

Family Engagement News

by: Cindi Rhoades

Happy Memorial Day and welcome to another school year! Remember that school starts for all buildings on Wednesday September 3rd! This month the **Board of Education** will meet on **09/9/25** in the BOE room at OHS at **6:30 PM**. Last month we held a Public Hearing on our School Safety Plan, and several community members came in to join staff and administration with our new plan. Thank you to those that participated; YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT! We also just held a Parent Technology Night where we assisted families with signing up and navigating Parent Square and Parent Portal. (see pictures) If you were unable to attend this helpful event, information on these two technology tools along with Student Square, can be found on the Family Engagement Resources Page.

East View: East View welcomes their new principal, Heather Keller, who jumped right into things. They also held their annual Meet the Teacher Night a couple of days ago, so I hope you got a chance to attend. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) met last month and have a lot of great things planned for this year. Our first big event for EV families is our **Welcome Back to School Bash** at the **YMCA** on **September 21st** from **2-4 PM**. More information will be coming home shortly but save the date for the whole family! The **PTO** is open to any parent at EV that would like to volunteer their time. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 15th** at **6:30 PM** in the main office. We are pleased to continue our Back Pack Program (Nutrition Club) at EV & WW this year and more excited to have added OIMS this year! If your child was part of this program last year, please reach out to your child's teacher, counselor or principal, or Cindi Rhoades at (716) 375-8031. You can also watch your Parent Square for the new application.

Washington West: Washington West is so glad to have their principal back from her maternity leave! They just held their annual Meet the Teacher Night a couple of days ago, so hopefully you took advantage of this great opportunity to meet the teachers and get a look at your child's classroom. The **PTO** will be meeting soon, and all parents are welcome to join. We are pleased to continue our Back Pack Program (Nutrition Club) at EV & WW this year and more excited to have added OIMS this year! If your child was part of this program last year, please reach out to your child's teacher, counselor or principal, or Cindi Rhoades at (716) 375-8031. You can also watch your Parent Square for the new application.

OIMS: OIMS held their second annual 4th Grade Student & Family Orientation last month and 57% of the incoming class were able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn about OIMS and how it differs from the elementary schools, find their classes and lockers, visit with friends, and come together for a wonderful treat at the end. Congratulations to **Ava Brandner, Olivia Haskins, & Malachi Heck** who were our lucky winners for the student raffle! (see pictures) **Meet the Teachers** will be held on **September 2nd** from **4:30-6:30- that's tomorrow!** We are so excited to announce that we got approval to expand our Back Pack Program (Nutrition Club) to OIMS this year! If your child was part of this program last year, please reach out to your child's teacher, counselor or principal, or Cindi Rhoades at (716) 375-8031. You can also watch your Parent Square for the new application.

OHS: OHS held their 3rd annual 8th Grade Student & Family Orientation last month and had a great turnout. 74% of the 8th grade class came in with their families to complete orientation and have a wonderful family dinner provided by our fantastic cafeteria staff! (see pictures). Congratulations to **Stella Austin, Riley Corson, & Makennah Daniels** for being our lucky student raffle winners, and **Gina Hinchey** as our parent raffle winner!. **Meet the Teachers** will be held on **September 2nd** from **4:30-6:30- that's tomorrow!** If you are an 8th grade family that were not able to attend the orientation, please stop by the school prior to school starting to sign your paperwork and pick up your important packets! You can do this Tomorrow between 8 AM and 6:30 PM.

Special Education : If you are a student with a disability, are an incoming Junior or Senior, and you haven't yet filled out your paperwork for ACCES-VR (transitional services) yet, we will have a **Junior/Senior & Parent Night** to help with this on **October 15th from 6-7 PM** at the Student Registration Office/Professional Learning Center at 402 N. 7th Street. Paperwork for this will be sent out later this month from the CSE. If you have any questions, give Cindi Rhoades a call at (716) 375-8031.

Community Schools: The Olean City School District is lucky in that it has its own Community Schools Program, plus it works with the Community Schools through CABOCES. Many of our wonderful programs are funded through our Community Schools. One program is our **Liberty Partnership Program** where we partner with SUNY Fredonia to help kids achieve. This summer, the Liberty Partnership staff worked closely with the Cattaraugus County Youth

Employment Program in our Summer STAR Program. They also took a group of Liberty students to Fredonia for a STEAM Camp (see pictures). Our Liberty Program is both at OIMS and OHS for students in Grades 5-12 and is always looking to expand.

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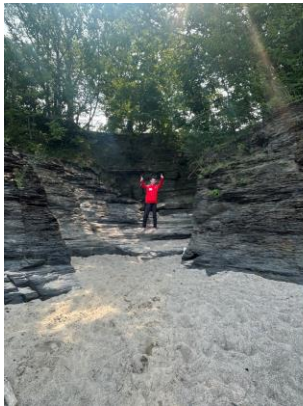
- September 2nd:** **Meet the Teachers-** OIMS & OHS 4:30-6:30
- September 3rd:** **First day of school for all students**
- September 13th & 14th:** **RAM Clinic (Remote Area Medical):** Olean YMCA
- September 15th:** **EV PTO-** 6:30 PM Main Office
- September 21st:** **EV Welcome Back to School Bash-**Olean YMCA
- October 15th:** **ACCES-VR Night – PLC** 6-7 PM
- October 20th:** **EV PTO-** 6:30 Main Office
- November 17th:** **EV PTO-** 6:30 Main Office
- December 1st:** **EV PTO-** 6:30 Main Office

If you haven't visited our new website yet, you have to check it out! The Family Engagement Page is still there with all the resources, just with a new look! Go to the school's main website (www.oleanschools.org) and in the upper right-hand corner of the screen, click on **Menu**. Scroll down to hover 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. 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 and fill me in. In addition, there is a family resource page for each of our buildings through ParentSquare.

Scroll down for lots of pictures!



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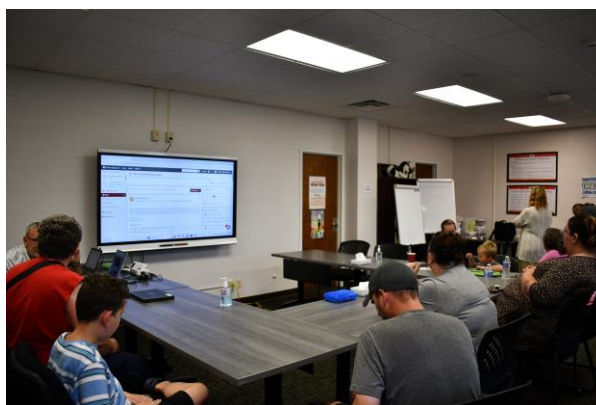
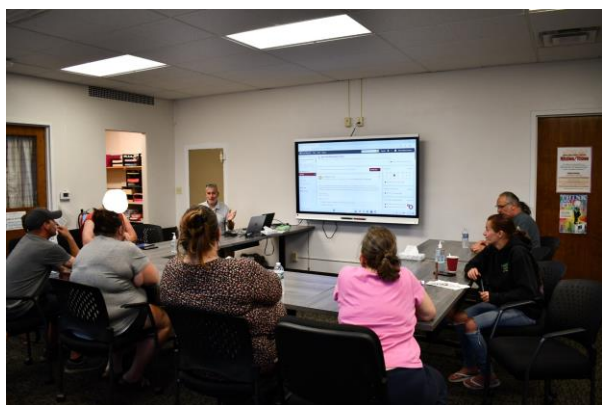


(LPP Summer STAR)

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(OIMS 4th grade Orientation)



(Parent Technology Night)

One more page to go!



(8th grade orientation)