



OLEAN

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

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East View's corporate partner, CUTCO, does many things to support our school throughout the year. Taking an opportunity to repay CUTCO's ongoing generosity, our third graders made small gift bags and delivered them to CUTCO employees.

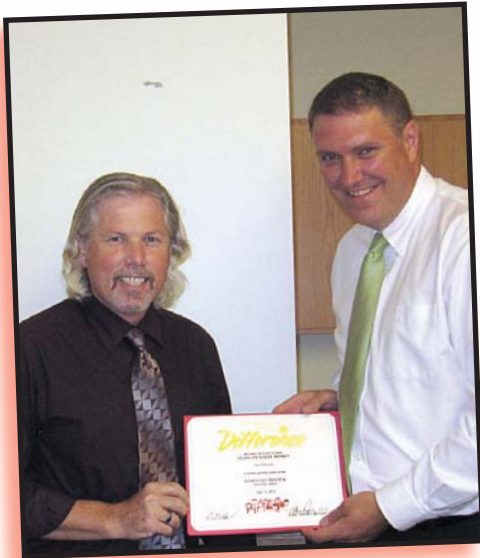


The Olean Intermediate Middle School students collected hats, mittens, and socks for the Genesis House residents in order to make their holidays a bit warmer. To read more about their Tree of Warmth, see page 6.

'Tis the Season for Heartfelt **CARING & SHARING**

This year was the 20th anniversary of Homeless Huskies. Homeless Huskies is a fundraiser to highlight the plight of the homeless in the community. Students spend the night without all the comforts of home, giving them the sense of how life would be without all their luxuries. Since it was the 20th anniversary, students had a guest speaker, the founder of the fundraiser and past Class President, Pierre Eade. He spoke to the 126 participating students about the history of the event and answered many questions. The Homeless Huskies raised over \$7,500, which will be donated to the Genesis House and Warming House.





In June 2012, Eric Garvin (right) former president of the Olean City School District Board of Education, presented a tenure certificate to Joel Whitcher, Olean Intermediate Middle School Principal (grades 4 & 5).

Whitcher and Mahar awarded tenure certificates

In November 2012, Jennifer Mahar (below left), District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs, was presented a Tenure Certificate by Ira Katzenstein, current president of the Olean City School District Board of Education.



From the Superintendent Community input encouraged as we navigate through fiscal hardships

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

The Olean City School District continues to feel the negative impact of the National and State economic struggles which remain to be an unfettered reality. As a result, the District must brace itself once again for another year of fiscal hardship. The Board of Education is faced with even more difficult decisions than in the past.

As advocates for children, each Board member, along with the entire Olean community must ask themselves the following questions:

Who are we as a school district?

What do we value?

What do we hold to be our most valuable assets?

What changes are we willing to make in our current structures to ensure a quality education for ALL children?

The funding gap is largely caused by the increases in pension and health care costs. With no mandate relief in sight and the annually imposed Gap Elimination Adjustment in State Aid, the Board of Education is faced with the task of reducing current expenditures by a million dollars or asking our community to approve an 8% tax levy increase. The Board recognizes that an increase in the tax levy of 8% may not be acceptable, but they also recognize the importance of balancing a tax levy increase against the possible negative impact of further reducing program opportunities for our children.

A Budget Advisory Committee was formed to advise the Board as to what reductions should be considered. The committee has met several times to work through the budget development and to formulate their recommendations. Now, it is important that the District hear from you. Please make contact via email, Facebook, phone, or letter to share your thoughts and insights as to what expectations you hold for the District. As stated by Henry David Thoreau: "We were born to succeed, not to fail." Together, let us go forward and find success.

As we welcome in the New Year, my hope for you is that the year 2013 brings with it much happiness, love and prosperity. Happy New Year everyone!

