

## THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 2022-23 Proposed BUDGET HEARING

May 10 | 6:00 p.m. Elementary School Library Media Cente.

SCHOOL
BUDGET VOTE,
BOE ELECTION &
DISTRICT ART SHOW

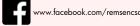
May 17 | 1:00-8:00 p.m. Elementary School Cafeteria

## **FFA PLANT SALE**

May 17 | 3:00 p.m. Elementary School Cafeteria

### - MISSION -

"REMSEN is a dynamic school community of stakeholders providing diverse, demanding and innovative educational opportunities. Our culture fosters a conscientious desire to learn and achieve to individual potential. Students learn that responsible citizenship comes from critical, determined and sustained effort."





## Message from the Superintendent

## Dear Remsen Community,

Genuinely good, hard-working people make Remsen a very special place to live, learn and work. Collectively, we understand that our goal must always be to ensure that we leave our children, for generations to come, with an even better community and school than we had. This is accomplished by continuing to work together to help cultivate our Remsen community and by providing our children the ability to receive an innovative education, full of diverse learning opportunities and experiences. The level of support that our students receive from every District resident is appreciated beyond words. Even if you currently do not have students enrolled in school, your support of Remsen Central School plays a critical role in raising, teaching and growing our youth into productive, responsible, kind, hard-working citizens. It truly does make a difference.

We have been hard at work preparing our Student Opportunities Plan (proposed budget) for the 2022-2023 school year. Thoughtful planning and monthly work sessions enabled our team to develop a fiscally responsible budget, responsive to our students' needs, with only a slight tax levy increase of 1%. This increase is below our allowable New York State Property Tax Cap levy increase limit and reflects our commitment to balance the needs of our school district with the challenges that we, as a society, are currently living.

In addition to voting on the proposed 2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$13,986,284, we will also be voting on the purchase of two 66-passenger school buses. The proposed purchase is part of an ongoing bus replacement plan designed to keep the District's fleet in safe, working order by phasing out buses that are no longer cost effective to maintain. If the proposition is approved, the actual cost to the District will be significantly less than the amount sought. Approximately 80.4% of the cost would be reimbursable through state aid.

Our budget hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary library media center. Please consider joining us to learn more about our Student Opportunities Plan and to hear from our one Board of Education candidate seeking reelection. If you are unable to attend, the full presentation will be posted to our webpage shortly thereafter. Additional budget and Board of Education election information may also be found throughout this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Our school budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 17, from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. Voter parking spaces will be reserved at the front of the elementary parking lot closest to the cafeteria doors. Back by popular demand, our FFA students will be selling plants outside of the cafeteria doors starting at 3:00 p.m.

While the last three years have presented incredible challenges, our Remsen community united together in strength, perseverance and kindness. Together we stand. Together we will prevail. We are Remsen! Outstanding educational programs, diverse learning opportunities, beautiful facilities and exciting extracurricular clubs and teams; Remsen School District's strong community makes it all possible for our students. As always, your support of and pride in Remsen

It is an honor and a privilege to be your superintendent, and to be an alumnus of Remsen Central School.

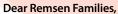
Central School will ensure that our students continue to Soar to Success. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Timothy Jenny Superintendent



## A Message from the Elementary School Principal





Spring has "sprung" and the end of the school year is rapidly approaching. It is always amazing to watch nature come alive in the spring. It seems like overnight the birds return and buds begin to form, and then magically, the world around us is full of various shades of green and everything comes to life. It's always a very exciting time of the year. With the warm weather, new opportunities for outdoor fun and learning also become available to us here in school. Over the next few months, we will be enjoying the change in seasons with outdoor activities, field trips and other seasonal fun.

The month of March was busy as we celebrated reading with Read Across America and the kick-off of the Water Safari reading challenge. We also celebrated Music in our Schools Month with our grades 5-12 concert, held our trimester two parent-teacher conferences and finished the month off with our students in grades three through six participating in the New York State English Language Arts assessments. April flew by quickly, with spring and Easter celebrations, spring recess and the grades 3-8 New York State Mathematics assessments.

