





# Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

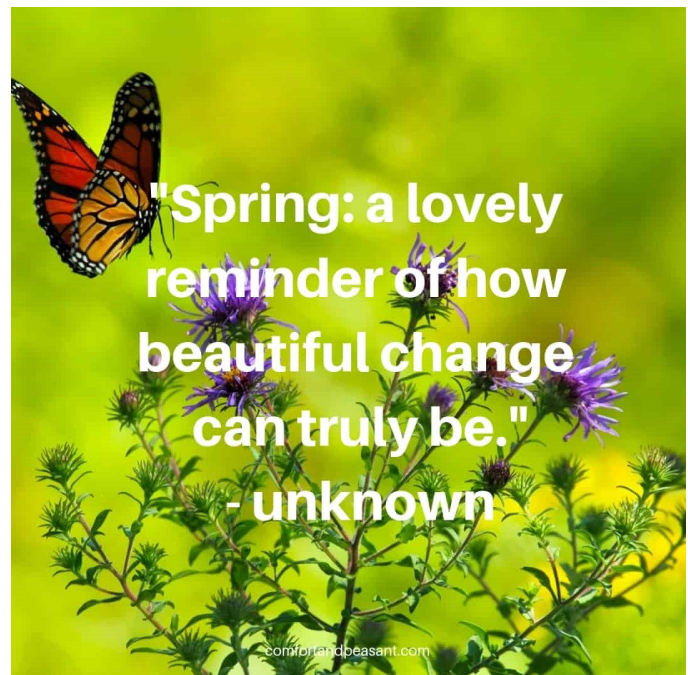
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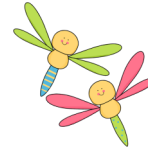


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# Principal's Message



Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break and had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather before the recent stretch of rain. As we move closer to the end of the school year, there is a lot happening at the Jr./Sr. High School. We've already begun the 4th marking period, and our academic calendar is in full gear. Our 7th and 8th grade students have completed the NYS ELA, Math, and Science assessments, and AP exams are currently underway for some of our high school students. It's truly impressive to see the academic rigor offered at Oriskany and the determination our students show in rising to the challenge! Looking ahead, Regents exams will begin on June 10th at the Jr./Sr. High School. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of extra help sessions, which are available after 10th period from 2:30 to 3:00 PM.

Beyond academics, our spring sports season is in full swing, featuring Track and Field, Golf, Baseball, Softball, and Tennis. If you have a chance, please come out and support our dedicated student-athletes. Updated team schedules can be found on the school website. Additionally, we have several events for the entire Oriskany community to enjoy in the coming weeks, including concerts, scholarship awards, the Grand March for Prom participants, and an art and technology show, which will be held during the School Budget Vote on May 20th.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our students, staff and school!

ORISKANY PROUD

Sincerely,



Andrew K Kennedy  
Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School Principal





# DATES TO REMEMBER



## May...

12th- Budget Hearing @ 6:30pm

16th- TATF Blood Drive

17th- PROM 7-11pm at Harts Hill

17th- Armed Forces Day

20th- School Budget Vote and BOE Election—12:00 to 8:00pm

District Art/Technology Show—5:00-7:00pm

Elementary School Band Concert—7:00 pm

23rd- Progress Reports go home

23rd- Snow Give Back Day—NO SCHOOL

26th- Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL

27th- Snow Give Back Day—NO SCHOOL



MAY 20th





**Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES**  
**Career and Technical Education**  
**HONOR ROLL**  
**3rd Marking Period 2024-2025**

**HIGH HONOR 90-100**

Jazmin Barnes, Jessica Beckwith, Leah Denison, Ashlee Kowiatek, Chelsea Mason, Cameron Post, Gianna Santucci, Savannah Schultz, Michael Smithling, Emelia Ulrich,

**HONOR ROLL 85-89**

Angela Ajiataz, Eric Babcock, Ryan Birt, Hayden Eaton, Raelin Johnston,  
Elizabeth Wright

**HONORABLE MENTION 80-84**

Josephine Melvin, Brandon Poirier, Rafael Velez







## **Oriskany Central School's Third Marking Period Honor Roll 2024-2025**

### **Highest Honor Roll: 94.5-100.0**

Grade 12: Brienne Eldred, Chelsea Mason, Ishaal Mirza, Erika Reid, Gianna Santucci, Jessica Zyskowski

Grade 11: Jessica Beckwith

Grade 10: Ashley Zyskowski

Grade 9: Lilliana Ciotti, Nicholas Citriniti, Audrina Gulisano, Troy Gu, Collin Opperman, Landon Volz

Grade 8: Gavin Bronk, Isabella Hart

Grade 7: Carter Charles, Tanner Koons, Vito LoCaccio, Nolan Opperman, Olivia Petronella, Greyson Ruiz, Samuel Sperling,  
Liam Tylutki, Aaliyah Zurek

### **High Honor Roll: 89.50-94.49**

Grade 12: Ryan Birt, Kate Dellers, Leah Denison, Nathan Domenico, Sean Graziano, Henry Inserra, Thomas Maher, Michael  
Smithling, Jack Tagliaferri, Maggie Tylutki

