



LEAN

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

Classes Begin
Wednesday,
Sept. 3rd

August-September 2014

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Summer Tech Courses Keep Teachers Updated

Teachers in the district were provided with several in-house Technology Professional Development opportunities over the summer. They had a choice of Novice and Advanced iPad Mini Camps in July.

Another in-house professional development opportunity was provided, based on interest indicated on a survey, for teaching staff to attend a 3-day class to learn more about using laptops with students (the district's 1-to-1 Laptop Initiative). Topics covered included: what exactly is a "Flipped Classroom", how to download and convert YouTube videos so that students without internet access at home would still be able to view the video at home, how to create their own video lessons, and an introduction to using My Big Campus. My Big Campus is a secure social network that combines learning and content management systems to which the district subscribes. My Big Campus safely brings together all the tools students and teachers need, making it easy to access and share information, lessons, discussions, and other tools.

Grades 7, 9 & 11 to Roll Out Laptop Initiative

What an exciting time for students at Olean City School District! In case you missed it, the district is in phase 1 of providing laptops to students for use in school and at home. This is a great opportunity to extend the learning beyond the walls of the classroom and building. Depending on subjects and teacher, changes may be occurring on what students will be expected to do at home as homework. Who would have thought that homework might involve watching a video and jotting down notes on what a student didn't understand in the video or taking notes for classroom discussion the following day.

In order to take a laptop home, a parent/ or legal guardian must sign and return a permission slip acknowledging that they accept the guidelines and responsibilities listed on the permission slip and the Student Laptop Guidelines and Procedures document (found in the Student Handbook). These permission slips will be handed out to students in grades 7, 9, and 11 during the first week of school. Once the permission slip is returned to the school, the student will be provided with a Dell Latitude 3340, a protective sleeve and a power adapter to use for the school year. Laptops are expected to be brought to school each and every day, just like a text book.



Students without properly signed permission slips will be assigned a laptop that will need to remain in school. The student will have to sign out the laptop assigned to them from a laptop cart housed in the Library (or other location yet to be determined) to use during the day. The student will be responsible for returning the laptop to the cart prior to the end of each day.

Families are encouraged to check with their insurance providers (homeowners and renters insurance) for coverage of stolen or lost electronics. It is not mandatory to have insurance coverage for electronics in order for a student to receive a laptop. However, families that choose not to have this insurance will be held financially responsible should a laptop assigned to their student be stolen, lost or intentionally damaged.

SAC Calendar 2014-2015

SEPTEMBER

- 3 First Day of School, 8-10 a.m.
- 5 Black Light Dance, 8-11 p.m.
- 26 Homecoming Assembly,
1:30-2:30 p.m.
- 27 Homecoming Dance,
9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 30 Pumpkin Carving, 2:45-4 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Dance, 9-11:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 14 Homeless Huskies, 11 p.m.-6 a.m.

DECEMBER

- 8-12 Days of Giving

JANUARY

- 16 Karaoke Night, 7-9 p.m.
- 24 Winter Weekend Dance,
9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

MARCH

- 20 Up All Night, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

APRIL

- 10 Sadie Hawkins Dance, 8-11 p.m.

MAY

- 15 Prom Assembly
- 16 Prom

JUNE

- 2 Capture the Flag Class Competition,
6-8 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars For Testing Dates

SAT Test Dates:	Registration Due:
October 11, 2014	September 12, 2014
November 8, 2014	October 9, 2014
December 6, 2014	November 6, 2014
January 24, 2015	December 29, 2014
March 14, 2015	February 13, 2015
May 2, 2015	April 6, 2015
June 6, 2015	May 8, 2015

ACT Test Dates:	Registration Due:
October 25, 2014	September 19, 2014
December 13, 2014	November 7, 2014
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015

PSAT Test Date: October 18, 2014

Regents Exams: January 26-29, 2015
June 16-24, 2015

From the Superintendent

District Committed to Helping Learners Discover Their Potential

**By Dr. Colleen Taggerty,
Superintendent**

No one is truly certain how they will benefit from learning, but one thing is certain, the door to the world is truly opened once a high school diploma has been achieved. Each day of a school year brings with it a sense of uncertainty. But with each day of learning comes the certainty of being able to successfully maneuver life after high school.

The Olean City School District is committed to providing the best educational opportunities viable to our youth. It is within our mission to challenge each learner; help them to achieve; demonstrate the value of contribution; and foster innovation. The Board of Education and I encourage you to reach out to let us know what is working for your child and/or what is not working. Together, families and educators make very powerful teams. With the creation of a meaningful team between families and school, we strengthen consistency of learning expectations; behavioral expectations; and establish a collective commitment that will enhance each child's social/emotional and physical well-being.

The District is committed to fostering a respectful, safe and welcoming environment for your child and for you and your family members. Together we have the power to create the positive change necessary for all learners to discover their potential. May the 2014-15 school year strengthen our collective roles as critical decision makers for positive change within our schools.

