

## Family Engagement News

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It's hard to believe that our summer break is half over already. We have been busy planning a wonderful new school year and developing many opportunities for parents and families to get involved (engaged) with the school at every level. I can't stress enough the importance of getting involved with your child's education from early learning right through post-secondary education! Research shows that when parents are engaged, students do much better! Thank you to the Olean BOCES Cosmetology class for starting out our new school year with the free haircutting clinic. We had 26 students come in for free haircuts. (see pictures below). We hope to do another one in December! The Summer STAR program finished off with another wonderful production: **Madagascar!** (see pictures below). We also held the Athlete and Parents Information Night so all the interested athletes could participate in their chosen sport! This month the **BOE** will meet on **08/12/25** in the BOE room at OHS at **6:30 PM**, right after the **Public Hearing** on our School Safety Plan which begins at **6:00 PM** in the OHS Auditorium. The public is encouraged to come and offer suggestions and thoughts!

**East View:** The New Student Registration was held this week, and the **Meet the Teacher Night** is on **August 28<sup>th</sup>** from **4:30-6:30 PM**.

**Washington West:** The New Student Registration was held this week, and the **Meet the Teacher Night** is on **August 28<sup>th</sup>** from **4:30-6:30 PM**.

**OIMS:** At the end of the school year we held a Title I Parents information meeting where several Parents came in with their children to learn more about reading. We had a nice turnout (see pictures below). New Student Registration was held this week. **Don't forget that 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student & Family Orientation is TONIGHT (Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>) from 5-6 PM !!!** (more on this next month!) **Meet the Teachers** will be held on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **4:30-6:30**.

**OHS:** OHS had their graduation in June with a huge turnout to help these students celebrate their accomplishments (see picture below) New Student Registration was held this week, and **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student & Family Orientation** for the incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be on **August 26<sup>th</sup>** from **6-8 PM**. **Meet the Teachers** will be held on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **4:30-6:30**.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**August 12<sup>th</sup>:**            **Public Hearing (Safety Plan)-OHS Aud 6:00 PM**  
                                 **BOE Meeting-** BOE room @ OHS 6:30 PM

**August 26<sup>th</sup>:**            **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student & Family Orientation-** OHS 6-8 PM

**August 28<sup>th</sup>:**            **Meet the Teachers-** EV & WW 4:30-6:30 PM

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>:**        **Meet the Teachers-** OIMS & OHS 4:30-6:30

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>:**        **First day of school for all students**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>:** **RAM Clinic (Remote Area Medical):** Olean YMCA

Did you notice that we got a new website??? Just go to [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org) and check it out. The Family Engagement Page is still there with all the resources, just with a new look! In the upper right hand click on **Menu** and scroll down to click on the **Community Schools** where 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 ParentSquare. 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.

**Scroll down for lots of pictures!**



(OIMS Parent Event)



(OHS Graduation 2025)



(Free Summer Hair Cut Clinic)

Keep scrolling !!!





(Madagascar!)