



# The REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL District



## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY

- 3 Grand March (4:30 PM)  
Prom (6:00 PM)
- 9 Elementary Arbor Day Ceremony
- 12-16 Spirit Week
- 16 PTG Science Fair
- 26 Memorial Day
- 27-29 Kindergarten Screening
- 28 Grades 4-6 Spring Concert (6:30 PM)
- 29 Jr./Sr. High Academic Awards Ceremony

### JUNE

- 4 Grades 7-12 Spring Concert (7:00 PM)
- 5 JV/Varsity Sports Awards Ceremony (6:30 PM)
- 11 Pre-K - Grade 3 Spring Concert (6:30 PM)
- 14 Alumni Banquet (4:30 PM)
- 16 Jr./Sr. High Last Day of Instruction
- 18 Kindergarten Celebration (6:30 PM)
- 19 Juneteenth (No School)
- 20 Senior Graduation and Fireworks Celebration (7:00 PM)
- 24 Quarter 4 Evening of Excellence (6:30 PM)
- 25 Grade 6 Graduation (6:30 PM)
- 27 Elementary Last Day of Instruction

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We have been hard at work preparing our Student Opportunities Plan (proposed budget) for the 2025-2026 school year. Thoughtful planning and monthly Board of Education work sessions enabled our team to develop a fiscally responsible budget, responsive to our students' needs, with only a slight tax levy increase of 1%. This increase is well below our allowable New York State Property Tax Cap levy increase limit and reflects our continued commitment to balance the needs of our school district with the challenges that we all realize.

In addition to voting on the proposed 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$14,969,506, we will also be voting on one proposition. The proposition on the ballot will be for the purchase of two 66-passenger diesel school buses and one 20-passenger gas school bus. The proposed purchase is part of an ongoing bus replacement plan designed to keep the District's fleet in safe, working order by phasing out buses that are no longer cost effective to maintain. If the proposition is approved, the actual cost to the District will be significantly less than the amount sought. Approximately 85.9% of the cost would be reimbursable through state aid.

Remsen is a very special place to live, learn, and work. Together, we understand that our goal must always be to ensure that we leave our children, for generations to come, with an even better community and school than we have today.



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## CALENDAR

For the complete District calendar please visit:  
[www.remsencsd.org](http://www.remsencsd.org)

### Our Vision

*Remsen Central School District forever aspires to be a unique, distinguished, welcoming learning community that fosters a growth mindset and essential traits of great character. RCS will remain dedicated to cultivating and supporting each student's individual abilities and interests as they confidently work to realize their full potential to lead happy, healthy, successful lives.*

*All Remsen students will Soar to Success.*

**2025-2026  
BUDGET HEARING  
MAY 13 AT 6:00 PM  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER**

**SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE,  
BOE ELECTION,  
DISTRICT ART SHOW & FFA PLANT SALE  
MAY 20 FROM 1:00 - 8:00 PM  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

- Soar to Success -

This is accomplished by continuing to work together to provide our children with a solid academic foundation, full of diverse learning opportunities and experiences. Even if you currently do not have students enrolled in school, your support of Remsen Central plays a critical role in raising, teaching, and growing our youth into productive, responsible, kind, hard-working citizens.

Our budget hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00 PM in the elementary library media center. Please consider joining us to learn more about our Student Opportunities Plan and to hear from our one Board of Education candidate seeking election. If you are unable to attend, the full presentation will be posted to our webpage shortly thereafter.

Additional budget and Board of Education election information may also be found throughout this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Our school budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 20th, from 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the Elementary cafeteria. Voter parking spaces will be reserved at the front of elementary parking lot closest to the cafeteria doors. Back by popular demand, our FFA students will be selling plants outside of the cafeteria doors starting at 3:00 PM and student artwork will be on display for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your unwavering support of our school community. We remain dedicated to cultivating and supporting each student’s individual abilities and interests as they confidently work to realize their full potential to lead happy, healthy, successful lives. Working together, we will ensure that our students continue to *Soar to Success!*

It is an honor and a privilege to be your superintendent, a graduate of RCS, and a lifelong resident of the Remsen Central School District.

Sincerely,



Timothy Jenny  
Superintendent

THREE COMPONENTS OF OUR

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES PLAN

PROGRAM

The program budget contains expenses directly related to the teaching of students; teachers, instructional aides and other professional salaries, materials and supplies, textbooks, special education, health services, library-media, and guidance services. Transportation of students, athletics, and co-curricular activities are also included here.

Description	Approved 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026	Change
Legal	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$ -
Instructional	\$6,547,995	\$6,749,853	\$201,858
District Transportation	\$789,172	\$726,826	\$(62,346)
Garage Building	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$3,283,998	\$3,418,032	\$134,034
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$10,687,665</b>	<b>\$10,961,211</b>	<b>\$273,546</b>

## CAPITAL

The capital budget includes costs associated with operations and maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, electricity, heat, oil, water, sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included here for the lease and purchase of buses, payment of debt for capital projects (principal and interest), refund of taxes, and insurance. The final piece of this budget is a transfer to capital for ongoing building improvements.

Description	Approved 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026	Change
Operation of Plant	\$855,545	\$846,219	\$ (9,326)
Maintenance of Plant	\$163,497	\$167,139	\$ 3,642
Insurance and Claims	\$48,650	\$51,083	\$ 2,433
Refund of Taxes	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$305,055	\$317,505	\$ 12,450
Debt Service	\$988,502	\$947,132	\$(41,370)
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$2,462,449</b>	<b>\$2,430,278</b>	<b>\$(32,171)</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE

The administrative budget includes costs associated with management activities including Board of Education, superintendent's office, district clerk, business office and operations such as payroll, supervision, training, data processing, purchasing, BOCES administration charges, printing, mailing, legal, and auditing services.