NOTE: Back-To-School Reminders

School Physicals Provided

Mandated school physicals are provided to students through Olean City School Health Services throughout the school year. New entering students, as well as those students in grades 2, 4, 7, and 10, are mandated years for school physicals. Parents may have their child's personal physician provide the physical if they choose to do so at their own expense, or have the physical at school free of charge. Please call your child's school nurse for the physical form if you choose to use your personal physician.

District Evacuation Drill

Parents are advised that Olean High School will conduct a building evacuation drill during the school year.

Students will be relocated, under supervision, to an off-site facility for a period of time during the drill. This evacuation drill is intended to be a proactive response plan in the event of an emergency situation.

School Districts across New York State are required to conduct one full evacuation drill and several lower-scale emergency drills throughout the school year.

Custodial Paperwork

If you have custodial paperwork for your child, you should provide your child's school with a copy. Without the custodial paperwork on file, the school assumes that both parents have full rights. For your child's safety, if an order of protection exists, please submit a copy to your child's principal.

If you are a non-custodial parent, who would like to receive information regarding your child's academics and invitations to parent-teacher conferences, you should submit an annual request to your child's principal.

Update Contact Info

Attention Parents/Guardians: If you have changed your address, phone number, or acquired a cell phone, please make sure to notify the school office so that we have up-to-date information.

School Closing Notices

The Olean City School District will announce school closings or delays on TV channels 2, 4, 7 and 9 and on radio stations WBEN, WLSV, WMXO, and WPIG.



New Principal and Teachers Join District

Brian Crawford was appointed to the position of Elementary Principal at East View Elementary School in July. Mr. Crawford began his teaching career in 2002 as an elementary Teacher at the Wellsville Central School District. In August of 2006, he was appointed to the position of Elementary Teacher at East View Elementary School and resigned in September of 2010 to accept a position with Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES as a Staff Specialist for Professional Development and Curriculum Coordinator at Cattaraugus Little Valley Central School District. In 2012 Mr. Crawford took an administrative position with BOCES and became the Program Manager for Learning Resources. During his tenure with BOCES, Brian assisted component schools with curriculum development, teacher evaluation, project based learning, anti-bullying, distance



Brian Crawford



Mark Beckwith

learning and STEM teaching.

Brian obtained a B.S. Degree from St. Bonaventure in Elementary Education in 2002 and a MSED in Childhood Literacy in 2005 as well as a MSED in Educational Leadership in 2011. His professional knowledge base and regional leadership includes: Teach Like a Champion Strategies; OLWEUS Anti-bullying; Common Core Standards; Project Based Learning; Teacher Evaluator Training; Data Driven Instruction; Technology Integration; Frameworks of Teaching; 21st Century



Lacey Hill

Mr. Beckwith completed his student teaching at Oil City High School in Oil City, PA and his field placement at Lawrence County Career and Technical Center in New Castle, PA.

Lacey Hill joins the District as an Intermediate Middle School English Teacher. Lacey received a B.A. in English from St. Bonaventure University in May of 2004 and a MSED in Secondary Education in 2006. Ms. Hill was a Teacher at Bolivar-Richburg Central from Sept. 2007 until her appointment with the District.

Skills; Generational Poverty; and Differentiated Instruction.

Mark Beckwith was recently hired as the Math Teacher at the High School. Mark received a B.S. in Mathematics from Slippery Rock University in May of 2013 and a M.Ed. in Secondary Education Mathematics in December of 2013.

SCHOOL TIMES

Elementary Schools

Morning Program Begins 7:35 a.m. and Ends 8:20 a.m.
Morning Bus Arrival Between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast Begins 8:30 a.m. and Ends 8:50 a.m.
Afternoon Walker Dismissal 3:10 p.m.
Afternoon Bus Dismissal 3:15 p.m.



Intermediate/Middle School

Morning Bus Arrival Between 7:20 a.m. and 7:25 a.m.
Breakfast Begins 7:15 a.m. and Ends at 7:46 a.m.
Students to go to Rooms for Attendance 7:53 a.m.
Afternoon Bus Dismissal 2:39 p.m.

High School

Morning Bus Arrival Between 7:20 a.m. and 7:25 a.m.
Breakfast Begins 7:15 a.m. and Ends 7:46 a.m.
Students to go to Rooms for Attendance 7:50 a.m.
Afternoon Bus Dismissal 2:34 p.m.

REMINDER: Students are not allowed to leave school buildings or grounds without written permission and for legitimate reasons only. Under a new state law, school children may only leave school with persons approved by the child's parent or guardian. School officials will be required to check the identity of persons requesting a child's release against a list provided by the parents or guardian. The law also stipulates that a student will not be released to a person who is not on the list unless the child's parent authorizes the release.

Back-To-School Reminders for High School Students

SCHOOL AGENDA - Every student will receive a school issued agenda the first day of school. If a student misplaces their agenda, a replacement agenda can be purchased for \$5.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD (LUNCH CARD)

- Students will be issued an identification card with their picture and/or student number printed on the card in the beginning of the school year. This card **must be scanned** when making purchases in the cafeteria. In the event the card is lost, students can purchase a new card for \$1.

BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH A NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST! Come on in ... the cafeteria is open at 7 am for breakfast! Start your day with a warm, delicious breakfast while chillin' with your friends. Enter the building by the gym on the 4th Street side of the building. Keep in mind though, once you enter the building, you must remain inside the building.

1, 2, 3 ... SMILE - Student pictures will be taken on September 5th and 8th for grades 8-12. Order forms will be distributed on the first day of school. Makeup pictures will be tentatively taken on October 22nd.

MEET AND GREET AT OPEN HOUSE - Open House for grades 8-12 will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17.

Olean, Portville and Hinsdale Districts ...

Continue Successful Shared Transportation

The sharing of transportation services with our neighbors in Portville and Hinsdale continues to be a win-win. With the dedicated work of all three schools' staff, this shared service has given all three schools an opportunity to become more efficient and save money.

Several team meetings were held throughout the year to work on issues and brain storm ideas on how to continue this success. Safety was one topic high on the agendas. In the OIMS and both elementary buildings, signs designating bus drop off and pick up lanes were posted, along with "Yield to Bus" signs. Please remember if you are picking up your child(ren) at a school, the buses always have the right of way. This is for everyone's safety that the bus lanes and yield sign are followed by everyone. Also at a team meeting, the transportation supervisors were able to determine that through combining a route, there would be one less route needed for the 2013-14 school year.

Letters stating specific information for your child(ren) will be sent home in August. The individual letters will include the following specifics to help identify the students' individual bus information: Estimated pick up time, pick up location, bus number, animal picture on the elementary bus only and school bus name. Your child(ren)'s bus name could be Olean City School District, Portville Central School or Hinsdale Central school.

The safety of your child(ren) is paramount. Here are a few safety tips for children at the bus stop:

- ☑ Stay on the sidewalk and don't play in the street.
- ☑ Stay back from the curb as the bus approaches.
- ☑ Always cross the street in front of the bus.
- ☑ When you get off the bus, move away from the bus.

Whether your child(ren) rides the bus or walks to school, please remind your child(ren) to follow a few basic safety tips:

- ☑ Cross streets at the corner.
- ☑ Use crosswalks whenever possible.
- ☑ Obey traffic signals.
- ☑ Look both ways before crossing the street by using the "Look left, right and left again" approach.
- ☑ Stay on the sidewalk.

The new transportation guidelines are listed below. Please contact Kathy Elser or Tiana Livingston at (716) 375-8024 with any busing issues, questions or concerns.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Eligibility Policy is as follows:

- **Kindergarten – 7th Grade**
 - Students whose residence from "home school" is over 1 mile.
 - Out of neighborhood students are not eligible for busing unless required by CSE.
 - Any student whose IEP requires busing and is requested by CSE is deemed eligible.
- **Grades 8-12**
 - Busing is provided for students who live outside the City of Olean, unless otherwise directed by the Committee on Special Education.

- Any student in Grades K-3 must have an adult visible to the bus driver before the child is to be released off of the bus.
 - If an adult is not visible, the child will remain on the bus until a parent/guardian is notified with instructions for drop off.
- If a child misses the bus, it is the parent's responsibility to transport that child to school. The bus will not come back to pick him/her up.
 - Please make sure your child is ready for the bus at least 10 minutes before the anticipated pick-up time.
- If a child does not ride the bus for 5 consecutive days without prior notice to the Business Office, that child will be removed from the bus list.
 - This child will be added back on the bus list when notice is received by the Business Office.
- Security cameras are installed on all buses for your child's safety.
- In the event of a snow day, please remember that Olean, Portville and Hinsdale are separate school districts. If one is closed, it does not constitute the others being closed. Please watch/listen to school closing reports for this information.
- A child must have only 1 address for pick up and drop off for the school year.
 - If your address changes at any time during the year (move), please notify the Business Office immediately to change the busing address and to determine if the child remains eligible to be bused.
- Please contact the Olean City School District Business Office directly with any busing issues, questions, or concerns at 716-375-8024.

Integrated Co-Teaching to Maximize Learning for All

**By Marcie Richmond,
Director of Special Education**

The district is very excited to implement an Integrated Co-Teaching service this school year. Integrated Co-Teaching involves a general education teacher and a special education teacher joining together to co-teach a particular class. This year we will concentrate on math and ELA classes.

In the past, the district has had special education teachers pushing into general education classrooms to assist the general education teachers. Data collected from New York State, as well as across the nation, is showing that students who are in the general education classroom are learning more and performing higher on the state assessments.

We feel the combination of the content knowledge of the general education teacher and the strategies of the special education teacher is going to maximize learning for all students. This approach will allow for smaller group instruction, focused interventions and advancement for students at all levels.