Looking ahead, the last few months of the school year will be exciting, full of important learning, fun and many end-of-the-year activities. Before we know it, the third trimester will come to an end, it will be time for final report cards and student awards and we will be celebrating our sixth grade students at their graduation. Please visit the school website and look for information that will be sent home or shared on ParentSquare regarding these end of the year events. Also, be on the lookout for more information about our plans for summer programming. We are planning to provide summer camps/programs similar to those offered last summer.

It truly is amazing how quickly this school year has gone by and how much learning and growing has taken place. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. It is only in working together that we will be able to provide the best for the students of Remsen. If you need anything, do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely

## Gary Winghart Elementary School Principal

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

## Dear Remsen Families,



As we enjoy spring and get ready for the end of the year, I would like to acknowledge how well our students have done handling each shift and pivot that they have faced this year. Our staff, students and families have been resilient and understanding with each challenge that this year has brought. I am thankful to everyone who has come together to help ensure our students have a great year.

We have had much to celebrate in the last few months. Our Drama Club did a wonderful job with their performance of "The Comedy of Terrible Errors." All seventh and eighth grade students participated in a science fair, and several won awards and recognitions through Utica University. This was a wonderful representation of our Remsen scholars! Senior Switch Day was appreciated by all as seniors paired up with

various staff members to shadow them for the day. I am certain that both students and staff enjoyed this day and, no doubt, learned from each other. We also had another great concert in March when the 5th-12th grade band and chorus performed. Their hard work and progress were evident throughout the evening.

In April, May and June, we will continue to prepare our students for culminating exams, including Regents Exams in June. We will also celebrate our students' accomplishments, including the newly-established Academic Awards Celebration on June 2 and special events for our graduating class. More information about upcoming testing and events will be shared via ParentSquare. If you need assistance with ParentSquare, please call the main office.

I look forward to ending the year wiser and stronger than when we started. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

Together we will Soar to Success!

Sincerely,

Sanya Pelrah Jr. 1Sr. High School Principal





## REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

**Budget Adopted for** Contingency Budget for the **Overall Budget Proposal** Budget Proposed for 2022-23 School Year\* the 2021-22 School Year the 2022-23 School Year Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions \$13,598,332 \$13,986,284 \$13,877,224 Increase/decrease for 2022-2023 school year \$387,952 \$278,892 2.85% 2.05% Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget Change in the Consumer Price Index 4.7% A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount \$5.534.568 \$5.589.914 B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable \*\* D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D) \$5,534,568 \$5,589,914 \$5,534,568 F. Total Permissible Exclusions \$140.053 \$95.697 G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions \$5,394,515 \$5,513,131 H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D) \$5,394,515 \$5,494,217 \$0.00 \$18,914 Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) \* \$1,343,659 \$1,388,400 \$1,373,125 Administrative component \$10,185,504 Program component \$9,960,446 \$10,252,438 Capital component \$2,294,227 \$2,345,446 \$2,318,595

Contingency budget maintains requirements pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount	
Bus Purchase (before State Aid of 80.4%)	\$253,018	

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-2023 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$947.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Remsen Central School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the Elementary School cafeteria in said District on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing time in the cafeteria, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Summary of District Budget Notice Above		
Change in Operating Budget	2.85%	
Change in Property Tax Levy	1.00%	
Allowable Property Tax Levy Limit	1.34%	

This increase is below our allowable NYS Property Tax Cap Levy Increase Limit and reflects our commitment to balance the needs of our school district with the challenges that we, as a society, are currently living.