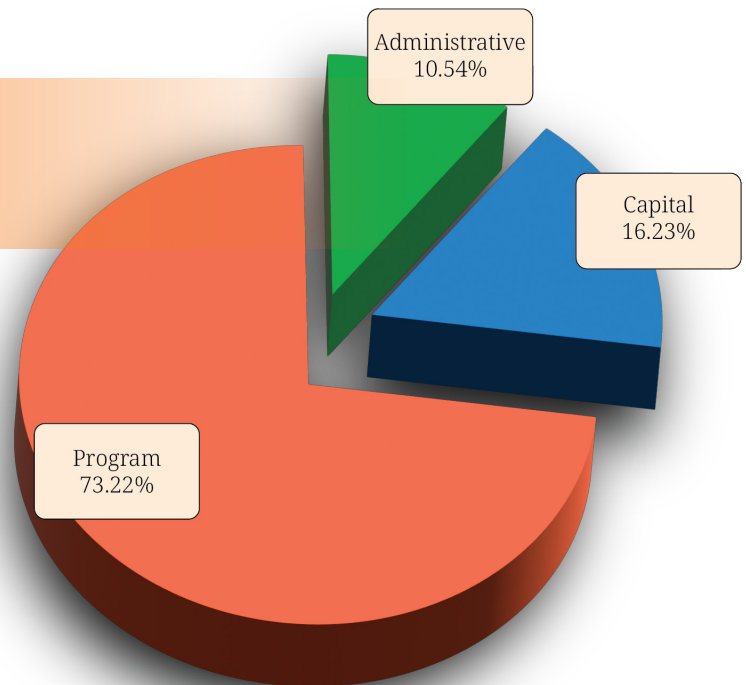
Description	Approved 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026	Change
Board of Education	\$26,589	\$26,589	\$ -
Central Administration	\$161,817	\$165,908	\$ 4,091
Finance	\$294,067	\$294,991	\$ 924
Legal	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$ -
Personnel	\$17,876	\$17,876	\$ -
Records Management	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$ -
Other Central Services	\$59,346	\$59,346	\$ -
Other Special Items	\$109,672	\$109,672	\$ -
Curriculum Development and Support	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$ -
Supervision Regular School	\$391,812	\$420,177	\$ 28,365
Research, Evaluation, Planning	\$5,329	\$5,329	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$423,639	\$440,929	\$ 17,290
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$1,527,347</b>	<b>\$1,578,017</b>	<b>\$ 50,670</b>



# SUMMARY OF STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES PLAN

Revenue	Adopted 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Estimated Aid (State + Federal)	\$8,216,047	\$8,322,605	\$106,558	1.30%
Tax Levy	\$5,702,271	\$5,759,294	\$57,023	1.00%
Other Revenue	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	0.00%
Fund Balance	\$509,143	\$637,607	\$128,464	25.23%
<b>Totals</b>	\$14,677,461	\$14,969,506	\$292,045	1.99%
Expenditures	Adopted 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Program	\$10,687,665	\$10,961,211	\$273,546	2.6%
Capital	\$2,462,449	\$2,430,278	\$(32,171)	- 1.3%
Administrative	\$1,527,347	\$1,578,017	\$50,670	3.3%
<b>Totals</b>	\$14,677,461	\$14,969,506	\$292,045	1.99%

## Student Opportunities Plan Breakdown



*Proposed tax levy increase of 1%. This number is well below our allowable NYS Property Tax Cap Levy Increase Limit of 2.22%*

Summary of 2025-2026 Student Opportunities Plan	
Change in Operating Budget	1.99%
Change in Property Tax Levy	1%
Allowable Property Tax Levy Limit	2.22%



# VOTING INFORMATION

## Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, a resident must have lived in the Remsen Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the May 20 election, be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and registered to vote with the school district. No person shall have the right to register for or vote who would not be qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.

## Can I Vote by Absentee Ballot?

Residents who will not be in the area on May 20, or who are unable to vote in person may apply for an absentee ballot at the Remsen Central School District Office. If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 19. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5:00 PM on May 20.

## Propositions on the Ballot

### 2025-2026 Budget Proposition

RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget of the Remsen Central School District in the amount of \$14,969,506 for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

### Proposition #1 - Bus Purchase

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of three (3) school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$433,375, less trade-in value, if any, such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$433,375 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method.

## Board of Education Election

### Board of Education Seat

To elect one member to the Board of Education for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2025. There is one candidate running and will appear on the ballot as follows: 1. Patrick Nolan





**Artist Info**  
Jason Guo, Grade 3

**Student Artwork**

*Spotlight*



more artwork on pages 24- 25

## REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *				
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$14,677,461	\$14,969,506	\$14,812,095				
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$292,045	\$134,634				
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.99%	.92%				
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.80%					
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,702,271	\$5,759,294					
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$	\$					
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$	\$					
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$	\$					
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$5,702,271	\$5,759,294		\$5,702,271			
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$129,043	\$127,193					
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,657,842	\$5,701,544					
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$5,573,228	\$5,632,101					
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$84,614	\$69,443					
Administrative Component	\$1,527,347	\$1,578,017	\$1,468,216				
Program Component	\$10,687,665	\$10,961,211	\$10,928,651				
Capital Component	\$2,462,449	\$2,430,278	\$2,415,228				
* Contingency budget maintains requirements pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.							
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** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)							

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$533.84

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Remsen school district, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the Elementary School Cafeteria in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm prevailing time in the cafeteria, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

## Capital Outlay Project 2025-2026

Replace failing elementary floor

### NO ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY

The proposed 2025-2026 Remsen Central School District budget includes a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project. It is important to note that the Remsen Central School District will be reimbursed by the state for 83.5% of the Capital Outlay Project's cost. In other words, a \$100,000 project only costs the district \$16,500. The proposed project for next year will be to replace the failing floor in the elementary gym and cafeteria.