**** Mark Your Calendar ****

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Independence Day Observation

Staff Development

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Staff Development Day - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Olean Schools Open for Students

Go home early drill - 15 minute early dismissal for students

Staff Development Day - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day

Staff Development Day - **student early dismissal (grades 4-12 @ 11:30 am; PreK-3 at 12:00)**

End of 1st Marking Period

NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day

OIMS parent teacher conferences (Gr. 4 - 7 students dismissed at 10:45 am)

Primary parent teacher conferences (PreK-3 students dismissed at 11:15 am)

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess

Early dismissal for students (grades 4-12 at 11:30 am; PreK-3 at 12:00)

NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess

NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

Regents Exams

End of 2nd Marking Period - Staff Development Day (Regents Rating)

Early dismissal for students (grades 4-5 at 11:30 am; PreK-3 at 12:00)

NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

Split Spring Recess

Staff Development Day - **student early dismissal (grades 4-12 @ 11:30 am; PreK-3 at 12:00)**

End of 3rd Marking Period for grades PreK-3

OIMS parent teacher conferences (Gr. 4 - 5 students dismissed at 10:45 am)

Primary parent teacher conferences (PreK-3 students dismissed at 11:15 am)

NO SCHOOL - Spring Recess

NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

End of 3rd Marking Period for grades 4-12

ELA State Assessment Tests for grades 3 - 8; make up tests April 17-21

Math State Assessment Tests for grades 3 - 8; make up tests April 27-29

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Regents Exams

End of 4th Marking Period; **student early dismissal (grades 4-12 @ 11:30 am; PreK-3 at 12:00)**

Staff Development Day - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

OHS Graduation at 11:00

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
NO SCHOOL
SCHOOL RECESS - School Closed
END OF MARKING PERIOD
REGENTS EXAMS
ELA & MATH STATE ASSESSMENT TESTS (GRADE 3 - 8)

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS: 180

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS: 6

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS: 186

**** In the event the District does not use all emergency/weather closing days, PreK-7 students will not need to attend June 24th and 25th. This will be determined by the Superintendent.**

(8/28, 9/2, 10/6, 10/31 (1/2 day), 1/30, 3/13 (1/2 day), 6/26)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
NO SCHOOL
SCHOOL RECESS - School Closed
END OF MARKING PERIOD
REGENTS EXAMS
ELA & MATH STATE ASSESSMENT TESTS (GRADE 3 - 8)

Meal Services to Children with Disabilities

Most children with disabilities have no special dietary needs. They are able to participate in the Child Nutrition Programs the same as all other children in the school. In some instances, however, children with disabilities may experience difficulty when chewing and swallowing, which would require that the physical characteristics of their foods be changed. Some children with disabilities may need special foods or a therapeutic diet.

Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to those children whose disability restricts their diet in such a way that they cannot fully participate in the food service program without some modification to the foods offered or the scheduled menu. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. This medical certification must contain the following:

Verification that the special meals are needed due to the student's disability, and Recommendation/prescription for alternate foods and forms of foods needed to meet the student's special dietary needs.

If you have questions regarding the need for meal modifications, contact Steve Small at (716) 375-8007.

H.S. Equivalency Classes Offered

Olean Community Schools will be offering adult education classes for those seeking a high school equivalency diploma. Potential students must be over 16 and a New York State resident. The State Education Department now offers an equivalency test called TASC (no longer GED) and classes are taught at the One Stop and the County Building in Olean.

For more information contact: Linda M. Edstrom, Adult Education Coordinator, Olean City School District, 716-375-8033, ledstrom@olean.wnyric.org

Free & Reduced Meal Application FACT SHEET

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the complete case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number. All children with the same case number may be listed on the same application. If anyone in your household receives SNAP, all children living in your household are eligible to receive free meals at school.

Direct Certification: If you receive SNAP or TANF, send in the Eligibility Letter from the NYS Education Department instead of completing the application. Make a copy for your records.

Foster Child: A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

Financially Independent: A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household.

Gross Income: Is money earned or received by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are Federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income – gross sales minus expenses only – not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Strike benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income
- If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs.
- If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources.

Current Income: Your income at the present time before deductions. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact Chris Wick, Food Service Helper at (716) 375-8036.

Olean City School District Application for Free and Reduced Meals

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Olean City School District offers healthy meals every school day. Costs are: Breakfast costs – Grades 9-12 \$1.50, Grades 4-8, \$1.40, Grades Prek-3 \$1.35; lunch costs – Grades 9-12 \$2.15, Grades 4-8, \$1.40 and Prek-3 \$1.95. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.25 for breakfast and \$0.25 for lunch.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your child(ren)'s school building secretary or mail to the Olean City School District, C/O Chris Wick, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY 14760.

2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Mia O'Brien, Homeless Liaison at (716) 375-8097 to see if they qualify.

5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.

6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at (716) 375-8036 if you have questions.

7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.

9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.

10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Olean City School District, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY 14760. Phone: (716) 375-8018 or Email: Ctaggerty@olean.wnyric.org..

12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.

