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CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

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A Tasty Way to Meet the Standards ... Picking Blueberries!

On September 9th, students in the classes of Mrs. Fidurko, Mrs. Mest, Mrs. Quattrone and Mrs. Wilbur visited Childs Blueberry Farm. Students had the opportunity to tour the farm and pick blueberries, as well as follow recipes to make delicious blueberry treats for staff and families. Students also had the opportunity to explore job opportunities while meeting the CDOS (Career Development and Occupational Studies) standards. A huge thank you to Carrie Childs and her staff at Childs Blueberry Farm for making this trip possible.





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District Welcomes New Teachers and Staff

New Teachers:

Lauren Caya joins the District as a Special Education teacher assigned to East View Elementary School. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY Fredonia in May 2004, a Master of Science in Education degree from St. Bonaventure University in August 2005, and a MSED in Secondary Education in 2006. Ms. Caya was a Special Education teacher at Salamanca City Schools from 2005 until her appointment with the District.

Jamie Filips was recently hired as a High School Special Education teacher. Jamie received a B.A. in Exceptional Education and Elementary Education in December 2003 and a Masters in Exceptional Education in Early Childhood Education

in December 2008 from Buffalo State College. Ms. Filips teaching experience includes Erie 2 – Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES and Hamburg High School.

Heather McIntosh was appointed to an Elementary teacher position at East View Elementary School. Mrs. McIntosh received a Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY at Fredonia in May 2005 and a Master of Science in Education from Walden University in 2012. Heather taught at the Twin Lakes Academy in Elementary School in Jacksonville, FL from 2009-2011 and has substituted at Allegany-Limestone and Portville Central.

Fawn Whiteman was appointed as a Family Consumer Science teacher at OIMS. Ms. Whiteman received her

Bachelor of Science in Education Degree in December 2012. She has subbed for the Olean City School District as a teacher or a teacher aide from 2007-2013. From 2013-October 2014 she worked for the District's Community Schools program.

Katie Verbeck has been appointed as a long-term substitute Special Education teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Ms. Verbeck received her Bachelor of Science in Education from St. Bonaventure in 2005. She is enrolled at Kaplan University pursuing a degree in Educational Psychology. Substitute experience includes teaching Pre-K at the Early Bird Child Care Center in Arcade and elementary students at Franklinville Central School.

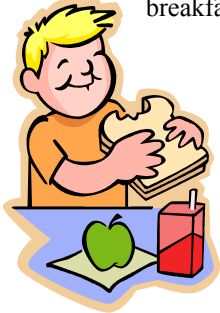
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Cafeteria Reminders to Parents; Breakfast Available to Everyone

Breakfast is available every day at all of the Olean City School District buildings. Menus are available on the district web site. A main entrée as well as side dishes are available daily. Come join us to start your day with the most important meal of the day.

Every student who is eligible for free and reduced meals can eat both breakfast and lunch each day. Price for reduced meals is \$.25.



SCHOOL/GRADE	BREAKFAST BEGINS	PRICE
High School Grades 9-12	7:00 a.m.	\$1.50
High School Grade 8	7:00 a.m.	\$1.40
OIMS Grades 4-7	7:15 a.m.	\$1.40
Washington West Pre-k - 3	8:10 a.m.	\$1.35
East View Pre-k - 3	8:15 a.m.	\$1.35

Olean City School District Meal Charge Policy

- ❖ Meal charges will be limited to **\$10.00**.
- ❖ Students with charge balances on their account will become part of the weekly automatic call system for negative balances. Twice monthly a letter will be sent to the home for those charges.
- ❖ After reaching \$10.00 in charges your child will not be eligible to receive a choice of meal from the menu, but will be provided with cereal, juice and milk for breakfast and a sandwich, fruit and milk for lunch until charges are eliminated. Parents will be responsible for the cost of meals distributed in this manner.
- ❖ For you and your child's convenience prepayments will be accepted at your child's school and placed on their account.
- ❖ Additional information regarding the District's Food Service Program can be found on the Olean City School District's website.



