



Orchard Park Central School District Community Report

Back-to-School 2010

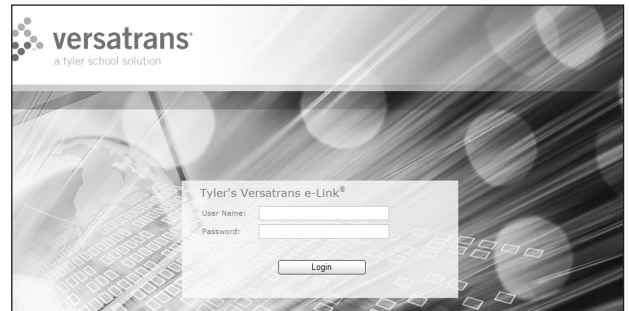
Student Bus Schedules Available Online Parents to Access Information on Password Protected Website

In order to provide accurate, up-to-date information regarding bus schedules, pick up and drop off times, the Orchard Park Central School District Transportation Department is now using E-link. E-Link is a web-based interface provided by VersaTrans, our transportation software provider, to allow parents and students access to their transportation information. Information in VersaTrans e-Link is password protected, with authorized users having access only to data relevant to their status and needs. Please note that now that this information is available online, **the District will no longer be mailing postcards with student busing information home via the US Postal Service.**

To obtain bus information for your children, please follow these easy steps:

1. Visit www.opschools.org
2. Click on "E-Link" under "Quick Links" on the main page.
3. Enter the username and password for each student. Your username is your child's last name, followed by a period, their first initial, period, then their student ID Number. The student ID number is a nine digit number which can be found on report cards, interim reports and the parent portal. For example, Sam Student would be Stude.S.123456789. **Please note that letters mailed to non-public school students (i.e. private and parochial) will have the student ID included.**
4. Enter the same information for password (i.e. Stude.S.123456789). Click login.
5. Click "Work with Students," then "View My Students." Information for each child in the home will be listed.

More information regarding this process will be mailed home within the next few days. If you do not have access to a computer, or you have any questions, please call the Transportation Department for assistance. They can be reached at 209-6237.



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**DISTRICT MOVES
TO CENTRAL
REGISTRATION**
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Superintendent's Column

*W*elcome Back!

I trust that you have enjoyed the extremely warm weather we have been enjoying this past summer.

Many of you may know that I grew up in the area. As a native of Western New York, I am aware of the many and varied activities, programs and achievements of the Orchard Park Central School District. That was the main reason I applied for the position of Superintendent. The Orchard Park Schools exemplify excellence, as evident by high test scores and outstanding student achievement. It is obvious that the community and its residents place a high value on education, evident in their impressive support of the schools and the budgets put up for vote each May. Clearly, the community has a strong desire to provide all students with the opportunity to succeed. For all these reasons, my family and I are now proud to call Orchard Park our home.

While I enter the picture as the new player on the block, I bring with me a host of different experiences in small and large school Districts in



Matthew McGarrity

both rural and suburban settings. My success focuses on establishing relationships, collaborating with the community and remaining open to all possibilities by listening to the cares and concerns of others.

Shortly after I began at the District, a large group of stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, staff related professionals, union officials and Board members, gathered to review the accomplishments of the 2009-2010 school year, and develop a set of District Goals to guide us in 2010-2011 (listed below.) We placed a special focus on developing

SMART Goals, or goals which are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely. As a team, we worked to develop goals based on our Guiding Principles that help us in meeting our mission. I feel that we have done just that, and the Board of Education agrees.

Through our Web site at www.opschools.org, the Parent Teacher Organizations, the Community Report, my Orchard Park Bee column and public Board of Education meetings, we will provide updates on District initiatives and keep the community informed as we work toward meeting our Goals. In the coming weeks, I will be visiting our schools to visit with staff and talk with the students we serve. I look forward to meeting with community groups and associations throughout the year, and talking with those affiliated with the school and community. I invite you to visit our website often to learn more about District initiatives, and I welcome any feedback you may have. Thank you for your support - and here's to a successful 2010-2011!

2010-2011 District Goals

The Board of Education and the District have identified the following goals for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Develop and present to the Board of Education by May 2011 an initial Comprehensive District Educational Plan (CDEP).
- Advance Character Education programming through participation in the Western New York Character Council and implementation of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.
- Finalize a viable, cost effective, long range facilities plan for the Transportation, District Office, and Buildings and Grounds Departments.
- Review, evaluate and refine District communication methods through a survey of school district constituents.

Back-to-School Information

1. Breakfast: In accordance with federal mandate, we offer a breakfast program including milk, juice and fortified baked goods. The cost is \$1.00 (\$0.25 for reduced priced meals).

2. School Lunch: Lunches are \$1.60 at the elementary schools and \$1.70 at the Middle and High Schools. Free and reduced priced lunches are available for eligible students. Please visit www.opschools.org or see the 2010-2011 Calendar Handbook for an application.

3. Transportation: Transportation routes and schedules can be found online through our District website. Please see the article on the front page of this newsletter for more information. If you have any questions, please call 209-6237 or 209-6238.

4. Child Care: The Southtowns YMCA, in cooperation with our elementary schools, provides before and after-school child care for grades K-5. The program offers activities, homework time and snack. For information, please call 674-9622.

5. Elementary Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home on the following dates: December 3, March 11 and June 22.

6. Registration: To register new students for any of our six schools, please call the Central Registrar at 209-6325. (See article on page 4 for more information)

7. Helping Hand: Parents of students attending any of our schools can call their school office for information if they need help with school expenses. (At the High School, please contact your student's assigned guidance counselor.)

8. School Board Meetings: Board of Education meetings will be held on the following dates: August 31, September 14, October 19, November 9, and December 14, 2010; January 11, February 8, March 1, March 29, April 12, May 3 and June 14, 2011. All meetings will take place at 7 p.m. at the District Office, 3330 Baker Road, Orchard Park. The Budget Vote will be held on May 17, 2010 at the High School.

9. Parents of Kindergartners: New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164, requires parents of children entering kindergarten

to provide evidence of varicella (chickenpox) immunization. For more information, please contact the Special Education Office at 209-6248.

10. Moving and Change of Address/Phone: If you plan a move with your family to another residence, or change your address or phone number, please notify the Central Registrar at 209-6325.

11. Gold Cards: Gold Cards offer half-price admission to District sponsored events to District residents over the age of 60. Events include musicals, operettas and home athletic games. To obtain a Gold Card, please call 209-6222.

12. Community Education: Our Community Education program is open to district and non-district residents. Look for our brochure in the May, Back-to-School and December/January editions of the Community Report for Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer sessions. For more information, please call 209-6295.

16. Calendar/Handbook: The District Calendar/Handbook is mailed to parents of students only. Staff will receive copies of the book at the start of school. If you are not a staff member or parent of a child in school, Calendar/Handbooks will be available for pick up (first come, first served) at any of our schools, the District offices or at the following locations around the fourth week of August: Village Senior Center, Orchard Park Library, Brown's Pharmacy, Orchard Park Municipal Building, Beerz Deli or Wilson Farms (Southwestern at Angle).



Board President's Column

Alfred McClymonds

With summer just about over, we are looking forward to the start of an exciting new school year.

The Orchard Park Central School District has experienced a few changes over the summer.

The District has a new Superintendent, and the Board has a new president and a new member, Donna Omar, who took the expiring seat of Trustee Donald Sniezak. The Board is looking forward to the 2010-2011 school year. We recognize that we face many challenges in the coming year, but those challenges are what motivate us to get up in the morning and to make a difference.

The Board supports the District Goals and Guiding Principals, and will work closely throughout the year with District Administrators as they focus on the continuous improvement of student achievement, citizenship and character development. This year,



Members of the 2010-2011 Board of Education

Seated: Vice President Maria Lehman; President Alfred McClymonds, and Trustee Carla Marrazzo.

Standing: Trustees Natalie Schaffer, Rachel Baksa, Donna Omar & David Nielsen.

there will be a special emphasis on improving communication methods with the community, as effective communication is crucial to the success of any school District.

We realize that due to budget problems throughout the State, New York may not be able to fund public education as

they once did. Last year was a good example. As a proactive team, the Superintendent and Board plan to move our District forward by concentrating our efforts on using the assets we have to educate our children, instead of complaining about what we don't have.

I welcome feedback and encourage you to attend Board of Education Meetings and share your thoughts and concerns. A list of meeting dates can be found on page three under Back-to-School information.

As always, thank you for your support of the District and the children that we serve.

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District Moves to Central Registration

Beginning August 1, 2010, registration of students new to the District will take place at the Administrative Offices at 3330 Baker Road. Parents of new students grades K-12 can register their children Monday through Thursday during open registration hours of 7-11:30 a.m. in room 106. Please call 209-6325 for alternate date/time appointments. Families new to the District should register their child/children as soon as possible.

The following documentation is required for registration of students new to the District:

- Two proofs of residency (i.e. rental agreement, purchase agreement, utility bills)
- Birth certificate
- Immunization record from your child's physician
- Report card from previous school (please note that High School registrants need a transcript of all HS credits from grade 8-12)
- Custody papers (if applicable)

- Copy of IEP or 504 plan (if applicable)

Parents are required to fill out the following forms for registration: new student registration form, home language questionnaire, health appraisal form, records request form and dental form.

These forms can be found at the District Web site by clicking on "Registration" on the main page.

For questions on registration, please call the Central Registrar at 209-6325.

Mary Lou Stahl Returns to OP as Eggert Principal



The Orchard Park Central School District is pleased to announce that Mary Louise Stahl has been appointed as principal at Eggert Road Elementary. She is taking the place of Dr. Lisa Krueger, who was appointed High School House III principal in June.

Stahl returns to Orchard Park from Immaculata Academy, where she served as principal since 2007. Prior to her tenure at Immaculata, she served as an English teacher at Orchard Park Middle School for eight years.

"I believe in the same philosophy that Dr. Charles Stoddard did - put children first, and promote programs ensuring their success," says Stahl. "Joan Thomas continued that, and now Mr. McGarrity will. It's why Orchard Park continues in excellence and academics, athletics and the arts.

I wanted to be part of that tradition again."

Stahl holds a bachelor's degree in elementary and high school education and a master's degree in education from the State University College of New York at Fredonia. She is a NYS certified school administrator supervisor and school district administrator, having received her master's degree in administration from Canisius College in May 2006. She also has teaching experience at St. Gregory the Great Elementary School, St. Mary's of the Lake Elementary School and Saints Peter & Paul Elementary School.

Freshman and New Student Orientation at the High School

The High School administration, counselors, faculty, staff, upper-class students, student government (STAP-Comm) and our PTO will host a two-part orientation to the High School to be held on September 1 and 2.