OCSD Foundation accepting nominations for Academic Wall of Fame

The Olean City School District Foundation is currently accepting applications of nomination for the district's Academic Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame recognizes individuals whose lives, accomplishments and endeavors reflect the values and tradition of excellence fostered by the OCSD.

Nominations are open to any former student, faculty or staff member, and are based on in-school or post-school contributions in several areas, including professional status and community service. There is a 10-year waiting period following graduation for students. Faculty and staff members need not have graduated from Olean to be nominated for the Wall

of Fame, and are considered following retirement or relocation from the district.

For a complete list of nomination criteria, and to access the nomination form, visit www.ocsdfoundation.com. Nominations will be accepted through January 31, 2013 for the upcoming awards presentation scheduled in June.

The Olean City School District Foundation is a volunteer organization committed to enhancing the overall educational experience for students in the district. The foundation encourages extra effort and creativity to enhance all aspects of the district, including academic programs, athletics and the arts.

OHS hosts booth at school board conference

Olean High School students recently hosted a booth at the NYS School Board Association's annual conference. This year's NYSSBA Conference was held on Oct. 26th -27th, at the Rochester Convention Center, with the theme of "Celebration of 21st Century Learning".

Students from Mrs. Janine Scholla's JCC US History class were invited by the Olean School Board to represent our district at the event. The Olean NYSSBA booth showcased documentary movies produced by the students for their year-long class project, "NYS Legacy Symposium". "Legacy" movies are based on NYS leaders whose life stories reflect the LAND, LEADERSHIP, LAW, and LEGACY of our state and nation.

Congratulations to the students who attended and to all the "Legacy" film makers for representing our district's "Celebration of 21st Century Learning".



Student movie producers are pictured hosting the booth: (l-r) Class of 2014, Sarah Knieser; Class of 2013, Courtney Meyers, Kelly VanBrundt, and (missing from photo) Sydney Zuckerman.



Class holds annual Thanksgiving Dinner

On Tuesday, November 20th, the students of Mrs. Varner's class put on their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner has been a part of the life skills class curriculum for the last 8 years. The 10 students all participated in making a Thanksgiving dinner that served more than 20 students, administrators, teachers and staff.

Career Tech Corner



Career exploration is a primary focus for OHS eighth grade students. In November, the eighth grade class visited CA BOCES for the annual "Future Focus" program. This full day program is designed to give students more information about various careers associated with BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs.

Students rotated through all twelve classes where the instructors explained the types of jobs available within each field, from entry level to doctoral levels. Many programs, such as Criminal Justice, Medical Professions, Advanced Manufacturing, and Welding (top

left photo) allow students to earn JCC College credits. All CTE programs have articulation agreements with several colleges so that students can earn college credit for coursework at CTE. Other programs, such as Cosmetology, prepare students to obtain their license right out of high school.

