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*"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"*

## DIL School Supplies Donation



On Monday, September 26, 2022, employees of Directions in Independent Living (DIL) delivered a very generous donation of school supplies for Olean City School District students. Supplies donated were collected through Directions in Independent Living's "Cram the Vans" event where the public was invited to join DIL employees in donating school supplies for local school districts. Supplies were collected from August 8th to August 30th.

Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools stated, "Directions in Independent Living's generosity is overwhelming, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you from our students and staff at Olean City School District."



## Motivational Speaker

On September 6th, the first day of school, OHS invited Charles Clark, a motivational speaker, to spend the afternoon with staff and students. Before becoming an international speaker, Charles was one of the fastest men in the world. He is a 3x NCAA National Championship and USA Track and Field Championships silver medalist. Now, as a mindset expert, Charles shows athletes, entrepreneurs, companies, and students how to win in life. Today, Charles Clark teaches people how to use adversity to build greater strength, success, and fulfillment.

During his visit, Charles met with student leaders, Assistant Principal Laura Hodara, Officer McGraw, Mr. Perry, and Mrs. Burke, for a one-hour "Lunch and Learn" session on how to put steps in place to promote positive leadership. The students were engaged, had great conversations with Charles and left the meeting ready to put his advice into action.

Charles then spoke to the entire student body, grades 8-12, in an afternoon assembly. His message during this assembly was about believing in yourself, even when life gets hard, and making decisions that will help you move forward in your life. The message was clear – define what excellence means to you, make decisions to help you reach your goals, and do not settle for anything less; adjust the path if necessary but strive to be your best self every day.

It was a wonderful experience having Mr. Charles Clark visit us – what a wonderful way to start our year. We are HUSKY STRONG!!



## Constructing Future Leaders

We are BUILDING Future LEADERS here in our halls, and this month, we celebrated two LEADERS from our Pack that have been working hard on the road to success! Congrats to these husky pups for showing their perseverance and dedication here in our halls - and earning a pup of their very own.

*Dear Olean School District Community and Families,*



As I finish my third month as Superintendent of the Olean City Schools, I would like to thank you for welcoming me and making me feel at home. I have had the opportunity to meet some of you, and I very much look forward to meeting many more of you over the course of the school year.

I wanted to share some of the things that are guiding my first 100 days. I have been working to gather information about the district and school communities; establish a strong community presence early on; assess the district's strengths; identify critical issues; address areas of immediate concern; build upon staff strengths and create a network of contacts and resources that will assist me in my work. One very exciting thing we will share this year is sharing the highlight of all of our seniors in the Superintendent's Brief. Our focus will be to celebrate every one of our hard-working scholars as they prepare to move on to college or careers at the end of the year. We are certainly husky proud of them all!

After our first 100 days, we will develop a multi-year strategic plan for our District. This will be an opportunity for input from Olean City Schools' students, staff, families, and community members to focus on future system-wide improvements to improve outcomes for students. Our Strategic Plan is intended to be a working document. The plan will be established to begin in the 2022-2023 school year and will be revisited each year to update district priorities, monitoring our progress regularly throughout the school year. Our Strategic Plan will serve as a guide map to assist us in prioritizing and aligning our efforts and resources to fulfill the district's mission and vision — providing a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.

I look forward to embarking on this work with all of you, partnering with the community as we work to make our school district and community the best it can be.

Dr. Genelle Morris  
Superintendent of Schools

## **Award Recipients**

Olean City School District Superintendent, Dr. Genelle Morris along with Board of Education Vice President, Mary Hirsch-Schena and other members of the School Board presented five (5) faculty/staff members with awards at the September 20th Board of Education Meeting.

Charmaine Hill, Sara Williams, Mark Nolan and Nancy Martin were awarded the "Leader of the Pack" Award honoring a staff member who is a leader in their own right and who goes above and beyond their job description to make Olean a special place for students.

