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Onondaga Central Schools
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Tiger Pride

Superintendent's Message

By the time you receive this newsletter the end of the school year will have quickly arrived and graduation celebrations will be in full bloom. It was great having a school year that progressed back to being more normal. Thank you for all your patience, understanding and cooperation, we did a great job this year!

We were very pleased with the After-School Enrichment programs we provided students with at our schools. OCS faculty and staff planned and delivered various programs for academics, social, emotional and exercise programs for students. OCS used the Federal funding intended to boost American schools, allotting $125 billion to K-12 school districts and state education departments. Most of this money is intended to address learning loss suffered by students during pandemic-induced school closures and educational disruptions. OCS share of the Federal money is being used to supplement district programing, not supplant and totals $2,084,213. More information can be found at Onondaga CSD webpage with an update, parent survey for feedback and input and expenditures to date. *...continued on page 16*

Congratulations

A big congratulations to our very own Shaelyn Bell for being inducted into BOCES National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). Shaelyn is currently taking Computer Technology at Thompson Road BOCES and has earned this recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education. NTHS celebrates the accomplishments of today's career and technical education students, empowering them to know the value and impact of their career paths and trades. Great job Shaelyn, we are very proud of you!

New York State FFA Convention

On May 12th - 13th, the Onondaga Central FFA Chapter attended the New York State FFA Convention in Syracuse! State Convention is where approximately 2,000 FFA members from around the state gather together to hear from inspiring speakers, peers, and agricultural professionals. State Convention offers members the chance to expand their knowledge through workshops and tours, and it is also the state finals competition for 31 different Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs and LDEs). Natalie Troch and Mckenna Cousineau represented our chapter this year and had the opportunity to participate in a service learning project where they painted a mini food pantry for a community. They also attended a variety of leadership/career workshops, explored the Career Engagement Expo, and more! We look forward to next year's state convention in Buffalo, NY!

Homecoming 2022!

Mark your calendars. Homecoming weekend will be October 21-22, 2022. Next year marks 20 years since the Tigers took home the second of three consecutive state championships in football. We will be honoring the participants of all 3 teams including our coaches and dance team members at the game on Saturday. In addition to the celebration, be on the lookout for information on several other opportunities for family fun. It's sure to be a most memorable weekend. Don't miss it!

HAPPY RETIREMENT

We would like to offer a sincere thank you and congratulations to our 2021-2022 retirees: **Dennis Abbott, Mary Ann Babinger, Robyn Beresovy, Janet Ferris, Karen Gwilt, Margie Hart, Mary Kay Matthews, and Diane Talucci.** We wish you a warm farewell and hope you all have a happy, healthy retirement.

ROCKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Strikes Against Strokes Fundraiser

Rockwell Elementary School was proud to show support for the community by participating in the Strikes Against Strokes Fundraiser event on May 6, with proceeds benefiting the Upstate Comprehensive Stroke Center. All funds are used for stroke research, a summer stroke camp for stroke survivors, and community resources for stroke survivors and their caregivers. Rockwell formed two teams to bowl in the event, with 15 total staff attending. There was also a silent auction, with multiple staff purchasing baskets to increase their donation. The Stroke Team was thankful to staff for showing their support, and even featured a photo of the Rockwell team on their social media pages. The event was a huge success, with staff looking forward to participating again next year!

A Musical Morning

Mr. Muldoon brought students from his Wheeler Fifth and Sixth Grade Band to perform at Rockwell Morning Program on June 3rd. Rockwell Students were treated to music from Star Wars, Ghostbusters and Peter and the Wolf. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Rockwell Students to see what they can do when they get to Wheeler.

Rockwell students enjoyed the Scholastic Book Fair from June 7 through the 10th. Students were able to purchase books for summer reading fun. Thank you to the Rockwell/Wheeler PTO for bringing the books to the students.

March/April Madness in 3rd Grade

Some people get through early Spring by their love of the game, but in third grade at Wheeler, they got through by their love of BOOKS! A total of 16 of the most popular and highly rated children's books of this year were shared by the four classes and voted on weekly as the competition became fierce! The books ranged in genre from fiction and nonfiction to biographies and poetry. It was tough to pick a favorite, and each class had very different tastes. However, it came down to just two: The Couch Potato by Jory John and Pete Oswald, and Hardly Haunted by Jessie Sima.

The Couch Potato is the story of a character who is a potato who has everything he needs within reach of his sunken couch cushion. But when the electricity goes out, Couch Potato is forced to peel himself away from the comforts of his living room and venture outside. And when he does, he realizes fresh air and sunshine could be just the things he needs! Hardly Haunted is a uniquely illustrated book about House, who has a problem. She's a little spooky. She's a little cobwebby. Is she haunted? She's not sure, but her hinges creak. Her pipes bang. And on windy days, the branches scratch at her windows. She tries to hold her breath and be as still as possible. If she's on her best behavior, maybe a family will move in.

