

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF Dr. Genelle Morris

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Holiday Message from Dr. Morris:

During the holiday season, I am sending each of you a sincere word of thanks and my warmest wishes for a happy and safe holiday celebration with your loved ones. The holiday season offers a chance to pause and reflect. As we do so, we remind ourselves just how fortunate our school system is to serve a vibrant community that deeply values our children's learning.

On the behalf of our Board of Education and district leaders, I would like to let you know that we appreciate the continued dedication of our school administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and guardians.

As a student-centered school community, I want to encourage all of us, parents, guardians, and educators, to celebrate the students in our lives this holiday season. No matter what your holiday celebrations look like, please acknowledge and encourage the students in your family. Let them know you are proud of their work and rooting for their success. We are thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here.

We are thankful for the support of the parents in creating an outstanding partnership for our students. We are grateful for the teachers, assistants, aides, bus drivers, secretaries, nurses, lunchroom aides, support staff, therapists, nurses, and administrators who care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our schools.

In summary, I am so thankful for being a part of the Husky Pack, and I look forward to working with you during the next several years. On behalf of the Olean City Schools Board of Education and district leaders, I wish you a great holiday season. I send you best wishes for a time filled with family, friends, love, and laughter!

Sincerely,

Dr. Genelle Morris

Dr. Genelle Morris Superintendent of Schools





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Support Related Professionals Day:

In recognition of 'Support Related Professionals' (SRP) Day, Superintendent, Dr. Morris is pictured below with a few Support Related Professionals in the Olean City School District.



Pictured from left to right are as follows: Patricia Fratarcangelo – Food Service, Mark Hayman – Central Receiving, Pam Burrows – Lifeguard, Joan Haynes – Keyboard Specialist, Bob Malone – Building & Grounds Maintainer, Dr. Genelle Morris - Superintendent of Schools, Joe Duplechian – Technology, Jodi Mallery – Teacher Aide, Kathleen Neeson – Nurse, Andrew Nasuta – Cleaner, Terry Phearsdorf – Building Maintainer.

Thank you to all of our Support Related Professionals for all of their ongoing hard work and dedication to our students.



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Recognizing Special Education Day:

"Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or in the same way." December 2nd marked National Special Education Day, a day that recognizes changes in federal legislation that led to the nation's first federal special education law. Special Education is not a place, it is service to provide the tools and resources students need to reach maximum success. Along with traditional academics, students in Mrs. Mest's class at OIMS complete jobs in the classroom and around the school to build independence and functional life skills for life outside the classroom.











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Manufacturing Day:



Junior students at OHS recently had the opportunity to participate in a Manufacturing Event with JCC and CUTCO. Students toured JCC and were able to experience first hand the coursework that would prepare them for a career in manufacturing. Students also toured CUTCO, to see the amazing opportunities this company has to and were able to witness the real-life application of skills earned in the degree programs at JCC. The day was a huge success and OHS is thankful for all who worked to make the event happen, and proud to have our students participate!









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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: Lily Schena

Highlight of HS career: Soccer team camps, track sectionals, winning 1st at cheer competition, being apart of the musicals, getting prom court and winning Homecoming Queen, and Homeless Huskies.

Plans after HS: Major in Advocacy Communications and Human Service **Advice to underclassmen:** Tryout for that sport or join that club, attend school events! Don't ever be scared to do something that interests you, the memories will be worth it.

Senior Shout Out: My mom specifically for always pushing me to be the absolute best I can be in everything and providing me with the support I need to succeed. My dad for instilling my confidence within me and always reminding me i'm capable of anything. The rest of my family for believing in me. My teachers for making their classrooms comfortable and always being willing to help. And all my friends for shaping me into who I am.



Name: Bryanne Cowles

Highlight of HS career: Going on the Iceland trip that the school offered. **Plans after HS:** To go to Alfred State to be an RN **Advice to underclassmen:** Try to have fun but don't base your world around having the most friends. Just be nice and outgoing.

Senior Shout Out: Mr. Vecchio

Way to Go - Class of 2023!



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Senior Spotlights:



Name: Ashlyn Flood

Highlight of HS career: Becoming Senior President Plans after HS: Attending St. Bonaventure University Advice to underclassmen: You to not need a binder for every single class. Senior Shout Out: My mom



Name: Hudson Dibble Highlight of HS career: BOCES Plans after HS: Work Advice to underclassmen: Join a sport or a club Senior Shout Out: Mr. Webster



Name: Samantha Gould
Highlight of HS career: Getting 1st overall in cheer competition
Plans after HS: Going to college for Forensic Science
Advice to underclassmen: Get involved and don't be afraid to try something new.
Senior Shout Out: My mom and dad



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Senior Spotlights:



Name: Brooke Capito Highlight of HS career: the good times Plans after HS: To go to college Advice to underclassmen: Enjoy your time while you have it. Senior Shout Out: My parents



Name: Logan Baer
Highlight of HS career: Winning the Section 6, Class B Volleyball
Championship my Junior Year
Plans after HS: Attending college
Advice to underclassmen: Live in the moment
Senior Shout Out: My family, friends and teachers

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