



Superintendent's Message

It has been an interesting several weeks of school between winter weather and the roller coaster of COVID-19 cases and updates. It has been nice to have a more normal school year. We are very proud of the after-school enrichment activities that have been offered because of the ARPA Funding this school year. Administrators and Teachers at Rockwell ES and Wheeler ES worked hard to design and plan after-school programs. We are fortunate to have offered several after-school programs for academics in Math, Reading and ELA along with Social & Emotional Learning opportunities that centered around student learning activities in the fine arts, athletics and physical education. Mr. Dodge and the Transportation Dept. did a fine job organizing the late bus runs for the Jr/Sr High School, Rockwell and Wheeler ES.

OCS hosted extracurricular and athletic activities including basketball tournaments, and OHSL Wrestling Championships with our combined Marcellus/Onondaga team. We are pleased to offer a more normal year and do a good job because of teamwork. Thank you to our OCS Stakeholders for all the support for our students!

Congratulations to all the Winter Athletes and Extra Curricular participants for completing another season. I know many students reached their goals and others may have fallen short, but what I am most proud ...*continued on page 9*

Scholastic Art Gold Key Winner



Congratulations to OCS Senior Katie Gunter! Katie has earned a Gold Key in the 2022 CNY Scholastic Art Awards in the printmaking category for her block print of a woodpecker that she made in Mrs. Passetti's class. Katie created her block print through a process that involved carving two different printing blocks, demonstrating care and precision in the layered printing process.

Katie's "Woodpecker" artwork will be part of the 2022 CNY Scholastic Art Exhibit at OCC at the Whitney Applied Technology Center from January 19th to March 4th, featuring amazing student artwork from schools throughout the Central New York area. Katie's name and category award will also be added to the Scholastic Art Awards plaque that is in the high school hallway outside of the auditorium.



TIGER DESIGNS

Congratulations to Sylvana Adams and Zoe Power.

Mrs. Passetti's Studio Art classes worked on original black and white tiger art for the annual OCS student planner design competition.

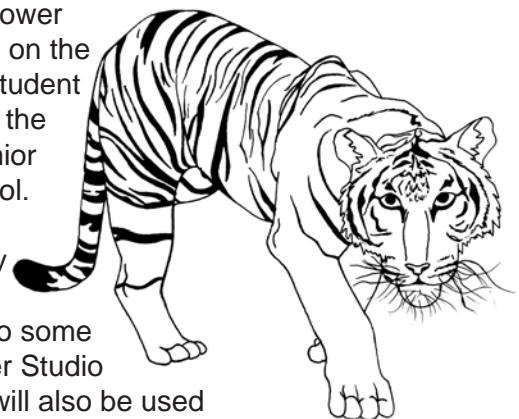
Mr. Mumford and the office staff looked through all of the entries and chose the artwork by Sylvana Adams and Zoe Power to be used on the 2022-23 Student Planner at the Junior/Senior High School.

There were many excellent designs, so some of the other Studio Art tigers will also be used in the district newsletter or other publications throughout the year.

All of the students did a wonderful job with their tiger designs.



*Sylvana Adams,
grade 9*



Zoe Power, grade 10

ROCKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY TWOS DAY!



February 2, 2022 was a once in a lifetime event! Yes, it was 2/2/22. Some first graders wrote about their favorites now as elementary students. Then they drew a picture and wrote about their plans for after high school. Their writings were then placed in a safe location. Rockwell First graders will be graduating from high school in 2033. On March 3, 2033, (3/3/33), these students will receive their writing pieces.

February is American Heart Month

Heart health is among the most important factors to an individual's physical well-being. Heart disease is the leading cause of death nationally in adults, and everyone should know its risks factors, as well as how to promote good heart health overall. There's no better time to take such steps than now: February is American Heart Month. Observed every second month of the year, American Heart Month represents a critical time for raising awareness of preventative actions and healthy lifestyle choices that lead to better heart health.

Responsible for 1 in every 4 deaths, heart disease is a subject that needs to be addressed. Take the time to recognize symptoms and brush up on how to make better decisions for your heart. You can start by learning more about American Heart Month.

Rockwell Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

Registration for September 2022 for both Preschool and Kindergarten is open.

Preschool: Packets for 3 & 4 year old's will be in the blue bin outside of Rockwell's main entrance, located at 208 Rockwell Road, Nedrow. If you are currently enrolled in the PK program, a registration packet will be sent home with your child. Students must be 3 or 4 years old by December 1, 2022 to enter preschool and must be 4 years old to ride the school bus.

