



# THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY

- 11-15 ES & HS Spirit Week
- 12 Budget Hearing & BOE Meeting (6:00 PM - ES Library)
- 13 Tri-M Induction Ceremony (6:00 PM)
- 15 Jr./Sr. High 35-Week Progress Interval Ends
- 19 School Budget Vote, BOE Election, District Art Show (1:00-8:00 PM)
- 22 Jr./Sr. High Progress Reports Distributed
- 25 Memorial Day (No School)
- 27 PK-6 Spring Concert (6:00 PM)
- 28 Jr./Sr. High Academic Awards (6:30 PM)
- 27-29 Kindergarten Screening

### JUNE

- 4 7-12 Spring Concert (6:30 PM)
- 9 Top Senior Sundaes w/BOE (6:00 PM)  
Board of Education Meeting (7:00 PM - Jr./Sr. High Library)
- 10 JV/Varsity Sports Awards Ceremony (6:30 PM)
- 12 Elementary Career Day
- 13 112th Annual Remsen Alumni Banquet (4:30 PM)
- 16 Last Day of Instruction for Jr./Sr. High Students
- 18 Kindergarten Celebration (6:00 PM - ES Cafeteria)
- 19 Juneteenth (No School)  
Senior Graduation and Fireworks Celebration (7:00 PM)
- 23 Quarter 4 Evening of Excellence (6:00 PM)
- 24 Grade 6 Graduation (6:00 PM)
- 26 Elementary Last Day of Instruction

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



**2026-2027**  
**BUDGET HEARING**  
**MAY 12 AT 6:00 PM**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

**SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE,  
BOE ELECTION,  
DISTRICT ART SHOW & FFA PLANT SALE**  
**MAY 19 FROM 1:00 - 8:00 PM**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Remsen Community,

We have been hard at work preparing our Student Opportunities Plan (proposed budget) for the 2026-2027 school year. Thoughtful planning and monthly Board of Education work sessions enabled our team to develop a fiscally responsible budget, responsive to our students' needs, with only a slight tax levy increase of 1.5%. This increase is well below our allowable New York State Property Tax Cap levy increase limit and reflects our continued commitment to balance the needs of our school district with the financial challenges that we all are currently living.



You will see on the orange cardstock Budget Notice that comes in the mail to each District resident, and on page 6 of this newsletter, the proposed budget increase of 7.65%. This increase includes the addition of the new debt service from our current Capital Improvement Project. What is not stated on the aforementioned Budget Notice (a NYS Template that all districts are required to use) is the increase in Building Aid that we will realize to pay for the new debt service respectively. Likewise, the listed cost of \$353,000 on this same Budget Notice for the purchase of two new diesel buses is the cost before State transportation aid. The actual cost to the District after aid for the purchase of the two diesel school buses will be \$66,717.

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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!*

In addition to voting on the proposed 2026-2027 budget in the amount of \$16,115,375, we will also be voting on one proposition. The proposition on the ballot will be for the purchase of two diesel school buses. The proposed purchase is part of an ongoing bus replacement plan designed to keep the District's fleet in safe, working order by phasing out buses that are no longer cost effective to maintain. If the proposition is approved, the actual cost to the District will be significantly less than the amount sought. Approximately 81.1% of the cost would be reimbursable through state aid.

Remsen is a very special place to live, learn, and work. Together, we understand that our goal must always be to ensure that we leave our children, for generations to come, with an even better community and school than we have today. This is accomplished by continuing to work together to provide our children with a solid academic foundation, full of diverse learning opportunities and experiences. Even if you currently do not have students enrolled in school, your support of Remsen Central plays a critical role in raising, teaching, and growing our youth into productive, responsible, kind, hard-working citizens.

Our budget hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 PM in the elementary library media center. Please consider joining us to learn more about our Student Opportunities Plan and to hear from our one Board of Education candidate seeking election. If you are unable to attend, the full presentation will be posted to our webpage shortly thereafter. Additional budget and Board of Education election information may also be found throughout this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Our school budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 19th, from 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the Elementary cafeteria. Voter parking spaces will be reserved at the front of elementary parking lot closest to the cafeteria doors. Back by popular demand, our FFA students will be selling plants outside of the cafeteria doors starting at 3:00 PM and student artwork will be on display for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your unwavering support of our school community. We 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. Working together, we will ensure that our students continue to *Soar to Success!*

It is an honor and a privilege to be your superintendent, a graduate of RCS, and a lifelong resident of the Remsen Central School District.

Sincerely,



Timothy Jenny  
Superintendent

## THREE COMPONENTS OF OUR *Student Opportunities Plan*



# PROGRAM

The program budget contains expenses directly related to the teaching of students; teachers, instructional aides and other professional salaries, materials and supplies, textbooks, special education, health services, library-media, and guidance services. Transportation of students, athletics, and co-curricular activities are also included here.