## Student Opportunities Plan Summary

REVENUE	Adopted 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Increase/ Decrease	% Change
Estimated Aid (State & Federal)	\$7,638,764	\$7,797,456	\$158,692	2.08%
Tax Levy	\$5,534, <mark>568</mark>	\$5,589,914	\$55,346	1.00%
Other Revenue	\$175,000	\$250,000	\$75,000	42.86%
Fund Balance	\$250,000	\$348,914	\$98,914	39.57%
Totals	\$13,598,332	\$13,986,284	\$387,952	2.85%
EXPENDITURES	Adopted 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Increase/ Decrease	% Change
Program	\$9,960,446	\$10,252,438	\$291,992	2.93%
Capital	\$2,294,227	\$2,345,446	\$51,219	2.23%
Administrative	\$1,343,659	\$1,388,400	\$44,741	3.33%
Totals	\$13,598,332	\$13,986,284	\$387,952	2.85%

## Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, a resident must have lived in the Remsen Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the May 17 election, be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and registered to vote with the school district. No person shall have the right to register for or vote who would not be qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.

## Can I Vote by Absentee Ballot?

Residents who will not be in the area on May 17, or who are unable to vote in person (including for COVID-19 related reasons), may apply for an absentee ballot at the Remsen Central School District Office. If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 16. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 17.

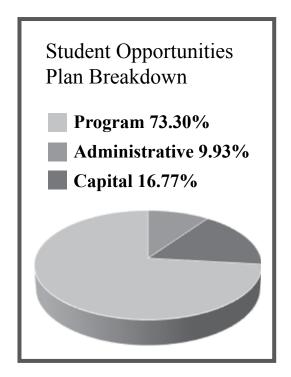
## Propositions on the Ballot

## 2022-2023 BUDGET PROPOSITION

RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 budget for the Remsen Central School District, in the amount of \$13,986,284, is hereby adopted and the requisite portion thereof is to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

## **Proposition #1 - Bus Purchase**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of two 66-passenger school buses, not to exceed estimated maximum cost of \$253,018 less trade-in value, if any, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments. In anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$253,018 shall be issued, or the school district may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.



## **Board of Education Election**

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT**

To elect one member to the Board of Education for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2022. There is one (1) candidate running and will appear on the ballot as follows: 1. Mary Lou Allen

## Three Components of Our Student Opportunities Plan

## Program

The program budget contains expenses directly related to the teaching of students, teachers, instructional aides and other professional salaries, materials and supplies, textbooks, special education, health services, library-media and guidance services. Transportation of students, athletics and co-curricular activities are also included here.

Description	Approved 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Change
Legal	\$32,000	\$34,000	\$2,000
Instructional	\$5,922,132	\$6,027,652	\$105,520
District Transportation	\$648,698	\$739,264	\$90,566
Garage Building	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$3,334,116	\$3,428,022	\$93,906
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$9,960,446	\$10,252,438	\$291,992

## Capital

The capital budget includes costs associated with operations and maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, electricity, heat, oil, water, sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included here for the lease and purchase of buses, payment of debt for capital projects (principal and interest), refund of taxes and insurance. The final piece of this budget is a transfer to capital for ongoing building improvements.

Description	Approved 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Change
Operation of Plant	\$788,080	\$775,657	(\$12,423)
Maintenance of Plant	\$146,629	\$152,934	\$6,305
Insurance and Claims	\$43,050	\$45,203	\$2,153
Refund of Taxes	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$225,266	\$243,844	\$18,578
Debt Service	\$990,002	\$1,026,608	\$36,606
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$2,294,227	\$2,345,446	\$51,219

## **Administrative**

The administrative budget includes costs associated with management activities including Board of Education, superintendent's office, district clerk, business office and operations such as payroll, supervision, training, data processing, purchasing, BOCES administration charges, printing, mailing, legal and auditing services.

Description	Approved 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Change
Board of Education	\$25,944	\$26,184	\$240
Central Administration	\$144,578	\$148,716	\$4,138
Finance	\$261,381	\$282,005	\$20,624
Legal	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Personnel	\$3,500	\$9,976	\$6,476
Records Management	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$0
Other Central Services	\$58,000	\$59,346	\$1,346
Other Special Items	\$94,252	\$103,935	\$9,683
Curriculum Development & Support	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$0
Supervision Regular School	\$354,008	\$349,944	(\$4,064)
Research, Evaluation, Planning	\$5,329	\$5,329	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$359,467	\$365,765	\$6,298
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$1,343,659	\$1,388,400	\$44,741

## CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT UPDATE

Replacement of all lockers in the intermediate wing of the elementary building.