Kindergarten: Packets for new incoming Kindergarteners can be picked up in the blue bin outside of the Rockwell Elementary School's main entrance during regular school hours. A Kindergarten registration packet for our current preschoolers will be sent home. Students must be 5 years old by December 1, 2022 to enter Kindergarten.

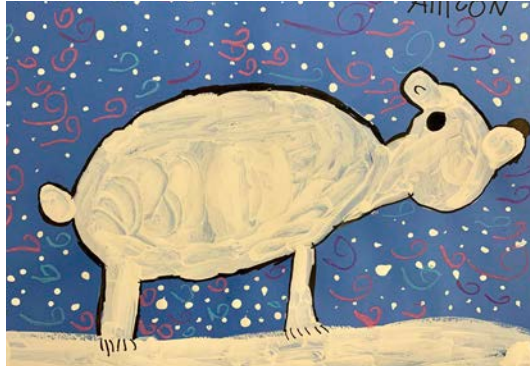
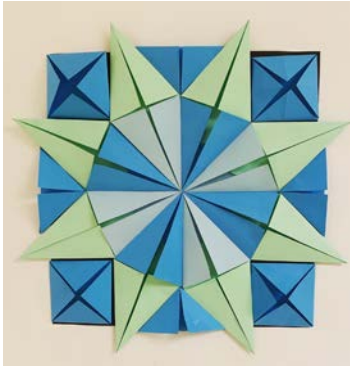
Once the forms are filled out, please email: lwadsworth@onondagacsd.org to make an appointment. Or call 315-552-5070 ext 7129, weekdays between 8:15-12:15.

Parents/Guardians must bring the following to the registration appointment:

- ☐ Proof of identification (parent or guardian)
- ☐ Birth certificate (original)
- ☐ Shot Record/Physical
- ☐ 2 Proofs of residency (1) primary (1) secondary
(Examples: An updated driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, lease agreement, bank statement, etc.)
- ☐ If applicable, copy of custody papers



ROCKWELL SCHOOL ART



WHEELER SCHOOL NEWS

Spelling Bee School Spelldown



Pictured left: Spelling Bee winner Liam Luchsinger, 4th grade. Pictured right: Wheeler Elementary and Jr/Sr High School Spelling Bee Contestants.



On December 21, Wheeler Elementary sent 10 of their top spellers to the Jr/Sr High School to compete in a Spelling Bee School Spelldown. The 10 students that competed from Wheeler were Violet Greene, Alex O'Rourke, Bobby Baxter, Liam Luchsinger, Ella Lettsome, Dereck Love, James Smith, Jacob Wadsworth, Ian Powell, and Miles Welch. After a tough competition, Liam Luchsinger won the overall spelldown with the spelling word "ransacked." Along with Liam, the top 4 students including Ian Powell, Ella Lettsome, and Alex O'Rourke were able to move onto the written portion of the spelling bee that was completed on January 21 and 22.

Great job to our Spelling Bee students for their dedication and hard work!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Honor Roll / Second Marking Period

7th Grade

Abbott, Payton*
Buchanan, Jadon*
Burton, Jacob
Donze, Amani
Doshna, Olivia
Fox, Olivia*
Frazier, Mariana*
Freyer, Abigail*
Haines, Tyler*
Hantke, Logan*
Hourigan, Theodore*
Hughes, William
Hunter, Trevor*
Kobasa, Lyla
Leite, Robert*
Luton, Reed*
MacDerment, Miller
Marsh, Kendal*
Mattison, Bryce*
McCoy, Knoll*
Miller, Jr., Sean*
Murphy, Brian
Niles, Sydney*
O'Dell, Addison
Peet, Darius
Pierce, Grace
Reidy, Matthew
Rhyant, Emalie
Smith, Rory*
Spencer, Adeline*
Spies, Anna*
Spies, Lena*
Vonderweidt, Arielle*
Zarnowski, Isabella

