

ONE COMMUNITY EDUCATION FAIR SATURDAY MARCH 15 2025 OLENTANGY ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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PLAN!

SCHEDULE

- 8:30 - 9:00 AMSign-In
- 9:00 - 9:55 AMSession 1
- 9:55 - 10:05 AMTransition
- 10:05 - 11:00 AM.....Session 2
- 11:00 - 11:10 AMTransition
- 11:10 - 12:05 PM Lunch / Session 3
- 12:05-12:15 PMTransition
- 12:15 - 1:10 PMLunch / Session 4
- 1:10 - 1:20 PMTransition
- 1:20 - 2:30 PMStudent Keynotes

FOOD TRUCK INFORMATION

Take a break, and grab a bite from TacoMania and Adam's Eden Food Trucks, available from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Feel free to step away at any time during this window to enjoy some delicious food, recharge, and connect with others!

TacoMania Menu



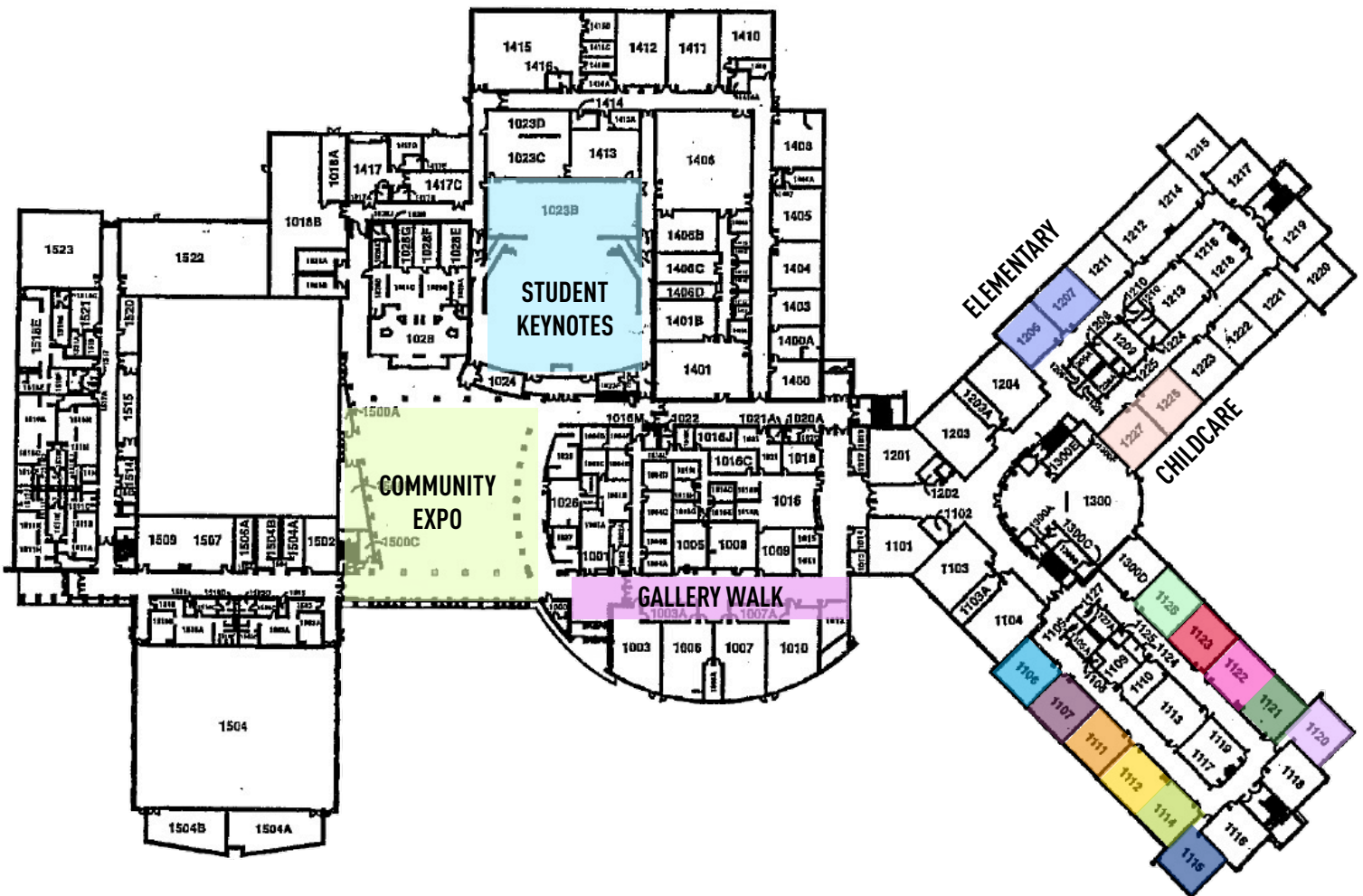
Adam's Eden Menu



WELLNESS SUPPORT

Mental health counselors are available for attendees throughout the event in the Student Services area.

ROOM LOCATION MAP



EXPLORE!

Discover student creativity and innovation throughout the day. Begin at our **Gallery Art Walk**, showcasing remarkable works from talented visual artists from across our schools. Explore our **Community Partner Expo** to connect with local organizations. These spaces highlight our community's heart—where ideas flourish, creativity thrives, and connections are made.

- **Gallery Art Walk**
 - **9:00 AM-1:30 PM in the ART WING**
- **Community Partner Expo**
 - **11:00 AM -1:00 PM in the COMMON**

LEARN!

Come and engage in meaningful learning experiences for all ages. **Workshop sessions** are provided throughout the day, and our **children's programming** ensures our youngest attendees are well-supported. For our littlest learners ("potty-trained" through kindergarten), we offer childcare with engaging activities including art, drumming, yoga, and more. Students in grades 1-5 can participate in specially designed sessions exploring mindfulness, creativity, and movement. The day culminates with our **student keynotes** at 1:20 p.m., featuring TED-style talks that showcase our students' unique perspectives and aspirations.



- **Workshop Sessions**
With dozens of sessions, there is truly something for everyone.
- **Children's Programming**
If you plan to use the childcare program for part or all of the day, please read the [Childcare Program Message](#) before the event. You can also scan the QR code to the left.
 - **Childcare** - Childcare is offered throughout the day to all children that are "potty-trained" through kindergarten. Activities will include art, drumming, yoga, read-alouds, and gross-motor play.
 - **Elementary Sessions** - Bring your child/children in grades 1 through 5 for sessions specially tailored to them! Participants will enjoy a variety of hands-on sessions, including mindfulness, drumming, art and more. This opportunity ensures our younger attendees have a meaningful and enjoyable experience while exploring activities that nurture their minds and hearts.
- **Student Keynotes**
Prepare to be amazed as our young people take the stage during our Student Keynote beginning at 1:20 p.m. to deliver powerful, TED-style talks, where their unique ideas, experiences, and perspectives are shared. Each talk is thoughtfully crafted and delivered by students, offering a glimpse into their passions, experiences, and dreams for the future. Their voices will inspire, challenge, and ignite a sense of possibility in all of us. This keynote is a celebration of student voice and a reminder of the incredible potential that lies in the next generation.

Notes:

SESSION 1 & 2

(9:00-9:55 AM) (10:05-11:00 AM)

UNDERSTANDING AI IN EDUCATION: A PARENT'S GUIDE TO OLENTANGY'S APPROACH

Location: 1123 Instructional Technology | Olentangy Schools

Join us for an interactive session designed to help you navigate conversations about AI with your Olentangy student. We'll explore age-appropriate ways to discuss AI tools like ChatGPT, focusing on both opportunities and responsibilities. Learn how to help your child understand the difference between using AI as a learning tool versus a shortcut, and discover practical conversation starters that reinforce our district's values of academic integrity. (**9:00- 9:55 AM ONLY**)

THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM IN OLENTANGY SCHOOLS

Location: 1115 Aileen Miracle | Olentangy Schools

Explore the Olentangy School District's Visual and Performing Arts program, offering unique opportunities for students of all grade levels. Discover the lifelong benefits of arts education, including enhanced academic performance, confidence, and well-being. Learn practical strategies to keep students engaged in the arts at home, from supporting their interests to connecting with community resources. Whether you're an educator, parent, or advocate, this session will inspire you to champion the arts in education.