One of our overarching goals for the Remsen Central School District is to continue to provide safe, efficient and operational facilities for our students and our community members. Capital Outlay Projects allow us to responsibly make necessary improvements without placing a large burden on the community.

# MEET THE CANDIDATE

## Mr. Patrick Nolan

### Biography

**Family:** I live on French Road in Remsen with my wife and 4 children. We also have 3 labs and a mini dachshund.

**Education:** I was homeschooled and briefly attended MVCC before joining the Army.

**Work Experience:** I own and operate a local construction company.

### Board of Education Information

**Why do you think it is important to serve the community and school as a BOE member?**

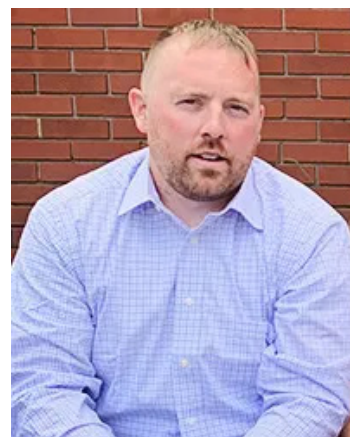
It's a way that I feel I can support and give back to my community.

**What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?**

I have served on the BOE for the past 5 years. In that time I have learned a lot about how the school functions and if given the opportunity I look forward to continuing to work with the other BOE members and the school administration to help provide a safe, fun and effective learning environment for our students and staff.

**What do you think are or will be the most pressing issues facing education in general or Remsen Central School?**

There are a few things that come to mind but one of the things I think is going to be hard on RCS is the electric bus mandate being forced on schools without the proper infrastructure to support it and the high prices of both installing the infrastructure and purchasing the buses themselves.



## Dear Remsen Families,

As the days grow sunnier and spring colors begin to bloom, I am filled with pride and excitement for all that the high school community has accomplished and all that lies ahead. The past few months have been incredibly busy and filled with remarkable achievements across academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities.

Congratulations to our students who excelled in the first three marking periods. Your commitment to learning and progressing deserves recognition. As we head toward the end of the year, I hope that students approach their exams and projects with confidence in the knowledge that they have acquired.

We were treated to many great performances by our band and chorus students. I look forward to the final concert of the year, where the culmination of students' progress will be evident in more great performances.

Our spring sports teams are in full swing. Sports help our students build upon important skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance. I encourage you to come out and support our student-athletes.

As we move further toward the end of the school year, we have several important events and initiatives on the horizon. We can look forward to Ram Ticket drawings, spring sports contests, Spirit Week, Junior/Senior Grand March and Prom, Academic Awards Ceremony, and the JV/Varsity Sports Awards, just to name a few. We will conclude our year celebrating our seniors at the 2025 Graduation ceremony on June 20. It is sure to be a busy but rewarding spring.

### A few important reminders:

- Please contact the guidance office with any questions about exams, grades, or academic plans for next year.
- Continue to monitor the school website and be sure to check your Parent Square for important announcements and updates.
- We are dedicated to helping each student grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Please do not hesitate to reach out so that we can partner together to help every student Soar to Success!

Sincerely,

*Sanya Pelrah*

Sanya Pelrah

Jr./Sr. High School Principal

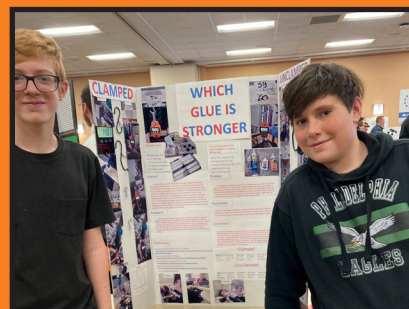


On Thursday, March 27th, OHM BOCES hosted a School Board Institute Educational Showcase for the Oneida, Herkimer and Madison County region.

Remsen prepared two booths for the event. From the Elementary School, Miss Kistowski and Principal Lamphere, along with two of our elementary students (and of course Easton), shared information with folks about the work that Miss K. and Easton are doing here at Remsen.

From the Jr/Sr High School, Mr. O'Bryan, Mr. Glass, and Principal Pelrah, along with four of our Jr/Sr. High School students, shared information about our annual Remsen Science Fair and our students involvement in the Utica Science Fair.

The event was a neat way to share just a few of the great things going on here at Remsen with area board members and administrators.



## School Board Institute EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE



# Circle Work with **SWEETHEARTS AND HEROES**



On Thursday, April 10th and Friday, April 11th, students in grades 7-12 were introduced to Circle work by Josiah McKeon of Sweethearts and Heroes.



According to the Sweethearts and Heroes website, "Circle is a transformative practice rooted in ancient traditions, designed to bring people together, encourage active listening, and break down barriers of vulnerability. Circle is one of the greatest empathy-building practices, cultivating compassion, belonging, and critical Human Skills like self-awareness, social awareness, and relationship-building. Circle provides a space where individuals and communities can forge deeper connections, establish healthy, positive social norms, and grow emotional intelligence together."

Josiah met with small groups of 8-15 students for the Circle work. Each session began with a bit of fun, with Josiah leading students in several games and telling stories to break the ice and to introduce himself and the concept of Circle. After playing a few games, Josiah explained the expectations of Circle (active listening, sharing if comfortable, no judgement, encouraging, etc.) and then asked each group of students and staff questions in order to get folks sharing and listening. Each session was tailored to the group of students, factoring in the students comfort level, engagement and more.



## *The Spring Fling*

On Friday, March 28th, the Class of 2027 hosted the annual Spring Fling Dance. Students in grades 7-12 were invited to attend. Students enjoyed a great evening of fun with friends, dancing and making memories. Thank you to the Class of 2027 and thank you to all of our students that came out for the event.







## One School, One Book Reading Event

# THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH

On Friday, April 11th, all students and staff in the elementary school came together for a fun filled finale to the Chocolate Touch reading event that they had been participating in since March 3rd. Throughout the month of March, students and staff had been reading the book *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling and had enjoyed various challenges and activities based on the story and themes of the book.

For the finale to their reading event, the fun was continued as Principal Lamphere asked students several *Chocolate Touch* Trivia questions and then eleven of our 5th and 6th grade students read a readers theater script of the *Chocolate Touch* to the rest of the elementary school. After the readers theater presentation from 5th and 6th grade, Principal Lamphere announced the winners of the Hershey Kiss, "Caught being sweet" challenge.

For the "Grand Finale", five very brave staff members volunteered for a bit of "pie in the face fun". Mr. Jones, Superintendent Jenny, Mr. Crossett, Ms. Kistowski, and Principal Lamphere took their seats, while five students were randomly selected from the audience, to pie them in the face. Students and staff cheered with excitement as five very full chocolate pies were smeared on the faces of these five brave team members.

The finale, with trivia, a special performance, prizes and pie in the face, was a very fun way to bring the One School, One Book reading event to an end for the 24-25 school year.



Dear Remsen Families,

Happy Spring! I hope that you and your families have been able to get outside and enjoy some of the nice weather when we have had it. I have no idea how we are starting the final quarter of the school year already. This year has already been an exciting one for me. I have gotten to know each one of your students and it is a true pleasure to work with them every day.

The months since our last newsletter have been busy here at Remsen Elementary. February and March were filled with various opportunities for our students. During the month of February we celebrated our students at our Quarter 2 Evening of Excellence and enjoyed our Elementary Drama Club’s production of “Twice Upon A Time.” Families were invited in to enjoy activities with their students at various grade levels. The Rotary delivered a dictionary for each of our third grade students and discussed what Rotary is all about. We also celebrated the hundredth day of school together.

March was an even busier month. We kicked off our One School, One Book reading of The Chocolate Touch. On April 11th we came back together to celebrate with a fun-filled finale. Ms. Kistowski, Easton, two of our fifth graders, and I attended a BOCES Showcase to inform schools on the benefits of a therapy dog. Our third graders performed a wonderful recorder recital. The fourth through sixth graders were treated to a dance put on by the PTG. There were smiling faces all night long. Students in grades 4 through 12 came together to perform a Music In Our Schools Month Concert for the community that was absolutely brilliant.

We are so fortunate at Remsen to be able to offer so many amazing programs for our students. There are so many opportunities to enjoy a wide variety of activities, clubs, sports, etc. As we embark on these last few months of the 2024-2025 school year, please look for notifications for all of the upcoming events. A strong school and family relationship is essential to the success of our students.

Thank you to all of you for supporting our school and our students. We are fortunate to have such an amazing community to share our school with. I am blessed every day to be able to walk into this school and to be part of it. Remsen truly is the place to be!

Sincerely,

*Jody Lamphere*

Jody Lamphere  
Remsen Elementary Principal



Remsen Elementary School	Soaring Students of the Month	
	MARCH	APRIL
	Hayden Wells Avery Bowen Sawyer VanValkenburgh Marlee Rowlands Reagan Tomaino Beckett Porter Dallas Atanasoff Colton Sypolt Jacob Wollaber Rabecca Rasmussen Corey Whaley Daniel Kozak Jr. Eli Smith Odin Raymonda Destiny Farber Alexandria Flint	Garrison Teel Bentley Dooley Abel Owens Barrett Schaffer Leo Cooper Grace Dutch Averie Stacy Rhett Mayer Kaidence Maine Cole Rotach Andrew Bankert Sylas Davenport Brayden Mosher Mark Dutch Dallas Jacobs Landon Houck



# 46TH ANNUAL UTICA UNIVERSITY SCIENCE FAIR

On Saturday, April 5th, RCS was represented by 15 young scientists at the 46th Annual Utica University Regional Science Fair.

With a variety of projects, our Remsen students made a very impressive showing at the fair, winning several special awards, placing in the top three in each of the categories, and receiving Junior Grand Champion and Grand Champion Runner Up. Included below is a list of the awards that our students earned.



## Junior Level Awards (Grades 7 and 8)

- Overall Junior Level Grand Champions - Jacob Southwick and Mason LaBella
- 1st Place in Natural Science - Norbert Bankert and Chase Helmer
- 1st Place in Physical Science - Anna Becker & Reese Rowlands
- 1st Place in Math, Engineering, & Computer Science - Mason LaBella and Jacob Southwick
- 2nd Place in Math, Engineering, & Computer Science - Waylon Rapson & Zachary Yousey
- 3rd Place in Physical Science - Arynn Day and Sophia Yager

## Junior Level Special Awards

- The "Doc" Aaronson Award in Chemistry - Hannah Winghart and Alexis Petteys
- U.S. Air Force Award - Arynn Day and Sophia Yager
- The "Doc" Aaronson Award in Biology - Norbert Bankert and Chase Helmer
- The Adam and Bertha Lachut Award - Arianna Colón and Serenity Hinckley
- The Copernicus Award - Jacob Southwick and Mason LaBella
- Asa Gray Biological Society Award - Norbert Bankert and Chase Helmer

