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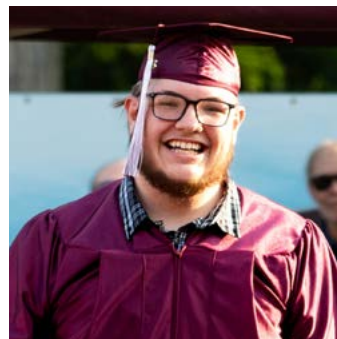
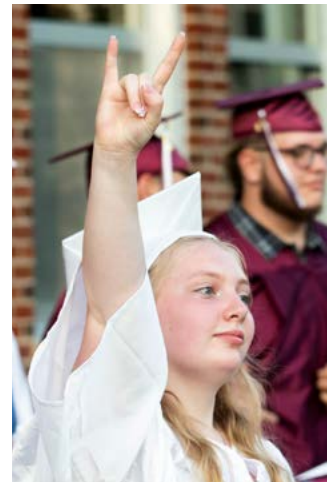
Congratulations
CLASS OF 2024

On June 21, the 45 students in the class of 2024 became the newest graduates of Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School. The graduates were celebrated by attending family and friends as they were recognized for the hard work and dedication they've shown throughout their educational careers.

During the commencement ceremony, remarks were made by Superintendent of Schools Mr. Gregory Cuthbertson. The salutary address was given by Madelyn Race and the valedictory address was given by Megan Wright. Mr. Cuthbertson presented the recognition of awards and the senior class officers presented the class gift.

The commencement ceremony culminated with each of the graduates crossing the stage to receive their diplomas.

Congratulations to the class of 2024 and best of luck in your future endeavors!



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Staff,

I hope this message finds you well and excited for the upcoming school year. As we prepare for another year of learning, growth and successes at Oriskany Central Schools, we are thrilled to welcome both returning and new students to our District.

The start of a new school year brings with it a sense of anticipation and opportunity. It is a time to set new goals, forge new relationships and engage in new experiences that will shape our future generations. Whether you are entering pre-kindergarten or your final year of high school, each step you take this year is a part of your unique educational journey.

This school year will be the first year under our new school mascot, the Skyhawks. As we embark on the Oriskany Skyhawks era, we will be looking forward to our rebranding phase during this upcoming school year. As part of the rebranding process, we will be implementing a new school logo and a new website design and interface. These are exciting new adventures for our students and community, and we look forward to sharing these in the near future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new N.A. Walbran Elementary School Principal Mr. Tom Meiss. Mr. Meiss returns to the Oriskany Central School District after spending 17 years in the District as a physical education teacher, athletic director and successful coach. Mr. Meiss replaces Mrs. Catherine Mucurio who has transitioned to our Director of Special Programs and Support Services. Mr. Meiss brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in educational leadership and we are excited for him to be joining our administrative team.

The Oriskany Central School District is committed to providing a safe, nurturing and enriching environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Our dedicated faculty and staff are here to support, guide and challenge you every step of the way. As we navigate the year ahead, I encourage all members of our community to actively engage in our schools, support our students and collaborate with us to ensure a successful and productive school year. Together we can inspire and empower our students to reach their fullest potential.

Throughout the school year, we look forward to sharing stories of achievement, updates on school events and important information through our newsletters, ParentSquare, website and social media. I encourage and welcome any questions, comments or concerns you have about our schools and can be reached directly at gcuthbertson@oriskanycsd.org. Thank you for your continued partnership and here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Gregory Cuthbertson



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FROM THE OFFICE OF

Special Programs & Support Services

Dear Oriskany Families,

As we embark on a new school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our students, parents and staff. The beginning of a new academic year brings with it a sense of excitement, renewal, countless opportunities for learning and my first opportunity to write you in my new role as the Director of Special Programs and Support Services. I am very excited to continue my professional journey with the Oriskany CSD.

Our Special Programs Department is dedicated to ensuring that every student receives the support they need to succeed. We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every child can thrive, regardless of their unique needs and abilities. This year, we will continue enhancing the educational experience for our students by focusing on professional development, parent and community engagement, and social-emotional learning.

Our educators and support staff will participate in ongoing professional development to stay current with best practices and innovative strategies in special education. This ensures that we can offer the highest quality of instruction and support to our students. This year, we will be working with our Central Regional Educational Partnership through the New York Department of Education to focus on the least restrictive environment for students and transition planning for our secondary students.

We believe that collaboration with families and the community is crucial for student success. We will be sharing resources, workshops and events to keep you informed and involved in your child's education. Your input and partnership are invaluable to us.

Lastly, with a focus on recognizing the importance of social-emotional development, we continue to integrate programs and activities designed to help students build resilience, develop coping skills and foster positive relationships such as the Positivity Project and the Zones of Regulation.

As we move forward, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns or suggestions. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. Together, we can make this school year a remarkable and successful experience for all our students.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's make this year the best one yet!

Warm regards,

Catherine Mucurio



Catherine Mucurio

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MASCOT REVEAL:

the ORISKANY SKYHAWKS

The Oriskany Central School District is excited to announce a new mascot – the Skyhawks! Students, faculty and staff gathered at Bernie Block Field on June 10 to retire the “Redskins” mascot and reveal the name of the new mascot.

The Skyhawk name pays homage to the village of Oriskany's role in American history dating back to the Revolutionary War, and the school district's commitment to tradition. The Skyhawks name specifically references the Prototype A-4E Skyhawk on display outside of the Oriskany Museum. The USS Oriskany Naval aircraft carrier, named for the Battle of Oriskany, served as a seagoing airbase for Skyhawk aircrafts during both the Korean War and Vietnam War.

The Skyhawk mascot further represents many of the attributes that the District strives to embody, such as engagement, empowerment, innovation, high-achievement, agility and versatility.

The mascot selection process began in June 2023 when the Board of Education made a resolution to retire the use of the “Redskins” mascot following the New York State Board of Regents and Commissioner of Education's regulation prohibiting the use of Indigenous team names, mascots and logos by public schools. In September, a District mascot committee composed of staff, students and community members was formed to make recommendations to the Board of Education for the selection of the next mascot. The District gathered feedback from the school community through a ThoughtExchange in November/December, which the mascot committee then reviewed and narrowed down to several names for the student body to vote on. After the initial student vote, the list was narrowed down to four names that were put forth to the District's students, staff and community for an advisory poll on May 29. The results of the poll were recommended to the Board of Education, which voted to adopt the Skyhawks as the District's new mascot. Keep an eye on the District website and Facebook page for more information about a new logo featuring the Skyhawks mascot, coming soon!



FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

School meal programs are operated in each building by the OHM BOCES School Food Service Team. We are pleased to announce that in the 2024-2025 School Year, we will be operating under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) -- meaning all meals are FREE to all students!

The OHM BOCES strives to provide students with tasty, nutritious, fresh, foods that appeal to students and the school community. We have continually exceeded federal and state guidelines for all required nutrients and increased our offerings of fresh fruit and vegetables. Farm to School items and programming are improving our students' connections to fresh food and resources. The menu balances student preference, commodity foods, and locally sourced foods that are fresh, fun and encourage students to explore new flavors and new preparations.

Each student has their own meal account with an assigned pin number. Please be sure to help your children learn their numbers; especially if they are new participants. You can also use this account to make payments for a la carte items; checks made out to OHM BOCES Food Service, or online prepayments (ezschoolpay.com) are preferable, though cash in a labeled envelope is also an option.

Because we are operating under CEP again this year, families do not need to fill out Free/Reduced meal applications. However, it is helpful to your school if you complete the income collection form available at ezmealapp.com. PDFs and hard copies are also available. Eligible families may qualify for benefits such as waived test fees.

While complete meals are FREE, single items like milk will still be charged to student accounts. Milk this year will be \$0.75. Other a la carte items such as frozen yogurt, baked chips, and whole grain cookies will be available for purchase most days in the school cafeterias. Prices on those items range from \$0.75-\$3.00. There is no charging of a la carte items; meaning students must have a positive account balance, or cash in hand in order to purchase.

Please sign up for an ezschoolpay.com account! This is an excellent way to monitor your children's meals and a la carte purchases. These accounts are free to set up and use; you can even set up email reminders for when a balance gets low! If you choose to use them for prepayment, a small fee is incurred with each transaction.

Please don't hesitate to contact us!

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Amanda Goodenough **THIRD GRADE TEACHER**

Ms. Goodenough joins the Elementary School this year as a third grade teacher. She previously taught at Madison Elementary School, Sauquoit Middle School and Small Blessings Preschool. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in early childhood/childhood education from Utica College and a Master of Science Degree in literacy from SUNY Cortland.

Ms. Goodenough appreciates that Oriskany is a small school district with a similar philosophy and values. She looks forward to working with students and instilling in them a love and appreciation for learning and growth. In her free time, Ms. Goodenough enjoys being outdoors, continuing her education and volunteering with the PTO at her children's school.



Tom Meiss **ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**

Mr. Meiss returns to Oriskany where he previously served as a physical education teacher and coach for 17 years. Mr. Meiss also served as Oriskany's Athletic Director from 2010-2019 and was the head varsity baseball coach for 16 seasons. Most recently, he was the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for the Whitesboro Central School District. Mr. Meiss earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Ithaca College, and his Master of Science degree and Certificate of Advanced Study from SUNY Cortland.

Mr. Meiss enjoys the community connection that Oriskany provides and is excited to give back while making an impact on students' lives. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, coaching and golfing. Mr. Meiss also volunteers as an American Legion baseball coach, Little League coach and with the Special Olympics. Welcome back, Mr. Meiss!



Gabriella Ricci **KINDERGARTEN TEACHER**

Ms. Ricci joins the Elementary School as a kindergarten teacher. She earned her bachelor's degree from Utica University and is currently working toward her master's degree at Grand Canyon University. Ms. Ricci also works as a waitress at Michael T's restaurant in New Hartford.

