

OSTRANDER NEWS

NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Ms. Hoyt

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break! As we kick off the new year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible efforts that made December so special at our school. Our staff went above and beyond to transform the halls into a festive, friendly, and amazing place to learn. We also loved welcoming several groups of high school students who spent a day with us, bringing excitement and learning to our classrooms. A big shout-out to our PTO for hosting the **Jolly Jamboree**, which was a tremendous community event filled with fun and connection.

As we move forward, let's keep the momentum going:

- **Be present:** Attendance matters—every day counts!
- **Stay connected:** Join our school Facebook page for updates and celebrations. (Ostrander Cub Club)
- **Join the fun:** Don't miss **Family Bingo Night** at the end of the month!

Here's to a fantastic start to the new year together!

D.A.R.E Program

Town of Shawangunk Police Chief Gerald Marlatt is with us this school year to guide our fifth-grade students through the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program. They will begin to meet in January and plan to meet for a total of ten (10) sessions. A celebration will be held at the conclusion of the program.

After-School Program

The second semester of the K-6 academic after-school program is scheduled to begin February 23. Invitations will be sent home to select students in the coming weeks.

District Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who qualified to participate in the District Spelling Bee at John G. Borden Middle School on January 14:

- Jayden Cruz, grade 5
- Elisif DuBois, grade 6
- Lucas Ferruzola, grade 6
- Miles Hughes, grade 6
- Leanna Nilo, grade 5
- Audrey Provanzana, grade 5

Kindergarten Registration

Your child is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the 2026-2027 school year if he/she is turning five (5) on or before December 1, 2026. Registration will take place January 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at District Office located at 1500 Route 208. Registration hours are 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm.

Family Bingo Night

Join us for a night of family fun! Ostrander's Bingo Night is being held on January 20. Doors open at 6:00 pm with the first game beginning at 6:15 pm. A flyer with a QR code to RSVP will be coming home in the new year.

Lost and Found

We are overflowing with lost and found items. Please encourage your child to look for missing items. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the month.

Upcoming Events

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| 1/5 | Schools Reopen |
| 1/10 | All-County Instrumental Auditions |
| 1/13 | PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| 1/14 | District Spelling Bee 10:00 a.m. @ JGBMS |
| 1/15 | District Band Play-a-Thon Grades 6-12 6:30 p.m. |
| 1/19 | Schools Closed for Holiday |
| 1/20 | Ostrander's Bingo Night 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/21 | Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ PES |
| 1/23 | End of 2 nd Quarter |
| 1/23-24 | All-County Chorus |
| 1/27 | Elementary Honors Band/Orchestra & Middle School Band Concert 7:00 p.m. @ WSHS |

OSTRANDER ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| 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 |

DECEMBER'S PAWS-ITIVE STUDENTS

Respectful

Oliver Alarcon	Richard Kelly
Gabriel Bastedo	Teagan Licata
Isabel Bastedo	Adalyn MacEntee
Kylie Brady	Angelia Mannina
Noah Buffone	Sophia Masopust
Carlie Bulson	Quinn Medvedev
Nicolas Calderone	Ainsley Reeves
Julian Charlesworth	Maddalena Salemo
Gia Chiavaro	Carter Tubbs
Amelia Collins	Massimo Salemo
Jocelyn Danon	Christian Sgroi
Yanoah Deguerre	Jayse Slade
Rhys Demmer	Ariella Stokes
Jahanni Douglas-Kendrick	Nathaniel Stoll
Maya Ellison	Ellev Timm
Jesse Erenzo	Raegan VanHouten
Jaylyn Foster	Dean Viviano
Enzo Johnson	Matthew Wickman
	Noah Zuniga

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!

January's Trait: Friendly

- What does it mean to be friendly? Someone who is kind, caring, and makes others feel comfortable.
- How can we be friendly at school?
- What does being friendly look like?
- What does being friendly sound like?