But, the third graders have spoken! The best book of 2022 is: The Couch Potato! Thank you to the amazing third grade team for putting together this fun event to read new stories, and to Ms. Kissane for helping gather all of the books! What will next year's winner be? We can't wait to find out!

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, the third graders at Wheeler School learned more about the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo. Students celebrated by speaking new words in Spanish, and learning more about the holiday through videos and enjoying some salsa and chips. In addition, students learned the Mexican Hat Dance and made a craft that is native to Mexican culture. Third grade is currently researching a country of their choice and completing a report for this project. The Third Grade Culture Fair was held on May 26th.

Volume Projects

Calculating volume is an important concept taught in fifth grade math. Students use length, width, and height to determine volume, or the amount of space occupied by a three-dimensional object. Students also learn how to determine the volume of stacked figures, specifically right rectangular prisms. Mrs. Tobin's students were challenged to create structures made with boxes of varying shapes and sizes. Each team had to design, measure, build, and decorate a structure with the ultimate goal of calculating its total volume. We used a hands-on, team-building activity to reinforce this skill, and the students had a blast! Their creativity, thoughtfulness, and teamwork were evident throughout this process. Hope you enjoy the pictures of the final results!

Colonial Studies

Mrs. Tobin and Ms. Knapp recently gave their fifth graders two unique opportunities. At the end of their colonial unit, students made their own taper candles and used feather pens and ink to write famous Benjamin Franklin phrases on hornbooks. The students realized that the candle making process required much patience, but that it was completely worth it in the end. They learned about the meanings of several phrases from Franklin's book, Poor Richard's Almanack. Each student chose the phrase he or she liked best, and the writing process began. The hope is that the students will remember these interactive experiences long after they leave the halls of Wheeler.

YEARBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST

Congratulations to Lucas Allen for winning the "Yearbook Cover Design" contest! Lucas is a sixth grade student in Mrs. Breitzka's class.

His unique and colorful design is featured on the 2021-22 Rockwell and Wheeler Elementary yearbook cover. We had several entries for the contest, so kudos to all entries and for their participation.

WHEELER AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Art Club was offered to 3rd and 4th Grade students for Wheeler's Enrichment Program this spring session. Students had the opportunity to work on a variety of art projects and stay after school twice a week with Mrs. Ryan.

The "MOST" Fun We've Had

After much anticipation and two long years, Wheeler's fifth graders were finally able to visit the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science and Technology (The MOST) again! We had a jam-packed day of learning, exploration, and fun with friends! The students had plenty of time to explore the exhibits, including life-sized dinosaurs, a fossil dig, a mineral gallery, toothpick structures, a rock climbing wall, renewable and nonrenewable energy sources, a zero-gravity jumper to experience weightlessness in space, and so much more! We all caught an incredible IMAX film called "Dinosaurs of Antarctica." We learned how the landscape of Antarctica changed from lush and green to cold and barren. The students were particularly intrigued by the Cryolophosaurus, a meat-eating dinosaur with a small curved crest on the top of its head. Additionally, students learned about the "Great Dying," one of the most significant mass extinctions in Earth's history. They had a blast in the museum's gigantic indoor Science Playhouse, complete with five levels of fun-filled obstacles and multi-sensory activities. To finish our day, we enjoyed lunch together before heading back to the buses. Field trips at Wheeler were certainly missed these past few years, so we were extremely grateful that we had the opportunity to bring our fabulous fifth-graders back to this educational Syracuse landmark!

Ms. Guptill's Classroom Chicks

Ms. Guptill's class has been raising chicks for 6 weeks. We started with 12 fertile eggs in the incubator. We tried to keep the temperature and humidity in the correct range, but we only hatched 1 due to humidity problems in the incubator. We adopted 6 more chicks for a total of 7 chicks to raise in the brooder box. The class named the one that hatched "Seven." The chicks chirped all day, and kicked small wood chips into their water and food. We completed chores every morning to care for and meet the chicks' needs. As time passed, they grew up and got bigger. They began to fly. They could perch on the upper edge of the brooder box and sit on top of their food and water containers. The chick names were Picker, Nike, Trinity, Tulip, Fluff Nugget, KFC, and Seven. At the end of the three weeks Fluff Nugget flew up and out of the brooder box successfully. That was our signal that the chicks needed to go to a new home with the Pierce family. We had an awesome time with them. We hope they live a long happy life!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