BUILDING DETERMINATION AND RESILIENCY AS AN OLENTANGY STUDENT

Location: 1106 Anna Poulos, Rebecca Pack, Patty Foreman | Olentangy Schools

In Olentangy, all students work to overcome challenges and barriers to learning in a variety of ways. These students will come to you as a panel to answer questions about how they have stayed dedicated to their mission to achieve greatness as students with special needs. Be prepared to be inspired and motivated by students who utilize a mindset of determination and resiliency to reach goals and meet individual milestones.

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE: GUIDING YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE JOURNEY

Location: 1112 David Hayward | Olentangy Schools

In today's interconnected world, children are growing up immersed in technology. As a parent, you play a crucial role in helping them navigate the digital landscape safely and responsibly. Join us for an engaging session that explores practical strategies for supporting your child's online experiences. Learn how to foster healthy screen time habits, encourage positive digital interactions, and ensure privacy and security. Together, we'll share resources to empower your family to embrace technology while maintaining balance and connection in the digital age (**9:00- 9:55 AM ONLY**)

BEYOND THE LABEL: THE IMPACTS OF STEREOTYPES AND COLORISM

Location: 1126 Student Association of Cultural Awareness

Colorism, the discrimination based on skin tone within racial communities, continues to shape societal and cultural realities worldwide. This workshop will explore the historical roots of colorism, its presence in media, beauty standards, everyday life, and its impact on identity and opportunity. Through interactive discussions, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how colorism affects minority groups and be empowered to share their voices upon this topic.

A PARENT'S TOOLKIT FOR IDENTIFYING AND MANAGING ANXIETY

Location: 1122 Amara Sydnor | Olentangy Schools

Anxiety is one of the most prevalent mental health conditions among youth affecting nearly 1 of 8 children. Anxiety can impact several areas of a student's life and interfere with their daily activities. This presentation will discuss common signs of anxiety and tips for caregivers.

SUPPORTING STUDENT-ATHLETE MENTAL HEALTH

Location: 1107 Claire Houpt | The Ohio State University

This training is designed to increase parent awareness of student-athletes wellness needs and common signs and symptoms of mental health concerns. Attendees will learn practical strategies to integrate into their daily interactions with student-athletes and resources to link and refer student-athletes to mental health supports in their school and community.

OLENTANGY BRIDGED: BRIDGING EDUCATION AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Location: 1114 Molly Preston, Shane Shoaf, Dr. Kris Sander | Olentangy Schools

Explore how Olentangy BridgED connects classroom learning with real-world career exploration, emphasizing the importance of career readiness, hands-on experiences, and industry partnerships. Attendees will learn about the innovative programs, resources, and partnerships that bridge the gap between education and careers, empowering students to make informed decisions about their futures. Join us as we highlight how Olentangy BridgED is preparing students for success beyond high school through career awareness, skill development, and real-world exposure.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES: CREATING A CULTURE OF CARE

Location: 1120 Peter Stern & Heather Cole | Olentangy Schools

Restorative Practices provide an effective framework for fostering relationships, resolving conflicts, enhancing empathy, and promoting accountability within the school community. Discover practical tools and strategies currently being implemented in classrooms across the district. A culture grounded in respect, connection, and care creates the ideal foundation for academic success. (**10:05-11:00 ONLY**)

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK: PERSPECTIVES ON OLENTANGY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Location: 1121 Dr. Katherine Branson | Olentangy Schools

This interactive session hosted by members of the Olentangy Mental Health and Well-Being Board of Education Committee invites participants to share their experiences, insights, and feedback on existing mental health resources, programs, and supports. Your feedback will help identify areas of strength, highlight gaps, and provide recommendations for improving mental health support systems here at Olentangy.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN MATH-5 SHIFTS FOR SUCCESS

Location: 1111 Mindy Shultz & Andrea Sharrock | Olentangy Schools

Join us for an engaging and informative session designed to empower families to support their children in math. This workshop is tailored for families of elementary students and will explore five simple yet powerful shifts that can boost your child's success in math. Come ready to learn, share, and ask questions as we work to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

SESSION 3 & 4

(11:10 - 12:05 PM) (12:15 - 1:10 PM)

THE AMAZING SEAL OF BILITERACY

Location: 1107

Eric Gulley | Olentangy Schools

The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes students who demonstrate proficiency in two or more languages. Students can satisfy a graduation requirement by earning The seal AND become eligible for a scholarship. Join this fun and engaging session to learn more about the seal and related opportunities!

