## Olean City School District

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## Television Studio at Olean High School



Students at Olean High get to practice “Lights, Camera, Action” each morning as our television crew broadcasts our announcements live to the students and staff of Olean High School. Our students learn about lighting, camera angles, audio, and video switching, using virtual sets and 2 camera television production.

Every day, the script is written, and the on-air personalities of the day bring all the news to Olean High School. The rest of the production crew makes sure that the production hits the airwaves. It takes 8 students each day to put on the news and all students rotate through the different positions to give them multiple learning experiences.

The television studio at Olean High School has had numerous upgrades over the past few years. Our Tri-caster, professional video production board, has been upgraded. We have new cameras, microphones, studio lighting and green screen curtains. Soon we will be painting the walls with green screen paint so the entire room can be used with different real and virtual sets.

The announcements are livestreamed every morning from 8:20 – 8:30 on our web site at <https://www.oleanschools.org/livestream> and archived are <http://video.oleanschools.org/morning-announcements>. Stop by our web sites above and look at what our students are accomplishing.



## Olean City School District Mission/Vision

*The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.*

### Guiding Principles

*A commitment to fostering:*

A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment

Embracing diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement