



# THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JANUARY

- 1-2 Winter Break (No School)
- 5 Pre-K/K Registration Begins  
Modified Basketball Begins
- 9 ASVAB at Remsen (Grade 10)
- 10 SnowBall (7:00 PM)
- 13 January Budget Workshop and  
Board of Education Meeting  
(6:00 PM - ES Library)
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
(No School)
- 20-23 January Regents Exams
- 23 ES and Jr./Sr. High End of Second  
Marking Period
- 26-30 ES and Jr./Sr. High Spirit Week
- 30 Q2 Report Cards Distributed

### FEBRUARY

- 4 ES Quarter 2 Evening of  
Excellence (6:00 PM ES Cafe.)
- 6 ES Drama Club Production  
(6:00 PM HS Gymnasium)
- 10 February Budget Workshop and  
Board of Education Meeting  
(6:00 PM - ES Library)
- 16-20 Mid-Winter Recess (No School)
- 27 Jr./Sr. High 25-Wk. Progress  
Interval

### MARCH

- 5-7 Jr./Sr. High Drama Production  
(3/5 at 7:00 PM, 3/6 at 7:00 PM,  
3/7 at 2:00 PM, all in HS Gym)
- 6 Jr./Sr. High Progress Reports  
Distributed
- 9 Varsity Spring Sports Begin
- 10 March Budget Workshop and  
Board of Education Meeting  
(6:00 PM - ES Library)
- 12 NHS Induction Ceremony  
(6:00 PM)
- 13 Pre-K/K Registration Deadline

For the complete District calendar please visit: [www.remsencsd.org](http://www.remsencsd.org)



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Remsen Community,

*It's a Wonderful Life.* Each holiday season George Bailey, Clarence, and the rest of the characters remind us all about what is truly important. No matter how many years we have watched this classic, it never gets old. The ending with little ZuZu and the final note from Clarence to George never fails to put tears in our eyes. Some years we may dedicate our full attention to watching the entire movie from start to finish and other years it simply plays in the background, capturing our attention intermittently throughout the evening. Either way, the beautiful messages represent themes for us to hold on to throughout the year; hope, perseverance, being a good person, and the power of a community.



In the movie, George Bailey is ready to give up hope due to unexpected adversity at his business. Challenging, stressful circumstances at the family bank lead him to a very dark place. He believes that he would be worth more dead than alive until Clarence comes to the rescue and helps him understand the significance of every human life, including his own. With the assistance of Clarence, George is reminded to never give up hope, and to persevere through the most difficult of challenges. George learns that no matter how bad he perceives his current situation to be, he matters, life is wonderful, and he will be okay.

The same holds true in our own lives outside of Bedford Falls. Most of us have faced adversity, disappointment, sadness, and loss. While some have certainly experienced more adversity and struggle than others, we must always have (and share) hope, remember that every person matters, and work to develop a mindset to persevere, adapt, and overcome. Life is not easy, but as demonstrated in *It's a Wonderful Life*, it can be made easier by choosing to be a good person.

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Remsen Central School District forever aspires to be a unique, distinguished, welcoming learning community that fosters a growth mindset and essential traits of great character. RCS will remain dedicated to cultivating and supporting each student's individual abilities and interests as they confidently work to realize their full potential to lead happy, healthy, successful lives.  
*All Remsen students will Soar to Success.*

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*Soar to Success!*

George Bailey's desire to help families any way he could at his *Mortgage and Loan* business showcased his good, thoughtful, hardworking nature. As a person of utmost integrity, he was honest to his word, decent to all people, and made it his mission to make life a little better for all of his customers. George believed in people, and chose to give people loans to start businesses or buy their first home that others like the villain, Mr. Potter, would never dream of doing. Little did George realize at the time, that his kindness and desire to genuinely help others would come full circle when he needed it most. When the entire community shows up to George's home to support him and his family to get the bank back up and running, he is overwhelmed with gratitude, joy, and appreciation. It is in this moment that George Bailey realizes the substantial mark he has left on so many other people. This scene demonstrates the tremendous impact good people's actions have on others and the power of a community.

Bedford Falls is a community that embraces one another and goes out of their way to help others. A community that believes in grace, integrity, and kindness over hostility, selfishness, and rumors. I genuinely believe that most of the individuals that make up our Remsen community share these same positive traits. We appreciate our community, we work hard, we go out of our way to help one another, and we exude grace, kindness, and a strong desire to help make Remsen a better place; knowing full well that doing so starts by being a good person ourselves.

One of the most popular lines at the end of the movie comes when George's brother makes a toast, "To my big brother George, the richest man in town." Of course, George's brother is not referring to money when he calls George the richest man in town. He is referring to the relationships, love, trust, and integrity George has built with the entire community.

During this holiday season, and throughout the new year to come, let us all resolve to be good, kind, helpful people that Clarence would be proud of. And, if you have never seen the movie, I encourage you to consider watching it to celebrate and reflect on how wonderful life is. Every day truly is a gift. How we embrace that gift defines us and our community.

On behalf of everyone at Remsen Central School, we wish all of our students, families, and community members a wonderful Holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year.


Sincerely,



Timothy Jenny  
Superintendent

The Genesis Group **CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION**  
*Outstanding Educator Awards*

On Thursday, November 20th, Mrs. Erika Manley and Mr. John Bunker were both honored at the annual Genesis Celebration of Education, hosted by the Genesis Group. Mrs. Manley and Mr. Bunker were both presented with the Outstanding Educator award at this year's special event. Both individuals genuinely and consistently put our students first. Their level of professionalism, dedication, kindness, work ethic, and student-centered approach to education is admirable. They lead by example and humbly embrace the opportunity afforded to them in their roles to positively change the lives of students forever. We are very proud of both team members and celebrate with them in their well-deserved recognition!



*Congratulations!*

# CAPITAL PROJECT *Updates*



Several projects continue all over campus. It is very exciting to see the progress that has been made and to think about all of the wonderful work that is still to be completed.

## PROGRESS MADE...

- Paving and drainage work on the high school parking lot along with both entrance driveways were completed this fall and look great. Paving will continue up to the bus garage driveway entrance and over to the elementary parking lot and bus loop next Summer!
- Select areas of brick masonry work have been completed
- The varsity soccer field drainage systems, the bus lift replacement, and select HVAC and roof top unit work was also completed this fall.
- Plumbing in the high school kitchen area has been completed along with plumbing and mechanical work at the bus garage.
- The highest level of the high school chimney was crumbling beyond fiscally prudent repair. It was lowered approximately eight feet and received necessary masonry work to the remainder of the chimney body.

## WORK STILL TO BE COMPLETED...

- Over the winter months the contractors will be installing new windows and floors in all elementary classrooms. This work will carry through the summer months and into September.
- The aged and tattered yellow elementary stage curtain will be replaced with a sharp new look.
- All stair treads and ramps inside the high school building will be replaced
- Lighting work in the gymnasium will take place along with continued HVAC and roof top unit work.
- Various doors in need of replacement at both buildings will be completed
- The high school gym floor and stage sound and lighting systems are slated for Summer 2026

## New Shot Put Area



Pictured next to our new shot put area is Jacob Southwick. Jacob took the initiative to present at a Board of Education meeting several months ago regarding the track teams' desire for improvements to the shot put field. When our athletes would throw a shot put, it would plug in the wet sod causing all sorts of problems for the athletes. Jacob proposed a gravel solution based on other shot put fields that they have experienced. With the help of Joe Bessmer and Ben Doty, this project was coordinated and completed by a very generous and thoughtful local contractor wishing to remain anonymous.

*Thank you!*

Dear Remsen Families,

As we enter the heart of the winter season, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students. This time of year naturally encourages reflection on what we have accomplished so far and on the goals we are still working toward. At the high school, we continue to ground our work in a simple but powerful theme: **"Always Strive to Improve"**.

Whether it's in the classroom, on the stage, on the court, or in day-to-day interactions, our students are learning that growth comes from effort, curiosity, and resilience. We encourage them to see challenges not as obstacles but as opportunities to push themselves a little further. This same idea guides our staff as well. Teachers are continually refining instructional practices, looking closely at student progress, and seeking new ways to help every learner succeed.

As we approach mid-school year, now is a perfect time for students to reassess their goals, celebrate what's going well, and make a plan for areas where they want to improve.

I'm so proud of the hard work happening across our school, and I'm grateful for the support families and the community provide to our students. Together, we will help them understand that learning is a lifelong journey and that improvement builds confidence, character, and is the way to ***Soar to Success!***

Wishing you a warm, healthy, and joyful winter season.

Sincerely,

*Sanya Pelrah*

Sanya Pelrah

Jr./Sr. High School Principal



# SCHOOL AND BUSINESS ALLIANCE *Breakfast*



On Friday, December 5th, seven Remsen seniors joined our School Counselor, Mrs. Dineen, Principal Pelrah, and Superintendent Jenny, for the annual School and Business Alliance (SABA) Breakfast. Each year, the SABA breakfast brings students and leaders from area schools together with business and industry leaders from the local community. This year, those in attendance included 86 students, 36 industry professionals and 50 school personnel from various districts. This annual event provides our students with a great opportunity to learn from and network with school and business leaders, potentially making connections that may be helpful to them in the future.





# Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year

The Remsen Central School District has begun the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten recruitment and registration process for the 2026-2027 school year. Registration will be opened on January 5, 2026, with a deadline of March 13, 2026.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten is a full-day program and is open to all children residing in the Remsen School District who will be four (4) years old on or before December 1, 2026 of the current school year. Income eligibility is not a factor and all families are encouraged to apply. If the maximum number of students is exceeded, a random lottery will be held to determine enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year.

Kindergarten is open to all children residing in the Remsen School District who will be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2026 of the current school year. If your child did not attend the District's pre-K program, they will need to be registered to attend the kindergarten program.

If your child will be starting the pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program in the fall of 2026, please contact elementary secretary Mrs. Maciol at 315-205-4300 ext. 4223 to request a registration packet. Once you have completed your registration packet, please call Mrs. Maciol to schedule an appointment to return your completed paperwork.

Registration paperwork is also available on the Remsen Central School District website at [www.remsencsd.org](http://www.remsencsd.org).

## PTG *Fall Dance* Grades 4-6

On Friday, October 3rd, the Remsen PTG held the Fall Dance for students in grades 4-6. Students enjoyed an evening of great music and dancing. Along with the dancing, students enjoyed an exciting rock-paper-scissors challenge, yard games, coloring and karaoke.

Thank you very much to the PTG for making this event possible for students. Thank you to the parents and staff that came out to help with supervision, providing snacks, and running activities. Everyone had a great time!



Dear Remsen Families,

It is so hard to believe that December is upon us. These first few months of school have gone by with extreme speed! As I begin my second year as your Remsen Elementary Principal, I reflect on how truly grateful I am for this opportunity. Each of your students make a difference in my day and I appreciate them all!

During the first few months of school we have been extremely fortunate to participate in so many exciting events. During the month of September we hosted Welcome Back to School Night. It was a packed house full of smiling faces and amazing families! Our sixth graders attended Conservation Day at Delta Lake and Mrs. Manley and I were able to visit classrooms to welcome everyone back to school. October brought a visit from Mr. McDonald who talked to our students about Fire Safety. Our 4th through 6th grade students enjoyed a Fall Dance sponsored by the PTG on October 3rd. They enjoyed treats, dancing, and karaoke. Our clubs and extracurricular activities started in full swing and the PTG hosted a Fall Fun Fest in the park on October 17th. The month ended with a Halloween Costume Parade with all of our students pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. In November we were able to honor our Veterans with an outstanding concert provided by the whole student body. Our first quarter report cards went home and our elementary families were able to meet with their students' teachers. November culminated with a Thanksgiving break for students and staff. I hope you were all able to enjoy time with family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday!