NO ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY

Anticipated start - Spring 2023

The proposed 2022-2023 Remsen Central School District budget includes a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project. It is important to note that the Remsen Central School District will be reimbursed by the state for 83.5% of the Capital Outlay Project's cost. In other words, a \$100,000 project only costs the District \$16,500.

The proposed project for next year will be to replace all of the deteriorated lockers in the elementary intermediate wing, including soffit, base and paint work. The replacement of flooring in several elementary rooms is also included in this project proposal.

One of our overarching goals for the Remsen Central School District is to continue to provide safe, efficient and operational facilities for our students and our community members. Capital Outlay Projects allow us to responsibly make necessary improvements without placing a large burden on the community.





Welcome Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent Olivia Woolheater!

Olivia Woolheater is a Class of 2017 Remsen graduate. After graduating from Remsen, she attended North Country Community College and earned an associate degree in fine arts. This spring, Ms. Woolheater will be graduating from SUNY Potsdam with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

In her free time, she enjoys making art, working out and spending time with friends and family. She is very excited to be part of the Remsen CSD team and to be back in such a great community.



## Meet the Candidate

MRS. MARY LOU ALLEN

### **FAMILY**

Mrs. Allen and her husband, Don, (Town of Webb retired teacher and coach) have lived in Remsen their entire lives and are alumni of Remsen Central School. Their daughter, Nikki, an Attorney for Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is also a Remsen graduate.



### **EDUCATION**

Remsen Central School Graduate | State University College at Oneonta, Bachelor of Science | SUNY Cortland Upper Division, graduate work

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Allen dedicated her career to teaching elementary students. She started at Poland Central School, teaching first and second grade for four and a half years, and then earned a job teaching at Remsen. Mrs. Allen taught kindergarten, first grade and second grade at Remsen for 29 years until she retired.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Remsen Board of Education member for the last five years | Didymus Thomas Library Board member | Annual Heart Walk participant

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION**

Why do you think it is important to serve the community and school as a BOE member?

My husband, daughter and I all graduated from RCS. The experiences that we had at RCS served us well as we entered life after high school. I would like present and future students to have the same opportunities that Remsen gave us. Serving on the school board is a way for me to do that.

### WHAT STRENGTHS/EXPERIENCES WOULD YOU BRING TO BOARD SERVICE?

My background in education, particularly at Remsen, has given me first-hand knowledge of how a school works on a day-to-day basis and how it changes over time. That knowledge is helpful in making decisions that have an impact on students, staff and the community.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE OR WILL BE THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES FACING

## **EDUCATION IN GENERAL OR REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL?**

Balancing the needs of the students and those of the community simultaneously is the number one challenge facing all school districts, including Remsen.

## JANUARY2022





Emma Fox



**Morgan Gates** 









Emerson LaBella



Forrest Linke



**Destiny Farber** 















**Connor Nelson** 

Brianna Petteys

Rabecca Rasmussen

Reese Rowlands

Eliza Smith

Wade Smith

**Avery Stacy** 

**Hannah Winghart** 

## FEBRUARY2022

















Jemma Burns

Reagan Helmer

Jeremy Kent

**Graycie Lyons** 

Chloee Matt

Brenna Mayer

Hallie Mulligan

Johnna Newland















Sean Nolan

**Emmelia Smith** 

**Denver Walker** 

**Georgia Weaver** 

Dixie Wilson

**Madison Wollaber** 

Aria Yager



# 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On February 15, Remsen elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing like they were 100 years old, wearing 100 of something or representing 100 in another way!















Remsen Elementary students participated in the Oneida County

## ELEMENTARY ALL-COUNTY FESTIVAL

the weekend of April 2. Greta Burdell played flute, Trent Jenny the French horn and Owen Piaschyk represented Remsen in the chorus.