The parent portion of this program will be held in the High School auditorium on Thursday, September 2 beginning at 7:40 p.m. Parents will be presented with information designed to familiarize them with the high school curriculum, procedures and activities and hear a student and parent panel presentation followed by questions and answers. Preceding the orientation portion of the program, parents will have an opportunity to attend a Parent Meeting on Drug and Alcohol Awareness from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parents or guardians of High School students must attend one of these meetings within a four-year period as a condition for their children to attend any school dance. Please note that parents/guardians only need to attend ONE meeting over a four-year period if their children wish to attend school dances.

The High School is also offering half day student orientation sessions to be held on Wednesday, September 1. The schedules that students will receive by mail in mid-August will indicate their homeroom numbers so they will be able to determine which orientation session to attend. We have many activities planned, including a chance for each student to follow his/her schedule and find the classrooms.

The morning session runs from 8 - 11:35 a.m. and should be attended by students in the following homerooms: 113, 128, 129, 165, 213, 265, 230, 327, 330 and 313. Morning session students should be dropped

off and picked up on the Baker side of the building. The afternoon session runs from 11:25

a.m. - 3 p.m. and should be attended by students in the following homerooms: 116, 125, 161, 214, 223, 228, 329, 352, 354 and Students in grades 10-12 who are new to the high school will all report to room 121. Afternoon session students should be dropped off and picked up on the Freeman side of the building.

Each session includes a pizza lunch/Activity Fair sponsored by the High School PTO, the Senior Class of 2010 and STAP-Comm. In order to accommodate so many students in an orderly fashion, we need students to adhere to the above time frame of arrival and departure. Unfortunately, the High School is unable to provide transportation to orientation.

Please have your son/daughter bring a pen or pencil, a watch and the most recent copy of his/her schedule, which will be mailed home in August and begin the session by reporting directly to homeroom (which will be noted in that mailing). Staff will be available to help direct the students as they arrive.





In Case You Haven't Heard...

By Dennis Fitcher
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Pupil Services

on the English Language Arts and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 8.

Does raising the bar mean that the test was more rigorous?

Not really. The only change was that 25% of the math questions covered performance indicators that were not previously tested, assessing two additional months of content and skills. The number of questions, however, remained the same.

Did the scores plummet because the students performed poorly?

Certainly not. In fact, our district student performance results have held steady and slightly improved in other areas based upon student raw scores. Even the Commissioner of Education, David Steiner, has stated, "For sure, our teachers, and our principals, and our superintendents put their shoulder to the wheel and results on the knowledge we tested got better... Let no one say that our teachers and principals in any way failed."

Why have so many students across the state scored at lower levels, especially level 2?

In short, the line in the sand or the "cut point" was adjusted, resulting in a more rigorous scoring standard and more students moving from level 3 (meets proficiency standard) to level 2 (meets basic standard) across the entire state. One administrator described it this way. "It's like a teacher telling his students that 65 is passing, but just prior to the release of the final course grade informing them they need an 80 to pass."

The English Language Arts and mathematics

"cut score" in the past was set at 650 to attain proficiency at meeting the learning standards.

Please note the new expectations for proficiency:

NYS Education Department Expectations for Proficiency <i>Previously at or near 650 for all grades/subjects</i> 		
Grade	Math	ELA
3	684	666
4	676	668
5	674	666
6	674	662
7	670	664
8	673	658

So, why the sudden change in direction from the Commissioner and Board of Regents?

Some educators point to the Race to the Top grants available to states that develop an aggressive reform plan for increased student performance (and there is undoubtedly an element of truth in that thinking). The rationale offered by state officials is that the state assessments have weaknesses and flaws, and do not accurately reflect proficiency. After a year of research by the State Education Department, CTB/McGraw-Hill (state assessment contractor) and testing experts Daniel Koretz and Howard Everson, these key statistical points, among others, were given as evidence for change:

- Gains in students demonstrating proficiency on state assessments have not been matched by corresponding gains by New York students that have taken the National Assessment of Education Progress;
- Students who scored at the cut-point (demonstrating proficiency) on the 8th grade state assessment have only a one in three chance of scoring 80 or better on the Math Regents;
- Students who scored below an 80 on the Regents Math A exam have a much greater likelihood of being placed in a remedial college course.

The comparative chart below indicates how the more rigorous cut scores resulted in a significant percentage increase of students in Orchard Park scoring at levels 1 and 2.

<i>Orchard Park ELA Results - 2010</i>					
	# of students Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Grade 3	385	4%	15%	48%	33%
Grade 4	411	2%	25%	64%	9%
Grade 5	403	2%	20%	55%	23%
Grade 6	422	3%	15%	68%	14%
Grade 7	386	2%	16%	59%	23%
Grade 8	407	2%	35%	55%	8%

<i>Orchard Park ELA Results - 2009</i>					
	# of students Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Grade 3	406	1%	5%	75%	18%
Grade 4	394	1%	3%	86%	10%
Grade 5	410	0%	3%	69%	28%
Grade 6	389	0%	6%	74%	20%
Grade 7	397	0%	4%	82%	14%
Grade 8	423	0%	12%	83%	5%

Orchard Park Math Results - 2010					
	# of students Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Grade 3	385	3%	16%	40%	42%
Grade 4	410	1%	19%	48%	31%
Grade 5	404	1%	14%	46%	39%
Grade 6	420	2%	19%	45%	34%
Grade 7	385	2%	11%	34%	52%
Grade 8	408	2%	19%	50%	29%

Orchard Park Math Results - 2009					
	# of students Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Grade 3	407	0%	1%	58%	40%
Grade 4	395	1%	3%	47%	50%
Grade 5	413	0%	4%	48%	49%
Grade 6	393	2%	5%	59%	34%
Grade 7	398	1%	2%	57%	41%
Grade 8	427	2%	5%	70%	23%

Will students continue to receive academic intervention services for scoring at levels 1 and 2?

