



SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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A Message from Dr. Morris:

I hope you all had a restful week off and an opportunity to recharge for the next phase of our school year. I want to take a moment and share some details of our upcoming capital project with you all. By now, you've probably seen articles in the paper, information on our website and social media, posters and renderings around the buildings, and postcards in the mail sharing information about our capital project vote that will take place on Tuesday, March 14th at the OIMS Music Suite; 7am–9pm.

In March 2020, the Olean City School District voters approved a \$24.8 million Capital Project. Two years later, as we prepared to bid, we realized we were facing a 30% increase in capital construction costs. To throw up another hurdle, one of the soil samples at the OIMS athletic field showed a level of arsenic higher than what the DEC deems acceptable for a school district. We decided to put this project phase on hold and do additional soil testing to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and community. Fortunately, further testing of the soil confirmed that the soil at the OIMS building was not hazardous. As many of you know, there was previously an old glass factory at the site of the OIMS building and athletic fields. This meant we uncovered a lot of “dirty” soil.

After extensive testing and consulting with experts, it was determined to remediate the soil by removing all the soil from the OIMS baseball/softball/football field area and bringing in new, clean soil before proceeding with the construction of the turf field and new playground area. Unfortunately, this soil remediation and the impact of inflations are resulting in \$5.5 million more in expenses than the voters originally authorized us to spend on the project. This is why we are holding the capital project vote on March 14th, seeking approval from the voters to pay \$5.5 million more on this portion. The excellent news is that no new taxes will be levied for this project. We got the State to provide us with additional State Building Aid for this portion of the project, and we will also be using a portion of our Capital Reserve Fund.

We will hold a Capital Project Public Forum on Tuesday, February 28th, at the OIMS LGI Room at 6:30 pm if you want to learn more about the Capital Project. The vote will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, at the OIMS Music Suite from 7 am – 9 pm. If you are an Olean City School District resident and a registered voter, we encourage you to get out and vote! If you have questions about the capital project, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Genelle Morris

Superintendent of Schools





East View, Book Bingo a Success:

On Wednesday, February 1, 2023, East View husky pups and their families enjoyed 'Book Bingo' at Olean's Raymour & Flanigan. Husky pups had the opportunity to cuddle up on the couches with their families to play bingo. In exchange for winning bingo, students were able to pick out a new book to take home with them. A special shout out to Raymour & Flanigan for hosting this incredible event.





CA BOCES Winter Carnival:

On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Olean CA BOCES students attended the annual Cattaraugus/Allegany BOCES Winter Carnival at Holiday Valley Tubing Company in Ellicottville, NY. Students and staff enjoyed the beautiful weather, food and winter activities.



School Counselor Appreciation Week:

Olean City School District recognized the week of February 6th - 10th as National School Guidance Counselor Week. A huge thank you to all of those who work in the Guidance Office and all you do for our Huskies!





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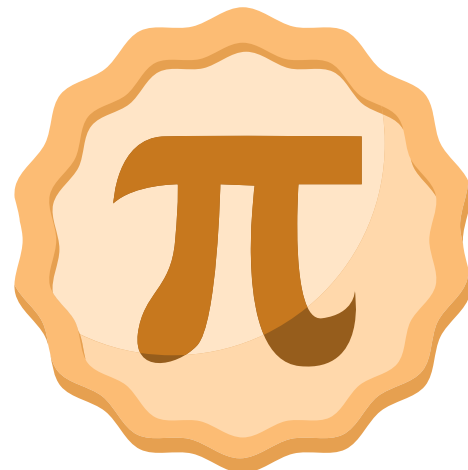
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Pi Day, March 14th:

What better way to celebrate Pi Day than with an actual...pie, and a Moon Pie, at that.

Pi (Greek letter “ π ”) is the symbol used to represent the ratio of any circle’s circumference to its diameter — approximately 3.14.

Celebrated across the world on March 14, Pi Day is an opportunity for math enthusiasts to recount the infinite digits of Pi and for the rest of us to eat pie. While the Ancient Egyptians invented what we recognize as pie today, they also calculated the decimal approximation of Pi to be $(16/9)^2 \approx 3.16$. Pie and Pi have interested people worldwide for over 4,000 years!



Pi Day is also the same day we are holding our Capital Project vote, which will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, at OIMS Music Suite. If you are an Olean City School District resident and a registered voter, we encourage you to vote!

The Olean City School District will also offer free Moon Pies on Tuesday, March 14th, at the OIMS Music Suite from 7 am to 9 pm to celebrate Pi Day.

The Moon Pies will be first come, first serve (one per patron) – no reservation required.

Please come and support our capital project and enjoy a sweet treat while you do!



Harold Dutton Award:

On Thursday, February 9th, the students pictured to the left, were awarded the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award! Congratulations to these Huskies for all of their hard work and dedication.



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: Jack DeRose

Highlight of HS career: Playing basketball and making friendships that I will have for a lifetime

Plans after HS: Attend college, major in business, and possibly continue my basketball career in college

Advice to underclassmen: Enjoy every moment. High School is a time you do not get back. Make the most out of everything and have no regrets. Enjoy this time in your life.

Senior Shout Out: My family and God



Name: Teagan Pounds

Highlight of HS career: Receiving two academic achievement awards

Plans after HS: Attend college

Advice to underclassmen: Try to stay on top of your work. Tell your teachers when you are having a hard time because they will work with you.

Senior Shout Out: Mrs. Wolfgang



Name: Jadon Blazejewski

Highlight of HS career: Football

Plans after HS: Attend college

Advice to underclassmen: Stay on top of all your work and join sports

Senior Shout Out: Chris Bargy



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Senior Spotlights:



Name: Lillian May

Highlight of HS career: Health and Ceramics class

Plans after HS: Go to Niagara University for Social Services

Advice to underclassmen: Don't follow people because you think they are cool, be your own leader and make the new cool. Don't worry about drama because over half the people you are friends with, you most likely will never see them again, we all have our own lives.

Senior Shout Out: Mrs. Nawrot and Mrs. O'Brian for always being supportive and going out of their way to make sure students are at their best.



Name: Aiden Dobson

Highlight of HS career: Managing the 2019-2020 Varsity Basketball Team

Plans after HS: Work security or be a K9 unit

Advice to underclassmen: Don't fall behind and let stuff build up

Senior Shout Out: Coach Vecchio



Name: Megan West

Highlight of HS career: Meeting my friends

Plans after HS: Undecided

Advice to underclassmen: Be nicer to your teachers

Senior Shout Out: Mrs. Wolfgang



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Senior Spotlights:



Name: Olivia Kratts

Highlight of HS career: Sports

Plans after HS: Start working until I figure out what I want to do

Advice to underclassmen: Keep to yourself

Senior Shout Out: Myself



Name: Madisyn Cleveland

Highlight of HS career: Orchestra

Plans after HS: Attend and graduate college

Advice to underclassmen: Try to enjoy it while it lasts, as hard as it might be

Senior Shout Out: Mr. Wada and Mrs. Wolfgang

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