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### Valedictorian Samantha Huselstein

Samantha Huselstein has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2011, ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in a class of 138 students. She is the daughter of Anne and Mark Huselstein. Sam will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

Sam has been a member of Interact Club (Event Coordinator), Spanish Club (Vice-President), National Honor Society, Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Solo Festival, All County Band, All-State Band Alternate, Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Varsity Swimming and Diving team, Olean and Allegany's Indoor Track teams, and the Outdoor Track team. She has also been involved in Homeless Huskies, Sports Booster can drives, Special Olympics, Scholastic Challenge, Southern Tier Diving Club, the Pit Orchestra for school musicals, and Jazz band.

Sam has received honors including the 60 point award, Sportsmanship Award, Fall Athlete of the season, League Scholar Athlete of the season, the Triple "C" award, the Cattaraugus County Citizenship award, Student of the week and student of the month, JCC Dean's List Part-Time Student, and the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award. Sam has been a county and sectional qualifier for the Swimming & Diving team, Indoor Track team, and Outdoor Track team. She has been a state qualifier for both Diving and Indoor Track. Sam has volunteered at Washington West during summers, with Rebuilding Together, and has completed many community service projects through the Interact Club. Sam will attend Rochester Institute of Technology and major in Mechanical Engineering.



*Samantha Huselstein*



*Jessica Swetland*

### Salutatorian Jessica Swetland

Jessica Swetland has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2011, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class of 138 students. She is the daughter of Gloria and Michael Swetland. Jessica will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

Jessica has been a member of Interact Club (secretary), Z Club (Board of Directors), Science Club, Knowledge Masters, Scholastic Challenge, Houghton String Festival, Orchestra (treasurer), Studio 107 Chamber Players (treasurer), Chorus, Track and Field, Indoor Track and Field, National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. Jessica has also been involved in school musicals and Homeless Huskies.

Jessica has received honors including the 20 and 40 point awards, National Honor Society Scholastic Excellence Award, New Vision Health Professions Outstanding Student Award, Special Mention Honors of Business First's 2011 All-Western New York Academic Teams, Youth Citizenship Award, Rensselaer Gold Medal Winner, Athletic Participation Award, Certificate of Excellent Work in Spanish and English 10 Advanced, Certificate of Scholastic Achievement for Living Environment and Earth Science, Certificate of Achievement in Global History and Geography I and II, Regents Exam Recognition Award, Music Award for Orchestra and Concert Choir, Part-Time Student Dean's List at JCC. Jessica has participated in numerous community service activities such as Rebuilding Together, Food for Haiti, City Cleanup, Community Thanksgiving Dinner and the Warm Hearts Blanket Drive.

Jessica will attend Binghamton University and major in Biology/Pre-Med.



*Taylor Bold*



*Lauren Bowser*



*Riley Branch*



*Alyssa Brown*

## Class of 2011 Honor Graduates

The following students of the Olean High School Class of 2011 have excelled in their studies, citizenship and extra-curricular activities, maintaining a 90 or above average throughout their high school career. Listed alphabetically are:

**Taylor Bold** is the son Thomas and Carrie Bold. Taylor has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Model UN, French Club, Student Activities Council (Treasurer), National Honor Society (Treasurer), Junior Varsity Soccer, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Indoor Track and Field, Varsity Outdoor Track and Field, Knowledge Masters. He has volunteered for the Gus Macker Tournament, Olean Sports Boosters Can Drives, and Special Education Prom. He has been awarded the C.C.A.A. Scholar Athlete Award, Sportsmanship Award, Global and U.S. History Excellence Awards, National Honor Society Distinguished Service Award, George Eastman Leadership Award. Taylor will attend Syracuse University and will major in International Relations and Economics.

**Lauren Bowser** is the daughter of Tim and Pam Bowser. Lauren has been a part of Interact Club, Ski Club, Principal's Advisory, Science Club, Homecoming Committee, Winter Weekend Committee, Class Officers (Vice President, Secretary), Student Activities Council (Secretary), Yearbook, JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, JV Basketball, Varsity Basketball (Captain), JV Softball, Varsity Softball, Olean Women's Softball League, Enchanted Mountain Soccer Club and National Honor Society. She has participated in Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Class Competitions, Adopt a Family, Eight Days of Giving, and Jar Wars. Lauren has also been a Gus Macker volunteer, Special Olympics volunteer, Special Education Prom volunteer, Freshman Orientation volunteer, and an Open House volunteer. Additionally, Lauren has been a member of several scholar athlete teams, received the Sportsmanship Award, Excellence in Pre-Calc award, Outstanding Calculus I and II student, and the 60 point award. Lauren will attend St. John Fisher and will major in Pre-Pharmacy.

**Riley Branch** is the daughter of Ted and Darcy Branch. Riley has participated in Interact Club, Principal's Advisory, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, Volleyball, Track and Field, School Musicals, Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, NYSSMA Area-All State, Class Treasurer, Secretary General and 09-10 Competition Winner of Model UN, Winner of school and division sportsmanship awards, and Varsity Volleyball team representative for division sportsmanship, and was an All-Western NY Scholar Athlete. Riley will attend Drexel University and plans to major in Physics.