Students that score at levels 1 and 2 typically are mandated for Academic Intervention Services. District approved budgets in the spring across the state, however, did not account for the increase of eligible students for remediation services. As a result, funds are not available for additional staffing. Recognizing this dilemma for all school districts, the Regents approved a change in AIS regulations on an emergency basis, to give districts a transition period before they will be required to apply current rules on how state tests affect which students receive remedial help. Specifically, the amendment provides that for the 2010-11 school year only:

- Students scoring at or below a scale score of 650 must receive AIS services.
- Students scoring above a scale score of 650 but below level 3/proficient will not be required to receive intervention/support services unless the school district deems it necessary.

Where do we go from here?

Well, the timing of altering “cut points” is poor. School Districts have incurred reductions in state aid, yet the Board of Regents moved forward with an assessment reform effort (raising cut scores, making the exams less predictable, testing more areas, and making tests longer) that will likely result in more mandated staffing and services in the coming years.

The changes and challenges for students and school districts seem overwhelming right now, but we all need to take some comfort in examining our previous experience with testing, both in 1998 with initial ELA and math testing at grades 4 and 8, and again, in 2006 with expanded testing of grades 3 through 8. We responded successfully and improved each year with those revised assessment expectations. Our hard-working and talented staff will again find ways to reach new levels of student achievement by delivering high quality curriculum and instruction to students.

Class of 2010 Scholarship Recipients

Academy of Finance

Academy of Finance Scholarship
Marissa Crapsi
*Academy of Finance Scholarship/
Five Star Bank:*
Elizabeth Blackley
Robert Terreri
*Erie Community College Career
Pathways Scholarship*
Ryan Rankin
*Hilbert College Academy of
Finance Scholarship*
Jennifer Szmania
Hayley VanLew
*O.P. Chamber of Commerce/
Academy of Finance Scholarship:*
Ryan Rankin

Absolut Care of Orchard Park Scholarship

Amanda Moore

Al Jensen Memorial Scholarship

Ashlie Chojecki

Alan M. Arena Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Burkhardt

American Legion Auxiliary Marge Riemer Scholarship

Amanda Moore

Boston Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Daniel Selby

Carleton Technologies Inc. Scholarship

Aaron Ellison
Taylor Ferguson

Carter Financial Management LLC Scholarship

Chelsea Maderer
Joshua Zhang

Central Council PTO Scholarship

Carl Armstrong
Erin Hoover

Community Service Scholarship

Bethany Saul

Dan Carnevale Memorial Scholarship

Jillian Pawlowski

DGD Marching Band Scholarship

Eric Bodnar

Donna Staebell Memorial Music Scholarship

Alyssa Radziwon

Dr. Stoddart Music Scholarship

Samantha Arcara

Edward D. & Anne E. Rebmam Scholarship

Carl Armstrong
Ellen D. Smith

8 Outstanding Girl Award

Raquel Lopez

Fred J. Galloway Outstanding Boy Award

Eric Bodnar

Handel Scholarship

Taylor Ferguson
Charlotte Saul
Emily Stott
Evan Vaughn
Olivia Wasteneys

Harold P. Rupp Memorial Scholarship

Jeffrey Weiss

Heidi Worth Memorial Art Award

Tyler Mariano

Helen E. & Thomas E. Duane Memorial Scholarship

Andrea Pawarski

Helen Gillis Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Jemiolo
Molly King

James Heinike Memorial Scholarship

Brendan McLaughlin

James Richard Broadbent Scholarship

Elizabeth Brydges

John A. Maderer Memorial Scholarship

Anna Frey

K. William/Robert Whitney Camplin Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Iwanski

Kelly Anne Ryan Memorial Scholarship

Christina Palczewski

Lindsay Karen Matthews Memorial Scholarship

Patrick Violanti
Elyssa Wiecek

Lori Belote Memorial Scholarship

Allysa Maderer

Marshall J. Cappelli Memorial Scholarship

Cassandra Bellavia

Martha Dziedzic Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Brydges
Jeffrey Weiss

NYS Field Band Conference Scholarship

Liam Sleggs

O.P. Central Music Scholarship

Samantha Arcara
Mitchell Dzimian
Samantha Macnamara
Sara Newton
Alyssa Radziwon
Liam Sleggs