8th Grade

Andino, Carolyn*
Brasket, Avery
Braun, Jacob
Brown, Maxwell
Cox, Mackenna*
Cox, Sydney*
Crews, Alex*
Doner, Nathan*
Fordyce, Kaleigha*
French, Dorothy
Goodman, Samantha*
Green, Jada
Halsey, Lyana*
Hill, Tessa*
Job, Savannah*
Mahoney, Grace*
Mayoral, Brysen
McBride, Yasmine*
Mckee, Tucker*
McMahon, Alannah
Miller, Madilynn*
Mohamed, Emily*
Morris, Nolan
Moses, Justin*
Mulligan, Riley*
Nett, Benjamin*
Pierce Jr., David*
Romano, Autumn*
Sanford, Santino*
Scott, Danica
Steele, Coburn*
Victoriano, Ryan*
Wilhelm, Zachary*
Ziebarth, Lilyann

9th Grade

Adams, Sylvana*
Bellinger, Jaiden
Bennett, Tyson
Bloom, Olivia*
Catarisano, Evan
Cheek, Jordan*
Chen, Cindy*
Cruz, Adan
Davis, Gabrielle*
Donath, Ella*
Foster, Helena
Garafolo, Kaydee
Grady, Sahara*
Grenton, LaJada*
Hayes, Lina*
Holley, Jordan*
Hunter, II, David
Kelsey, Alaina
LaMacchia, Emanuel*
Lettsome, Deshea*
Lopez Vasquez, Franklin
Mango, Evylena*
Martinez Figueroa, Hayly*
McCullough, Liam
McIntosh, Lucas
Morman, Amieya
Parker, Miles*
Robinson, Alexis
Rodriguez, Keahra*
Sanborn, Melissa*
Schmidt, Mackenzie*
Schultz, Hannah*
Schultz, Leah
Schultz, Madelyn*

Smith, Skylar*

Sutton, Seamus
Taylor, Jasmine
Thousand III, Richard*
Toomey, John
Vincent, Jadin*
Vonderweidt, Callisthene*

10th Grade

Clos, Lindsay*
Coonradt, Lillian*
Cutri, Brayden*
Fitzgerald, Alysia
Fowler, Caleb*
Grosso, Ella*
Hourigan, Charlotte*
Kahley, Lillian*
Knapp, Delanie*
Kobasa, Devin*
Koslowsky, Emma*
Leite, Lauren*
Maloney, Wyatt
Morris, Maggieann*
Neuser, Skylar*
Power, Zoe*
Robinson, Candace
Ross, Namariah*
Slaski, Zackery
Starkey, Joseph*
Thorpe, Heather*
Urbas, Cailie
Vasquez Sales, Emily*
Vincent, Chesnie*
Williams, Jack*
Woods, Hannah

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Annable, Gavin*
Baxter, Destiny*
Bey, Najeh*
Blue, Naava
Cook Jr., Shawn
Corrente, Prudence*
Donath, Emma*
Eroh, Lillith*
Frye, Adam
Geis, Jacquelyn*
Hill, Jakiya*
Hill, Jenna*
Holl, Kaitlyn*
Jachim, Madison*
Jackson, Shea
Johnson, Zachary*
Kopp, Julia*
LaMacchia, Hannah*
Loan, Evelyn*
Lyons, Derek
Mackey, Ellsie
Mango, Isabella*
Manley, Nehemiha*
Massaro, Jonathan*
McIntosh, Samuel
Merritt, Gavin
Murphy, Ava*
Neuser, Kendall*
O'Grady, Aidan
Price, Natalie*
Salim, Hamzah*
Senn, Jarett
Senn, Teresa*
Smith, Makenna*

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Honor Roll / Third Marking Period

Spicer, Ava*
Taylor, Faith
Vonderweidt, Andre*
Walker, Brigid*
Wilson, Natalie*

12th Grade

Abbott, Kaitlyn
Abert, Jessie*
Alaniz, Cecilia*
Bennett Jr., Jeffrey*
Bennett, Cody*
Briere, Syanna*
Button, Kayla
Davis, Joshua*
Fowler, Ryan*
Francis, Emily*
Fresina, Gianna*
Fuentes, Zaidan*
Griskauskas, Corey
Gunter, Kathleen*
Holsinger, Jack*
Holsinger, Morgan*
Isgar, Hanna*
Jacobson, Breanna*
Jaynes, Colin
Kopp, Richard*
Luchsinger, Cooper
Murphy, Alexis*
Myer, Sophia*
Strand, Marah*
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Toomey, Nicholas*
Wood, Jordan*
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Join Stage Crew

OCS Drama is looking for students to join stage crew for their production of *Anything Goes* (showing April 1, 2, & 3, 2022). Stage crew involves moving set pieces around, helping with curtains, lights, sound equipment, props, costume changes, and more. It's a fun opportunity that allows you to see how a musical production works behind the scenes.

