



SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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A Message from Dr. Morris:

Dear Husky Community,

It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close. 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.

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Budget Vote/Board Election Results:

- 2025- 2026 Budget: Approved at \$58 million
- Capital Improvement Projects: Both propositions passed, totaling \$53.5 million
- Board of Education: Congratulations to Catharine Young, Aubree Malick, and Alex Calbi on their election to the Board!

We extend our sincere thanks to the Olean community for your continued involvement and support throughout this year's budget and election process. Your participation reflects a shared commitment to our schools, our students, and the future of education in our district.



***Newly elected board members Aubree Malick and Alex Calbi being sworn in on May 21st.**



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Olean High School Hosts Annual Awards Breakfast:

On Tuesday, May 28th, Olean High School held its annual Awards Breakfast. This tradition honors the dedication, talent, and accomplishments of our students. This year, over 200 students were recognized for their academic achievements, leadership, and character. In addition to receiving various awards and honors, many students received scholarships totaling thousands of dollars. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of this year's recipients. Your commitment to excellence continues to make Olean proud!





Olean Area Exceptional Track & Field Day:

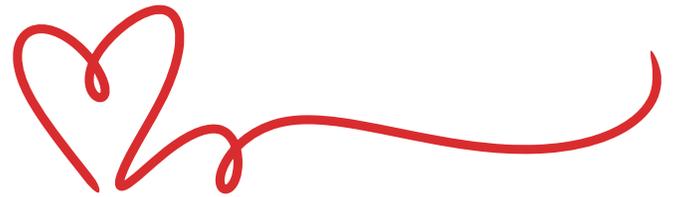
On May 16th, the Olean Intermediate-Middle School track welcomed students from across the region for the Olean Area Exceptional Track & Field Day. Participants from Olean, Hinsdale, Portville, Allegany-Limestone, Cuba-Rushford, Franklinville, Bolivar-Richburg, and Cattaraugus-Little Valley came together for a day filled with athletic events, fun, and community spirit. Alongside track and field activities, attendees enjoyed live music, face painting, sand art, and more.





Washington West Huskies Have Heart!

Our husky pups took on the Kids Heart Challenge to support the American Heart Association and crushed it! With a goal of \$5,000, our students went above and beyond, raising an incredible \$6,345.80! Top fundraisers celebrated in style with Mr. P and Ms. A, and the grand finale? Ms. A took a pie to the face in honor of their outstanding efforts! Thank you to all our heart-healthy huskies for your generosity and big hearts!





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Olean High School Prom 2025:





Hatching Excitement at Eastview:

Students in Ms. Caya's, Ms. McIntosh's, Ms. Chase's, and Ms. Rodman's classes recently completed an egg-citing journey with Farm to School! Starting April 22, Mr. Kenyon visited the students weekly to teach them about incubators, various duck breeds, egg predictions, and proper care for ducklings. After 28 days, the ducklings hatched, and students identified their breeds through comparison and discussion. On May 23, the ducklings headed off to their new home on a farm! Thank you to our amazing teachers for bringing this hands-on experience to life!





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Olean City School District Art Show:

The Olean City School District is proud to celebrate the creativity, passion, and talent of our student artists, whose work was recently featured in the annual Art Show at the Olean Public Library. On display through late May, this year's show held special significance, as it was dedicated to the memory of Corrie Burdick, a beloved former art teacher at Washington West Elementary. Corrie inspired generations of young artists with her creativity, enthusiasm, and compassionate spirit. Her legacy lives on in the artwork and the hearts of the many students she touched. We thank the Olean Public Library for hosting this year's show.



***Best In Show Winners are on the next two pages.**



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Award show "Best In Show Winners":





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Award show "Best In Show Winners" Continued:





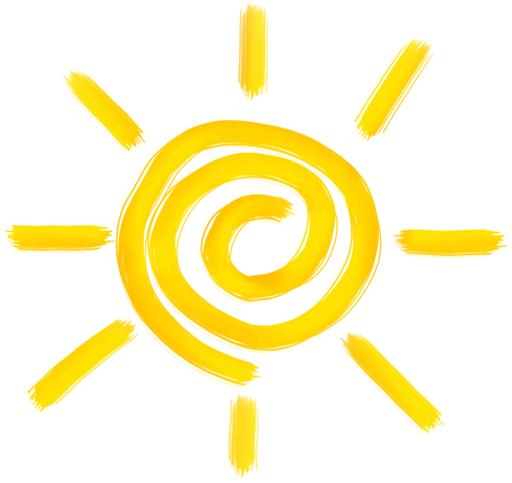
Huskies Earn Silver:

Congratulations to the Olean Concert Band for earning a Silver Rating at the NYSSMA Majors Festival on May 21st! You've earned it through all your hard work and dedication, making us all proud. Way to go, Huskies!



Last Day of Classes:

Pre-K - 7 Grade: 6/26
High School: 6/13





East View Elementary Annual Family Bike Ride:





OHS Students Explore Water Treatment Careers:

Students in Mrs. Niece's class at Olean High School recently had the opportunity to step out of the classroom and into the world of public utilities during a Work-Based Learning trip to the Olean Water Treatment Plant, accompanied by Job Coach Mrs. Graves. This hands-on experience offered students a firsthand look at how clean, safe drinking water is produced and delivered to our community. Thank you to the dedicated team at the Olean Water Treatment Plant for welcoming our students and sharing their knowledge





OHS Annual Prom Assembly:





Olean High School Teacher Honored:

In recognition of her exceptional contributions to education, Olean High School teacher Katie Wolfgang has been awarded a formal citation from the New York State Assembly. Assemblyman Joseph M. Sempolinski presented the citation as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. Katie Wolfgang was commended for her outstanding teaching abilities and her unwavering dedication to her students. Congratulations, Katie!





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OCSD Hosts First Annual Junior VS Senior Powderpuff Game: The Olean City School District held its first annual Junior vs. Senior Powderpuff football game on Thursday, May 29th. In a hard-fought matchup, the Juniors got the 20–13 win over the Seniors. The District would like to thank everyone who came out to support our students and make this event a success.





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Coffee with the superintendent:

You are invited to the next Coffee with the Superintendent

Future Coffee Dates:

- No more for the 2024-2025 School Year

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