Ms. Angela Mest was awarded the Mr. Ron Shoup Memorial Award honoring a teacher in the district who consistently goes out of their way for students.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients.

To learn more about these awards and/or to nominate someone, please visit the following link:

<https://www.oleanschools.org/Domain/755>



*Pictured above from left to right: Dr. Genelle Morris, Charmaine Hill, Sara Williams, Mark Nolan, and Mary Hirsch-Schena.*



*Pictured above from left to right: Dr. Genelle Morris, Angela Mest, Recipient of the "Mr. Ron Shoup Memorial Award" and Nancy Martin, Recipient of the "Leader of the Pack" Award.*



“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

- Desmond Tutu

## OLEAN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION...

[www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org)

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A 501c (3) organization that fundraises to support:  
Academic Enrichment Grants and the OCSD Wall of Honor

### ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR WALL OF HONOR 2023

Nomination form and Instructions found at:

[www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org)

Deadline for submission 12/31/22

### ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Instructions and Grant application found at: [www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.oleanschoolsfoundation.org)

#### **Already 3 major grants approved for 2022-2023:**

Thoughtful Tuesday Tees – East View - \$5,720

STEM – Soapbox Enrichment Program -OIMS/OHS - \$5136

Camp Huskie 2023 – OIMS - \$3,000

#### **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ON:**

#### **CATTARAUGUS GIVES DAY 2022**

**(24 hour on-line giving)**

**Tuesday Nov. 29, 2022**

Help us to continue  
to support grants that  
“Enhance and Enrich the Educational  
Opportunities” for our  
Olean Students!

It really does...



**“TAKE ALL THE HUSKIES TO PULL THE SLED!”**



# Welcome to Olean City School District!



## **Welcome Erin Martin!**

Ms. Martin will be teaching 5th Grade

at OIMS, loves a good cup of coffee in the morning, and is a graduate of Olean High School & St. Bonaventure University. In her spare time, Ms. Martin enjoys running, DIY projects, and spending her time with family and friends. She is excited to find creative ways to make learning fun and memorable for her students!

## **Welcome Kelly Everetts!**

Ms. Everetts will be teaching 5th Grade at OIMS and is a graduate of Allegany-Limestone & St. Bonaventure University. In her spare time, Ms. Everetts enjoys travel, watching Bonas basketball, and spending as much time as possible outdoors. She is excited to share her love of learning with students!



## **Welcome Holly Weisenbeck!**

Ms. Weisenbeck will be teaching 7th Grade ELA at OIMS and joins Olean after having moved to the area from Virginia this summer. In her spare time, Ms. Weisenbeck enjoys writing, gardening, and hiking. She is excited about working in a smaller district

and is looking forward to teaching students literacy and writing skills!



## **Welcome Marissa Magro!**

Ms. Magro is a new Speech Language Pathologists in the

District, loves true crime podcasts, and will be working at OIMS. Ms. Magro is a graduate of Olean High School, SUNY Fredonia, and Old Dominion University. In her spare time, Ms. Magro enjoys hiking, has taken up skiing, and loves spending time with family talking and laughing. She is excited to work in her alma mater to provide maximal impact for students!

## **Welcome Alyssa Sader!**

Ms. Sader will be teaching 4th grade at OIMS, has a Golden Retriever named Sadie, and is a graduate of Allegany-Limestone & Keuka College. In her spare time, Ms. Sader enjoys baking, gardening, and spending her time with family and friends. She is excited to build relationships with staff and students this year!



## **Welcome Jessica Myers!**

Ms. Myers will be teaching Special Education at OIMS, loves the

Buffalo Bills & Sabres, and is a graduate of St. Bonaventure



University. She has been to seven different countries and loves chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream. In her spare time, Ms. Myers enjoys Frisbee disc golf, playing cards, and going to the movies. She is excited to work with the Olean community!