USING SCHOOLINKS, A COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLATFORM

Location: 1121

Abigail Smith | Olentangy Schools

Explore Schoolinks, the college and career readiness platform used to help students plan for life after high school. Understand how Schoolinks assists students in discovering their interest and strengths, explore college and careers, plan for graduation, and build their resumes.

CAREGIVER STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING AND ENHANCING THEIR STUDENT'S WELL-BEING

Location: 1122

Sarah Largmann | Olentangy Schools

Join us as we explore challenges affecting students' behavior and mental well-being, from stress and social pressures to everyday worries and emotional responses. Gain practical strategies for supporting your child, as we highlight the impact you can have on student well-being and how small changes can create positive ripple effects in your relationships, fostering healthier interactions and enhancing overall well-being.

FOSTERING SUCCESS: A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SUPPORTING STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Location: 1111

Sydney Blankenship, Catherine Schmidt
Olentangy Schools

Join us to learn how our school district supports student behavior through research-based programs like Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Restorative Practices, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), and individualized Behavior Support Strategies. Our approach combines proactive and reactive methods to address both individual and whole school needs, empowering students to succeed. This session is for parents, educators, and community members interested in how we promote positive behavior and foster a supportive learning environment in our schools.

HOW TO BE AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER

Location: 1112

Tessa Brewer | Olentangy Schools

This presentation will cover the importance of our part as a bystander in our communities, at school and beyond. Learn language and tools to empower students when they find themselves in the bystander role and unsure of how to help.

PRACTICING MINDFULNESS IN THE CLASSROOM

Location: 1114

Jayne Davis & Nick D'Errico | Olentangy Schools

Practicing mindfulness helps to manage anxiety. Participants will walk through breathing exercises that will help to lower blood pressure and calm the central nervous system. We will do a guided meditation, a grounding activity and make a fidget that students can keep with them throughout the school day. All interactive activities are designed to practice mindfulness, keeping the student in the here and now and managing anxiety.

REDEFINING SUCCESS: NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES OF ACHIEVEMENT CULTURE

Location: 1126

Vince Detillio | Olentangy Schools

In today's fast-paced, high-pressure world, students often feel the weight of relentless academic and extracurricular expectations. This session explores the challenges of achievement culture, which tends to over-emphasize academic success and extracurricular accomplishment; creating a narrow definition of success. Participants will be provided strategies to support young people in developing a sustainable, purpose-driven approach to life that balances achievement with well-being.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING 101: UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

Location: 1120

Amy Jenney | Olentangy Schools

This presentation will cover the basics of executive functioning and its impact on learning and daily life. Attendees will explore what schools are doing to support executive functioning skills and gain practical strategies to implement at home. We will discuss common barriers, celebrate successes, and suggest ways school teams and families can collaborate to support our students.



**YOUR FEEDBACK
MATTERS - SCAN
HERE**

STUDENT KEYNOTES

(1:20-2:30)

MC FOR KEYNOTES Michelle Huang | Liberty High School

AWAKENED DREAMS: DISCOVERING AND PURSUING THEM

Location: Theater **Atwiine Igonor | Berlin High School**

When people envision where they would like to be in the future, to most, it seems like an overwhelming and possibly an impossible dream. The older someone becomes, the more discouraged they become in achieving their goals or making a difference in the world. Yet, when one realizes that discouragement begins with themselves, they also understand that it ends with them. Take the first step in seeing your dreams becoming reality.