Congratulations to all!











# Heroes.

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This Valentine's Day, Remsen elementary students put together valentines to show their love and appreciation for local healthcare heroes.

Students wrote letters and drew pictures expressing their gratitude. The Student Council worked on stuffing envelopes with one letter and one photo each to make the valentines.

A "heart chart," located in the elementary school lobby, represented the 195 valentines completed by students.

The valentines were distributed to local healthcare facilities as a way to say thank you to the doctors, nurses and other healthcare staff.











Congratulations to our Elementary School Drama Club on their recent performance of





The Music in Our Schools concert was held on March 16. The theme of the concert was "the power of music." Several of the selections focused on musical meaning as well as music messaging (i.e., coded messages in spirituals).



## Honor Roll

Makenzie Beiderbecke **Greta Burdell Blake Carmight Erika Carmight Grace Dalton Arynn Day** Ella Dickenson-Waldo **Morgan Gates Bryce Graves** Lacey Green **Chase Helmer Adam Hill Tanner Hill Serenity Hinkley** Logan Johnson **Colin Jones Cassidy Kerr** Jase Kinsley Mason LaBella **Alannah Lawlor** Lucas Linke Carter Manning Miriel Marolf Makayla Mauldin Chelsea McCauley Jack Mcisaac Shea Mundell **Chase Poczatek Dominic Prentice Waylon Rapson Reese Rowlands Evelyn Shew Emmelia Smith Madison Spadaro** Jaycob Wagner **Brayden Walker Rosalie Walker Hannah Winghart** 

**Zachary Yousey** 

## High Honor Spencer Anderson

Anna Becker **Harlen Case Jasmine Colon** Lydia Gates **Hayden Graves** Jayde Hanmill **Trent Jenny** Olivia Johnson **Daniel Kaufman Avery Morrison** Owen Piaschyk **Wyatt Rapson Evann Smith** Isabella Wilcox **Dixie Wilson Madison Wollaber** 

## Good Citizenship

**Andrew Bankert Addison Battle Braden Broadbent Greta Burdell Lvdia Gates Jaxon Matt Evan McCarthy Peyton Millick** Vincent Montegari **Hunter Moon Dakota Petteys Markus Stacy Easton White Timothy Winghart** Aria Yager **Zachary Yousey** 

## Soaring to Success

Tessa Bronson
Daniel Burdell
Emma Clapps
Arianna Colon
Charles Cook
Raven Crowell
Tucker Hill
Logan Houck
Natalia Hrim
Carter Laurey
Kaidence Maine
Chelsea McCauley
Jack Mcisaac
Jasmine Petteys
Chase Poczatek
Aiden Tyson

## Remsen Alumni Association Award

Tessa Bronson
Jasmine Colon
Grace Dalton
Willow DeLand
Charlotte Dubinsky
Chloee Matt





















## REMSEN HIGH SCHOOL SECOND QUARTER AWARDS

On March 10, Jr./Sr. high school students were recognized for academic and behavioral success. Students on high honor and honor roll were announced and teacher nominated awards were given.



## Hiah Honor

**Andrew Becker** Tiarra Fox **Evalyn Gates Brooklyn Helmer** Cory Helmer Marissa Karis Kole Kennerknecht Jackson LaBella Ella LaFave Olivia Lalyer Lexxis Mosher **Taylor Murphy** Madelyn Prosser **Alexis Stevens** 

## **GRADE 8**

Sienna Aiken Allyson Beiderbecke Keara Hyde Ethan Karis Nathan Leska Marissa Morris

### **GRADE 9**

**Shianne Austin Natalie Barnard** Shaylyn Dolly Dylan Gutowski Matthew Helmer **Dylan Jones** Jaden Jordan Rachel Leska Madisyn Pett Ean Piaschyk Colton Walker

## GRADE 10

Imagin Aiken Frank Austin **Benjamin Becker** McKayla Finn Sabrina Gates En Xi Guo **Zachary Helmer** Isabella Lalyer Tayler Nelson **Brian Secor** Leila Ward

