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Inaugural Skyhawks PEP RALLY

On October 18, students of all ages, high school athletes and staff came together in the High School gymnasium to celebrate the end of spirit week as well as the achievements of Oriskany student athletes.

The Pep Rally featured recognition of student athletes and senior athletes, as well as competition among students during the annual games. The event was a successful end to various Spirit Week activities and filled with Skyhawks Pride!



Dear Oriskany CSD Community,

We had an excellent opening for the 2024-25 school year. 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.

This fall semester has been filled with many achievements and student experiences as you will see throughout this newsletter. I'm incredibly proud of the progress our students and staff have made. From academic accomplishments to extracurricular involvement, our district continues to shine.

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the ongoing partnership between our schools, families and community. We hope to continue the proud Mission to "educate, engage, and empower students to excel in an ever-changing world." We are committed to our tradition of personal attention, positive relationships and an innovative climate for learning.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving this month and the upcoming holiday season, I encourage everyone to reflect on the importance of gratitude and community. I started the school year with staff emphasizing unity and togetherness. We discussed the need for us to be a community of learners and to be open to changing past practices if needed for student success. We will continue to keep our students as the focus and provide them with opportunities for academic and social success.

Below are some highlights and updates from the start of the school year, and we have many exciting events and activities planned. I invite all of you to participate in making this a memorable and rewarding time for our students and school community.

Capital Project 2022

We are wrapping up our 2022 Capital Project and working through several punch list items for completion for Phase 2 of the project. Over the summer, the Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria was completely renovated. The kitchen equipment was updated with modern appliances and the main cafeteria seating area, faculty lounge, dishwashing room and kitchen manager's office were revamped during the project. The library media center was also renovated in the project, and the space is now a state-of-the-art, 21st century learning center for our students. Also in the Jr./Sr. High, new energy efficient windows and blinds were installed and new electrical panels replaced outdated panels throughout most of the building. New boilers, classroom lights, doors and hardware were also replaced in both buildings. At N.A. Walbran Elementary School, a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system was installed to increase airflow in the building; and a new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) room was built for project-based learning activities. This was an extensive project that also included a new transportation facility during Phase 1. These

much needed upgrades will have a positive impact for our students and staff and we hope that you have a chance to visit in the future.

ParentSquare

In October 2023, we implemented ParentSquare as an umbrella communication system that allows for better two-way communication with parents/guardians and students. This platform was introduced to strengthen our ability to communicate consistently with all of our families and students. The next initiative is to broaden to more consistent communication from the community as a whole. We now have the ability to communicate with "non-school age" community members who do not currently have children enrolled in school. To receive district information including budget updates, athletic updates, school closings and more please sign up as a "Non-School Age Community Member." Additional information on how to join this group can be found on page three of this newsletter. For more information about ParentSquare, please visit www.oriskanycsd.org/for-parents/parentsquare.

Skyhawks Logo and Identity Branding

We are in the process of developing and implementing our new Skyhawks logo and identity branding. We are currently working with SchoolMark, a national branding and identity design organization to help us come up with a Skyhawks logo that will define our future. The Board of Education and myself have been thoughtful and deliberate with our direction and process for a new school mascot. The unfunded mandate to change our mascot has not only financial considerations for our community, but lasting identity considerations. We want to honor our history while forging a new and exciting brand for our present and future students. As the process unfolds we will keep you updated and hope to have a community reveal in the near future. Stay tuned!



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Upcoming District Events

PRE-K-6 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 13-15, 2024

We encourage all parents to meet with their child(ren)'s teacher to discuss academic progress, set goals and work together to ensure student success. PK-6 students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on these days.

GO HOME EARLY DRILL

November 26, 2024

Schools will dismiss 10 minutes early on this day.

THANKSGIVING RECESS

November 27-29, 2024

Schools will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope you enjoy this time with family and friends.

We have many other events planned in November and December. Please refer to the District calendar, website and Facebook page for updates and changes.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Weather Alerts

As we approach winter, please stay informed about potential school closures or delays due to inclement weather. We use ParentSquare as our primary communication system. Please make sure that we have the most up-to-date contact information for you and your student. Contact the Main Office at your child(ren)'s school to update as needed. We also use our website, Facebook page and local news outlets for announcements.

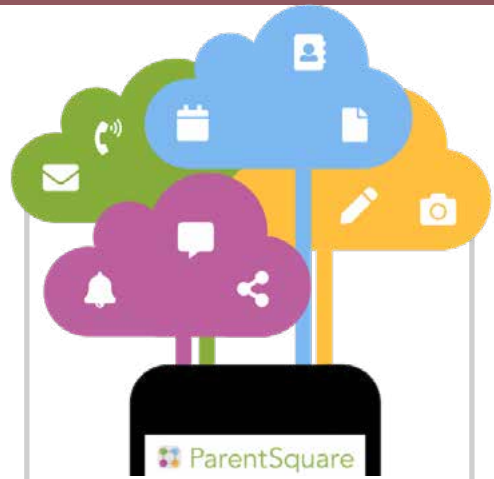
Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is essential for student success. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring students attend school on time and are prepared to learn every day. With that being said, we still encourage and promote a healthy environment for our schools. With flu and cold season upon us, we encourage families to practice good hygiene and keep students home if they are feeling unwell, especially if they have a fever. Together, we can keep our schools healthy and safe.

Lastly, thank you for your continued dedication to our district and for making the Oriskany Central School District a place where every child can thrive. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the District, please feel free to contact me at gcuthbertson@oriskanycsd.org or 315.768.2054. Thank you.

Warm Regards,

Gregory Cuthbertson



**ParentSquare:
Where Our
Community Stays
Connected!**

The Oriskany Central School District is excited to take its community engagement to the next level with the addition of a ParentSquare Community Group.

The community group allows non-school age community members who do not currently have children enrolled in the Oriskany CSD to receive email and push notifications on all things happening in the District. Community members are able to self-register for notifications about afterschool activities, athletic, budget updates, PTA activities, community events, emergency closures and other communications that would benefit community members.

Community members who do not currently have children enrolled in the Oriskany CSD can join the ParentSquare Community Group by visiting www.oriskanycsd.org/ps-community-group or by using the camera on your phone or tablet to scan the QR code below.



FROM THE OFFICE OF
SPECIAL PROGRAMS & SUPPORT SERVICES

Dear Oriskany Families,

As we begin another school year, I want to share some updates from our department.

This year, we are focusing on important initiatives related to State Performance Indicator 13, which supports effective transitions within the IEP for our students at the secondary level. We are starting to encourage further partnerships with community organizations to assist in this process. The Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) program through the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES and Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) helps students begin exploring options for their future. Pre-ETS is a free program, funded by Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR), that assists students in identifying career interests, developing employment-related soft skills, exploring post-secondary education options and obtaining work experience.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that I will be joining the Community Schools Steering Committee alongside other local administrators. This collaborative effort will help us identify the needs of our region and explore ways to add additional support to our school community. By working together, we aim to enhance the resources available to our students and families, ensuring that everyone has the support they need to succeed.

Finally, I'm excited to introduce our new administrative assistant, Angela Pastor. We are looking forward to her contributions and fresh perspective as she joins our team. Please extend a warm welcome to Angela and offer your support as she settles into her role.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to create a positive and inclusive learning environment for all our students. Here's to a successful school year ahead!

Warm regards,
 Catherine Mucurio



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What are Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)?

Pre-ETS helps students with disabilities plan their careers and become more independent by giving them practical skills and guidance for finding jobs they'll enjoy and excel in.

There are five required Pre-ES available to students with disabilities:

Instruction in self-advocacy:

- *How to request and accept help*
- *Setting Goals*
- *Request and utilize accommodations*

Job exploration counseling:

- *Career interest inventories*
- *Career speakers*
- *Industry tours*

Workplace readiness training:

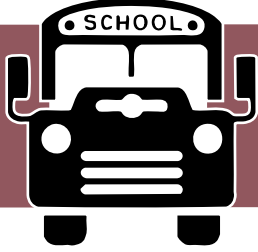
- *Financial literacy*
- *Resume prep*
- *Job seeking skills*

Work-based learning experiences:

- *Paid volunteer placements*
- *Paid applied learning experiences*
- *Practical and authentic experiences*

Counseling on post-secondary opportunities:

- *Learn about colleges, trade schools and more*
- *Learn how to complete FAFSA*
- *Post-Secondary Career Options*



A message from the
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Dear Oriskany Central School District families,

As I enter into my second school year in Oriskany, I am filled with profound gratitude and joy to be a part of the Oriskany Central School District family and community. The Transportation Department has been working diligently over the summer to prepare for the 2024-25 school year. The roll out of our new bus routing software, Routefinder Plus, has been an excellent tool in achieving our goals and objectives of ensuring our bus routes are more efficient for our students and bus drivers.