## Senior Level Awards (Grades 9-12)

- Overall Senior Level Grand Champion Runner Up - Trent Jenny
- Third Place in Natural Science - Trent Jenny

## Senior Level Special Awards

- The Sally Lachut Majka '61 and Donald Majka Aard in Earth Science or Conservation - Trent Jenny
- Office of Naval Research Science Award - Trent Jenny





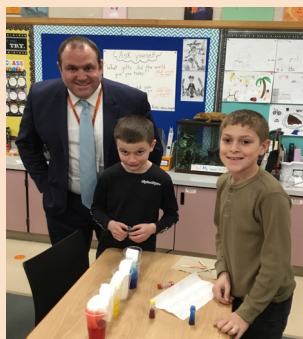
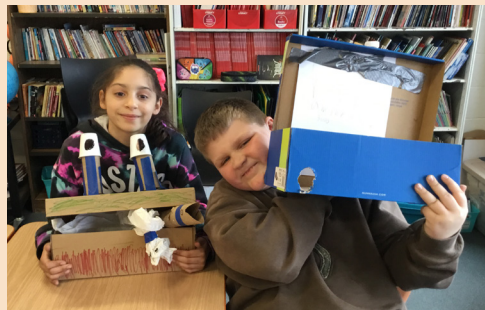
Each year, Mrs. Piaschyk provides our elementary students with great STEAM opportunities through the Elementary STEAM Club. The club is for students in grades 4-6 and is open to all students. Each year the interest has been so great that Mrs. Piaschyk has split the group by grade level. Each grade level has 4 sessions where they come together to complete various projects or challenges.

## Elementary STEAM Club

creativity to play with upcycled materials. The following week, students spent time learning about technology including how to fly drones with Mr. Winghart. Then they got to make their own hovercrafts using an old CD. During the third week, students completed 4 experiments with the theme of "rainbow science." Students got to experiment with science concepts such as capillary action and surface tension. At their next meeting, students will be exploring buoyancy and displacement by building boats.

The elementary STEAM club has had another great year with a total of 40 students between grades 4-6!

Most recently, the 4th grade STEAM club has been very busy with Mrs. Piaschyk. The first week the students were assigned a mission to take a box and create something that was "Not a Box." The students were able to use their



## TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION UPDATES

Dear Remsen Families,

Our Elementary Brick by Brick LEGO clubs are going very well with right around 50 students participating between the two groups. Together we have built and programmed several different builds including vehicles, robots and fun LEGO sized playground equipment. Each group will have two more meetings before the end of the school year.

Our Soaring Rams Drone Club is going well also. Students are learning to fly and are acquiring several flight hours as they practice flying line of sight and also using our first person view (FPV) Goggles. We will still have several meetings before the end of the school year.

The drones are also getting some great use in other areas. Both the 5th and 4th grade Elementary STEAM clubs spent one of their meetings learning how to fly our classrooms drones. We'll continue to find ways to provide great opportunities for students to learn with and explore technology.

I am always here to help if needed. Please do not hesitate to reachout if you have a question or need anything.

Sincerely,

*Gary Winghart*

Mr. Gary Winghart  
Technology Curriculum Coordinator



# REMSSEN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION

## HONOR ROLL

Sienna Aiken	Colin Jones
Nathan Amo	Benjamin Kaufman
Spencer Anderson	Ella LaFave
Andrew Becker	Glen LaFave
Erica Carnright	Alannah Lawlor
Marie Durdisova	Jaiden Maher
Hayleigh Elliott	Connor Nelson
John Gates Jr.	Michael Nelson Jr.
Morgan Gates	Mikhael Samoshuk
Bryce Graves	Madison Spadaro
Sara Hill	Gardner Walker IV
Tanner Hill	Anthony Warner
Tucker Hollenbeck	Christian Whitaker
Morgan Horn	

## HIGH HONOR ROLL

Shianne Austin	Jackson LaBella	Evann Smith
Natalie Barnard	Olivia Lalyer	Skylar Smith
Anna Becker	Rachel Leska	Jacob Southwick
Greta Burdell	Chloee Matt	Molly Southwick
Jasmine Colón	Chelsea McCauley	Emily Spatto
Grace Dalton	Regan Meeker	Ella Staskoski
Arynn Day	Marissa Morris	Charles Treen-Goff
Shaylyn Dolly	Lexxis Mosher	Abbie Tyson
Tiarra Fox	Taylor Murphy	Colton Walker
Hayden Graves	Gavin Nelson	Lorelai Walker
Lacey Green	Madisyn Pett	Tristan Warner
Jia Zheng Guo	Alexis Petteys	Isabella Wilcox
Jayde Hammill	Ean Piaschyk	Jaedyn Wilcox
Brooklyn Helmer	Owen Piaschyk	Makayla Wilcox
Chase Helmer	Cynthia Poczatek	Madison Wollaber
Matthew Helmer Jr.	Madelyn Prosser	
Kailyn Helmer	Brygit Pruitt	
Keara Hyde	Jeweliet Pruitt	
Trent Jenny	Wyatt Rapson	
Olivia Johnson	Ashley Roberts	
Dylan Jones	Reese Rowlands	
Ethan Karis	Ellie Secor	
Marissa Karis	Emily Shufelt	
Cassidy Kerr	Emmelia Smith	

## STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Grace Dalton	Tiarra Fox
Brooklyn Helmer	Molly Southwick
Colton Walker	Jacob Southwick
Hannah Winghart	Andrew Becker
Cynthia Poczatek	Arynn Day
Emmelia Smith	Brooklyn Helmer
Jack Anken	Jeweliet Pruitt
Emily Steator	Olivia Johnson
Trent Jenny	Evann Smith
Hayden Graves	

## MOST IMPROVED

Glen LaFave	Lucas Fox
Zachary Geer	Grayson White
Madelyn Piekielniak	Morgan Gates
Logan Houck	Norbert Bankert
Chloee Matt	Ella LaFave
Emily Streator	Elijah Garcia
Hunter Gee	Skylar Smith
Neveah Yager	Logan Johnson
Adam Woolheater	





# QUARTER 3 EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

## HONOR ROLL

LILLY BANKERT	EVERLY KINIRY
ETHAN BEHR	DANIEL KOZAK
JAMESON BRAY	JACKSON LAUREY
BRODY CAPLICKI	LUCY MAJEWSKI
EMMA CLAPPS	PEYTON MILLICK
SYLAS DAVENPORT	BRAYDEN MOSHER
MARK DUTCH	HALLIE MULLIGAN
DESTINY FARBER	SEAN NOLAN
KELEESI FELSHAW	KARMA RUDD
GIANNA FERGUSON	AVONLEA SCOUTEN
CECELIA FRENCH	ADRIAN SMITH
NATHANIEL GATES	BLAIR SMITH
REAGAN HELMER	MARKUS STACY
TUCKER HILL	PRESLEY STOOKS
MADYSON HYDE	CLAIRE WHALEY
LAKEN KINIRY	

## HIGH HONOR ROLL

ADELINE BIRO  
TESSA BRONSON  
HOLLY DALTON  
WILLOW DELAND  
ALEXANDRIA FLINT  
JACKSON JENNY  
EMERSON LABELLA  
VINCENT MONTEGARI  
ANDREW PETSCHAUER  
HENRY PUTNAM  
TUCKER SCOUTEN  
ELIZA SMITH  
EMILY SMITH  
COREY WHALEY

## SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

MAXL MAINE	EMMA LEHMAN
CARRICK STRONG	AUSTIN FARBER
LYDIA SEIFERT	JAYDEN RIOS
NATALIE MUZIO	FORREST LINKE
GRACE DUTCH	HENRY PUTNAM
RENNA NARBONE	LANDON HOUCK
LUKE MEEKER	MARKUS STACY
CONNER POCZATEK	DAKOTA PETTEYS
JASON GUO	ZOEY DEMALA

## SOARING TO SUCCESS

TAYAH DOOLEN	MILLIE PIETRUCH
NOAH WORDEN	PEYTON MILLICK
EVELYN MAJEWSKI	LUKE MURPHY
JAMEY LEARY	EMILY SMITH
LIAM SHEW	WILLOW DELAND
BRENNA MAYER	LOGAN LESKA
ARIA YAGER	MATTHEW DOOLEN
EMILY MOONEY	GEORGE RUDD
JACOB WOLLABER	SEAN NOLAN

## PARTICIPATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP

GRACE DUTCH  
TUCKER HILL

## ART STAR AWARD

ZOEY DEMALA  
ELIZA SMITH

## PERFORMANCE ARTS AWARD

CARSEN BRONSON  
ELIZA SMITH

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

REAGAN HELMER	HALEY HUISING	EMERSON LABELLA
NATALIE MUZIO	ELIZA SMITH	MCKENNA TOMAINO



## Winter Season Scholar-Athlete Teams and Individuals

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Indoor Track and Varsity Volleyball teams for qualifying towards the NYSPHSAA team Scholar-Athlete program.



At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams, and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success. To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition with a certificate, the average GPA of the top 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00. If a team does not meet the Scholar-Athlete team criteria, the individuals on that team with a 90.00 or above GPA are still eligible to receive a pin and will be considered an individual Scholar-Athlete.

### Remsen's winter season Scholar-Athletes include:

#### Varsity Volleyball

Sienna Aiken  
Brygit Pruitt  
Jeweliet Pruitt  
Ashley Roberts  
Ellie Secor  
Tiarra Fox  
Jennah Day

#### Varsity Basketball

Matthew Helmer  
Dylan Jones

#### Girls Indoor Track

Marissa Karis  
Ella LaFave  
Morgan Horn  
Shianne Austin  
Evalyn Gates

#### Boys Indoor Track

John Gates  
Ethan Karis  
Gavin Nelson  
Ean Piaschky

## WALTER J KACZOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This year, the WJK Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Emily Smith and Nathaniel Gates, two fifth-grade students. The WJK Memorial Scholarship, established in honor of long-time Remsen teacher and coach Walter Kaczor, aims to recognize and support students who have demonstrated growth, commitment, and stewardship of the natural world.

Emily and Nathaniel have been selected as the deserving recipients of the 2025 WJK Memorial Scholarship. Their passion for the natural world and commitment to learning truly embody the spirit of the scholarship. Congratulations to Emily and Nathaniel!





Remsen Jr./Sr. High

## National Honor Society

# *Induction Ceremony*



On Thursday, March 20th, the Remsen Jr./Sr. High School National Honor Society held its 2025 Induction Ceremony to welcome 14 new members. The ceremony was led by advisor, Mrs. Obernesser, and several of the current National Honor Society members.

During the ceremony, second year pins were provided for second year members, thanks to a generous donation from the Remsen Alumni Association. Remsen Alumnus, Dr. David Helmer was selected as the special guest speaker for the ceremony.