Description	Approved 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	Change
Legal	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -
Instructional	\$ 6,749,853	\$ 6,917,879	\$ 168,026
District Transportation	\$ 726,826	\$ 771,794	\$ 44,968
Garage Building	\$ 28,500	\$ 28,500	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,418,032	\$ 3,542,471	\$ 124,439
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 10,961,211</b>	<b>\$ 11,298,644</b>	<b>\$ 337,433</b>

# CAPITAL

The capital budget includes costs associated with operations and maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, electricity, heat, oil, water, sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included here for the lease and purchase of buses, payment of debt for capital projects (principal and interest), refund of taxes, and insurance. The final piece of this budget is a transfer to capital for ongoing building improvements.

Description	Approved 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	Change
Operation of Plant	\$ 846,219	\$ 896,049	\$ 49,830
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 167,139	\$ 178,678	\$ 11,539
Insurance and Claims	\$ 51,083	\$ 56,190	\$ 5,107
Refund of Taxes	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 317,505	\$ 329,064	\$ 11,559
Debt Service	\$ 947,132	\$ 1,669,892	\$ 722,760
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,430,278</b>	<b>\$ 3,231,073</b>	<b>\$ 800,795</b>

# ADMINISTRATIVE

The administrative budget includes costs associated with management activities including Board of Education, superintendent's office, district clerk, business office and operations such as payroll, supervision, training, data processing, purchasing, BOCES administration charges, printing, mailing, legal, and auditing services.

Description	Approved 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	Change
Board of Education	\$ 26,589	\$ 26,589	\$ -
Central Administration	\$ 165,908	\$ 169,751	\$ 3,843
Finance	\$ 294,991	\$ 182,877	\$ (112,114)
Legal	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Personnel	\$ 17,876	\$ 17,876	\$ -
Records Management	\$ 7,700	\$ 7,700	\$ -
Other Central Services	\$ 59,346	\$ 59,346	\$ -
Other Special Items	\$ 109,672	\$ 109,672	\$ -
Curriculum Development and Support	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,500	\$ -
Supervision Regular School	\$ 420,177	\$ 520,036	\$ 99,859
Research, Evaluation, Planning	\$ 5,329	\$ 5,329	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 440,929	\$ 456,982	\$ 16,053
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$ 1,578,017</b>	<b>\$ 1,585,658</b>	<b>\$ 7,641</b>



# BRIEF SUMMARY OF OUR Student Opportunities Plan

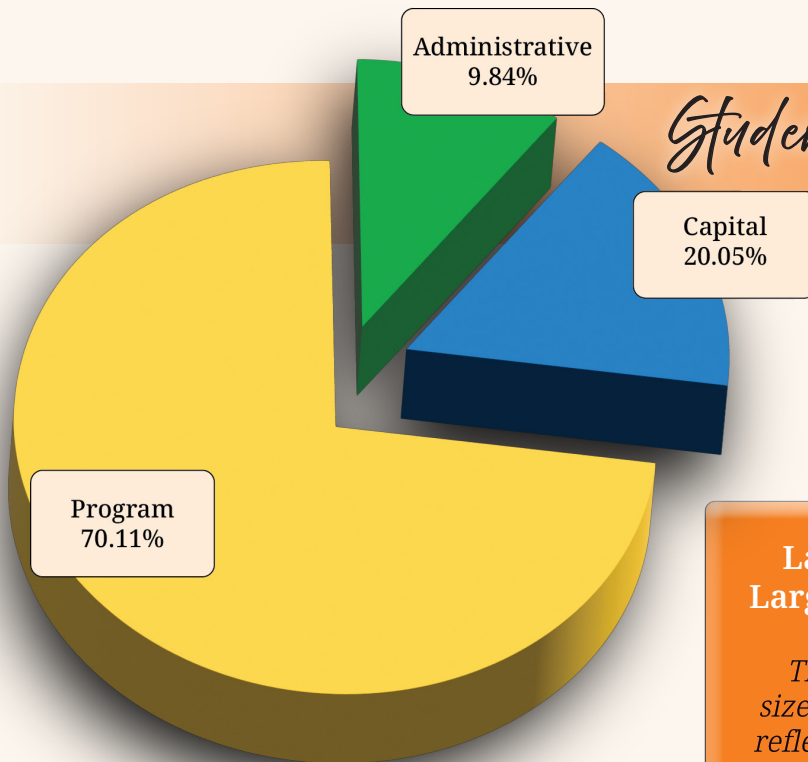


Revenue	Adopted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Estimated Aid (State + Federal)	\$8,322,605	\$9,192,104	\$869,499	10.45%
Tax Levy	\$5,759,294	\$5,845,683	\$86,389	1.50%
Other Revenue	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	0.00%
Fund Balance	\$637,607	\$827,587	\$189,980	29.80%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$14,969,506</b>	<b>\$16,115,375</b>	<b>\$1,145,869</b>	<b>7.65%</b>