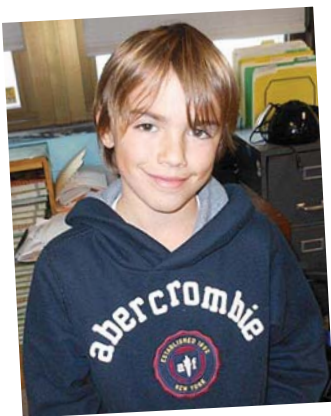
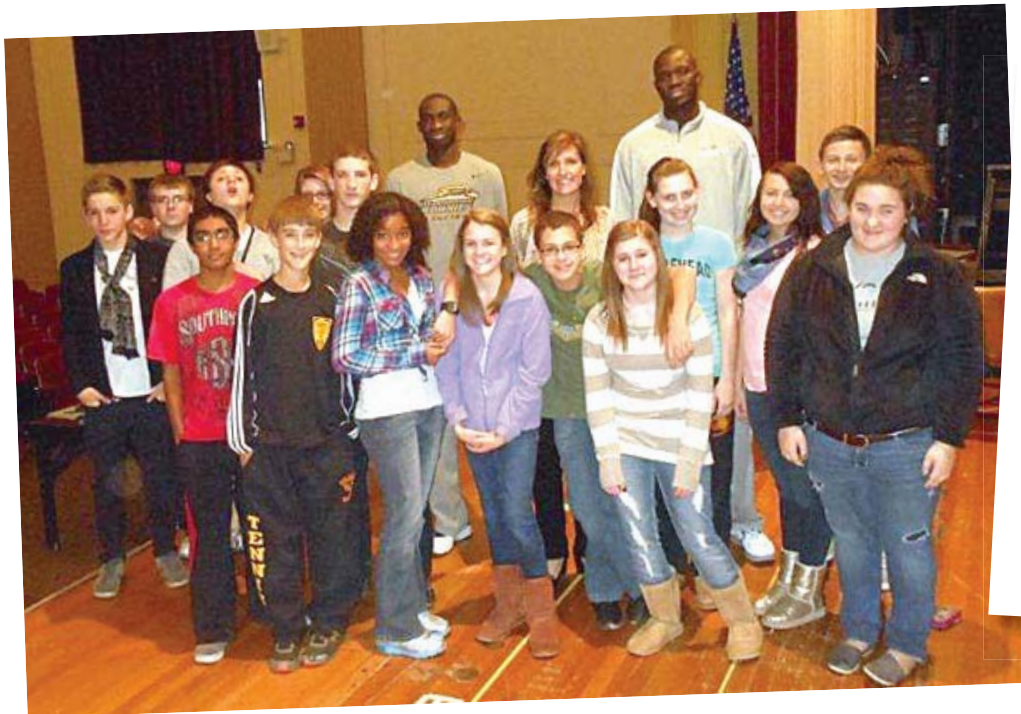
In other Career and Technical Center news, congratulations to the following students who were recently honored at the Olean Center as First Quarter Outstanding CTE Juniors and Seniors from OHS.

Pictured in the middle left photo are Outstanding First Quarter Juniors: (front, l-r) Sarah Retchless - Media Communications Technology, Bronwyn McCormick - Animal Science; and (back, l-r) Jacob Northrup - Audio Visual Production, and Kyle Warner - Collision Repair.



Pictured in the bottom left photo are Outstanding First Quarter Seniors: (l-r) Isaac Green - Criminal Justice, Brandy Tucker - Culinary Arts, John Painter - Advanced Manufacturing Machine and (absent from photo) Dustin Provorse - Computer Systems Technology.





Oh là, là! Le français, c'est super!

OHS and OIMS celebrate National French Week

All High School French students this year had the opportunity to meet real francophone's from Sénégal and Normandy France during our celebration of National French Week.

Pictured top left: Youssou and Jean Yves from Sénégal, Africa-St. Bonaventure basketball players

Pictured top right: Tiphaine-Benoît's sister now living in Bradford, Pa.

Pictured middle left: Pierre (10) from Normandy, France

Pictured bottom left: Benoît (16) from Normanday France with Zoë Mahler and Konrad Morawski



National French Week was celebrated in both OIMS French classes from November 7th through November 14th.

National French Week is a week to commemorate all things French and to celebrate the fun experienced in learning the language. This annual celebration is sponsored by the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French).

The classes watched videos about France and French characters, and sampled some French food. They also created posters to decorate the school corridors. Some students even made morning announcements in French.

Merci mille fois (Many thanks) to all the students who participated and helped decorate our corridors.

Music students excel at state and national levels

Congratulations are in order as four of our most accomplished student musicians represented Olean High School at the NYSSMA All-State Festival in Rochester. These four students have competed with thousands of New York State music students to achieve this highest honor. They earned the privilege of working with world renowned conductors and presented concerts at Eastman Theater recently with the following groups:

Ashley Mulryan- All State Mixed Chorus, Jamal Klute- All State Symphonic Band, Abe Knieser and Andrew Liu- All State Symphonic Orchestra.