NYS Seal of Biliteracy

On April 29, 2022 5 Onondaga Spanish and German students earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. Pictured from the top left are Nick Toomey, Connor VanWormer, Ryan Fowler (All German) , Cecilia Alaniz ,and Syanna Briere (Spanish). These 5 students along with around 150 other seniors from all over the OCM BOCES area presented their foreign language projects to a panel of teachers at the OCM BOCES Campus in Liverpool. As a result, all Onondaga students were awarded the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. The NYSSB recognizes students who have attained a high level of foreign language proficiency in high school as well as a high level of proficiency in English and in some cases a third language. Several panels of experts evaluated around 20 different languages during the day. This is the culmination of months of hard work, which was capped off with a 10-minute presentation in the target language followed by questions that must be answered in the target language. Their hard work deserves praise and recognition so please congratulate them on their success, when you see them. Personally, I would like to thank the several teachers, administrators, parents, our wonderful librarian, and mentors who helped support these hard-working students achieve such an honor. For more information on what the NYSSB is and what is required to achieve it go to the following website: http://www.nysed.gov/world-languages/new-york-state-seal-biliteracy-nyssb

Final Band Concert

The final band concert of the year was on June 1st. Here we celebrated our 9 band seniors, and presented our annual senior video. Best of luck to the class of 2022! Mr. Dolloff and all of the underclassmen will miss you! Pictured are: Mr. Dolloff, Jessie Abert, Ryan Fowler, Syanna Briere, Nick Toomey, Vanessa Woolery, Emily Timmerman, Breanna Jacobson, Ricky Kopp, and Colin Jaynes.

OCS Drone Technology Students at ESF STRATUS Unmanned Aerial Systems Conference

On Tuesday May 24, Mr. Sharpsteen and OCS Drone Technology students Jack Holsinger, Andre' Vonderweidt and Jonathan Massaro participated in the 5th annual STRATUS Conference which was held at the Gateway Center on the SUNY ESF Syracuse campus. Our students interacted with universities, vendor corporations and drone industry professionals after research discussions in the morning. In the afternoon we attended flight workshops given by international architecture and engineering firms. Our students represented Onondaga well and we are excited for the future of the OCS Drone program. We would like to thank program director Maura Stefl for the invitation to the conference and the connections to industry and university programs it supplied our students with.

ART FIELD TRIP TO THE ZOO

Mrs. Passetti and Mrs. Palmer took Painting & Drawing and Digital Photography students on a field trip to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo on May 20th. Painting & Drawing students worked with Mrs. Passetti to practice life drawing skills in their sketchbooks by studying the different animals. The Digital Photography students were working with Mrs. Palmer to take photos for the photography contests that are hosted by the zoo. It was a beautiful day to visit the zoo, see the animals, and to make some art!

Faith Taylor, Hannah LaMacchia, and Nehemiha Manley

Art and Science Field Trip to Cornell

Alexis Baker, Kayla Button, Margret Hass, Joslyn Doupe, Amelia Shackleton, Marah Strand, Nehemiha Manley, Gavin Merritt, Noor Almaliki, Hannah LaMacchia, Andy Chen, Faith Taylor, Makenna Smith, Jon Massaro (in front of the art museum)

On May 11th, Mr. Sharpsteen and Mrs. Passetti took College Physics and Painting & Drawing and Portfolio Prep students on a trip to Cornell University. The science students were taken on a tour of one of the labs with Mr. Sharpsteen. Mrs. Passetti took art students to the Johnson Museum of Art where they were able to view the exhibits while also working on observational drawing skills in their sketchbooks. The students also enjoyed a beautiful spring tour as they walked through the campus.

Gianna Fresina, Breanna Jacobson, Syanna Briere, Sophie Myer, Emily Francis, Nick Toomey, Ricky Kopp (science lab)

Honor Roll / Fifth Marking Period

7th Grade

Abbott, Payton*
Adams, Nih'Jawn
Buchanan, Jadon*
Burton, Jacob*
Donze, Amani*
Fenner, Piper
Fiaschetti, Sydney
Fox, Olivia
Frazier, Mariana*
Freyer, Abigael*
Haines, Tyler*
Hantke, Logan*
Hourigan, Theodore*
Hughes, William
Hunter, Trevor*
Kobasa, Lyla*
Leite, Robert*
Luton, Reed*
Marsh, Kendal*
Mattison, Bryce*
McCoy, Knoll*
Miller, Jr., Sean*
Niles, Sydney*
O'Dell, Addison*
Pierce, Grace*
Smith, Rory
Spencer, Adeline*
Spies, Anna*
Spies, Lena*
Stacy, Mason*
Szabo, Madison
Vonderweidt, Arielle*