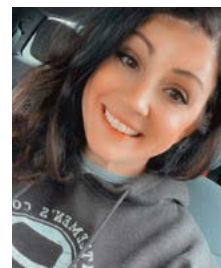
In her free time, Ms. Ricci enjoys walking her dog, spending time with friends and family, and playing volleyball. She is a driven educator who has a passion for teaching and is excited to start working at such an amazing school and district. Ms. Ricci has close friends and family who are alumni and is looking forward to joining the Oriskany team and getting to know everyone. Let's go Skyhawks!



Angela Pastor **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE) SECRETARY**

Ms. Pastor joined the Oriskany CSD as the CSE Secretary in August. She is a graduate of Proctor High School and attended Mohawk Valley Community College majoring in psychology. She previously worked in the Utica City School District and was most recently employed in the medical field for the last several years.

Ms. Pastor enjoys working with children, loves to make a difference in their lives and is excited to join a District that she has heard wonderful things about. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, going to local art shows and farmers' markets, and volunteering for her church's feast in the summer.



Caleb Wimmer **SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER**

Mr. Wimmer is excited to be joining the Oriskany CSD as a high school social studies teacher. He previously taught at Utica Academy of Science Charter School and several other local schools. Mr. Wimmer is excited to begin working at Oriskany and encouraging students to become active members in their community.

Mr. Wimmer grew up locally in Canastota. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from the University at Buffalo and his master's degree in secondary education from the University at Albany. In his free time, Mr. Wimmer enjoys spending time with his wife and three cats.



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Oriskany Families,

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and is re-energized for the 2024-25 school year! I am grateful for the opportunity to return to the Oriskany Central School District and serve as the Principal of N.A. Walbran Elementary School.

For the past two school years, I worked within the Whitesboro Central School District as the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics. Prior to my experience in Whitesboro, I spent the first seventeen years as a professional within the Oriskany Central School District, serving as a physical education teacher and coach and holding a variety of administrative leadership positions. All of these experiences have helped me grow professionally and personally.

The faculty and staff's commitment to personal attention and willingness to build positive and long-lasting relationships is key to the development of our students. As a school community, we are excited to begin our new elementary reading series "Into Reading." The teachers have worked hard over the summer getting familiar with the new material and completing training.

The community support within the Oriskany Central School District is always something that has been impressive. I look forward to meeting and reconnecting with members of our school community while building upon the success and growth of our students at N.A. Walbran Elementary School.

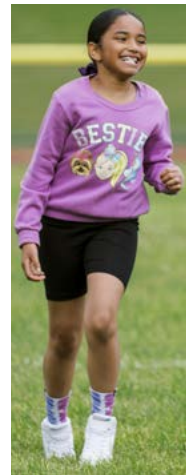
Sincerely,

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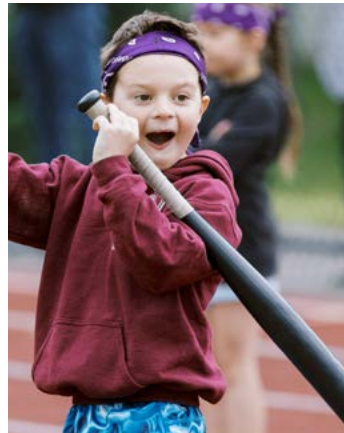
ELEMENTARY
PE
day



Although the weather was a little cooler than usual on June 10, elementary students were excited to get outside and get moving during N.A. Walbran Elementary's annual PE Day.

Students participated by grade level, with each grade wearing a different color and rotating through stations of games and activities throughout the day.

As always, the day focused on physical fitness and encouraged students to practice teamwork and collaboration through the activities which included Kan Jam Relay, Octopus Tag, a Homerun Derby, Soccer Golf, Topples Tube Relay and an Obstacle Course.



Following the games, the PTA hosted their annual picnic lunch for students and teachers. It was a day of fun for all!





*Elementary
Students Present*
"OZ!"



On June 6, N.A. Walbran Elementary students, led by music teacher Jake Shipp, took classmates, family and friends on a trip to the magical land of "Oz!" during their Spring Musical. The 45 cast members followed the yellow brick road and had their wishes granted with the help of seven stage crew members, including two students from the High School Drama Club.

"Oz!" is a musical adaptation of L. Frank Baum's timeless "Wizard of Oz" tale. A cyclone carries Dorothy and Toto to the magical Land of Oz. When Dorothy's house squashes the Wicked Witch of the East, she is ecstatically thanked by the liberated Munchkins and given permission to wear the witch's powerful silver slippers. From there, Baum's lovable characters — rubber-legged Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, and Tin Woodsman — join Dorothy on a journey to meet the great Oz. While on their trek, they battle the Wicked Witch of the West, who is determined to get revenge for the death of her sister.

