



SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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A Message from Dr. Morris:

Dear Husky Community,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the second half of the school year. The dedication of our students, staff, and families continues to inspire me, and I am grateful to be part of such a dynamic and supportive school community.

This year, we have made great strides in enhancing student learning, expanding support services, and strengthening our partnerships with families and the broader Olean community. Our students continue to shine in countless ways, from academic achievements to athletic and artistic excellence. I want to sincerely thank our educators and staff who work tirelessly to create an engaging, inclusive, and nurturing environment for all students.

Looking ahead, our district remains committed to ensuring that every student has access to high-quality educational opportunities that prepare them for success beyond the classroom. Our district is actively engaged in curriculum enhancements, staff professional development, and initiatives focused on student well-being. We also continue to advocate for the resources necessary to support our schools and maintain the programs that make Olean a place of excellence.

I encourage families to stay involved by attending school events, engaging in discussions about district initiatives, and providing feedback that helps shape the future of our schools. Your partnership is invaluable, and we will continue to provide the best possible educational experience for all students.

-Dr. Genelle Morris





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A Message from Dr. Morris about OCSD Future Forum:

I would like to ask you to Save The Date for the “Olean CSD’s Future Forum – Preparing the Next Generation for the Workplace and the World”. This community conversation will be held from 5:00 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Who is invited? Anyone who may be affected by our students' success: students, parents/guardians, business leaders, school employees, political representatives, and community members. A light dinner will be available during this event. Space is limited and RSVPs will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. We will share more information about this important opportunity in the upcoming weeks.

RSVP by noon on Wednesday, March 12th, at

<https://forms.gle/Xfw4qrBA1KqKpKuQ6> or by calling (716) 375-8018; leave your name, phone number, and email address. All interested parties will receive an email confirmation no later than Friday, March 14.

Help us improve:

Take a few minutes to share your feedback in the OCSD Customer Service Survey. Your input helps us serve you better!





Harold Dutton Spotlight Breakfast:

At Olean High School, we honor outstanding students with the Harold Dutton Student Spotlight Award. Dutton, a beloved custodian for over 20 years, left a lasting impact with his outgoing personality and strong work ethic. February 27th's award breakfast celebrated students who exemplify these qualities. Congrats to all recipients, and thanks to our staff for their nominations!





Honor Roll Recognition Ice Cream Social:

On February 13th, 336 hardworking students in grades 8-12 were recognized for outstanding academic achievements! These dedicated Huskies earned an impressive 85% or higher during the 2nd marking period. They were celebrated with a well-deserved ice cream social. Their commitment to excellence is truly inspiring. Congratulations to all—keep striving for success!



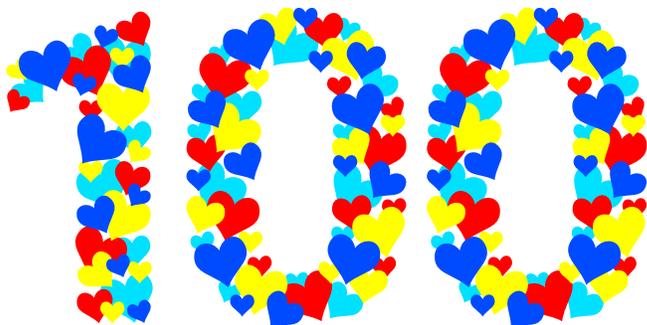


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100 Days At School:

100 days in the halls of Washington West have come and gone, but these husky pups made the most of their celebrations. From dressing old and gray to finding 100 things and doing 100-day-themed activities, this pack made the most of the BIG day!





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SOLEPOXY DONATES \$10,000 TO SUPPORT OCSD WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP.

Olean, NY – The Olean City School District (OCSD) and the Olean City School Foundation are thrilled to announce a generous \$10,000 donation from local manufacturing company SolEpoxy to help more students participate in the annual Washington, D.C. trip for the 2025-2026 school year. This donation will help ensure that more students can visit our nation's capital, allowing them to understand American history and government better.

