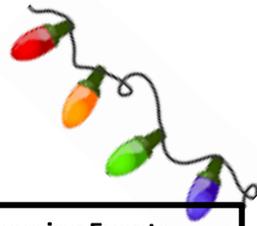


# OSTRANDER NEWS



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## From the Desk of Ms. Hoyt

December has arrived, and our school is bursting with holiday cheer! The hallways are getting decked out in dazzling decorations, and we're gearing up for an unforgettable month filled with excitement. Planned we have a full day of holiday project-based learning, a spirited pep rally, and our very first PAWS-itive Celebration honoring the incredible students from September, October, and November who have shown outstanding character. These students have been recognized in a big way and will be enjoying some well-deserved donuts! Let's make this season magical together as we learn, laugh, and celebrate all the amazing things happening in our school!

### After-School Program

Session #1 of the K-6 after-school program ends on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Session #2 is planned to begin February 2026.

### Ostrander Cub Club

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Facebook group called **Ostrander Cub Club** – exclusively for Ostrander families. Join now to catch a glimpse of all the wonderful things happening every day at Ostrander Elementary.

### Winter Concert

Please join us on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Ostrander Gymnasium for our annual **Ostrander Elementary School Winter Concert**. Please come listen to the musical talents of Ostrander's 5th and 6th grade band, chorus and orchestra. All student performers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Band students report to the cafeteria. Chorus students report to the general music room. Orchestra students report to the instrumental music room. We hope you will come to enjoy this special evening with us.

### Inclement Weather

In the event that schools have a delayed opening, or schools are closed due to inclement weather conditions, parents and guardians are urged to sign up for text message alerts from SchoolMessenger (see District homepage for more information), check the district website for announcements, call our announcement line at 845-895-7225 or listen to the radio/tv (participating stations are listed on the district website and in your student handbook).

### Upcoming Events

@ Ostrander Elementary School  
*[unless otherwise indicated]*

- 12/3 Emotion Into Art Assembly
- 12/5 Deserving Donuts Celebration for September, October and November PAWS-itive Students
- 12/8 Paws for a Cause Therapy Dogs (4<sup>th</sup> Grade only)
- 12/9 & 12/10 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip (SUNY New Paltz Planetarium)
- 12/11 K-6 After-School Program Session #1 Ends
- 12/12 End of 5-Week Marking Period
- 12/12 Santa's Jolly Jamboree 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 12/16 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 12/17 Holiday Happening: Project-Based Learning
- 12/17 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Leptondale Elementary School
- 12/18 UPK Cookies and Cocoa 2:00 p.m.
- 12/19 Ostrander's Festive Frenzy/Pep Rally 1:35 p.m.
- 12/24 Winter Recess Begins
- 1/5 Schools Reopen

### CLARE F. OSTRANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 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

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## NOVEMBER'S PAWS-ITIVE STUDENTS

*Luciana Barbosa  
Hayden Bouchard  
Reagan Brown  
Theresa Carlos  
Eloise Champlin  
James Clampet  
Rosina Doyle  
Emily Duncan  
Sofia Ellison  
Antonio Falcone  
Logan Figueroa  
Raelyn Fox  
Cooper Franklin  
Adam Gallego-Auger  
Pedro Garcia  
Madelyn Hall  
Hudson Hansen*

*Isabella Hessert  
Miles Hughes  
Theodore Kleis  
Fernando Landaverde  
Cillian McKeon  
Markiian Musiak  
Miloh Robinson  
Christian Rodriguez  
Amina Roldan  
Aiven Romero  
Leila Shroat  
Quentin Simon  
Shae Stark  
Victoria Stark  
Navy Sukunda  
Blake Vernoooy  
Caitlyn Watt  
Averley Whalen*

### ***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!*

## ***DECEMBER'S TRAIT is Respectful***

*Being Respectful: Conversation Starters*

- How do you respectfully talk to a classmate or adult?*
- If someone is talking, how can you show respect while listening?*
- Who is someone you respect? What makes them respectful?*
- How can you be respectful, even if you don't agree with someone?*
- What is one way you showed respect today?*
- What is one way you can show respect tomorrow?*