Bus safety tips to review with your child:

- Students should be prepared and at the bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to pick up time.
- Demonstrate safe behavior at the bus stop.
- Do not move towards an approaching bus until it is completely stopped and the driver signals that it is safe.
- Read and abide by the bus rules poster, which are located inside of every school bus.
- Tell the bus driver, a teacher or parent if something or someone makes you feel unsafe at the bus stop or on the bus.

Important Reminder - Loading and unloading remains the moment of greatest potential risk for students using school buses. Simply put, there is inherent danger involved in children getting on and off a large vehicle stopped in the roadway. If your child must cross the street, wait for the driver to give you the universal crossing signal and then cross at least fifteen feet from the front of the bus so that the driver can see you. Please make your child aware of the danger zones of the school bus as outlined.

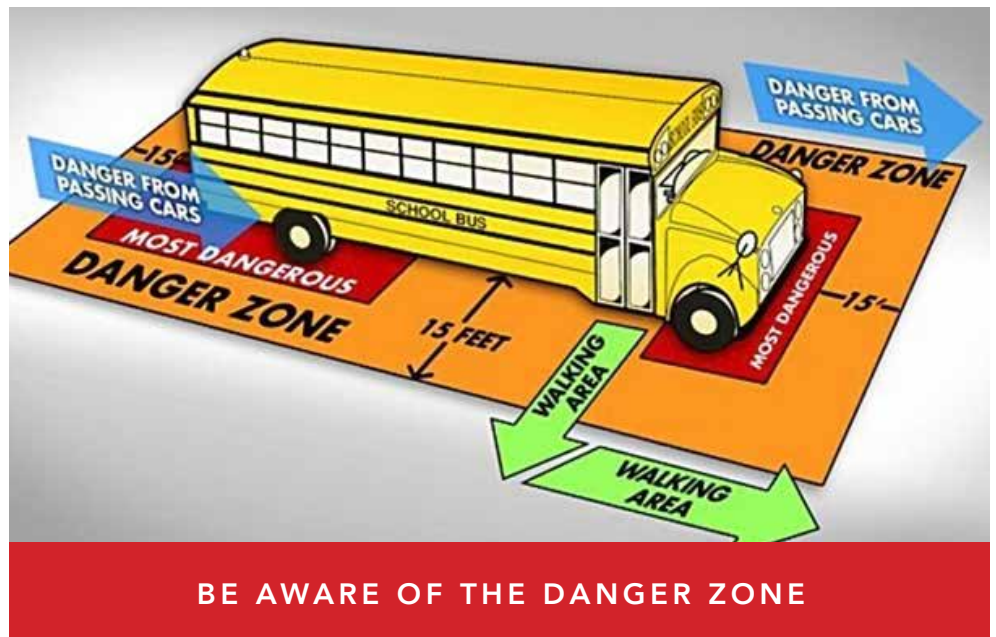
I want to personally thank students, parents, community members, faculty and staff for their continued support. I look forward to a successful 2024-25 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.

Respectfully,

Zachary R. Nicotera



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SKYHAWKS ATHLETICS

Dear Families and Community members of Oriskany,

We have started the 2024-25 school year off as the Skyhawks with a firm commitment to continuing Oriskany's history of excellence. We have already had some significant accomplishments, which is a testament to our dedication to being competitive and successful. This commitment to excellence is something we can all be proud of.



Our Cheerleading team placed first in their division at our inaugural Fall Classic hosted as Skyhawks and all of our gymnasts qualified for Sectionals. The first-ever Skyhawks Pep Rally, a joyous occasion that celebrated our achievements while fostering a sense of unity and togetherness, was held on October 18 and included our Jr. Skyhawks from N.A. Walbran Elementary. It was a moment of shared pride and joy for us all.