OCSd is honored to announce that vocalist Ashley Mulryan has been selected into the prestigious All-Eastern Festival. She has competed with tens of thousands of students in the northeastern states to achieve this highest of honors. This festival will take place in Hartford, Connecticut in April.

Olean was also well represented at the Area All-State Festivals in Fredonia, Akron and Bath. Congratulations to our talented, hard working musicians and their teachers.



Pictured above are 8th Graders
Jessie Carlson and Grace Menter.

HOOT Club organizes coat drive

"Helping Out Others Together" is the motto of the community service group of 8th graders, known as the HOOT Club. Their first activity of the year was to collect winter coats which were donated to the Genesis House and other need based organizations. Over 60 coats were collected. Currently, the group is collecting toiletry items to donate to the Genesis House. Several students have also signed up for bell ringing for the Salvation Army in the coming weeks. Mrs. Carrie Samuelson, the club advisor, is very pleased with the 8th graders willingness to participate in these service projects.



Tree of Warmth

The OIMS Student Council sponsored a "Tree of Warmth" drive during December. All students were asked to donate new hats, gloves, socks, scarves, or mittens for our holiday trees. All donations were presented to Genesis House. OIMS students care about their community!

Student Council members routinely went through the school and gathered the donations from the homeroom classrooms. Trees on three floors were decorated by student council members.

Pictured at left is Jesse Both, OIMS Student Council member.

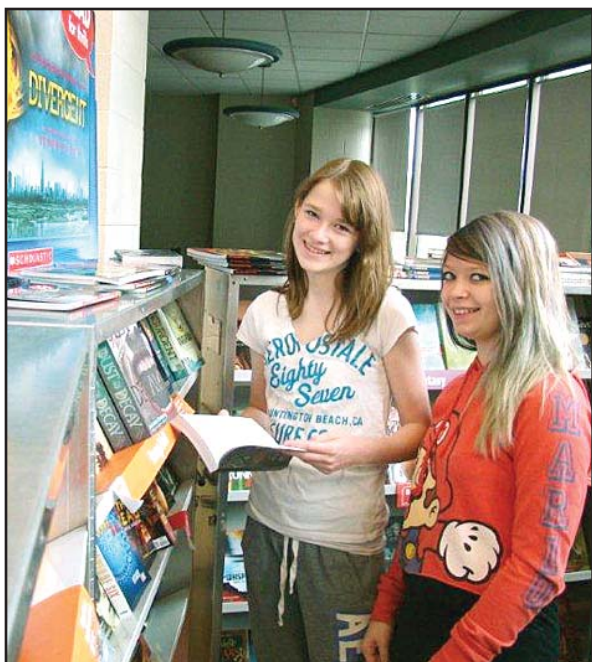


Annual Book Fair funds new library books

OIMS students had the opportunity to purchase books during the annual OIMS Book Fair held recently. Students shopped in the same manner as if they were shopping at the mall. They browsed, selected, and paid for their purchases. Students really enjoyed the opportunity to look at a number of different, new and exciting books. Proceeds from the OIMS Book Fair event provided over twenty-four hundred dollars to be used by the librarian to purchase additional books for the OIMS Library.

Upper left photo: OIMS seventh grade classmates Zach Parr and Matt Youkers check out the books on display.

Lower left photo: Emma Strong and Shaylynn Stanczykowski, both members of the 7th grade Blue Team enjoyed seeing new books by their favorite authors.



Apparel welcomes OIMS students to the team

All my life I want to be a Husky . . . work . . . work. . . Oh baby, work, work! And so the familiar chant welcomes the fourth and fifth grade students to yet another familiar aspect of feeling a part of something very special. One way to feel a member of the Husky team was to order OIMS apparel. Studio 4East submitted ten designs to the school. Representatives from each grade level were invited in to select the new logo for the apparel.