### **The following students were inducted as new members:**

Brooklyn Helmer, Kailyn Helmer, Marissa Karis, Olivia Lalyer, Madelyn Prosser, Molly Southwick, Emily Spatto, John Burke Gates Jr., Jia Zheng Guo, Morgan Horn, Regan Meeker, Gavin Nelson, Abbie Tyson, and Lorelai Walker.

*Congratulations to the new members!*







On Friday, March 7th and Saturday, March 8th, the Jr/Sr High School Drama Club presented the musical, Fiddler on the Roof. Directed by Ms. Inman and Mr. Dangler, the cast and crew put on a wonderful show for the audience both evenings.

Filled with fun musical numbers like "Tradition", "Matchmaker" and "To Life"; "Fiddler on the Roof" tells the story of a Jewish milkman named Tevye (played by Trent Jenny) who lives in the small village of Anatevka with his wife Golde (played by Jasmine Colón) and their five daughters. Throughout the story, Tevye struggles to hold onto traditions while the world around him changes. At the end of the story, Tevye and his family are forced to leave their home due to growing anti-Jewish feelings.

A special thanks to Ms. Inman and Mr. Dangler for all of their time and hard work. Thank you to Mr. Pietruch for his assistance with sound. Thank you also to friends and family for help with props, sets, and costumes, as well as for your support throughout the preparation for the show.







# *Music in Our Schools*

The Remsen Music Department hosted the annual Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM) concert on Wednesday, March 26th.

The MIOSM concert is designed to feature and highlight the wonderful talent and skill of our musicians in grades 4 through 12. As a celebration of music in our schools, the evening is filled with musical performances from each of our ensembles as well as several special solo, duet, and quartet performances.

The MIOSM concert is unique in that it provides the audience with the opportunity to observe the musical progression that students make as they go from elementary school through high school as musicians. It is always neat to see our 4th graders, at the beginning of their musical careers, performing in the same concert as our seniors, who have developed into excellent musicians.

All of our musicians did a wonderful job, thank you students for a great concert. Special thanks to Mr. Dangler and Mr. Pietruch for instructing, supporting, and challenging our students to make and enjoy beautiful music!





Having just completed a fun, bug themed week with different crafts, stories, and activities, our pre-kindergarten class invited parents in to school to join in the fun.

On Thursday, March 13th, parents were invited in for bug themed snacks (ants on a log and dirt pudding cups), followed by a fun "rip and tear" construction paper butterfly craft. It was great to have family come in to join in the creepy, crawly, critter fun.



# In the Classroom

*just a glimpse of some of the great things going on at Remsen*



On Friday, April 4th, our 5th grade classes invited their families in for a fun STEAM activity. "Don't spill the water" was the objective, but it was a bit more challenging than it seemed, as students and family members took turns adding water to their cup, attempting to fit as much in their cup as possible without the water spilling over.

If that wasn't tricky enough, the second challenge was to fit as much water onto a penny as they could without the water spilling over. Students were first asked to predict how many drops of water they thought that they could fit onto a penny. They were then instructed to take turns, adding water to their penny, drop by drop. With intense focus and concentration, students were excited to see how many drops they could actually fit on their coins. After the activity, the group compared their results, discussed strategy for optimal water droplet placement, and talked about surface tension.

This activity was a fun way to illustrate the concept of surface tension while getting families involved in the learning fun. Thank you to all of the families and friends that were able to come out for the event.





# Trout in the Classroom



Our third graders at Remsen Elementary, as well as some of the students in Mrs. Ives agriculture classroom, are participating in the Trout in the Classroom program sponsored by Trout Unlimited, a national conservation organization focused on protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is an environmental education program in which students in grades K-12:

- raise trout from eggs to fry
- monitor tank water quality
- engage in stream habitat study
- learn to appreciate water resources
- begin to foster a conservation ethic
- grow to understand ecosystems



The trout that the third graders are working with are located in a large aquarium in the Elementary media center. The third graders are responsible for checking the water temperature, water clarity and the proper operation of the aquarium equipment. The students also feed, count and keep track of the number of live fry.

On April 8th, Mr. Gary Bartell, a member of Trout Unlimited, along with Mr. Bill Jackson and Mr. Steve Priervo spoke to the third graders about the different species of trout, their needs, habitats and diets. Mr. Bartell brought in live aquatic insects to show to the students. Students learned about Stoneflies, Mayflies and Freshwater Shrimp. After learning about the aquatic insects, students were able to feed them to the trout.

Students will continue to learn about and care for the trout until June 2nd when they plan to travel to Pixley Falls to release the trout.



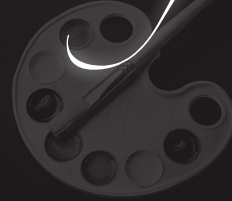




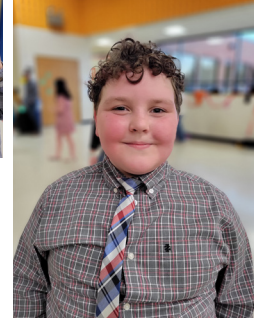
**Artist Info**  
Cynthia Poczatek,  
Grade 9

Student Artwork

*Spotlight*



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PTG

# Spring Dance

On Friday, March 21st, the Remsen PTG brought back an event that got everyone out of their seats and out on the dance floor, with the grades 4-6 PTG Dance. Students in grades 4-6 were invited to come out for an evening of dancing, games and fun with friends. To add to the fun, and to capture the memories from the evening, a photo booth was available for students to enjoy. Everyone had a great time spending time with friends and being silly on the dance floor.

Thank you to the Remsen PTG for making this event possible for our students!