16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

2014-2015 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS OR FREE MILK

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 21,590	\$ 1,800	\$ 900	\$ 831	\$ 416
2	\$ 29,101	\$ 2,426	\$ 1,213	\$ 1,120	\$ 560
3	\$ 36,612	\$ 3,051	\$ 1,526	\$ 1,409	\$ 705
4	\$ 44,123	\$ 3,677	\$ 1,839	\$ 1,698	\$ 849
5	\$ 51,634	\$ 4,303	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,986	\$ 993
6	\$ 59,145	\$ 4,929	\$ 2,465	\$ 2,275	\$ 1,138
7	\$ 66,656	\$ 5,555	\$ 2,778	\$ 2,564	\$ 1,282
8	\$ 74,167	\$ 6,181	\$ 3,091	\$ 2,853	\$ 1,427
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 7,511	\$ 626	\$ 313	\$ 289	\$ 145

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Free and Reduced Meal Application, *continued from previous page*

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit an Eligibility Letter for Free Meals received from the NYS Education Department, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your food stamp or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities and you wish to file either an EEO or program complaint please contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (in Spanish).

Persons with disabilities who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Date Withdrew _____

Attachment Va F ____ R ____ D ____

2014-2015 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the Olean City School District. Call (716) 375-8036, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	No Income
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 5, and sign the application.

Name: _____ CASE # _____

3. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant or a runaway, please call this number: ____ (716) 375-8097 _____

☐ Homeless ☐ Migrant ☐ Runaway

Mia O'Brien, Homeless Liaison Coordinator

4. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). Do not leave income blank. If no income, check box. If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions Amount / How Often	Child Support, Alimony Amount / How Often	Pensions, Retirement Payments Amount / How Often	Other Income, Social Security Amount / How Often	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____ Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: ****-**-_____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Home Address _____

I do not
have a
SS# ☐

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid☐ Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Free Meals/Milk Eligibility Letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions. Sign the application and return the application to either your child(ren)'s home school or the Olean High School. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer needed. Call the school if you need help (716) 375-8036. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 5.

- (1) List a current Food Stamp, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 5. SKIP PART 4. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a food stamp case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 Before completing an application for a child who may be homeless, a migrant education student, or a runaway, please call your school's homeless liaison or migrant education coordinator at this number: Mia O'Brien, Homeless Liaison Coordinator, (716) 375-8097.

PARTS 4 & 5 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 5.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 5** if Part 4 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Stamp, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.



Ninth-Graders Go on 'Marathon to the Sky'

For six months a team of 9th graders have been working on a project under the direction of Dan Freeman an Earth Science teacher at Olean High School. The team is composed of 17 students. The project they are working on is called Marathon to the Sky.

It started out as a simple club with the goal of launching a weather balloon with a payload that included a camera and a GPS tracker. Over time the club has evolved into much more. The team now has their eyes set on an amateur high altitude ballooning record.

On August 19th they completed the first launch of 3 launches. It was a success, but a failure. The students did launch a weather balloon with a scientific payload. They also were able to track the balloon via ham radio to its landing position. They fell short on the 100,000 feet altitude they were trying to achieve. The balloon only made it to 13,000 feet and landed relatively close. It landed just north of Hinsdale. The Balloon was 31 years old and is believed to have torn or leaked shortly after launch.

The students are not discouraged and are gearing up for a second of two test launches. If the second launch goes according to plan, it will make it to at least 100,000 feet or higher. The goal is to beat the amateur record of 145,590 feet. That would be about 27 miles up, so high that you would be able to see the curvature of the Earth with the camera that is onboard. This is also where the project got its name. The original goal was to get the balloon to 26.2 miles, which is the length of a typical marathon run. The third launch will try to achieve the world record. How will they do it? They will use a lighter payload that should weigh less than 100 grams and use an extremely large weather balloon. If they get lucky, they may set a new world record. It will come down to luck. At that altitude minor factors can determine if the balloon will burst early.

The project was only possible by a grant from the Olean City District Foundation and donations from various businesses including Airgas formerly known as Abbott Welding, E & M Engineering, and DPB realty. The club is looking for further donations from the community. If interested, please contact Dan Freeman at Olean High School.



Pictured (l-r) are Dan Freeman, Mike Higgins of Airgas, Jared Turek holding Cory Walker, Adam Moses, Peyton Kunselman, Kaitlyn Clark, Mike Hojnowski of Cornell University, and Saad Mirza.



Notice to all applicants for Free and Reduced Price Meals

After receiving this information, please return Direct Certification Letters or a 2014-2015 Family Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals as soon as possible to allow time for processing. Delays in turning in your Direct Certification Letter or Family Application could result in meal charges being applied to your child's account. In order to prevent this from occurring, please turn in the Direct Certification Letter or Family Application as soon as possible. For families who were eligible for free and reduced meals last year, a new application must be completed and approved by the District. Your children will be allowed to receive free or reduced meals until October 1st, but we strongly encourage each family to fill out a new application prior to the start of school in order to avoid the possibility of a lapse in eligibility. Meals provided to children that are eligible for free or reduced lunch after October 1st, without a new application, must be paid for and will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. If you have any questions regarding Direct Certification Letters or Family Application, please call 716-375-8007.

Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Dear Parent or Guardian,

If you receive food stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), you may receive a letter in August from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance that will simplify the process for your child or children to receive free meals at school. If you take or send the letter to the Olean City School District; Food Service Office, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY 14760, or take it to the main office of the school your child attends, your children will receive free meals without your having to complete an application. You will only receive one letter. If you lose it, it will not be replaced. If you do not return the letter to the school, you must fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal Application in order for your children to receive free meals.

Please call 716-375-8007 if you have any questions.



Meet the OIMS Staff at Open House Sept. 18

The OIMS Open House will be on Thursday, September 18, 2014, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The purpose of our "Open House" is to give our families, community members and students an opportunity to meet the OIMS faculty, staff and administration. Snacks will be provided. Hope to see everyone there!

2014-15 OIMS Bell Schedule

Breakfast	7:15 a.m.
Students May Enter Building	7:46 a.m.
(Non-breakfast)	
Homeroom	7:53-7:57 a.m.
Period 1	8:00-8:40 a.m.
Period 2	8:43-9:23 a.m.
Period 3	9:26-10:06 a.m.
Period 4	10:09-10:54 a.m.
Period 4A	10:09-10:30 a.m.
Period 4B	10:33-10:54 a.m.
Period 5	10:57-11:42 a.m.
Period 5A	10:57-11:18 a.m.
Period 5B	11:21-11:42 a.m.
Period 6	11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Period 6A	11:45 a.m.-12:06 p.m.
Period 6B	12:09-12:30 p.m.
Period 7	12:33-1:13 p.m.
Period 8	1:16-1:56 p.m.
Period 9	1:59-2:39 p.m.
Student Dismissal	2:39 p.m.

Safety Reminder: No Parking in Bus Lane

This is a reminder that there is **NO PARKING** allowed in the OIMS bus lane at any time. This includes off-school hours and weekends.

It is imperative this lane is kept traffic-free for buses and emergency vehicles only. All violators will be ticketed and/or towed at their own expense. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to make student safety our top priority.



New Motto Kicks Off School Year ...

OIMS

Where we **STRIVE** for "Destination Excellence"



STRIVE

STAY FOCUSED!

TAKE CONTROL!

REACH FOR YOUR DREAMS!

INSPIRE  **BE INSPIRED!**

VALUE YOURSELF AND OTHERS!

EDUCATION IS POWER!

Guidance Department News

There are three counselors at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. Mrs. Jeanne Frisina will be working with the 4th graders. Mrs. Leah Allen will be working with the 5th graders, 6th grade Orange Team, and 7th grade Yellow Team. Mrs. Mary Lee Wenke will be working with 5th graders, 6th grade Red Team, and 7th grade Blue Team. To schedule a meeting with a 6th or 7th grade team, please contact the Guidance Office at 375-8064. Teams meet throughout the week as follows: Red Team 9:30-10:00; Orange Team 12:40-1:10; Blue and Yellow Teams 11:50-12:20.

The Guidance Department web page can be found on the OIMS website (www.oleanschools.org) under "Teams." The page provides information regarding grade improvement, surviving the middle school years, merit/honor roll information, helpful links, etc. In addition to the website,

your youngster's Guidance Counselor can be very helpful with answering any questions you may have. Please feel free to call the Guidance Office or email their counselor. The email addresses for all OCSD employees begins with the first initial and last name of the employee and ends with @olean.wnyric.org (example: lallen@olean.wnyric.org).

The eSchool Data Parent Portal offers parents the opportunity to monitor their child's academic progress and attendance throughout the school year. If you wish to have access to the Parent Portal or if you are experiencing difficulty with it, please contact Denise Bush in the OIMS Guidance Office at 375-8064. At our September 18th Open House, Guidance Counselors will be available in the library to assist anyone interested in setting up a Parent Portal account.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): Notice to Parents and Eligible Students (students over 18 years of age) of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). You are notified that you have the following rights in relation to student records:

- ❖ The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. Parents or eligible students may ask the Olean City School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. If the Olean City School District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- ❖ The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the Olean City School District discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

- ❖ The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Olean City School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue
Washington, DC 20202-4605

See the list below of the disclosures that elementary and secondary schools may make without consent.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

- To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))

- To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))

- To authorized representatives of the U.S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the

parent or eligible student's State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))

- To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to §99.38. (§99.31(a)(5))

- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))

- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))

- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))

- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))

- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))

- Information the school has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))

DASA Notice: If you have knowledge or you are a student in our schools who has or is being bullied or harassed on school grounds, on the school bus, or at a school sponsored event, we urge you to contact the following District's Dignity Act Coordinators: Brian Crawford, EV, 375-8922; Linda Nottingham, WW, 375-8962; Barb Lias, OHS, 375-8002; Jerry Trietley, OIMS (grades 6 & 7), 375-8062; Joel Whitcher, OIMS (grades 4 & 5), 375-8069.

