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#### **CALENDAR**

For the complete District calendar, schedule of upcoming events and more District news, please visit:

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### DECEMBER

- 09 | Jr./Sr. HS Drama Club Production, 7 p.m.
- 10 | Jr./Sr. HS Drama Club Production, 2 p.m.
- 14 | Grades Pre-K-3 Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- **15-16** | ES Parent/Teacher Conf., 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- 20 | ES 1st Trimester Evening of Excellence, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 | Grades 4-12 Band & Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 | Grades 4-12 Band & Chorus Concert (Snow Date), 6:30 p.m.
- 23-30 | Winter Recess

#### JANUARY

- 02 |Winter Recess
- **03** | Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration Begins
- **07** | Snow Ball, 7 p.m.
- 12 | Grades 8-10 Guidance Info. Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- 17-20 | Spirit Week

#### FEBRUARY

03 | ES Drama Club Production, 6:30 p.m.

#### - VISION STATEMENT -

Remsen Central School District forever aspires to be a unique, distinguished, welcoming learning community that fosters a growth mindset and essential traits of great character. RCS will remain dedicated to cultivating and supporting each student's individual abilities and interests as they confidently work to realize their full potential to lead happy, healthy, successful lives. All Remsen students will Soar to Success.



## Message from the Superintendent

It is with great excitement that we unveil Remsen Central School District's new Vision, Mission, and Core Values statements. Last spring, we began work compiling survey feedback from students, staff, parents, and the Board of Education, subsequently drafting and redrafting statements. The final product is a result of extraordinary collaboration and effort to ensure that our statements thoughtfully represent all that Remsen Central is, and aspires to be.

Our official Remsen Central School District Vision Statement:

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Our new Vision Statement begins with "forever aspires," as much of the feedback that we received stated that RCS needs to be here forever. The statement continues with "unique, distinguished and welcoming," as many stakeholders shared and we agreed that Remsen is a very special and welcoming place that aspires to be renowned for student success. At RCS, we understand and see each student as an individual. Ultimately, we wish to see all of our students learn, grow, and reach their full potential to lead happy, healthy, successful lives.

Our official Remsen Central School District Mission Statement:

The mission of Remsen Central School District is to lead by example, instill essential traits of great character, foster a sense of belonging, and provide a solid academic foundation. Students will be empowered to learn and achieve to their individual potential through diverse, challenging, relevant and engaging educational opportunities and differentiated learning experiences.

A commitment to students first, positive relationships, quality instruction, continuous personal and professional growth, recognition for hard work, as well as a comprehensive system of student supports provided in a safe, encouraging learning environment with consistently high expectations for everyone, will ensure that all Remsen students **Soar to Success**.

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The first part of our Mission Statement explains the mission; - to set a positive example, be a good person and encourage students to be good people, work to ensure everyone feels welcome, and provide students with a solid foundation so that they are well-prepared for the next phase of their lives after successfully graduating from Remsen. The remaining pieces of our mission statement describe how we will collectively accomplish the mission.

Our new Vision and Mission Statements may both be summarized by "Soar to Success." After all, the last part of both statements ends with ensuring that all students will *Soar to Success*. Soar to Success is easy to remember and hard to forget. This statement will allow all students, staff, parents, and community members to know, understand, work towards, and be able to express what their school district Vision and Mission Statements are.

And last, but certainly not least, our Remsen Central School District Core Values:

- We are committed to quality student learning, service, and preparation.
- Academic excellence and hard work will be valued and recognized.
- We will model and instill integrity, kindness, hard work, perseverance, professionalism, commitment, teamwork, respect, independence, self-discipline, humility, love responsibility, and empathy.
- The little things make a big difference.
- We will provide a safe, healthy, welcoming and supportive learning environment with clear expectations that motivates students to do their best, solve problems, be creative, think intelligently, understand multiple perspectives, collaborate, and have fun.
- Consistency in routines and procedures is essential.
- We will enthusiastically embrace and encourage a growth mindset, learn to persevere through challenges, and understand that failure is an opportunity to learn and grow throughout life.