## **Welcome Marissa Olson!**

Ms. Olson will be teaching physical education at OIMS & OHS, has four dogs & three cats, and is a graduate of Olean High School & SUNY Brockport. In her spare time, Ms. Olson enjoys playing tennis, roller blading, hiking, and skiing. She is excited to be a Husky again and work with all the staff and students in Olean!

## **Welcome Haley Broyles!**

Ms. Broyles will be teaching Science at OIMS & OHS, is outgoing and always up for a challenge, and a graduate of SUNY Fredonia. In her spare time, Ms. Broyles enjoys kayaking, spending time with her two pups, and loves helping people and showing them new things. She is excited to learn, explore, and gain new experiences teaching students!



## **Welcome Scott Rucinski!**

Mr. Rucinski will be teaching Technology



at OHS, has seen the Dave Matthews Band in concert over sixty times, and is a graduate of Olean High School & Buffalo State College. In his spare time, Mr. Rucinski enjoys traveling, going to concerts, and is an avid Browns, Dodgers & Bonas fan. He is excited to be back in Olean among friends and familiar faces!



## **Welcome Olivia MacWilliams!**

Ms. MacWilliams will be teaching 1st Grade at East View, has been to twelve countries, loves the Buffalo Bills, and is a graduate of Olean High School & St. Bonaventure University. In her spare time, Ms. MacWilliams enjoys hiking, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. She is excited to work in the district that inspired her to become a teacher!

## **Welcome Shayne Huver!**

Ms. Huver will be teaching Special Education at East View, loves being outdoors, is a grandma of six, and is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University. In her spare time, Ms. Huver enjoys cooking, kayaking, and traveling. She has the goal of learning to play the saxophone and she is excited to have a greater connection to the Olean community!





**Welcome Shelley Baldwin!** Ms. Baldwin will be teaching Kindergarten at Washington West, has two dogs – Moe & Maggie, and is a graduate of SUNY

Cortland & D'Youville College. In her spare time, Ms. Baldwin enjoys hiking, biking, and going to Bills games with friends. She is excited to work with amazing teachers and challenging herself in a new classroom!

**Welcome Shana**

**Bebko!** Ms. Bebkko will be teaching 3rd Grade at Washington West and is a graduate of Allegany-Limestone & St. Bonaventure University. In her spare time, Ms. Bebkko enjoys puzzles, watching movies, and visiting family. She is excited to meet her students and become part of the Olean Team!



**Welcome Maria**

**Decerbo!** Ms. Decerbo is a new Teaching Assistant at OIMS and will be focused on math support for students at the Intermediate Middle School. Ms. Decerbo previously

served as a Teacher Aide within the district and we are excited for her expertise in this new role.

**Welcome Rebecca Ahearn!**

Ms. Ahearn is a new Teaching Assistant at OIMS and will be focused on math support for students at the Intermediate Middle School. Ms. Ahearn previously served as a Teacher Aide within the district and we are excited for her expertise in this new role. Welcome Ms. Ahearn to your new role at Olean City Schools!



**Support Staff:**

**Teacher Aides:**



Mariah Farrington



Jazmynn Gadson



Kyla Jackson



Ashley Moody



Joan McCready



Khara Kirtz



Samantha Gibbons



Ashley Mott



Dallas Gray



Natalie Young

**Cleaners:**



Tyler Austin



Jaydon DeAngelo



Maxwell Portlow



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Heather Krotz



David Marshall

**HVAC Specialist:**

**Keyboard Specialists:**



Lisa Yingling



Nancy Martin



Jackie Falk





# News From OHS



## Summer Trips

Olean students had an opportunity to find their sense of adventure this summer as they embarked on science based field trips hosted by Mr. Freeman and Mr. Woleben. There were a total of six trips which provided a variety of options to choose from. Students worked hands on, digging up ancient trilobite and crinoid fossils at Penn Dixie in Buffalo and then traveled to the Buffalo Museum of Science where they were amazed by the new dinosaur exhibits and got the opportunity to immerse themselves in the engineering side of science within the museum.