A Reading Invasion at OHS

Olean Reading Invasion is a celebration of our community's public spaces and the lifelong love of reading. It was great to see people from every age group, from toddlers enjoying books on blankets with their parents to grandparents reading alongside their grandchildren as we enjoyed beautiful fall weather in the front lawn of our historic school building.



Tenure Awarded

In September, Mary Volz, Elementary teacher, was presented a Tenure Certificate by John Bartimole, President of the Olean City School District Board of Education.

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New Support Staff:

Karla Button – Keyboard Specialist – Pupil Services Office

Olivia Fitzgerald – teacher aide at EV

Rae Havens – teacher aide at WW

Vicki Isaman – food service at EV

Gail Kinnaird – teacher aide at OIMS

Christine Lananger – food service at OHS

Melinda McCarthy – teacher aide at WW

Tara Moshier-Kessler – teacher aide at WW

Adam Mott – teacher aide at OHS

Cathy Skiver – teacher aide at OIMS

Welcome Back to Recalled Staff:

Marjorie Dexter – Reading teacher

Cindy Kurjakovic – Library Media Specialist

Kathleen Kwiatkowski – part-time School Nurse (RN)

James Pawlowski – Physical Education teacher

Evelyn Sabina – part-time Reading teacher

Mary Volz – Elementary teacher

Kelley Weber – Long-term substitute Reading teacher

From the Superintendent

Opening Day Message: the 'Power of One'



By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

Opening day brought with it changes in safety and security processes along with an important message about the "Power of One." In the upper left photo, Mr. Christopher Baker, Director of Emergency Management Services of Cattaraugus County, addressed the staff on new protocols for the following: shelter in place; lockdown; evacuation; and fire drills. Mr. Baker shared the need for the modifications based on events involving school related-violence. One area of focus is point of entry for all guests. The District must follow protocols for dropping off and picking up students that increase the safety and security for all. We have processes in place; however, you may see some modifications as we review best practices against our processes.

Following the safety and security presentation, our very own Katie Ralston, Jennifer Kless, Angela Mest and Michelle Cortez presented on "The Power of One and Brain Compatible Learning." Together, the team demonstrated how one person can make a significant difference in the life of a student. We all have the ability to make a student's day.

Every interaction we have with our learners needs to be positive and meaningful. A friendly greeting; a smile; taking the time to listen about their weekend activities; assisting with homework; and/or re-teaching a concept are just a few ways to show how much we care for each and every student we serve. They also demonstrated the value a strategy shift every 7 to 10 minutes can have on learning. Our learners need to be challenged. When challenged, the brain works harder and builds



dendrites. Dendrites build pathways that connect concepts and ideas and allow for learners to retrieve them. Brain compatible strategies can and will improve student achievement (see middle and lower left photos).

Changes at the State level are forth coming as well. The Board of Regents will be meeting this month to consider a 4 plus 1 pathway to graduation. If approved, commencing September of 2015 students will have the option of substituting one regent exam, other than English or Math, for an approved Career Technology or Performing Arts Assessment. To date, the Board of Regents has 13 assessments approved. An approved assessment must meet the rigor of a regents exam.

The Social Studies curriculum modifications have been accepted and approved by the Board of Regents. The course of study remains the same with the change in the foundational principles. The focus will now be on inquiry, disciplinary literacy and civic life. The instructional shifts will focus on conceptual understanding, foster student inquiry, collaboration and informed action; and integrate content and skills purposefully. The second change in the Social Studies curriculum will be in the area of Global Studies. The course will continue to be taught over two years with the regents exam focusing on year two of the content.



Gary Hamel once said, "You can't build an adaptable organization without adaptable people--and individuals change only when they have to, or when they want to." Some of the changes we face, we need and want, while others are mandated. Either way, it is how we respond to the change that makes the difference in the lives of our learners and each member of our community. I encourage you to become informed about the need for change and how each change will impact your child(ren).

Thank you for your continued support.

Students Take Part in Manufacturing Day

Dream It, Do It made the observance of National Manufacturing Day possible. It was held on Friday, October 3, and was celebrated across the country and throughout our local community. All of the school districts, in the area, were invited to participate in the event, and Olean High School had the biggest turn out with 90 students in attendance!

