



# SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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## A Message from Dr. Morris - Happy New Year:

I want to extend my best wishes to the entire Olean City School District (OSCD) school community for a happy and healthy new year. Seeing all our children, teachers, and staff back in our schools after a well-deserved break was exciting.

The beginning of a new year provides a perfect opportunity for us to recommit to our mission/vision to provide a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate. Over the past few months, our school and community members have worked on a vision statement to form our strategic plan. We are very excited to collect parent and community thoughts as we plan for our district. Our students will only benefit from implementing the vision we all have to advance the opportunities and success of our children. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing our final plan!

As we venture into the opportunities of 2023, I encourage us all to reflect on achieving our mission for the success of our children. Thank you for all you do to ensure our students succeed. I look forward to all we will accomplish together this year for the Olean City School District.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Genelle Morris*

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Superintendent of Schools



## 2023 Board of Education Meeting Schedule:

Regular meetings of the Olean City School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:30p.m. in the Olean High School Board of Education Room unless otherwise noted.

- Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023
- Tuesday, March 21, 2023
- Tuesday, April 18, 2023
- Tuesday, May 2, 2023
- Wednesday, May 17, 2023
- Tuesday, June 6, 2023
- Tuesday, June 27, 2023





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## A December to Remember:

Last month, it was a "December to Remember" in the Olean City School District. Faculty and staff did a marvelous job in making our classrooms and hallways festive for the holidays! Special holiday festivities and activities happened throughout the month, several incorporating creative lesson plans geared towards teaching our students core curriculum while putting a festive spin on things. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all OCSD faculty, staff and administration for making the holidays so special for all of our Huskies.



OHS students in Mrs. Perry's Global History class made some awesome history Christmas ornaments that represented an event that took place in global history.



OHS students in Mrs. Bennion's & Mrs. Ring's Math class did some hands on learning, 'Cooking for Math' - making breakfast casseroles and muffins!







## A December to Remember, continued:



Students in Mr. Freeman's Earth Science class competed in a holiday engineering project in teams of three. The teams had to build a catapult to shoot marshmallows at targets on the floor to earn points. Each class had a champion team that came back at the end of the day for a final Championship competition. The catapults were made from plastic spoons, rubber bands, tape, and popsicle sticks. The students had to design their own from scratch. Prizes were awarded to the overall champions with the highest points at the end of the day!



A special shout-out to a "grandma" elf who donated cookies for our first grade husky pups to decorate!







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### 6th Graders donate to the Olean Food Pantry:



Sixth grade students at OIMS recently took part in a cereal drive challenge. Homerooms competed to see who could bring in the most cereal. The orange and red team students brought in over 80 boxes of cereal in total with Mr. Talbot's class winning the competition. The cereal is being donated to the Olean Food Pantry.





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## Senior Spotlights:

Every issue of my Superintendent's Briefs will introduce and celebrate all of our hard-working Senior scholars in their last year before they prepare to move on to college or careers at the end of the year. We are certainly husky proud of them all! Our first set of our Seniors scholars are highlighted below. All Seniors will be featured so continue to check back for more highlights!



**Name:** Mercedes Colbert

**Highlight of HS career:** Involving myself within the school. Keeping up with my grades, while playing a sport and showing up to support the rest of the school with my husky spirit such as sports games, meetings, assemblies, the music department, etc.

**Plans after HS:** Major in Interior Design and Business

**Advice to underclassmen:** Prioritize yourself

**Senior Shout Out:** Family & former teacher Mr. Kolasny



**Name:** Cade Anastasia

**Highlight of HS career:** Sports

**Plans after HS:** Attend college

**Advice to underclassmen:** Work hard

**Senior Shout Out:** My classmates and teachers



**Name:** Drew Brokaw

**Highlight of HS career:** Too many to pick one

**Plans after HS:** Attend Alfred University to major in Mechanical Engineering

**Advice to underclassmen:** Slow down, high school is way too fast

**Senior Shout Out:** I would like to thank administrators because I have noticed that in the last year our school has become more organized and orderly.





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### Senior Spotlights:



**Name:** Siena Smith

**Highlight of HS career:** Prom

**Plans after HS:** I plan on moving to Washington State immediately after graduation. I'm not sure if I'm going to college or not.

**Senior Shout Out:** I would like to thank all of my English teachers



**Name:** Max Butler

**Highlight of HS career:** When I passed Drivers Education

**Plans after HS:** Attend college

**Advice to underclassmen:** Do the work now and then rest after

**Senior Shout Out:** Everyone of my teachers. thank you so much for teaching and guiding me!



**Name:** Connor Valenti

**Highlight of HS career:** Being able to attend and support as many Olean Husky Sports teams with my friends that I will have for the rest of my life.

**Plans after HS:** Attend the University at Buffalo and study Business Marketing with a minor in Finance.

**Advice to underclassmen:** Do not wish your time away, enjoy staying young.

**Senior Shout Out:** I would like to thank Mr. Perry, he has been one of the best teachers that this school has ever had. I am going to miss him so much and I hope that he continues to keep teaching.



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## Senior Spotlights:



**Name:** Emma Washington

**Highlight of HS career:** Going back to school full time junior year after COVID hit freshman year and joining yearbook and from that discovering a new interest and something I want to pursue.

**Plans after HS:** I want to go into a marketing field but i am still not sure which one yet. I am definitely planning on going to a SUNY school.

**Advice to underclassmen:** Push through the hard times because it does get better you really just need to keep your head up and be proud and confident about yourself and rewards will come to you. Also don't worry about what anyone else thinks about you, you know yourself better than everyone so just keep believing in yourself!

**Senior Shout Out:** My mom and dad



**Name:** Dylan DiRosa

**Highlight of HS career:** Being in SAC and helping put on school events also all of my clubs including HSD and BOCRD.

**Plans after HS:** Military Service - Air Force

**Advice to underclassmen:** Go to BOCES

**Senior Shout Out:** Tim Emley and Lisa Kranz, two of my best and biggest influences.

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