

Announcements



December 10, 2024



Regionalization Update

November 26, 2024 memo from Commissioner Rosa:

- Clarification on Monitoring and Amendments:

Section 124-2.5(d) will be revised to note that suggested amendments to regionalization plans will remain advisory rather than mandatory. This ensures that districts maintain full control over the plans they develop.

- Voluntary Participation Acknowledgment

To address concerns about mandatory participation, a new provision (Section 124-2.8) will be added, which allows districts in consultation with their school boards, to elect not to participate in the regionalization planning process by submitting written notification by January 15, 2025.



Rockefeller Institute Recommendations on Foundation Aid

Published on December 2, 2024 (300+ pages)

Recommendations:

- **Data Modernization**

- The replacement of severely outdated data (some from 2000) with current metrics is a significant improvement
- Moving to annually updated data sources like SAIPE for poverty measures will better reflect our current student needs
- The shift to using the Comparable Wage Index for Teachers (CWIFT) instead of the 2006 Regional Cost Index would provide more accurate local cost adjustments

- **Increased Flexibility and Predictability**

- The proposed 3-5-year averages for various metrics would help with budget planning stability
- The recommendation to allow districts to retain up to 10% in reserves (up from 4%) with an approved plan would provide better fiscal management options - *caveat*
- The removal of set-asides in favor of categorical aid would give districts more control over general Foundation Aid

- **Recognition of Current Realities**

- Acknowledgment that schools provide significantly more services than in 2007
- Recognition of mental health needs with specific recommendations for funding
- Understanding of the challenges faced by districts with declining enrollment



Key Concerns with the Recommendations:

- Many recommendations suggest 3-5 year phase-ins, which could delay needed funding adjustments
- The complexity of simultaneous changes to multiple formula components could create operational challenges
- Districts would need significant lead time to adjust budgeting practices
- **Save Harmless Reform Impact**
 - The proposed changes to Save Harmless provisions could significantly impact districts with declining enrollment
 - The requirement to use excess fund balances as offsets against Save Harmless payments could affect fiscal planning
 - The wealth-based reductions could create challenges for districts that have built programs around these funds
- **Enrollment and Demographic Shifts**
 - The report indicates 88% of districts have declining enrollment
 - This could create long-term sustainability challenges for many districts
 - The proposed reforms may not fully address the fixed costs that remain despite enrollment declines
- **Update from Governor Hochul on 12/4/24 -**
 - **“As we craft the upcoming Executive Budget, the Governor believes we should avoid proposals that would negatively impact school budgets, such as eliminating hold-harmless provision...”**



2024-25 School Calendar Update

- **School snow-day - December 5, 2024**

- Last scheduled elementary student day is contingent upon the number of snow days used. Every snow day will add an elementary student attendance day to the end of the school year in June in order to be in compliance with the NYSED 180 day requirement.
- **Our new last day of attendance Pre-K - grade 5 will now be Friday, June 20, 2025.** Any additional closings will move that date forward.



