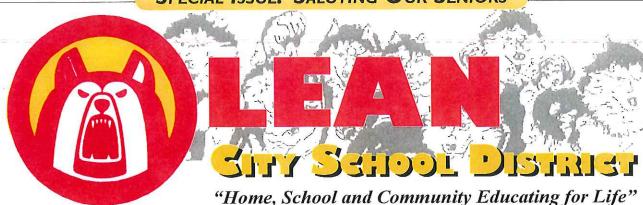
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Twins Lead the Class of 2014



Corie Both



MacKenzie Both

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In addition to her regular high school course load, she concurrently took college courses at Jamestown Community College since her sophomore year, receiving JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List awards every semester. She also has taken classes through Rochester Institute of Technology through the Project Lead the Way engineering program.

Corie has been a member of Student Government (Secretary), Interact Club, Principal's Advisory Board, Select Choir, TV Studio, Orchestra, Band, Girls' Varsity Swimming and Diving (Manager), and Drama Club, both school-sponsored and through the Olean Theatre Workshop.

Corie has received honors including 20 & 40 Point awards, induction into National Honor Society, Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal Award, and NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence. She also has received a varsity letter and scholar athlete awards through her participation with the swim team.

Corie has participated in numerous community service projects, including Homeless Huskies and Sports Boosters Can Drives. She has also volunteered in many Olean community events and volunteers in the youth ministry at Believers Chapel.

Corie will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall. She will be majoring in Computer Science in a BS/MS program, as well as participating in the Honors Program.

acKenzie Both has been named the Salutatorian of the Class of 2014, ranking 2nd out of 134 students. She is the daughter of Thomas and Dawn Both. MacKenzie will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Math and Science.

While working on her regular high school course load, she also took college courses at Jamestown Community College since her sophomore year, receiving JCC Part-Time Student Dean's List awards every semester. She participated in New Visions through Cattaraugus County BOCES throughout her senior year.

MacKenzie has been a member of Student Government (Secretary), Interact Club, Principal's Advisory Board, Select Choir, TV Studio, Orchestra, Band, Girls' Varsity Swimming and Diving, and Drama Club, both school-sponsored and through the Olean Theatre Workshop.

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MacKenzie will be attending Daemen College in the fall. She will be studying to be a physician assistant in a BS/MS program.



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Chance Anzivine is the son of Lenny and Kay Anzivine. He is a student of the New Visions Medical Program and has served as Co-President of both his Freshman and Sophomore classes. Chance was chosen to represent Olean High School as the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leader representative (HOBY) at the University of Rochester. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in JV and Varsity Football and Baseball. His accomplishments include the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award, the Sportsmanship Award for Baseball, The Kevin Whitehead Memorial Award for Football, Most Dedicated Player Award for Football, Section VI Class B Offensive Player of the Year Award for Football, 2- time First Team All-League for Football, Big 30 All-Star and Honorable Mention All -Western NY for Football. He has been featured in NYS Football Weekly and will be playing in the Big 30 Football game in August. He has volunteered his time to fundraise for Breast Cancer, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, and the Child Advocacy Center. Chance plans to major in Pre-Med at Washington and Jefferson College and play Football for the President's.

Nicholas Bailey is the son of Pamela and Daniel Bailey. Nick is an active member and the Treasurer of National Honor Society. He was elected as Vice President for Student Activities Council, and through SAC; he has become a member of the Olean City School District Foundation.

He has volunteered at the Special Education Prom along with Unified Sports, Rebuilding Olean, and Freshman Orientation. He has participated in Homeless Huskies for four years, and participated in "Bald for Bucks" in May to raise money for cancer research and treatment. Nick has played JV and Varsity Soccer throughout high school and was voted captain during his senior year. He was also nominated to the CCAA first team all-league soccer team and participated in the Exceptional Seniors game. He was also voted the Olean Tournament MVP as a junior. Along with Soccer, he ran Track for two years and was a runner up at sectionals in a relay event. Nick will be attending Syracuse University in the fall and plans to study Market Research along with Finance.

Brock Blovsky is the son of Jan Melaro and Bob Blovsky. Brock is a member of National Honor Society and a participant in varsity sports. Through National Honor Society he has been an active member in his community by volunteering at Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University, setting up for the Red and Gold Rumble, and helping clean up the streets in Olean. Brock has played Varsity Baseball for three years, and Varsity Football for one year. Throughout his high school Baseball career, Brock was selected as a CCIA Second Team All-Star once, and earned one Honorable Mention. Brock will be attending the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and plans to study Business and Petroleum Technology.

Madison Carlson is the daughter of Stephen and Susan Carlson. Madison has participated in Varsity Tennis, JV and Varsity Soccer, and the Lax project. She has played hockey for the local hockey team for the past eleven years. Madison has volunteered at the local SPCA, Homeless Huskies, the Salvation Army, the Special Olympics, and St. John's Church. Madison was involved with the New Visions Program her senior year. She is a member of National Honor Society and has received the Sportsmanship Award for Soccer, the Most Improved Player Award for Tennis, the Playmaker and Hatrick Awards for Hockey, and the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Scholarship for Ohio University. Madison will attend Ohio University this fall and major in pre-med.

Brianna Dempsey is the daughter of Robert and Lyn Dempsey. Brianna has been involved in Varsity Tennis for four years, and has received the Coach's Award. Brianna is a member of National Honor Society and participated in Homeless Huskies and Unified Basketball. She has also volunteered outside of school at the Warming House, the Olean Public Library, and the SPCA. Brianna will attend Canisius College this fall and major in Criminal Justice.

William Gardner is the son of Michael and Sharon Gardner. He has been the Treasurer of the Class of 2014 for three years. He also has been involved in Prin(continued on page 3)





William Gardner

Christian Gayton

Kathryn Huselstein

Alexis Jennings

Isaiah Jobe

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cipal's Advisory Council, Yearbook and in musicals for 3 years. Will is involved in Orchestra and Band, playing percussion as well as one year of Concert and Select Chorus. Will is an eight-time blood donor to the American Red Cross as well as a participant of Homeless Huskies all four years. Will has been a two-time Employee of the Month at McDonald's during his two years of employment. William will attend Elmira College in the fall.

Christian Gayton is the son of Harry and Rose Gayton. Christian has been involved with Spanish Club, Homeless Huskies, the Unified Sports Program, and the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament. He is a two year member of the National Honor Society. Christian was a three-season athlete all four years at OHS, lettering in Soccer (CCAA 2nd team All Star), Basketball, and Track and Field. His senior year, he also played Football. He has received recognition for being a NYS Scholar Athlete. Christian has received the OHS Varsity Boys Basketball Michael Parks Team Player Award and the Gregory Spring Sportsmanship Award. He is a 60-Point Award winner. Christian also competed on regional soccer teams including Olean Soccer Club, Enchanted Mountain Soccer Club, Southern Tier Premiere Futbol Club, and the Lakewood Indoor Soccer League. He is a certified soccer official through USA Soccer and officiates for local soccer leagues. Christian has received the Penn State Academic Excellence Award and will attend Penn

State University, The Behrend College, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

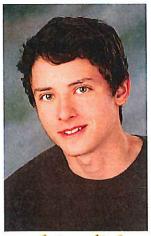
Kathryn Huselstein is the daughter of Anne and Mark Huselstein. She participated in Varsity Volleyball, Yearbook, Homeless Huskies, and eighth grade orientation. She lettered in Volleyball and has received the CCAA Scholar Athlete Award and the Xerox Award. Kathryn was the President of National Honor Society and Co-President of her senior class and was presented with the Outstanding Honor Society Member Award and the Betty Pappas Scholarship. She is also an active community member by volunteering at the SPCA and Olean events, and aided in three Special Olympics. Kathryn interned at Washington West and the Olean General Hospital and is attending JCC Jamestown in the fall.

