



# OSTRANDER NEWS



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Happy February Ostrander families!

## From the Desk of Ms. Hoyt

Thank you to everyone for your continued support making our drop-off routine quick, easy, and safe each morning. Your cooperation truly makes a difference.

I also want to extend a big thank-you to all the families who came out—on a very cold evening—for our first annual Ostrander Family BINGO Night. It was a wonderful turnout, full of excitement and community spirit. The prizes were a hit, and I'm looking forward to enjoying lunch, recess, and a painting party with some lucky students! Next up? Family Board Game Night at the end of the month.

February also brings several celebrations, including Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and Lunar New Year. With Valentine's Day signifying love, it feels like the perfect time for me to say how much I love being at Ostrander and all the great things I see each and every day.

We're also kicking off our school-wide and community Super Bowl competition—let's gather as many entries as possible and find out who will be crowned the winner in each group!

Even with the winter chill, students are eager to get outside whenever possible, so please remember to dress warm! Thank you for making Ostrander the "coolest" school around.

## Upcoming Events

- 2/3 Report Card Distribution
- 2/6 National Wear Red Day
- 2/9 Valentine Gram Orders Due
- 2/10 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 2/11 4th Grade Field Trip (SUNY New Paltz Planetarium)
- 2/12 UPK Friendship Celebration 2:00 p.m.
- 2/16 Schools Closed for Holiday
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- 2/18 100th Day of School
- 2/18 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ LES
- 2/23 After-School Program Begins (*by invitation only*)
- 2/26 Family Game Night – Board Game Bonanza 6:00 p.m.
- 2/27 End of 5-Week Marking Period

### Wear Red Day

February 6 is National Wear Red Day. Join us in wearing something red to help bring awareness to women's heart health. February is also American Heart Month. Take care of your heart so it can take care of you.



### All-County Chorus

On January 23 & 24, the following Ostrander students participated in the Ulster County Elementary All-County Choral Festival. We are so proud of their accomplishments!

- Estella Brown
- Ellis Ruiz
- Naomi Spotts

### Valentine Gram Fundraiser

Ostrander PTO's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee is hosting a Valentine Gram Fundraiser to raise funds for end-of-year activities. Grams are \$1 each. Order forms are due by February 9 and will be distributed by 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on the morning of February 13.

### After-School Program

Our after-school program for ELA and Math will resume Monday, February 23 and will run through Thursday, May 14. Each session begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent home to qualifying students. Kindly respond by returning the bottom portion of the invitation no later than Friday, February 13. Please return the slip even if you are declining. This will allow us to offer the spot to another student as there are a limited numbers of spots available.

### Student Drop Off & Parking Reminders

As a reminder when using the student drop off zone, to keep traffic flowing smoothly, please proceed immediately towards the left to exit the parking lot. Also, please refrain from parking in handicap parking spaces unless you have the proper permit.



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## January's Posi-tive Students



Zachary Alarcon  
Liam Arciero  
Julian Balbuena  
Deegan Barnhart  
Maria Caetano Peters  
Vincent Costello  
Lucy Deck  
Rhys Demmer  
Danny Erazo Morocho  
Christopher Figliola  
Logan Figueroa  
Savanna Fox  
Nolan Frank  
Elisabeth Funk  
Sarah Griffiths  
Adalynn Grillo  
Bradley Haecker  
Dylan Hopkins  
Phoebe Jachimiak  
Ella Kosits  
Abigail Kurman-Kostrubal  
Fernando Landaverde  
Roscoe Miller  
MaKaylee Mott  
Danica Olson  
Aaron Peligri  
Cashton Pohl  
Andrew Reeves Jr.  
Nevaeh Roe  
Amina Roldan  
Lily Santacroce  
Sonny Shultis  
Harrison Simon  
Lilliana Sorice  
Martin Tobiyah  
Dean Viviano  
Caitlyn Watt  
Aaron Widom

## February's Trait: Honest

### What does it mean to be honest?

An honest person is truthful in what they say and do.

You can rely on this person because they have integrity.

### Honesty - What would you do?

- You find a dollar on the classroom floor. WWYD?
- You see your friend take something that isn't theirs. WWYD?
- You spilled juice on the floor, but no one saw. WWYD?
- Your teacher asked if you finished your homework, but you forgot. WWYD?
- You got extra change at the store by mistake. WWYD?
- You accidentally break something at a friend's house. WWYD?