During the Pep Rally, we honored our seniors:

CHEERLEADING

Addison Judycki and Arianna Montoya

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

**Emerson Appler, Leah Denison,
Addison Fabbio and Gianna Santucci**

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

**Nick Hays, David Itzep, Jullian Jalowiec,
Chase Koenig, Thomas Maher, Jeffrey Phillips,
Jack Tagliaferri, Brian Terchowicz and David Zinicola**

Oriskany had two student-athletes recognized as Athletes of the Week -- Addison Fabbio (girls varsity soccer) by WKTV and David Zinicola (boys varsity soccer) by the Observer-Dispatch.

We congratulate and thank our student-athletes for their incredible dedication and the unwavering commitment they have demonstrated here in Oriskany. Their achievements are a source of inspiration for us all and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

We have also had several school records broken over the past year, including:

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Addison Fabbio, 106 season steals

BASEBALL

Eddie Wright, .594 batting average

INDOOR TRACK

Jack Tagliaferri, 6.78 in the 55m

OUTDOOR TRACK

Jack Tagliaferri, 23.15 in the 200m

OUTDOOR TRACK

**Jeffrey Phillips, Jack Tagliaferri, Jayden Luton
and Javante Brill-Rollins; 4x100m relay**

This season, our girls varsity soccer program gifted some Oriskany soccer gear and get-well cards to a neighboring school district, where two students are battling severe health concerns. We wish these two athletes a speedy recovery.

As we see a rise in sportsmanship issues nationwide, we continue to encourage great sportsmanship here in Oriskany. The Oriskany Sports Boosters have begun sponsoring a Perpetual Plaque recognizing student-athletes from each team for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship.

We hope to continue our success as we move on to winter sports. Registration for Varsity and JV Winter Sports is open on Family ID and the season starts on Monday, November 18. We look to play some of the same opponents and add some new ones. Modified registration will open on December 3.

In conclusion of our successful fall sports season, the Oriskany/Westmoreland cheerleaders traveled to Indian River to compete in the Section 3 Game Day Championships. The Skyhawk Varsity Cheerleaders secured their fourth consecutive fall sectional title, marking their second season as Class C2 Game Day Champions. Additionally, All-Star cheerleaders Bryana Manella and Isabella Smith were recognized for their exceptional talent and dedication to the sport. Congratulations to our team and coaches!

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and commitment to Oriskany Skyhawks Athletics. Your encouragement and involvement are integral to our success.

Sincerely and thank you,
Dave Buck



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NEW HIRES



Melissa Childers LICENSED TEACHING ASSISTANT

Ms. Childers joined the Oriskany CSD as a licensed teaching assistant on September 23. She holds an associate of arts degree in science and was previously employed at Oneida High School. Ms. Childers chose education to empower youth to become confident and prepared adults upon graduation. Although she currently resides in Whitesboro, Oriskany has a "small community feel," allowing her the opportunity to work with students within her own community.

Ms. Childers hobbies include baking, going to the gym, taking walks on the 840 trail, spending time with her husband, hanging out with her son and watching movies.

David Hall BUS DRIVER

Mr. Hall recently joined the Transportation Department as a bus driver. He is a graduate of the Utica City School District, holds a CDL certification and was previously employed by the Utica CSD, Bernie Bus and Durham Bus.

Mr. Hall loves working with children and looks forward to the smaller community setting of Oriskany. In his free he enjoys sports.



Brittani Gauthier, RN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE

Ms. Gauthier joined N.A. Walbran Elementary School as the school nurse on September 9. She earned her associate degree in nursing from SUNY Morrisville and is a registered nurse. Ms. Gauthier was previously employed at the Mohawk Valley Health System's St. Luke's campus in the neurovascular unit, Arthritis Health Associates as an infusion nurse and Innovative Renal Care as a dialysis nurse.

Ms. Gauthier is excited to give back to the community that she came from and looks forward to teaching and caring for the children of Oriskany. In her free time, she enjoys playing and coaching softball and volunteering with Camden Little League, both on the Board and as a coach for 8-12 year-olds.

Susan Roberts ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Ms. Roberts joined the Oriskany CSD as the Administrative Assistant on October 7. She holds an associate degree in accounting from the Utica School of Commerce and has worked at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES and H&R Block.

Ms. Roberts enjoys doing payroll and taxes, and has heard great things about working in the Oriskany CSD. In her free time, she enjoys camping, cars, trucks, music and animals.



A MESSAGE
FROM THE

School Nurses

Flu Season is
officially here.