December will bring with it lots of wonder and joy as we experience the holiday season in full swing! Students will perform during our Holiday Concert and celebrate with several festivities within their classroom. During this Holiday Season take time to enjoy the little things, look at the lights, listen to the music, and enjoy the company of the people around you. I wish you all a magical holiday! Thank you for allowing me to be part of your family!

Sincerely,

*Jody Lamphere*

Jody Lamphere  
Remsen Elementary Principal



## Goaring with Positivity

Remsen Elementary  
**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

### September

Isla Hurlbut  
Carmen Southwick  
Lawrence Coulthart  
Avery Bowen  
Mason Spadaro  
Colton Randazzo  
Emma DeMichele  
Grace Dutch  
Josie Doolen  
Finley Coulthart  
Elizabeth Dutch  
Evalyn Nolan  
Maxwell Spadaro  
Corey Whaley  
Vincent Montegari  
Odin Raymonda

### October

Vaeda Klosik  
Michael Kimsky  
Tayah Doolen  
Charlie Stanek  
Alexandrea Santa Maria  
Sawyer Southwick  
Waylon McDonald  
Reagan Tomaino  
Luke Meeker  
Averie Stacy  
Timothy Winghart  
Estella Biro  
Sylas Davenport  
Andrew Bankert  
Luke Murphy  
Blake Worden

### November

Joshua Winghart  
Nathan Rotach  
Cooper Fox  
MaxL Maine  
Marlee Rowlands  
Barrett Schaffer  
Violet Williams  
Sarah Winghart  
Jemma Burns  
Hayden Walls  
Kalen Pouliot  
Emily Mooney  
Travis Rudd  
Jeremy Kent  
Holly Dalton  
Jackson Laurey

# MEET OUR *Food Service Team*

*A Dedicated Team, Serving Students and Staff Each Day  
with a Delicious Meal and a Warm Smile*



## RCS Food Service Team

(From Left to Right)

Ms. Hammill, Mrs. Polovick, Mrs. Hefner, Ms. Harris, Mrs. Renninger, and Mrs. Williams

## Students!

Our Food Service Team would like your **feedback** on the meals that are provided at school. So whether you are in Pre-K, or you are a senior and have been eating school lunches for 13 years or more, they want your **input**. Please use the QR code to the right or the link included below to access a quick feedback form. The form can be filled out by students or with parent assistance.



**Thank you!**

<https://forms.gle/SCP3TAqphgPd3pap7>

# Genesis Group Annual Candidates Forum and Breakfast



Remsen students and Social Studies teacher Mrs. Martin, along with students from other local school districts, had the opportunity to participate in the Genesis Group Annual Candidates Forum and Breakfast on Tuesday, October 28th at Hart's Hill Inn. Students heard from Supreme Court Justice candidates, the City of Utica Comptroller candidates, and the New Hartford Town Supervisor candidates.

A special thank you to Mr. Ray Durso for facilitating this event and for making it possible for our students to be involved each year!

## Summer

Cool breeze, hot pavement  
Air conditioner on high  
I love summertime

## Winter

Snowflakes in my hair  
Birds gone until end of year  
Snow is everywhere

## Spring

Buds begin growing  
Bumblebees and butterflies  
New life approaching

## Autumn

Seasons keep changing  
Colorful leaves on the ground  
Cycle continues

- Lydia Gates



# Ram Ticket Winners

Congratulations to our Ram Ticket Winners for Marking Period 1. Our winners were Brayden Walker, Steven Pett, Shea Mundell, Elliot Titus, and Sophia Yager. Each student won a \$25 gift card. Throughout each marking period, students earn Ram Tickets for being kind, participating in various activities, or in acknowledgment of other positive acts. Students place their tickets in the container for the gift card that they would like to win, and at the end of the marking period, a name is drawn.

## KINDERGARTEN

# Bicycle Rodeo

On Thursday, October 30th, each of our Kindergarten students were presented with a new bicycle helmet of their own. The helmets were generously donated by the Boonville Elks of lodge number 2158. The Elks generously donate helmets for our kindergarten students each year to promote healthy habits and bicycle safety. Additionally this year, the Elks donated a bicycle for one lucky student to take home.

On Thursday, families were invited into the classroom to participate in the special bicycle rodeo event. In each of the kindergarten classrooms, students received a brief bicycle safety lesson including a read aloud of the story Franklin's Bicycle Helmet. After the lesson, Mrs. Wilson's and Mrs. Hill's classes took turns testing out their helmets using the school's Strider bicycles in the elementary gymnasium, while the other class went to the cafeteria to participate in a variety of bicycle themed activities, including decorating their new helmets. Before the end of the event, Principal Lamphere drew the name of one lucky student as the recipient of the new bicycle from the Elks.

Thank you to the family members and friends that were able to attend the bicycle event and a very special thank you to the Elks for their very generous donation of the bicycle helmets and a bicycle for our kindergarten students.



## A "MONSTER" of a Project



Mrs. Obernesser's Home and Careers class teamed up with our kindergarten classes to complete a fun sewing project. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Wilson's students were tasked with designing and coloring monsters and the 8th grade students brought them to life by sewing 3D monsters to replicate the drawings.