- Always strive to improve.
- We will utilize student data and feedback, the thoughtful application of knowledge, skills and traits, daily interactions, assessments, projects and state and national standards to measure student growth, learning, and achievement.
- Every day is a gift, full of possibilities.
- We are grateful for our school community. We will work collectively to ensure we are able to leave our children, for generations to come, with an even better community and school than we have today.

These values support our Vision and Mission. They will serve as our compass in all that we do each day, each year, for our students, for our school, and for our Remsen community.

We are in the planning phases for how these new statements will be officially unveiled to our students to show them how much we care about their well-being and success as a student and as an adult once they spread their wings and fly.

As indicated in the last Core Value Statement above, we are grateful for the support and encouragement that we receive from our community. Thank you for sharing our pride, love, and enthusiasm for what Remsen Central School is, and for what it can become.

May this wonderful time of the year, and the New Year to come, grace us with health, wisdom, kindness, and gratitude. As always, it is an honor and a privilege to be your Superintendent.

Sincerely,

Timothy Jenny Superintendent







#### A Message from the Elementary School Principal

Dear Remsen Families,

We have had a great start to the school year. It is hard to believe that we are already three months into the new school year. September and October have been full of fun activities and events, from our fall Spirit Week to our Halloween Parade

of Costumes. Our elementary clubs for our students in grades 4-6 have started up, and our Elementary Concert Band and Elementary Chorus have performed in their first concert of the year -- the Veterans Day concert.

Our One School, One Book reading event, that began at the end of October, has been fun and has gone very well. Thank you to families, teachers and staff for supporting the event by reading in the classrooms and at home with students. Students have enjoyed guest readers, "read alouds," weekly trivia questions and the at-home challenges of creating a dog park and drawing Fenway. Throughout the event we have been able to give out various prizes including copies of the second "Fenway and Hattie" book. We wrapped up our reading event on November 22, right before the Thanksgiving break.

Looking ahead, we have the end of our first trimester, our holiday celebrations and concerts, and more. We are also moving into the colder winter months. With that, I wanted to provide just a few reminders for folks. First is that we will continue to provide students with the opportunity to enjoy

outdoor play throughout the winter. This means that it is very important to ensure that students bring their winter gear (hats, gloves, boots, coat and snow pants) to school. These items should be labeled with your child's name, as too often items are left behind and end up in the "dreaded" lost and found. Another guick reminder is about two-hour delays and snow days. These weather-related changes to the regular schedule will be shared through ParentSquare, but are also shared on the school website and local news stations. For a two-hour delay, it is important to remember that school will open for student drop off at 9:20 a.m. and that there is no morning Young Rams program or breakfast provided. In the event that school closes early, please remember that there will be no Young Rams after school program.

As we look forward to the holiday season, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year. As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. It is only in working together that we will be able to provide the best for the students of Remsen Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Winghast Gr. Gary Winghart Jr.

**Elementary Principal** 

## OCTOBER'S SOARING STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grace Dutch

PRE-K



Andrew Yousey PRE-K



Brooklyn Rotach KINDERGARTEN



Luke Meeker KINDERGARTEN



Zoey DeMala FIRST GRADE



Elizabeth Dutch FIRST GRADE



Daniel Kozak Jr. SECOND GRADE



Laken Kiniry SECOND GRADE



Holly Dalton THIRD GRADE



Mark Dutch THIRD GRADE



Lilly Bankert **FOURTH GRADE** 



Makenzie Beiderbecke FIFTH GRADE



Erica Carnright FIFTH GRADE



Chelsea McCauley SIXTH GRADE



Spencer Anderson SIXTH GRADE





#### A Message from the Jr./Sr. High School Principal

#### Dear Remsen Families,

We are off to a great start this year! Fall has been busy with teachers working diligently to support and challenge our students and many sports, clubs and activities are underway.

Some highlights from the school year so far include seniors enjoying a day at the corn maze to have a little fall fun. The sophomores, juniors and seniors did an outstanding job with their booths at

Barn Fest. Spirit Week was a great opportunity for students to come together and show their Remsen pride. This year, we were able to, once again, have a Fall Ball where students enjoyed socializing, dancing and playing cornhole. It was a great turnout and a great night. Just recently, we had the Veterans Day concert where the students' hard work and progress were evident in their performances.

