

Family Engagement News

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Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful winter break with lots of family time and fun festivities! I was so excited to have all three of my kids, and of course my grandson, home for Christmas this year! Please be careful in the snow and cold. This is prime season for picking up viruses so make sure you wash your hands frequently.

East View: East View held their first Holiday Hoopla last month and 120 students came, with family, to participate in the awesome events! (see some pictures below) They also had the 2nd and 3rd grade concerts which were wonderful, and had over 300 adults attending. Upcoming events include the Book BINGO event on **January 22nd** at Raymour & Flanigan's from 6-7 PM. A special invitation will be sent out to select parents & students for a quick but fun informational event on Title I services, along with Cookies and Hot Chocolate just before the main event, so I hope to see you all there! We also have a Winter Dance on **February 7th**, Ice Skating coming soon, and the end of the year Carnival on **June 13th**! I'll keep you posted! Students have three extra days off from school this month: **January 20th, 27th, & 29th !**

Washington West: Washington West held their annual holiday shop where students got to purchase items for their families and friends, their 2nd and 3rd grade concerts where over 300 people attended, and of course, their annual Cookies with Santa Night on December 6th. About 150 students came with their families to enjoy this annual event! (see pictures below). A big thank you to all the high school and SBU students who came out to help this year. This month they have a **Free Family Ice Skating** event on Sunday **January 12th** from **2:30-4:30** at the William O. Smith Recreation Center. This is open to all Washington West students and their families so come and join us! Students have three extra days off from school this month: **January 20th, 27th, & 29th !**

OIMS: OIMS held their annual Holiday Concert at OHS and had a great turnout! Upcoming events will include their **Family Literacy Night** coming soon. Students have three extra days off from school this month: **January 20th, 27th, & 29th !**

OHS: OHS held their annual Holiday Concert on December 18th and it was enjoyed by all. They also had a Financial Aid Night for Juniors & Seniors where about 34 people attended this

informative workshop. Seniors, if you and your parents were not able to attend, you should reach out to your counselor as many things have changed with the FAFSA form. The Poetry Out Loud Competition went well and about 30 spectators came out to see our students. Don't forget that Regents exams are running from **January 21st through January 24th**. See your counselor for your scheduled times.

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 planned another free workshop through Parent Network on **March 12th**.

SAVE THE DATES:

January 12, 2025: **WW Family Ice Skating- 2:30-4:30 Rec Center**

January 20, 2025: **No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

January 21st-24th: **REGENTS EXAMS- OHS**

January 22, 2025: **EV Family Lit Night for Title I 5:30**

EV Book BINGO 6:00 Raymour & Flanigan

January 27, 2025: **No School- Staff Development Day**

January 29, 2025: **No School- Lunar New Year**

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 concerts and Santa Night (Keep scrolling down)



East View Concerts



East View Holiday Hoopla



Keep scrolling for more pictures!



OHS Poetry Out Loud Competition