Alexis Jennings is the daughter of Robert Jennings and Lisa Torres. She has been a part of the school choir and has been on the Olean Varsity Cheerleading Squad for four years. While being on the squad she has received the Coaches Award twice, the Spirit Award and the Outstanding Cheerleader Award. Alexis will major in the Art of Psychology while attending St. Bonaventure University this fall.

Isaiah Jobe is the son of Steven Jobe and Stephene Cottone. He is a member of both National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. Isaiah was involved in the Liberty Partnerships

Program and he also is in a 4-person rock band. Isaiah plans to attend JCC in Jamestown for Audio Production then obtain a Bachelor's of Science in Audio and Media Technology at the New England Institute of Art in Boston.

Andrew
Kirk is the
son of Dave
Kirk and Lisa
Lawyer. During his high
school career
Andrew has
participated
in Model
United Nations and
Andrew was
the Manager
of the Varsity



Andrew Kirk

Boys Soccer team. He played hockey his freshman year for the Olean Arrows. Andrew received the US History and Government Award. Andrew will major in Political Science at The State University of New York at Cortland.

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Sarah Knieser

Zoë Mahler

Diana McElfresh

Christina Mehmel Richard Mikolajezyk

Sarah Knieser is the daughter of Paul and Sarah Knieser. During her high school career, Sarah has been involved in Band, Orchestra, Select Choir, and Bel Canto. She has also participated in Interact Club, Zonta Club, and French Club. Outside of school, she has participated in theatre at the Olean Theatre Workshop, volunteered with the AmeriCorps program, and has been a member of the Community Orchestra. Sarah will attend Hofstra University Honors College this fall and plans to major in English Literature.

Zoë Mahler is the daughter of Mel and Karin Mahler. Zoë has participated in student government as Secretary of her class for three years and Senior Class Co-President. She is a member and Secretary of National Honor Society. Zoë has participated in French Club, Spanish Club, Interact Club, Orchestra and Principal's Advisory. She was selected to participate in Poetry Out Loud, the Robert Lax Research Project and Performance and won the Angelo Melaro Author's Award. Zoë has played volleyball and received the T.E.A.M., Sportsmanship and NY Scholar Athlete Team Awards and received CCAA Honorable Mention. She has participated in Homeless Huskies, Locks of Love and has volunteered all year as a fourth grade classroom assistant. Zoë has been a dancer at Dance Arts for eight years and has played club volleyball for four. The past six years she has attended and will be a Counselor at Crystal Lake Camps. Zoë is a JCC Dean's List student

and has received awards of Excellence in English. She has spent her senior year as a part-time student at St. Bonaventure and will be attending Principia College next year in Elsah, Illinois receiving the Founders' Scholarship and double majoring in Anthropology/Sociology and Mass Communications.

Diana McElfresh is the daughter of Earl and Michiko McElfresh. She has participated in Tennis, Orchestra, Select Chorus, and was the Vice President of her class all four years of high school. She was also Recording Secretary of Model United Nations, and participated in Interact Club and National Honor Society. She has been a dancer at Neighborhood School of Dance for 13 years, and was a student instructor there for 5 years. She has also participated in Theatre Workshop and appeared in three high school musicals. She has worked at the STAR Program and at Old Navy, and has been a teacher's assistant at St. John's Religious Education Program. She plans to attend St. Bonaventure University in the fall to major in English.

Christiana Mehmel is the daughter of Thomas and Emma Mehmel. Christiana has been involved in Select Chorus, Homeless Huskies, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track, Spanish Club, Model United Nations, Principal's Advisory Council, and AmeriCorps. Christiana has been awarded the Harold Dutton Award, Academic Excellence in Integrated Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry, and the Sportsmanship Award. Christiana plans on attending Alfred State College for a degree in Architecture.

Richard Mikolajczyk is the son of Richard and Rose Mikolajczyk. During his high school career, Richard was a part of Olean sports, playing JV and Varsity Soccer all four years. He volunteered his time for Homeless Huskies and as an altar server at St. John's Parish. He participated in community service by helping at the Warming House and the Italian Festival. Richard was also involved with Spanish Club and traveled to Spain and Italy during his sophomore year. After spending all four years taking courses in engineering through Project Lead the Way, Richard has been accepted to the University of Buffalo and will be pursuing a career in Biomedical Engineering.

Alexa Minard is the daughter of Konnie Minard and James Minard II. Alexa has been involved in Chorus, Select Choir, Principal's Advisory, Varsity Cross-Country



Alexa Minard

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Nicole Raymond

Jonah Rosel

Leslie Saleh

Nicholas Schmidt

Jamie Schultz

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and Varsity Track-and-Field throughout her high school career. During her senior year, she became the sound technician for the school's production of Beauty and the Beast. Alexa has been awarded the Harold Dutton Award, the Coaches Award in Cross-Country, and the Most Valuable Runner Award two years in a row for Cross-Country. Alexa was named CCAA Second Team All-Star during her Junior year of Cross-Country. She received the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award. She has volunteered at Special Olympics, Community Thanksgiving dinners, and Gil's Hills Ministries. She was inducted into the National Honor Society during her junior year of high school. Alexa plans to attend JCC and later continue her studies at St. Bonaventure University and University of Pittsburgh at Bradford to eventually earn her Masters of Social Work.

Nicole Raymond is the daughter of Scott and Elaine Raymond. She has participated in Orchestra, Track and Swimming. She is a member of National Honor Society. Nicole has been awarded the Harold Dutton Award and the Scholar Athlete Award. She has volunteered at the SPCA, the Special Olympics, and her church. Nicole will attend Alfred State and plans to major in Forensic Science.

Jonah Rosel is the son of Steven and Christal Rosel. He was involved in Varsity Tennis, Ski Club, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, and First Priority. He was a member National Honor Society, a Scholar Athlete, received the Coach's Award for Tennis and the Harold Dutton Student Award. He also participated in All County and Area All-State groups. Jonah volunteered at the Warming House, Lebanese Festival, Salvation Army Bell-Ringing, went on mission trips to La Paz, Mexico and Sayre, PA. He will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Business Administration with a Concentration in the Music Industry.

Leslie Saleh is the daughter of Dr. Waleed Brantley and Mrs. Janet Saleh. During her high school career, she has been an active part in both Concert Choir and Select Choir and she is a member of National Honor Society. Leslie has completed many service projects through the school, including Homeless Huskies and Unified Olympics Competition, as well as volunteer work at the SPCA. Leslie will be attending the State University of New York at Brockport in the fall and will be majoring in Pre-Health.