This bright musical was charged with a bundle of wonderful songs and thrill after thrill -- like the escape from the Fighting Trees and encountering the enchanted poppies. Eventually, Glinda the Good Witch helps Dorothy defeat the evil witch and her winged monkeys. The great and powerful wizard grants Dorothy's friends their wishes and of course, helps Dorothy return to Kansas.



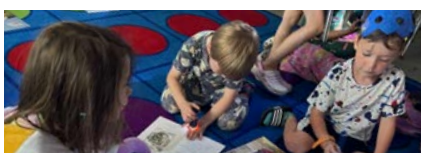
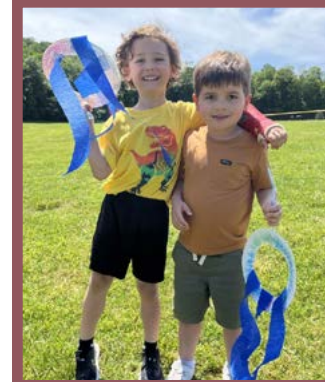
Career Fair

AT N.A. WALBRAN ELEMENTARY

On May 30, the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES School and Business Alliance (SABA) held a career fair for Oriskany students at N.A. Walbran Elementary School. Students had the opportunity to meet with professionals and learn about their careers, exposing them to some of the options they'll have as they grow and learn and begin to plan their futures.

PRE-K

Pre-K enjoyed the last 26 days of school while learning about the alphabet! Each day was dedicated to a letter of the alphabet, starting on May 15 with the letter "A," when students wore red, white and blue for America. Throughout the next 25 days, they had fun with letter-themed days including Bubble Day, Hat Day, Ice Cream Day, Kite Day, Mustache Day, Pajama Day and Stuffed Animal Day.



Kindergarten

There was lots of fun in kindergarten in May and June, including Glow Day, a walk to the library and making their own pizza sauce with herbs from their aerogarden provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension/BOCES.



FIRST *grade*

Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Gray's first grade classes took a field trip to Cornell Cooperative Extension at the end of the school year. They learned about native animal species and planted seeds from the story of the three sisters -- corn, beans and squash. Mrs. Gray's students also completed an animal research project where they each picked an animal to research, made habitats in art class and presented their project to the class.



FIRST AND SECOND GRADE **CAMPING**

Students in Mrs. Caruso's first grade and Mrs. Waskiewicz's second grade classes shared in a special day of "camping." Students had s'mores, went fishing for vowel team words and enjoyed fun crafts and activities.



ELEMENTARY **ALL-COUNTY** *Band & Chorus* FESTIVAL

On April 12 and 13, several of Oriskany's elementary musicians traveled to Remsen High School to perform with more than 200 other students from Oneida County schools in the 2024 Elementary All-County Festival. Brayden Anderson, Lily Hessler and Tanner True sang with the chorus, while Vito LoCaccio played saxophone and Ayden Walker played bells in the band.



MEMORIAL DAY



Students joined the member organizations of the Oriskany American Legion Post #1448 and Paul Rieben to honor fallen U.S. military personnel during Memorial Day Ceremonies at Trinkaus Park on May 27.

Students presented several patriotic selections, including "In Flanders Field" and the "Gettysburg Address." The N. A. Walbran Sixth Grade Chorus performed "America the Beautiful" and a Memorial Day speech was presented by class of 2024 salutatorian Madelyn Race.

Elementary Art

Third grade students sculpted and painted ceramic gnome houses during art class. Drawings of the interior and exterior of imaginary homes were created, then slab building and painting techniques were used to create ceramic models. The students enjoyed using their imaginations while learning new skills.

Fifth grade students created "Steampunk Fish" which included gears, cogs, brass and copper as a nod to the machinery and industry of the Victorian era and the metals that were commonly used during the Industrial Revolution.



HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. As the new school year approaches, I am excited to welcome back our students, families and staff to the Jr./Sr. High School.

I am honored to serve as your principal at the Jr./Sr. High for a third year. The start of a new academic year is always filled with anticipation and excitement. It is a time to set new goals, embrace new challenges and celebrate the many opportunities that lie ahead. Our commitment to providing a supportive and enriching environment, for all our students, remains steadfast.

Over the summer, our dedicated faculty and staff have been working diligently to prepare for the new school year. We have had extension work on our facilities through the Capital Project. We have also worked on our procedures and systems to ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

We are particularly excited to welcome our incoming seventh grade students and new students joining us this year. Transitioning to a new school can be both exciting and challenging, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Our teachers, counselors and support staff are committed to making your experience at Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School a positive and memorable one.

To our returning students, I encourage you to continue to strive for excellence and to take advantage of the many resources and opportunities available to you. Whether it's through academics, athletics, the arts or other extracurricular activities, there is something for everyone at Oriskany.

Communication and collaboration are key to a successful school year. I encourage all parents and guardians to stay engaged and involved in their child's education. We are here to support you and your child.