Students also got to do some site seeing and hiking at Watkins Glen State Park where they hiked the gorge and viewed the spectacular waterfalls that flow through the area. Letchworth and Stoney Brook State Park were another locality where students were able to view the geological significance of the rock and formations all within 60 miles of the City of Olean.

As we all know it is never too early to start looking at colleges and information about the work force. Students had the opportunity to view Buffalo State College and Planetarium during a tour of the campus this summer which gave an insight to what types of majors and minors are available for students post-graduation from Olean.

Traveling south now to Penn's Cave and Woodward Cave where students explored the caverns left behind from thousands of years of natural weathering and erosion. While at Penn's Cave, students took a wildlife adventure tour which showed off some of the local wildlife and educated them on how certain animal's life and strive in the environment in which they call their home.

To wrap up the summer fun, students were able to take a once in a lifetime opportunity to go white water rafting at White Water Adventures in Central PA. White Water Adventures is located just southeast of Pittsburgh on the Youghiogheny River. Students were able to raft class 3 white water rapids and experience what it was like to jump off a rock into a water hole within the river itself.

Fun was had by all students and staff that were able to attend these summer trips. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Woleben would also like to thank Mrs. Gayton and Mr. Kruse for chaperoning the trips this summer. "I'm very happy with how all the trips turned out and can't wait for what the future holds," Freeman remarked. Woleben goes on to state "I hope that we have the opportunity to do this again in the near future and see what other type of trips we can plan so that students get the chance to have fun during the summer months here at Olean."



## Cashiers in Training

Students in Mrs. Frentz' Careers & Financial Management classes practice making change using play money. Students were taught how to make change without the use of a calculator. They practiced their skills by role playing as one student role played as the cashier while the other student role played as the customer.

## 2022-23 SAC CALENDAR

### October

19,26	Every Wednesday we wear pink. Jar Wars for Pink Pumpkin Project.	
24-28	Halloween Spirit Week	
28	Dance	8-10 pm

### November

10	Homeless Huskies	
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### December

7	Giving Tuesday	
19-22	Holiday Spirit Week	

### February

6-10	Winter Weekend Spirit Week	
10	Winter Weekend Assembly	2:05-3:00
11	Winter Weekend Dance	9:00-11:30
14	Valentine's Spirit Day	

### March

17	St. Patrick's Spirit Day	
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### May

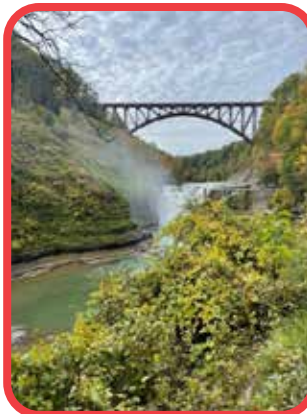
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TBD	Prom	

**\*\* All events and times are subject to change \*\***



## UPB College Visit

Mr. Threehouse and Mrs. Broadbent from the high school guidance office chaperoned a bus trip for thirty-three juniors and seniors on October 6, 2022 to the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (UPB). Students learned about UPB's majors and minor offerings, the college admissions process and timeline, extracurricular activities at UPB and took a walking tour of the beautiful campus with student ambassadors. Mr. Alex Nazemetz, Director of Admissions, was very generous to the students that participated in the visit. Students were offered a wonderful lunch in their dining hall with many food options and were given a UPB t-shirt as we left the campus.



## Letchworth Trip

Advanced English 9 and Advanced English 11 students traveled to Letchworth State Park on Thursday, October 6, 2022. As a summer reading project, students read the biography A Narrative of the Life of Mrs. Mary Jemison by Dr. James Seaver. Mary Jemison grew up near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and became known as the "White Woman of the Genesee." As a young girl she was captured and adopted into a Seneca family. She spent much of her life living near the Genesee River. In 1824, the biography of her life was published in the form of captivity narrative. The field trip included a tour of the William Pryor Letchworth Museum and viewing Mary Jemison's statue and cabins. The students also hiked the Mary Jemison trail and continued to the Upper and Middle Falls on a beautiful fall day.





