



LEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Home, School and Community Educating for Life”

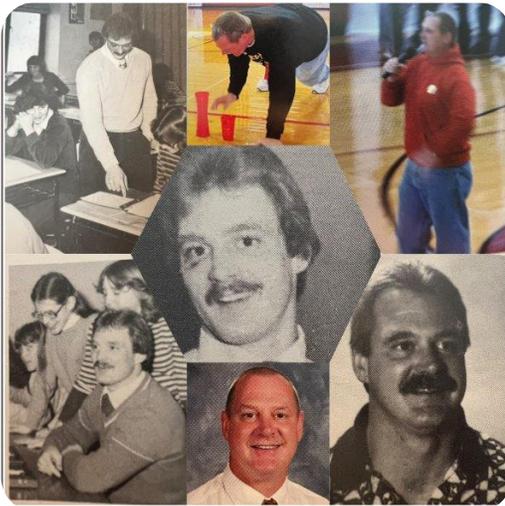
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In Memory of Ron Shoup

OCSD Health & Physical Education Teacher:

By: Eileen Skrobacz, Retired Teacher



“Heartbreaking.” “Ron was a friend, a co-worker, and a great guy!” “He will be missed so much.” “My kids loved him!” “Ron Shoup was a very dear friend to many. He had that ‘new teacher’ passion every single year, and his optimism never wavered. If you were in his classroom, you were fortunate.” Heavy-hearted condolences were posted immediately on social media in memory of Olean City School District’s forty-two-year veteran Health and Physical Education teacher, Ron Shoup, who passed away on Monday, January 10, 2022.

“Shoupie,” as Ron was fondly referred to by his colleagues, was a constant at Olean Intermediate Middle School: he was often the first to volunteer to chaperone dances, take kids fishing, on haunted hayrides, snowtubing . . . No matter the occasion, Ron could always be counted on to support the OIMS students and staff.

He was a football and wrestling coach for the Huskies, advisor of Youth-to-Youth, and Fay’s Drug Quiz program where

OIMS teams were often in the top spot at the end of the state-wide competitions. Ron was the Reality Check advisor, Red Ribbon coordinator, and participated in the Olean Youth Bureau Rent-a-Kid program. When he saw a need, he never hesitated to put forth the time and energy necessary to make a program successful. Ron was there to help pull the husky sled. Through his efforts, money was collected over the years when he was the Pennies for Patients’ (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) coordinator. He was also selected to participate on the NYS Assembly Task Force on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse committee, and he was a member of the Drug Free Schools’ Committee. Through his Health curriculum, Ron was always pleased when his students became Red Cross First Aid and CPR certified.

When the middle schoolers had the opportunity to attend an Olean Oilers’ baseball game, Ron stepped up to help organize and prepare the entire OIMS student body and staff for a fun-filled day!

During Ron’s tenure at OIMS, there was always laughter heard around his classroom and in the hallway. He never missed an opportunity to tell a story, listen to a friend, or help a student. If you can imagine, Ron taught Health to every seventh grader in the district for forty-two years: the total number of students is approximately eight thousand students: a staggering number for one teacher to have taught.

Often, people will say they don’t remember everything they learned throughout their school years, but they

can always recall how they were treated. Ron always gave his students attention and offered them his unconditional respect: as if they were his own children. People would ask Ron why he was still teaching after so many years. His response: “Why would I retire? I love what I’m doing. When I don’t like coming in, then I’ll be done.” Ron would give a hearty laugh, a big smile, and say, “I still enjoy it. I still enjoy it!”

The OCSD families, whose lives Ron has touched, will never forget what he did for them whether it was in the classroom, on the athletic field, or making connections with them outside of school. His legacy and memory will carry on for years to come.

Ron is survived by his beloved wife of forty-one years, Lori, daughter Danielle, son Brian, grandson Julien Goyal, his brothers Rodney (Priscilla), Robert II, and sister Darlene Shoup, his mother Irene Ann Shoup, his in-laws and many nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Robert Harry Shoup, Sr.



Welcome Dr. Geelan!



The Olean City School District would like to offer a warm welcome to Dr. Karen Geelan who will be serving as Interim Superintendent through June 30, 2022. Dr. Geelan comes to us with several years of administrative experience serving as Superintendent of Schools, building principal, and mathematics instruction. Dr. Geelan fills the vacancy left by Mr.

Rick Moore's retirement and serves as a key transitional role while the Olean City School District's Board of Education seeks to find a permanent superintendent over the next few months.

Dr. Karen Geelan taught math in the cities of Buffalo and Niagara Falls for twelve (12) years, where she had many teacher leadership experiences, and she adopted the philosophy of "Learning for All... Whatever it Takes." Teaching every math course from grade 7 through AP Calculus, she became involved in curriculum and assessment writing at the district level, served as a secondary director in the teachers' union, and participated on the building and district level shared decision making committees, in addition to advising numerous student clubs and organizations. After hours were spent as a computer tutor for students in a halfway house and teaching math at the community college and math methods to pre-service teachers at Niagara University.

She complemented her professional experiences by extending her formal education earning two Masters of Education degrees and a Doctorate of Education. The focus of her studies was tending to the organization of schools and districts to become change-adept organizations, that can resiliently bounce back from adversity. She studied at the University at Buffalo, and her thesis was titled, Organizational Sustainability and High School Reform.

Dr. Geelan held formal leadership positions successfully serving as an Assistant Principal at the middle and high school

levels, Interim Elementary Principal in a large, rural central school district, and the Principal of Kenmore-West High School, a large suburban high school. For nine (9) years she served as Superintendent of Schools at Allegany-Limestone CSD, Valhalla UFSD, and the Greater Johnstown City School District. Most recently, she was the Interim Principal at Westminster Community Charter School in Buffalo.

Dr. Geelan served on the House of Delegates and the Curriculum Committee, Assessment Sub-Committee, and Federal Legislative Committee of the Council of New York School Superintendents (NYSCOSS), was on the Board of Directors for the Western New York Educational Service Council (WNYESC), and served on Commissioner Elia's ESSA Think Tank.

Providing advocacy for the students and taxpayers of her district, ensuring common curriculum pathways for students, providing for the hiring, development, and productive evaluation of quality school personnel and leaders, and making and maintaining positive relationships with local, state, and federal leaders are hallmarks of Dr. Geelan's superintendency. At the center of every meeting and decision are the best interests of students and their families. She strives for providing the highest quality programs and services possible in a fiscally responsible manner.

In her short time here, Dr. Geelan has assumed the day-to-day operations as Superintendent. She has attended multiple district and building level meetings offering insight and experience to the operation of Olean City Schools. In discussion with Dr. Geelan, she has noted that a key aspect of her interim role will be to provide stability and preparation for the incoming superintendent. She notes how impressed she has been to witness the dedication she has seen in both the students and the faculty & staff in the short time she has been here. We look forward to working with Dr. Geelan as we continue to navigate the pandemic with hope and aspiration for our students here at Olean City Schools.

Welcome Dr. Geelan! Thank you for serving in this important role with us.

“The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.” Our mission is clear, and at first sight may appear simple, but the good work involved in making it happen is complex. Since my appointment as your Interim Superintendent of Schools, I have been using the Olean City School District Mission/Vision and the accompanying Guiding Principles to measure our success and to assist with establishing the priorities of our work in the coming weeks. A few of the abundant examples include:

- Our facilities are maintained with pride and regular improvements are planned, budgeted, and completed
- Changing student needs are being addressed at all levels
- Committees are engaged in initiatives and policies
- Instructional programs and strategies are being implemented
- Professional learning is valued and ongoing
- Improvement plan and goal progress are monitored, and adjustments made when needed

This newsletter will provide you a slice of the good things happening in our schools and throughout our learning community. Our exemplary staff are meeting all challenges in the spirit of doing what is best for our students on our journey of continual improvement. I have been impressed by the level of family and community support for our students and our schools, and I know that we will be more successful in our efforts when we work together.

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. come to mind, “*The time is always right to do what is right.*” Thank you for being a partner with us.

