



SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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A Message from Dr. Morris:

As we move deeper into the school year, I continue to be inspired by the enthusiasm and dedication shown by our students, families, and staff. The first months of school have been filled with learning, creativity, and collaboration across all of our buildings. It's been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with energy, athletic fields full of teamwork, and our arts programs thriving.

This time of year naturally invites reflection and gratitude. I am thankful for our educators, whose commitment to excellence makes a difference every day, and for our families and community partners who continue to support our mission. Together, we are fostering an environment where every student feels valued, challenged, and supported.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on strengthening academic opportunities, expanding mental health and wellness initiatives, and ensuring that every Husky has what they need to succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

I encourage families to stay engaged by attending events, participating in conversations about district initiatives, and sharing feedback that helps us shape the future of Olean schools together. Your partnership makes all the difference, and together, we will make this a year of excellence, growth, and Husky Pride.

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Harvest of the Month:

On October 16, in the high school cafeteria, students got to enjoy a tasty sample of honey-roasted carrots for October's Harvest of the Month! Students, faculty, and staff stopped by the Farm to School table to give them a try, and we nearly went through an entire roasting pan! It's safe to say we may have made a few new carrot lovers that day.

A big thank-you goes out to Dan Dunkleman and his amazing cafeteria staff for helping make this taste test possible, and to our partners at Cornell Cooperative Extension for their continued support in bringing fresh, local food experiences to our schools.





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OHS Juniors visit Alfred State College:

On October 30th, Thirty-nine Olean High School juniors toured Alfred State College, getting a firsthand look at college life and potential career paths. Students explored a variety of academic departments, including healthcare, animal science, engineering, and business. They also toured a residence hall and enjoyed lunch in the dining hall, gaining a real sense of what campus life is like. A special thank-you goes to Mrs. April Hayes for organizing this valuable opportunity and to Mr. Webster and Mr. O'Brien for serving as chaperones.





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Exploring Molecules and More:

In early October, OIMS fifth graders received a special visit from Phil Farris, a chemical engineer with Solepoxy, Inc. As part of their science unit on molecules and atoms, students explored how solutions, polymers, and epoxies work through hands-on demonstrations and experiments. This awesome learning experience was made possible through our partnership with CA DIDI (Dream It, Do It).



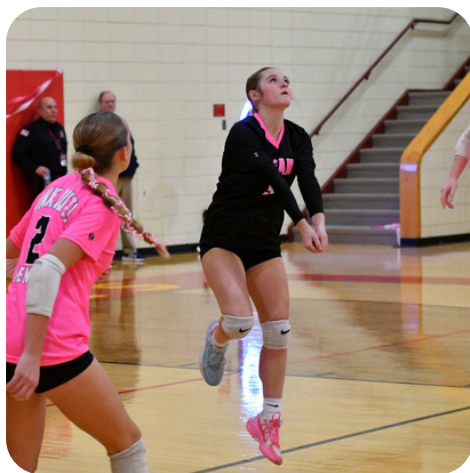


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Fall Sports 2025:





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Junior Huskies, Meet the Band:

On October 10th, four talented 7th graders from OIMS had the awesome opportunity to perform alongside the OHS Band during the home football game! Congratulations to Rayna Gordnier, Micah Sayers, Nathaniel McClellan, and Lence Easley for representing OIMS with enthusiasm and Husky Pride. We can't wait to see these future Huskies continue to shine in the years ahead!





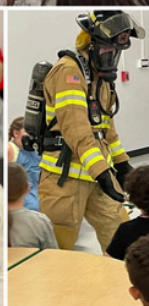
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Fire Prevention Month:

October was Fire Prevention month, and to help remind our husky pups of the importance of fire safety at home, the City of Olean Fire Department came for a visit. With their big red truck in tow, they presented our students with all the "must-dos" for fire safety - have a safety route and meeting place, and of course, check smoke alarm batteries.





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East View And Washington West Halloween Parades:





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Senior football players and their teachers:

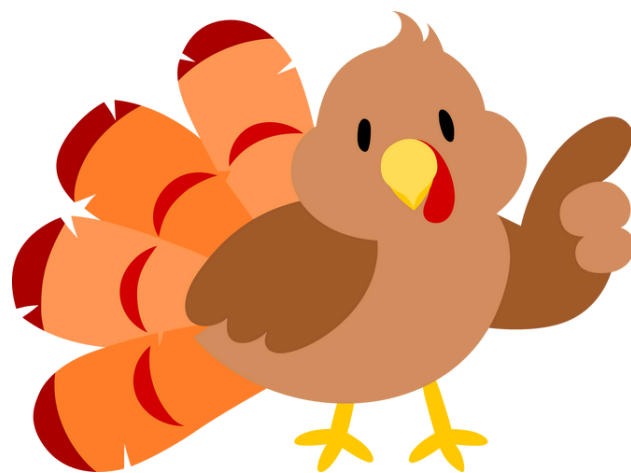
Each year, the senior football players pick a teacher or staff member who was a major influence during their years at OHS. This year's teachers honored were: Mr. DeGolier, Mr. Valeri, Ms. Bremner, Mr. Perry, Ms. Patton, Ms. Bowker, Ms. Pace, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Nawrot, and Mr. Kolasinski.