### Childhood

Playing down by the creek  
Long car naps  
Hanging out with friends after school  
Back when life was so simple

Back when life was so simple

When you were so innocent  
People were not so judgemental  
Where did my childhood go?  
Back when life was so simple

Back when life was so simple

When I was superb and kind  
Back when life was simple

- Oliver Burns



# Remsen Art Center TRAIN SHOW PREVIEW

On Friday, November 14th, students in grades 2-6 took a quick trip to the Remsen Art Center to preview the model trains on display for the upcoming Art Center Train Show. Mr. Billard and his lead train operator, Trent Johnson, explained a little about model trains and talked to students about the train show which took place on Saturday, November 15th.

Several of the trains were running during the preview. Students were given the opportunity to check out the displays, watch the trains, and ask questions. Students enjoyed the hands on opportunities to turn on lights and whistles and enjoyed the train displays with all of their intricate details.

Thank you very much to Mr. Billard and Trent for providing this preview for our students!



THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR

**Substitute Teachers**  
**Substitute Main Office Secretaries**  
**Substitute School Nurses**  
**Substitute Teaching Assistants**  
**Substitute Bus Drivers**  
**Substitute Cleaners**

TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION, PLEASE VISIT THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES SECTION AT [WWW.REMSENCSD.ORG](http://WWW.REMSENCSD.ORG)

Early in the month of December, the students in WIN 7 took two trips to the elementary school to work with the students in first grade. On their first trip, our seventh graders were paired up with a first grader for some fun partner reading. On their second trip to the elementary, our seventh graders spent time helping the first grade students make Christmas cards. Both trips were a lot of fun for both our older and younger students.



On Friday, October 17th, the Pre-K class took their field trip to Windy Hill Apple Orchard. Students enjoyed a bit of fresh air outside picking apples and eating yummy cider and donuts.



# In the Classroom

*just a glimpse of some of the great things going on at Remsen*



Pre-K families were invited in on Friday, December 12th for a bit of fun, gingerbread house decorating. Each student was provided with a gingerbread house and a bag of sweet treats for their decorating project.



Recently, Mrs. Izzo's and Mr. Bunker's 7th grade Spanish classes had the opportunity to learn about and explore El Dia de los Muertos. Students made their own "ofrendas" and enjoyed face painting in the style of "La Catrina". Mrs. Izzo's upper level Spanish classes revisited El Dia De Los Muertos and had the opportunity to make their own Mexican style "alebrijes" this year out of air-dry clay and paint.

# Welcome

New RCS *Team Member*



Mr. Peters

We welcome Mr. Tyler Peters, a recent graduate of Remsen, to our cleaning staff in the Jr./Sr. High School.

## Found Poem from an Excerpt from *The Iliad*, by Homer

The sea wept  
and it poured upon the dust.  
The ground heard that cry,  
tore Patroclus from the depths,  
and held his head in her arms

Aloud, I wailed,  
for he is dead as I live.  
But she answered the weeping,  
and said:  
"Do not weep,  
for above all  
he is loved."

- Jayde Hammill



## Sixth Grade STEAM CLUB

6th grade STEAM Club was a great success again this year with 17 active members. The first week, students studied Newton's Laws of Motion and even learned the famous tablecloth trick. The second week, Mr. Winghart came in and helped students complete a lego project in which they tested the theories of inertia. Week 3, students made a ring out of pringles and built a robotic hand using straws and string. On our final week, 6th grade students each carved their own pumpkins. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Murphy family for once again donating pumpkins for us to carve. The students had a fantastic time studying the different elements of STEAM.





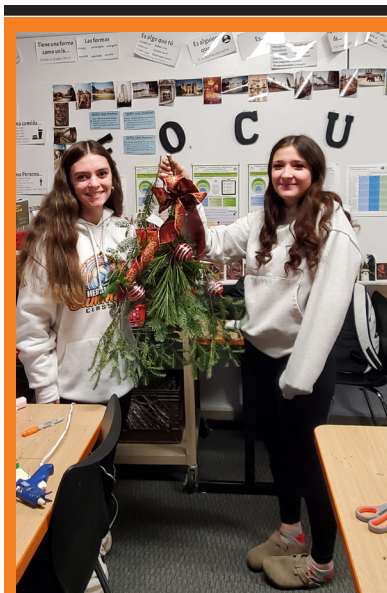
# Annual Fall Ball Semi-Formal Dance



The annual Fall Ball Semi-Formal Dance was held on Friday, October 24th at the Remsen Jr./Sr. High School. The event, sponsored by the RCS Student Council, is typically the first dance of the school year, providing a fun environment for students to show off their semi-formal wear and their dance moves surrounded by friends. Several students attended the event, making it a fun evening for everyone.



Thank you to Mrs. Carpenter and the RCS Student Council for planning and sponsoring this event!



The Remsen International Club is in a fundraising frenzy for their 3 trips planned for this school year. The Club plans on attending French night at the Syracuse Crunch Hockey game, a Selena tribute band concert in Cohoes NY, and a spring break trip to Puerto Rico. As always, the Club appreciates the support of administration, the Board of Education, parents, families and the community.





# Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast

On Tuesday, November 25th, students and staff participated in what has become a special Remsen Jr./Sr. High School tradition, the Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. As part of the Day of Gratitude, students are treated to a special breakfast served by their teachers, Principal Pelrah and Superintendent of Schools Mr. Jenny. This event was created as a neat way for staff and administration to show their gratitude to students, to spend time serving and eating a meal together, and as a way to say thank you and we appreciate you.