O.P. Chamber of Commerce - Sue Hinners Memorial

Paige Chernogorec
James Roehling-Taylor

O.P. Fire Department Scholarship

Kimberly Kucharski
Raquel Lopez

O.P. Historical Society Scholarship

Robert Terreri

O.P. Jaycees Scholarship

Kimberly Kucharski

O.P. Kiwanis Kaminski Family Scholarship

Meg Mankowski
Alexander Mikol
Jillian Pawlowski

O.P. Lions Club Scholarship

Cassandra Bellavia
Kimberly Kucharski
Meg Mankowski
Alexander Mikol

O.P. Odd Fellows Scholarship

Michael Carey
Jim Saville

O.P. Rotary Foundation Scholarship

Samantha Jemiolo

O.P. Retired Educators Scholarship

Peter Lukasiewicz

O.P. Teachers Association Scholarship

Elizabeth Brydges
Brian Schmid

O.P. Transportation Dept. Alan Kostelny Scholarship

Kimberly Kucharski

O.P. Veterinary & Life Science Scholarship

Ann Koehler

OPCS Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Lynn Schroeder

Orchard Park Alumni Scholarship

Kimberly Kucharski
Angela Salerno

Orchard Park School Related Professionals Memorial

Eric Bodnar
Lee Shular
Drew Walbridge
Michael Werner

Peter Walders Music Scholarship Award

Eric Bodnar
Amelia Colon
Erin Hayes
Jessica Kruezer

2010 Scholarships (con't.)

Quaker Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

Meghan Clough
Kyle Jeziorski

Quaker Marching Band Boosters Scholarship

Samantha Arcara
Bethany Saul
Julia Stadelmaier

Rebmann Scholarship

Angel Nardolillo

Repp Construction Scholarship

Carl Armstrong

Rex A. Brown Memorial Scholarship

Erin Hoover

Ruth Huppuch Scholarship

Ross DiPronio

Scott Krueger Memorial Scholarship

Kimberly Kucharski
Amanda Kullman

Scott Raymond Berry Memorial Scholarship

Nickolas Haak

Senior Class Service Scholarship Carl Armstrong

Kimberly Kucharski

Dr. Charles L. Stoddart Leadership Scholarship

Elizabeth Brydges

Suresh M. Ramgopal Memorial Scholarship

Elyssa Wiecek

Thomas Gardner Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Brydges
Matthew Wilson

Thomas McGinty Youth Court Scholarship

Bethany Saul
Robert Terreri

Tom Bihr Memorial Scholarship

Samuel Fowler

William A. Harder Memorial Scholarship

Samuel Fowler
Jocelyn Redlinski

Win Swanson Memorial Scholarship

Alanna Ross

Zonta Scholarship

Kimberly Kucharski
Allysa Maderer

Zonta Club Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Bethany Saul

2010 Senior Awards

Outstanding in Art

Andrea Pawarski
Lynn Schroeder

Special Recognition in the Visual Arts

Jessica Enser
Jennifer Karan
Lauren Postula

Art Club

Jennifer Karan

Outstanding in Business

Teresa Ciambella
Brian Dansa

Outstanding in DECA

Elizabeth Blackley
Marissa Crapsi

Outstanding in English

Olivia Wasteneys

Still Life Award

Lynn Schroeder

Outstanding in French

Shannon Fitzgerald

Outstanding in Latin

Emily Stott

Outstanding in Spanish

Rebecca Wajda

Outstanding Overall in Foreign Languages

Olivia Wasteneys

Latin Awards

Ross DiPronio
Shannon Fitzgerald
Alanna Ross
Lynn Schroeder
Stephanie Sieczkarek
Emily Stott
Adam Tomich

Library Media Award

James Zilliox

Outstanding in PreCalculus AB

Chelsea Neaverth
Anne Smith
Elizabeth Spahn
Alison Tepas

Outstanding in Calculus AB

Olivia Wasteneys

Outstanding in Calculus BC

Erin Hoover

Computer Science

Colin Lawson

John Philip Sousa Award

Eric Bodnar

Louis Armstrong Award

Eric Bodnar

Outstanding in Chorus

Brittany Saunders

Outstanding in Orchestra

Amelia Colon

Erie County Music Educators All-County Ensemble

Eric Bodnar
Kevin Burkhardt
Amelia Colon
Ross DiPronio
Michael Hammond
Evan Korn
Jessica Kreuzer
Alexander Mikol
Sara Newton
Christina Palczewski
Alyssa Radziwon
Angela Salerno
Bethany Saul
Alexander Shafer
Liam Sleggs
Joshua Zhang

Participation in Area All-State Music Festival

Samantha Arcara
Eric Bodnar
Ross DiPronio
Molly King
Ann Koehler
Sara Newton
Alyssa Radziwon
Brittany Saunders
Liam Sleggs
Valerie Stefani

Participation in NYSSMA Conference All-State

Eric Bodnar
Evan Korn
Sara Newton

OPTA Senior Awards for Excellence

Carl Armstrong
Jeffrey Baker
Kevin Burkhardt
Jaymie Druding
Erin Hoover
Troy Nowak
Bethany Saul
Charlotte Saul
Evan Vaughn
Olivia Wasteneys

Outstanding in Health Education

Meghan Clough

Outstanding in Physical Education

Jaclyn April
Andrew Huebert

Outstanding in Physics

Eric Bodnar

Outstanding in Advanced Science

Eric Bodnar

Outstanding in AP Government

James Dragonette
Mary LaMacchia
Emily Stott

Senior Awards (con't.)

Outstanding in Corporate Economics

Anthony Basile
Allysa Maderer
Caitlyn Sears

Outstanding in AP Economics:

Ross DiPronio
Olivia Wasteney

C.O.P.S. (Crimes or Punishment in Society)

Aaron Alexin
Charlotte Saul

Outstanding in the New York State Bar Association Mock Trial Competition

Erin Hoover
Alanna Ross
Bethany Saul
Evan Vaughn

NY State Comptroller Achievement Award

Akshita Iyer

Triple C Award

Ashlie Chojecki
James Roehling-Taylor

Outstanding Effort Award

Emerson Miller

STAP-Comm Leadership Awards

Amanda Kullman
Peter Lukasiewicz
Allysa Maderer
Chelsea Maderer
Meg Mankowski
Angela Salerno

Student Government Awards

Aaron Alexin
Carl Armstrong
Elizabeth Brydges
James Dragonette
Anna Frey
Daniel Gustafson
Avery Hartmans
Victoria Kozoduj
Kimberly Kucharski
Mary LaMacchia
Lauren Postula
Alanna Ross
Charlotte Saul
Olivia Wasteney
Elyssa Wiecek

Technology Awards

Media Productions

Samuel Fowler
Avery Hartmans

Outstanding in Architectural Drawing

Amanda Kullman

Outstanding in CAD

Aaron Ellison

Outstanding in Communication Systems

Andrew Kossowski

Outstanding in Computer Applications

Allison Cash
Thomas Wehrfritz

Outstanding in Construction Technology

Peter Lukasiewicz
Vincent Makowski

Outstanding in Digital & Photo Imagery

Jeffrey Weiss

Outstanding in Graphic Communications

Kerry Chella
Edward Sullivan

Outstanding in Home Maintenance

Samuel Fowler
Vincent Makowski

Outstanding in Photo I

Kelly Kazmierczak

Outstanding in Principles of Engineering

Alex Tomasik

Outstanding in Small Engines

Travis Zembrzycki

Outstanding in Technical Drawing

Marissa Crapsi

Outstanding in Technology Ed

Vincent Makowski

Outstanding in Wood Technology

Travis Zembrzycki

Technology Club Award

Jeremy North

QTV Production Award

Kayla Bertsch
Kelly Callahan
Angela Salerno
Julia Smith
Sarah Stanton
Evan Vaughn

Yearbook Awards

Taylor Ferguson
Victoria Kozoduj
Kasey Poloncarz
Emily Stott

Perfect Attendance

Jeffrey Baker
Nicholas Haak
Michael Hammond
Erin Hayes
Kylene Holmes
Elizabeth Iwanski
Meg Mankowski
Elise Martin
Derek Norton
Ryan Rankin
Chelsea Solina
Jeffrey Weiss

President's Education Awards

These graduates had a 3 ½ year average of at least 90 percent and scored at the 85th percentile or higher on the SAT's or ACT's in Reading/Verbal and Math:

Samantha Arcara, Carl Armstrong, Philip Aronica, Jeffrey Baker, Andrea Bautista, Eric Bodnar, Amy Bogolin, Kevin Brouillard, Elizabeth Brydges, Allison Cash, Karah Charette, Kerry Chella, Meghan Clough, Elizabeth Cohen, Meghan Dembik, Ross DiPronio, Brett Doster, James Dragonette, Jaymie Druding, Mitchell Dzimian, Vadim Fedorishin, Timothy Felong, Taylor Ferguson, Shannon Fitzgerald, Daniel Gustafson, Avery Hartmans, Erin Hayes, Erin Hoover, Andrew Huebert, Brendan Hughes, Akshita Iyer, Casey Jablonski, Elizabeth Jankowiak, Samantha Jemiolo, Kyle Jeziorski, Cassandra Joseph, Molly King, Ann Koehler, Kimberly Kucharski, Abbey Kulikowsky, Amanda Kullman, Mary LaMacchia, Peter Lukasiewicz, Sean Lynch, Samantha Macnamara, Allysa Maderer, Julia Maggioli, Vincent Makowski, Meg Mankowski, Elise Martin, Melinda McCabe, Colleen McCarthy, Patrick McGuire, Brendan McLaughlin, Ryan Merewether, Alexander Mikol, Sarah Miller, Robert Pajak, Jillian Pawlowski, Alison Phillips, Alex Popiela, Lauren Postula, Jocelyn Redlinski, Justin Renaud, Jennifer Rojek, Alanna Ross, Bethany Saul, Charlotte Saul, Brittany Saunders, Brian Schmid, Lynn Schroeder, Jessica Shaffner, Lee Shular, Stephanie Sieczkarek, Chelsea Solina, Elizabeth Spahn, Rebecca Spinaris, Valerie Stefani, Kevin Stevens, Emily Stott, Edward Sullivan, Jennifer Szmania, Claire Taberski, Alex Tomasik, Adam Tomich, Evan Vaughn, Patrick Violanti, Alexandra Wagner, Rebecca Wajda, Olivia Wasteney, Jeffrey Weiss, Elyssa Wiecek, Colton Woods, Jennifer Zhang, Joshua Zhang and Nicole Zizzi.

Honors Graduates

The following Class of 2010 graduates maintained an average of 90 percent or higher up through the 7th semester ranking:

Samantha Arcara, Carl Armstrong, Chelsea Armstrong, Philip Aronica, Jeffrey Baker, Anthony Basile, Andrea Bautista, Elizabeth Blackley, Eric Bodnar, Amy Bogolin, Joseph Boyd, Caroline Bristol, Kevin Brouillard, Elizabeth Brydges, Allison Cash, Karah Charette, Kerry Chella, Paige Chernogorec, Jessica Chislett, Meghan Clough, Elizabeth Cohen, Emily Colarusso, Amelia Colon, Marissa Crapsi, Meghan Dembik, Calle Demeter, Ross DiPronio, Jillian Dolan, Brett Doster, James Dragonette, Jaymie Druding, Mitchell Dzimian, Aaron Ellison, Vadim Fedorishin, Timothy Felong, Taylor Ferguson, Shannon Fitzgerald, Chelsea Graber, Daniel Gustafson, Avery Hartmans, Erin Hayes, Kelly Holder, Erin Hoover, Claire Houghton, Andrew Huebert, Brendan Hughes, Lauren Iavenditti, Paige Idziur, Akshita Iyer, Casey Jablonski, Sarah Jacobs-Ferderbar, Elizabeth Jankowiak, Samantha Jemiolo, Hans Gustav Jerlvall Jeppsson, Kyle Jeziorski, Cassandra Joseph, Emily Kennedy, Lisa Khoury, Molly King, Ann Koehler, Evan Korn, Jessica Kreuzer, Kimberly Kucharski, Abbey Kulikowsky, Amanda Kullman, Mary LaMacchia, Raquel Lopez, Michael Loza, Peter Lukasiewicz, Sean Lynch, Samantha Macnamara, Allysa Maderer, Chelsea Maderer, Julia Maggioli, Vincent Makowski, Meg Mankowski, Elise Martin, Bryan Matthews, Melinda McCabe, Colleen McCarthy, Patrick McGuire, Brendan McLaughlin, James McMullen, Ryan Merewether, Christina Metauro, Alexander Mikol, Carl Milazzo, Sarah Miller, Amanda Moore, Travis Mowbray, Tyler Mowbray, Chelsea Neaverth, Darcie Neaverth, Sara Newton, Troy Nowak, Robert Pajak, Andrea Pawarski, Jillian Pawlowski, Alison

Phillips, Timothy Philo, Kasey Poloncarz, Alex Popiela, Lauren Postula, Alyssa Radziwon, Megan Ratajczak, Jocelyn Redlinski, Justin Renaud, Jennifer Rojek, Alanna Ross, Angela Salerno, Bethany Saul, Charlotte Saul, Brittany Saunders, Michael Sawyer, Blake Schier, Brian Schmid, Lynn Schroeder, Caitlyn Sears, Alexander Shafer, Jessica Shaffner, Lee Shular, Stephanie Sieczkarek, Megan Skelly, Anne Smith, Chelsea Solina, Elizabeth Spahn, Rebecca Spinaris, Courtney Stacey, Sarah Stanton, Valerie Stefani, Elizabet Stefanova, Kevin Stevens, Emily Stott, Edward Sullivan, Jennifer Szmania, Claire Taberski, Alison Tepas, Alex Tomasik, Adam Tomich, Evan Vaughn, Melissa Vinti, Patrick Violanti, Alexandra Wagner, Rebecca Wajda, Olivia Wasteneys, Jeffrey Weiss, Elyssa Wiecek, Colton Woods, Jennifer Zhang, Joshua Zhang and Nicole Zizzi.

Scholastic Achievement Awards

These graduates had a 90 percent or higher scholastic average for three successive marking periods during their senior year:

Jaclyn April, Samantha Arcara, Carl Armstrong, Jeffrey Baker, Tara Balas, Andrew Bammel, Andrea Bautista, Elizabeth Blackley, Eric Bodnar, Amy Bogolin, Karly Cappelli, Allison Cash, Karah Charette, Kerry Chella, Jessica Chislett, Meghan Clough, Elizabeth Cohen, Amelia Colon, Marissa Crapsi, Brian Dansa, Calle Demeter, Ross DiPronio, Jillian Dolan, Brett Doster, James Dragonette, Jaymie Druding, Mitchell Dzimian, Vadim Fedorishin, Timothy Felong, Taylor Ferguson, Shannon Fitzgerald, Chelsea Graber, Daniel Gustafson, Avery Hartmans, Erin Hayes, Kelly Holder, Erin Hoover, Claire Houghton, Andrew Huebert, Ashley Hughes, Brendan Hughes, Lauren Iavenditti, Paige Idziur, Nicholas Ilardi, Elizabeth Iwanski, Akshita Iyer, Casey Jablonski,

Sarah Jacobs-Ferderbar, Elizabeth Jankowiak, Samantha Jemiolo, Hans Gustav Jerlvall Jeppsson, Cassandra Joseph, Emily Kennedy, Molly King, Brittney Knaszak, Ann Koehler, Evan Korn, Jessica Kreuzer, Kimberly Kucharski, Abbey Kulikowsky, Amanda Kullman, Mary LaMacchia, Courtney Lehsten, Raquel Lopez, Michael Loza, Sean Lynch, Allysa Maderer, Chelsea Maderer, Vincent Makowski, Elise Martin, Bryan Matthews, Brendan McLaughlin, Ryan Merewether, Christina Metauro, Alexander Mikol, Carl Milazzo, Sarah Miller, Travis Mowbray, Tyler Mowbray, Chelsea Neaverth, Darcie Neaverth, Sara Newton, Troy Nowak, Robert Pajak, Andrea Pawarski, Jillian Pawlowski, Kasey Poloncarz, Alex Popiela, Lauren Postula, Alyssa Radziwon, Megan Ratajczak, Jocelyn Redlinski, Justin Renaud, Sean Rimmer, Jennifer Rojek, Angela Salerno, Bethany Saul, Charlotte Saul, Michael Sawyer, Blake Schier, Brian Schmid, Lynn Schroeder, Jessica Shaffner, Lee Shular, Stephanie Sieczkarek, Megan Skelly, Liam Sleggs, Anne Smith, Chelsea Solina, Elizabeth Spahn, Rebecca Spinaris, Courtney Stacey, Valerie Stefani, Elizabet Stefanova, Kevin Stevens, Emily Stott, Edward Sullivan, Jennifer Szmania, Claire Taberski, Alison Tepas, Alex Tomasik, Adam Tomich, Evan Vaughn, Melissa Vinti, Alexandra Wagner, Rebecca Wajda, Olivia Wasteneys, Jeffrey Weiss, Kathryn Wernet, Emily Whiteside, Elyssa Wiecek, Colton Woods, Travis Zembrzycki, Jennifer Zhang, Joshua Zhang and Nicole Zizzi,