Our students were excused from school to venture out and see what really goes on in Olean and see how important of a community we live in. On these different field-trips the students had the opportunity to see what is made in Olean, how it is made and where in the world it goes. They observed skilled workers operating high-tech equipment and machiness, met inspiring business leaders in our community and got to learn how manufacturing offers diverse career opportunities for everyone!

A group of 33 Huskies went on a tour of Dresser-Rand. Dresser-Rand held a career fair, had interactive tours, as well as having demonstrations and work stations. We had 27 students attend a field-trip to CUTCO where they did a walkthrough of the facility which highlighted "How knives are made" and "How to get a job." Our third group of students, 30 in total, participated in a Rotating Tech Tour. These students walked from OHS to the companies Mazza, Pierce Steel and Cytec. On this tour they learned how the educational disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) play a major role in their companies and how having an interest in these areas can lead to an enjoyable and rewarding career!

The celebration of National Manufacturing Day was a great success. We are building a bridge between OHS students and the community! We are looking forward to making this relationship stronger and holding more events like these. Let's go Huskies!



The group is pictured above in front of CUTCO and below at Dresser-Rand.



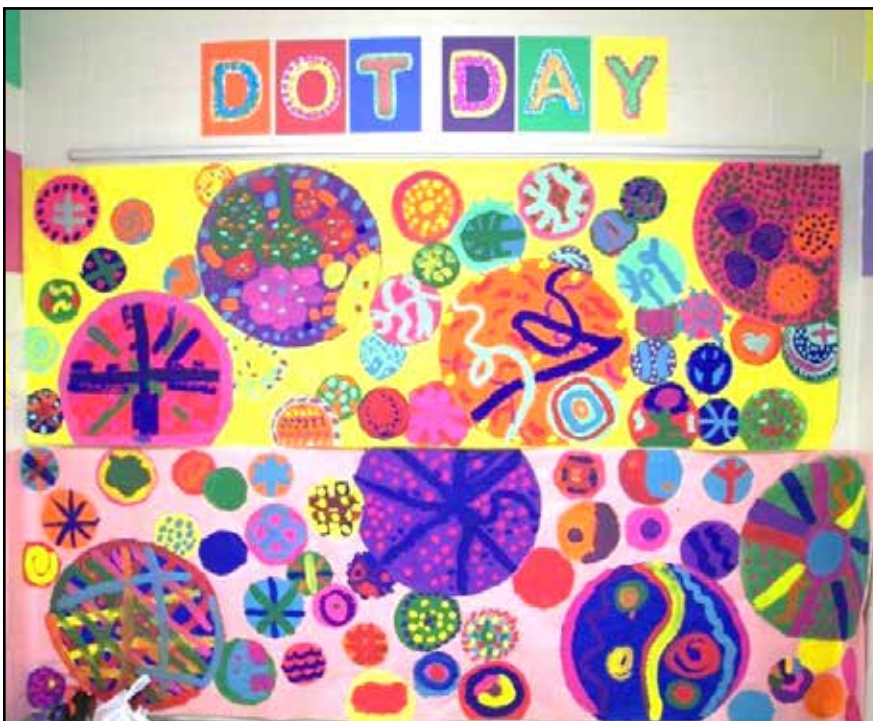
Stories Around the Camp Fire at Olean High

Camp Billings refers to the co-teaching classes of Mrs. Camp and Mrs. Billings for ELA 8. Students within these classes participated in a "Stories Around the Campfire" event, where they shared book reviews and writing pieces with their peers as they enjoyed s'mores and apple cider.



