

Points of Pride



PULSE Award

The 2025 edition of Orchard Park High School's literary magazine, *PULSE*, has earned a First Class rating from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) through its REALM Awards program, the highest distinction possible.

This year, only 13 literary magazines in New York State received a First Class rating, placing Orchard Park among an elite group. Nationwide, just 135 student publications achieved this top honor.



Learning and Achievement For All

OPHS Music Visits Universal Studios

Orchard Park High School music students and staff recently traveled to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida for an immersive, hands-on musical experience. During this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, students participated in the STARS Performance Program, Sound Design: Music and the Art of Foley, where they explored music recording, voice overlay, and sound effect design while learning directly from industry professionals.



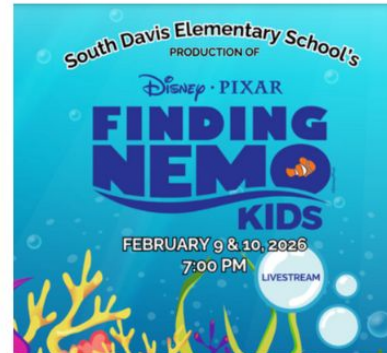
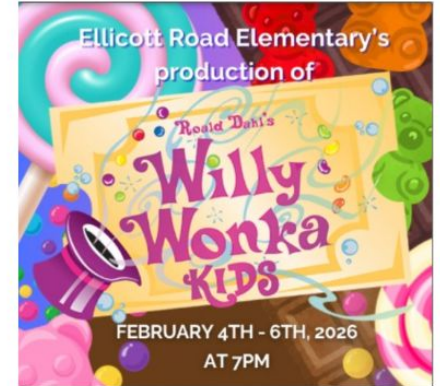
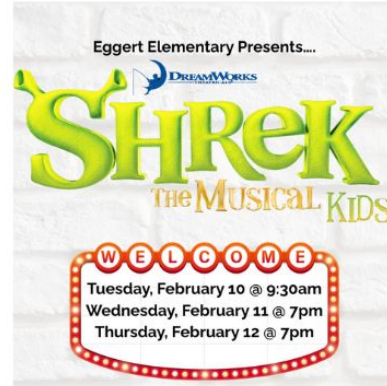
Pajamas for PUNT

On Friday, February 6, OPCSD came together to participate in Pajamas for PUNT for the 5th year!



Elementary Musicals

Our elementary students have been hard at work rehearsing their school musicals, and the excitement is building!



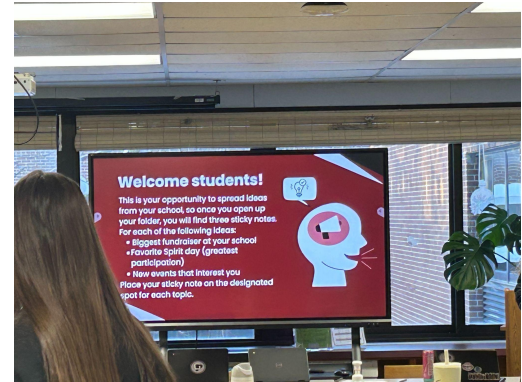
Arcade Games at Keybank

Ellicott Elementary STEAM Club competed in the Cardboard Arcade Challenge at KeyBank Center led by art teacher Ms. Kate Ebling and STEM teacher Mrs. Liz Love



Leadership Event at OPHS

Student leaders at OPHS hosted a regional leadership summit for high school students from across the region. Students and adult advisors from several local high schools joined us for a meaningful day of learning and collaboration.



Weather Related Closings Update

Dates Closed: January 15, 2026, January 20, 2026 & January 26, 2026

Elementary Current Last Day - June 23, 2026 - two closing days remain until Inclement Weather Learning Plan (asynchronous instruction) is implemented

Middle School Closing Days Remaining - one closing day remains until Inclement Weather Learning Plan (asynchronous instruction) is implemented

High School Closing Days Remaining - Zero - all future closures will result in Inclement Weather Learning Plan (asynchronous instruction)

If a **State of Emergency** is declared by the Governor or County Executive, and the District must close due to weather:

- **State of Emergency only** (no travel restrictions): The instructional day will likely require a make-up (asynchronous instruction or an added calendar day).
- **State of Emergency with travel restrictions** (travel bans, road closures, stay-at-home advisories): The instructional day will not need to be made up.