Dr. Karen Geelan
Interim Superintendent of Schools



School Violence Prevention Program Grant

The safety of our students, staff, and visitors is our first priority, which is why we are excited to announce that the Olean City School District has been awarded a School Violence Prevention Program Grant through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$424,997. The District will provide matching funds in the amount of \$141,666, for a grand total of \$566,663 in security and safety upgrades coming to our District. This funding will allow for much needed security upgrades throughout the District and enhance our communication systems in the event of an emergency in our schools, bringing state-of-the-art systems to our school campuses.

This grant will allow the district to replace and add security cameras both inside and outside all of our facilities. We will also be installing a Mass Emergency Notification System, Lockdown Buttons, and Electronic Message Displays throughout the buildings. Blue flashing lights will be installed outside our buildings and within our buildings where it is hard to hear announcements made over our public announcement system. The District's PA and Intercom Systems will be replaced at the Olean Intermediate Middle School and the Olean High School to match the system that will be replaced in the capital project at the Elementary Buildings. Additionally new Video Intercom Systems will be replaced at each main entrance of our facilities with some additional features to be added at high use entrances. Along with enhancing security within our buildings, these upgrades will also make communication with outside law enforcement entities much faster and more efficient than our current system.

These security upgrades will take place over a three-year period. We continue to enhance our safety and security of our facilities and these funds will give us a huge boost to make these upgrades a reality. We would like to thank our staff and community who supported us through this grant process.

Sincerely,



Jenny M. Bilotta
Business Administrator

Welcome New Hires!



Joseph Baire –
Maintenance Worker



Melissa Bee –
Teacher Aide



Ritawati Childs –
Teacher Aide

Welcome Back!



Katie Camp –
Special Education
Teacher



Kieze Hund –
Cleaner



Allison Friends –
Teacher Aide



Colin Sullivan –
Teacher Aide



Johnathon Treaster
– Cleaner

Retirement Congratulations Retirees



Shayne Certo –
Keyboard Specialist –
retired in
February 2022



Diane Simon –
Teacher Aide –
retired in
December 2021

News From OHS

Olean City Court Visit

In December, two groups of students from Mrs. Graves' JOBS program went to visit Olean City Court. Students were able to watch the court in session. After court, they toured behind the scenes and saw the holding area for prisoners. They talked to the lawyers, clerks, advocates, security officer, and judge about their jobs and how the court systems work. Special thanks to Judge Nicholas Dicerbo and Court Clerk Heather Marcellin for taking time to arrange this special activity and talk with us.



SAC EVENTS

February		
26	Winter Weekend "The Olympic Formal" OHS Cafeteria Song: "Power" by Kanye West Colors: Blue, Green, Yellow, Red, Black	7:00-9:30pm
	Winter Weekend Spirit Days	
22	Tuesday: Decades Day	
23	Wednesday: Winter Sports Day	
24	Thursday: Country vs. Country Club	
25	Friday: Spirit	
May		
21	Junior/Senior Prom Good Times of Olean	TBD

Come Take Part in Free Adventures!

Each month the students at Olean High School are invited to participate in a free adventure activity sponsored by the school district. January's activity was roller skating in Franklinville. December's activity was Lasertron in Buffalo and February's activity will be snow tubing at Holiday Valley. These activities are open to all OHS students and would not be possible without the support of the school district.



Welcome Back to Olean High School Clar!

Clar Anderson was a two-time state champion at OHS in 1979 and 1980 and went on to star at Auburn then Oklahoma State as a three-time All-American (the latter two at OSU), including an NCAA Division I championship at 134 pounds in 1983. After college, Clar stayed involved with the sport as an assistant at Oklahoma State, North Carolina State and finally at Duke, where he took over as head coach from the 1997-98 season until resigning after the 2011-12 season, a 15-year span.

The opportunity arose to come back to Olean High to help the program after longtime coach Mike O'Connor stepped down as wrestling coach this year.





Moore Signs with Pitt Bradford

Delaynie Moore will be attending Pitt Bradford in the fall, as part of the Panthers soccer team. Delaynie plans to major in Physical Therapy while at Pitt Bradford.