**Alyssa Brown** is the daughter of Daniel and Michelle Brown. Alyssa has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Spanish Club, Interact Club, Knowledge Masters, Principals Advisory, Interact Club, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track and Field, Indoor Varsity Track, JV Soccer, Pit Orchestra, Band, Orchestra, Studio 107 Orchestra, Dance Arts, EMSC Soccer, OHS String Quartet, Houghton String Festival, OHS STAR Program, and National Honor Society. As a junior Alyssa was awarded the Elmira College Key Scholarship and has also received awards for US History, Student of the Month, 20-40 Point Award, Most Valuable Defensive Player, 5-year letters for Soccer/Track, and Deans List for JCC. Alyssa will attend Elmira College in the fall as a double major in Spanish and Psychology.



*Stephen Capitani*

**Stephen Capitani** is the son of Jeffery and Teresa Capitani. He has participated in Up All Night, Band, Select Chorus, All County, Area All State, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, and National





*Sarah Colarusso*

*Kaitlyn Cooney*

Honor Society. Stephen plans to attend Jamestown Community College to receive his Associates Degree and then the University at Buffalo for a JD/Masters of Social Work Dual Degree.

**Sarah Colarusso** is the daughter of Dominic and Mary Colarusso. Sarah has participated in Student Activities Council (Vice President), Interact Club, Spanish Club, National Honors Society, JV and Varsity Soccer, Track and Field, Homeless Huskies, Up all Night, Ski Club (Treasurer), and Model UN. Sarah has been class Secretary, class Vice President, and Secretary of the National Honor Society. Sarah has volunteered for church festivals and Special Education Prom. Sarah has been admitted into the St. Bonaventure University/University of Buffalo Dual Admissions program for Biology/Dentistry.

**Kaitlyn Cooney** is the daughter of Kathleen Kwiatkowski and Shaun Cooney. Kaitlyn has participated in class competitions, Volleyball (JV Captain), Outdoor Track and Field, and Interact Club. She has volunteered for the Princess Party for Child

Abuse Awareness, can drives, "Taste of Olean", and "Olean Home Shows". Kaitlyn has received awards of excellence in academics and the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award. Kaitlyn will attend Edinboro Univeristy and major in Pre-Med/Biology.

**Kara Frisina** is the daughter of Albert and Jeanne Frisina. Kara has been a member of Varsity Soccer and Varsity Track and Field. She has been a scholar athlete and recipient of a League Sportsmanship award. Kara has also participated in Model UN, Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Spanish Club, and served as Senior Class President. Kara is the recipient of the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Manasseh Cutler Scholarship to Ohio University. She will major in both Art and Journalism.

**Brandon Jones** is the son of Tim Jones and Andrea Matteliano. Brandon has been involved in Up All Night, Interact Club, Homeless Huskies, National Honor Society, Knowledge Masters, Science Club, Band, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, "The Music Man," Soccer, Track, and Golf. Brandon volunteers at the Warming House, and also has been a part of Bona Responds. Brandon will attend SUNY Geneseo and will be studying Math and Economics.

**Emily Kayes** is the daughter of Jenny Connelly. Emily has been involved with Knowledge Masters, Science Club, Spanish Club, Model UN, Interact Club, school musicals, Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, St. Bonaventure University Concert Band, Scholastic Challenge, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Outdoor Track and Field, Indoor Track, JV Soccer, Varsity Soccer, Enchanted Mountain Soccer Club, Southern Tier Premiere Soccer Club, Northwest Elite Soccer Club, and has won scholar athlete and sportsmanship awards. Emily has also been awarded the Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Award as a junior and was selected to the Big 30 All-Star soccer team. Emily will attend Penn State University for Pre-Medicine/Biology.

**Alyssa Kirk** is the daughter of Dave Kirk and Lisa Lawyer. Alyssa has been involved in Interact Club, Homeless Huskies and is a member of the National Honor Society. Alyssa has also volunteered at the Warming House, Pfeiffer Nature Center, and the New York State Hockey Tournaments. Alyssa plans on attending Jamestown Community College for Elementary Education.

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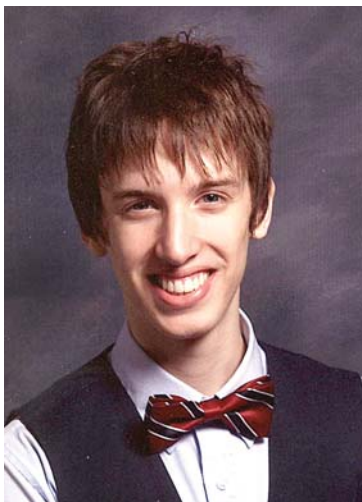


*Kara Frisina*

*Brandon Jones*

*Emily Kayes*

*Alyssa Kirk*



*Nigel Knieser*



*Miles Marvin*



*Eboni McClain*



*Olivia Mulherin*

## Class of 2011 Honor Graduates

**Nigel Knieser** is the son of Paul and Sarah Knieser. Nigel has participated in Band, Orchestra, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, Varsity Swimming (Team Captain), Model UN (Treasurer), Knowledge Masters, Interact Club, School Musicals, Jazz Band, and Principal's Advisory. He also went abroad as an AFS Exchange Student to Japan in his junior year, and continues to work as a volunteer. Nigel will attend New York University for International Studies.