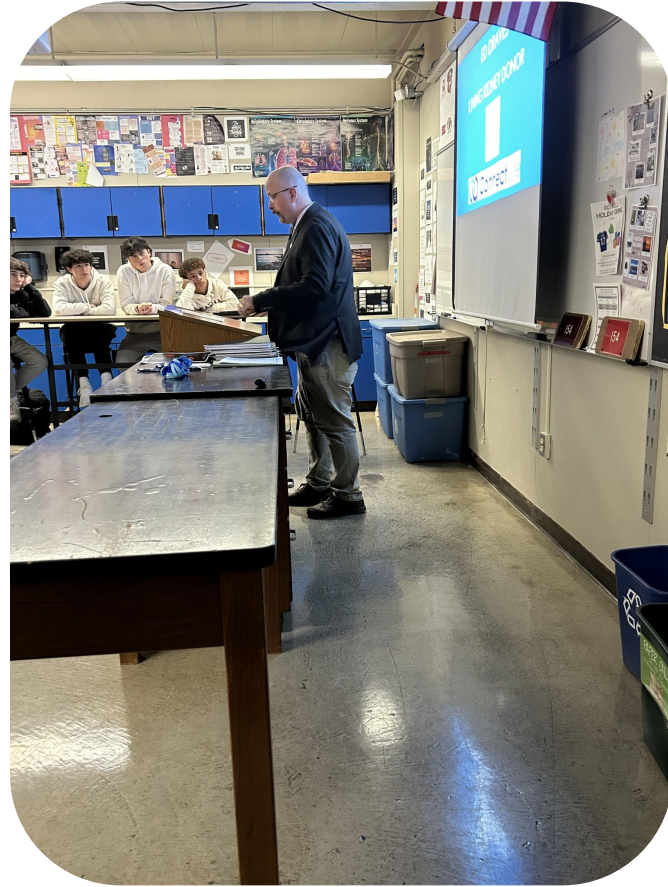
Points of Pride



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On December 3, Board of Education member Mr. Ed Draves, volunteered his time and partnered with Connect Life to present a program on organ donation to 8 different health classes at the Orchard Park High School. - Thank you Ed!





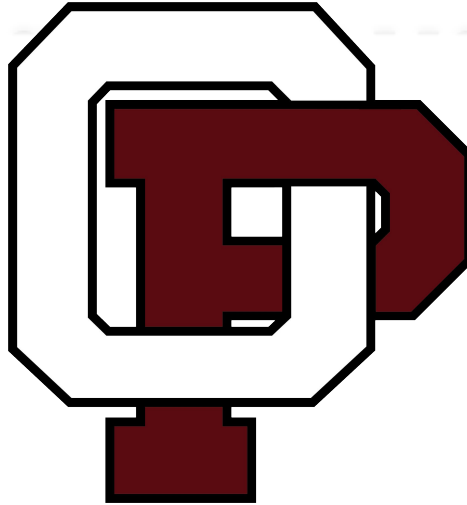
Our elementary music teachers had the opportunity to present at this year's NYSSMA Winter Conference on a variety of topics. Thank you for representing OPCSD! 🎵



This Winter Athletic Season marks the first year Orchard Park High School offers a Varsity/JV Girls' Wrestling team!



Orchard Park Athletics



Fall 2024

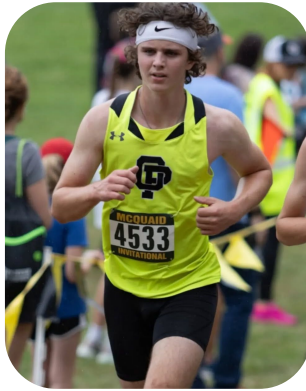
Game Day Cheerleading

- 1st place at QCC Gameday
- 1st place at Eden Championship
- 2nd place at Starpoint Showdown
- 3rd place at ECIC
- 3rd place at Sectionals
- ECIC All Stars- Lilliana Croft and E Boryszak



Cross Country

- 2024 ECIC Division 1 Champs
- 2024 Section VI Class A Champs (3rd year in a row)
- Team Advanced to State Championships



Field Hockey

- Record of 16-1 in regular season
- 2024 Section VI Champions
- Advanced to Sub Regionals to play Section III, Rome Free Academy
- 15 seniors
- Halle Senfield now holds the record in OPVFH history in a single season with 60 points, 38 goals, and 22 assists
- Lucia Bowen, goalie, saved 61 shots and had 7 goals against all season



Football

- The team earned a 6-2 regular season record
- Qualified for PO's as the #3 seed, winning in the quarter-finals at home and losing in the semi's at Lancaster.
- Jack Ciano set a new school record for MOST RECEIVING TDS IN A SEASON with 19
 - The previous record was 17 held by Dylan Evans (class of '22)



Boys Golf

- 2024 ECIC Large School Division I Co-Champions (with Clarence, both 9-1)
- 27th Division Champion Title (12 of last 13 years)
- 2024 ECIC Large School (Overall) Champions (defeated Large School Division II Champions, Will. East)
- 2024 ECIC (Overall) League Champions
- 14th ECIC Boys Golf League Championship (9 of last 10 years)
- 2024 – 2025 NYSPHSAA Section VI Team Champions? (Pending Spring Sectional Championships)
- 3x Section 6 Champs, #4 pending Spring 2025
- 19 State Qualifiers in the last 18 years (Leary/Boyczuk)



Girls Golf

- Team record was 9-2. Divisional Record 8-2
- Set the following Team records:
 - Lowest Total at Home OPCC 175 vs Will East on 9/12 and vs Will North on 9/18
 - Lowest Total 161 at Audoban GC vs Will North on 10/8
 - Most victories in a season with 9
- Set the following Individual records:
 - Most Pars in a season 49 (39) Claire Brady '29
 - Most Birdies in a season 8 (6) Claire Brady '29, Eliana Wierzbowski '27
 - Lowest ECIC Scoring Average 39.5 Claire Brady '29
 - Lowest individual score at home OPCC 38 (40) Claire Brady '29 vs Lancaster on 9/25.
 - Most Birdies in one round 3 (2) OPCC Wierzbowski '27
- First Ever - Eagle Claire Brady '29 on hole #1 OPCC (3) on a par 5
- ECIC Tournament Results:
 - Team Finished in 2nd Place Scoring a 182
 - Eliana Wierzbowski finished in 2nd Place (40) Ironwood
 - ECIC All-Stars
 - Eliana Wierzbowski '27
 - Charlotte Occhino '28
 - Claire Brady '29



Girls Gymnastics

- Team Record: 9-1
- Highest team score: 171.85 (our highest in the last at least 20 years)
- Sectional Top 10 finishes:
 - Abby List (8th grade) 4th bars, 5th beam, 6th AA
 - Jianna Wabick (8th grade)- 6th beam, 5th bars, 7th floor, 9th AA
 - Ella Sisley (9th grade)- 10th beam, 10th floor
 - Brenna Fox (8th grade)- 8th floor
 - Jordan Demong (10th grade) 9th bars
 - Delanie Vogenauer (10th grade) 8th floor
- Sectionals team placement: 3rd
- Abby List will be moving on to represent us at states in March!



Boys Soccer

- 9-8 overall record
- 7-5 division record
- Lost in double overtime to North in quarter finals



Girls Soccer

- 9 wins, 9 losses overall
- 7 wins, 5 losses in ECIC Division I
- Lost 2-1 to Niagara Wheatfield in Class AA Quarterfinal
- Awarded the Team Sportsmanship Award for best sportsmanship - voted on by ECIC Division I coaches



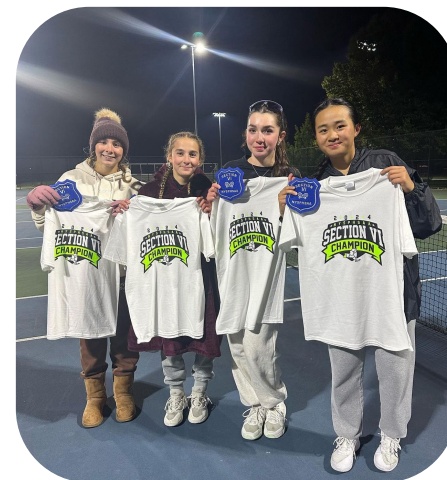
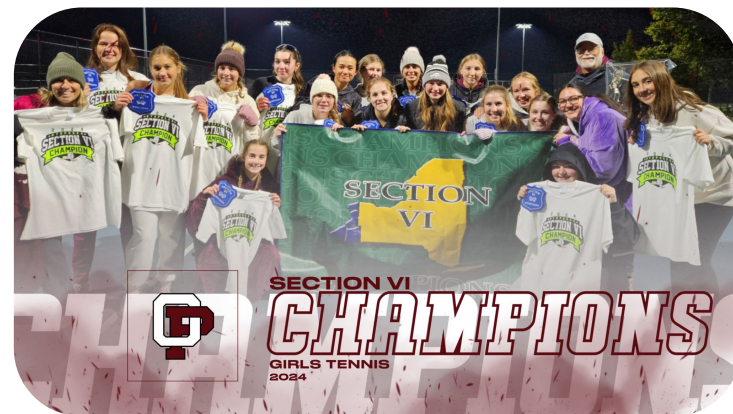
Girls Swimming & Diving

- Ranked 1st in ECIC (all divisions), 1st in Section VI, 22nd in NYS
- Undefeated in ECIC Div 1 (second year in a row)
- Won ECIC league meet (second year in a row)
- Won Section VI Class A meet (second year in a row)
- 2 Sectional Champions: 200 Medley Relay and 100 Backstroke
- Sending 1 swimmer (Chloe Boebel) to State Championship