Once the logo was selected – a unanimous decision on the first vote, order forms were given to students. Studio 4East is busily working on the OIMS hoodies, short-sleeved T-shirts, and long-sleeved T-shirts. All orders were filled before the winter break.





FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL PARTY

On December 3, Olean Intermediate Middle School's finest students were treated to the First Quarter Honor Roll celebration. This quarter, 140 6th and 7th grade students were treated to a pizza party and had the opportunity to win cash and prizes through a raffle.

Gerald Trietley, OIMS Principal, gave a great speech praising the students for their academic accomplishments. We hope to see these same students (and more) for our second quarter celebration.



EXEMPLIFYING THANKFULNESS

These students were recognized for exemplifying the OIMS character trait for November; "thankfulness." They were treated to an ice cream sundae party thanks to our partners at Olean Area Federal Credit Union.



SPREADING HOLIDAY JOY A VISIT TO TOTAL SENIOR CARE

In November, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Wentz (see photos above and below). Students coordinated a visit to Total Senior Care and played some Bingo after





DAY CHEER WITH AL SENIOR CARE

z took their classes to Total Senior Care
ompleted a holiday themed craft with their
rward. A great time was had by all!



A TASTE OF EGYPT

As a culminating activity to the Red Team's unit on Egypt, Mrs. Bean's sixth grade social studies classes took a trip to Egypt by creating three-dimensional projects. Students created structures like pyramids, sarcophaguses, and salt maps. A variety of Egyptian foods were sampled and there was a surprise visit from the pharaoh and Anubis, god of mummification. Stay tuned for their next adventure. Rumor has it they might visit Mount Olympus.

Shown are: (upper right) Anubis - Evan Walker and Pharaoh - Matt Droney; (lower right) Jessica Olson showing off her sarcophagus.



OHS STUDENTS VISIT OIMS

Students in Mrs. Wolfgang's US History and Government classes recently visited the fifth grade classes at OIMS to read children's books that they created about the Constitution of the United States. Students discussed the different parts of government, the Presidential election, and the authors of the Constitution all while sharing treats (which everyone agreed was the best part)! Pictured are Juniors Tyshaun Jackson and Jake Turek reading to students in Mrs. Hamed's class at OIMS.



A message from the School Resource Officer

The right and the need of the school to protect the occupants of the school, especially the children, has never been more critical than now. Therefore, a parent's right of access and especially an unknown visitor's right of access are limited to the degree deemed necessary by the school district.

School buildings are often viewed by students, parents and the public as public property, when in reality, under the law, and in the view of most courts, school property is deemed to be semi-public property. This means that the right of the school to keep the occupants of that school building safe and orderly outweighs the right of access to the building. **THE RIGHT OF ACCESS IS NOT AUTOMATIC AND EXCLUSIVE.** It is limited and defers to the need of the school to protect the occupants meaning faculty, staff and children.

Example: Many people would view the White House as a public building. In many ways, their taxes go to the upkeep and maintenance of the building. However, access to the White House is not automatic and certainly not exclusive and is outweighed by the right of the government to protect the occupants of that building.

Parents and Visitors, it is important to remember that when entering our school zone you are subject to all school rules. ALL visitors and parents must register with the main office, acquire a visitor badge, and follow all school rules as outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Ofc. Jason Hlasnick
City of Olean Police Dept. S.R.O.

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Recipients include (l-r): V. Girls' Soccer – Maddy Carlson; V. Boys' Soccer – Brendan Cross; AD's Choice – Girls' Volleyball – Kelly Vanbrunt; V. Volleyball – Lexi Menter; JV Volleyball – Lauren Puller; Girls' Swimming & Diving – Abby Schwartz; Missing from photo: AD's Choice – Boys' Soccer– Tommy Kirk.

All-Sportsmanship Team Fall 2012

Congratulations to the All-Sportsmanship Team for Fall 2012!