### **GRADE 11**

Julia Dening Colleen Fox Grade Hajdasz Marissa Hefner Joshua Jordan Mary Jane Kranbuhl Grace Shufelt **Noah Skermont** Benjamin Staskowski

## **GRADE 12**

**Abby Barton Beulah Bigelow Amber Decker Kendall Decker** Randell Dolly Adriana Hoover Paige Loveric Evelyn Morgan Samuel Nichols Jessice Rimmer Olivia Stanford Rvan Staskoski Julia Woolheater





## Honor

### GRADE 7

**Alexis Helmer** Kailyn Helmer Glen LaFave **Daniel Mulhall Emily Spatto Gardner Walker** 

### GRADE 8

John "Burke" Gates, Jr. **Ashton Grower** Jaden Guo Sara Hill Sage Kerr Jaiden Maher Regan Meeker **Emily Shufelt** 

### GRADE 9

Jack Anken Isabella Colon Jennah Day **Wyatt Ehart** Mitchell Fox **Tucker Hollenbeck Tyler Peters Alice Roman** Shawna Williams

## GRADE 10

Ellyssa Besaw Zoey Coe **Charles DeLand** Owen Long **Wyatt Monroe** Ava Russo Matthew Tavenner

## GRADE 11

**Teaghan Fox Kyrian Hall Grady Helmer Matthew Jones** Matthew Murphy Skylie O'Conner-Russo

## GRADE 12

Ty Bowers **Denise Fox Hailey Jenkins** Jonathan Jewett James Roberts **Gavin Thompson** 

**Evelyn Gates** Ella LaFave

Keara Hyde Filie Secor **Ashley Roberts** 

**Shianne Austin Casey Gates** Jaden Jordan **Rachel Leska** Madisvn Pett

En Xi Guo **Wyatt Monroe** 

## **GRADE 11**

**GRADE 12** 

**Denise Fox** Jon Jewett Sam Nichols Olivia Stanford

## Student of the Quarter

Andrew Becker

### GRADE 8

Sienne Aiken Allyson Beiderbecke

### **GRADE 9**

## **GRADE 10**

## Joshua Jordan

**Amber Decker** 







## Most Improved

Tiarra Fox Michael Montegari

## GRADE 8

Angelina DelGuidice Johnathan Dickenson Jaden Guo Sage Kerr

### GRADE 9

**Brian Crowell** Kaji Morgan Colton Walker

Frank Austin Ellyssa Besaw **Calvin Rios** Noah Swank

## **GRADE 11**

**Ethan Besaw Matt Jones Grace Shufelt** 

## **GRADE 12**

Alexandra Jewett James Roberts **Dylan Taylor** 













## The Comedy of TERRIBLE ERRORS

On March 4-5, the Remsen Drama Club performed "The Comedy of Terrible Errors."

Set in the Greek city of Ephesus, "The Comedy of Errors" is Shakespeare's shortest work about two sets of identical twins who were accidentally separated at birth. The "Comedy of Terrible Errors" transforms this play into one big, hilarious nightmare.

Family, friends and community members were excited to enjoy this comical performance live and in-person.

















## National Honor Society

On March 24, current National Honor Society (NHS) members joined together with new inductees to celebrate and honor each other at the annual NHS Induction Ceremony.

Congratulations to all current members of NHS for their achievements, and to the following newly inducted members:

Imagin Aiken | Frank Austin | Benjamin Becker | Sabrina Gates Isabella Lalyer | Tayler Nelson | Ava Russo | Brian Secor











# ALL-COUNTY Festival

On March 18-19, Ellyssa Besaw, Ellie Secor, Leila Ward, Evalyn Gates and Elijah Besaw participated in the Oneida County All-County Festival held at Holland Patent. These students were selected based on auditions which were held in January.















The Ski Club had a very successful first year and looks forward to more students joining them next year on the slopes. Ski Club sign-ups will be held in the fall and the club will take a weekly trip to Woods Valley next January-March.