"I am so grateful for the generous donation to the Washington Club from SolEpoxy. Their generosity will allow many students to travel to our nation's capital with their classmates regardless of financial status. An investment like this from such a reputable community organization as SolEpoxy speaks volumes about how lucky we are to live and work in Olean, NY." said Mary Wolfgang, trip advisor. OCSD extends its heartfelt appreciation to SolEpoxy for making a meaningful impact on our students' learning experiences.





"No One Eats Alone Day" at OIMS:

On Friday, February 14th, Olean Intermediate Middle School proudly hosted "No One Eats Alone Day," a national initiative to bring students and people together during lunchtime so that no one eats alone! We were honored to have members of the Olean community join us, including Mayor William J. Aiello, as well as dedicated members of the Olean Fire and Police Departments and students from St. Bonaventure University. Their support made the day even more special! A huge thank you to both the Student Activities Council (SAC) and another thank you to the support of the Olean Schools Foundation for helping make the day possible.





Annual Winter Carnival:

On Tuesday, February, 11th, some of our district students had an amazing time at the annual Winter Carnival at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville! A big thank you to CA-BOCES for hosting this fantastic event every year.





Getting ready for the future:

OHS sophomores had a great experience at Career Horizons at JCC! Thanks to Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Morey, and Mr. Webster, students explored career options, connected with local employers, and learned about apprenticeship opportunities. They also took an interest survey, heard from JCC staff about career paths, and got insights from current students on college life. Huge thanks to SUNY JCC for this incredible opportunity!



**St. Patrick's Day,
Monday, March 17th 2025:
Don't forget
To Wear Green!**





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OHS Winter Assembly:





Meet Raisin:

Each month, our students enjoy a special visit from Mr. Morton and Sundance Kids Farms, who introduce them to a featured animal friend. This month, we welcomed Rasin, an almost four-month-old chinchilla named after her favorite snack! Husky pups at East View and Washington West Elementary met this adorable, fluffy guest. They learned about chinchillas, their habits, and their unique characteristics.



Honoring Our Roots:

On February 26th, the Olean City School District’s DEI Committee hosted Honoring Our Roots, an event celebrating African American history and genealogy. The event featured traveling exhibits from the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor in Buffalo, NY. These exhibits explored the earliest histories of African Americans in Buffalo and the significance of the corridor. Attendees also had the unique opportunity to learn about tracing their ancestry through DNA! Vernon Robinson Jr., husband of Kindergarten Teacher Michelle Robinson, shared his journey mapping his family tree using a MyHeritage DNA kit.





Division 1 commitment:

Olean's very own Emma Edwards is taking her softball career to the next level! She has officially committed to Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, to continue her journey as a Division 1 athlete!

Emma's dedication, hard work, and passion for the game have led her to this incredible opportunity, and we couldn't be prouder. Alongside her athletic success, she will be pursuing a degree in Psychology. We can't wait to see Emma shine at Tarleton State!

Front Row (L to R): Amie Merchel (mother), Emma Edwards, Greg Edwards (father)
Back Row (L to R): Matt Foster (Olean Synergy softball coach), Steve Anastasia (Olean High School softball coach), Jeff Henning (Olean Synergy softball coach)





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Coffee with the superintendent:

You are invited to the next Coffee with the Superintendent

- Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, from 7:30 am to 8:30, OIMS, LGI

Future Coffee Dates:

- Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025, from 7:30 am to 8:30, OHS, Board Room
- Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, from 7:30 am to 8:30, EV, Library

If you're interested in attending,

please pre-register by emailing O'Brien Dailey,
OCSD Media, Brand & Communication Specialist:
odailey@oleanschools.org

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Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our district. Let's keep moving forward together with Husky pride, purpose, and perseverance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Genelle Morris

Superintendent Olean City
School District