## Recorder Recital

On Wednesday, March 19th our third graders showcased their musical talents at the annual Grade Three Recorder Recital. Mr. Pietruch explained that our third graders have been working very hard to prepare for the event. He described how the recorder unit is a great intro to band, teaching students to read and play musical notes on a staff, how to count and keep time, and how to play together as an ensemble.

During the program, our third graders performed a selection of five well known musical pieces including Hot Cross Buns and Old MacDonald Had a Farm.

## International Club NYC Trip

The International Club took a day trip to New York City on Friday, April 4, led by Club advisor and French teacher Mrs. Boyd and chaperoned by Spanish teacher Mrs. Izzo, Teacher Assistant Mrs. Countryman and Social Studies/ Spanish teacher Mr. Bunker.

34 students participated in the trip. As part of the trip, students took a guided tour of The United Nations, where students were able to walk through rooms where leaders of the world hold meetings and discuss various items. Throughout the trip, importance was placed on the value of acquiring 2nd language skills, especially multi-language skills.

For lunch, students walked to an International Food Court, where they could sample authentic foods from Mexico, Greece and various Asian countries. Students also visited and received a guided tour of Rockefeller Tower/Center, an informal walking tour of Times Square and Hell's Kitchen. To round out the trip, students walked to an authentic Thai restaurant for dinner.





# *All-County Festival* Participation

The 2025 Junior High Oneida County All-County Festival took place at Waterville High School on March 14th and 15th. Participating for Remsen, were Trent Jenny for band and Owen Piaschyk and Jayde Hammill for Chorus. All three students auditioned for these ensembles in January and were selected to participate in this All-County Festival.



On Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th, Remsen had four students participate in the Elementary All-County festival hosted at Saquoit Valley High School.

Lilly Bankert and Emily Smith, participated in chorus and Reagan Helmer and Ethan Behr participated in band.



## Student Artwork

# *Showcase*

**Artist Info:**  
Beckett Porter, Grade 1



**Artist Info:**  
Jeweliet Pruitt, Grade 11







**Artist Info:**  
Emma Fox, Grade 6



**Artist Info:**  
Emma Lehman, Grade 4



**Artist Info:**  
Emily Smith, Grade 5



**Artist Info:**  
Buck Hawkins, Grade 2



**Artist Info:**  
Joanna Kasprowicz,  
Kindergarten



**Artist Info:**  
Lyla Donlon, Grade 9



**Artist Info:**  
Maria Durdisova, Grade 12



**Artist Info:**  
Chase Poczatek, Grade 9





Wednesday, March 19th was our annual Senior Switch Day. The day where our seniors have the opportunity to "switch" into one of their teachers, administrators, custodians, counselors, etc. Staff members volunteer to be a part of the switch and each senior student is paired up with a staff member for the day. For one day, our seniors get to dress like, act like, see what it's like to be that staff member.



## NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT



### Lunch/Recess Monitor

Mrs. Laura Quinn, lives in Remsen with her husband and 3 daughters Elizabeth, Jane, Ava, and their 2 beautiful cats, Itzy and Mia.

Mrs. Quinn absolutely loves the outdoors and spending time with her family. She is passionate about growing beautiful flowers and creating eye-catching landscapes that go along with it. She looks forward to making a difference and being apart of the Remsen team for a very long time!



### Classroom Aide

Ms. Jennifer Wilcox lives in Remsen with her daughter Zoey and her family. She has lived in Remsen all her life. She is a graduate of Herkimer Community College, majoring in Fashion Merchandising and Buying.

She enjoys baking, gardening and reading. She mostly enjoys spending time with her family, especially her daughter Zoey.

Ms. Wilcox is very excited to join the Remsen Team!











# REMSEN CSD

## Summer Learning and Enrichment OPPORTUNITIES

Please be on the lookout for more information about our Summer Programs on our school website and social media.














# 111th Annual Alumni Banquet

The Remsen Alumni Association is holding the 111th banquet on Saturday, June 14, 2025, starting with a social hour at 4:30 p.m. in the High School gymnasium with live music from the Alumni Jazz Band. The banquet will celebrate the present class of 2025, along with the 25, 50 and 75 year anniversaries. For more details and information, please contact Remsen Alumni Association President Mark Williams at 315.576.1974 or markb2055@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support, If you would like to support the Remsen Alumni Association and school, please send donations to: Linda Cady | 10471 Coombs Road | Holland Patent, NY 13354. Checks should be made out to the Remsen Alumni Association. Your thoughtful contributions enable the Alumni Association to support the National Honor Society, FFA, High School Music Department, Elementary Evening of Excellence awards, and the High School end of year awards. Most importantly, your generosity serves our greatest goal, to proudly provide three scholarships to this year's deserving senior recipients.

The Remsen Alumni Association is proud to be able to support our graduates and the Remsen Central School District, all made possible by the contributions, donations and dedication of our community.

Mark Williams, RAA PRESIDENT

## Remsen Class of 2025 Fireworks Celebration!

June 20<sup>th</sup> following  
Graduation

### Donations

If you are an individual or a company that would like to help the seniors with this year's fireworks display to celebrate the graduating class of 2025, please make checks payable to *Remsen Central School District* and write "Senior Celebration" on the memo line of the check.

### Recognition and Appreciation

Individual and company donations will be announced prior to the fireworks display and a "Thank You" flyer with all of this year's donors will be posted in our district newsletter and on our webpage and Facebook page after the celebration.

### Donations may be dropped off at the District Office or mailed to:

Mrs. Abigail Roberts, District Clerk  
Remsen Central School  
PO Box 406  
9733 Main Street  
Remsen, NY 13438  
315-205-4300 x.4221

Thank you!

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# School Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Elementary Cafeteria

**District Art Show and FFA Plant Sale!**