Nicholas Schmidt is the son of Mark and Anita Schmidt. Nicholas has taken part in National Honor Society, DECA, JV and Varsity Basketball, Baseball and Homeless Huskies during his four years at Olean High School. He also participated in many volunteer activities such as The Red and Gold Rumble, The Special Olympics and Unified Basketball Day at St. Bonaventure University. While playing Varsity Basketball for four years, Nicho-

las was a part of two league titles, three sectional championships, and two trips to the state final four. Some of Nicholas's personal achievements were making All-WNY Basketball teams for the past three seasons, receiving various All-State Honors, and becoming a 1,000+ point scorer. Nicholas will attend Alfred University to play basketball and will major in Business.

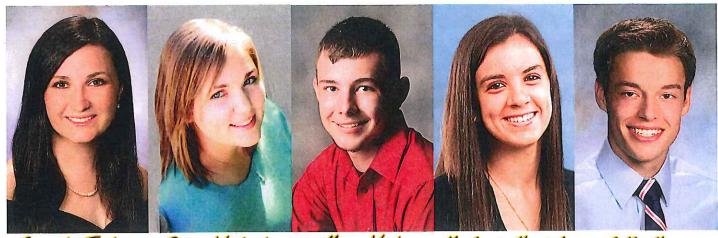
Jamie Schultz is the daughter of Susan and Jason Schultz. Though she has chosen to focus on her studies, she has participated in the Food Pantry Drive and Spanish Club. She plans to attend JCC on a scholarship before moving onto Becker University to pursue degrees in Business and Animal Studies.

Morgan Smith is the daughter of Kathleen Smith. Morgan has been involved in DECA where she competed at the State level and is the current Chapter President. She has participated in Interact



Morgan Smith

Club, Model UN, French Club, Drama Club and Yearbook Committee. She was (continued on page 6)



Samantha Terhaar

Betsy Wetherby

Mason Windus

Mackenzie Yanetsko

Collin Young

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on the Varsity Tennis team and competed at the County Tournament. Morgan has volunteered for the SPCA, Special Olympics, Girl Scouts, and Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center's Princess Party. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Morgan will be attending Syracuse University in the fall and plans to major in Computer Engineering.

Samantha Terhaar is the daughter of Jennifer and Peter Terhaar. She has two brothers, Christopher and Benjamin, and a sister, Madalyn. Throughout her four years at Olean High School, Samantha has participated in: JV Soccer, Varsity Track & Field, Spanish Club, Principal's Advisory Council, and AmeriCorps. Samantha has held positions such as: President of the Class of 2014 during her junior year, and President of the Student Activities Council during her senior year. Samantha has received commendams for her achievements in: Spanish, Global History I and II, and Biology. Samantha is also a recipient of the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth of the Week Award, the Harold Dutton Award, the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, and the Award for being a "Community All-Star." Samantha currently works as a nursing assistant at Olean General Hospital. Next fall, Samantha will begin her BS/MD dual admissions program through St. Bonaventure University and George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She will

major in biology at St. Bonaventure and hopes to become a surgeon.

Betsy Wetherby is the daughter of David and Lisa Wetherby. She has been the Vice President of her class all four years of high school. She is also the Vice President of National Honor Society, which she was a member of during her junior and senior year. In her sophomore year, Betsy travelled to Spain and Italy with the Spanish Club. She participated in Homeless Huskies in her freshman and sophomore year and the Lax Project as a junior. She also has volunteered for the Special Olympics and the Unified Basketball game. Betsy will be attending Drexel University in Philadelphia where she will be studying engineering.

Mason Windus is the son of Tom and Amy Windus. He has been on the Varsity Golf team his Junior and Senior year. He transferred from Scio Central School to Olean High School after his Freshman year. Mason has been a member of the Ski Club for three years. He also volunteered at the Special Olympics this year. Mason has taken SUPA chemistry this year, and plans to attend Alfred State next year, then transfer to Drexel University to pursue his PhD in Physics, and a Master's in Chemistry.

Mackenzie Yanetsko is the daughter of Tom and Meme Yanetsko. She is a mem-

ber of the National Honor Society and has maintained high honor roll for all semesters. She participated in Volleyball (8th-12th), Basketball (9th-12th) and Softball (9th-10th). Mackenzie was named First Team All-Star for Volleyball her senior year. She was named Honorable Mention Section VI 2014 Winter Scholar Athlete. She has volunteered for the St. John's Italian Festival, Gus Macker and Rally in the Valley. Mackenzie will attend The College at Brockport to major in Business Administration.

Collin Young is the son of Michael Young and Theresa Raftis. Collin has participated in Soccer and Track throughout high school. He was a co-captain of the Varsity Soccer team his Senior year. He was the team MVP his Senior year of Soccer and a Big 30 All-Star his Junior and Senior year. Collin is also the Vice President on the Student Activities Council. He has participated in Homeless Huskies all four years at OHS. He has also volunteered for Special Education Prom, Toys for Tots, and was an Open House and Freshman Orientation Leader. He is a part of National Honor Society and has recently received honors in Scholastic Excellence for the SATs. Collin has been accepted to Syracuse University Honors. Program and plans on double majoring in International Relations and Environmental Science.



Good Luck to All of Our Seniors!

Alyssa R. Abdo - St. Bonaventure Allison R. Allen - Employment Catherine L. Anastasia - Monroe Community College

Scott J. Anderson - Employment Kyle D. Antonioli - Geneseo

Chance J. Anzivine - Washington & Jefferson College

Tyler C. Austin - Employment Courtney L. Bailey - St. Bonaventure University

Nicholas A. Bailey - Syracuse University

Brittany E. Baire - JCC

Isaac T. Baker - Employment

Lucas E. Barta - JCC

William K. Bathurst - Cornell University Allyssa M. Bergevin - The Art Institute of Philadelphia

Ashley A. Bilby - St. Bonaventure Univ.

Hayleigh J. Blade - JCC

Brock A. Blovsky - University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Alexis L. Borden - Culinary College

Corie N. Both - RIT

MacKenzie R. Both - Daemen College

Lucas A. Bowser - Fredonia

Taylor N. Bright – Florida State University

Kristin R. Brown - Monroe Community College

Malik R. Burney - JCC

Madison E. Carlson - Ohio University

Isaac S. Caton - Employment

Christopher D. Chesebro - Houghton

Glen A. Colin, Jr. - Employment

Adam L. Crawford - Employment

Brianna M. Dempsey - Canisius College

Elizabeth R. Dimpfl - Employment

Bradley David Doxey - Employment

Samuel P. Eckstrom - College of St. Rose

Andrew M. Farr - Employment

Ashley M. Farr - Employment

Aaron J. Fidurko - Mercyhurst University

Zachary M. Fisher – JCC

Joseph E. Foster – JCC

William L. Gardner - Elmira College

Christian T. Gayton - Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Blayre R. George - Employment

Colleen A. Gerrity - JCC

Magan N. Green - Employment

Darien M. G. Haight - Employment

Julius M. Haight - JCC

Brenna A. Hamed - Brockport

Juliena A. Haskins - JCC

Brayden J. Hawkins - JCC

Luke D. Hennessy - Fredonia



Kayla J. Henning - Monroe Community College

Brian M. Higby - JCC

Jaclyn N. Hitchcock - JCC

Kathryn R. Huselstein - JCC

Tyshaun R. Jackson - Alfred State

Alexis M. Jennings - St. Bonaventure University

Isaiah M. J. Jobe - JCC

Grey A. Jones – JCC

Susan H. Kamery - Monroe Community College

Colten J. Karl-Lebrenz - Employment

Justice Keith - Employment

Dillan C. Kemp -Army

Dylan M. Kennedy - Pittsburgh Technical Institute

Taylor C. Ketchner - Monroe Community College

Andrew J. Kirk - Cortland

Ryan M. Knickles - Monroe Community College

Sarah C. Knieser - Hofstra University

Kendra R. Knowlton - JCC

Cheyenne A. L. Lively – JCC

Talis A. Lokenberg - JCC

Zoe M. Mahler - Principia College

Angelina M. Maine – JCC

Andrew J. Marra - Alfred State

Ian J. Mason - Employment

Gabrielle M. Matya - Military

Heather R. Matya – JCC

Sean E. McClain - Employment

Bronwyn M. McCormick - Employment Christopher W. McCoy - Employment

Diana H. McElfresh - St. Bonaventure

Christiana M. Mehmel - Alfred State Alexis N. Menter - Long Island University

- CW Post Campus

Richard J. Mikolajczyk - University of

Buffalo Alexa L. Minard – JCC

Alissa M. Munday - JCC

Brandon K. Murphy - Employment

Jacob R. Northrup - JCC/SUNY Purchase Gabrielle S. Nunez - JCC

Anthony M. Osborne - Ohio Tech College Roxanne C. Ott - Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Cortney L. Padlo - St. Bonaventure University

Lenny A. Pena - Military/JCC

Amanda M. Peters - JCC

Justice A. Peterson - Alfred State

Zachary A. Pfeiffer - JCC

Ryan B. Phillips - Geneseo

Kody L. Putt - JCC

Nicole C. Raymond - Alfred State

David C. Reed - Alfred State

Skyler C. Reisner - Alfred State

Sarah E. Retchless - JCC

Taylor N. Reynolds - Monroe Community College

Alex J. Rice - JCC/Military

Brianna R. Richardson - JCC

Brittany R. Richardson - JCC

Ashley C. Rivera - JCC

Kelly E. Rose - Employment

Jonah D. Rosel - Fredonia

Leslie A. Saleh - Brockport

Mariah S. Sandburg - Borough of

Manhattan Community College

Nicholas J. Schmidt - Alfred University

Jamie R. Schultz - JCC

Logan M. Shearer - Employment

Nathan M. Seaward - JCC

Janelle R. Shaffer - Fredonia

Kelly D. Smith - Alfred State

Morgan A. Smith - RIT

Mohrgan M. Sokolowski - Broward College

Austin C. Stephens - University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Dante J. Tarr - JCC

Mercedes A. Tarr - JCC

Alison M. Tennant - University of Tampa

Samantha J. Terhaar - St. Bonaventure

Carolann M. Thayer - JCC

Allyson M. Threehouse - JCC

Bree-Aschia M. Van Cleaf - JCC

Bryce M. Walterich - Employment

Zhihong Wang - Alfred State

Thomas B. Weis - Airforce

Betsy A. Wetherby - Drexel University

Eliza L. Wetherby - JCC

Beth A. White - NIA College

Mason H. Windus - Alfred State

Kyle A. Winsor - Ohio Technical College

Mackenzie H. Yanetsko - Brockport

Collin M. Young – Syracuse University

Brady J. Zambanini - JCC Erin E. Zlockie – JCC

May Budget Vote & Election Results

PROPOSITION NO. 1 2014-2015 Basic Budget

> YES 290 NO 100

PROPOSITION NO. 1 PASSED

BOARD OF ELECTION TRUSTEES - vote for two

IRA KATZENSTEIN 1A VOTES FOR: 306

FRANK F. STEFFEN, JR. 2A VOTES FOR: 294

> WRITE INS: Patricia Aiello 1 Terry Schnell 1

It is hereby determined that Ira Katzenstein having received the highest votes will serve a term of five years and 41 days commencing May 21, 2014; and Frank L. Steffen, Jr. having received the second highest votes will serve a five year commencing July 1, 2014. The duly qualified voters at said annual election have hereby elected Ira Katzenstein and Frank L. Steffen, Jr., to the Board of Education of the Olean City School District.

Commencement Ceremonies Set for June 28th

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2014 will be held on Saturday, June 28th at 11 a.m.

Admission tickets are required. There will be a mandatory rehearsal for participating seniors on Thursday, June 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Message from the Superintendent

Reflecting on the Awesome Experiences of 2013-2014

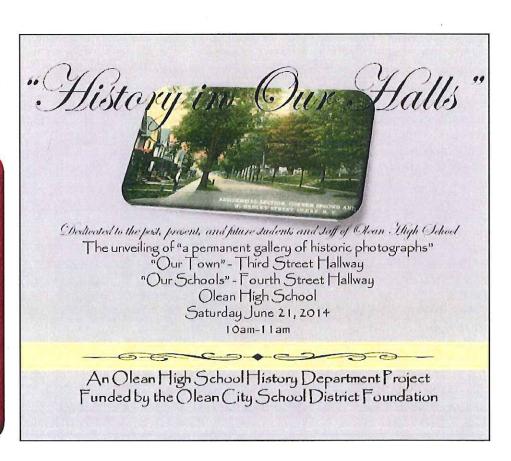
By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

As I began signing the diplomas for the Class of 2014, I could not help but smile as I sat back reflect on how fortunate I am to work in the Olean City School District.

With each signature, flashes of greatness went through my mind. Thoughts of our magnificent musical, our Section VI athletic titles, our talented artists and their awesome art displays, our award winning NYS-MA results, the academic awards where over 200 students were honored, and being awarded a \$783,851 physical education grant.

The above are just a few of the awesome moments that I experienced throughout the school year. I believe that the Olean City School District provides our young people with a quality education that develops their potential and enables them to find success. I believe this because I see the results on a daily basis.

My sincere appreciation goes out to our community for your support, to our staff for their commitment to excellence, and to our students for their wonderful academic and extra-curricular contributions to our school district. Collectively, we have a winning formula. Thank you everyone!





Awards Recognize Excellence and Tenure



Colleen M. Taggerty, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools, received the Western New York Educational Service Council's 2014 Award for Excellence in the category of Superintendent.



Jennifer Hendrickson, School Nurse, received the Western New York Educational Service Council's 2014 Award for Excellence in the category of Support Staff.



Angelina Bello, Math teacher, is presented a Tenure Certificate by John Bartimole, Vice President of the Olean City School District Board of Education.



Mr. Bartimole also presented Kelly Gumtow, Guidance Counselor, with a Tenure Certificate.

District Foundation Hosting Sixth Annual Red & Gold Scramble June 20th

The Olean City School District Foundation, in conjunction with the OHS Alumni Association, is hosting the sixth annual Red and Gold Scramble on Friday, June 20 at Olean's Bartlett Country Club.

The 18-hole scramble is open to the general public and benefits students of the Olean City School District. Cost to participate in the event is \$75 per player or \$300 per team, and includes greens fees, cart, food and prizes. There will also be a skins event, door prizes, on-course skills challenges and a 50/50 drawing.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. and golf will begin with a shotgun start at 3 p.m. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. To sign up, or for more information, email ocsd-foundation@gmail.com.

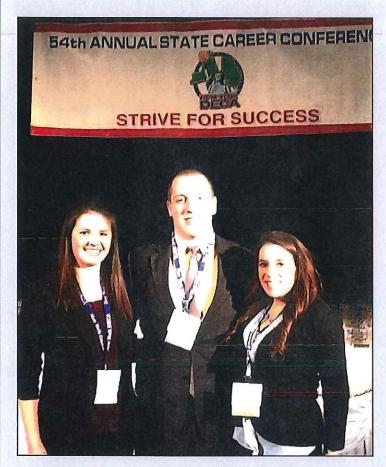
OHS Blood Drives
Saving Lives

Olean High School has hosted three Red Cross blood drives this school year. Adults and students

16 years of age and older were able to contribute to these worthwhile events. The May 9th blood drive collected a total of 38 units of blood and there were 11 first-time donors at this blood drive.

Olean High School Could Have Saved the Lives Of Up To 285 People This Year!





DECA Members Compete at States

Junior Lauren Puller and seniors Ryan Phillips and Catee Anastasia advanced to DECA's State Competition which was held in Rochester on March 5–7.

All three had to perform challenges, tests, and role plays in their preferred business area. Catee's area of expertise was Apparel & Accessories; Lauren's was Principles of Business Management and Administration; and Ryan's was Restaurant and Food Service Management.

There were approximately 3,000 students across NYS ready to compete and represent their schools. Also, during this competition Olean High School's DECA organization received an award called "Up Membership Award" for the growing membership for the 2013-2014 school year. In addition, Ryan Phillips returned home with a medal for scoring in the top ten for his testing area

All of our DECA students represented Olean High School in a very positive, classy and competitive fashion; all three of our New York State contenders did a great job at this year's DECA's State Competition. Thank you Lauren, Catee, and Ryan and best of luck to Catee and Ryan as they graduate from OHS and begin their college education.

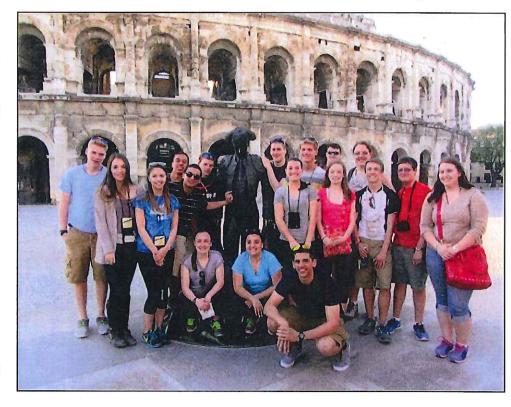
Language Clubs Travel to France & Spain

Carol Shannon and Melanie Napoleon partnered with EF Educational Tours to give their Spanish and French Clubs a 12-day educational experience in France and Spain.

The group toured Paris and visited Versailles, the palace of Louis XIV, the Sun King. After traveling to southern France by fast train, students went to Avignon and cruised through the calanques in the Mediterranean Sea from Cassis. They stopped in the walled city of Carcassone before crossing the border into Spain.

In Spain, the OHS clubs stayed in and toured two major cities: Madrid and Barcelona. In Barcelona, students learned of the architect, Antoinio Gaudí, and visited his greatest works.

The purpose for the travel: Students are immersed in foreign languages, become inspired by new and exciting experiences abroad, and encounter historical landmarks and world geography firsthand. It's exciting!





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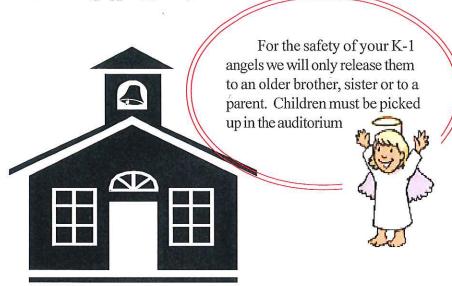
K-1 Curriculum

The STAR program is designed to give K-1 students varied experiences in the Arts and Sciences. Children will learn stories and sing songs. The program will increase students' self esteem and enhance skills necessary in all learning situations such as concentration, focus, cooperation, team building and thinking skills while having fun! This will be provided in a self-contained classroom.

A major activity will be participation in making a music video. K-1 students will also take part in the production on August 1st.

Other experiences will include: acting, singing, dance, art, rhythm

instruments, puppets, games, and much more.



Grades 2-4 Curriculum

2-4 students will develop key skills such as estimating and sequencing, refine problem solving and thinking skills in the following courses: cooking and reading, drums and art. They will create a book of poetry which will be published in August and have an Art show.

Students will explore movement, space, math & poetry through dance and acting

COURSE OF STUDY FOR GRADES 2-4

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AND MANY
MORE...





GRADES 5-12 CURRICULUM

The STAR program will provide students in grades 5-12 with an in-depth look at two activities of their choice. Students will select one activity from each of the following groups.

All students will participate in the performance on August 1.

Group 1 activities:

MAGNIFICENT MURALS
DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING
WALK THE RUNWAY
EXPLORING THE FOURTH DIMENSION!
BAND / ORCHESTRA
NEWSPAPER
DANCE

Group 2 activities:

WALK THE RUNWAY STUDIO ART DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING ACTING WILD & WIRED ELECTRONICS DANCE LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

TECHNICAL THEATER MAY BE TAKEN FOR A THIRD OPTION

SELECTED 5-12 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NEWSPAPER

Students will create a newspaper which will be published on July 31 in the Olean Times Herald. They will learn skills of interviewing, proof reading, writing, composition, pictures, and editorial decision working with actual reporters from the Olean Times Herald.

WILD & WIRED ELECTRONICS

Become an inventor and explore the magical world of circuits and electronics, where you will turn common household items like apples, bananas, playdough and aluminum foil into pianos, video-game controllers and much much more! So take "control," and electrify your summer where we encourage you to play with your food!

LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

Music plays an important role in our everyday life. Explore the way music has evolved, share your favorites with others, and maybe discover some new artists to add to your playlist.

ACTING

Class includes improvisation, games and story-telling, physical and experimental theatre. All students will perform a play on July 31.

MAGNIFICENT MURALS

Students will investigate and collaborate with schools and the community to create murals.

DANCE

Are you ready to dance, move, and have fun? If you said, "yes," then this class is for you. You will learn basic dance moves and experience a variety of music. Once you find the beat, you won't stop moving your feet!

