

## **Family Engagement News**

**by: Cindi Rhoades**

Hello Families! I have some exciting news to share with you: The state approved our free dental clinic for each of our 4 buildings! This means that in May, we will be offering every student the opportunity to get a free dental screening and tooth care products! They also have the opportunity to have a cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants and even dental x-rays if needed. This will be at no cost to the family. Look for more information on this amazing opportunity coming home soon!

March means that Spring is right around the corner, and it can't come soon enough for me! This means it's time for PreK and Kindergarten Registrations & screenings. If you know of anyone with a preschoolers who is eligible to start PreK this Fall (turning 4 by December 1<sup>st</sup>) or to start Kindergarten (turning 5 by December 1<sup>st</sup> and not already enrolled in UPK), please encourage them to get their registrations & screenings done now and not wait until the end of summer. We have scheduled a full week of screening for March 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. The registration portal is open ([www.oleanschools.org/registration](http://www.oleanschools.org/registration)). Call (716) 375-8998 with any questions.

Finally, don't forget there is also the awesome opportunity to come into the school for the **Olean CSD Future Forum from 5-8 on March 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**East View:** East View held their annual Book BINGO and Title I Parent Night last month and about 12 families braved the weather to attend this awesome event. Each child in attendance took home multiple new books. (see pictures below). The PTO put on a fantastic Pirate & Princess Dance where about 85 families (roughly 250 people) came to enjoy the festivities (see pictures below). New parents are always welcome to join the PTO. The next meeting will be on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Lauren Caya's room. Upcoming events include the **Family Ice Skating on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30** at the Rec Center, and the end of the year Carnival on **June 13<sup>th</sup>!** Don't forget there is **no school March 5<sup>th</sup>** for Staff Development.

**Washington West:** Washington West did a big fundraiser last month selling bundt cakes just in time for Valentines Day! Upcoming events will include a themed dance later this month, their

Family Literacy Night in April and of course the annual Spring Break Party! Don't forget there is **no school March 5<sup>th</sup>** for Staff Development.

**OIMS:** OIMS held their annual "No One Eats Alone" event on Valentine's Day. They had a huge turnout of community and staff members participated in this inclusive lunch event! (see photo) Upcoming events will include their Family Literacy Night coming soon. Don't forget there is **no school March 5<sup>th</sup>** for Staff Development.

**OHS:** Mr. Ahl and his team are planning a student trip to Quebec and Montreal in February 2026. A meeting was held for 27 interested students and their parents with a turnout of over 20 families. There is still room for a few more students so if you are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade and are interested in it, please reach out to him at [sahl@oleanschools.org](mailto:sahl@oleanschools.org)! The Winter Sports Banquet is scheduled for **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The annual **OCSD vs. Police Basketball Game** will be on **March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00**. It is the third annual fundraiser that will benefit the classes of 2025 & 2029! Tickets are only \$5.00! Come out and support our huskies! Don't forget there is **no school March 5<sup>th</sup>** for Staff Development. They are also planning the Spring Musical which you can come in and see on **April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** in the Auditorium.

**Special Education:** If you are a student with a disability and are a Junior or Senior, and you haven't yet filled out your paperwork for ACCES-VR (transitional services), you still have time to do this! We have scheduled another Junior/Senior/Parent Night to help you fill out the applications and answer any questions you have. **Parent Night** will be held on **March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM** at the PLC (402 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street). Letters were sent home to those who haven't applied yet! We have also planned another free workshop through Parent Network on **March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30**. Registration is free but required! Please register at: [Parent Network](#) The topic is Parents & Family Engagement through the FBA and BIP Process. A great workshop for all parents at every grade level!

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- March 5<sup>th</sup>:** **NO SCHOOL**
- March 6<sup>th</sup>:** **ACCES-VR Junior/Senior Parent Night 6-7 PM @ PLC**
- March 10<sup>th</sup>:** **EV PTO Meeting 6:30 Mrs. Caya's room**
- March 12<sup>th</sup>:** **Parent Workshop 6-7:30 PM @ PLC (Topic: Parent & Family Engagement through the FBA and BIP Process)**
- OCSD Staff vs. Police Basketball Fundraiser 6:00 OHS gym (\$5)**
- March 18<sup>th</sup>:** **BOE Meeting 6:30 PM @ OHS BOE room**
- March 19<sup>th</sup>:** **Olean CSD Future Forum 5-8 PM**
- March 20<sup>th</sup>:** **EV Family Ice Skating 5-6:30 PM @ the Rec Center**
- April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>:** **OCSD Musical –7:00 PM @ OHS Auditorium**
- April 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>:** **NO SCHOOL- Spring Break**

Did you know that there are plenty of resources available on our website? Just go to [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org) and under the **Community Schools** you will find the **Family Engagement** Page. Here you will find plenty of resources and we will continue to update these. There is also a **Calendar** and a **Community Events** section that includes both things through the school and a section for events out in the community for families to participate in! New items are listed almost daily so check it out. We also added a section for **Newsletters** that will be posted monthly. Also, there is a family resource page for each of our buildings through Parent Square. If you know of an event in the community and don't see it listed there, feel free to contact Cindi Rhoades at (716) 375-8031 or [crhoades@oleanschools.org](mailto:crhoades@oleanschools.org) and fill me in.

**Enjoy the pictures below of some events we've had!**



EV Pirates & Princess Dance.....KEEP SCROLLING



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(EV Book BINGO at Raymour & Flanigan) Keep scrolling!!!!



OIMS "No One Eats Alone"