Here are some ways to help prevent getting and spreading the flu:

- Get the flu shot. It is recommended for ages 6 months and older.
 - » If you have an existing medical condition such as asthma or diabetes (or other type of medical condition) getting the flu shot can help lessen your symptoms if you or your child ever did become sick.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Wash your hands with warm water and soap, regularly and well. Say the entire alphabet while you are washing, about 20 seconds. When finished with the alphabet, you are finished washing.
- Cough/sneeze into your elbow or into tissues. Do not use your hands. Throw your used tissues out and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- If possible, limit contact with those around you who are sick.

If your child does become sick:

- Please stay home if you are sick! Please don't share your germs.
- Make sure you contact the school nurse the morning of your child's illness, stating that you are keeping your child home due to illness before 8:00 a.m.
- Please let the school nurse know if your child has been diagnosed with the flu (and what type) by their medical provider.
- If your child has a temperature above 100.4 Fahrenheit, please keep your child home. Your child has to be fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of medications to return to school.
- If your child is out sick for three or more days, please obtain a doctor's note for them to return to school.
- Have your child get plenty of REST and drink plenty of FLUIDS. Clear liquids are preferred: chicken broth, ginger ale and water to name a few. They are not as harsh on your stomach and a bit more tolerable for digestion.
- If your child has an existing medical condition such as asthma, diabetes or other medical condition, contact their medical provider. Their medical provider might direct you to a more beneficial type of treatment or a visit to their office for an evaluation.
 - » If your child's physician places your child on medication and they are to receive it during school hours, the child's parent/guardian MUST bring in the medication, signed physician orders with the following information: child's name, medication name, medication time to be taken, medication route and medication dose. Please do not have your child deliver this information/medication to the nurse.
 - » The parent/guardian MUST sign the above doctor's order giving consent allowing the school medical person to administer your child's medication.
- Please do not send your child into school with cough drops or other cold/flu/allergy/pain medication. If they have a cough, please provide them candy to suck on throughout the day.
 - » If cough drops or any other medication are discovered without a doctor's order, the medication will be removed from the child, locked in the nurse's office, and school administration and the parent/guardian will be contacted.

Thank you for your time and understanding,

Maryruth Stopera, BA, RN - High School Nurse & Brittani Gauthier, RN - Elementary School Nurse



THANK YOU!

Thanks to the compassion and generosity of Joe and Monica Hickel of Monarch Banquets in Yorkville, the Oriskany Sports Booster Club was able to provide two of our English as a New Language (ENL) students with the clothing and equipment needed to participate in soccer this year.

The donations were purchased with proceeds raised through a raffle graciously held by the Hickels. The overwhelming support and donations received surpassed all expectations. All remaining donations will be deposited in the Sports Booster Club account.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

We are off to a wonderful start for the 2024-25 school year, building on our school theme of "Watch Us Grow." Our goal is that we all grow socially, emotionally and academically to ensure our students' success. Within the classroom, we have implemented a new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum called "Into Reading." Teachers have worked hard in training to prepare students and support the learning process.

On September 12, we welcomed students and families into the building for our annual Back-to-School Night. Families had the opportunity to tour the building and meet faculty and staff members. We are so appreciative of the participation and support that we received.

A variety of fire safety activities took place during Fire Safety Week in October. Each grade level got an age appropriate lesson, activity and/or field trip related to fire safety. Thank you to Ms. Debbie Waskiewicz and the Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department for organizing and providing our students with this beneficial program.

Our Positivity Project Kick-Off event took place on October 18. Elementary students attended the fall athletics Pep Rally at the Jr./Sr. High School. Elementary students had the opportunity to collaborate and support the Jr./Sr. High School students during athletic team introductions and team building games.

We look forward to seeing everyone during Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 13, 14 and 15. Thank you for your continued support of your child's education.

Tom Meiss



Tom Meiss
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
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Be Fire Ready, Stay Fire Safe



During the week of October 6, students at N.A. Walbran Elementary School participated in a number of Fire Prevention Week activities. Each grade level received an age-appropriate, fire safety activity or field trip, including kindergarteners who visited the Oriskany Fire Department.

We are so appreciative of the ongoing partnership of the Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the time and effort that Mrs. Waskiewicz dedicates to make this such a great opportunity for our students.



PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

Meet the Teacher and Bus Ride!