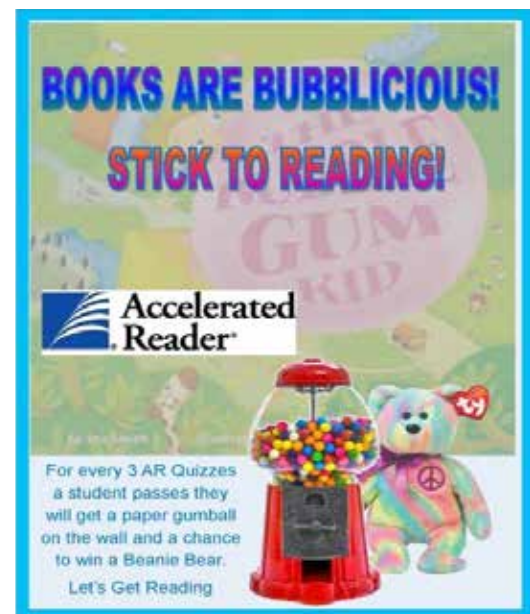
CREATING DOT DAY MURALS

Mrs. Nickel's 5th Grade Art students were introduced to the story "The Dot" By Peter H. Reynolds. "The Dot" tells the story of a caring teacher who reaches a reluctant student in a remarkably creative way. In the story the teacher dares a resistant student named Vashti to "make her mark". Vashti's breakthrough begins with a simple dot on a piece of paper. The students worked collaboratively to make their own MARK by creating these beautiful "Dot Murals".



PTO BOOK FAIR

The PTO sponsored another successful book fair and Mrs. Grosso. The students were thrilled that after school and the night of Open House. The year's sales and will be used for extra curricular the parents, staff, and PTO members for making



OIMS Accelerated Reader Contest Has Begun! Students ... LET'S GET READING!



ANOTHER SUCCESS

Book fair with the help of our librarian Miss Garmon. The book fair was available for them to shop and the profits from the fair exceeded higher than last year. Activities for OIMS students. Thank you to all who made this a fun and exciting book fair.



FOUR ATTEND TIM HORTON'S CAMP

Every summer our local Tim Horton's sponsors two 6th grade OIMS students to attend their Tim Horton Camp in Campbellsville, Kentucky. This year we had a very unique situation where we were given the opportunity to send six campers. Campers are chosen by each team using specific criteria set up by The Tim Horton foundation.

The camp, located on Green River Lake, offers campers an enriching opportunity to gain confidence in their abilities and pride in their accomplishments. Activities at the camp include, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, disc golf, and a ropes course. The camp is a nine day adventure for the students complete with campfires and songs at night.

Students that participated this year were Trevor Crolle, Damani Crolle II, ThaiTyeena Davis, Cheyenna Senter, Eleanor Orcutt and Kiara Parks. In talking about the experience, Ms. Orcutt said she "enjoyed flying in the plane and the cabins they slept in." Camp counselors came to Olean and chaperoned the students for the length of their trip. She also said all of the counselors were very nice. Ms. Parks stated that when she first left, "she was very scared, but it was so much fun, she didn't want to leave." Her favorite part was tubing behind a boat.

Every June, Tim Horton has a Camp Day at their locations. The monies raised help send students across the country to this wonderful camp experience. OIMS has partnered with them for more than 20 years offering our 6th grade students a camp experience of a life time.

JOIN THE FUN IN BAND & ORCHESTRA!

Are you interested in having your child experience the benefits of playing an instrument? Mrs. Snyder is always looking for more students to join the Band and Orchestra in grades 4-7! Please call her at 375-8071 for more information. There are still school instruments available to rent!

Pictured in photo at left is Jacob Peck, Grade 5.





OHS Student Paints Ecosystem Mural

Damien Greenhood painted a seven meter long mural depicting a southwestern ecosystem in Mrs. Kopec's Biology classroom. Damien took the initiative and sketched a three panel series, projected the sketches on the wall to sketch a rough outline and then began to paint. With passion, dedication and determination, Damien completed the mural four months. Thank you Damien for all your hard work!!!



Bulletin Boards Add to Positive Climate

As you walk around the halls of Olean High School, you will see how bulletin boards add such a positive climate to our beautiful school. The halls are filled with bulletin boards that are not only for our students but for parents and visitors that come through the school to see what is happening right here at OHS. Not only are bulletin boards for beautifying the halls, but some may add an incentive for students to do their very best work. Some bulletin boards may even set goals and engage students in a certain subject or topic.