Sportsmanship is defined as a demonstration of generosity and genuine concern for others. A good sport is a person known for the manner of his/her acceptance of the rules of the game or of a difficult situation and one who is courteous, generous, a gracious winner and a good loser. Win or Lose, good sports display "class" at all times.

Our goal is to have Sportsmanship recognized as the norm for all athletes, coaches and spectators of OHS. The OHS All-Sportsmanship Team Award for each season was created as a way to recognize sportsmanlike behavior from our student-athletes. One could ask "why should sportsmanship be awarded when it should be constantly practiced by all anyway?" Presenting awards for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship provides examples and, in this case, role models for all our athletes. It also serves as motivation for appropriate behavior by all involved with OHS Athletics.

We award excellent play, why not award excellent sportsmanship? The selected student-athletes will wear their Sportsmanship Award shirts with pride and honor and continue to be lifelong role models for OHS, their families and our community.

As it says on the award shirts: Winning is for a day: Sportsmanship & ethics are for a lifetime!



Recipients include (l-r): JV Football – Chucky Martin; Boys' X-Country – Adam Cashimere; Girls' X-Country – Alyssa Kolodziejski; Football Cheerleading – Ashley Byrne; Missing from photo: V. Football – Chris Gayton; and Girls' Tennis – Laura Anderson.



Athletic Department News

CCAA League Player of the Year Awards

The Olean High School Athletic Department is happy to announce that seniors Bri Spears and Liam McNamee have both been recognized as the CCAA league "Player of the Year" in their respective sports of volleyball and soccer for the 2012 fall sport season. Both were selected for this outstanding award by the CCAA Division I league coaches.



Big 30 Boys' Soccer Coach of the Year

Congratulations to OHS Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach Jim Charles on being honored as a Big 30 Boys' Soccer Coach of the Year for the Fall 2012 season.



OHS Athletes of the Season Fall 2012

Congratulations to Makayla Sargent (at left in photo) from Girls' Swimming and Bri Spears (at right in photo) Girls' Volleyball on being named OHS Athletes of the Season for Fall 2012.

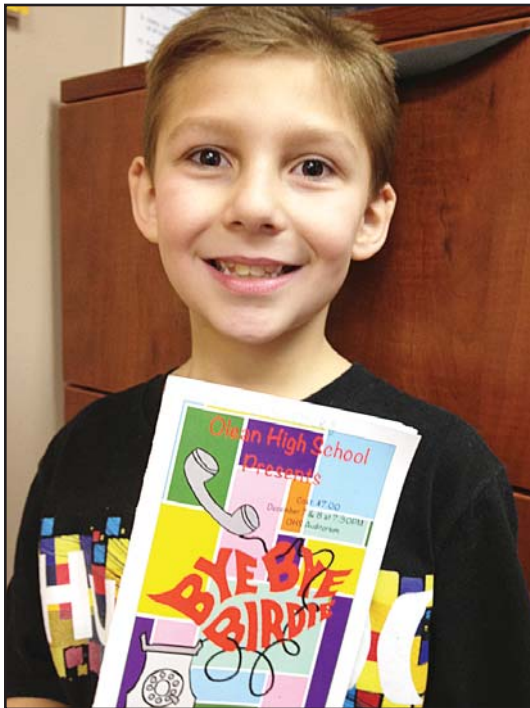
Panus named CCAA Div. I Runner of the Year; shares OHS Athlete the Season honors

The Olean High School Athletic Department is happy to announce that senior John Panus (pictured at right) has been recognized as the CCAA Cross Country Division I League "Runner of the Year" for the 2012 fall sports season. John was selected for this outstanding award by the CCAA Division I league coaches.

Additionally, John was recognized for his work on the Boys' Cross County team as an OHS Athlete of the Season for Fall 2012.

Congratulations!





CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTIAN!

A star is born at Washington West! Congratulations Christian Barta! His performance as Randolph MacAfee in the OHS production of "Bye, Bye Birdie" was fantastic!