Grade 11: Alexia Birt, Corinne Looney, Braelyn Oehler, Cameron Post, Edward Wright

Grade 10: Alexis Roman, Brynne Russum,

Grade 9: Jewels Bewick, Nicholas Koenig, Chase Larson, Kaelyn Mayo

Grade 8: McKenzie Benoit, Caroline Gulick, Sophia Judycki, Jacob Kent, Camryn LoRusso, Isabella McCloskey, Lilly  
O'Dell, Ceci Piersma, Emily Poissant, Jason Reyes

Grade 7: Brayden Anderson, Khilee Camerota, Landon Christopher, Vanessa Fleegeer, Audrianna Granato, Laila Greenfield,  
Emma Stewart, Taren Urtz,

### **Honor Roll: 84.00-89.49**

Grade 12: Emerson Appler, Raelin Johnston, Chase Koenig, Jeffrey Phillips, Brian Terchowicz, Emelia Ulrich

Grade 11: Jazmin Barnes, Matthew Dibble, Matthew Kernan, Brayden LaGasse, Gabryella Manella, Savanah Schultz, Tyler  
Tamburino, Aryanna Walker, Elizabeth Wright

Grade 10: Broderick Anderson, Delilah Chase, Danica Dame, Charles Golden, Joseph Iacovissi, Aiden Pysnik, Lance Smith  
III, Danica Sykes, Brent Tinney, Carter Usyk

Grade 9: Ashlynn Andrews, Nathan Gulisano, Gianna Detrick, Robert Duff Jr., Kirill Kasperovich, Arianna Kernan,  
Madeline Powers, Koley VanVechten, KhaiLee Worn

Grade 8: Mya Avery, Giada Baker, Alexandria Bergen, Peyton Dame, Wyatt Davis, Joseph Day, Cohen Kraeger, James  
Nester, Trenton Pryor, Victoria Reyes,

Grade 7: Madeline Babcock, Clara Ciotti, Matthew Dousharm, Cole Lasher, Mitchell Mimassi, Kirke Palmer III, Caysen  
Stapleton, Brylie VanVechten



American  
Red Cross



*Join Camp Do Good*

**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

# **Oriskany TATF Blood Drive**

**Friday, May 16**

**9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

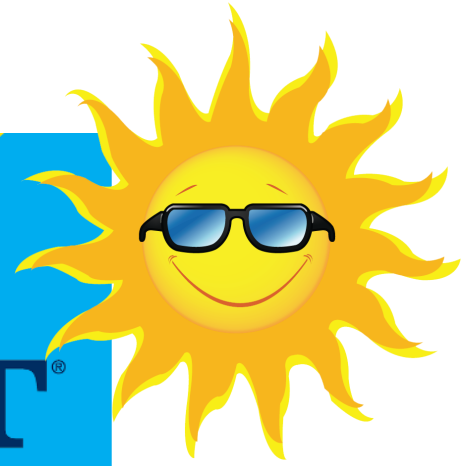
**Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium**

**1312 Utica St., Oriskany**

**Save lives and help students earn scholarships!**

**For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter OriskanyHS**

**If you are an eligible type O, B – or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.**



### SAT Test Dates & Deadlines

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025



### ACT Test Dates & Deadlines

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025





## From the School Nurses...



Dear Parents/Guardians of our Oriskany Students,

We will be sending out important information regarding physicals and vaccinations needed for the 2025-2026 school year.

### Physicals

Students entering 7th, 9th and 11th grades, and any student who plans on participating in fall sports will need to complete the enclosed forms. Forms can also be found on our Oriskany homepage under nursing.

### Vaccinations

Students entering 7th and 12th grades will need to have their Meningitis vaccine completed prior to entering the first day of school. Students that have not received their vaccination by the first day of school will be contacted to request a specific date for their scheduled vaccination. By the 14th day of school proof of vaccination must be provided or the student will not be allowed to attend school on the 15th day. Students who transfer in from out-of-state have up to 30 days to receive this vaccination.

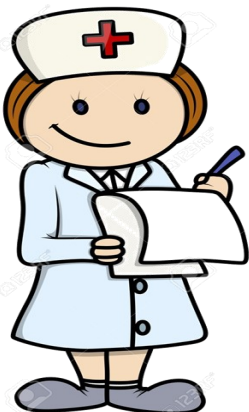
Vaccinations can either be provided by your child(s) health care provider or by Oneida County Department of Health. They can be reached at 315-798-5747. Appointments are necessary because certain vaccinations are only given on certain days.

### Medication Pick Up

Students that have medications located in the nurse's office will need to have a parent pick them up by 2:30 on June 25th, 2025. Any medication remaining in the nurse's office will be properly disposed of.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns between the hours of 8:00am and 2:30 pm Monday- Friday up to June 25th, 2025. My office number is 315-768-2061.