WALK THE RUNWAY TO SUCCESS

This is a great opportunity to "strut your stuff." Explore important skills needed for future success! The best department stores, hair salons and stylists in our area will help us put on a fashion show of all the latest trends. Explore careers, create your job portfolio, build confidence, learn about etiquette and "walk the runway."

TECHNICAL THEATER

Students will focus on stagecraft, design, theatre safety, scenery, properties, lighting, sound, costumes, makeup, public relations and career opportunities. Students assist in student and outside productions as appropriate. This course is limited to just (5) eighth graders.

STUDIO ART

Students will look at different styles of art and different artists and create their own art.

DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING

Become a filmmaker! Start with an idea and turn it into a product of your own. Engage in the process of film making, learning all the steps along the way from story boarding to editing. Have great fun and create a great production!

EXPLORING THE FOURTH DIMENSION!



Mathematics can be found everywhere we look, and even those places we don't; it's out of this world! Explore the universe using Zometools, the same tools NASA uses for researching in space! Ignite your imaginations and investigate symmetry, molecular structure, architecture, 2D/3D/4D projections, fractals and more! If you can dream it, you can do it!



Program Starts July 7, 9:00 am to Noon Monday through Friday at OHS Auditorium EXCITING DEVELOP SELF-ESTEEM ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING Return this form to **Olean Community Schools** 410 West Sullivan Street Olean, NY 14760 Student's Name _____ Address _____School_ _____ State _____ Zip _____ City Parent's Name Phone Emergency Phone Age_____ Grade____(2013-2014 school year) Date of Birth_____ Pictures and videos of your child will be taken and used in various aspects within the program. Parent signature _____ Students in grades 5-12 must select one class from Activity 1 and Activity 2 Activity 2 Activity 1 WALK THE RUNWAY WALK THE RUNWAY STUDIO ART MAGNIFICENT MURALS DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING DIGITAL TV FILM MAKING WILD & WIRED ELECTRONICS EXPLORING THE FOURTH DIMENSION! _ ACTING NEWSPAPER DANCE DANCE LISTEN TO THE MUSIC BAND/ ORCHESTRA TECHNICAL THEATER MAY BE TAKEN FOR A THIRD OPTION ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO FIVE 8TH GRADE STUDENTS A "Connect 4" Project...Olean, Hinsdale, Portville and Allegany Schools.

Olean City School District Newsletter

GRIT: Do You Have What it Takes?

By Kathy Welch

It's fourth quarter, fourth down; the goal is in sight, but it's been a rough game and the players are tired. Their coaches tell them they must push through and fight their fatigue if they want to score. Can they do it?

Are we at a football game? NO! It's fourth quarter of the school year with only a few weeks to go before taking finals and Regents' exams. The students are growing weary; the teachers are pushing and encouraging. Can we do it?

What does it take to keep going when times are challenging? Why do some succeed, while others settle or give up? According to University of Pennsylvania Psychologist, Angela Lee Duckworth, who studies what it takes to predict both academic and professional success, the answer is GRIT. She describes GRIT as "perseverance, hard work, and the determination to improve" and is the factor that can make a big difference in our lives.

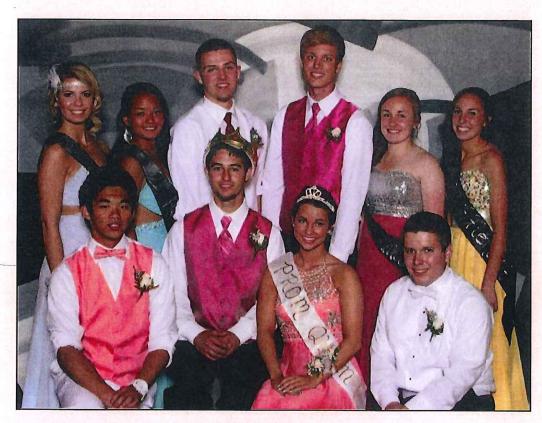
I shared a TED talk with my students who heard Ms. Duckworth explain that it takes GRIT to meet the challenges we all face. I then asked my students to explain



their stories and how they get through the rough times. I emphasized that school is not just about English class or passing a math test, but also learning how to face adversity, how to "show up" in their life and push through the hard times. C. Mielke, a teacher, wrote a piece titled "What Students Really Need to Hear" and he explains that the "Main Event" of school "is learning how to deal with the harshness of life when it gets difficult." The "Main Event" is to conquer adversity

with resiliency and learn to problem solve; "make hard choices and sacrifice when things seem impossible." I explained to my students that the fourth quarter is not the time to slow down or give up, but to hunker down, pedal to the metal, because the goal is within their reach. My classroom white board now displays this message to my students every day, with positive affirmations and inspiration that I hope will lead to GRIT!

Do YOU have what it takes?



OHS Prom Court 2014

The OHS Junior-Senior Prom was held on May 17 at The Old Library. The theme was "Party at Gatsby's."

Selected for the court were: (front, l-r) Senior 1st Escort Zhi Wang, Prom King Brock Blovsky, Prom Queen Eliza Wetherby, Junior Escort Kody Parker; (back, l-r) Senior 1st Attendant Alexis Jennings, Senior 2nd Attendant Ally Tennant, Senior 2nd Escort Nick Schmidt, Prom Prince Geoffrey Broadbent, Prom Princess Kahlee Bowen, and Junior Attendant Michaela Byrne.



Sports Boosters Rally with 'Modified Matters'

Olean's modified sports teams were out in the community during the month of May raising funds and raising awareness about the youth sports funding crisis nationwide. Youth sports are being cut from school and community budgets at an alarming rate, including right here in Olean. Cuts in state aid forced Olean City School District to drop modified sports from its budget last year, so athletes were out pounding the pavement conducting "cleat drives" and selling raffle tickets at local stores like Ried's Food Barn, Tops Markets, and WalMart to try and keep the program alive through donations.

The Olean Sports Booster Club Modified Matters Committee, with the help of the DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation's online crowdfunding platform, worked to ensure that all ten of Olean's modified sports teams reached their fundraising goal and will receive matching funds from the DICK'S Foundation to pay for next year's modified sports season.

The 5-week campaign involved the use of social media to spread the word far and wide that our teams were in jeopardy. Benefactors were able to make donations online at www.SportsMatter.com, where



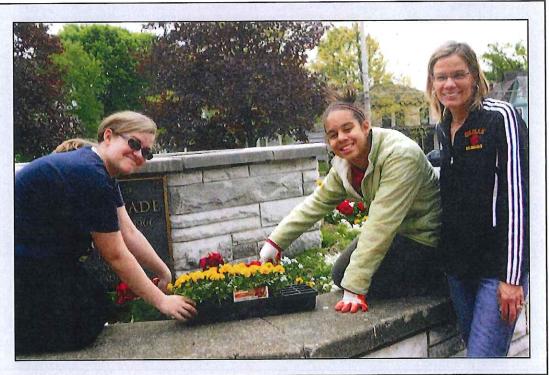
each team had its own fundraising page.