# First Quarter Evening of Excellence

## *Honor Roll*

ANDREW BANKERT	PEYTON MILLICK
ESTELLA BIRO	VINCENT MONTEGARI
CARSEN BRONSON	EMILY MOONEY
EMALYN BURNS	HALLIE MULLIGAN
EMMA CLAPPS	AMELIA PIETRUCH
SYLAS DAVENPORT	KALEN POULIOT
ZOEY DEMALA	COLE ROTACH
ELIZABETH DUTCH	AVONLEA SCOUTEN
MARK DUTCH	ADRIAN SMITH
KALEESI FELSHAW	ELI SMITH
JASON GUO	MAXWELL SPADARO
TUCKER HILL	PRESLEY STOOKS
LEAH HOUCK	CHASE ULTSCH
JACKSON LAUREY	TIMOTHY WINGHART
EMMA LEHMAN	JACOB WOLLABER

## *High Honor Roll*

TESSA BRONSON  
 HOLLY DALTON  
 NATHANIEL GATES  
 JACKSON JENNY  
 LAKEN KINIRY  
 DANIEL KOZAK JR.  
 EMERSON LABELLA  
 ANDREW PETSCHAUER  
 EMILY SMITH  
 ELIZA SMITH  
 COREY WHALEY

## *School Citizenship Award*

COOPER BORRUSO	BRICEN ANKEN
GARRISON TEEL	HUNTER MOON
FRANCIS COOPER	JEREMY KENT
EVELYN MAJEWSKI	LAKEN KINIRY
AMIAH MOONEY	TESSA BRONSON
WAYLON MCDONALD	ELIZA SMITH
GRACE DUTCH	ANDREW BANKERT
MADDOX JEWETT	BRIANNA PETTEYS
JEREMY KASPROWICZ	PETER DALTON

## *Soaring to Success*

BRIDGET CARPENTER	BRUCE VASQUEZ
IYLA STACY	EVALYN NOLAN
SAYLOR GELATT	DANIEL KOZAK
SAWYER VANVALKENBURGH	JACKSON JENNY
CARRICK STRONG	LUCY MAJEWSKI
LUCILLE ROSCUP	CHASE ULTSCH
REAGAN TOMAINO	CONNER POCZATEK
AARON HYDE	WILLIAM PETT
BUCK HAWKINS	BRIANNA PETTEYS

## *Participation and Sportsmanship*

JOSIE DOOLEN  
 DAVID BARRETT

## *Art Star Award*

EMMA DEMICHELE  
 TESSA BRONSON

## *Performance Arts Award*

MICHAEL SANTA MARIA JR.  
 JACKSON JENNY

## *Alumni Association Award*

JOANNA KASPROWICZ	PARKER WILCOX	JOSEPHINE STRONG
HALEY HUISING	MAXWELL SPADARO	HOLLY DALTON



# Elementary *Parade of Costumes*

On Friday, October 31st, the elementary school held their annual Parade of Costumes. Unfortunately the weather was not very cooperative and the parade had to be held inside this year, but that did not stop the holiday fun. Students and staff, dressed in their costumes, paraded through the halls of the elementary from the 4-6 wing to the Pre-K - 3 wing and around the Library Media Center. The parade, led by Principal Lamphere, filled the Library Media Center giving everyone a chance to see the fun variety of costumes. Students were very excited to see their friends and teachers dressed up and ready for Halloween fun!



# Honor Roll Celebration

## FALL

Leaves of red and gold,  
Tumbling in the crisp cool air,  
Winter follows soon.

## WINTER

A blanket of white,  
Silent world in cold slumber,  
Frost on windowpane.

## SPRING

Green shoots emerge strong,  
Breaking winter's gray silence,  
Life's warm, gentle call.

## SUMMER

The sun-baked footprints,  
The cool waves wash the sand smooth  
Breeze calm and steady

- Jacob Southwick

## Summer

Warm hot summer days,  
Popsicles in the warm sun,  
Sunburnt in the heat

## Fall

Orange, red, yellow,  
Whispering leaves in cold air,  
Pumpkin spice crisp air

## Winter

Snowflakes fall heavy,  
Kids are playing in the snow,  
Reflections in ice

## Spring

Kids cheer in the sun,  
Birds chirp and the flowers bloom,  
Sweet smells of fresh air

- Olivia Johnson



REMSSEN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

# Honor Roll Celebration

## Quarter One

### HONOR ROLL

Brody Baker  
Addison Battle  
Jameson Bray  
Daniel Burdell  
Oliver Burns  
Brody Caplicki  
Gianna Ferguson  
Lydia Gates  
Morgan Gates  
Jia Zheng Guo  
Sara Hill  
Tanner Hill  
Serenity Hinkley  
Morgan Horn  
Riley Horn  
Madyson Hyde  
Ella LaFave

Glen LaFave  
Alannah Lawlor  
Nathan Leska  
Jaiden Maher  
Michael Montegari  
Taylor Murphy  
Michael Nelson Jr.  
Madelyn Piekielniak  
Kole Poczatek  
Waylon Rapson  
Karma Rudd  
Devin Smith  
Gardner Walker IV  
Anthony Warner  
Grayson White  
Hunter Wilcox

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

Spencer Anderson  
Lilly Bankert  
Anna Becker  
Ethan Behr  
Adeline Biro  
Greta Burdell  
Grace Dalton  
Arynn Day  
Willow DeLand  
Angelina DelGuidice  
Hayleigh Elliott  
Alexandria Flint  
Tiarra Fox  
John Gates Jr.  
Bryce Graves  
Hayden Graves  
Lacey Green  
Jayde Hammill  
Brooklyn Helmer  
Chase Helmer  
Kailyn Helmer  
Reagan Helmer  
Noah Honsi  
Trent Jenny

Olivia Johnson  
Ethan Karis  
Marissa Karis  
Daniel Kaufman  
Jackson LaBella  
Mason LaBella  
Olivia Lalyer  
Chloee Matt  
Chelsea McCauley  
Regan Meeker  
Marissa Morris  
Lexxis Mosher  
Shea Mundell  
Julia Natalini  
Gavin Nelson  
Alexis Petteys  
Jasmine Petteys  
Owen Piaschyk  
Cynthia Poczatek  
Madelyn Prosser  
Brygit Pruitt  
Jeweliet Pruitt  
Henry Putnam  
Wyatt Rapson