Now that we have the first marking period completed, it is important to remember the supports we have in place for students as well. Rams Can Soar (RCS) is a great place to get work done and receive academic support. RCS occurs every morning from 6:30-7:30 a.m., Monday 2:35-4:00 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday from 2:35-5:00 p.m. The fitness center is another great opportunity and it is open every morning from 6:30-7:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-4:00 p.m. All students are welcome at RCS and the fitness center.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to partner with you to help all students Soar to Success.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Sanya Pelrah Jr./Sr. High School Principal



## Principal Treats Seniors to Corn Maze

Principal Pelrah treated the seniors to an afternoon of fall fun at the Remsen Corn Maze on October 6.













## ELEMENTARY & HIGH SCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT -

















On September 1, elementary and Jr./Sr. high school students came together for Back-to-School Nights. The halls were filled with excited students and their families.

Students were able to see the schools, meet their teachers, experiment with their lockers and enjoy some Remsen themed orange cotton candy.

















## Veterans Day Concert

On November 10, Remsen CSD held a Veterans Day Concert to honor those who served and those who were lost.

Choral and band students demonstrated their thankfulness to the veterans with their musical abilities. Students also honored the veterans by creating "Thank You, Veterans" cards and holding up paper flags as they enjoyed the concert.

Thank you to all of the faculty, staff and students at the Remsen Central School District for helping to make this Veterans Day Concert a great success!









## Napoleon The Therapy Dog

Timed just right to align with the kick-off of our One School, One Book reading of "Fenway and Hattie;" a book about a fun loving, energetic little pup; another little pup has begun regular visits here at Remsen.

Napoleon; an adorable, little four-year-old Bichon Frisé with an incredible attitude and temperament perfectly suited to serving as a therapy dog; has visited the elementary school three times already and will continue to visit regularly throughout the school year. Napoleon is a trained, registered therapy dog who has already gained experience visiting local hospitals and Remsen's Didymus Thomas Library.

Mrs. Clark, a retired Remsen teacher, is Napoleon's owner/handler. Mrs. Clark reached out to Remsen with hopes to spread some joy and excitement with the students of Remsen as well as a small, four-legged friend to talk to or read with when needed. So far, Napoleon has visited our elementary classrooms and therapy rooms. Napoleon will continue to come to school regularly to visit with our students and staff, read with groups of students and just bring a smile to anyone that he encounters in the hall.









# STEAM CLUB

The sixth grade STEAM Club had a fun fall!

Our 12 members kicked off our club with the Pringles ring challenge. Then, we spent two weeks experimenting with Sir Isaac Newton's Laws of Motion. Lastly, we carved pumpkins that were graciously donated by Murphy's Pumpkins.

We had an outstanding time playing with science!













## One School, One Book

Over the course of five weeks, the Remsen CSD read "Fenway and Hattie" by Victoria J. Coe. among grades pre-K through sixth. During the assembly, as an introduction to the book, special guest Mrs. Eilleen Hamlin, who was dressed for the part, read the first chapter aloud.

"Fenway and Hattie" is a story about a fun, energetic Jack Russell terrier with a huge personality and his beloved "short human" Hattie. The entire story is told from the perspective of Fenway, leading the reader through an exciting, tail-wagging adventure.

Each class read through the book a few chapters a week and students were encouraged to be creative and have fun while reading. Students read with upper or lower grade levels, outside or in and they also entered to win a prize. Each week, a question was provided pertaining to the chapters for that week. Students then had the opportunity to submit their answers to be included in a drawing for a prize.























# HALL@WEEN PARADE

On October 31, 2022, the Remsen Elementary School engaged in a Halloween Parade. The parade served as a great opportunity for the students to show off their costumes to their families and friends and burn off some energy after lunch.

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVES SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS**

Recently, two local organizations donated school supplies to help support Remsen elementary students.

On September 9, a very generous donation of school supplies provided by the Foothills Rural Community Ministry was delivered to the elementary school. Each elementary classroom received a backpack full of school supplies to be used for new students and students in need.

On September 16, members of the Utica Punishers Motorcycle Club delivered six backpacks full of school supplies as well as an additional bag of supplies.

Thank you very much to both groups for your generous donations and support of the students of Remsen.



#### **FALL CLEANUP**

Remsen students recently volunteered their time in a fall cleanup.