Girls Tennis

- NYSPHSAA State Team Championship Far West Finalist
- Section VI Team Champions
- ECIC Division I Undefeated Champions
- ECIC Doubles Champions
 - Amelia Pericak/Adrianna Roberts
- Section VI Doubles Finalists
 - Amelia Pericak/Adrianna Roberts
- NYSPHSAA State Championship Doubles Tournament- Round of 16
 - Amelia Pericak/Adrianna Roberts
- Section VI Doubles Quarter Finalists:
 - Leah Banes/Mari Pericak
 - Ella Smith/Georgie Merry
- ECIC Division I Doubles All Stars:
 - Leah Banes/Mari Pericak



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Boys Volleyball

- NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete team
- Overall record 4-12



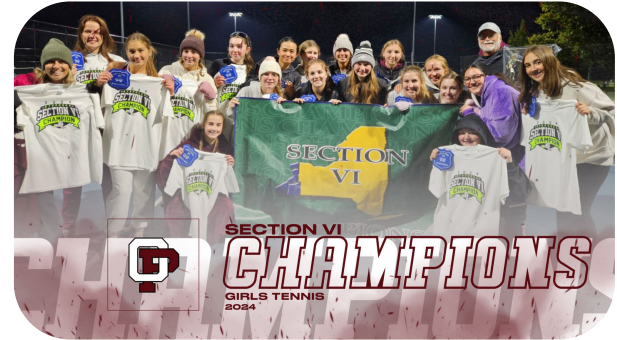
Girls Volleyball

- Won Sweet Home Tournament defeating Frontier in the finals
- Top 4 in Frontier Tournament with 24 teams
- Ranked 3rd in AA class with a 10-8 overall record
- 2 home playoff matches Quarters and Semi's defeating Kenmore West in 3 sets and Clarence in 3 sets respectively
- Section VI AA finalist
- All ECIC 1st team - Ella Kujawa, All ECIC 2nd team Audrey Cimo
- Division I 1st team - Clara Weigel, Division I 2nd team - Sophia Page and Lana Hollins



OP Section VI Champions

- Girls Varsity Cross Country
- Varsity Field Hockey
- Girls Varsity Swimming
- Girls Varsity Tennis



OP Athletes Individual Section VI Champions

- Girls Varsity Swimming
 - Chloe Boebel - 100 Backstroke



OP Athletes Individual Section VI Champions

- Girls Varsity Swimming
 - Peyton Brackenridge, Vaughn Bruzgul, Mara Johnson and Chloe Boebel - 200 Medley Relay



OP Athletes Individual State Qualifiers

- Girls Cross Country - Annabelle Czekanski, Lillian Kowalik, Samantha Messori, Ella Perryman, Molly Reukauf, Alexis Sanelli, Isabella Sollecito and Alice Wierer
- Girls Gymnastics - Abigail List
- Girls Swimming - Chloe Boebel
- Girls Tennis - Amelia Pericak and Adrianna Roberts

OP Athletes Playing Sports In College

Student Athlete	College	Sport
Sadie Bellinger	University at Albany	Lacrosse
Selena Ben Abdallah	SUNY Potsdam	Soccer
Mia Bradley	Central Michigan University	Lacrosse
Enzo Clerici	Mercyhurst University	Golf
Luke Danna	Penn State University	Lacrosse
Ava Farina	St. Joseph's University	Softball
Ella Forcucci	Canisius University	Lacrosse
Maya Griffin	Youngstown State University	Lacrosse
Claire Komosinski	Youngstown State University	Lacrosse
Kathleen Moran	The University of Akron	Rifle
Thea Nahrebeski	Hilbert	Bowling
Zachary Nalawadi	University at Albany	Baseball
Ella Sheehan	Niagara University	Softball
Jillian Yarnes	Niagara University	Bowling

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ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL

NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams

Congratulations to all of our Fall 2024 Varsity teams!

- Game Day Cheerleading
- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Boys Golf
- Girls Golf
- Gymnastics
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Girls Swimming
- Girls Tennis
- Boys Volleyball
- Girls Volleyball

OPCSD Athletic Department 2024

OPHS Captain's Club Monthly Meetings

- OP Alumni at the 12/5 meeting
- ECIC Leadership Summit in March

TEAM SCHEDULES/SPORTS CALENDAR

- [ArbiterLive.com](https://arbiterlive.com) - OP [team schedules](#)/[sports calendar](#) & link to follow a team for email/text notifications.
- [HUDL TV](#) - for live streamed/recorded events.