On August 28, Oriskany students and their families were welcomed by the staff at N.A. Walbran Elementary School for a pre-K and kindergarten orientation. Students had the opportunity to meet their teachers, view classrooms and take a bus ride before the new school year started on September 4!



ELEMENTARY GRADES PRE-K-6 BACK-TO-SCHOOL *Night*

Students and their families visited N.A. Walbran Elementary on September 12 for the school's annual Back-to-School Night. Elementary students were able to visit their classrooms, introduce their parents and teachers, and show their families around the school.



Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

The 2024-25 school year is off to a fantastic start! Our Back-to-School Night was a great success, featuring seventh and ninth grade orientations, along with Chromebook orientation for our new seventh graders. The night concluded with a Meet and Greet with all of our staff.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this year's Homecoming Weekend unforgettable for our students! Spirit Week, held from October 15-18, was packed with activities to foster school pride and community spirit. The week culminated in a Varsity Club-sponsored Pep Rally on Friday afternoon, followed by our first home varsity football game in two years on Saturday and the Maroon and White Dance that evening. Special thanks go out to Amy Piersma, Cody Murphy, Erin Cortese and Dave Buck for their hard work in making the Pep Rally a tremendous success.

For the first time ever, all elementary, junior and senior high school students participated in the Skyhawks Pep Rally, gathering the entire school district in the gymnasium. The seventh and eighth graders enjoyed playing Ships and Sailors, the freshmen and sophomores competed in Mat Surfing, the juniors and seniors had a Balloon Pop game, the Senior athletes took on the "What's in the Bag?" challenge, and the Pin Game winners faced off in Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Cup. The energy and school spirit were incredible!

Finally, I want to remind students about the importance of staying for the student activity period from 2:30 to 2:55 p.m. This time offers an excellent opportunity to arrange extra support from teachers and catch up on any work. I hope students make the most of this valuable resource to enhance their academic success.

As always, if you need any further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 315.768.2063.

ORISKANY PROUD

All my best,

Andrew K. Kennedy



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Elevating STUDENT VOICES

For the second year, Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School students are participating in the Elevating Student Voices program through the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Program and Professional Learning.

The program, which includes more than 100 students from 12 districts this year, aims to create a discussion in pursuit of embracing diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as creating a sense of belonging for all students.

Nine high school students from Oriskany will be participating in the half-day sessions that are held three times throughout the school year. The program culminates with an all-day Youth Summit in April 2025. Oriskany senior Ishaal Mirza and junior Braelyn Oehler, both second-year participants in the program, attended facilitator training at the OHM BOCES in October where they learned how to lead discussion groups with their peers.



TECHNOLOGY ON DISPLAY

during visit by Regent Mannion

Students and staff at Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School welcomed Regent Patrick Mannion to the District on October 4. Regent Mannion is a member of the New York State Board of Regents, representing the 5th Judicial District which includes Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego counties.

On-air talent and crew members from the high school's live video morning announcements showed Regent Mannion how they coordinate their broadcasts. Arianna Kernan, Daniel Kosakowski, Trey Smith and Carter Usyk described the composition of each school day broadcast and how they use a teleprompter to cover topics including weather, sports, lunch choices and school announcements (club meetings, school sales, college visits, etc.).

Next, the technical crew of Brayden Anderson, Brody Anderson, Matthew Kernan and Tyler Tamburino each explained their duties. Brody is in charge of playing the Pledge of Allegiance and the broadcast introduction then switches the screen to the background for the set. Tamburino controls the livestream program which enables the students to broadcast over the internet, controls the beginning and end of each broadcast, and sets the calendar with the date and time of the next broadcast. He also manages the mixer which controls the volume and allows him to switch between screens and fade the announcers in and out of the picture. Kernan inputs the announcements into a teleprompter program and scrolls the words for the on-air announcers to read and sends a copy of the announcements to all students and staff each day. Brayden serves as a substitute for all of the other positions and checks each day in case any of the other students are absent. He has filled in for every position so far except the livestream/mixer position.

In the second part of Regent Mannion's visit, Technology Club officers showcased some of the new and exciting technology that they are using to create fundraisers within the school. Maggie Tylutki and David Zinicola demonstrated how the Club uses graphic design software to create new designs, cuts them out with a vinyl cutter and applies them to clothing. Tylutki created an original logo with Oriskany's new mascot, the Skyhawks and presented Regent Mannion with one of the first shirts produced.

Jeffrey Phillips demonstrated how he used the school's 3D printer and laser cutter to create a new Skyhawk-themed nameplate holder by building a model with computer aided design, digitally slicing the mode, and 3D printing it. Phillips used graphic design software and the laser to cut and engrave an acrylic nameplate to fit into the print. He also displayed a 3D printed lightsaber created by Jack Tagliaferri that contains an LED in the handle which shines up through an acrylic rod to complete the realistic lightsaber look.

We had a great visit with Regent Mannion and hope that he enjoyed his time with some of the students and staff of the Oriskany CSD!



EIGHTH GRADE
Artists
 CHANEL MONET, DEGAS

Students in eighth grade art class are learning about color theory and Impressionism – a style of painting characterized by small, visible brushstrokes that offer the bare impression of form, unblended color and an emphasis on the accurate depiction of natural light. Each student chose a landscape that has evident primary, secondary and tertiary colors. The students studied the effects of sunlight on color (just as the 19th-century impressionists did) while they recreated their landscape in the Impressionist style using oil pastels.



BON APPÉTIT!

On September 2, Jamie and Robin from Cornell Cooperative Extension visited Mrs. Cortese's seventh grade home and careers class for a lesson on food prep and safe kitchen knife skills. Jamie and Robin demonstrated how to make proper knife cuts while preparing a recipe, and student volunteers practiced cutting apples to add to a Fall Vegetable Salad.

Students were asked to try "two bites" of the salad before deciding whether they liked it or not.

Students continued to hone their knife skills in class the following week, practicing how to dice, cube, mince, julienne and chiffonade using Play-Doh.



GAME. SET. MATCH.



Mrs. Pruckno's second period physical education class ventured out to take advantage of the beautiful weather in September. The class biked to the tennis courts at Trinkaus Park, played a quick game of tennis and then biked back to the Jr./Sr. High in time for their next class.

3rd Annual OVERCOMING OBSTACLES CONFERENCE



Ninth graders visited Whitesboro High School on October 16 for the 3rd Annual Overcoming Obstacles Conference with former teacher, education activist and founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation Erin Gruwell.

Overcoming Obstacles: A Message of Connection, Resilience and Hope encourages ninth graders to "find that adult in your life" as they transition from junior high to senior high and to continue to navigate the many challenges created by the pandemic.

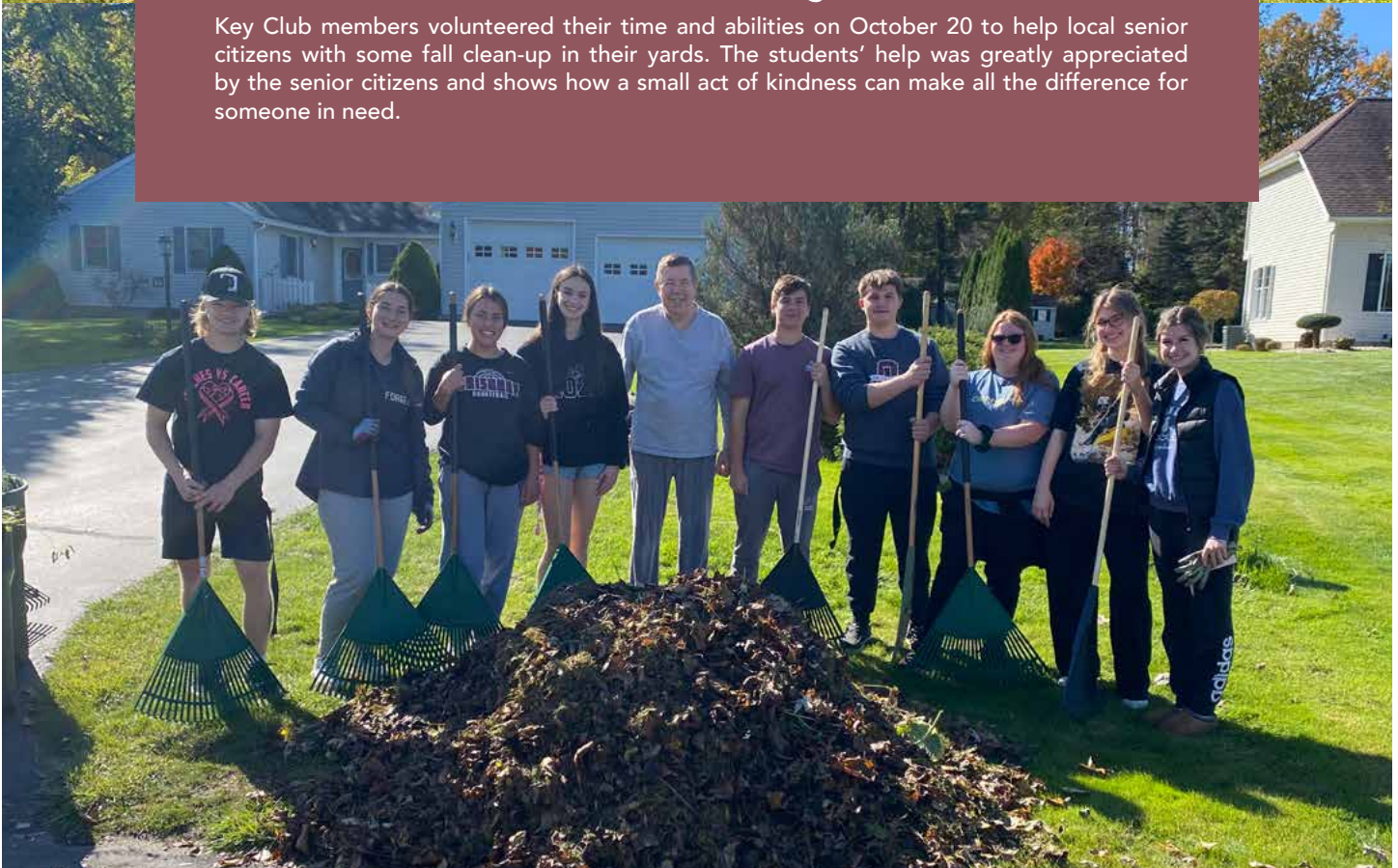
Gruwell is best known for her work with the Freedom Writers, a group of students she taught at Wilson High School who overcame challenges and rewrote their futures. Her story is the basis for the 2007 film "The Freedom Writers," starring Hilary Swank.





"Leaf" it to Key Club!

Key Club members volunteered their time and abilities on October 20 to help local senior citizens with some fall clean-up in their yards. The students' help was greatly appreciated by the senior citizens and shows how a small act of kindness can make all the difference for someone in need.



AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

Each fall, the AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP exams.

There are three levels of AP Scholar Awards -- AP Scholar which is granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams; AP Scholar with Honor which is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams; and AP Scholar with Distinction which is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

The following Class of 2024 graduates and Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School seniors have been named AP Scholars:



GRADUATES

Javante Brill-Rollins *AP Scholar*

Kaelyn Buehler *AP Scholar*

Gavin Howd *AP Scholar with Distinction*

Anna Kasperovich *AP Scholar*

Anthony Kernan *AP Scholar*

Gannon Lisberg *AP Scholar*

Madelyn Race *AP Scholar*

Megan Wright *AP Scholar with Honor*

SENIORS

Kate Dellers *AP Scholar*

Brienne Eldred *AP Scholar*

Gavin Franz *AP Scholar*

Sean Graziano *AP Scholar*

Chase Koenig *AP Scholar*

Thomas Maher *AP Scholar with Honor*

Erika Reid *AP Scholar with Honor*

Jack Tagliaferri *AP Scholar*

Jessica Zyskowski *AP Scholar with Honor*



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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 13-15

Elementary PT Conference Days
& Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 18

JV/Varsity Winter Sports Begin

NOVEMBER 22

TATF Blood Drive

NOVEMBER 26

Go Home Early Drill, students dismissed
10 minutes early

NOVEMBER 27-29

Thanksgiving Recess
NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 12

Jr./Sr. High Winter Concert,
7:00 p.m., HS Aud.

DECEMBER 17

Elementary Winter Concert,
7:00 p.m., Elem. School

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3

Winter Recess
NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 6

Modified Winter Sports Begin

JANUARY 17

Elem. and Jr./Sr. High Early Dismissal,
12:15 and 1:00 p.m.

JANUARY 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 24

TATF Blood Drive

JANUARY 29

Lunar New Year
NO SCHOOL