Expenditures	Adopted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	Increase/Decrease	% Change
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$14,969,506</b>	<b>\$16,115,375</b>	<b>\$1,145,869</b>	<b>7.65%</b>

Summary of 2026-2027 Student Opportunities Plan	
Change in Operating Budget	7.65%
Change in Property Tax Levy	1.5%
Allowable Property Tax Levy Limit	2.48%

*Proposed tax levy increase of 1.5%. This number is well below our allowable NYS Property Tax Cap Levy Increase Limit of 2.48%*



## Student Opportunities Plan BREAKDOWN

**Large State Aid Increase and Large Operating Budget Increase Information**

*The Operating Budget indicates a sizeable increase as does the revenue reflected in Estimated Aid. This is due to the Capital Improvement Project Debt coming onboard along with the respective State Aid to pay for said debt.*

# VOTING INFORMATION

## Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, a resident must have lived in the Remsen Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the May 19 election, be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and registered to vote with the school district. No person shall have the right to register for or vote who would not be qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.

## Can I Vote by Absentee Ballot?

Residents who will not be in the area on May 19, or who are unable to vote in person may apply for an absentee ballot at the Remsen Central School District Office. If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 18. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5:00 PM on May 19.

## Propositions on the Ballot

### 2026-2027 Budget Proposition

RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget of the Remsen Central School District in the amount of \$16,115,375 for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

### Proposition #1 - Diesel Bus Purchase

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of school buses, including, without limitation, two (2) school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$353,000, less trade-in value, if any, such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$353,000 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method.

## Board of Education Election

### Board of Education Seat

To elect one member to the Board of Education for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2026. There is one candidate running and will appear on the ballot as follows: 1. Jeannie Scouten



## REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$14,969,506	\$16,115,375	\$15,957,238
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$1,145,869	\$987,732
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.65%	6.60%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,759,294	\$5,845,683	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	-	-	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	-	-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	-	-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$5,759,294	\$5,845,683	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$127,193	\$125,518	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,701,544	\$5,776,465	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$5,632,101	\$5,720,165	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$69,443	\$56,300	
Administrative Component	\$1,578,017	\$1,585,658	\$1,575,658
Program Component	\$10,961,211	\$11,298,644	\$11,228,697
Capital Component	\$2,430,278	\$3,231,073	\$3,152,883

\* Contingency budget maintains requirements pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Description	Amount
Bus Purchases (Before state aid of 81.1%)	\$353,000

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$541.85

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Remsen school district, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the Elementary School Cafeteria in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm prevailing time in the cafeteria, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

## Capital Outlay Project 2026-2027

### Renovate High School Restrooms by the High School Gymnasium

#### **NO ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY**

The proposed 2026-2027 Remsen Central School District budget includes a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project. It is important to note that the Remsen Central School District will be reimbursed by the state for 83.5% of the Capital Outlay Project's cost. In other words, a \$100,000 project only costs the district \$16,500. The proposed project for next year will be to renovate the high school restrooms by the gymnasium.

One of our overarching goals for the Remsen Central School District is to continue to provide safe, efficient and operational facilities for our students and our community members. Capital Outlay Projects allow us to responsibly make necessary improvements without placing a large burden on the community.

## Meet the Candidate

### **Mrs. Jeannie Scouten**

#### **Biography**

**Family:** Our family moved to Remsen in 2011. My husband Tyler and I have a son Tucker and a daughter Avonlea that both attend Remsen Central School.

**Education:** I earned an Associates Degree in Human Services and a Registered Nursing Degree from St. Elizabeth's College of Nursing.

**Work Experience:** I have served 16 years as an RN at Lewis County General Hospital

#### **Board of Education Information**

##### **Why do you think it is important to serve the community and school as a BOE member?**

Serving on the Board of Education is an important way to give back to the community and help shape the future of our schools. BOE members help ensure decisions are made in the best interest of students while remaining responsible to families and taxpayers. Strong schools strengthen the entire community. I believe community service at this level matters because decisions made at the board table ripple outward, for students, staff, and the town as a whole. Being part of that process is both a responsibility and an honor that I have enjoyed the past 5 years, and look forward to continuing in the future.

##### **What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?**

I bring a practical, collaborative approach, strong communication skills, and a focus on thoughtful, informed decision-making. I value listening to different perspectives, asking the right questions, and keeping student success at the center of every decision. I enjoy problem solving to help make our school a great place to be.

##### **What do you think are or will be the most pressing issues facing education in general or Remsen Central School?**

Key challenges include maintaining academic standards, supporting student mental health, attracting and retaining staff, and managing budgets responsibly. For our School District, addressing these issues while planning for long-term success is essential.



## Dear Remsen Families,

As spring begins to take shape, we are reminded of the importance of reflecting and continuing to strive to improve. This time of year provides an important opportunity to acknowledge the progress we have made while continuing to build toward a strong and successful finish.

Throughout the first three marking periods, our students have demonstrated growth, perseverance, and a willingness to keep improving. Watching them progress has been an honor. As we approach final exams and end-of-year projects, I encourage all students to continue challenging themselves and taking pride in their progress.

Our band and chorus students have provided our school with outstanding performances this year. Their growth has been evident, not only in their musical ability but in their confidence and commitment. We look forward to seeing that continued improvement showcased at our final concert of the year.

Spring athletics are now underway, and our student-athletes continue to demonstrate teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship. These experiences are an extension of the classroom, where students learn that improvement comes through effort, practice, and determination. I encourage our community to come out and support our teams as they continue to grow throughout the season.

As we move closer to the end of the school year, there are many events and celebrations on the horizon, including Ram Ticket drawings, spring sports contests, Olympic Day, the Junior/Senior Grand March and Prom, the Academic Awards Ceremony, and the JV/Varsity Sports Awards. Each of these moments represents an opportunity to recognize the growth and accomplishments of our students. We will conclude the year by celebrating the Class of 2026 at our Graduation Ceremony on June 19, honoring their journey and the ways they have continued to strive to improve over time.

In the high school, we believe that growth is a continuous process. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, or on the field, improvement happens through consistent effort and attention to the little things. By doing this, we create opportunities for success in all areas.

As we round out the school year, here are a few important reminders:

- Please contact the guidance office with any questions regarding exams, grades, or academic planning for next year.
- Continue to monitor the school website and check ParentSquare regularly for important updates and announcements.
- Reach out with any questions or concerns, so that we can make sure to fully support every student.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we will continue to foster a culture where every student is encouraged to grow, reflect, and strive to improve.

Sincerely,

*Sanya Pelrah*

Sanya Pelrah  
Jr./Sr. High School Principal



# MEET OUR *History Department*

*Engaging students in the study of history, geography, civics, economics, and sociology to prepare students for informed citizenship*



## **Jr./Sr. High History Department**

(From Left to Right)

Mr. Bunker, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Nehme

### **Mr. Bunker**

MVCC Global Studies 9  
MVCC Global Studies 10  
Spanish IA  
MVCC Spanish 201  
MVCC Spanish 202

### **Mrs. Martin**

AP United States History  
MVCC United States History  
MVCC Global Studies 9  
Economics

### **Mrs. Nehme**

Social Studies 7  
Social Studies 8  
Government

## **Walter J Kaczor Memorial Scholarship**

Remsen Central School is proud to announce the winners of the 2026 Walter J Kaczor(WJK) Memorial Scholarship. This year, the scholarship has been awarded to Emily Smith and Andrew Bankert. The WJK Memorial Scholarship, established in honor of long-time Remsen teacher and coach Walter Kaczor, aims to recognize and support students who have demonstrated growth, commitment, and stewardship of the natural world. The scholarship annually awards two students with sponsorship to New York State DEC Summer Camps, which focus on fostering conservation and the stewardship of the natural world.

# Music in Our Schools

The Remsen Music Department hosted the annual Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM) concert on Wednesday, March 18th.

The MIOSM concert is designed to feature and highlight the wonderful talent and skill of our musicians in grades 4 through 12. As a celebration of music in our schools, the evening is filled with musical performances from each of our ensembles as well as several special solo, duet, and other small ensemble performances.

The MIOSM concert is unique in that it provides the audience with the opportunity to observe the musical progression that students make as they go from elementary school through high school as musicians. It is neat to see our 4th graders, at the beginning of their musical careers, performing in the same concert as our seniors, who have developed into very talented musicians.

All of our musicians did a wonderful job, thank you students for a wonderful concert. Special thanks to Mr. Dangler and Mr. Pietruch for instructing, supporting, and challenging our students to make and enjoy beautiful music!



## Dear Remsen Families,

Happy Spring! I hope that you and your families have been able to get outside and enjoy some of the nice weather when we have had it. It is hard to believe but we will be embarking on our final ten weeks of the 2025-2026 school year as you are reading this newsletter. As I finish my second year as your Remsen Elementary Principal, I want you to know how very grateful I am for this opportunity. This district is full of amazing teachers, faculty, staff, administrators, Board of Education members, families and most importantly the most amazing students!

The months since our last newsletter have been busy here at Remsen Elementary. During the month of February our Elementary Drama Club presented “The Wizard of Oz: The Deleted Scenes.” What remarkable young actors and actresses we have! We celebrated Valentine’s day with our students with classroom parties and fun activities. Students celebrated the one hundredth day of school, many dressing as 100 years old. Our pre-kindergarten through third grade students were able to attend a Sweetheart Dance with their parents that was sponsored by the PTG. The night was full of fun and dancing with a packed house!

March continued to provide many exciting opportunities for our school. We kicked off our One School, One Book event with an assembly. Students participated in many events that went along with our book for this school year, Mr. Popper’s Penguins. The PTG sponsored our finale which allowed every student in pre-k through sixth to attend the viewing of the movie at The Strand in Old Forge. First and second graders were paired with seventh and eighth graders for a Read Aloud Day event. They read together, created bookmarks, and enjoyed a snack. What a great way for our older and younger students to interact with each other! Our third graders performed for their parents in a Recorder Recital and our fourth through twelfth graders performed as soloists and large ensembles during our Music In Our Schools Month Concert. We have so many extremely talented students in our district!

The final ten weeks are sure to go by quickly. Please look for notifications through ParentSquare, on our website, or through hard copies sent home with your student. There are many more exciting opportunities to come throughout April, May, and June.

Thank you for consistently supporting your students and our school. I will be forever grateful to work in a school district that has such a remarkable community. Remsen is truly the place to be!

Sincerely,

*Jody Lamphere*

Jody Lamphere  
Elementary School Principal



## Goaring with Positivity

Remsen Elementary  
**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



March

Bridget Carpenter  
Rhys Tomaino  
Hadley Ives  
Charlie Stanek  
Isaiah Gilbert Jr.  
Harper Ploss  
Quintin Petschauer  
Elliott DeGrace

Peter Dalton  
Dallas Atanasoff  
Jason Guo  
Reagan Ultsch  
Emerson LaBella  
Andrew Petschauer  
Nathaniel Gates  
Tessa Bronson

On Wednesday, April 1st, our First Grade classes invited families in for a number of fun Easter/Spring themed activities. Activities included, coloring eggs, games in the gym, crafts, and even a little bit of Spring math fun. Everyone had a great time celebrating Spring and the Easter holiday together.



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



On Thursday, April 2nd, our Pre-Kindergarten students invited their families in for a fun Easter activity. Mrs. Winghart took part in the event by reading *Pete the Cat Big Easter Adventure*. Students then created a fun bunny hat craft with their family members and then everyone enjoyed a fun Easter Egg hunt through the Elementary Library.



Lonny Eagleton the bassist from Black Veil Brides talked with the Pre-K class about music and being in a band. To support the foundational skills being learned in Pre-K, Lonny talked with the students about the importance of being able to write your name and how he signs autographs for fans every day. Lonny showed the students his guitar and played a few songs for the class. He talked about the upcoming tour with his band and shared some of his favorite things about being in a band and his favorite place to go. Students enjoyed asking questions and interacting with Lonny through Zoom.



On Thursday, April 2nd, our 5th grade classes invited their families in for a fun STEAM activity. Students and their family members were challenged with a few fun surface tension experiments.

First, family members took turns adding water to a cup, attempting to fit as much in the cup without the water spilling over. If that wasn't tricky enough, the second challenge was to fit as much water onto a penny as they could without the water spilling over.

After the activities, the group compared their results, discussed strategy for optimal water droplet placement, and talked about surface tension.

Both activities were a fun way to illustrate the concept of surface tension while getting families involved in the learning fun.



On Tuesday, April 21st, representatives from the American Heart Association of Mohawk Valley visited Remsen Jr./Sr. High to teach our 8th graders how to perform hands only CPR. Students were taught about the difference between heart attack and cardiac arrest. They were taught the signs to look for and when to know if CPR should be performed. CPR was demonstrated for students and they were given the opportunity to practice using a dummy.

Students in Sr. High Health class also learned how to perform CPR, when to perform CPR, and how CPR can be used to save a life.



## Students Learn **HANDS ONLY CPR**





# SENIOR *Switch Day*

Wednesday, March 18th was our annual Senior Switch Day. The day where our seniors have the opportunity to "switch" and experience the role of one of their teachers, administrators, custodians, counselors, etc. Staff members volunteer to be a part of the switch and each senior student is paired up with a staff member for the day. For one day, our seniors get to dress like, act like, see what it's like to be that staff member.

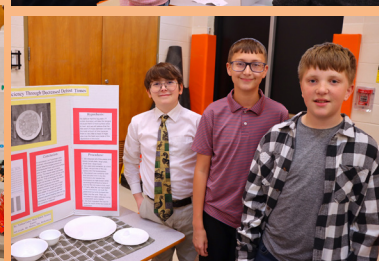
Thank you to our seniors and our staff members for participating in this fun learning experience. It's always a neat time for staff and students to connect and the experience provides a unique opportunity for underclassmen and our elementary students to see our seniors in action.



# PTG Elementary Science Fair

On Thursday, March 19th the PTG held the elementary Science Fair. Students in grades Pre-K through 6, shared their science fair projects with several judges, fellow students and family members. Everyone did an excellent job! Presentation topics included everything from the life cycle of a frog to the most efficient way to thaw food. Students were recognized with special certificates for their presentation skills, creativity, presentation, innovation, and dedication to science.

Thank you to all of the students and families that participated in the Science Fair and thank you to the Remsen PTG for sponsoring and making this event possible for our students!



# Third Quarter *Evening of Excellence*

## *Honor Roll*

ANDREW BANKERT  
EMALYN BURNS  
EMMA CLAPPS  
PAISLEY CLAPPS  
ZOEY DEMALA  
KALEESI FELSHAW  
JASON GUO  
LEAH HOUCK  
HALEY HUISING  
JACKSON JENNY  
CARTER LAUREY  
LUCY MAJEWSKI  
KAIDENCE MAINE  
PEYTON MILLICK  
RILEY MINER

EMILY MOONEY  
BRAYDEN MOSHER  
HALLIE MULLIGAN  
LUKE MURPHY  
EVALYN NOLAN  
ANDREW PETSCHAUER  
KALEN POULIOT  
COLE ROTACH  
ADRIAN SMITH  
MAXWELL SPADARO  
PRESLEY STOOKS  
CHASE ULTSCH  
TIMOTHY WINGHART  
JACOB WOLLABER

## *High Honor Roll*

CARSEN BRONSON  
TESSA BRONSON  
HOLLY DALTON  
SYLAS DAVENPORT  
ELIZABETH DUTCH  
MARK DUTCH  
NATHANIEL GATES  
TUCKER HILL  
LAKEN KINIRY

DANIEL KOZAK JR.  
EMERSON LABELLA  
JACKSON LAUREY  
EMMA LEHMAN  
VINCENT MONTEGARI  
AVONLEA SCOUTEN  
ELIZA SMITH  
EMILY SMITH  
COREY WHALEY

## *School Citizenship Award*

HARRISON WILL  
AVERY BOWEN  
TAYAH DOOLEN  
ARIA HADAR  
BARRETT SCHAFFER  
LENNOX ADAMS  
PARKER WILCOX  
MCKENNA TOMAINO  
HAYDEN WALLS

JASON GUO  
ESTELLA BIRO  
FISHER WILCOX  
DAVID BARRETT  
SEAN NOLAN  
MARK DUTCH  
ANNABELLE WILCOX  
ANDREW YOUSEY  
DAKOTA PETTEYS

## *Soaring to Success*

AVARY BURKE  
WESTON RANDAZZO  
SOFIA DEGRACE  
KOLTON ROBERTS  
MACI VASQUEZ  
RORI CLAPPS  
JANE QUINN  
OLIVIA NOLAN  
WADE SMITH

BRANDON DEMICHELE  
CARSEN BRONSON  
RILEY MINER  
LEAH HOUCK  
BRAYDEN MOSHER  
VINCENT MONTEGARI  
GARRETT MIAZGA  
JACOB WILLIAMS  
JEMMA BURNS

## *Participation and Sportsmanship*

JEREMY KASPROWICZ  
KALEN POULIOT

## *Art Star Award*

LOUISA POSTOL  
ANNABELLE WILCOX

## *Performance Arts Award*

JASMINE HORSTMAN  
ZOEY DEMALA

## *Legendary Library Award*

BEN SMITH  
NATHANIEL GATES

## *Alumni Association Award*

AMIAH MOONEY  
REAGAN TOMAINO

OLIVIA NOLAN  
ZOEY DEMALA

TUCKER HILL  
JACKSON LAUREY

## Quarter 3

# Evening of Excellence

On Wednesday, April 22, Remsen Elementary hosted its third quarter Evening of Excellence, welcoming students and their families to celebrate a season of outstanding achievement.

Throughout the evening, over 80 awards were presented to students from Pre-K through Grade 6, recognizing their academic growth, artistic talents, and character. The ceremony highlighted achievements in various categories, including Honor Roll and High Honor Roll, School Citizenship, and Soaring to Success. Students were also honored with the Participation and Sportsmanship, Performing Arts, Art Star, Legendary Library, and the prestigious Alumni Association awards.



## National Honor Society *Parents' Night Out*

On Monday, March 23, the Remsen National Honor Society hosted a successful Parents' Night Out, welcoming elementary students from Pre-K through 6th grade to the Jr./Sr. High School. The evening offered a variety of activities to keep everyone entertained: students burned off energy with soccer, tag and hula hoops in the gym, while the library provided a more relaxed space for board games, puzzles, and creative coloring. Of course, no "Night Out" would be complete without yummy snacks!



## *Grade Three* **RECORDER RECITAL**



On Wednesday, March 18th our third graders showcased their musical talents at the annual Grade Three Recorder Recital. Mr. Pietruch explained that our third graders have been working very hard to prepare for the event. He described how the recorder unit is a great intro to band, teaching students to read and play musical notes on a staff, how to count and keep time, and how to play together as an ensemble.

# Regional Science Fair at Utica University

Remsen had another outstanding showing at the regional science fair in Utica on Saturday, March 21st.

At the junior level in physical science, Blair Smith and Alexandria Flint took second place and Daniel Burdell and Tucker Scouten won first place. Daniel and Tucker also were selected as Grand Champion at the junior level. This marks the fifth year in a row that Remsen has won Grand Champion at the junior level.



At the senior level, Trent Jenny took third place in the natural science category. Trent also won the ACS Student Chapter award in chemistry. Trent was also selected as Runner Up to the Grand Champion at the senior level. This is the second year in a row that Trent has accomplished this prestigious recognition for his work in the field of science.



On Thursday, March 12th, the Remsen Jr./Sr. High School National Honor Society held its 2026 Induction Ceremony to welcome 7 new members. The ceremony was led by advisor, Mrs. Obernesser, and several of the current National Honor Society members.

During the ceremony, the 14 NHS members that will be graduating this year were recognized for their academic and extra-curricular success in school. Also, during the ceremony, second year pins were provided for second year members, thanks to a generous donation from the Remsen Alumni Association. Remsen Alumnus, Hailey Paddock was the special guest speaker for the ceremony.

The following students were inducted as new members: Greta Burdell, Lacey Green, Trent Jenny, Taylor Murphy, Owen Piaschyk, Wyatt Rapson, and Madison Wollaber.

Congratulations to our new NHS members!



## National Honor Society *Induction Ceremony*



REMSSEN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

# Honor Roll Celebration

## Quarter Three

### HONOR ROLL

Spencer Anderson	Glen LaFave
Brody Baker	Joshua Meeker
Andrew Becker	Eva Newland
Daniel Burdell	Cynthia Poczatek
Brody Caplicki	Kole Poczatek
Erica Carnright	Henry Putnam
Angelina DelGuidice	Waylon Rapson
Gianna Ferguson	Evelyn Shew
Tiarra Fox	Madison Spadaro
John Gates Jr.	Charles Treen-Goff
Morgan Gates	Gardner Walker IV
Caleb Gleasman	Anthony Warner
Hayden Graves	Tristan Warner
Jia Zheng Guo	Ciarra Wendell
Tanner Hill	Christian Whitaker
Logan Houck	Hannah Winghart
Logan Johnson	Adam Woolheater
Colin Jones	Nevaeh Yager
Ella LaFave	

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

Lilly Bankert	Trent Jenny	Jeweliet Pruitt
Anna Becker	Olivia Johnson	Wyatt Rapson
Ethan Behr	Ethan Karis	Ashley Roberts
Adeline Biro	Marissa Karis	Reese Rowlands
Greta Burdell	Daniel Kaufman	Mikhael Samoshuk
Grace Dalton	Jackson LaBella	Tucker Scouten
Arynn Day	Mason LaBella	Ellie Secor
Willow DeLand	Olivia Lalyer	Emily Shufelt
Kimberly Doty	Alannah Lawlor	Blair Smith
Madeline Doty	Chloee Matt	Emmelia Smith
Samantha Doty	Chelsea McCauley	Evann Smith
Alexandria Flint	Regan Meeker	Jacob Southwick
Lydia Gates	Marissa Morris	Molly Southwick
Bryce Graves	Lexxis Mosher	Emily Spatto
Lacey Green	Taylor Murphy	Ella Staskoski
Jayde Hammill	Michael Nelson Jr.	Claire Whaley
Brooklyn Helmer	Gavin Nelson	Grayson White
Chase Helmer	Alexis Petteys	Isabella Wilcox
Kailyn Helmer	Jasmine Petteys	Jaedyn Wilcox
Reagan Helmer	Owen Piaschyk	Makayla Wilcox
Noah Honsi	Madelyn Prosser	Madison Wollaber
Morgan Horn	Brygit Pruitt	Sophia Yager

### STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Lilly Bankert	Chloee Matt
Anna Becker	Joshua Meeker
Adeline Biro	Michael Nelson Jr.
Greta Burdell	Alexis Petteys
Erica Carnright	Reese Rowlands
Arynn Day	Tucker Scouten
Madeline Doty	Ellie Secor
Jia Zheng Guo	Tyler Stevens
Serenity Hinkley	Levi Walker
Trent Jenny	Hannah Winghart
Olivia Lalyer	Nevaeh Yager
Alannah Lawlor	

### MOST IMPROVED

Preston Corn	Cynthia Poczatek
Leah Doolen	Solar Poirier
Gianna Ferguson	Dominic Prentice
Alexandria Flint	Henry Putnam
Lucas Fox	Madison Spadaro
Elijah Garcia	Aiden Tyson
Lacey Green	Jaycob Wagner
Adam Hill	Christian Whitaker
Eva Newland	Adam Woolheater
Alexis Petteys	Sophia Yager



# International Club

Trip to

# Puerto Rico

During April break, the International Club traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico with Mrs. Izzo and Mrs. Countryman. The students were able to experience ziplining in El Yunque, a National Park that is a rain forest, and snorkeling in the Virgin Islands at an island called Vieques. The students experienced many types of latino foods and were able to use their 2nd language Spanish in authentic settings.

The International Club would like to thank their parents, our administration, the Board of Education, and the 2 bus drivers Sandie and John. It was the trip of a lifetime and our students will have this experience and memories for the rest of their lives.





## OCMEA *Elementary All County*

On April 24th and 25th, five Remsen Elementary students participated in the OCMEA All County festival at Westmoreland High School. Mark Dutch and Presley Stooks sang with the chorus. Holly Dalton, Eliza Smith, and Emily Smith played with the band.

All County students are selected based on nominations from their teacher and their NYSSMA solo scores from the previous year. This festival brings together some of the most outstanding 5th and 6th grade musicians from schools all over Oneida county for a performance with ensembles that are larger than most student's home districts. This year, over 250 students participated in the festival across the band, chorus, and orchestra ensembles.

Congratulations and well done Mark, Presley, Holly, Eliza, and Emily!



## ROTARY CLUB *Dictionary Donation*



On Friday, April 17th, members of the Adirondack Foothills Rotary Club, Barbara Freeman and Sue Secor, visited Remsen Elementary to present each third grade student with a dictionary of their own. Pictured below are our third graders during their visit with Rotary Club representatives.

Thank you to the Adirondack Foothills Rotary Club for providing each of our third graders with dictionaries.



# PTG Grades 4-6 Spring Dance

On Friday, April 24th the PTG sponsored a spring dance for students in grades 4-6. With a TikTok Dance theme, students had a great time dancing to classics like the Electric Slide, the Chicken Dance, but also a few new TikTok dances including the Sea Lion. Students also enjoyed the photo booth, snacks and just having fun together.



## VARSITY GOLF SENIOR NIGHT

On Friday, April 24th at the Alder Creek Golf Club, the Varsity Golf team celebrated their seniors, Ellie Secor and Makayla Wilcox.

Head coach Katey Secor took some time to speak on behalf of each player and what they have meant to the program, and what their future plans will include.

Congratulations to both Ellie and Makayla, best of luck in the future!




# 112th Annual Alumni Banquet

The Remsen Alumni Association is holding the 112th banquet on Saturday, June 13, 2026, starting with a social hour at 4:30 p.m. in the High School gymnasium with live music from the Alumni Jazz Band. The banquet will celebrate the present class of 2026, along with the 25, 50 and 75 year anniversaries. For more details and information, please contact Remsen Alumni Association President Mark Williams at 315.576.1974 or markb2055@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to support the Remsen Alumni Association and school, please send donations to: Linda Cady | 10471 Coombs Road | Holland Patent, NY 13354. Checks should be made out to the Remsen Alumni Association. Your thoughtful contributions enable the Alumni Association to support the National Honor Society, FFA, High School Music Department, Elementary Evening of Excellence awards, and the High School end of year awards. Most importantly, your generosity serves our greatest goal, to proudly provide three scholarships to this year's deserving senior recipients.

The Remsen Alumni Association is proud to be able to support our graduates and the Remsen Central School District, all made possible by the contributions, donations and dedication of our community. Thank you for your support.

Mark Williams, RAA PRESIDENT



## Remsen Class of 2026 Fireworks Celebration!

June 19<sup>th</sup> following  
Graduation

### Donations

If you are an individual or a company that would like to help the seniors with this year's fireworks display to celebrate the graduating class of 2026, please make checks payable to *Remsen Central School District* and write "Senior Celebration" on the memo line of the check.

### Recognition and Appreciation

Individual and company donations will be announced prior to the fireworks display and a "Thank You" flyer with all of this year's donors will be posted in our district newsletter and on our webpage and Facebook page after the celebration.

### Donations may be dropped off at the District Office or mailed to:

Mrs. Abigail Roberts, District Clerk  
Remsen Central School  
PO Box 406  
9733 Main Street  
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315-205-4300 x.4221

Thank you!

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# School Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Elementary Cafeteria

**District Art Show and FFA Plant Sale!**