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security: The Olean City School District is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student, teacher, and principal data. In accordance with Education Law §2-d, the District wishes to inform the school community of the following:

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record;
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored and transferred;
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State will be available for public review at a later date; and
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. More information about where to address those complaints will be provided in a future newsletter.

Child Find Notification: The Olean City School District Child Find policy requires that all children below twenty-one (21) years of age residing within the district, who have a disability, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located and evaluated in accordance with all federal regulations and state standards. Children might have deficits in behavior, communication, cognitive abilities, physical development, sensory development, hearing, and social-emotional abilities. If you suspect that your child might have a disability, please contact Kelly Andreano, CPSE Chairperson, at 375-8989 if your child is pre-school age (3-4); or Jon Hamed, CSE Chairperson, at 375-8984 if your child is school age (5-21).



@OleanEastView: Do You Tweet? Twitter users are invited to follow East View Elementary school on Twitter. Our school will be using Twitter to share bright moments and information about our learning this school year. Please note, this does not replace other forms of communication, rather it is in addition to current forms of school-home communication. Student photos and names will not be posted to the East View Twitter account. We hope you'll follow us, send us tweets in return and help us share all the positive things happening at East View!

Open House: Please join us for Open House at East View on Thursday, September 25, from 6-7 p.m. Hope to see you there!

East View Elementary School

Student Safety: Student safety is our first priority at East View. This summer work is being done to install new security cameras in and around the building.

Other measures being taking to improve student safety is having all students that are registered for the morning supervision program from 7:35-8:30 (students must be pre-registered and approved to attend) will use the bus turn around entrance to enter the building as opposed to using both the main entrance and the bus turn around entrance in the past.

At dismissal time, we are asking families of students in grades 1-3 to meet their children in the front lobby or back door and refrain from entering the classroom hallways. Families wishing to pick up their Kindergarten students at their classroom doors may continue to do so. This is all in an effort to relieve some of the congestion in our hallways at dismissal time. Our arrival and dismissal procedures will be under close review this year by our school safety committee. Family members wishing to provide their input, thoughts or suggestions should contact Mr. Crawford or join our school PTO at www.eastviewpto.com.



Greetings from Our New EV Principal

Dear Families,

I am excited and thrilled to start the school year as East View's new Principal. Olean City Schools and East View Elementary School are special places to me. It is where I learned to be a teacher when I attended St. Bonaventure University. It is where I spent four great years teaching fifth grade and now I am humbled to have the opportunity to return to serve in a leadership role for our school. However, I need your help.

Education research tells us that the family/school connection is one of the leading factors of student success. The research also tells us that this connection with families and schools far outweighs the impact of technology, new curriculum and class size.

Successful schools have engaged and active Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTO) and I want that at our school for our students.

Our East View PTO will take on the following:

- Advisement to school staff on school procedures and operations (arrival and dismissal procedures, homework, field trips)
- Event planning (carnivals, teacher appreciation week, Read Across America week)
- Brainstorming new directions for East View (new age appropriate playground, outdoor classroom)
- Fundraising

When asked, why most families don't serve on PTO committees, the most common response is lack of time. As a father of two (ages 5, 8) I can understand. With that in mind I can offer you the following information:

- Our meetings would be monthly and last just over an hour.
- Our meetings will always be the first Wednesday of the month.
- We would meet in the evening in the East View Library at 6:00 pm.
- For parents who may not be able to attend in person, we will have a dial in by phone option, as well as Skype available.
- Our first meeting will be September 3, 2014.

Anyone who has worked on a PTO committee in the past knows that you don't just walk away from the experience with the sense of a job well done; you meet and often befriend other parents. You also come away with the names of good babysitters, the dish on the best field trips to attend, and the names of good restaurants that you can actually go to with your kids.

I hope you will consider joining our East View PTO. If you are interested, or if you have questions:

- Please call me at 716-375-8920
- Email me at bcrawford@olean.wnyric.org
- Or sign up to be a part of your East View PTO online at www.eastviewpto.com

Yours truly,

Brian Crawford





Tug O'War! Washington West students, faculty and staff participated in Field Day at the end of the year. It was a beautiful day for potato sack racing, hula hooping, running, and playing games outside to celebrate the end of the school year. The very last activity was a Tug'O'War between the teachers, and the Pre-Kindergarten students and the Pre-Kindergarten students won! A special thanks to Coach Anastasia, Mrs. Hoffman and the PTO for planning and coordinating the event.

Annual Open House and Scholastic Book Fair: Please join us for WW Open House! On Wednesday, September 24th, our staff members will be here to greet you from 6-7pm! Visit classrooms, tour our building, and stop by the Book Fair that is sponsored by our PTO! Mark your calendars for this family event! We look forward to meeting you!