Nearly 300 7th and 8th grade students participate annually in the modified pro-

gram which helps to build strong student athletes for Olean's future as well as strong minds for the world's future!

Giving a HOOT: Club Beautifies School Grounds

The eighth grade HOOT Club, a community service group, recently planted flowers around the OHS fountain and 911 Memorial, in an effort to beautify the schools' grounds. Pictured are: Dottie Maynard and Tianna Taylor with Mrs. Carrie Samuelson, HOOT Club advisor.







'Jump Rope for Heart' Raises Over \$7,750

The annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser was held in March during physical education classes at East View, Washington West and OIMS. The students in grades K-5 raised \$7,751.06 this year for the American Heart Association.

East View raised \$2671.72 and the top fundraisers were: Tyler Camp, Allie Shoup and Emily Gibbons.

Washington West raised \$2071. 00 and had the top fundraisers were Hannah Woodard and Colin Postawko. Colin had the most money raised for the **DISTRICT**-\$565.

OIMS raised over \$3008.34 and the top fundraisers were: Rylie Gumtow, Monica Krinter, Jason Brooks, Alex Blehar and Raemont Gayton.

Thank you to all those who participated and supported this annual endeavor for the Olean City School District Physical Education department.

OHS Students Attend a Special Prom

For more than ten years, high school aged special education students have attended a Prom each spring. This formal dance gives the students a chance to socialize with others and use important skills such as manners, acceptance of others, cooperation, and communication while enjoying themselves at the same time.

This year's Prom, held on May 2, 2014, was attended by approximately 70 students from several Olean area special education classes. The Prom was held at the Olean American Legion on East State Street. Several of the young ladies began their day at A Jason Clemons Salon where staff volunteered to style their hair and assist with the gowns. Busses then transported the students and staff to the venue which was decorated with spring colors. Table linens, lights, and balloons added to the festive atmosphere.

Each student had a professional picture taken by Interstate Studio as a remembrance of their special day. DJ Ed Ewings, who volunteered his services, played many popular songs along with all time



favorites such as the Chicken Dance and the Electric slide. Olean High School Student Activities Council members also attended and interacted with the student which helps them relax and practice their socialization skills. The American Legion Women's Auxiliary gave each student a bracelet imprinted with Prom 2014 and prepared a delicious lunch for all.

Fundraisers help defray the cost of this event and with the help of area Special Education Supervisors, teaching staff, the American legion, and so many others, this event was a success.







Career Tech Center Outstanding Students

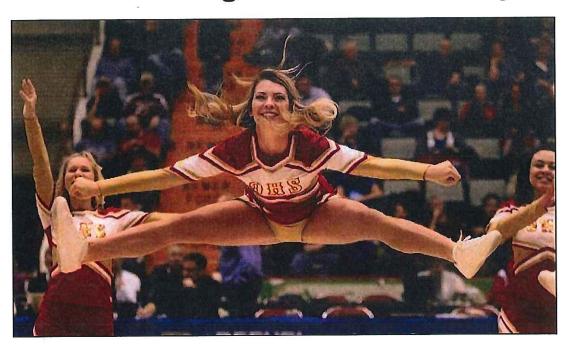
Named Olean CTE First Year Outstanding Students for the 3rd Quarter from Olean High School were (above, I-r): David Whitehorn - Audio Visual Production, Brandon Middaugh - Advanced Manufacturing Machine and Mark Peoples - Culinary Arts.

Selected at Olean CTE Second Year Outstanding Students for the 3rd Quarter from Olean High School were (left phot, l-r): Bronwyn McCormick - Animal Science, Isaac Baker - Advanced Manufacturing Machine and Hayleigh Blade - Media Communications Technology.

NYS Recognizes Cheerleading as Interscholastic Sport

The New York State Regents has finally approved high school cheerleading to be recognized as an interscholastic sport. The move will lead to sanctioned competitions and certified coaching in schools across the state.

This is great news for those students who have dedicated many hours to cheerleading. Pictured at right are some of our Olean High School cheerleaders performing during a basketball playoff game.







Sixth & Seventh Grade Artwork Selected for Quick Center Exhibit

Congratulations to Mrs. Nickel and Ms. Stanford's 6th and 7th Grade Art students for winning the Middle School Juried Exhibition at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts located on the St. Bonaventure University Campus. Their artwork was on display March 5 through April 15.

Pictured above are Ms. Stanford's art students: (back, l-r) Sophia Melvin, Reagan Stitt, Makenzie Milligan, Tyler Meyer, Gabrielle Schulze; and (front, 1-r) Courtney Sisson, and Sarah Wintermantel. Absent from photo: Jae'Andra Garcia.

Pictured below are Mrs. Nickel's art students: (1-r) Klarisa Pyrkos, Lauryn Washington, Hira Mirza, Gregory Padlo and Mikailyn Gronemeier.



Information about OIMS Teams and Orientation

Though we do not accept requests from parents for a particular team or teacher, we do appreciate obtaining information from you that will help us build a successful schedule for your child. If you wish to provide us with information, you can call the guidance office at 375-8064 or email your child's guidance counselor. We ask that this information reach us ASAP.

All teams are made as even as possible by ability level and gender. Each year, for all grade levels, we have a designated team that works with the Resource Room teacher and the other team works with our Special Education Inclusion teachers. Guidance will take into consideration any specific information given to them by their current teachers or parents and make a determination of what team your student will be the most successful with. We do not change teams for any reason once that determination has been made.

Sixth Grade Orientation

For planning purposes, the tentative date for the Sixth Grade Orientation is August 25th. A letter will be sent home towards the end of July with more information.

Fourth & Fifth Graders Win Bookmark Contest

Each spring the Olean Public Library "Friends of the Library" sponsor a bookmark contest for area elementary schools.

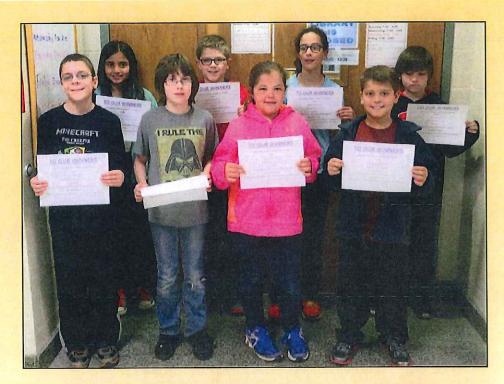
Students from OIMS in
4th and 5th grade participated.
The following were selected
by "Friends of the Library" to
receive a prize: Madison Jones,
Makenna Cummings, Maryam
Mirza, Madison Kenyon, Ryan
Ketchner, Mackenzie Powell,
Christopher Stebbins, Max
Wolfe, Connor Childs, Brynn
Ackerman, Lucas Sakala, Isaiah
Maine, Yuki Wada, Christian
Smith, Jazlyn Knapp, Alice
Dwaileebe and Marina Heister.

In addition, a bookmark created by Lucas Wood was chosen to be professionally printed and distributed to area schools.

All winners and their families were invited to celebrate the contest and receive a gift during a reception held at the Olean Public Library on May 10.