DANCE, DANCE, DANCE: Hannah Vanderhoef and Leigha Peterson are having fun performing the Cha-Cha Slide. Mr. Anastasia's physical education class enjoy the dance unit has provided students with a fun-filled health enhancing experiences that can also be used outside the classroom.



Washington West Elementary School

STUFF THE STOCKING: Washington West Elementary families and staff answered the call to donate to our local food pantry (*see photo at left*). Kindergarten students challenged the school to collect as many non-perishable items as possible. With our character traits of Kindness and Generosity in mind, the donations keep rising! Collection bins were located throughout the school and items were delivered December 14th. Thank you to everyone who helped make the season bright.



COOKIES WITH SANTA: Washington West families enjoyed a great evening of holiday fun when Santa stopped for a visit! Boys and girls of all ages gathered in our cafeteria to enjoy decorated sugar cookies and hot cocoa, create a holiday craft, and to take time to talk with Santa. The mood was festive and fun as Mr. Hughey played many of our favorite holiday songs on the piano. The highlight of the evening was having Santa read “The Night Before Christmas”. Many thanks to the WW PTO, St. Bonaventure University Interns, Mr. Hughey, Tops Friendly Markets, Melissa Adams, and jolly old Saint Nicholas himself for making the evening so spectacular.



ARTS IN THE SCHOOL: 3rd grade students have been working with Gabriella Morales, a graduate student from Saint Bonaventure University, to shine a light on the works of the artist Roy Lichtenstein. Lichtenstein’s work during the 1960’s was heavily influenced by popular advertizing and comic books. The students enjoyed this unique experience and their renderings are magnificent. Thank you, Ms. Morales!



SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS: Students in Mrs. Ackerman's Pre-K class practiced being Santa's little helpers, working in the Santa's Workshop play area in their classroom.



SUPER BEES! As part of our Positive Behavior program at East View, students earn cards for good behavior. These cards are then put into a basket in their classroom, and the teacher draws a card each week to select their class "Super Bee". All Super Bees are given a commemorative gift and join the principal on Fridays for lunch in our "Beehive".

East View Elementary School



BULLY FREE SCHOOL PLEDGE:

East View students made a pledge to keep our school bully free. Students from Mrs. Rogozinski's class were among the first groups to sign our pledge, displayed in the main lobby.



NEW PTO HOSTS POLAR EXPRESS NIGHT:

The new East View PTO sponsored its first family event, a “Polar Express” Night at the school. At this free event, students and their families were given a family ticket, granting them admission to several stations set up around the school. Students and parents made holiday ornaments at one station, decorated and ate cookies with hot chocolate at another station, and played “reindeer games” at another. Students got to talk with Santa Claus, his wife, and even some elves. Guest readers read the “Polar Express” book to small groups, and the whole crowd gathered to sing holiday songs to close the evening. Everyone there had a lot of fun, and it was a great opening event for the PTO.



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January 2013 Regents Exam Schedule

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

JANUARY 22, TUESDAY

7:50 a.m. Integrated Algebra
7:50 a.m. RCT in Global Studies

12:04 p.m. Comprehensive English
12:04 p.m. Physical Setting/Physics

JANUARY 23, WEDNESDAY

7:50 a.m. Living Environment
7:50 a.m. RCT in U.S. History & Gov't.

12:04 p.m. Algebra 2/Trigonometry
12:04 p.m. RCT in Mathematics

JANUARY 24, THURSDAY

7:50 a.m. RE in U.S. History & Gov't.
7:50 a.m. Geometry
7:50 a.m. RCT in Science

12:04 p.m. Physical Setting/Earth Science
12:04 p.m. Physical Setting/Chemistry
12:04 p.m. RCT in Reading

JANUARY 25, FRIDAY

7:50 a.m. RE in Global History
& Geography
7:50 a.m. RCT in Writing

Uniform Admission Deadlines: Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

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