EQUALITY AND ACCEPTANCE: THE MOST POWERFUL LESSON

Location: Theater **Onyx Wedig | Olentangy High School**

Onyx Wedig, OHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) co-president, shares her personal story to highlight the urgent need for acceptance and inclusivity. Exploring the roots of intolerance in societal and familial influences, this presentation addresses the critical role of exposure and early education in shaping empathy. Focused on fostering safer spaces for LGBTQ+ youth, Onyx emphasizes the life-altering consequences of exclusion and calls for proactive change to ensure future generations embrace diversity and belonging.

THE STORY IN OUR NAMES: A TALE OF IDENTITY AND CONNECTIONS

Location: Theater **William Wang | Liberty High School**
Nishok Sakthivel | Orange High School

Join us as we explore how our names have shaped our identities and experiences. William Wang will share the challenges of navigating life with one of the world's most common surnames, while Nishok Chennai Sakthivel Shilpa will reflect on embracing a name rich in heritage and meaning. Together, we'll reveal how our names connect us to our roots, challenge us to grow, and inspire us to celebrate individuality and shared humanity.

FINDING STRENGTH IN EVERY MOVE

Location: Theater **Trisha Pandey | Berlin High School**

This TEDTalk style presentation explores core lessons learned through the challenges of frequent moves. Highlighting themes of resilience, growth, and embracing change, it shares how simple mindset shifts and key actions can empower individuals to thrive in any situation. With a focus on adaptability, self-discovery, and fostering meaningful connections, this talk inspires audiences to see change as an opportunity to transform their lives, overcome obstacles, and make a lasting difference in their communities and beyond.

THE ILLUSION OF PERFECTION: A CRACKING FACADE

Location: Theater **Shresthi Senthil | Orange High School**

In a world obsessed with achievement, students are burdened with an impossible standard to be perfect, to excel, and to have it all figured out. But, potential always becomes a weight too heavy to bear under expectations. This speech unpacks the silent struggles of living under relentless pressure—burnout, self-doubt, and the fear of failure—and asks: What if we let go of perfection and embraced the uncertain circumstances of living a human life?

THE AI REVOLUTION: TOMMOROW'S WORLD TODAY

Location: Theater **Sravya Polury | Berlin High School**

Imagine a doctor who already knows what's wrong with you before you say a word—thanks to Artificial Intelligence (AI)! From revolutionizing early disease detection to enabling personalized treatments, AI is transforming healthcare. Discover how AI is improving diagnostics, speeding up drug discovery, and making healthcare more accessible through telemedicine. Join Sravya Polury as she explores the future of medicine, the power of AI, and the critical role we all play in shaping this groundbreaking revolution.

A SILVER LINING IN EVERY CLOUD

Location: Theater **Anika Sri Pulakurthi | Berlin High School**

Life's challenges often bring unexpected opportunities for growth and gratitude. In *A Silver Lining in Every Cloud*, I reflect on adapting to change, embracing family bonds, and finding beauty in the unfamiliar. Through vivid stories of personal resilience, this presentation inspires hope, encouraging us to uncover the silver lining in every struggle and cherish life's fleeting moments. Together, let's celebrate the power of perspective and the strength to thrive in uncertainty.

I CAN'T SAY MY OWN NAME

Location: Theater **Meherun Zaman | Berlin High School**

In my presentation, I speak about the challenges I faced growing up with a name that people constantly mispronounced. From being called many different variations of my name, I always struggled with my identity and fitting in. Both my first and last name made me face Islamophobia within my classrooms, and it made me want a more common name. However, I learned how important my name truly is and the power it holds with my identity. My presentation strives to show the impact the pronunciation of a name can have on anyone within the Olentangy community.

"BYE-STANDER"

Location: Theater **Kavya Sharma | Olentangy High School**

Olentangy High School student Kavya Sharma will address one of the most common yet frequently ignored issues in our communities—the bystander effect. In her keynote "Bye-Stander" she will delve into the psychological principles that underlie this phenomenon, its significant consequences, and how often it occurs in daily life. With engaging insights and real-life examples, Kavya will not only emphasize the risks of doing nothing but also offer practical strategies to encourage individuals to break the cycle of silence. Her speech aims to inspire a transition from passive observation to active intervention, promoting a culture of empathy, accountability, and positive change. So come along and say bye to being a bystander!

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