Thank you,  
Maryruth Stopera, BA, RN  
MStopera@OriskanyCSD.org  
Phone #: 315-768-2061  
Fax # 315-768-2046





# Spring Concert



***May 20, 2025***

***N.A. Walbran Elementary School Band***

***7:00 pm***

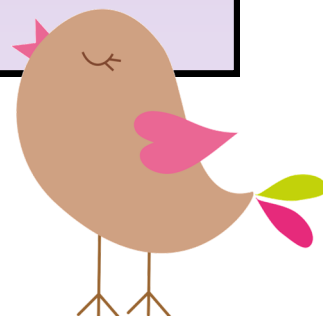
***At the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium***

***June 11, 2025***

***Jr./Sr. High School Band & Chorus***

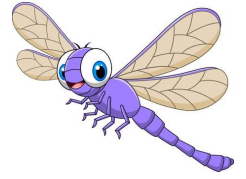
***7:00pm***

***At the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium***





# This Happened...



On Weds. May 7th members of language club worked with the Pre K students at Eastern Star. They "spied with their little eyes" pictures relating to Cinco de Mayo, reviewed their numbers by singing along to a song and colored a bar graph with spicy peppers, tacos and maracas to celebrate the festive occasion.





# This Happened...



Students from Mr. Wimmer's Social Study class attended an event for Law Day.



In Mr. Wojdyla's class, 9th graders were learning about Martin Luther and his 95 Thesis which started the Protestant Reformation. Student teacher Collin Clanton had students write their own document about important changes that could be made in school.





# This Happened...



## Mathletics Team Finishes Strong with a Victory and 2nd Place Overall!



The Mathletics team closed out an exciting season with a big win at their final event of the year! After months of problem-solving, team challenges, and relays, the team's hard work paid off with a first-place finish at the last meet in Camden on April 5th.

This year's team saw an impressive number of participants, with students from grades 7 through 12 stepping up to represent our school. Their dedication, collaboration, and sharp thinking carried the team through a competitive season, ultimately earning them 2nd place overall. Congratulations to all the Mathletes on an outstanding season—you've made us proud!





# This Happened...



## NYS Canal Clean Sweep

On April 17, 2025 students and their advisors participated in the annual NYS Canal Clean Sweep at the Oriskany Canal Trail. Science club, SAFE (Students Advocating for the Environment), and the golf team joined together for this local clean up. They collected 5 bags of trash, a tire, a tire rim, a cooler, firework wrappings, and a toy car. Over 200 pounds of trash was collected and approximately 30% was plastic. Most of the trash was identifiable by brand and included food wrappers, bottles, and cans many of which could have been recycled. Thanks to all who participated this year! #OriskanyProud



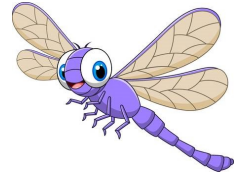
## Envirothon 2025



The Oriskany Science Club sent a team to the Oneida County Envirothon at the Utica Zoo on April 16th. Students prepared an oral presentation using the theme of “Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change” They studied topics including Aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and soils. After competing against 11 other schools, the Oriskany team entered a tie breaker round for first place in the Wildlife category! Good job Ishaal, Erika, Jessica, Brienne, & Gavin! Thanks for braving the snow to represent OCS.



# This Happened...



Students Lit up the Night at the Neon Dance hosted by the Oriskany Student Council. On April 4, 2025, Student Council held a Neon dance with music, glow in the dark items, light up cornhole and glowing Jenga. Students grades 7-12 came and danced the night away.





# Class of 2025 Senior Trip



The Class of 2025 enjoyed their Senior Trip, which included stops at the American Dream Mall in New Jersey, which offered many activities and many stores to shop at. Next stop was at Dave & Busters for dinner & games. After a long day, they checked in to their hotel at Courtyard Marriott in Philadelphia. The next day they visited the Adventure Aquarium, had lunch at the Reading Terminal Market, visited the Liberty Bell, and closed off the day with a dinner cruise. They spent their final day having fun at Hershey Park! Much fun was had by all. Great memories were created and shared. It was a great send off for our 2025 Seniors! Thank you for all who supported and made the trip possible. Thank you to our chaperones, Mr. Donohue & Mr. Weigandt. We could not have done it without all your support & help!!







*Liberty Bell*



*Rocky Stairs*







*Adventure Aquarium*



*American Dream Mall, Dave & Busters, & Hershey Park!*





A scenic background image of a garden path. In the foreground, there are various flowers, including purple and yellow ones. A path leads through a lush green garden with many trees in the background. The sky is a warm, golden color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

# MAY...

**American Cheese Month**

**Creative Beginnings Month**

**Gifts From the Garden Month**

**Military Appreciation Month**

**National Family Month**

**National Photo Month**

**National Smile Month**

**Did You Know...**

**May 11th- Hostess Cupcake Day**

**May 15th- International Day of Families**

**National Chocolate Chip Day**

**May 18th- Visit Your Relatives Day**

**May 20th- World Bee Day**

**May 22nd- Sherlock Holmes Day**

**May 28th- National Hamburger Day**

**May 30th- National Creativity Day**