SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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A Message from Dr. Morris:



As we move into November, it is hard to believe how quickly the school year is passing! Over the past few months, our schools have been filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences, and wonderful achievements by our students and staff.

Throughout the district, we continue to see the hard work of our students, teachers, and staff reflected in everything they do. From the classroom to the athletic fields and beyond, there is so much to be proud of as we continue through the school year.

With Thanksgiving approaching, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our teachers, staff, families, and community members for their continued support and commitment to our students. It is through our collective efforts that we continue to make the Olean City School District a special place to learn and grow.

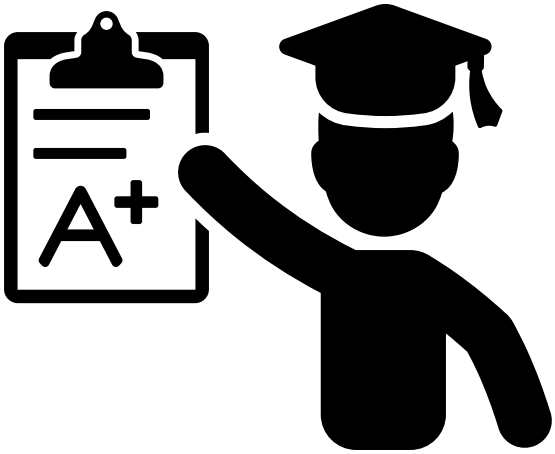
I look forward to the many exciting opportunities and accomplishments still ahead and wish everyone a wonderful November!

-Dr. Genelle Morris

OHS Celebrates New National Honor Society Members

Congratulations to the newly selected members of the 2026–2027 Olean High School National Honor Society! Students celebrated this achievement with a special breakfast recognizing their hard work and dedication. Students will be officially inducted into the National Honor Society at a ceremony in January. Congratulations to all of our new members on this well-deserved honor!









Fourth Graders Enjoy "Book Tasting":

Mrs. Dwaileebe's fourth-grade students participated in a special "Book Tasting" activity! Students explored three different books by reading short excerpts from each and recording their thoughts. The activity gave students a chance to look at new stories and help decide which book they would like to read next as a class.





3rd Annual Kick For The Cure Soccer Game:











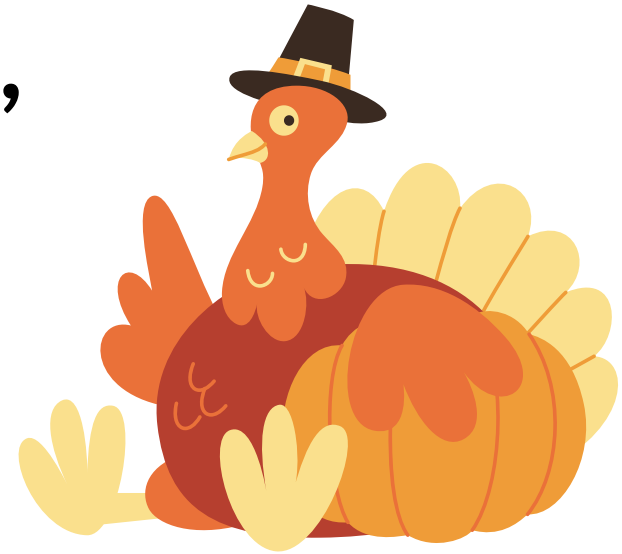






Thanksgiving Break, No School: November 25th-27th





Husky Pups Learn Fire Saftey:

Washington West Elementary students had a special visit from the Olean Fire Department. Students learned important safety tips, including how to create a fire escape plan and the proper way to stop, drop, and roll. A special thank you to the Olean Fire Department for taking the time to teach our Husky Pups about proper fire safety!





Return to Canticle Farm for Fall Harvest

Students in Mrs. Niece's class, alongside Job Coach Mrs. Graves, recently returned to Canticle Farm to harvest the potatoes they planted last spring. The visit allowed students to see their hard work come full circle while gaining valuable hands-on experience. Students also had the exciting opportunity to harvest beets for the very first time!









Sculptor Eric Jones Visits East View:















Washington West Celebrates Kindness:

Washington West Elementary recently came together to celebrate kindness, one of the school's four core expectations! Each teacher nominated one or two students from their classroom who consistently demonstrate kindness toward others. These Husky pups were recognized for their positive attitudes, thoughtful actions, and the smiles they bring to those around them each day!







Contest winners tour New Highmark Stadium

On November 3, OIMS students Alexander Alvarado, Michael Carlson, Molly Yoder, and Za'Niyah Vance enjoyed a special behind-the-scenes tour of the new Highmark Stadium after winning the Future Engineers and Skilled Trades essay contest. During their visit, students met Buffalo Bills linebacker Bradley Chubb and got an inside look at what goes into operating the new stadium. A special thank you to Stark Tech for making this exciting experience possible!





OHS ATHLETIC EVENT RULES

- Any student 7th grade or younger must be accompanied by a parent/guardian/caregiver for admission to any Olean high school football or basketball game. The adult accompanying the student needs to be in attendance as a point of contact for the duration of the event. This allows OHS staff to respond appropriately if issues arise among younger students who are unfamiliar to high school staff, and can help ensure a safe environment for students and families who are there to enjoy the game.
- Students are not allowed to bring bags or backpacks.
- No outside food or drinks are allowed.
- Only high school students from the home team or the visiting team are permitted to attend the game without a parent or guardian. (ID required).
- Students attending athletic events must bring valid student identification with them to show high school staff upon entering an athletic venue.

Seniors Participate in Instant Admit Day!

OHS Seniors Participate in SUNY JCC Instant Admit Day! Eighteen Olean High School seniors recently took an exciting step toward their futures by participating in SUNY JCC's Instant Admit Day! With assistance from Senior Counselor Ms. Hayes and JCC Assistant Director of Admissions Rachael Murray, students completed their college applications and received acceptance letters on the spot, all at no cost.





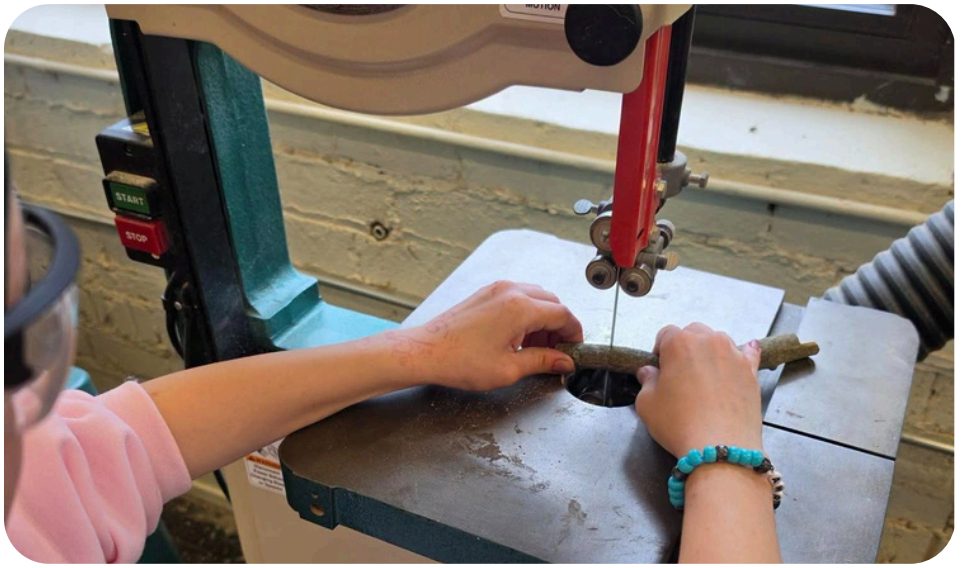
Eighth grade Crafts Pumpkins:



In October, Mr. Rucinski's eighth-grade applied technology students got into the Halloween spirit with their pumpkin craft project! Students put their creativity and hands-on skills to work as they created their own wooden “pumpkins” to celebrate the spooky season.







Coffee with the superintendent:

You are invited to the next Coffee with the Superintendent

Future Coffee Dates:

- Tuesday, November 17, 2026, from 7:30 am to 8:30, OIMS, LGI Room
- Tuesday, December 15, 2026, from 7:30 am to 8:30, OHS, Board Room
- Tuesday, January 19, 2027, from 7:30 am to 8:30, EV, Conference Room

If you're interested in attending,

Please pre-register by emailing O'Brien Dailey,

OCSD Media, Brand & Communication Specialist: odailey@oleanschools.org



Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our district. Let's keep moving forward together with Husky pride, purpose, and perseverance.



Sincerely,

Dr. Genelle Morris

Superintendent Olean City School District