#### **REMSEN BIKING TRIP**

Students enjoyed mountain biking as part of the outdoor pursuits and lifelong sports curriculum through the Black River Outdoor Education Program.



# FOOD YOU KNEAD

Amy Williams, a retired Remsen employee, came into the food and nutrition class to teach about bread making.

Mrs. Williams demonstrated a white bread, having students measure out the ingredients to prepare the dough, then came back the next day to bake the bread. To follow up with this, students in class will be incorporating homemade breads as a part of their Thanksgiving meal.





## SPIRIT WEEK

During the first week of October, Remsen Jr./Sr. High School students participated in themed dress up days and showed their school spirit! Spirit Week theme days included sporting sports, twinning Tuesday, Adam Sandler day and orange and black day.



























#### **FALL CENTERPIECES**

During their first floral design lab of the school year, students in Mrs. Ive's plant science class created fall pumpkin centerpieces. Thank you to Foothills Fruit Farm for your generosity with the beautiful pumpkins!









## **NYSSMA SOLO**

Benjamin Staskoski was selected to performed in the 2022 Area All-State at Little Falls High School. The festival includes select students who were chosen by audition. To be selected for these elite ensembles, students must perform a level five or six (the highest level) solo at the NYSSMA Solo Festival in June. Ben performed a level six to be eligible.







#### **NATIONAL SIGNING DAY**

On November 9, the girls varsity soccer team gathered in the library to watch their teammate sign a letter of intent.

High school senior Julia Dening, the daughter of Athletic Director and teacher Mr. and Mrs. Dening, signed to play soccer with Siena College in the upcoming season. Julia's teammates gathered to support her as she took steps toward her future.

We are so proud of Julia's commitment to excellence and we look forward to seeing her progress as an individual and athlete!







#### **PARENTSQUARE**

#### DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR OUR **COMMUNICATION PLATFORM!**

ParentSquare enables safe, convenient, consistent and efficient communication from the District, schools, classroom teachers and school activity groups to keep parents informed and connected.

If you have not received an invite, please contact Mrs. Amanda Arruda in the elementary school office or Mrs. Leian DiNitto in the high school office to update your information and activate your account.





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# SENIOR NIGHTS

Remsen's varsity soccer and cross country teams honored their seniors during senior nights.

Congratulations to our students who were recognized!



#### **BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER**

On October 4, the Remsen boys' soccer team honored their seniors during a game vs. Poland.

Congratulations to our seniors: Kyrian Hall Grady Helmer Taylor Hollenbeck Matt Murphy



#### **VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY**

On October 5, Remsen cross country team honored their seniors during a Senior Night.

Congratulations to our seniors: Caden Basile Grace Hajdasz Taylor Hollenbeck Josh Jordan Grace Shufelt Noah Skermont Benjamin Staskoski







#### GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

On October 7, the Remsen girls' soccer team honored their seniors during a senior game vs. West Canada Valley.

Congratulations to our seniors: Julia Dening Grace Hajdasz Grace Shufelt









Our boys' and girls' varsity and modified soccer teams recently supported the fight against breast cancer by purchasing and wearing pink jerseys from the Remsen Sports Boosters at their Pink Out Event. Proceeds from the pink shirts, in addition to the donations from spectators during the 50/50 raffles, will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to support the fight against breast cancer. **Remsen athletes raised over \$1,000 to be donated!** This donation will be quadrupled based on the pledge from Bank of America to ensure that the donation has four times the impact!

Thank you and high fives to our Remsen athletes, their parents, the Remsen Sports Boosters and to everyone that donated to this important cause. Remsen truly is a special place!





### GIRLS S@CCER SECTIONALS

The girls' varsity soccer team concluded their season with a tough loss to Cincinnatus on October 20 in the quarter-finals of the Class D sectional tournament, 5-0. After defeating DeRuyter on October 18 in the preliminary round 8-1, the Lady Rams earned a match-up with the #1 seeded Lions.

Congratulations to Coach Wilder and his team for their successful season and for earning the chance to play again in the postseason.



# CONGRATULATIONS, FALL ATHLETES!



#### GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER RECOGNITION

Julia Dening and Grace Shufelt were named to the Section 3 Class D All-Star Team for girls' soccer and were recognized before the Class D championship game at SUNY Cortland on October 28. The team is composed of players from the Center State Conference, the Frontier League, the Onondaga High School League and the Central Counties League.



#### **BOYS' AND GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY**





Members of the boys' varsity cross country team are Frank Austin, Taylor Hollenbeck, Jaden Jordan, Joshua Jordan, Ethan Karis, Gavin Nelson, Ean Piaschyk, Noah Skermont and Benjamin Staskoski. The boys finished their regular season undefeated against divisional opponents and Ean Pishcyk and Gavin Nelson earned automatic Center State Conference All-Star honors based on their Championship meet performances.

Members of the girls' varsity cross country team are Ellie Bartlett, Allyson Beiderbecke, Alivia Hopsicker, Hailey Parker, Ellie Secor, Grace Shufelt and Leila Ward. The girls won the division title, despite missing some key members.

Both teams had participated in the Section III Class D Championship race on November 5 at VVS. The girls finished in eighth place and the boys finished in 10<sup>th</sup>. The top Remsen/Town of Webb finishers were Ean Piaschyk with a time of 19:25.4 and Alivia Hopsicker with a time of 24:42.0.

### SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

The Remsen Central School District may have to make a decision to delay, close or go home early, due to weather and/or road conditions. When the weather requires closing or a delay, the District's ParentSquare will be activated to let you know as soon as possible. The major radio stations in the Utica-Rome area are WBRV, Boonville, WIBX, Oldies 96, Big Frog 104.3 and Lite 98.7. TV channels 2-Utica, 3, 5 and 9-Syracuse will also be notified to broadcast the information. This information will also appear on the school District website (www.remsencsd.org). We recommend making proactive plans for the supervision of your children on "snow days" or in the event of an early dismissal as soon as possible to be prepared for our upcoming winter months.

When Remsen schools are closed, all scheduled activities, events and programs for that day and evening are cancelled. If there is a two-hour delay in the morning, there will be no morning BOCES. The school closing information applies to all students receiving transportation on Remsen Central School District buses, including out-of-District programs, BOCES students and all others.

Please know that extreme weather conditions are trying for all of us and there is no clear cut answer as to when schools should be closed and/or delayed. We will always do what we think is best for all students. The ultimate decision, however, remains with you, the parents. If schools are open and you feel as though the conditions are too severe to send your children, please exercise your right to keep them home.

## EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER

At Remsen Central Schools, we are very fortunate to have a facility that houses most of our buses. Normal route buses are parked in the bus garage and therefore the cold weather isn't often a factor in getting them started in the morning. Buses are started early and allowed to warm up before beginning the routes. If your child normally walks to school and you would like them to ride the bus on an extremely cold day, please call the bus garage at **315.205.4300 ext. 6000**. If our drivers see a student walking to school on an extremely cold day, they will also stop and offer them a ride or radio to a bus that has room to do the same.

#### REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

#### JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

In October, we offered our juniors the PSAT and had interested seniors take the SAT for potential college entrance.

November brought the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES School and Business Alliance (SABA) to work with our 11th graders to set up a job shadow of a career of interest. Our students were placed at a variety of locations, including Indium Corporation, Utica University, Howard Hannah Real Estate and Kunkel Ambulance, to name a few! The students enjoyed their experiences and appreciated the exposure to potential careers.

Mrs. Nebush has already met with seventh graders, eighth graders and seniors individually to complete student career plans and finalize seniors' plans for after graduation. Junior meetings are taking place throughout November, sophomores will be in December and freshmen in January.

#### **ELEMENTARY NEWS**

Every month, Miss K. facilitates classroom guidance lessons focusing on academics, social/emotional learning and college/career readiness. In grades pre-K-2, we read a story followed by an activity and discussion on the following: the role of the school counselor, listening/following directions, personal space, fairness, bullying and friendships. In grades 3-6, we did activities and had discussions about what students are learning through the Positivity Project. We focused on the following: teamwork, bullying, and gratitude. The Positivity Project has been a great addition to our school!

Every trimester, Miss K. provides students an opportunity to participate in small group counseling. A little more than 50 students participated in 15 different groups including self-esteem, lunch bunch, social skills, self-regulation, friendship and more! Small group counseling is a unique educational experience in which students work together to explore their ideas, attitudes, feelings and behaviors. Groups help students develop and strengthen necessary skills and strategies that enhance their ability to succeed academically and socially as well as cope with stressful situations.

Please feel free to reach out to Miss K. via ParentSquare, email or by phone with any questions or concerns about your child(ren).



**Reminder:** On November 30, Dr. Joanne Joseph, will be joining us for our Family Night. This will be a great opportunity for families to come together for a fun, informational night! Please RSVP on ParentSquare.

## **NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT**



Welcome, Mrs. Erin Muzio! Mrs. Muzio graduated from Remsen Central School in 2001. She attended Nazareth College of Rochester and received a bachelor's degree in History and an Inclusive Education Certification. After graduating, she began her teaching career at West Canada Valley Central Schools where she taught grades 1-5 elementary and special education, was the girls' JV soccer coach and girls' modified basketball coach. While working at West Canada Elementary School, Mrs. Muzio completed her graduate studies in Inclusive Education at Utica College and spent her summers working as the Assistant Director of Camp Northwood on Hinckley Lake. Most recently, Mrs. Muzio taught grades K-2 special education and grade 5 elementary education in the Clinton Central School District. Mrs. Muzio lives in Remsen with her husband, daughter and yellow lab. In her free time, she likes to travel, read and spend time with family and friends.

Mrs. Muzio will be joining RCS on December 12 as a Special Education Teacher. Her experience and passion for putting students first will serve her well as she transitions to this new role. Mrs. Muzio is very excited to be back at Remsen Central School and is happy to be serving a community that means so much to her



**Welcome, Mr. Randell Dolly!** Mr. Dolly is joining the RCS team as a high school cleaner. Mr. Dolly grew up in Remsen and graduated from the Remsen Central School District. He loves to play guitar, work out, listen to music and go fishing with his friends. Mr. Dolly's friends and family have always helped him when he needed them the most and if it wasn't for them, he would not be the person that he is today.



**Welcome, Mr. Zachary Prosser!** Mr. Prosser is joining the RCS team as a high school cleaner. Mr. Prosser grew up in Remsen and is an alumnus of Remsen Central School District. He enjoys spending time with his family and is the proud father of two children, Landyn and Emmaly.



**Welcome, Officer Ralph Potasiewicz!** SPO Ralph Potasiewicz graduated from Sauquoit Valley Central School in 1979 and attended the New York State Police Academy in March of 1988. After graduating from the academy in September of 1988, he was stationed in Troop B, SP Ogdensburg, NY. Nine months later, Officer Potasiewicz transferred to Troop D, SP New Hartford. After spending six months at SP New Hartford, Officer Potasiewicz transferred to SP Remsen where he spent the next 14 years of his career. Following the 14 years at SP Remsen, Officer Potasiewicz was assigned to a special detail which was the School Resource Officer Program. Officer Potasiewicz was assigned to both Poland Central School and West Canada Valley Central School Districts. While working as an SRO in the schools, Officer Potasiewicz attended several trainings regarding school and building safety. After 23 years with the New York State Police, Officer Potasiewicz retired.

In the spring of 2011, Officer Potasiewicz went to work for the University of Albany at the State Preparedness Center in Oriskany, NY as an adjunct trainer, working as a role player for force-on-force training with law enforcement. After approximately four years, Officer Potasiewicz moved into the safety side of the training, writing the safety protocol for the instructors, students and role players involving force-on-force and EMS training for all types of disasters involving first responders.

Officer Potasiewicz is married to his wife Shirley and has two grown children, Kendra and Jack. He is excited to be part of the Remsen team! Welcome Officer Ralph Potasiewicz!



Welcome, Officer Robert Staskoski! Officer Staskoski is happy to have joined the Remsen school community last month as a Special Patrol Officer after 23 years of service as a New York State Trooper. Prior to his law enforcement career, Officer Staskoski was a physical education and health teacher after obtaining his bachelor's degree from Canisius College. Officer Staskoski is enjoying serving the community back in a school setting after all these years. In his spare time, Officer Staskoski enjoys backpacking, running, fishing and spending time with his family. You will also regularly find Officer Staskoski volunteering or cheering on athletes at various sporting events.





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