At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. In order for a team to be given the Scholar-Athlete team award, they must possess a grade point average of 90.00 or above for 75% of the roster. Three out of our four competing varsity teams earned the Scholar-Athlete team award.

### **VARSITY BASKETBALL**

Dylan Jones | Ryan Staskoski | Jon Jewett | Ben Staskoski | Matt Murphy | Josh Jordan | Grady Helmer | Kyrian Hall

## **VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**

Amber Decker | Imagin Aiken | Sabrina Gates | Isabella Lalyer | Marissa Hefner | Evelyn Morgan | Jessica Rimmer | Olivia Stanford

### **VARSITY GIRLS INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

Marissa Karis | Ella LaFave | Paige Loveric | Tayler Nelson | Julia Dening | Grace Hajdasz

Members of our varsity boys indoor track & field team that achieved a 90 or above average include:

Gavin Nelson | Ethan Karis | Noah Skermont

## ALL KIDS BIKE

With spring on its way, we are excited to announce that the All Kids Bike Program will be introduced into our physical education curriculum thanks to a very generous donation from the Edwin J. Wadas Foundation. The All Kids Bike Program includes a Strider 14x bike for each child in the physical education class. This two-in-one balance-to-pedal conversion bike helps riders gain confidence and learn more advanced skills on a balance bike. When children are ready, it easily transforms into a pedal bike with the installation of the easy-ride pedal conversion kit. The program includes teacher training and certification, an eight-lesson learn-to-ride curriculum, a fleet of two-in-one balance-to-pedal conversion bikes, fully adjustable bicycle helmets and five years of program support. The provided curriculum is designed with the simple goal of teaching a child how to move, balance and stop while on a two-wheeled balance bike.

About midway through the curriculum, there is the option to easily convert the bikes from balance-mode to pedal-mode as students are ready to progress to pedaling the bike.

We are very excited to be able to provide our kindergarten students this opportunity, beginning with our current kindergarten students this spring. We would like to thank Mrs. Eilleen Hamlin and Mr. Scott Jones for their work in bringing the program to Remsen and of course a big thank you to the Edwin J. Wadas Foundation for making this possible for the students of Remsen Elementary.









## BOCES Summer Camps

## **ENGAGING WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 7-10**

Oneida-H erkimer-Madison BOCES summer camps run from July 5-July 28 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., daily. Transportation will be provided by Remsen Applications can be found on our website or in guidance and are due by May 27.

## CAMPS INCLUDE

Conservation Camp | Cosmetology Camp | Creative Cooking Health Careers | Photography, T-Shirt Painting & Graphic Design | Welding

## SCIENCE FAIR

Middle school students recently participated in the annual science fair.























## Remsen Sign





Mrs. Richard and her art students recently refinished and repaired the Remsen village signs. These signs were originally made by the former Remsen Mayor and local artisan Mr. Don Seubert in 1998 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Remsen, N.Y.

The signs were in poor condition with rotted backs and rusty hardware. One of our students at BOCES worked on sanding the brackets while many art students participated in the restoration by dismantling, sanding, priming, painting, caulking and cutting through various stages of the process.

Mrs. Richard received financial donations from the Remsen Teachers Association, Remsen Development Corporation, the Rotary Club and the Village of Remsen that went toward the cost of the materials needed to fix the signs.

Thanks to the efforts of the Remsen art students, the signs will once again welcome people to the community and the art so lovingly created by Mr. Seubert will live on a bit longer.







## MMM

Several RCSD students participated in a National MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge on February 28.

This year, their problem was titled "Remote Work: Fad or Future." Students were given data about remote work, starting as early as the year 2000, as well as data about the overall increase in the trend toward remote work over the next two decades. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, remote work saw a massive spike, but as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, the world returned to work. The students were tasked with finding a model that would predict what remote work would look like for the future and apply their models to the years 2024 and 2027. They also needed to consider different regions of the United States and United Kingdom, and how remote work would affect these areas. Specifically, they needed to consider a highly urban area (Seattle, WA), a semi-urban area (Scranton, PA) and a rural area (Liverpool, England).

Their second task was to consider workers who choose to work from home and compare them to workers whose employer permits them to work from home. They needed to create a model that predicts whether an individual worker whose job is remote-ready will be allowed to and choose to work from home.

Their last task was to synthesize both of their models and estimate the percentage of workers who will work remotely in the above mentioned cities for the years 2024 and 2027.

Teams were given 14 hours and the RCSD team submitted their solution with only one minute left on the clock. Their solution was a total of 14 pages, however, the team unfortunately did not advance to the next round.

Congratulations and a job well done to the participating students!





## All-State Festival

On March 25-26, Beulah Bigelow, Paige Loveric and Benjamin Staskoski participated in the Area All-State Festival held in Westmoreland. Students selected for these elite ensembles were chosen based on NYSSMA auditions held in May 2021.









# New PROMETHEAN BOARDS

The Remsen CSD recently installed brand new Promethean Boards, District-wide and in all classrooms!

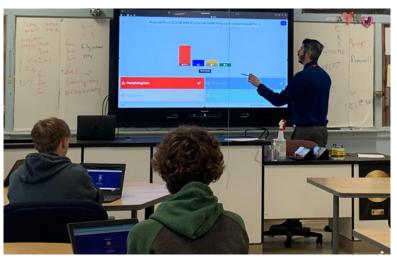
As teachers become accustomed to the new technology, it is exciting to see the boards up and running and providing innovative and interactive learning opportunities for the students.

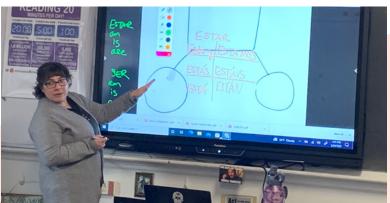
A tremendous thank you to retired custodian Mr. Dave Buhite and Head of Facilities Mr. Kevin Roberts. Thank you also to the following volunteers that generously gave their time on weekends and evenings: Mr. Dean MacLachlan, Mr. Gary Winghart, Mr. John McKeown, Mr. Adrian Piaschyk and Mr. Tim Jenny; as well as Mr. Keith Mottley, Mr. Adam DeGrace, Mr. Rainer Beers, Mr. Brad Tyson and Mr. Craig Gallant.

Instead of spending a large amount of money to pay for a company to come in, demo the old equipment and install the new, the Remsen CSD team developed a plan to tackle this project with volunteers and our own team members. Thanks to the people mentioned above, the District was able to remove all of the old equipment and install 45 new boards in less than one week. Determination, dedication and teamwork saved the District a substantial amount of money and allowed for students to have access to this exciting technology in their classrooms as soon as possible. Another great example of why Remsen CSD is the place to be!

















## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the March 18 Superintendent's Conference Day, teachers at both Remsen Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School attended Promethean Board professional development sessions.

Hosted by Promethean team members, teachers learned about the exciting and innovative capabilities of this new technology that will greatly enhance students' learning experiences!











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## *108<sup>th</sup> AnnuaL* ALUMNI BANQUET

The Remsen Alumni Association is holding our 108th banquet on Saturday, June 11, 2022, starting with a social hour at 4:30 p.m. The banquet will celebrate the graduation years of 2020, 2021 and the present class of 2022, along with the 25, 50 and 75 year anniversaries. For more details and information, please contact Remsen Alumni Association President Mark Williams at 315.576.1974 or markb2055@gmail.com.

Your thoughtful contributions enable the Alumni Association to support the National Honor Society, FFA, high school music department and elementary excellence awards. Your generosity serves our greatest goal, to proudly provide three scholarships to this year's deserving senior recipients.

If you would like to support the Remsen Alumni Association and school, please send donations to: Linda Cady | 10471 Coombs Road | Holland Patent, NY 13354

Checks should be made out to Remsen Alumni Association.

The Remsen Alumni Association is proud to be able to support our graduates and the Remsen Central School District, all made possible by the contributions, donations and dedication of our community.

Thank you for your support,