Stage crew is also an excellent extracurricular activity to be able to add to a resume or college application because it shows that you can handle responsibility and that you work well with others.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Patty Cormier at pcormier@onondagacsd.org.

BOARD NEWS

Board of Education Election

Three seats (3-year terms each) will be open on the Board of Education. Interested candidates for one of these seats on the board of Education must obtain a petition at the District Office between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday at 4466 South Onondaga Road, Nedrow. Petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District. Petitions must be returned by the end of business on April 18th, 2022 to be included on the voting booth ballot.

Qualifications for candidates for the Board of Election are:

- ◆ Must be 18 years of age
- ◆ Must be able to read and write
- ◆ Must be a resident of the District for the year immediately prior to the date of the board election (April 18, 2022)
- ◆ Not more than one member of a family residing at the same address shall be a member of the same board of education in any school district
- ◆ Cannot be an employee of Onondaga Central School District

If you have any questions, please call Jason Cirulli, Business Administrator at 315-522-5001.

ATHLETICS NEWS

Congratulations Athletes



Congratulations to OCS senior basketball player, **Riley Cox**, who scored her 1000th career point on Tuesday, January 18, against rival Weedsport. After a brutal three and a half quarters of physical basketball which produced only 6 points, Riley exploded for 12 more points in the remaining 5 minutes of the game.

Her thousandth point came with only 8 seconds remaining on an incredible hustle play in which her sister Sydney found her surrounded by weedsport players with a perfect pass. Riley, like she has done so often through the years, finished the tough lay-up with contact. Riley becomes the 13th player in Onondaga Basketball history to reach this milestone. Great job Riley!



*Zach
Grollinger,
wrestler*

Congratulations to OCS senior **Zach Grollinger** for placing 3rd at the Section 3 Class B championship and qualifying for the Section 3 championship at SRC.

Winter Track

The winter track team had a successful league championship meet on Wednesday, January 26. Emmett Dix won the league championship in both the 1600 and 3200.

Teammate Vanessa Woolery also won the league championship in the 600 meter race and placed 3rd overall in the 55 meter race while improving her time. Derek Powless earned 2nd team all-league honors in the shot put and weight throw with second place finishes.

Overall, the boys placed 4th and the girls 5th out of 11 teams.

Modified Boys Basketball

The Modified Boys Basketball Teams had a very successful season. With 11 players participating on both the 7th and 8th Grade teams, participation was excellent. With hard work and a deep focus on basic basketball principles, both teams saw great improvement throughout the season.

While individual skills and fundamentals were stressed in the beginning of the season, both teams were able to mold together to successfully execute both man to man and zone offenses and defenses.

Although there is still work to be done, the potential for great things to happen in the future of OCS Men's Basketball.

Modified Girls Basketball

There were 17 participants for modified girls basketball this year. We have seen a lot of growth both as basketball players and as athletes. These girls are working hard to learn skills, drills, and strategies that will help them succeed both on and off the court.

As with any sport, practice and effort from the end of this season to the start of next year's season will go a long way to defining what this group of girls can achieve.

We believe they have a fantastic foundation and look forward to seeing where they can go from here!

Modified Girls Volleyball

The "Green" and "White" volleyball teams had a great season. With an entirely new group of 7th and 8th grade girls playing this season they truly impressed us as coaches with their efforts and drive to learn.

We, as coaches, look forward to a large returning group next year and can't wait to see what they can do.



Winter Track

ATHLETICS NEWS

Syracuse Cougars Hockey



The Syracuse Cougars combined Hockey Program is gearing up for another Sectional run as they move closer to playoff season. As of early February the Cougars currently own a 13-1-1 record. OCS Junior Adam Frye has been effective as both a scorer and a defensive forward with 7 points, including an assist in the tight contest with West Genesee. Junior Jon Massaro recorded his first career assist this season against Mohawk Valley, and Sophomore Alan Victoriano recorded his first career goal in a win against Watertown IHC. 8th and 9th graders, Coby Steele and Liam McCullough have gathered plenty of experience as well and will be a big part of the Cougars young core moving forward.