Poster Contest Winners

Liberty Partnerships sponsored a
poster contest to address the dangers of distracted driving by texting. Students were asked
to come up with facts on the dangers of
texting while driving, and then create a
poster. Kaitlin Field and Raegan Kenney
shared 1st Place!! They received movie and
pizza certificates for their hard work!





OHS Students Shine at Annual Angelo Melaro Writing Contest

Four OHS students – 9th grader Victoria Certo, 10th grader Courtney Martin, 11th grader Nick Martel, and 12th grader Diana McElfresh - were selected for their exceptional writing talents to participate in the Cattaraugus-Allegany Principals' Association Angelo Melaro Writing Contest. Students were asked to respond to an expository writing prompt in a 90 minute time period. Two of our participants placed in the contest – Nick Martel won first place for Grade 11, and Diana McElfresh placed second for Grade 12. Congratulations to all of the participants and winners!

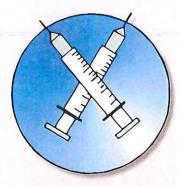




Fun at Exceptional Track & Field Day

The 2014 Olean Area Exceptional Track and Field Day was held on Friday, May 16, 2014, from 10 am to 1 pm at the Allegany-Limestone track and field. Despite the weather, our participants had an exceptional day. Students from BOCES classrooms, Special Education classes from Allegany-Limestone, Olean, Hinsdale and Portville schools participated. Thank you to the volunteers from Olean and Allegany-Limestone that assisted our athletes. Volunteers also came from Dresser Rand and WalMart.

Approximately 500 students, teachers, staff, therapists, volunteers and spectators were on hand to cheer on our athletes. A picnic lunch, including hot dogs, chips, cookies and a drink, was provided for everyone. Events throughout the day included the 400 meter run, 100 meter run, 50 meter run, Frisbee throw for accuracy and distance, long jump, and high jump. Other events included wheelchair bowling, wheelchair races and the trusty parachute.



Important Immunization Changes for Grades Pre-K to 6

NYS Department of Health has revised immunization requirements effective July 1, 2014 for students in grades Pre-K through 6. There will be no changes in requirements for grades 7 through 12. NYS regulations will now follow the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended guidelines.

This means that your child could need additional immunizations. OCSD suggests you contact your doctor to see if your child will need immunizations prior to starting school in the Fall.

OIMS Students Speak with Gulf Oil Spill Scientist



The OIMS seventh graders got a rare opportunity to speak to a preeminent scientist involved in the research of the Gulf Oil Spill of 2010. Through the technology of Distance Learning, provided by BOCES and headed by Brian Crawford, students were able to ask Dr. Andrew Whitehead in-depth questions that they created through their research of the topic.

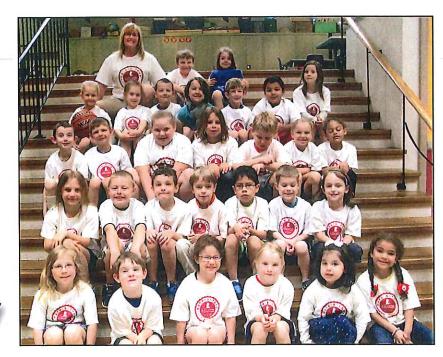
In addition, they were also able to ask him questions relating to what inspired him to become a scientist and the path that he took to become one. The California-based scientist, formerly from Louisiana State University, was very personable and eager to answer the students' questions.



St. Jude's Mathathon: Some East View students (pictured at right) volunteered to help raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital by participating in the annual "Mathathon". Students worked on grade appropriate math problems, getting sponsors to pay a donation for each problem they completed. All donations went to St. Jude's Hospital, which provides treatment to any and every child who needs it, regardless of whether or not the family can pay for the treatment. Pictured are Mrs. Spears, who coordinated the Mathathon for East View, and the participating students. We are proud of all of them for giving of themselves to help other children!

East View Elementary School

Expanding Our Vocabulary: Mrs. Bushnell and Mrs. Keller's 2nd graders (pictured at right) have been expanding their vocabularies by reading several Fancy Nancy books. After spending several weeks reading these books they celebrated with a "posh" party, wearing "extravagant" clothing, dining on "delectable" cupcakes and "relishing" soft music. The children were "ecstatic" to "ascertain" such an "extensive" vocabulary.







Sharing Stories: Students in Mrs. Stephens' kindergarten class traveled to OIMS and met with Mrs. Mest's and Mrs. Skrobacz's classes to write stories. The older students interviewed the kindergarteners for stories they will be writing, publishing, and sharing with them in the future. It was a great experience for all!



Obstacle Course Challenge: East View students pushed their fitness levels to new heights in Physical Education class after the Memorial Day break. The students in grades K-3 all participated in the obstacle course. Some of the most challenging obstacles were "Mat Mountain", "The Rat Traps", and "The Rock Wall".

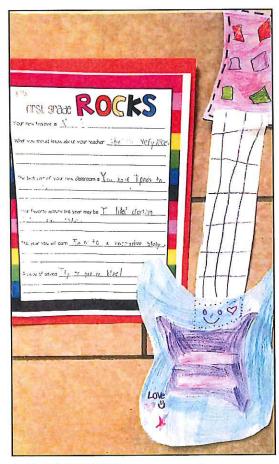


Healthy Community

Partnership: This year Healthy Community Alliance brought the Fit & Fun School to Community Partnership to Washington West Elementary School. Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade students all participated in the Healthy food taste test in which they completed pre/post evaluations before and after trying fruits and vegetables. Second Grade students participated in the Healthy Choices Sticker Program in which for 3 weeks students were able to earn stickers each day when



they consumed a fruit or vegetable during lunch and/or snack time, Prizes were handed out to all of the students who earned stickers for healthy eating. Third Graders participated in the Fitness Bucks Auction in which students tracked the amount of physical activity they engaged in at school, home, or during the weekend. 10 minutes of physical activity earned students one fitness buck. Students were then given tickets in accordance with how much physical activity the participated in/fitness bucks they had earned and were able to participate in a silent raffle for brand new donated sports equipment from Healthy Community Alliance. Pictured here are the WW Third Graders who participated in the Fitness Bucks Auction program and won prizes.



The Best Advice: Miss Bess's class is trying to help the up and coming first graders! The students completed a writing piece on what first grade is like, things that they will learn and what you need to know about Miss Bess! They did a great job trying to give Kindergarteners insight into what next year will bring!

Washington West Elementary School



Foster Grandparents: The Foster Grandparent Program is a great asset to the students of Washington West. Each week, six ladies come to Washington West with a mission in mind – to help meet the needs of students. Whether it is extra practice with math facts, someone to listen to a student read aloud, or to play a game that supports our instruction, foster grandparents are always at the ready. Through the years, our foster grandparents have logged a combined total of more than 28,200 hours of service! Thank you for a job well done!



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Washington West students are now able to give to the homeless by donating clothing, shoes, and blankets. The big red box pictured here is located on the Washington Street side of our property near our kindergarten classrooms. The box is part of an effort led by the Olean High Huskies taught by Ms. Bay. Our Husky pups take pride in giving to our local community. Please consider making a donation.



