

Family Engagement News

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It's almost here! Our next big community activity is our **FREE Annual Olean Community Schools Thanksgiving Dinner** scheduled for **Saturday November 16th** from **Noon-2PM** in the **Washington West Cafeteria**. Bring your whole extended family! The entire Olean area Community is welcome. **Note our NEW LOCATION this year!!!!**

East View: East View held their first Family Hoedown on October 29th, where over 200 families participated in hayrides, pumpkin decorating, games and so much family fun! (see some pictures below). We also had our annual Halloween Parade which the kids enjoy almost as much as the Parents! Upcoming events include Santa Night on **December 13th**, Family Literacy Night on **January 22nd**, a Winter Dance on **February 7th**, Ice Skating, and the end of the year Carnival! I'll keep you posted! Don't forget that on Thursday **November 21st** there is no school for grades PreK through 7th for Parent Teacher Conferences and of course the break is Wednesday **November 27th-29th** with school resuming on Monday December 2nd. The next PTO meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 6:30PM.

Washington West: Washington West held their Family Fall Fest last month where about 150 families came together for Fall fun, including horse rides! (see pictures below). This is about 50% of the school! They also held their annual Halloween Parade where parents got to view their littles in all their finery! We have a Cookies with Santa Night on **December 6th**, a Family Ice Skating event on **January 12th** (2:30-4:30), and many more things in the works! The first round of our Spirit Wear Store was very successful so thank you to all the parents that helped out with this event. Don't forget that on Thursday **November 21st** there is no school for grades PreK through 7th for Parent Teacher Conferences (your Spirit Wear will be ready to pick up too), and of course the break is from **November 27th through the 29th**, with school resuming on Monday December 2nd!

OIMS: Upcoming events will include their **Family Literacy Night** coming soon. Don't forget that on Thursday **November 21st** there is no school for grades PreK through 7th for Parent Teacher

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OHS: OHS & the Sports Boosters will have their Fall Varsity Athlete Baquet on **November 5th** and OHS will have their Financial Aid Night on December 9th. Juniors and Seniors, please plan to attend with your parents! **SENIORS:** Just a heads up that SUNY's "free application week" ends on November 3rd. For questions on either event, contact your School Counselor, Rene O'Connell at (716) 375-8016, or stop in to see her.

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 ran a Parent Night for ACCES-VR and one on graduation Requirement Pathways. We have planned another free workshop through Parent Network on **March 12th**.

SAVE THE DATES:

Oct 21st-Nov 3rd	Free SUNY application weeks
Monday, November 11th	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
Saturday, November 16th	Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ Washington West 12-2 PM
Thursday, November 21st	No School for grades PreK-7th (Parent Teacher Conferences)
Wednesday, November 27th-Friday, November 29th	NO SCHOOL- break
Friday, December 6th	Washington West Cookies with Santa 6-7:30 PM
Monday, December 9th	Financial Aid Night-OHS
Friday, December 13th	East View Santa Night 6-8 PM

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 Fall Fun Night.....keep scrolling for more photos



East View Family Hoedown....scroll again!



Halloween Parades (see more below)