Pictured from left to right :

Front row: Logan Kallenbach (brother), Delaynie Moore, and Tallena Kallenbach (mother)

Back row: Dan Freeman (OHS girls head soccer coach), Danny Kallenbach (father), and Dylan Shaw (OHS girls soccer coach)



Martinelli Signs with Roberts Wesleyan

Nya Martinelli will be attending Roberts Wesleyan College in the fall, as part of the Redhawks Cross Country team. Nya plans to major in Psychology while at Roberts Wesleyan, which is located in Rochester, NY.

Pictured from left to right :

Front row: Renee Martinelli (mother), Nya Martinelli, Kevin Martinelli (father)

Back row: Mike Ksionzyk (OHS Cross Country coach)

Congratulations to the following National Honor Society Inductees:

On January 9th, the National Honor Society welcomed 33 new members to our chapter. These students earned membership through the effective demonstration of the four qualities that serve as standards for the Society: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Congratulations to our new inductees! Class of 2022: Olivia Graham, Maddie Graves, Jayde Smith. Class of 2023: Emma Anastasia, Cade Anastasia, Thomas Bates, Drew Brokaw, Lucas Brushingham, Sophia Burt, Luke Carlson, Bryanne Cowles, Laci Deemer, Jack DeRose, Dylan DiRosa, Michelle Droney, Emma Dwaileebe, Jezerae Fayson, Ashlyn Flood, Naomi Hill, Wilhelmina Jay-Edwards, Mackenzie Malloy, Chance Padlo, Lily Schena, Lena Smith, William Snyder, Connor Valenti, Kyle Vroman, Andrea Walker, Emma Washington, Gavin Weseman, Hailee Zalwsky.



News From OIMS



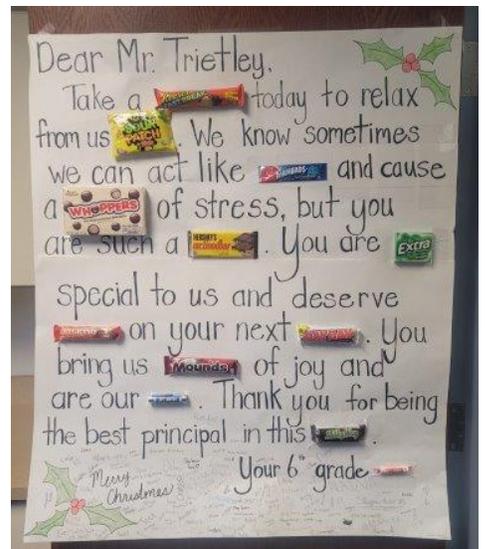
Spending Time Together

Ms. Bennion's and Ms. Cavalier's classes love to get together! Whether it is for partner reading, frosting cookies, or a fun game of magnetic darts, we all enjoy spending time with our friends. In December, we had a 'cool' time sharing treats and celebrating winter!



7th Grade Art Class

Ms. Cawley's 7th grade Art Classes spent some time doing a variety of design challenges, including making tops hats with limited time, supplies, and instructions. Everyone worked really hard through the challenge and rocked some awesome gear around the building!



For Mr. Trietley

Our 6th grade made Mr. Trietley's day on December 17th when they gifted him this sign on his door. He wants to publicly thank the 6th Grade for their thoughtfulness and kindness.