Ashley Roberts  
Reese Rowlands  
Mikhael Samoshuk  
Tucker Scouten  
Ellie Secor  
Evelyn Shew  
Emily Shufelt  
Blair Smith  
Emmelia Smith  
Evann Smith  
Jacob Southwick  
Molly Southwick  
Madison Spadaro  
Emily Spatto  
Ella Staskoski  
Charles Treen-Goff  
Tristan Warner  
Ciarra Wendell  
Claire Whaley  
Isabella Wilcox  
Jaedyn Wilcox  
Makayla Wilcox  
Madison Wollaber  
Sophia Yager

### STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Grace Dalton  
Trent Jenny  
Andrew Becker  
Alexis Petteys  
Shea Mundell  
Norbert Bankert  
Reagan Helmer  
Jeweliet Pruitt  
Jacob Southwick  
Shea Mundell  
Blair Smith

Daniel Burdell  
Alexandria Flint  
Makayla Wilcox  
Chelsea McCauley  
Lilly Bankert  
Ella LaFave  
Ellie Secor  
Olivia Johnson  
Grayson White  
Adeline Biro

### MOST IMPROVED

Jaxson Matt  
Hunter Polivick  
Tyler Stevens  
Grayce Lyons  
Addison Battle  
Grayson White  
Anthony Warner  
Chelsea McCauley  
Riley Horn  
Leah Doolen  
Hunter Walls

Grayson White  
Kailyn Helmer  
Hunter Navratil  
Hunter Leska  
Lucas Linke  
Maci Doolen  
Alexis Helmer  
Marissa Morris  
Anthony Warner  
Josh Meeker



# Celebrating our Veterans



On Thursday, November 6th, students in Pre-K through grade 12 performed at our "Celebrating Our Veterans" program.

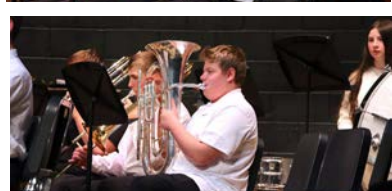


The special evening, dedicated to our veterans, included performances from our Pre-K through Grade 6 general music classes, the Elementary 5/6 Grade Band and Chorus, as well as our Jr./Sr. High band and chorus ensembles.

In addition to hearing from our general music classes and ensembles, there were also three student speakers as well as an opportunity for staff and community members to join in for the performance of "Armed Forces - The Pride of America".



It was a very special evening, dedicated to our veterans and active service members, thanking them for their service



I stand for the soldiers that risk their lives for me  
 I stand for the ones on the front lines scared to put on those combat boots everyday knowing there a chance they may never take them off  
 I put my hand over my heart for the heroes who have had to watch a shadow of themselves sign the same papers he signed for his country all those years ago making a commitment to themselves and America and they do it with glee  
 I put my hand on my heart for the soldiers who have seen their friends in combat being lifted into the sky like a helpless bird into the deep dark dust in the clouds and seeing everyone flee  
 I pledge allegiance to the flag for the people who fight for our freedom and dreams  
 I pledge allegiance to the flag for the ones that don't agree with me

I have a dream that someday all will stand proud and represent the amazing country we live in and the privilege we have here  
 All because of the men and women who have fought hard to make our dreams a reality and make us feel safe when we wake up and not have to fear if it's clear and having to plea

I thank the sailors whose lives have been claimed by the sea  
 I thank the marine who is full of dignity and hope  
 I thank the soldier whose seen things people have never even dreamed of seeing  
 I thank the pilots who soar above the mountains and below the stars  
 I thank the heroes who defend us up above the clouds in the sky  
 I thank the guard that protects us from the north all the way to the south  
 I pledge allegiance to the flag and that shouldn't make you mad.

- Arynn Day



## WANNA BUY A PICKLE? RTA Pickle Booth

Each year the Remsen Teachers Association (RTA) hosts their Pickle on a Stick booth to help raise funds for educational scholarships. This year the RTA raised \$2,491.27 during Barn Fest to go towards scholarships for Remsen students!



## Don't forget about Remsen Air Drop

For more information reach out to Emily Laurey, Melissa Polidori, or Maria Ultsch or visit the District website at [www.remsencsd.org](http://www.remsencsd.org)

# Gymnastics

Ella Staskoski's senior night celebration was held on September 30th at 5:00 PM at Valley Gymnastics, where she delivered a strong performance across three events. She showcased her skill on the uneven bars, achieving a score of 9.0, and excelled on the balance beam with an impressive 9.3. Her performance on the vault earned an 8.0. Demonstrating competitive excellence, Ella's scores across the events qualified her for sectional competition. Congratulations Ella!



On Thursday, October 16th, the girls varsity soccer team celebrated their five special seniors before their game against Oriskany. Remsen seniors, Regan Meeker, Morgan Horn, Jaiden Maher, Makayla Wilcox, and Emily Shufelt were recognized, presented with a gift, and thanked for their hard work and dedication to the Remsen girls soccer program.

Congratulations and Thank you, Regan, Morgan, Jaiden, Makayla, and Emily!

## REMSEN ATHLETICS

# SENIOR NIGHTS

## Girls Soccer

## Boys Soccer

## Cross Country

On Wednesday, September 24th, our boys varsity soccer team celebrated senior, Gavin Nelson, before their home game against Poland CSD. Seniors from the Poland team were also recognized and presented with a gift. Congratulations to Gavin, thank you for your participation in and dedication to the Remsen soccer program.

On Wednesday, October 1, just before their home meet, the Varsity Cross Country team celebrated the senior athletes from each of the attending teams. Remsen was proud to celebrate four exceptional seniors this year; Burke Gates, Ethan Karis, Gavin Nelson, and Ellie Secor. Congratulations to Burke, Ethan, Gavin and Ellie! Thank you for your dedication and leadership as part of the Remsen Cross Country program.



