

Family Engagement News

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February is National Black History Month as well as Heart Health Month. This week is also National School Counselors' week! February is a very busy time for Olean students as they have Winter Weekend, Valentines Day, and a week off for Winter break. Hopefully the temperatures will rise a little bit for us! Did you know that the Board of Education Meetings are open to the public? They meet once a month, usually in the BOE room located at OHS starting at 6:30 PM. Come and check it out! Need a little help with child care expenses? A family of 4 can make up to \$108,631 and still get assistance. Go to: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/ccap/help.php>

East View: East View had to cancel their Book BINGO and Title I Parent Meeting due to closing for extreme weather last month, but it is rescheduled for Wednesday **February 12th**. Title I parents begin at 5:30 and **Book BINGO** at 6:00, at Raymour & Flanigan! I hope to see you all there. The PTO met to finalize the plans for the **Pirates & Princess Dance on February 7th from 6-7:30**, and the PTO will meet again on **February 10th at 6:30** in Lauren Caya's room. Parents are always welcome! Upcoming events include the Family Ice Skating and the end of the year Carnival on **June 13th**! Don't forget there is **no school February 17th-21st !!!**

Washington West: Washington West held their Family Ice Skating day where about 50 families came and spent some time on the ice. (see pictures). Upcoming events will include their Family Literacy Night and other Family events. Don't forget there is **no school February 17th-21st !!!**

OIMS: OIMS students Grades 6-8 had their Solofest at Alleghany Limestone last weekend (We are so proud of our talented musicians), and OIMS is scheduled for their annual "No One Eats Alone" event on Valentine's Day. Upcoming events will include their Family Literacy Night coming soon. Don't forget there is **no school February 17th-21st !!!**

OHS: The National Honor Society held their new inductee dinner at the Pulaski Club last month. 43 new members were inducted into this prestigious organization that recognizes high school students for their outstanding achievements in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. NHS aims to elevate a culture of academic excellence and community involvement. Members are selected based on

their academic performance, community service, leadership qualities, and strong character, and they participate in various activities that promote these values. Don't forget there is **no school February 17th-21st !**

Special Education: If you are a student with a disability and are a Junior or Senior, and you haven't yet filled out your paperwork for ACCES-VR (transitional services), you still have time to do this! We have scheduled another Junior/Senior/Parent Night to help you fill out the applications and answer any questions you have. **Parent Night** will be held on **March 6th** from **6-7 PM** at the PLC (402 N. 7th Street). Letters will be coming soon to those who haven't applied yet! We have also planned another free workshop through Parent Network on **March 12th** from **6-7:30**. Registration is free but required ! Please register at: [Parent Network](#) The topic is Parents & Family Engagement through the FBA and BIP Process. A great workshop for all parents at every grade level!

SAVE THE DATES:

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| February 7th: | EV Dance 6-7:30PM |
| February 10th: | EV PTO 6:30 PM |
| February 11th: | BOE Meeting 6:30 PM @ OHS BOE room |
| February 12th: | EV Book BINGO 6-7 PM @ Raymour & Flanigan |
| February 17th-21st: | NO SCHOOL |
| March 5th: | NO SCHOOL |
| March 6th: | ACCES-VR Junior/Senior Parent Night 6-7 PM @ PLC |
| March 12th: | Parent Workshop 6-7:30 PM @ PLC (Topic: Parent & Family Engagement through the FBA and BIP Process) |
| March 18th: | BOE Meeting 6:30 PM @ OHS BOE room |

Did you know that there are plenty of resources available on our website? Just go to www.oleanschools.org and under the **Community Schools** you will find the **Family Engagement** Page. Here you will find plenty of resources and we will continue to update these.

There is also a **Calendar** and a **Community Events** section that includes both things through the school and a section for events out in the community for families to participate in! New items are listed almost daily so check it out. We also added a section for **Newsletters** that will be posted monthly. Also, there is a family resource page for each of our buildings through Parent Square. If you know of an event in the community and don't see it listed there, feel free to contact Cindi Rhoades at (716) 375-8031 or crhoades@oleanschools.org and fill me in.

Enjoy the pictures below of some events we've had!



Washington West Family Skating



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National Honor Society (new members)