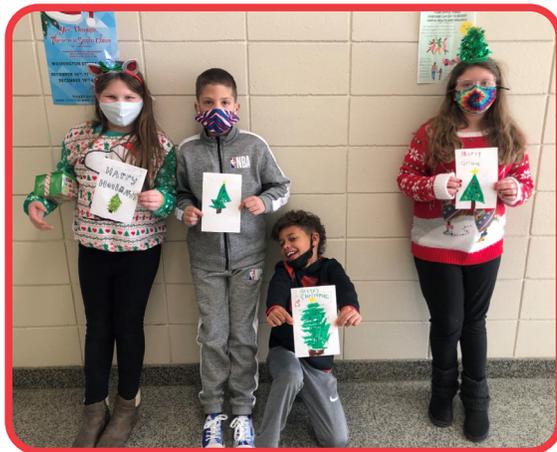


Mr. Wonka Inspired Gingerbread Houses

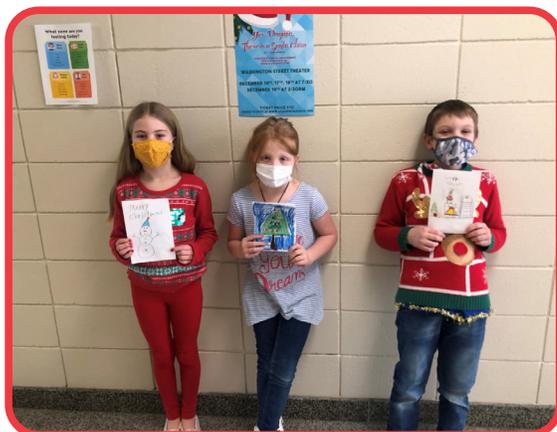
After reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, students in Mrs. Burrows' 5th grade class got to combine a classic winter tradition of gingerbread houses and a STEM challenge to design and create their own candy rooms for Mr. Wonka's factory using graham crackers, frosting, and various candies.

Spreading Christmas Cheer

Students in Ms. Anastasia's and Ms. Smith's classes made Christmas cards for the residents of The Pines nursing home during their recess with Ms. Ahearn.



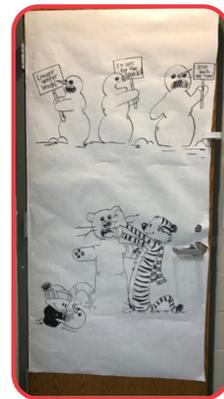
Pictured from left to right are Charisma Peters, Alex Barnard, Jackson McDow and Nikolette Foster – Ms. Smith's 4th grade class.



Pictured from left to right are Stella Austin, Ariel McCormick and Liam Harder – Ms. Anastasia's 4th grade class.

OIMS Door Decorating Contest

For the past five years OIMS has had a Door Decorating Contest for the holidays. Each year has had a different theme. Holiday Book, Holiday Movie, Holiday Song, Happy Holidays, Elf, Tree, Santa and this year was a Snowman. The students from SAC chose their favorite from each floor and then the top five were voted on by the staff. The winner has the honor of displaying the Door Decorating Trophy for the following year. The top five doors were.....



And the winner of this year's contest is



OIMS Reception
The Front Office
Mrs. Austin



Washington West Elementary School



We've Got Spirit!

When it comes to spirit, we sure have a lot of it. Whether it is for the huskies or the Buffalo Bills, our Washington West Husky Pups sure know how to cheer on their hometown teams!



Weather Wonders

These husky pups made rain clouds as a part of their learning. What a weather wonder!



SNOW Much Fun in UPK

Well, it may be snowing outside, but it seems to be "snowing" in PK, too! Our husky pups got a chance to do some sensory play in some "snow" and had a snowball!

STEAM Time

The third grade husky pups took to the slopes with Ms. B during their STEAM time! After building their own sleds, they had to construct a slope to see if they could get their sled to soar. Great teamwork, creativity and ingenuity on the part of these pups!



Keeping Our Community Warm

Students in Ms. Morris' second grade participated in a community-based project collecting mittens, hats and scarves for local organizations. We are grateful to these husky pups for helping to keep our community warm.



Trapped in a Snow Globe

OH NO! These husky pups were pretending to be trapped in a snow globe, as they also completed a writing piece about what it may be like feeling trapped. Can you imagine being trapped in a snow globe?



We are all Unique

What makes you - you - is truly special - it's true! These kinderpups learned about their similarities and differences and celebrated what made them unique. Seeing and celebrating their individual unique characteristics made for a great lesson!

Follow your Husky Pups on Twitter @OleanWW

East View Elementary School



QBI Photo Op

East View had a special visitor last week! Josh Allen stopped by and took some pictures before the big game!



Special Delivery

Mrs. Martin's class delivered some messages via remote control car! The students loved surprising staff around the school with their sneaky little robot car.



Creating CVC

Some students in Mrs. Knight's class are creating CVC (Consonant, Vowel, Consonant) words.



Getting Ready for The Olympics

We are getting ready to celebrate the Olympics and all of our classrooms created some pretty great bulletin boards. Check out Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Lyons curling.



Drive Thru Santa Night

The East View PTO hosted a drive thru Santa Night in December.



Building Gingerbread Houses

Building a gingerbread house in Kindergarten was a lot of fun.



Coding with iPads

Some of our third graders are practicing coding with their iPads.



Follow our school on twitter @CleanEastView



OLEAN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

"Expanding - Enriching - Inspiring"

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

ANNOUNCING SOON... OCSD WALL OF HONOR 2022 INDUCTEES!

ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Instructions and Grant application found at:

www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org

2021-2022 GRANT APPROVALS TO DATE:

Authors Everywhere Grant (\$1,436)

Incentive Books Grant (\$2,000)

Washington Trip Grant (\$4,700)

More pending...



UPCOMING "FUN"RAISER: "A NIGHT AT THE RACES"

Friday May 6, 2022

Woodside Tavern

DOOR PRIZES, Derby Hat Contest, High Roller Option, Trifecta Option, food and drink etc.

WANT TO NAME A HORSE? (\$10ea.) ... email ocsdfoundation@gmail.com

ENTRANCE TICKETS (\$25ea.)...email ocsdfoundation@gmail.com

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, 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

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2022-2023

Kindergarten Registration & Screening

WHO: CHILDREN WHO WILL BE FIVE YEARS OLD BY DECEMBER 1, 2022

WHERE: OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
East View Elementary and Washington West Elementary

**PLEASE CONTACT STUDENT REGISTRATION AT 716-375-8998
TO PRE-REGISTER OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.OLEANSCHOOLS.ORG/REGISTRATION.**

We are also preparing for **Universal Pre-Kindergarten** registration & screening for the 2022-23 school year. If you have a child who will be 4 years of age by Dec. 1, 2022, you can find information and the registration application on the OCSD website at www.oleanschools.org/registration.

The due date for the first round of UPK applications is April 1, 2022. After this day, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please contact us at 716-375-8039 if you have any questions on our Universal Pre-K Program. We are very excited to welcome our youngest HUSKY PUPS to school!!

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE SCREENED/TESTED PRIOR TO ENTERING UNIVERSAL PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

Please contact us to begin the registration process. Screening will be completed during the summer of 2022. You will be contacted in early June to schedule an appointment if you have pre-registered.

Don't have your high school diploma? There is always room in the Olean City School District High School Equivalency Class. Anyone 16 or older is eligible to enroll. There is no cost to the student.

Classes are held on Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9 – noon in the Cattaraugus County Building and at the One-Stop in Blue Bird Square on Friday from 9 – noon and 1 – 4PM.

For more information call the Community School office at 716-375-8046.



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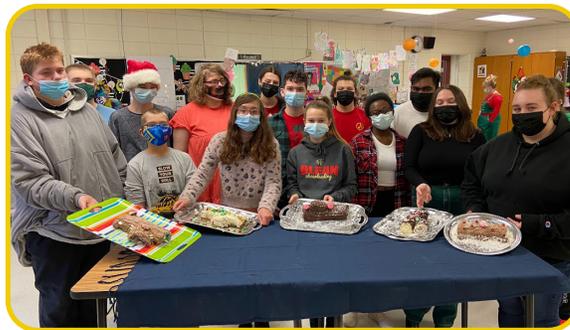
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Jenny M. Bilotta

Bûche de Noël

Each year before Christmas, Mrs. Napoleon’s JCC 2510 students join forces with Mrs. Bennion’s class to create a beautiful holiday treat. The Yule Log (or Bûche de Noël) is a traditional dessert served in France and around the world at this time. It represents the hearth; which provides warmth and LIGHT, food and protection- also symbolizing love, fertility and life. Students used the first day to prepare the cake, and the second day to decorate their master pieces in whatever artistic form they chose. It was a wonderful project and interaction for both groups of students.



**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

Shop With a Cop



Thank you again to our Olean Walmart for hosting the Olean Police Department for our shop with a cop event! Our officers had a great time helping the kids shop for their families!



Poetry Out Loud

The Olean High School English Department held its annual Poetry Out Loud competition and would like to congratulate Rose Scordo, first place competitor, and Lily Schena, runner up. Rose and Lily will now compete at the regional competition. The department would also like to commend participants Riti Anumalasetty, Jack DeRose, Maddie Graves, and Rosie Oliphant on their performances.