National Recognition

National Merit Finalist

Ross DiPronio

National Merit Commended Students

Taylor Ferguson
Emily Stott
Joshua Zhang

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EG – Eggert Elementary

EL – Ellicott Elementary

SD – South Davis Elementary

WE – Windom Elementary

MS – Middle School

HS – High School

August

- 19...Quaker Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Office
- 30...WE New Student Orientation, 10:30 a.m.
- 30...MS Grade 6 Orientation, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
- 31...MS Grade 6 Orientation, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
- 31...Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

September

- 1...HS New Student Orientation Day
- 1...EG New Family Orientation, 9:30 a.m.
- 2...Superintendent's Conference Day, No Student Attendance**
- 2...EG Teacher Meet & Greet, 2:15-3:15 p.m.
- 2...HS Parent Orientation Night, 7:40 p.m.
- 3...Superintendent's Conference Day, No Student Attendance**
- 3...WE Meet & Greet, 2:30 p.m.
- 3...SD K-5 Meet & Greet, 2:30 p.m.
- 6...Labor Day - No School**
- 7...First Day of Student Attendance**
- 7-9...HS Underclass Photos
- 7...EL BooHoo Yahoo Breakfast
- 7...HS Senior Class Panoramic Photo
- 8...MS PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 8...EG PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 8...EL BooHoo Yahoo Breakfast
- 8...South Davis/Windom Band and Orchestra Recruitment, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., WE
- 9...WE PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 11...Fall Driver Education Registration, 8 a.m., HS Community Ed. Office
- 12 13...EL Volunteer Orientation, 2 p.m.

- 13...WE K-2 Open House, Gr. K -6 p.m., Gr. 1 -6:45 p.m., Gr. 2 -7:30 p.m.
- 13...EL Grade 3-5 Open House, 6 p.m.
- 13...WE Parent Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 & 7 p.m.
- 14...EL PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 14...Community Education Fall Evening Registration, 6-8 p.m., HS Community Ed. Office
- 14...Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., District Office
- 15...SD PTO Meeting, 930 a.m.
- 15...SD Parent Volunteer Orientation, 10 a.m.
- 15...HS Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 15...EL Volunteer Orientation, 7 p.m.
- 16...SD Parent Volunteer Orientation, 7 p.m.
- 16...EL Grades 1-2 Open House, 6 p.m.
- 16...WE 3-5 Open House, Gr. 3 -6 p.m., Gr. 4 -6:45 p.m., Gr. 5 -7:30 p.m.
- 16...WE Parent Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 & 7 p.m.
- 16...EG Parent Volunteer Orientation, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- 16...EG K-2nd Grade Open House, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 16...Blood Drive @ OPHS
- 16...Quaker Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Office
- 18-19...Quaker Arts Festival, MS Grounds
- 20...MS Grade 6 Pictures
- 20...EG Parent Volunteer Orientation, 6-6:30 p.m.
- 20...EG 3rd-5th Grade Open House, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 20...HS STAP-Comm Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20...Fall Driver Education Classes Begin
- 21...SD Parent Volunteer Orientation, 2:15 p.m.
- 21...HS Senior Portraits
- 21...MS Grade 6 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 21...SD Moving & Grooving Walk
- 22...MS Grade 7 Pictures
- 22...EL Kindergarten Open House, 6 p.m.
- 23...MS PTO Volunteer Orientation, 9:30 a.m.
- 23...HS Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 24...EL Ice Cream Social, 6 p.m.
- 24...MS Grade 6 Activity Night, 7-9 p.m.
- 24...EL Walk-a-Thon
- 24...MS Grade 8 Pictures
- 25...SD Mulch, Weed & Perennial Share, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 27...WE Co-Curricular Night/Fun Run/Book Fair, 6 p.m.
- 27-28...WE Book Fair
- 27...HS PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28...SD K-2 Open House, 6:45 p.m.
- 28...EL Room Parent Orientation, 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- 28-29...HS Class Rings, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 29...SD 3-5 Open House, 6:45 p.m.

Additional Drug & Alcohol Awareness Meeting Slated

The Orchard Park Central School District has scheduled a Parent Meeting on Drug & Alcohol Awareness on Thursday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The program will be approximately one hour in length and include information on the legal ramifications of drug and alcohol use, what parents can say or do to communicate with their child and a question and answer session.

Parents or guardians of High School students must attend one of these meetings within a four-year period as a condition for their children to attend any school dance. These meetings are presented by the Keep Kids Safe team and are being offered in partnership with the Orchard Park Youth Council and the Orchard Park Police Department. Please note that parents/guardians only need to attend ONE meeting over a four-year period if their children wish to attend school dances.