**Miles Marvin** is the son of Michael Marvin and Jan Rhody. Miles has participated in DECA, NHS, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, Rick Rolling, and a variety of High School shows including: "Sound of Music," "Oklahoma," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "The Music Man." Miles will attend Jamestown Community College's Olean Campus next year to acquire his associates degree and then transfer to a 4 year school.

**Eboni McClain** is the daughter of Billy and Terri McClain. Eboni has participated in Interact Club, Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Principal's Advisory, Science Club, and is the President of National Honor Society. Eboni has been involved in the school's plays including "The Sound of Music," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Oklahoma," and "The Music Man." Eboni has participated in JV soccer, Varsity soccer, in which she received the coach's award and CCAA 1<sup>st</sup> team all-star award this year, and Varsity Track and Field. Eboni has volunteered at the Special Olympics and has done costumes and sound for several Theater Workshop musicals. Eboni plans to attend St. John Fisher for Pre-Pharmacy.

**Olivia Mulherin** is the daughter of Joseph and Lissa Mulherin. She has participated in chorus, cheerleading, softball and Homeless Huskies. She also enjoys activities such as camping, fishing and hiking. Olivia will be attending Alfred University in the fall to major in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics.

**Madison Ozzella** is the daughter of Mike and Shannon Ozzella. Madison has participated in Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Science Club, Knowledge Masters, National Honor Society, Interact Club (President), and Principal's Advisory. She also volunteered at the Special Olympics, CAC princess parties and did costumes for the school musicals. Madison will attend Nazareth College for History with Adolescence Education.

**Paul Pezzimenti** is the son of Dennis and Pamela Pezzimenti. Paul has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Varsity Football (Captain), Varsity Basketball (Captain), Varsity Baseball, received the Hookey Frey Award from the OHS 41-42 Club, was named to the Big 30 All Star Team for Football, received excellence in Global Studies and Chemistry and attended



*Madison Ozzella*





*Paul Pezzimenti*

*Ashley Pfeiffer*

Project Lead the Way. Paul will attend the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh and major in Engineering.

**Ashley Pfeiffer** is the daughter of Sue and Ron Pfeiffer. Ashley has participated in National Honor Society, Interact Club, class competitions, can drives, Olean Women's Softball League, JV Soccer, JV Basketball, Varsity Tennis, Varsity Basketball, Gus Macker volunteer, named CCAA Division I Scholar Athlete of the Season, and awarded Wells College Leadership Award. Ashley will attend Jamestown Community College for Accounting.

**Katherine Powers** is the daughter of Chris and Beth Powers. Kate has participated in Student Activities Council, Model UN, Interact, National Honor Society, Homeless Huskies, Up All Night, Days of Giving, Yearbook Staff, Ski Club, Varsity Track, Varsity Swimming, Stage Crew, and a Warming House volunteer. Kate plans on attending Boston University for Engineering.

**Summer Sawaya** is the daughter of John Sawaya. Summer has been involved with many school and volunteer activities including Science Club, Interact Club, Model United Nations Club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Class Officers-President, Student Activities Council President, New Visions Health Professions Program, Prom Committee, Enchanted Mountains Aquatics Club, Varsity Swimming and Diving, Varsity Indoor Track and Field, Varsity Outdoor Track and Field, Western New York Scholar Athlete, eight time NYSPHSAA qualifier, All-American qualifier, Most Valuable Swimmer, Most Valuable Runner, Athlete of the Season, She has volunteered for the Special Education prom, Genesis House, Carnival for a Cure, Salvation Army, Gus Macker, UNICEF, and the Warming House. She plans on attending St. Bonaventure University for Biology.

**Barbara Simon** is the daughter Mitch and Donna Simon. Barbara has been involved in Homeless Huskies, Class Competitions, Up All Night, JV and Varsity Volleyball, National Honor Society, Science Club, Interact Club and French Club. She has also volunteered at the Special Olympics, Gus Macker, Home Show, and Taste of Olean. Barbara will attend Jamestown Community College for Childhood Education.

**Jordan Thompson** is the son of Anne Thompson and Larry Abbott. Jordan has been involved in Scholastic Challenge, Class Competitions, Interact Club, Sports Booster Club can drives, Varsity Outdoor Track and Field, Varsity Indoor Track and Field, and Varsity Cross Country. Jordan has been the Vice President of the National Honor Society and a member of the National Technical Honor Society. He has received awards of excellence in academics, the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award and was named the Most Outstanding NHS Member. Jordan plans on attending Jamestown Community College and pursuing a career in medicine.