Varsity Girls Basketball Senior Night



DISTRICT NEWS

Congratulations, Master Teacher



Governor Kathy Hochul announced **BARB KURUCZ** as one of the 230 educators from across the state to be named to the **New York State Master Teacher Program**, including 55 elemen-

tary teachers. The new members add 21 new districts with a Master Teacher among their faculty. The program welcomes teachers from 22 high needs districts including the Yonkers, Syracuse, Rochester, Binghamton City, and Buffalo City School Districts.

"Throughout the pandemic, our educators overcame enormous obstacles, adapting to remote learning, keeping our children engaged, and made all kinds of adjustments to ensure New York's students were able to continue their education," Governor Hochul said. "We owe an immense debt of gratitude to our educators, and this critical program will help ensure that over one thousand teachers from every corner of New York State have the resources and support they need to excel and continue to improve the school systems that they work in."

The incoming group of Master Teachers includes 22 teachers with multiple teaching certifications, 13 certified in Special Education, Students with Disabilities and/or TESOL, and 19 teachers certified in Technology Education who are offering various courses in Engineering Theory & Applications, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Design and Drawing for Production, and Robotics. These educators will join the network of Master Teachers created in 2013, bringing the total number of selected NYS Master Teachers across New York State to over 1400.

SUNY Interim Chancellor Deborah F. Stanley said, "New York's Master Teacher program has long celebrated the immense talent across our state, recognizing the leaders in STEM education who inspire students and their peers alike. During this particularly challenging time in our history, we appreciate our teachers even more for keeping their students engaged and succeeding in their classwork. On behalf of SUNY, my congratulations to this year's honorees."

The 230 Master Teachers are dedicated professionals who teach science, technology, computer science, robotics, coding, engineering, math, and integrated STEM courses across grades K-12 including Advanced Placement, Honors, and Regents levels.

DISTRICT NEWS

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of is the students who chose to participate and made the commitment! These experiences in extracurricular activities and athletics cannot be duplicated in the classroom and not often duplicated after high school. An added bounce from being a part of a team or club will be the memories and friendships for a life-time. Spring Sports and Extracurricular Activities are coming soon. Please encourage your child or children to join a club, or athletic team.

Also part of the ARPA funding, is the opportunity to cover transportation for student after-school programs. We are grateful to provide transportation home so all students can participate without worries of a ride home.

2022-2023 Budget Development Status

We are full steam ahead in our budget process this winter. We are expecting the final State Budget by April 1, 2022. January has come and gone with the groundhog seeing his shadow revealing we will have six more weeks of winter. We are hoping that winter will be long gone by the time we have a finalized State Budget. The State Budget should be completed by the end of March... So in the meantime, we will keep working on our budget numbers using the Governor's Executive Budget that was released in January. Our priorities this year will be consistent with what we have planned in previous years, to remain fiscally stable and offer the best programs we can with the resources we have. These include:

- ◆ Maintaining current programs and positions - We have many retirements this year and I want to thank all the retirees for their outstanding service to OCS. More information regarding open positions can be found at <https://www.onondagacsd.org/districtpage.cfm?page-id=1687>
- ◆ Increasing our capacity to have 1:1 Chromebooks for students and staff. We are planning to implement 1:1 at the secondary level first and then focus on a version of it at the elementary level in the near future.
- ◆ Factoring in the Property Tax Cap (a reminder that the "2%" is only a single portion of a complex equation that will most often result in a number that does not match the 2% headline)
- ◆ Incorporating inflation and the increased cost of doing business.
- ◆ Finalized State Aid Numbers by April 1, 2022
- ◆ Proposal for replacing our aging plow truck and

our annual bus purchase

◆ Professional Development - Next Generation Learning Standards, continuation of upgrades, and LETRS Reading Instruction is built into the budget and supported ARPA Funding: Staff in grades K-4 will participate In-person synchronous and asynchronous LETRS training and is a very intense training. LETRS training helps us strengthen an already strong group of teachers reading instruction skills by building our background knowledge and sharpening our ability.

The Governor is proposing a total of \$31.5 billion in state support for public schools. This represents a year-to-year increase of \$2.06 billion (7.1%), as compared to the approved 2021-22 budget (\$28.98 billion). The total increase represents a \$1.6 billion (8.1%) increase in formula aids.

The **Executive Budget** proposes Onondaga receiving a 8.24% (\$875,656) increase in foundation aid in 2022-23. Expense driven aid such as BOCES Aid, textbooks, software, library and computer hardware and Transportation Aid are also projected to increase. More details can be found on the OCS website at <https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/ocs/Board.nsf/Public> and also at the Governor's website at <https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy23/ex/index.html>.

Another notable is the **Zero Emission School Buses**: The proposed NYS budget would require that all new school buses purchased after July 1, 2027 be zero-emission vehicles. By July 1, 2035, all school buses in use would be zero-emission. It would provide Transportation Aid for bus purchases and necessary infrastructure (e.g., charging stations). This will impose a significant infrastructure cost.

Property Tax Credit is proposed: A new, one-time property tax credit rebate would be authorized and homeowners would receive rebates ranging in value from 163% of their STAR benefit for earners under \$75,000 to 18% of STAR for those with incomes between \$200,000 and \$250,000. Unlike older versions of this credit, the district's compliance with the tax cap would be not required for homeowner eligibility.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for information or questions in the coming weeks as prepare the budget for 2022-2023 school year. Thank you for your all your support for our students and program at Onondaga Central, without you we could do it!

DISTRICT NEWS



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

4457 South Onondaga Road, Nedrow, New York 13120
PH: (315) 552-5090 FAX (315) 492-9624

Request for Non-Public School Transportation

In accordance with Section 3635 of the New York State Education Law, as amended by Chapter 1074 of the Laws of 1960 and further amended by Chapter 959 of the Laws of 1961, and further in accordance with the rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this law as adopted by the Board of Education, the undersigned parent or authorized representative of such parent hereby requests transportation to be furnished to the following children of such parent:

Request for Non-Public School Transportation must be returned **no later than April 1st** preceding the school year for which transportation is desired, according to the Board Policy #5730.

SCHOOL YEAR: SEPTEMBER 2022 TO JUNE 2023

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Name of Student _____

Grade (as of Sept.20____) _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age: _____ M/F

Name of School _____

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Will your child need bussing in the morning? Y or N Will your child need bussing in the afternoon? Y or N

Phone _____ Day/Begins: _____ a.m. Day/Ends: _____ p.m.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

DISTRICT NEWS

ALUMNI WALL OF DISTINCTION NOMINATION FORM



If you are interested in nominating an OCS alumnus who has distinguished him/herself after graduation, please submit the following application. The following criteria will be considered in the selection:

- Success in his or her chosen career
- Nationally recognized records and/or achievements
- Outstanding contributions to humanity
- Four years beyond formal education
- Success which reflects the high quality of education and guidance from teachers, coaches, and/or non-instructional mentors in the OCS staff

All nominations must be submitted by March 1, 2018. Nominations may be mailed or returned to the high school office. *Please address them in care of Janet Ferris.*

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Phone _____ Year of Graduation from OCS _____

Nominee's Address _____

Post high school experience _____

Reason for nomination _____

Your Name _____ Your Phone _____

Date Submitted _____ Your relationship to nominee _____

Your Address _____

Please add any other information that you feel the committee should know when considering this person's nomination (Attach separate sheet if necessary) _____

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ANYTHING GOES**

APRIL 1, 2, & 3, 2022
Adults \$7
Students \$4



Calendar of Events

March

- 21 Superintendent's Conference - Half Day
- 29-31 3-8 ELA NYS Assessment Days

April

- 1 & 5 3-8 ELA NYS Assessment Days
- 11-15 Spring Recess/Good Friday
- 26-29 3-8 Math NYS Assessment Days

May

- 3 Budget Public Hearing/Board of Education Mtg., 6pm, Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria
- 17 Budget Vote, 7am-9pm, Rockwell Gymnasium and Jr/Sr High School Lobby
Board of Education Meeting, 9:20pm, Jr/Sr High Caf.
- 30 **Memorial Day - No School**

June

- 1 Jr./Sr. High School Band Concert 7-8pm, Jr/Sr HS Aud.
- 2 Jr./Sr. High School Chorus Concert 7-8:00pm, Jr/Sr HS Aud.
- 3 Jr./Sr. High School Tiger Day, Jr./Sr. High School
- 9 Game Day at Rockwell Elementary School
Wheeler June Concert 6:30pm, Jr/Sr High School
- 10 Jr/Sr High School 7th and 8th Grade Field Trip
Jr./Sr. High School Last Day of Classes
Jr./Sr. High School Senior Picnic
Wheeler Race Day @ Wheeler Elementary
- 20 **Juneteeth - No School**