This year, the decorating of bulletin boards has been infectious. Many of the bulletin boards welcomed our students back to school and sent the message that we want them here and set the tone for learning. OHS proudly displays not only bulletin boards of what teachers want to display but some bulletin boards display their students' work. Due to this, the students take ownership of their work and proudly display their assignments. We are very proud of our students and are glad to share our bulletin boards and messages with all of you.

2015 Feb. break Québec/ Montréal



dog sledding



snow tubing



best shopping



sugar shack

See Mrs. Napoleon ASAP for details!

mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org

So Europe, So Close ... and so affordable!

French Club is planning an amazing winter trip to the international cities of Montréal and Québec City this February break 2015. Interested students (in the 9th grade or higher), staff and adult travelers should contact Mrs. Napoleon at mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org ASAP for details. This five day, four night trip will consist of touring both cities, eating crêpes, dog sledding, snow showing, snow tubing, shopping at Les Galeries de la Capitale, dinner at a traditional Sugar Shack, visiting the famous Ice Hotel and much more. Don't miss out! All sign-ups needed by Friday, Nov. 7th, 2014.



Applied Technology Class Puts Learning in Action

Last year's DDP/Residential Construction classes completed two full scale Utility Sheds. Students were responsible for all aspects of construction, from the initial designs and planning, to the completion of each project, even contacting local vendors for pricing the materials. Throughout the year, students gained valuable knowledge and skills dealing with the modern day construction industry. They were accountable for designing the structure to meet the client's needs, wants and budget. Students constructed a scale model of each structure which was used to show all structural members, construction procedures and techniques, and assembly procedures. These models were also used to complete an accurate detailed list of all materials needed to complete the structures.

Most of the wood structure was completed in the shop and later transported to the job sites. Each shed was built on a 6" concrete slab with one row of concrete block. All students had the opportunity to utilize various hand and power tools, air equipment and building materials throughout the process.

This year's class is in the planning stages for a 24' X 36' two car garage. All material costs for these projects are solely the responsibility of the home owner, not the district. Stay tuned for progress on the current structure to be completed by the end of the school year.

Physical Education Grant to Transform Curriculum over Next Three Years

The Olean City School District and the Hinsdale Central School District have received a federal Carol M. White grant, which means that over the next three years, our physical education programs will receive over \$780,000 in federal funds.

This funding is for the development of a new, cutting-edge physical education curriculum for our districts. We will be able to transform our existing gym spaces for exciting, interactive fitness equipment, technology, sports and transverse walls, heart rate monitors and various equipment that will enhance the learning and physical activity for your children. All of these improvements will be designed to better motivate and educate students during physical education classes, thereby improving their overall fitness and health. In short, we will be able to use this federal money to develop the best possible physical education programs for your children.

One item that we are required to do with the grant is report various physical fitness results of our students. For



each data collection period, students will be asked to complete a nutrition survey, and a physical fitness assessment test in physical education class. In addition, some students will be randomly selected to wear a pedometer for four to seven days depending on their grade level. The pedometers will be worn on their wrist and students will be asked to wear them for the assigned amount of time during the entire day, including in and out of school. The only data collected from the pedometers will be the number of steps your child takes during the given time period. The dates of assessment will be conducted October 23-30, January 8-29, and March 5-19.



Homecoming Court 2014

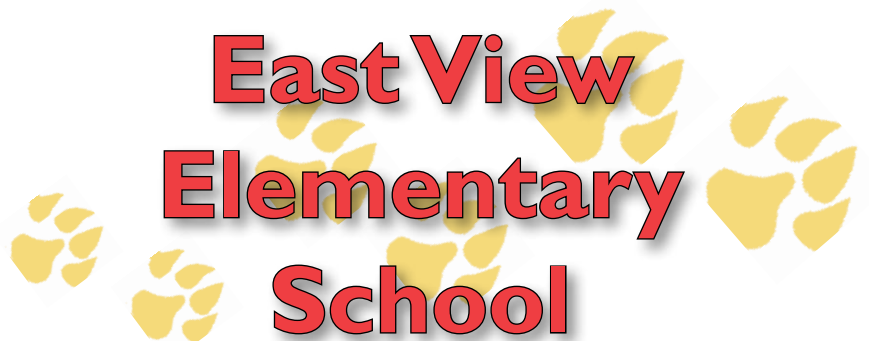
Congratulations to students chosen for the OHS 2014 Homecoming Court. Pictured are: (back, l-r) Burke Whitcomb, Derek Douthit, Tyler Daniels, Homecoming King Tyler Allen, Connor Prizel, Jacob Cavana; and (front, l-r) Kelsey Gengo, Gabrielle Pfeiffer, Kendall Ullman, Homecoming Queen Clare Sorokes, Olivia Anzivine and Maria DeCerro.

Off to a Great Start!

Pictured in these two upper right photographs is the staff of East View. We couldn't be more excited to start the school year and are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Follow Our School on Twitter! We are @OleanEastView. We tweet about exciting things happening in our school and it is a great way to stay connected!

Important Classroom Rules: Check out Mrs. Gaylor's Classroom Rules pictured below. We love rule number 4 because it is important for our students to have a growth mindset.



“Animal Guy” Visit: Once a month East View Students are treated to a presentation from Animal Guy! This month, our students got to meet Blackberry, a two month old baby goat. It was great to hear our students Ask and answer questions about what the speaker said in order to gather additional information and add to their learning.



Character Education Assembly: The St. Bonaventure Athletics Department came and presented our end of the month Character Education Assembly. One student was selected from each classroom as a student that demonstrated respect and tolerance. After the assembly, St. Bonaventure athletes went to classrooms to read to students.



Be the Tradition: With each new school year, character education becomes a primary focus for both teachers and district administration. Building that sense of mutual respect can be a challenge during the initial weeks of school. Getting students back into the swing of things takes time, but strong character education programs kick the school year off right. At both Washington West and East View Elementary Schools in Olean, NY, respect and teamwork became the center of attention at school wide assemblies held at the buildings this September. With the help of St. Bonaventure University and the Athletics Department, student athletes became the focus for a conversation on being husky-pups of good character. Thanks to Seth Johnson, Director of Marketing and Promotions, and the many players from SBU for organizing the program and being our role models!



Dads Take Their Kids to Washington West: In an effort to engage families and create a stronger tie between the school and community, Olean Elementary Schools took part in the statewide initiative known as Dad's Take Your Child to School Day. In partnership with Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc., Olean Elementary Schools welcomed approximately 204 parents on September 16 as they brought their child to school. Dads and/or family members brought their child to school, participated in a raffle for various prizes and enjoyed a nutritious breakfast, all before the start of the school day.

Washington West Elementary School

Focus on Social Studies and Science: Mrs. Frederick's third grade class has been busy! Digging up study plots, observing the schoolyard, and collecting data has had us outside for Science. For example, one afternoon we picked up different things behind Washington West. We made some great conclusions; that we have lots of dirt, lots of trees, and lots of garbage. We agreed to start picking up more at recess. We are also learning how to make food chains on the computer. During September, our families designed World maps. We had some amazing work come in. AJ used a pumpkin to create his map (*upper right*). Addie melted crayons and made a map on a canvas (*lower right*). Students spent the month reviewing map skills along with oceans and continents.



The Scientific Method Saves Fred: Students in Mrs. Chamberlain's and Mrs. Faulkner's and Ms. Frederick's 3rd grade class were asked to "Save Fred". Fred is a worm that tipped his boat while in the ocean. When he tipped his boat his life preserver was under his boat. In groups of 4 students were asked to save Fred from drowning. Each group was given a worm, life preserver (lifesaver), a boat (cup), and 4 paper clips. Without touching Fred with their fingers, students had to get Fred into his life preserver. We had to use a lot of creative thinking for this activity and students had to work together as a team to complete the mission. It was later followed up by recording their work and leaning the Scientific Method. Great learning experience for all.



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Healthy Team Tailgating at East View

On September 25th East View had a Team East View tailgate and football game. Each class celebrated being a team with healthy snacks and later watched a few teachers take on some OHS Seniors in flag football.

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