Fit & Fun Third Grade Winners: Washington West Elementary School participated in the Fit & Fun program and was the recipient of a \$2500 grant from Healthy Community Alliance. Pictured above are the winners of the Fitness Bucks program. Third grade students had the opportunity to track time they spent doing physical activities; the more time they spent being physically active, the more fitness bucks and tickets they earned to place into a prize raffle. All prizes were provided by Healthy Community Alliance; the students were so excited. A big Washington West thank you goes out to Healthy Community Alliance for providing such a great program to our school!

Washington West Elementary School

Staff Changes at Washington West – Welcome!

- Mrs. Emily Chamberlain – 3rd Grade Teacher (previously Pre-K)
- Mrs. Jennifer Crawford – Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (transferring from EV)
- Mrs. Mary Volz – Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (previously a long-term sub)
- Mrs. Kelly Weber – Title 1 Reading Teacher (previously at IJN)
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Important WW Dates to Remember:

Sept.	3	School Opens – arrive by 8:45 – attendance taken - 8:55
	24	Open House and Scholastic Book Fair 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Oct.	6	No School – Staff Development Day
	8	School Picture Day – tentatively scheduled
	10	Go Home Early Drill – dismiss 15 minutes early – 2:55pm
	13	No School – Columbus Day
	31	Early Dismissal – Staff Dev. Day – dismiss at 12:00pm
Nov.	7	End of 1 st marking period
	11	No School - Veteran's Day
	24-25	Parent-Teacher Conferences (student dismissal at 11:15 am)
	26-28	No School Thanksgiving Recess



Year-End Awards: Mrs. Scanlon's first grade class received end of the year awards for being a fantastic class! Pictured here are Mrs. Jenelle Scanlon, and her students that received awards in the following categories: Math Fact Master, Fabulous Friend, Bucket Filler, Super Boy Work, Future Author, Math Whiz, Amazing Artist, Peace Maker, Problem Solver, Our Storyteller, Helping Hand, and Future Teacher.

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OCSD Music Calendar

September 11, Thursday, 1:30pm	Recruitment Concert	OHS
September 15, Monday, 6:30pm	Instrument Rental Night	OIMS
September 26, Friday, 6:30pm	Homecoming Pep Band (Marching Band)	Bradner's
November 7 & 8, Fri. & Sat.	Junior High Sectional All-State	Akron
November 11, Tuesday, 11:00am	Veterans' Day (Marching Band)	Lincoln Park
November 13-15, Thu. to Sat.	School Musical	OHS
November 16, Sunday, 6:30pm	Olean Community Orchestra Concert	St. Mary's
November 21 & 22, Fri. & Sat.	Senior High Sectional All-State	SUNY Fredonia
November 28, Friday, 6:00pm	Santa Claus Lane Parade (Marching Band)	Union St.
December 3, Wednesday, 7:00pm	OIMS Winter Concert (grades 6 & 7)	OHS
December 4 to 7, Thu.- Sun.	NYSSMA All-State Festival & Conference	Rochester
December 9, Tuesday, 7:00pm	OHS Winter Concert	OHS
December 11, Thursday, 6:00pm	WW Winter Concert (2 & 3 grades)	OHS
December 17, Wednesday, 6:00pm	EV Winter Concert (2 & 3 grades)	OHS
January 30 & 31, Fri. & Sat.	County Solo Festival	ALCS
February 27 & 28, Fri. & Sat.	All-County #1 (ES, SH Chorus and JH Band)	Hinsdale CS
March, Daily, 7:30am	Harmony in the Morning	OHS
March 6 & 7, Fri. & Sat.	All-County #2 (JH Chorus, ES, SH Band)	ALCS
March 19, Thursday, 7:00pm	Music in Our Schools' Month Concert	OHS
March 24, Tuesday, 7:00pm	OIMS Showcase Spring Concert (grades 4 & 5)	OHS
May TBA	NYSSMA Major Organization Festival	TBA
MAY 5, Tuesday, 7:00pm	OIMS Spring Concert (grades 6 & 7)	OHS
May 8 & 9, Fri. & Sat.	NYSSMA Solo Festival	Pioneer HS
May 13, Wednesday, 6:00pm	WW Spring Concert (grades K & 1)	OHS
May 15 & 16, Fri. & Sat.	Houghton String Festival	Houghton
May 20, Wednesday, 7:00pm	OHS Spring Concert	OHS
May 25, Monday, 10:00am	Memorial Day Parade (Marching Band)	Union St.
May 27, Wednesday, 6:00pm	EV Spring Concert (grades K & 1)	OHS
May 31, Sunday, 7:00pm	Orchestra Concert at St. Mary's	St. Mary's
June 5 & 6, Fri. & Sat.	NYSSMA Solo Festival	Bolivar
June 5, Friday, 6:00-8:00pm	Music Boosters Awards Banquet	Pulaski Club
June 27, Saturday, 11:00am	OHS Graduation (Band & Chorus)	OHS

Olean City School District Mission/Vision

The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.

Guiding Principles

A commitment to fostering:

A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment

An acceptance of diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement