

OSTRANDER NEWS



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Ostrander Families,

I'm thrilled to join the Ostrander family as your new principal and have already been inspired by the warmth and energy at our summer meet-and-greet events. I can't wait to welcome everyone back on **September 3rd**!

This year's theme is *One Team, Everyone Succeeds*, a reminder that when we work together, great things happen. I look forward to partnering with you to create a joyful, connected, and enriching year for all our students.

Please mark your calendars for Open House:
Grades UPK-3: September 15th @ 6:30 pm
Grades 4-6: September 10th @ 6:30 pm

I would also like to encourage you to join our PTO. The PTO will have its first meeting on September 16th at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,
Anita Hoyt, Principal



Attendance

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building positive attendance habits early on so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Here are some helpful tips:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Back-to-School Forms

It is important to complete and return the back-to-school forms sent home in the blue home/school communication folder. This will ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

AM Drop Off (8:30 – 9:00 am)

K-6 students are to be dropped off in the designated unloading zone and exit on the passenger side of the vehicle only. A staff member will be there to assist your child(ren). UPK students must be checked in with the teacher/aide at the main entrance of the school building.

Dismissal Procedures

- UPK students are dismissed at 2:50 pm at door #4 (near cafeteria).
 - Pickup students will be released at 3:00 pm. Please park in the upper lot and line up at the gymnasium doors to sign your child out. Photo ID is required.
 - Walkers are released at 3:00 pm at door #4 (near cafeteria).
 - Bus dismissal begins at 3:05 pm.
- IMPORTANT: Any changes to your child's dismissal plan must be submitted to the main office.**

Upcoming Events

9/2	Superintendent's Conference Day
9/3	First Day of School
9/8	Bus Safety Drills
9/10	Open House: Grades 4-6 @ 6:30 pm
9/11	PBIS Kickoff Assembly (during specials)
9/15	Open House: Grades UPK-3 @ 6:30 pm
9/16	PTO Meeting/Meet the Principal @ 7 pm
9/17	Board of Education Meeting @ 7 pm (WSHS)
9/23	Schools Closed for Holiday
9/26	Back to School Movie Night 7 pm
9/30	School Picture Day
10/1	National Walk to School Day
10/2	Schools Closed for Holiday
10/3	Homecoming Parade

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

895-7225	Announcement Line
895-7232	Attendance Office
895-7231	Health Office
895-7229	Health Office Fax
895-7225	Main Office
895-8043	Main Office Fax

National School Lunch & Breakfast Program

WCSD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast and lunch are free for all students during the 2025-2026 school year. We ask that you kindly complete and return the School Meal Program application at your earliest convenience.

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OSTRANDER IS A PBIS SCHOOL

PBIS stands for **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**.
PBIS creates schools where all students succeed.

PBIS KICKOFF

On September 11th, all students will attend a PBIS kickoff for the 2025-2026 school year. This grade-level assembly will take place during specials period (Art, Library, Music, P.E.). During this kickoff students will learn the PBIS expectations throughout the building and the PBIS promise.



PBIS PROMISE:

PAWS

Today I will have a
Positive Attitude,
Act Respectfully and
Responsibly, make
Wise Choices, and keep
myself and others
Safe.

One Team,
Everyone
Succeeds

Each month, we will recognize and celebrate students who demonstrate a positive character trait. We are excited to celebrate our amazing students!

SEPTEMBER'S TRAIT

IS

HELPFUL

What does it mean to be helpful?

- A helpful person is someone who aids and helps without asking.
- They are often thinking of others and are willing to lend a helping hand.



NEW CELL PHONE POLICY

As required by Education Law §2803, the District prohibits students from using internet-enabled devices (including smartphones, tablets, and smartwatches) during the instructional day both in the building and on school grounds.

During the school day, if you need to contact your child you may call Ostrander's main office at 845-895-7225 or message your student's teacher. Additionally, students may visit the school office to contact their parents.

For more information on Wallkill Central School District's cell phone policy, please refer to District Policy 7402.