## Section III

# All-Star

## Soccer Team

Congratulations to Emily Shufelt and Jaiden Maher. Both girls were recognized on Sunday, November 2nd, just prior to the Class D sectional championship game, as being selected to the Class D ALL-Section III girls soccer team. Girls from the Mohawk Valley, Syracuse, Watertown area, as well as, the Central Counties League area are voted on and selected for this recognition.



# REMSEN ATHLETICS

CSC DIVISION III

## League Champions



On Saturday, October 25th, our Varsity Cross Country teams participated in the Center State Conference League Championships in Sauquoit, NY. Both teams did a great job. Congratulations to our boys varsity team, led by seniors; Gavin Nelson, Ethan Karis, and Burke Gates, along with members Gardner Walker, Connor Nelson, Levi Walker, and Owen Piaschyk on earning the title of CSC Division III League Champions for the 4th consecutive year in a row! Congratulations also to the teams three seniors, Gavin, Ethan and Burke on earning CSC Conference All Star Status.

# NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS

Congratulations to the following varsity fall sports teams for qualifying to earn the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete team award:

- Boys Varsity Cross Country
- Girls Varsity Cross Country
- Varsity Gymnastics
- Girls Varsity Soccer



At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams, and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success. To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition with a certificate, the average GPA of the top 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00. Students with a GPA below 90 may be included in the average, but those individuals will not receive a Scholar-Athlete pin.

The following student-athletes qualified individually for this award:

## Girls Varsity Soccer

Tiarra Fox  
Olivia Johnson  
Madison Wollaber  
Madelyn Prosser  
Regan Meeker  
Emily Shufelt  
Makayla Wilcox  
Olivia Lalyer  
Marissa Karis  
Brooklyn Helmer

## Boys Varsity Soccer

Wyatt Rapson  
Jackson LaBella  
Gavin Nelson  
Jacob Southwick

## Varsity Gymnastics

Ella Staskoski

## Boys Varsity XC

Owen Piaschyk  
Gavin Nelson  
Ethan Karis  
Burke Gates

## Girls Varsity XC

Evalyn Gates  
Ellie Secor



Several of our FFA Officers attended the Cornell COLT (Chapter Officer Leadership Training) Conference, an annual event hosted by New York FFA at Cornell University. This conference brings together FFA officers and emerging leaders from across the state for hands-on workshops focused on communication, teamwork, goal-setting, and effective chapter leadership.

Throughout the event, students participated in interactive sessions led by state FFA officers, networked with members from other chapters, and explored ways to strengthen their own chapter back home. They returned energized, inspired, and ready to put their new skills to work as they lead the Remsen FFA Chapter this year.



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# SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

The Remsen Central School District may have to make a decision to delay, close or go home early, due to weather and/or road conditions. When the weather requires closing or a delay, the District's ParentSquare will be activated to let you know as soon as possible. The major radio stations in the Utica-Rome area are WBRV, Boonville, WIBX, Oldies 96, Big Frog 104.3 and Lite 98.7. TV channels 2-Utica, 3, 5 and 9-Syracuse will also be notified to broadcast the information. This information will also appear on the school District website ([www.remsencsd.org](http://www.remsencsd.org)). We recommend making proactive plans for the supervision of your children on "snow days" or in the event of an early dismissal as soon as possible to be prepared for our upcoming winter months.

When Remsen schools are closed, all scheduled activities, events and programs for that day and evening are cancelled. If there is a two-hour delay in the morning, there will be no morning BOCES. The school closing information applies to all students receiving transportation on Remsen Central School District buses, including out-of-District programs, BOCES students and all others.

Please know that extreme weather conditions are trying for all of us and there is no clear cut answer as to when schools should be closed and/or delayed. We will always do what we think is best for all students. The ultimate decision, however, remains with you, the parents. If schools are open and you feel as though the conditions are too severe to send your children, please exercise your right to keep them home.

## EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER

At Remsen Central Schools, we are very fortunate to have a facility that houses most of our buses. Normal route buses are parked in the bus garage and therefore the cold weather isn't often a factor in getting them started in the morning. Buses are started early and allowed to warm up before beginning the routes. If your child normally walks to school and you would like them to ride the bus on an extremely cold day, please call the bus garage at 315.205.4300 ext. 6000. If our drivers see a student walking to school on an extremely cold day, they will also stop and offer them a ride or radio to a bus that has room to do the same.

The Remsen Teachers Association would like to share our appreciation to our School-Related Professionals who are essential to our school every single day. Remsen CSD has 68 School Related Professionals! The RTA gave each SRP a treat bag to show how much they mean our district!



*Thank you!*

## Sectional Goodie Bags

Each year, the Remsen Teachers Association organizes goodie bags for our student athletes that are sectionals bound! A special thanks goes out to Julia Cooper who assembles the bags as well as an inspirational message to show how proud we are of their success.





On Monday, October 20th, Remsen Elementary played host to the musical ensemble Trio Casals, consisting of cellist Ovidiu Marinescu, violinist Timothy Schwarz, and pianist Mădălina-Claudia Dănilă. Our 3rd through 6th grade students enjoyed an engaging performance which included classical and

**The musical ensemble**

## *Trio Casals*

original pieces as well as information about the group and their work as professional musicians. Trio Casals was able to perform at the elementary school through a program offered by the Chamber Music Society of Utica and the work of Susan Gadbow.



## AREA ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

Three Remsen students participated in the Zone 4 Area All-State Festival which took place at Central Valley Academy on November 21st and 22nd. To be considered for Area All-State, Trent Jenny, Gavin Nelson and Ellie Secor had to perform a level 5 or 6 solo at last year's NYSSMA Solo Festival. A NYSSMA adjudicator evaluated the performances, assigned ratings, and gave comments. These evaluations, along with a teacher recommendation, went to the NYSSMA Zone 4 Area All-State selection committee. There were hundreds of submissions from Oneida, Herkimer and Oswego counties. Congratulations to Ellie, Gavin and Trent, well done!



# HARTWICK COLLEGE HONOR BAND

On October 25th, Trent Jenny participated in the annual Hartwick College Honor Band. The Honor Band consisted of top-performing students in the Central New York Area. Students selected for these special ensembles participated in a full day of music-making, culminating in a live public concert in the Anderson Center for the Arts.

**Congratulations Trent!**



## Students Reach for the Stars in the Growing Beyond Earth Program



This fall, our agriculture students took part in an exciting real-world science experience through the Growing Beyond Earth Program, a national research initiative developed by the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in partnership with NASA. The program supports ongoing research to identify plant varieties that can grow successfully in controlled-environment chambers similar to those planned for long-duration space missions.

Over the past 28 days, students conducted their first official plant-growth trial inside our classroom chamber. We tested three different seed varieties, tracking how well each one performed under standardized conditions.

Every week, students measured plant height and leaf growth, recorded observations about plant health, uploaded chamber environmental data, including temperature and humidity, and logged the amount of water added to the system.



This process helped students practice real scientific data collection and understand how environmental factors influence plant development—skills vital for both agriculture and space science.

At the end of the trial, students carefully harvested the plants and collected detailed measurements, including total plant mass, root mass, and edible leaf mass.

These data points were then submitted to the national GBE database, where NASA researchers and Fairchild scientists use them to evaluate which plant varieties may be most suitable for growth in space. Five plant varieties from the Growing Beyond Earth Program have actually made it into space!

The Growing Beyond Earth Program gives students the chance to contribute to genuine NASA research while building skills in controlled-environment agriculture, scientific observation and experimental design, and understanding how plant science connects to global food systems and future space exploration

Our students not only gained hands-on experience, but also became part of a nationwide effort to help shape the future of space travel and food production. We are excited to begin planning our second trial, where students will design their own experiment based on what they learned during the first 28 days!





# Pink Out

Several of our Fall athletic teams participated, once again this year, in “Pink Out” games to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the fight against breast cancer.

The Remsen Sports Boosters Club coordinated the Pink Out events for our Remsen student-athletes. Thank you to our student athletes, coaches, and our spectators for your support in raising funds for this very worthy cause.



Our cross country teams this year chose to Go Gold to raise awareness and funds for the fight against childhood cancer. Thank you to our student athletes, coaches, and our spectators for helping to raise support.



# Go Gold



# FALL *Pep Rally*



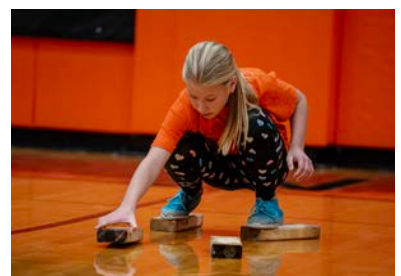
On Friday, October 17th, students in the Jr./Sr. high participated in the Fall Pep Rally planned and hosted by Mrs. Carpenter and the Jr./Sr. High Student Council. Students in 7-12 participated in the event.



After each of the Fall Athletic teams were introduced, classes went head to head in several pep rally games, including; tug-of-war, a "don't touch the floor" relay, and a team leap frog challenge. Winners of each event earned Remsen Cup Points for their class.



Thank you to Mrs. Carpenter and our Student Council Members for planning the pep rally for all students to enjoy!



**Thank You to Our Generous Donors  
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The Jessica and Brad Jones Family



## Focus on Fire Safety

On Wednesday, October 8th, students in the elementary school were visited by Mr. Tom McDonald to learn about fire safety. Two presentations were given, one to students in grades pre-k through three and one to students in grades four through six.

Mr. McDonald talked to students about the equipment that is used to fight fires, he also reminded students about the importance of being aware of potentially dangerous situations in their home and other places that they visit and spend time. Students were reminded that they should tell an adult if they see something that might lead to a fire, such as damaged power cords, overloaded outlets, etc. Students were also reminded to have a plan, just like we do at school, of how to get out of their homes in the event of a fire and where to meet to ensure that everyone is safe.

After the presentations, students received resources to take home that included some of the reminders that they learned about during the fire safety sessions.

Thank you to Mr. McDonald and the Remsen Fire Department for the fire safety presentations and for all that you do for Remsen.



On Friday, September 5th, the class of 2026 gathered to celebrate the start of their senior year with the annual Senior Sunrise. Students enjoyed time together playing games, hanging out, and eating a fresh cooked breakfast. Congratulations to this amazing group of students, welcome to your senior year!

# Senior Sunrise



On Wednesday, September 24th our high school students had the opportunity to participate in the Remsen Chalk the Walk event coordinated by Mrs. Laurey and Ms. Dineen as part of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. During lunch periods, the folks from the Neighborhood Center were invited to provide interested students with resources and information on suicide prevention. During lunch periods, students also had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather outside while spreading positive and encouraging messages in chalk on the sidewalks/blacktop behind the Jr./Sr. High School.

## Chalk the Walk



## 7th Grade Trip to

# BEAVER CAMP

On Wednesday, September 17th, our 7th graders, along with many of their classroom teachers, Mrs. Dineen, and Principal Pelrah, traveled to Beaver Camp for the day. They could not have asked for a more beautiful day for the trip. Our students and staff spent their time at Beaver Camp participating in a variety of fun team building and trust exercises together. This annual trip serves as a great way for our 7th graders to spend the day together and to get to know some of the Jr./Sr. high school staff and faculty a bit better.





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