I would also like to remind you of some important dates as we begin the school year:

- Jr./Sr. High School Back to School Night: Thursday, August 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Schedule Distribution Grades 8-12, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Chromebook Distribution Grades 8-12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 7th Grade Orientation, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- 7th Grade Chromebook Orientation, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- First Day of School: Wednesday, September 4
- Jr./Sr. High School Picture Date: Friday, September 6

Please check our District website and our monthly building newsletters for updates and information about upcoming events and activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the Oriskany Central School District. Together, we can make this school year a successful and rewarding experience for all our students. I look forward to seeing you all soon and to an incredible year ahead.

As always, if I may be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 315.768.2063.

ORISKANY PROUD

All my best,

Andrew Kennedy



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JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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BARBEAU RECEIVES *Antonino and Maria Rizzo* MEMORIAL AWARD

Aidan Barbeau was named as a 2024 recipient of the Antonino and Maria Rizzo Memorial Award during the Bridges Graduation Ceremony held at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES on June 5.

Antonino and Maria Rizzo immigrated from Sicily, Italy in 1968 in search of a new land opportunity for their children to be educated in America. They cherished all children and believed in their ability to learn and grow. Working in a small village as young children, they saw the promise of the schooling offered in the United States. They established their family in Frankfort, NY, where Antonino was a laborer and Maria was a seamstress. They provided for their family in so many ways -- a home, a garden, an education, lots of love and a basement filled with jars of sauce each year. This award is given to graduating seniors who have overcome significant challenges and value their education.

Aidan demonstrates a positive attitude and willingness to learn, always has a smile on his face and works hard to meet expectations. He plans to enter the workforce following graduation.

Congratulations, Aidan and the Bridges class of 2024!



Spears is Student Speaker at CBOE COMPLETION CEREMONY

Joshua Spears was the student speaker during the Community Based Occupational Education (CBOE) Completion Ceremony held at the Madison-Oneida BOCES on June 14.

Click [HERE](#) to view Josh's speech. He is described as being "born to be a showman."

Josh was hired by Oneida Health out of his Vocational Tech Program (VTP) and plans to continue growing his hobbies in entertainment into a career.

Congratulations, Josh and the CBOE class of 2024!





On May 23, 82 junior and senior students, including three from Oriskany, were inducted into the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Honor Society. Congratulations to Alivia Rizzo (New Visions: Health Professions), Briannah Wishart (New Visions: Health Professions) and Megan Wright (New Visions: Education)!

In order to be inducted into the honor society, students must maintain a 90 or higher grade point average at CTEC, an 80 or higher grade point average at their home schools and meet attendance requirements at CTEC.

SENIOR *trip*

From May 4-6, the class of 2024 went on a class trip to Boston and Salem, MA. The class toured the New England Aquarium, Quincy Market, Fenway Park: Home of the Red Sox and even went on a Duck Tour of Boston. They also went on a guided, walking tour of Salem and visited the 1692 Salem Witch Museum. On their way home, the class stopped at Six Flags New England in Springfield, MA for an exciting mix of action packed rides and crowd pleasing shows and attractions.





Living Environment FETAL PIG DISECTION

Students in Mrs. Sciorilli's Living Environment class closed out the school year with an optional fetal pig dissection. During the lab, students identified organ structures and functions.



ORISKANY TEAM PLACES FIRST IN *Forestry* AT 2024 ONEIDA COUNTY ENVIROTHON



Two teams from Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School competed in the Oneida County Envirothon on May 7 at the Utica Zoo and one of the teams took first place in the forestry portion of the competition.

Envirothon is a hands-on competition that tests students' knowledge of five subject areas: soils, aquatics, wildlife, forestry, and current environmental issues. The students rotated through five outdoor stations that each focused on a different subject area and worked as a team to complete test questions and problem-solving exercises.

Members of Oriskany Team 2 Anna, Anthony, Briannah, Jake and Kaelyn took first place in the forestry category.

Congratulations to Team 2 and advisor for both teams Mrs. Sciorilli!



STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

through Elevating Student Voices

Throughout the 2023-24 school year, students in the tri-BOCES region – which includes the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES – had the opportunity to participate in Elevating Student Voices, an initiative led by the OHM BOCES Program and Professional Learning department.

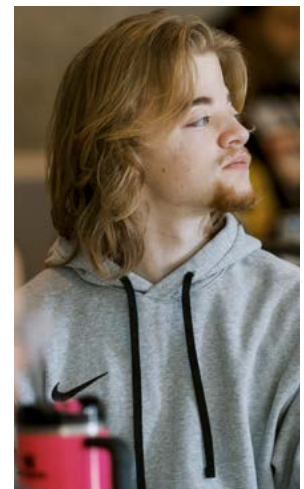
Elevating Student Voices is an ongoing diversity and inclusion initiative that consisted of five meetings throughout the school year, including several closed discussion sessions. District-identified student leaders from participating districts were first trained on how to run community circles. More students were then brought in and the student leaders ran community circles to discuss topics that affect the students, their school and the community as a whole. After each session, students provided feedback on topics they would like more information or training on.