# News From OIMS



## Cafeteria Mural

This summer, 17 rising 7th graders helped Ms. Cawley and Mr. Milne transform the cafeteria with Husky colors and spirit. Everyone worked very hard and it looks awesome!



## Map Projects

Mr. Talbot's class recently learned about the features of a map and different types of maps. Featured in the photo are completed elevation and bird's eye view maps from some of his students.



## Mrs. Bean's Map Making Project

Mrs. Bean's sixth grade social studies classes are working on a mapping project. Each student is creating their utopia world.



## Plant and Animal Adaptations

Mrs. Burrows' science class is learning about plant and animal adaptations. One physical adaptation they learned about is camouflage. For an activity students had the challenge to camouflage their butterfly and hide it somewhere around the room.





## Pirate Muster

Every Friday, the fourth graders get together at “Pirate Muster”. The teachers use this time to discuss the positive things going on in the fourth grade. They also discuss areas that we could see improvement. Each classroom selects a “Pirate of the Week”. This student displays the positive character traits they have learned. Look for the list of weekly Pirates of the Week in our newsletter.



## New Look for the Front Entrance

The front doors of OIMS received a recent makeover by CA BOCES Graphic Design & Print Shop Team! A special thank you and shout out to CA BOCES for a job well done.



## Husky Pride



# Washington West Elementary School



## Don't Stop the Reading

Our husky pups love to pick up a good book and read, but these readers get to enjoy their time reading to a pal here in our halls: Speedy the Tortoise!



## DOT Day!

International Dot Day is celebrated each September and honors the children's book titled *The Dot*, by Peter H. Reynolds. Our Picasso Pups crafted their own dot displays to place on a tree in our hallway. This display is a reminder to us all that we can "just make a mark and see where it takes us."



## An Apple a Day...

These PK Pups had quite a month, but one major highlight is applesauce making day! They peel the apples, mash them up, got a tasty treat to share with friends in the halls of WW!



## Pup Pack

When our husky pups put forth good effort in our halls, they earn PUP PACK cards. These cards are then selected for a special luncheon celebration on Friday. These lucky pups were the first inductees into the PUP PACK in September. Way to go, Future LEADERS of the PACK!

Follow your Husky Pups on Twitter @OleanWW



# East View Elementary School



## Fun With Friends

Our third graders spending some time on the playground together with friends.



## Snacks and Learning

Pop corn and math go really well together!



## Hands On Learning

Our third graders are learning about landforms with a wonderful hands on learning lesson.



## Reading with Four-Legged Friends

Some first graders are getting ready to read with our therapy dog!



## Monkey See Monkey Do

Kindergarten can be a real barrel of monkeys!



## Super Leader Lunches

We are really excited to bring back our Super Leader Lunches! Thank you to the Olean Foundation for helping create this great space in our school.



## Fall Science

Our kindergarteners are being scientists and learning all about leaves.

Follow our school on twitter @OleanEastView

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## Olean City School District

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## Elantas Donation

Employees from Elantas PDG Inc. recently delivered a generous donation of school supplies to the Olean City School District to benefit students and teachers in need.

“When trying to decide where to focus our donations, we thought that the Olean City School District would be an excellent place to contribute to,” stated Stephanie Green, Production Scheduler with Elantas PDG, Inc.

“It is so wonderful when community partners collaborate like this to help our families and students,” stated Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Olean City School District.

Elantas employees donated approximately \$250 in school supplies and the company contributed a monetary donation of \$500. Elantas, PDG, Inc. located in Olean, NY has been operating for 64 years manufacturing polyurethane, epoxy, and resins as well as casted urethane products which include belts, squeegees and missile launch pads.

## 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

Embracing diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement