



OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

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Olean Girls Receiving Donation from BonaReach



The Olean girls' soccer team had a spectacular soccer season. They won the Section 6 B1 Finals. Calista Heister broke the school scoring record with 167 goals and 37 assists. Reagan Stitt was the assist leader this year for Section 6. She had 34 assists just this season. This success was a team effort and all the girls worked hard and should be proud of their accomplishment. Recently the team was visited by a group from St. Bonaventure called BonaReach. Their mission statement is "Harness the resources and programs available at St. Bonaventure University as well as from the outlying community to enhance accessibility of academic and extracurricular opportunities for local high school students." They were able to donate a substantial amount of money to the team for the team gear that they ordered. The girls were very excited to hear that BonaReach chose their team to receive a donation. Here is a statement from them directly:

"Since our foundation in 2013 we have primarily invested efforts toward establishing a tutoring service which as the name implies offers voluntary undergraduate subject-specific instruction to needy high-schoolers. It is through these efforts that the approximately fifty students we have tutored reported enhanced academic performance in addition to enthusiasm for pursuing a collegiate education. More recently, BonaReach in 2017 underwent a restructuring for the purpose of initiating two new services, Elements of Bonas and Scholarship. The former is a newsletter compiling all professional events on campus, for example talks and club meetings, that is delivered electronically to local grade-school individuals so that they may participate in opportunities typically unavailable to them, while the latter makes use of grants procured from the university, external nonprofit organizations and local businesses in order to award partial monetary support to students for reading materials and stationary items through the SHRP and BRITE gifts. For SHRP we are trying to assist high school students from the local area in financing the cost of stationary items which rises yearly through a one hundred-dollar scholarship. As part of BRITE, because some individuals report not being able to participate in academic events, particularly science fairs or field trips, due to monetary restrictions, this gift is intended to cover costs up to fifty dollars. Our ultimate goal is to foster development of a community that promotes networking, information exchange and friendship as well as empower leaders to impart change. We are confident in doing so given the success of past ventures."

Thank You BonaReach for being so generous, and congratulations to the girls on a great season!

From the Superintendent

Capital Project Update:

Olean Intermediate Middle School Parking Lot Closed Summer of 2019

By Rick T. Moore, Superintendent



We are in year two of our \$16,150,000.00 capital-building project, which is presently on schedule and within budget. We want to bring everyone up to date with the current project and let you know the extensive work that is presently going on and will continue throughout the summer. Please be aware that there will be numerous disruptions, and everyone will experience inconveniences, but these sacrifices are necessary.

Washington West - To date, a new gas emergency generator has been installed in addition to updates to the electrical service infrastructure. This summer there will be numerous updates and improvements; an entire roof replacement, and the replacement of the gymnasium windows to brighten up that space. In our next capital project, we hope to focus our energies on

updating this entire classic and popular school building.



High School – The entire building is being renovated for a much needed facelift with all new wall tiles, terrazzo flooring, lighting, bathrooms, and stair wells. It looks beautiful, but the construction crews will be kept very busy this summer. The Star Program is still on for this summer, but there will be inconveniences, so we are asking for everyone's patience and consideration.

Olean Intermediate/Middle School - The major obstacle this summer will be at this facility. The parking will not be accessible for the entire summer for reconstruction. Please make the appropriate arrangements. The entire roof was replaced last summer, and there were updates to the pool's dehumidification system. With the OIMS parking lot being closed for the

summer and the ongoing extensive work to the high school, we are running a very limited summer school program which will be offered to Olean City School District students only. Please plan accordingly as parking will be extremely limited.

Professional Learning Center – Known to many as the old Nabisco building, this building will receive new windows and we continue to update and refurbish the interior. It is our long-term plan to increase the use in the near future. Presently, we provide professional learning opportunities for district employees in the Center. The offices for our Curriculum Coordinator and the district's State/Federal Programs Coordinator are housed in the PLC. In the future, it is the district's intention to create a welcoming and easily accessible Family Welcome Center in this building for newcomers to our district.



Capital Project Update (continued):



East View - A new administrative office is now complete to ensure greater safety and security for all. The roof has been installed. Additionally, a new generator has been installed along with numerous other changes and modifications to improve the school building such as an improved HVAC system. We will enclose the remaining classrooms this summer to create a more conducive and safe learning environment. We hope to be completing the work by early fall.

We have a great team at the Olean City School District, and the architect firm of Young and Wright as well as Campus Construction Management team have continued to push the project forward.

Thank you for your patience and your continued support for the Olean City School District!

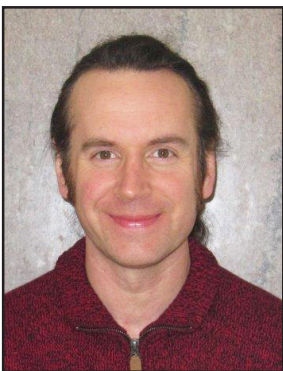




National Honor Society

Olean High School recently inducted 26 new members into the National Honor Society. Students were chosen based upon general excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character and were honored at a luncheon held at the Old Library Restaurant. Pictured above are: (First L to R): Jillian Stevens, Graham Kinnaird, Robert Dempsey, John Carlson, Raymond Lin, Nicholas Fratercangelo, Makayla Folts, Destiny Custer; (Second L to R): Hannah Pfeffer, Isabelle Crosson, Michael Lambert, Arhum Rabbani, Sara Pfeiffer, Emily Hamed, Kayla Knight, Gabrielle Schulze, Madelyn Hoffman; (Third L to R): Mackenzie Windus, Maxwell Linderman, Alexander Peterson, Daniel Klein, Marina Miketish, Cait Butler, Sophie Sova, Brookelinn Garey; (Missing): Samuel Mest

New Employees Join District



Tom Victor
Teacher Aide



Mark Nolan
Custodian/
Buildings and
Grounds Maintainer



Nancy Booth-Reed
Teacher Aide

Link To Neighborhood Predator Report Site Available For Residents

The Olean Board of Education approved a policy that requires all parents be notified of any Level 3 offenders who are living in our school district. A Level 3 offender is the most serious, and the “risk” to the community is considered high.

Therefore, for the public’s convenience, we have established a “link” on the front page under the **Parent** tab of the District’s web site (www.oleanschools.org) to the NYS Neighborhood Predator Report.

This link takes you to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services where you can find additional information and the picture of any Level 3 sex offender living in our school district.



It's Time To Register For Kindergarten & Pre-K

UNIVERSAL PRE-K REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Olean City School District will be conducting informational sessions to prepare for Universal Pre-Kindergarten registration and enrollment for the 2019-20 school year. If you have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 1, 2019, you are invited to join us from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26th, at East View Elementary, or Wednesday, March 27th, at Washington West Elementary. Please contact Jen Mahar at 375-8039 if you have any questions. Information is also available on the District website under Community Schools.

Kindergarten Registration Information

The Olean City School District will be conducting Kindergarten registrations for the 2019-2020 school year from March 25 – 28, 2019. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 1, 2019, **please complete the form below and return it to your neighborhood elementary school, or call the school at the number listed below.**

SCHOOL	DATES—2019		TIMES	PHONE
Washington West Elementary	Monday	March 25	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8968
	Tuesday	March 26	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	
East View Elementary	Wednesday	March 27	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8921
	Thursday	March 28	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	

Child's name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
First Last

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____

Names of other school age children and the school attending:

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Teacher Recognition

Celebrating David Lasky



The Olean Teachers' Association would like to recognize Olean High School Teacher David Lasky who is celebrating 30 years in education. Mr. Lasky started his career at Southern Tier Catholic School in 1988 teaching Math and Computers. He then moved on to South New Berlin Central School and taught Math and Computers while serving as Computer Coordinator and Association Treasurer. He was hired by Olean City School District in 1991 as a teacher of Mathematics then as the first Director of Technology, a title he held for eight years. He returned to the classroom for the last 19 years teaching Mathematics and Computer Science. Mr. Lasky has been an integral part of the OTA serving as a Building Rep, Secretary, Treasurer, and Union President.

Mr. Lasky is a graduate of Olean High School, class of 1982. He then attended St. Bonaventure and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and an Master's Degree in Advanced Teacher Education. He is currently serving in the role as Technology Integration Specialist for the District, teaching students in all grades as well as teaching staff how to integrate technology into their classrooms. Congratulations to Mr. Lasky for his dedication and service to his students and the Olean City School District.

Celebrating Nancy Sullivan



The Olean Teachers' Association would like to recognize OIMS 4th grade teacher Nancy Sullivan who is celebrating her 20th year of teaching. Mrs. Sullivan began her career in the Olean City School District in September, 1999 as a first grade teacher at Boardmanville Elementary School. Throughout her career, she has held the position of the OTA Secretary and is currently an OTA building representative for OIMS. She also serves as a representative on the 4th Grade District Math Committee and has written future math assessment items for Questar Assessments.

Mrs. Sullivan graduated from St. Bonaventure University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education, Grades K-6. She then continued her education at St. Bonaventure and received a Master's Degree in Adolescent Literacy Grades K-12. Congratulations to Mrs. Sullivan for her dedication and service to her students and the Olean City School District.

Teacher Recognition

Celebrating Kelly Andreano

The Olean Teachers' Association would like to recognize Speech Language Pathologist Kelly Andreano who is celebrating 25 years in education. Mrs. Andreano's first five years in NYS was working for BOCES in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties. She was then hired by the Olean City School District in August 1998. She has worked as an adjunct professor at St. Bonaventure University teaching: Understanding Diverse Populations (undergraduate course) and Child Development-Language Acquisition (graduate level course). She has served as the Secretary for the Olean Sports Boosters, as an East View PTO President, and on the Youth and Recreation Board of Directors for the City of Olean. She is currently a City of Olean Alderman serving Ward 2.

Mrs. Andreano is a graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Speech, Language and Hearing Disorders, with a Minor in Psychology. She went on to earn her Masters of Science in Speech Language Pathology from SUNY at Fredonia. She is currently the Chairperson for Preschool Special Education and the Speech and Language Department Chair. Congratulations to Mrs. Andreano for her dedication and service to her students and the Olean City School District.



Celebrating Holly Scordo



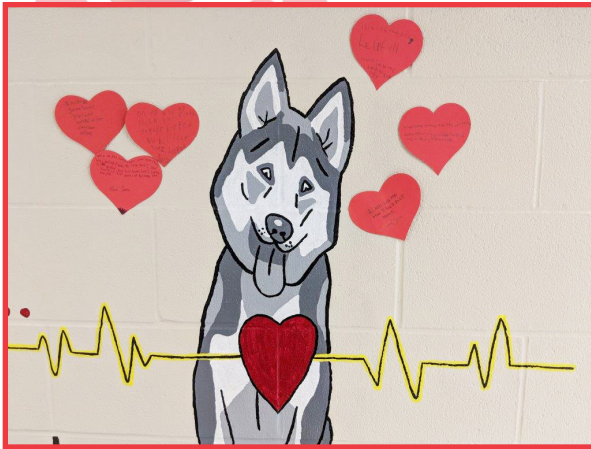
The Olean Teachers' Association would like to recognize Special Education teacher Holly Scordo who celebrated 20 years of service on December 21, 2018. Mrs. Scordo began her career at Salamanca High School as a Resource Room teacher and was later hired by Olean City School District, also as a Resource Room Teacher. She is presently a teacher in an Olean High School Life Skills classroom. Mrs. Scordo has worked with colleagues to start the Joining Olean Businesses and Students (JOBS) program, helping students have work-based learning experiences while in high school. She has also supervised many after school tutoring programs.

Mrs. Scordo graduated from Clarion University on December 19, 1998, with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. She then continued her education at Buffalo State College where she earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Exceptional Education. Congratulations to Mrs. Scordo for her dedication and service to her students and the Olean City School District.



News from the Intermediate / Middle School

Husky Heartbeat



OIMS Art teacher Laura Cawley painted a new mural in our “Character Blvd” to help teach our students about kindness, empathy and compassion. Students will be asked to write on different colored hearts about times when they notice others being empathetic or when they have helped others. The wall will be a reminder that ...”Kindness is the heartbeat of a husky!”

Cereal Drive

OIMS sixth grade students recently completed their second annual cereal drive to benefit the Olean Food Pantry and Loaves and Fishes Southern Tier Food Pantry. The students demonstrated the character trait of Kindness by bringing in over 100 boxes of cereal to benefit local families in our community.



Kindness Matters

4th grade classes recently participated in The Great Kindness Challenge at OIMS. Class discussions took place about why kindness matters. In each heart of a large hallway display the students wrote one way that they can extend kindness to others.

Heading into the month of February, we will continue on with the topic of kindness by writing letters to staff members in the school and recognizing ways that they have helped us by extending kindness.

Tech Experts in Training

4th and 5th graders are becoming tech experts in the library at OIMS! Classes are taking turns building and programming projects with Hummingbird robotics and Makey Makey microcontrollers. Meanwhile, other students are learning how various aspects of computer technology work. The students pictured are using algorithms to write programs for cup-stacking robots. It is fun to understand how computers work, especially since we use them every day!

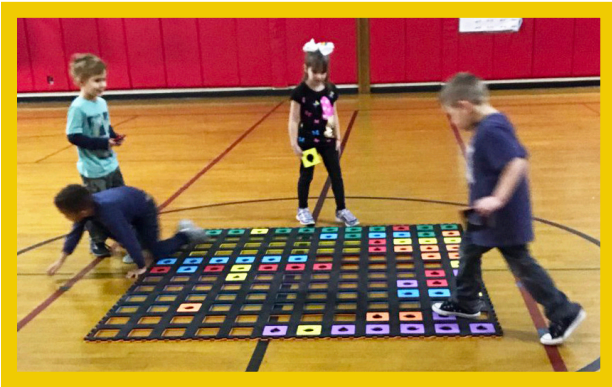


OIMS SAC Visits the Food Pantry

For their holiday season service project, the OIMS Student Activity Council voted to help their neighbors at the Olean Food Pantry. The students collected canned and other non-perishable foods, then sorted and packaged the food donations for delivery to the Food Pantry. Upon arrival at the Pantry, the students were given the task of weighing the donations, which weighed almost 400 pounds!!! The students also learned how the Food Pantry operates and serves those in need through a guided tour by the staff. The students learned about an important service offered in our city and about the joy of giving during the holiday season.



East View Elementary School



Connect Four in PE class



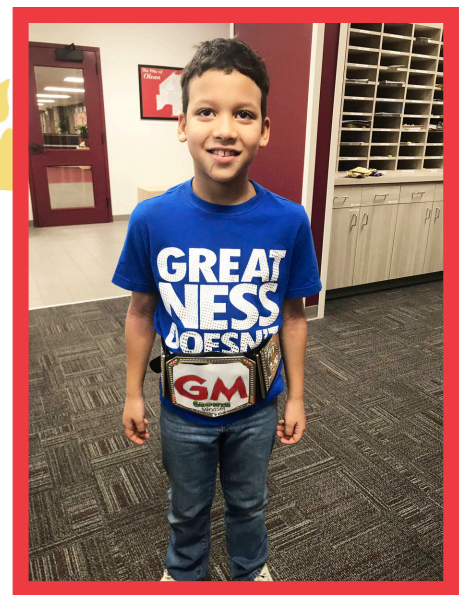
Officer Dan McGraw visited one of our students on his birthday!



Mrs. Knight's students are showing off habitat dioramas.



Mrs. Martin's Kindergarten came to the office for a Forest Animal inspection. They are learning about habitats in class. There were a few wild animals on the loose in the main office!



Mr. Martin's class has a Growth Mindset Championship Belt that is given to students that show perseverance, grit and growth mindset.

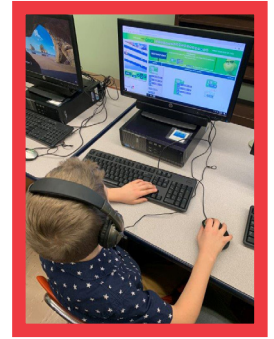


Grade 3 visited the Railroad museum in Salamanca just prior to holiday break.



First grade visited the Challenger Learning Center and had a blast!

Hour of Code: This December, our third grade students had the opportunity to practice their coding capabilities in an afternoon “Hour of Code” presented by Mr. Dave Lasky. Students worked on several different coding experiences, hosted at the website code.org. Code on, husky pups!



Washington West Elementary School



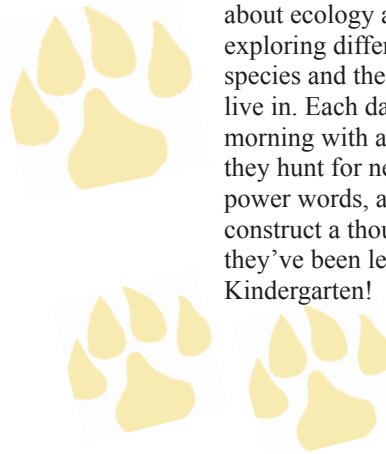
TAG - You're IT: To continue our building-wide celebrations of reading, students had the opportunity to play some Santa Tag. Together, we celebrated reading over 200-steps at Washington West and had a little fun getting in a run! Don't stop the reading, husky pups!



Morning Message FUN: Kindergartners at Washington West have been learning all about ecology and ecosystems, exploring different types of species and the environments they live in. Each day, they begin their morning with a message, where they hunt for new information, power words, and work to construct a thought about what they've been learning. KUDOS, Kindergarten!



Bananas About Reading: Our husky pups are BANANAS About Reading, and each time students level up in IRLA, we honor them for their hard work and efforts as readers. Congratulations to some of our readers who haven't been monkeying around and have swung up another level!



Who is the WINNINGEST Coach in WNY history?! Well, it's our very own Mr. Anastasia of course. Congratulations to our huskies on an incredible season, and to Mr. Anastasia on another successful year of coaching. We are proud to call you our own!



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OHS Student Earns Place in TWO High Honors Ensembles

Congratulations to our very accomplished student musician, Mary Ring, who has earned TWO placements in honors ensembles! The OHS Senior represented Olean High School at the NYSSMA All-State Festival Women's Choir in Rochester in December. She had competed against thousands of New York State music students to achieve this high honor. Mary has also been selected to participate in the All-Eastern Honors Choir, which includes outstanding student musicians from twelve states. These ensembles give exceptional students the chance to prepare remarkably challenging music which they perform under the leadership of prominent conductors. In the upcoming biennial All-Eastern event, Mary will perform in Pittsburgh in early April with the All-Eastern Mixed Choir under the direction of Dr. Rollo Dillworth. BRAVO!