*Katherine Powers*

*Summer Sawaya*

*Barbara Simon*

*Jordan Thompson*



## Class of 2011 Future Plans

**Matthew C. Allen** – Buffalo State College  
**Kaitlyn E. Anastasia** – University of Tampa  
**Ellina F. Babar** – George Mason University  
**Ryan S. Baer** – Johnson & Wales University  
**Robert C. Bastow** – Marines  
**Jason M. Baum** – Jamestown Community College in Jamestown  
**Ashley N. Bennett** – National Guard  
**Carl W. Benson** – Employment  
**Tiernney M. Bernstein** – Onondaga School of Therapeutic Massage  
**Caitlin N. Bhe** – Jamestown Community College  
**Jaden E. Biscaro** – Jamestown Community College  
**Garett H. Black** – Monroe Community College  
**Sommer A. Blackwell** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Taylor J. Bold** – Syracuse University  
**Lauren M. Bowser** – St. John Fisher College  
**Logan R. Bowser** – West Virginia University  
**Krista L. Branch** – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
**Riley E. Branch** – Drexel University  
**Amanda K. Bright** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Mahli P. Brophy** – Alfred Tech  
**Alyssa A. Brown** – Elmira College  
**Cassandra C. Budinger** – Employment  
**Lauren J. Bush** – Jamestown Community College  
**Stephen T. Capitani** – Jamestown Community College  
**Lea S. Chandler** – Undecided  
**Sarah A. Colarusso** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Kaitlyn M. Cooney** – Edinboro University  
**Courtney M. Corder** – Jamestown Community College  
**Joshua A. Coulter** – Jamestown Community College  
**Alexander J. Curtin** – West Virginia University  
**Ashly N. Dann** – Employment  
**Corinne L. Daniels** – Jamestown Community College  
**Christopher J. Douglas** – West Virginia University  
**Katie M. Douthit** – Jamestown Community College in Jamestown  
**Joseph D. Edwards** – Jamestown Community College  
**Barbara A. Evans** – Employment  
**Jordan L. Flicker** – Corning Community College  
**Kara A. Frisina** – Ohio University  
**Malanna J. Fuentes** – Jamestown Community College  
**Anthony M. Funicello** – Jamestown Community College  
**John J. Fusiara** – Jamestown Community College  
**Matthew S. Gardner** – Cortland University  
**Brady A. Gaynor** – Employment  
**Stephany L. George** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Darren W. Gloss** – Jamestown Business College  
**Matthew A. Grenzer** – Jamestown Community College  
**Tyler M. Gunsolus** – Jamestown Community College  
**Ginger L. Gursky** – Employment  
**Darin M. Gutknecht** – Jamestown Community College  
**Jared A. Hamer** – Employment

**Jacob D. Hanigan** – Johnson and Wales College  
**April L. Hanners** – Jamestown Community College  
**Justin R. Hatzell** – Jamestown Community College  
**Ryan P. Havers** – Jamestown Community College  
**Aubrie E. Henderson** – Employment  
**Jacob A. Herbert** – Jamestown Community College  
**Robert V. Herrmann** – Army  
**Paige E. Himes** – University of Pittsburgh  
**Michael J. Hoffman** – Employment  
**Samantha A. Huselstein** – Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Mercedes C. Johnson** – Jamestown Community College  
**Brandon S. Jones** – Geneseo State University  
**Emily E. Kayes** – Pennsylvania State University  
**Alyssa M. Kirk** – Jamestown Community College  
**Chelsie L. Knapp** – Employment  
**Nigel O.J. Knieser** – New York University  
**Brandon A. Knight** – Employment  
**Amber L. Kolodziejski** – Canisius College  
**Yuki Kurata** – Exchange Student  
**Marissa C. Levia** – Brockport State University  
**Chelsey M. Lewis** – Employment  
**Natalie C. Malick** – Jamestown Community College  
**Corrie E. Malone** – St. James Hornell  
**Stevey M. Marcellin** – Employment  
**Zachary T. Marra** – Employment  
**Miles R. Marvin** – Jamestown Community College  
**Eric McCarthy** – Continued Learning  
**Erin K. McCarthy** – Suffolk Community College  
**Eboni C. McClain** – St. John Fisher College  
**Catrina D. Miller** – Alfred State College  
**Kasey L. Miller** – Employment  
**Benjamin T. Morgan** – Jamestown Community College  
**Ashley B. Mousaw** – Jamestown Community College  
**Olivia M. Mulherin** – Alfred University  
**Brittany E. Murphy** – Jamestown Community College  
**Miguel A. Narvaez** – St Bonaventure University  
**Bradley J. Nenno** – Edinboro University  
**Ashley M. Ortiz** – Keuka College  
**Sonja R. Ortiz** – Jamestown Community College  
**Madison L. Ozzella** – Nazareth College  
**Serah L. Paar** – University of Bradford at Pittsburgh  
**Andrew J. Panus** – Jamestown Community College  
**Kristiana A. Pavone** – Jamestown Community College in Jamestown  
**Lacey L. Pearl** – Alfred State College  
**Paul F. Pezzimenti** – University of Pittsburgh  
**Ashley L. Pfeiffer** – Jamestown Community College  
**Amanda C. Pikulski** – Undecided  
**Kelsey L. Pleakis** – Brockport State University  
**Donald H. Powell III** – Jamestown Community College  
**Katherine R. Powers** – Boston University



# Class of 2011 Future Plans



**Lauren M. Querns** – Jamestown Community College  
**Karimah A. Rahman** – Jamestown Community College in Jamestown  
**Derek A. Ralston** – Jamestown Community College  
**Drew A. Randon** – Jamestown Community College  
**David E. Reese** – Alfred State College  
**Bryan Rice** – Employment  
**Michael G. Rice, Jr.** – Jamestown Community College  
**Sydney R. Rohl** – Art Institute of Charlotte  
**Kayla M. Rose** – Continental School of Beauty  
**Andrew D. Ross** – Jamestown Community College  
**Summer M. Sawaya** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Barbara A. Simon** – Jamestown Community College  
**Sean M. Singer** – Art Institute of Pittsburgh  
**Britney L. Smith** – Employment  
**Olivia J. Sorokes** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Shandel A. Spears** – Jamestown Community College  
**Shelby A. Stark** – Jamestown Community College  
**Sarah E. Stephan** – Jamestown Community College  
**Daisey E. Strade** – Employment

**Krysta L. Strickler** – Jamestown Community College  
**Chelsea M. Sutterlin** – University of Alabama  
**Jessica A. Swetland** – Binghamton University  
**Victoria F. Swier** – Alfred State College  
**Kaitlyn S. Taggerty** – Cape Fear Community College  
**Shawna P. Taylor** – Jamestown Community College  
**Benjamin P. Terhaar** – St. Bonaventure University  
**Jordan P. Thompson** – Jamestown Community College  
**Crystal M. Urton** – Employment  
**Anthony J. Vinscavage** – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
**Katalina A. Weber** – Employment  
**Shevon C. Weeks** – Daemen College  
**Will A. Wetherby** – Canisius College  
**Desmond S. White** – Jamestown Community College  
**Dakota S. White Eagle** – Employment  
**Broderick C. Wright** – Employment  
**Melanie A. Yanetsko** – University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
**Taylor N. Young** – Medaille College  
**Jordan J. Zambanini** – Jamestown Community College



## OHS coaches Samuelson and Ksionzyk honored

Congratulations to Coach Randy Samuelson on his induction into the “Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame.” The 2011 induction ceremony took place in Little Valley on March 26. Coach Samuelson is shown in the upper left photo

(*holding plaque*) with his family.

Congratulations also goes out to Coach Paul Ksionzyk on being selected as the 2011 recipient of the NYSAAA Chapter 6 “Distinguished Service Award.” The award was presented to Coach Ksionzyk

on March 17 at the NYSAAA annual conference in Saratoga Springs. Coach Ksionzyk is shown in the upper right photo receiving the award from the NYS Athletic Administrators Awards Chairperson (*on right*).







## WASHINGTON CLUB TRIP

Twenty-seven OMS students attended this year's Washington Club trip in March. Among the obvious highlights of the memorials were seeing the White House decorated for St. Patrick's Day, a play at the Kennedy Center, and a dinner boat cruise on the Potomac River! Any students interested in joining, please see Mrs. Gayton in the Fall, or check out our table at Open House in September!



## SINGING "BUFF

Mr. Bushnell and Mrs. Berlinski's prize in its own American Idol contest by Bob Marley. The lyrics to the story "Black Frontiers" which the *Soldiers* was the name given to the A fought in the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry during Na The students really enjoyed this all-t



## WHALE WATCH CLUB VISITS BOSTON

Thirty-two eighth grade members of the Whale Watch Club visited Boston April 27th-29th. Highlights of the trip included a whale watch expedition, walking the Freedom Trail, a historical ride through Boston on a Duck Tour, Fenway Park and the Blueman Group. We also had dinner at Cheers and lunch at Quincy Market. New OMS members are always welcome. See co-advisors for the group, Nanette Higgins or Jo Dexter, to become a member.



## ARTISTS WIN CON

A group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls turned their Pr holiday into an opportunity to help beautify Olean. The girls participated in a window sponsored by the Ink Well and area business painted the windows of Neighborworks, sh home improvement can be a way to beat th the theme of the painting contest. A total of from area schools participated in this event different designs for 13 businesses. Congra these girls from Mrs. Heinz and all of OMS paint: Michaela Byrne, Monica Moses, Cla Kahlee Bowen, and Katie Ludden.



## ALOHA, OMS GRAY TEAM!



### BUFFALO SOLDIER"

7<sup>th</sup> period reading class took top singing "Buffalo Soldier" writing song were culturally connected to the students were reading. *Buffalo* African American soldiers who fought in American conflicts in 1866. time favorite song.



### TEST

President's Day by downtown painting contest. They showing that the winter blues, of 29 students, creating 13 congratulations to S!! Way to are Sorokes,

### By Katie Wolfgang

What to do on a cold, snowy day? Visit Hawaii, of course! The Gray Team recently took a virtual field trip to the Pearl Harbor Memorial in Hawaii. Students were able to video chat with an actual survivor of the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. His name was Captain Bob Kinzler and he told the students that he was 19 years old when the attack took place (making him 89 today!). He was serving in the US Army at the time and vividly remembers being awoken by the bombs going off in the harbor. He told the students, "You wake up pretty fast when you realize you're being attacked by the enemy." Captain Kinzler showed the students many pictures of himself as a young man stationed on Hawaii. He explained that he was a Morse Code radio operator assigned to Schofield Barracks on Oahu. Luckily, Schofield Barracks was not a target for the Japanese planes. During the attack, Captain Kinzler said his company was ordered to move the battle station to the local high school football stadium in Honolulu. He remembers seeing the devastation and realizing that the United States had now been pulled into World War II. Students were able to ask Captain Kinzler several questions at the end of the presentation such as what he did in his free time while in the Army. He responded that since he and his comrades had very little money, they would take their machine guns apart and time themselves putting them back together. Thank you, Captain Kinzler, for bringing history to life for the OMS Gray Team!



### FIVE STAR MOVIE STAR

Benjamin Eckstrom, 6<sup>th</sup> grader at OMS, won the *Five Star Bank Wants YOU to be Our Movie Star* contest. Benjamin qualified for the drawing by receiving "A's" in any of his core subjects for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. He received a gift certificate to Carmike Cinemas, as well as a popcorn bucket full of snacks. He is pictured with Principal Mr. Gerald Trietley and Amy Schleggenburger of Five Star Bank.



### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the Attendance Award Winners for the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period. Courtney Nielson (7<sup>th</sup> grade, pictured left) received \$50 for Perfect Attendance and Nicholas Blovsky (8<sup>th</sup> grade, pictured right) received \$25 for Distinguished Attendance.

*From the Superintendent*

## Thank you for another amazing year!

**By Dr. Colleen Taggerty,  
Superintendent**

As I close out my third year in the District, I continue to be totally amazed as to what the staff and students are able to accomplish in a school year. We are here for the academic achievement of each learner, but our end result encompasses much more. The District staff is able to foster compassion for the underprivileged; pride in self and community; and a desire to go beyond a minimal standard to a standard of excellence. I am very proud to work along-side such dedicated people.

While faced with very difficult economic times, the Board of Education continues to set goals that will move the District forward. Their desire to explore innovative ideas in program offerings and to establish collaborative partnerships with our neighboring school districts has resulted in significant cost savings and educational and/or athletic opportunities for our students. It is the intent of the Board of Education to explore further opportunities throughout the 2011-12 school year and beyond.

The end of the 2010-11 school year is upon us. I believe this is the appropriate time to give thanks to all who have worked so diligently assisting our students in acquiring the knowledge and skills that will guide their future successes. My sincere appreciation is extended to our staff and to the parents who are always there to support the efforts of their children and the District.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

## Pennies for Patients add up to finding a cure for cancer

The Olean Middle School participated in their sixth annual Pennies for Patients program benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. In the six years participating with this program the Olean Middle School raised over \$11,000. The number one reason for our school to get involved in this program was to allow us to feel the powerful feeling in achieving a goal that benefits others. The money earned by the Olean Middle School students will go to research to fund cures hopefully in the future.

For two weeks the students and faculty participated in "Jar Wars," which collected change to help fight cancer. The object of "Jar Wars" was to put all silver coins in the other grade levels and pennies in your own grade level jar. OMS would like to thank Home Depot for letting us borrow the water jugs for our program. During the week we also had activities such as Hat Day, Twin Day (*pictured at right*) and Wacky Sock Day.

The goal for this year was to raise \$2,000, and with that goal came a promise – Mr. Shoup vowed to shave his long-time mustache if OMS succeeded.

Within two weeks the students and

faculty raised \$2,130.32. Once again, the Olean Middle School students and faculty proved that we care about others in need! What an achievement! Mr. Shoup kept his promise and shaved his mustache in front of everyone at the next dance!

In the Pennies for Patients campaign, the top finishers at the Olean Middle School this year were as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> grade (first place), 6<sup>th</sup> grade (second place) and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (third place).

The mission of the society is to find a cure for leukemia and lymphoma cancers, to improve the quality of life and to add funds to find a cure of these diseases. As the co-ordinator for Pennies for Patients, Mr. Shoup would like to thank the entire faculty, and especially all the OMS students who participated and donated to this worthy cause.



## Shared transportation a win-win

**By Dr. Colleen Taggerty,  
Superintendent**

Olean, Portville, and Hinsdale School Districts are happy to announce the consolidation of transportation services. With this shared service, Hinsdale and Portville will continue to maintain their transportation departments while serving Olean City School District. The District will pay for all costs associated with transporting their students. Portville and Hinsdale will benefit as Olean begins sharing the burden of overhead costs, including: bus maintenance, debt service, driver benefits, supervisory and administrative costs, and building maintenance. In sharing these costs, it is conservatively estimated that the combined savings will be nearly \$400,000 annually. All three superinten-

dents, and the Boards of Education, concur that this consolidation will open up other areas where services can be shared. Sharing services will help us provide more diverse programming for our students, while saving taxpayers money. We see this as vital in maintaining each of our districts and their unique strengths.

The share will impact the start times at the four elementary schools. The start time will be 15 to 20 minutes later than our current start times. The Middle School and High School start times will remain the same. The District is currently finalizing the specifics and will get notifications out to all impacted families within the next month. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathy Elser, Business Administrator, with any questions or concerns.





**HIGH SCHOOL:** St. Bonaventure University recently hosted the annual high school student art show for area students. The work of several OHS students was accepted for the exhibit including projects in both 2-D and 3-D formats. Students whose work was selected for exhibition were: (*top left photos*) Kara Frisina, Jacob Baer, and (*top right photos*) Joshua Lehere and Kelly Hustak. Not pictured: Hannah Forrest, Zachary Fisher, Matthew Gardner, Bradley Magnano, Allissa McMillen and Margaret Stanford.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** A group of Middle School art students had work chosen to be on display in the Annual St. Bonaventure Middle School Art Show. Artwork was chosen from over 300 entries from 15 area schools. The following students had work selected for the show: Emily Allen, Jared Bertch, Aleeya Clemons, Zaryan Evans, Madison Forrest, Whitney Fye, Ciara Heister, Kali Johnny John, Ty Johnson, Luvlee Sanchez, and Adam Stark. The exhibit was officially opened on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Many proud parents and family members were in attendance with the featured artists. Several of Olean's artists are featured here. Pictured are: (*clockwise from third photo on right*) Ciara Heister, Emily Allen, Zaryan Evans, Aleeya Clemons and Maddy Forrest.







**Book-It Program:** Six students in Mrs. Stephens' class completed all 6 months of the Book-It Program through Pizza Hut. They celebrated with a pizza party and chose a book as a reward. Congratulations to all of these dedicated readers! Great job!

**Challenge 24 Math Competition:** Mrs. Sullivan has coached several Boardmanville students from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades this year, preparing them for the St. Bonaventure Challenge 24 Math Competition on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The pictured Boardmanville students all advanced to be finalists at their grade levels, and Hira Mirza won the championship for Grade 4.



**St. Jude's Marathon:** Students participated in the Mathathon program to benefit St. Jude's Research Hospital, raising a total of \$3,309. Over the eight years Boardmanville students have participated in Mathathon they have raised \$18,565.53 to benefit sick children. Our students also collect and donate pull-tabs from cans to benefit St. Jude's. This year they brought in about 261,000 tabs to raise \$125. Way to go Boardmanville students and parents!

# Boardmanville Elementary School



**Fifth Grade Friday Fun:** Mrs. Chudy's kindergarten class meets with Mrs. Gabler's 5th grade class every Friday to have some fun. They love to work on art and cooking projects together. They look forward to Friday Fun every week!



**President's Fitness Challenge:** Mr. Folland's Physical Education classes took part in The President's Fitness Challenge as a part of their spring fitness test. In order to qualify for a certificate signed by the president, students had to finish in the top 15% in all of their tests. The pictured students were able to accomplish the challenge and nearly everyone improved on their scores.





**Character Education at East View:** Character Education is very important at East View. Each month, there is an assembly to recognize students of the month and to teach the upcoming character trait of the month. These assemblies are led by various staff members, St. Bonaventure University interns or grade level classes, and may include anything from songs, to skits, to game shows. Pictured are 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students presenting the last Character Education assembly of the school year in which all of the character traits were reviewed.



**5th Graders Prepare for Middle School:** When East View's 5<sup>th</sup> Graders were asked what they were most concerned about as they prepare to go to the Middle School; one thing was mentioned by almost every student – being able to open their lockers. Thanks to our school counselor, Mrs. Deb Weatherell, the students can now practice on a locker with a combination lock just like the ones at OMS. Located at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade hallway, the locker is available throughout the day for students to practice on their own, or for scheduled practice sessions with Mrs. Weatherell.

Pictured are 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, George Kivari and Joe Copella as they work on the combination of the practice locker at East View.

## East View Elementary School

### No Bullying Poster Contest:

Students in Gr. 2-5 were invited to participate in a poster contest to promote no bullying at East View. Over 50 posters were submitted with each student receiving a certificate of participation. Of those submitted, 22 were chosen to be displayed around the school for their art work, creativity and anti-bullying messages.

Pictured is 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, Malachi Charleston next to his poster which shows one student stopping a bullying situation and stating that "There is no bullying at East View".





# Ivers J. Norton Elementary School

**A Memorable Memorial Day:** For the second consecutive year, Mayor Linda Witte asked the students and families in the Olean City School District to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. The response was super! Families from all of the elementary schools joined in the excitement (*see photos below*). Everyone had a wonderful time decorating their bikes and strollers – a rejuvenated tradition that will be part of many parades to come! Thank you all the men and women who have served or are currently serving in our armed forces!



**Enviro-Fair – A Totally Awesome Science Opportunity:** Congratulations to students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades who entered our first-ever **Enviro-Fair** sponsored by our PTO (*pictured above and below*). Students created experiments and displays that called attention to our environment, what we can do to save the earth, and that reflected their understanding of environmentally sound practices. Winners were honored at a reception. Entries included: **Reducing River Bank Erosion, Rooftop Gardens, Solar Air Heater, Compost, Growth of a Cacti Relative to Pollution, Sustainable Agriculture, and School Garden.** Congratulations to those who participated, and to those classrooms that created a display for the reception. Thank you to our judges from St. Bonaventure University - Leslie Chambers and Kevin Vogel. Thank you, PTO, for helping our students to grow in the area of science!



## Bee Safe This Summer:

Our second grade friends want to remind you to **Bee Safe** this summer!

- Wear your helmet when riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, and rollerblades.
- Wear sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Please use caution around grills and campfires.
- Don't pet stray animals.
- Talk about strangers with your parents.







### Fifth Grade News:

Mrs. Martin and Ms. Matejka team-taught a time-period unit in Social Studies. During reading, students are enthralled with their books (*upper left*) and report to the group at the end of class on what they read.

Ms. Matejka's class studied and applied virtues throughout the year. Class experts Mike Marvin (*lower left*) and Christina Lopez teach students strategies, such as restorative justice.

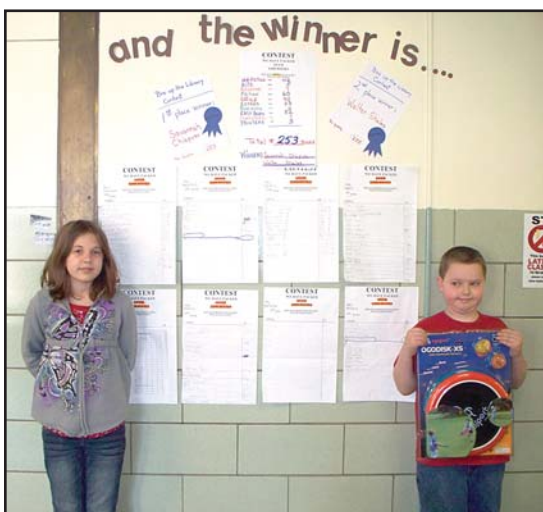
Ms. Matejka's recyclers (*upper right*) help the building recycle. Money collected from returnables is donated to charity.

Mrs. Matejka's class planted a "Dream Tree" (*lower right*) in the courtyard two years ago. This year, they planted tulips in celebration of Red Ribbon Week.



**Third Grade Cupcakes:** Third Graders worked hard in Ms. Frederick's class this spring to prepare for the ELA State Tests. To practice their writing skills, they came up with a sentence ... Eat A Fat Cupcake Please! This stood for echo the question, answer the question, for example, and check for capital letters and periods. Each student had these helpful hints attached to their desks with a picture of a cupcake to remind them how to practice great writing skills. Ms. Frederick told the students that if they worked hard and followed these strategies, she would bake fat cupcakes and they could decorate them for a treat. The students had a great time decorating the tasty cupcakes.

# Washington West Elementary School



**Library Contest:** The Washington West Library was long overdue for a face lift. It was time for new carpet and for the walls to be painted – a project to be done over Spring Break. Before the library could be updated, almost all the books had to be boxed up and moved. The library office, circulation desk, magazine racks, and computers had to be boxed as well. Mr. Huselstein, our maintenance worker, did all the heavy lifting of boxed up books, shelves, tables, and circulation desk. As the packing was taking place, the students didn't miss a class. They came in each week to move more and more boxes. There were over 9,000 books boxed up for the renovation. WOW!

Ms. Miller, library aide, decided to hold a contest and have the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students guess how many boxes it would take to pack up the library. There were guesses as low as 20 boxes, and a guess as high as 11,000! Congrats to first place winner, Savannah Chiapuso in Mrs. Monroe's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, with the exact number of boxes, 253! The runner up was Walter Shales in Mrs. Frederick's class, with his guess of 255. Each student received a prize and are shown at left. A special thanks to Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Martinelli, and to our special library helpers in 4th grade for a job well done!

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## OMS team wins NYS Drug Quiz title

While other students were on spring break, our drug quiz team competed in Syracuse as Cattaraugus County Champions for another chance to bring home a state title. OMS prevailed, gliding over three other county champions. A second trip to Syracuse in May proved to be just as successful! After decisively defeating Clinton Middle School, the state champions four of the last five years, Olean needed over-time (extra questions) to take care of Christian Brothers Academy.



**Pictured: (front) Alexis Sova, Brooke Swetland (back) Julie Mulryan, Cameron Kane, Geoffrey Broadbent, Clare Sorokes, Mrs. Rose Gayton (advisor) and Emily Gayton.**

The winning question: "What percent of smokeless tobacco users have sores in their mouth that could result in cancer?" The answer: 70%.

The drug quiz program provides a game show format to make it fun for middle school students to learn information not only about drugs, but other topics such as bullying, conflict resolution, domestic violence, how to manage stress, and how to succeed.

This year, over 200 teams and 30,000 students competed in New York State. Olean Middle School has been state champions six times, second only to Clinton Middle School. The students won \$300 to spend for a Drug Free Night on the Town!

Drug Quiz Show Finals air in Olean on Time Warner Cable Channel 6, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and Friday at 9 p.m.. Check us out!



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"Home, School and Community  
Educating for Life"

### Values ...

- Excellence
- Honesty/Integrity
- Learning
- Mutual Respect
- Resourcefulness
- Responsibility & Accountability
- Sensitivity to Diverse Needs
- Teamwork

### Strategic Themes ...

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Facilities & Learning Environment
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