Thanksgiving

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November 26-28,
2025





East View Annual Book BINGO:

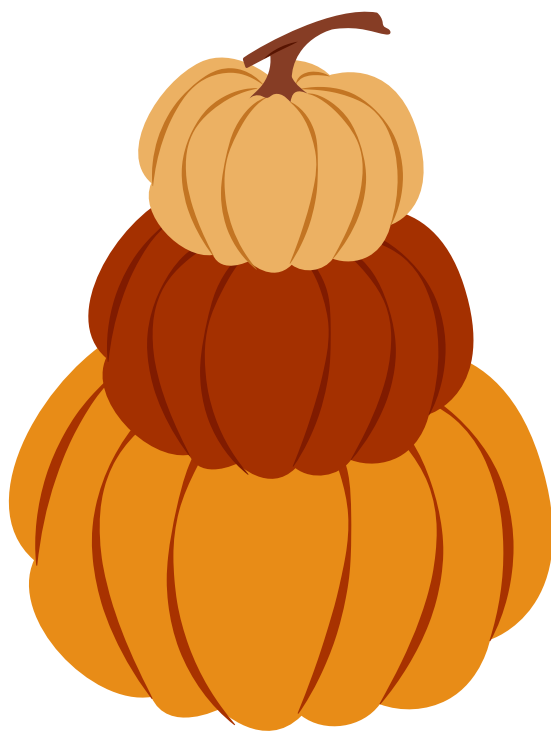
East View Elementary's reading teachers hosted their annual Book BINGO event on October 28 at Raymour & Flanigan Furniture and Mattresses in Olean! Students went in their Halloween costumes, ready for an evening filled with books, BINGO, and fun. Families packed the store for a chance to win dozens of books while enjoying snacks provided by Raymour & Flanigan. Students also received treat bags and competed for costume prizes, thanks to the incredible support of the East View PTO. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Raymour & Flanigan for their continued generosity and partnership with the Olean City School District.





Adventures in Pumpkinville:

OHS Adventure Activity took students to Pumpkinville, where they bounced on the jumping pillow, explored the corn maze, raced through the obstacle course then wrapped up the day with a scenic hayride. Finally, as a special gift each student got to pick their very own pumpkin to take home.





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Family Football Fun:

On October 28th, Mr. Folland held a Family Football event for East View students and their families! Nearly 30 students brought their parents to join in the fun, learn the game, and spend quality time together.



Instant Admit Day with JCC:

Thanks to Mrs. O'Dell, OHS seniors had the opportunity to take part in an Instant Admit Day with SUNY JCC Students were able to apply for free and receive an instant conditional acceptance letter from Rachael Murray, Assistant Director of Admissions, on the spot. We're so proud of our seniors for taking this next step toward their future!





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OHS ATHLETIC EVENT RULES

- Any student 7th grade or younger must be accompanied by a parent/guardian/caregiver for admission to any Olean high school football or basketball game. The adult accompanying the student needs to be in attendance as a point of contact for the duration of the event. This allows OHS staff to respond appropriately if issues arise among younger students who are unfamiliar to high school staff, and can help ensure a safe environment for students and families who are there to enjoy the game.
- Students are not allowed to bring bags or backpacks.
- No outside food or drinks are allowed.
- Only high school students from the home team or the visiting team are permitted to attend the game without a parent or guardian. (ID required).
- Students attending athletic events must bring valid student identification with them to show high school staff upon entering an athletic venue.



Real-World Learning in Action:

On October 28th, Olean High School Business students had the exciting opportunity to participate in a class at Niagara University, where they got a firsthand look at college-level learning and career pathways in business. During the class, students heard from Anna Stolzenburg, Vice President of Content and Production for the Buffalo Sabres organization. Stolzenburg shared her professional journey and offered valuable advice about building a career in sports media and business. Experiences like these highlight the district's commitment to providing meaningful learning opportunities that prepare students for future success, both in college and in their careers.





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Coffee with the superintendent:

You are invited to the next Coffee with the Superintendent

Future Coffee Dates:

- Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 7:30 am to 8:30, OIMS, LGI
- Tuesday, December 16, 2025, from 7:30 am to 8:30, OHS, Board Room
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 7:30 am to 8:30, EV, Library

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