Elevating Student Voices culminated with a Youth Summit held on April 16 at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro. At the summit, students, including five from Oriskany, had the opportunity to participate in discussions, display their action plans and learn from community leaders.

The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Meredith Madden, an educational consultant who specializes in professional development on diversity, inclusion, equity and justice in education. Panelists for the event included: Karen Fuller, FPA-C, a credentialed family peer advocate; Cam Clarey, youth housing care manager for Oneida County; Danielle Padula, executive director at Broadway Theatre League of Utica; New Hartford seniors Aishaanya Kaushik and Cooper Borelli; Remsen freshman Emily Spatto; and Oriskany senior Lauren Kraus.

Javante Brill-Rollins also stepped in to lead the panel discussion for Oriskany, doing a tremendous job when Lauren Kraus was unexpectedly ill. A special thank you to Ms. Jenks for volunteering for this event, which could not have happened without her volunteering to attend every meeting.

Participating districts and programs included Dolgeville, New Hartford, OHM BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE), OHM BOCES Pathways in Technology and Early College High School (P-TECH), Oriskany, Remsen, Vernon Verona Sherrill and Waterville.



Elevating Student Voices allows regional students to learn about perspectives and life experiences different from their own as they continue to seek understanding, respect for and appreciation for others. The overall goal is to bring awareness to diversity in the region.



Jr./Sr. High School
STUDENT
COUNCIL
Awards

On June 13, the Student Council awarded more than 100 Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School students with certificates. Students were chosen by faculty to receive either academic or citizenship acknowledgement for each of the courses taught. Many juniors also received college scholarships if they choose to attend those schools. Lastly, teachers were given a series of recognitions that had been voted on by the students. Congratulations to all!





CLASS OF 2024 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP *Recipients Recognized*



On June 17, the Oriskany Central School District held its Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner. The Dinner was held to honor seniors who were awarded scholarships for their hard work and dedication to their education in high school, and preparation for their continued education.

The District announced more than 50 scholarship awards from Oriskany CSD supporters and the District itself. The District is thankful for all the individuals and organizations who have taken the initiative to recognize and support our future leaders with these awards and scholarships.





Spring CONCERT

On June 12, the Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School held its Spring Concert. Musicians in the junior and senior high bands and choruses performed a selection of songs for family, friends and the community to enjoy.

During the concert, senior students were recognized for their hard work and talent.



RPE CEREMONY



On May 1, the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES School to Careers Regional Program for Excellence (RPE) held its School Year Program Ceremony for students, families and mentors. Seniors Kaelyn Buehler, Madelyn Race and Kyla Zabek each gave speeches about their internships and celebrated their accomplishments during the ceremony.

RPE provides each student with a 72+ hour internship in a career field of interest. Students attend their internship for three hours, one day per week for 24 weeks from October through April. Students also have the option to switch to a second placement halfway through the School Year Program.

The RPE Ceremony was held to recognize the students' accomplishments throughout the school year and give them an opportunity to share what they had learned. During the ceremony, students shared highlights from their internships and reflected on the benefits of the program and how the newly gained exposure to their fields of interest has enabled them to make more informed decisions regarding their futures.

ORISKANY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
SCIENCE CLUB PARTICIPATES IN
Canal Clean Sweep



Members of the Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School Science Club volunteered on the Oriskany canal trail during the weekend of April 19-21 as part of the annual statewide Canal Clean Sweep.

Canal Clean Sweep is a clean-up event that occurs along major greenways across New York State to celebrate Earth Day. Clean-ups primarily occur along the Erie and Champlain Canalways, the Glens Falls Feeder Canal, the Black River Feeder Canal, and the Rochester Riverway.

Sponsored by the New York State Canal Corporation, Parks & Trails New York has been responsible for executing Canal Clean Sweep for 19 years. Typically, this weekend witnesses 100+ spring clean-ups along major greenways, in canalside parks, and in other public areas throughout the Canal corridor.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SKYHAWKS ATHLETICS

With fall sports just around the corner, we are gearing up for the continued success of our student-athletes in the classroom and on the playing surface.

Spring sports had several accomplishments, including dealing with winter storms in April and a rainy May. We were able to get all our games and events in. We utilized the Accelerate Sports Complex, Elevate CNY Sports Complex and DeLutis Field Complex. After winning their league and the Class D Sectionals, the varsity baseball team made it to the final round of the State Tournament, even though we fell short in the State Championship game. It was a huge accomplishment. The outdoor track and field team broke several individual and team school records. In two of the last three years, we hosted the Class D Track and Field Sectionals. Varsity softball won their league but fell short in Sectional play. Golf advanced to the first round of Sectionals. While gymnastics is a fall sport in upstate New York, downstate competes during the winter season and the State Competition takes place in early spring. Oriskany was represented on the Section III team at the State Competition.

For three years in a row, all of Oriskany's fall, winter and spring varsity athletic teams have met the Scholar-Athlete criteria, which has put the District in the running to be recognized with the prestigious NYSPHSAA School of Distinction award.

Unlike many larger schools whose athletic programs are decreasing due to poor participation, Oriskany is proud to report continued growth in our participation numbers. This growth is a testament to the dedication and passion of our student-athletes, and it fills us with optimism for the future of our program.

Since taking over as the Director of Athletics, I have required each of our athletic teams to complete a service project every season. Whether hosting a skills and drills program for our younger Skyhawk athletes or volunteering with cleanup at the Little League field or a local church, it's about giving back to the community that has supported them.

With the tornado that hit the Rome area in July and severely damaged the John Kost Softball Field and DeLutis Field Complex, Oriskany became the temporary home for teams playing on those fields. We allowed current and former Oriskany players to finish out their summer season here.

Our sports schedules are posted on Schedule Galaxy and can be found at <https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/77>. New this year, we will be using Hudl for streaming our sports competitions. More information will follow as the fall season approaches.

As we move forward into a new era as the Oriskany Skyhawks, our continued goal is to support the continued success of our student-athletes and represent Oriskany with pride. #OriskanyProud

As always, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the families and community members of Oriskany for their invaluable support of our athletic programs. Your support is not just appreciated, but it's also a key factor in our success. I am always available by phone at 315.601.0445 or email at dbuck@oriskanycsd.org.

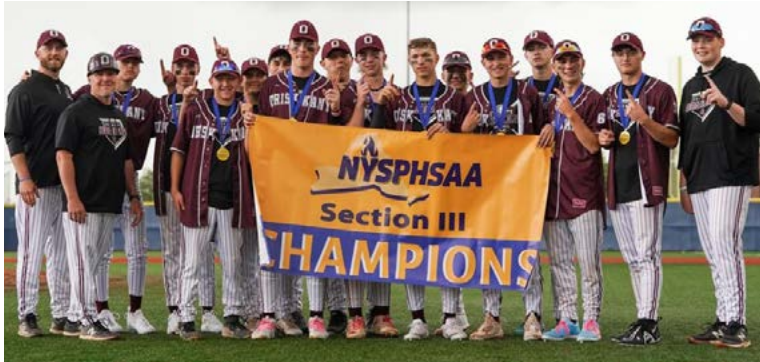
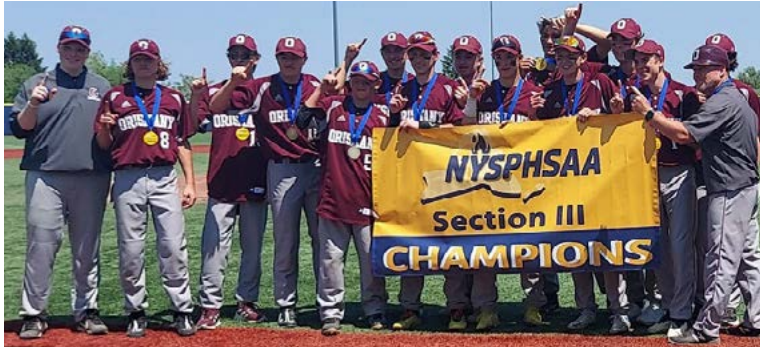
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2024 Class D STATE FINALISTS



The Varsity baseball team had an outstanding season, making it to the Sectional final for the third consecutive season, the State final four for the first time since 2015 and the Class D state title game for the first time since 2012.

The team earned back-to-back Section III championships with their 8-0 victory over third-seeded Lyme on May 28 at Onondaga Community College. They went on to win the Class D state regional final/state quarterfinal over Deposit-Hancock 11-3 on June 1 at Windsor High School.

Elementary students, teachers and staff gathered in the afternoon on June 5 to wish members of the Varsity Baseball team good luck as they headed off to compete in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPPHAA) Baseball Championships on June 7-8 in Binghamton.

Members of the baseball team walked through the hallways receiving cheers, hugs and high-fives, while also autographing some baseballs for their younger counterparts.

The team secured their spot in the Class D State final with a 9-3 victory over Section II Hadley-Luzerne on June 7 at Mirabito Stadium. Unfortunately, the varsity boys came up short losing 4-0 to Section V's Arkport Central/Canaseraga in the State championship title game on June 8 at Binghamton University.

Congratulations on an amazing season and making it all the way to the State final!

Wright & Lisberg *Honored at Section III*

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD DINNER

Seniors Megan Wright and Gannon Lisberg earned Section III Scholar-Athlete honors at the Section III Scholar-Athlete Award Dinner held on the campus of Onondaga Community College on June 10.

At the conclusion of each school year, Section III Athletics honors its member schools and their top senior athletes who excelled both in the classroom and on the playing field. The Section III Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner celebrates the accomplishments of the section's top scholar-athletes and recognizes the achievement of each student. The best male and female scholar-athletes from each of the schools within Section III are honored at this event with plaques and certificates. The Section III Scholar-Athlete Award is the highest academic honor bestowed by the organization.

Congratulations to Megan and Gannon, and best of luck in your future endeavors!



Spring 2024 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAMS

At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success.

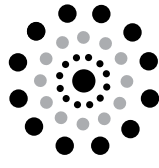
To receive Scholar-Athlete Team recognition with a certificate, the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00. This means you take 75% of your roster and then average their GPAs.



QUALIFYING TEAMS:

- Baseball
- Boys Golf (Westmoreland)
- Boys Outdoor Track/Field
- Girls Outdoor Track/Field
- Softball





ONEIDA - HERKIMER - MADISON BOCES

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Honor Roll

Third Marking Period
HONOR ROLL 2023-2024

HIGH HONOR ROLL (90-100)

Eric Babcock	Chelsea Mason	Briannah Wishart
Ryan Birt	Matthew Matys	Megan Wright
Wyatt Carter	Alivia Rizzo	
Darryen Danielski	Christopher Sebastian	
Hayden Eaton	Kylie Thierry	

HONOR ROLL (90-100)

Skylar Albin	Savannah Schultz
Vincent Jones	Michael Smithling
Daniel Kraus	Jake Spears
Lauren Kraus	Emilia Ulrich
Mark Malinowski	Alexandria Wlock

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Jake Spears



HONOR ROLL

Third Marking Period Honor Roll 2023-2024

Highest Honor Roll 94.5-100.0

GRADE 12	Kaelyn Buehler, McKenzie Frank, Anna Kasperovich, Gannon Lisberg, Madelyn Race, Alivia Rizzo, Katie Saladin, Briannah Wishart, Megan Wright
GRADE 11	Kate Dellers, Brienne Eldred, Erika Reid, Jessica Zyskowski
GRADE 10	Jessica Beckwith, Alexia Birt, Ishaal Mirza, Edward Wright
GRADE 9	Ashley Zyskowski
GRADE 8	Nicholas Citriniti, Troy Gu, Audrina Gulisano, Landon Volz
GRADE 7	Gavin Bronk, Isabella Hart, Ceci Piersma

High Honor Roll 89.50-94.49

GRADE 12	Javante Brill-Rollins, Jake Burrows, Wyatt Carter, Kaelyn Fabbio, Lauren Kraus, Mark Malinowski Jr., Matthew Matys, Noah Narolis, Derek Rieben, Noah Sciorilli, Katelyn Shamis
GRADE 11	Leah Denison, Sean Graziano, Henry Inserra, Chase Koenig, Thomas Maher, Chelsea Mason, Gianna Santucci, Jack Tagliaferri, Maggie Tylutki
GRADE 10	John Babcock, Matthew Kernan, Brayden LaGasse, Corinne Looney, Braelyn Oehler
GRADE 9	Charles Golden, Dean Koenig, Brynne Russum
GRADE 8	Lilliana Ciotti, Gianna Detrick, Kaelyn Mayo, Collin Opperman
GRADE 7	Giada Baker, McKenzie Benoit, Wyatt Davis, Caroline Gulick, Jacob Kent, Cohen Kraeger, Camryn LoRusso, Trenton Pryor

Honor Roll 84.00-89.49

GRADE 12	Skylar Albin, Darryen Danielski, Elijah Hanna, Peyton Hemming, Gavin Howd, Anthony Kernan, Owen Long, Brooke Matys, Paige Mazur, Christopher Sebastian, Jake Spears, Kylie Thierry, Oleksandra Vozniuk, Alexandria Wlock
GRADE 11	Ryan Birt, Nathan Domenico, Gavin Franz, Jullian Jalowiec, Angelina Occhipinti, Jeffrey Phillips Jr., Brian Terchowicz
GRADE 10	Matthew Dibble, Gabryella Manella, Jayson Mayo, Cameron Post, Nicholas Swald, Tyler Tamburino, Elizabeth Wright, Ethan Zarnoch-Riley
GRADE 9	Colin Brough, Delilah Chase, Kaylee Corey, Danica Dame, Adilyn Jamieson-Rothdiener, Tayton Kimball, Darcie Klein, Matthew LoCash Aiden Pysnik, Lance Smith III, Carter Usyk, Kameron Zabek
GRADE 8	Ashlynn Andrews, Jewels Bewick, Nathan Gulisano, Kirill Kasperovich, Arianna Kernan, Nicholas Koenig, Chase Larson, Madeline Powers, Mia Shwamle, Isabella Smith, Jayden Twang, Koley VanVechten, KhaiLee Worn
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GRADE 7	Mya Avery, Peyton Dame, Wyatt Davis, Sophia Judycki, Jacob Kent, Cohen Kraeger James Nester, Trenton Pryor



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PRE-K STUDENTS

CELEBRATE END OF YEAR WITH

Graduation Ceremony



On June 21, Oriskany's youngest students received their certificates of completion as they graduated from their time in pre-K.

Dressed in caps and gowns, students performed songs, received their certificates and enjoyed a photo slide show celebrating all of the fun they had with their teachers and friends during the school year. Best of luck to our pre-K students as they move up to kindergarten next year!

