



# 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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## OCSD Future Forum:

On March 19th, the Olean City School District hosted its Future Focus Forum, bringing together community members, school faculty and staff, and city officials to collaborate on a shared vision for the future of our schools. This important event provided a platform for meaningful discussions on enhancing educational opportunities, improving facilities, and ensuring Olean's students' continued success. The OCSD sincerely appreciates everyone who attended, shared their insights, and contributed to the conversation.







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### Olean 8th Graders Explore Washington, DC:

Our 8th graders recently embarked on an unforgettable trip to Washington, DC, where they explored history, culture, and civic engagement firsthand. From visiting the U.S. Capitol and Arlington National Cemetery to dancing under the city lights on a Potomac River cruise, students enjoyed a well-rounded educational experience. "This trip provided them with a deeper understanding of our nation's history and the importance of civic participation," said Washington Club Advisor Katie Wolfgang. Thanks to the generous support of the Olean Schools Foundation, every student had the opportunity to take part in this incredible journey!







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### Cops vs Teachers Charity Basketball Game:

On March 12th, officers from the Olean, Buffalo, and New York State Police faced off against Olean City Schools faculty and staff in the annual "Cops vs. Teachers" basketball game at Olean High School. In a thrilling match, OCSD faculty and staff claimed victory, winning 62-56! More than just a game, the event brought the community together for a night of fun and friendly competition, all while supporting the Classes of 2025 and 2029. A huge thank you to everyone who played, cheered, and contributed to this fantastic event!







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### Parent & Family Reading Night at WW:

Washington West hosted its yearly Title I Parent & Family Reading Night, and truly, it was quite a storybook success! Our husky pups enjoyed a special read-aloud from our fabulous five guest readers, each dressed for the occasion! The fun didn't stop there. Students had a blast guessing who was behind the inflatable mask, along with our amazing WW faculty and staff, who brought books to life in original costumes. A huge shoutout to each and everyone who made this night just so special!



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### OCSD presents the Wizard Of OZ:







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### Farm to School Brings Local Maple Syrup to OIMS:

The Farm to School program recently teamed up with Dan Dunkleman and his dedicated cafeteria staff to bring a sweet surprise to Olean Intermediate Middle School featuring this month's Harvest of the Month: Maple! Over 500 students and staff had the opportunity to sample locally produced maple syrup, thanks to the generosity of 353 Maple and the support of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The taste test was a hit! Students (and staff!) loved trying the syrup, and Mr. Kenyon from Farm to School always enjoys seeing the excitement when students discover a new favorite food.







## OHS Students Build Job-Readiness Skills:

Olean High School students are gaining valuable real-world job skills through a collaboration between Mrs. Niece's class, Mrs. Graves, and the Directions in Independent Living, Inc. transition program. From mock interviews to resume-building workshops, students are developing essential employability skills, boosting their confidence, and preparing for future careers. This hands-on experience equips them with the tools they need for success in the workforce.







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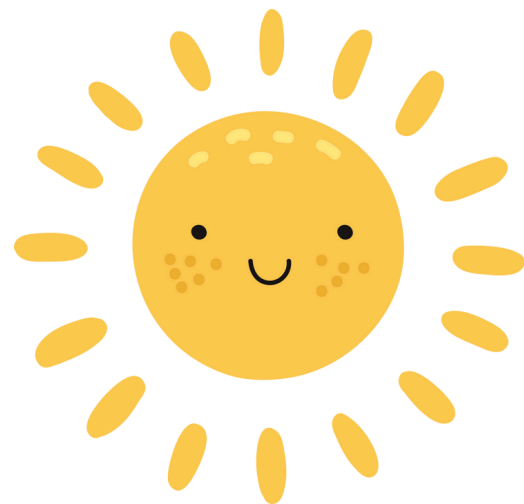
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### OCSD Students Visit SUNY Fredonia:

On March 25th, Thirty-four sophomores and one senior recently got the chance to visit SUNY Fredonia on a college visit. Their day began with an admissions presentation covering degree programs, tuition, athletics, and student life. A guided tour followed, where they visited academic buildings, athletic facilities, the library, and dorms. After the tour, students enjoyed a meal in the campus dining hall before heading home. For many, it was their first college visit—an exciting step toward their future! Thank you to Ms. Hayes for organizing the trip and Mrs. Morey for chaperoning.



**Remember Spring Break!**  
**No School: Monday,**  
**April 14th-Friday, April**  
**18th**







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### OIMS St. Patrick's Day Dance:







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<https://www.oleanschools.org>.

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### PUBLIC PRESENTATION DATES:



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**PUBLIC VOTE:**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 20TH**

7AM - 9PM  
OLEAN INTERMEDIATE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
IN THE MUSIC SUITE

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH**  
6PM | WASHINGTON WEST ELEMENTARY

**THURSDAY, MAY 1ST**  
6PM | EAST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**TUESDAY, MAY 6TH**  
5PM | OLEAN INTERMEDIATE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
IN THE LGI ROOM







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### Special Olympics Unified Basketball Tournament:

On April 3rd, student-athletes from Olean, Salamanca, and Allegany-Limestone came together at St. Bonaventure University for the 2025 Special Olympics Unified Basketball Tournament. This incredible event celebrated inclusion, teamwork, and sportsmanship, bringing over 100 students together in the spirit of competition and camaraderie. A special thank you to Shannon Yonker, Teacher Assistant at Olean High School, and Angela Mest, Special Education Teacher at Olean Intermediate-Middle School, for their leadership in organizing this year's Unified Basketball squads. Their dedication helped make this tournament a success!







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## Coffee with the superintendent:

You are invited to the next Coffee with the Superintendent

- Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025, from 7:30 am to 8:30, OHS, Board Room

### Future Coffee Dates:

- 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](mailto: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

