

# OSTRANDER NEWS

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Ostrander Families,

December is here! The holiday season is a time for reflection, gratitude, and giving, and we are so grateful for the partnership that we share with all of you! Thank you for all that you do to support our students and school.

At Ostrander, we make sure that students are constantly reading and exploring new texts. Building fluency and reading comprehension is critical for success. We encourage you to spend time together reading at home to build on those skills that we work on every day in school. Our team is happy to provide you with book recommendations for the whole family.

As winter approaches, please be sure your child is dressed warmly for outdoor recess. We encourage clothing such as: hats, gloves, scarves, and boots for the colder days ahead of us.

Have a wonderful holiday,  
Alyssa Greany  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

@ Ostrander Elementary School  
[unless otherwise indicated]

**12/9** Paws for a Cause Therapy Dogs (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade only)

**12/11** PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

**12/12** K-6 After-School Program Session #1 Ends

**12/13** PBIS Holiday Pep Rally @ 1:30 p.m. (snow date: 12/20)

**12/13** End of 5-Week Marking Period

**12/13** PTO's Cookies with Santa @ 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**12/17** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

**12/18** Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. @ Leptondale Elementary School

**12/23** Winter Recess Begins

**1/2** Schools Reopen

## Health Office Donations Needed

Nurse Amy Mann is looking for donations of unisex sweatpants in all youth sizes. Other clothing items are not currently needed. Donations of new or gently used sweatpants may be dropped off during school hours.



The Ostrander PTO proudly presents: **Cookies with Santa** on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All students and their families are invited to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Food trucks will be on site to purchase yummys. We will also have cookies, raffles and more! Wear your favorite holiday attire and please bring a personal hygiene item to donate to help support Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Admission is free but kindly RSVP.

## Stay Connected via Facebook

Our Facebook page, *Ostrander Elementary School and PTO*, is a collaboration between the school and its PTO. Be sure to "like us" to stay connected to fun and informative school news.



## CLARE F. OSTRANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**895-7225** Announcement Line  
**895-7232** Attendance Office  
**895-7231** Health Office  
**895-7229** Health Office Fax  
**895-7225** Main Office  
**895-8043** Main Office Fax

## After-School Program

Session #1 of the K-6 after-school program ends on Thursday, December 12, 2025. Session #2 is planned to begin February 2025.

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137 Viola Street, PO Box 310, Wallkill, NY 12589  
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## PTO

One of the best ways to get involved and support the school is to join the Parent Teacher Organization. Please consider lending a hand to help our active PTO. The next general membership meeting is December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All PTO meetings are held in the school conference room. We encourage you to join us. All are welcome!



## Ostrander Winter Concert

Please join us on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Ostrander Gymnasium for our annual **Ostrander Elementary School Winter Concert**. Please come listen to the musical talents of Ostrander's 5th and 6th grade band, chorus and orchestra. All student performers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Band students report to the cafeteria. Chorus students report to the general music room. Orchestra students report to the instrumental music room. We hope you will come to enjoy this special evening with us.



## Inclement Weather Reminders

In the event that schools have a delayed opening, or schools are closed due to inclement weather conditions, parents and guardians are urged to sign up for text message alerts from SchoolMessenger (see District homepage for more information), check the district website for announcements, call our announcement line at 845-895-7225 or listen to the radio/tv (participating stations are listed on the district website and in your student handbook).

**Reminder About School Delays:** In the event of a two-hour delay, students should NOT be dropped off prior to 10:30 a.m. There is no supervision for students before this time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Reminder About Early Dismissals:** In the event of a significant change in dismissal time due to inclement weather or any unexpected problem, our parent notification calling system will be utilized.



### IMPORTANT:

Please make sure to notify your child's school with any changes to your emergency contact information (address, phone, email address etc.).

The main office must be notified of any change to your child's transportation. The main office will relay the information to your child's teacher and the bus company, if applicable. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Attendance Matters

"If I'm not here, I can't learn." Visit [www.everystudentpresent.org](http://www.everystudentpresent.org) to learn ways to help your child attend school every day.

- Boost your child's confidence
- Keep your child on track with schoolwork
- Keep your child healthy
- Protect your child from bullies



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