8th Grade

Andino, Carolyn*
Brasket, Avery
Braun, Jacob
Cannon V, Johnny
Cox, Mackenna*
Cox, Sydney*
Fordyce, Kaleigha*
Goodman, Samantha
Halsey, Lyana*
Hill, Tessa*
Job, Savannah
King, Anthony
Lettsome, Jayda*
Mahoney, Grace*
Mayoral, Brysen*
McMahon, Alannah
Miller, Madilynn*
Mohamed, Emily
Moreno, Lalia
Morris, Nolan*
Mulligan, Riley*
Nett, Benjamin
Pierce Jr., David*
Sanford, Santino*
Steele, Coburn*
Victoriano, Ryan*
Wilhelm, Zachary*
Ziebarth, Lilyann

9th Grade

Adams, Sylvana*
Bloom, Olivia*
Catarisano, Evan
Cheek, Jordan*
Chen, Cindy*
Cruz, Adan
Davis, Gabrielle*
Donath, Ella
Foster, Helena*
Garafolo, Kaydee
Grady, Sahara*
Grenton, LaJada*
Hammond, Bryan
Hayes, Lina*
Holley, Jordan
Hunter, II, David
LaMacchia, Emanuel*
Lettsome, Deshea*
Lopez Vasquez, Frankli*
Mango, Evylena
Martinez Figueroa, Hayly*
McCullough, Liam
Parker, Miles*
Rodriguez, Keahra*
Sanborn, Melissa*
Schmidt, Mackenzie*
Schultz, Hannah*
Schultz, Madelyn*
Smith, Skylar*
Taylor, Jasmine
Thousand III, Richard
Troch, Ryan
Vincent, Jadin*
Volles, Jacob*
Vonderweidt, Callisthene*

*** Indicates HIGH Honor Roll**

Honor Roll / Fifth Marking Period

10th Grade

Brasket, Logan
Clos, Lindsay*
Coonradt, Lillian
Cutri, Brayden*
Fitzgerald, Alysa
Fowler, Caleb*
Hourigan, Charlotte*
Kahley, Lillian*
Knapp, Delanie*
Kobasa, Devin*
Koslowsky, Emma*
Leite, Lauren*
Maloney, Wyatt
Martinez Figueroa, Jacqueline
Morris, Maggieann*
Polk, GaBron*
Power, Zoe*
Starkey, Joseph*
Urbas, Cailie*
Vincent, Chesnie*
Walters, Abby*
Williams, Jack*

11th Grade

Almaliki, Noor*
Annable, Gavin*
Baxter, Destiny*
Bey, Najeh*
Body, Amber
Chen, Andy*
Corrente, Prudence*
Donath, Emma*
Eroh, Lillith*
Frye, Adam*
Geis, Jacquelyn*
Hill, Jakiya*
Holl, Kaitlyn*
Jachim, Madison*
Johnson, Zachary*
Kopp, Julia*
LaMacchia, Hannah*
Loan, Evelynn*
Mango, Isabella*
Manley, Nehemiha*
Massaro, Jonathan*
McIntosh, Samuel*
Murphy, Ava*
Neuser, Kendall*
Price, Natalie*
Salim, Hamzah*
Senn, Jarett*
Senn, Teresa*
Smith, Makenna*
Spicer, Ava*
Stevens, Lily
Taylor, Faith*
Underberg, Jonathan*
Vonderweidt, Andre'
Walker, Brigid*
Wilson, Natalie*

12th Grade

Abbott, Kaitlyn*
Abert, Jessie*
Alaniz, Cecilia*
Baker, Alexis
Bennett Jr., Jeffrey*
Bennett, Cody*
Briere, Syanna*
Button, Kayla*
Cousineau, Mckenna
Cox, Riley*
Dankiw, Caitlin
Davis, Joshua
Donath, Joslyn*
Eipp, Haley*
Fowler, Ryan*
Francis, Emily*
Fresina, Gianna*
Fuentes, Zaidan
Grolling, Zachary*
Gunter, Kathleen*
Hill, Chance
Hirkic, Muamer*
Holl, Nadia*
Holsinger, Jack*
Holsinger, Morgan*
Isgar, Hanna*
Jacobson, Breanna*
Jaynes, Colin*
Kopp, Richard*
Luchsinger, Cooper*
Murphy, Alexis*
Myer, Sophia*
Ryan, Aiden*
Shackleton, Amelia*
Strand, Marah*
Taylor, Nickolas*
Thousand, Lana*
Timmerman, Emily*
Toomey, Nicholas*
Troch, Natalie*
Wood, Jordan*
Woolery, Vanessa*

*** Indicates HIGH Honor Roll**

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Iceland Adventure

Over April break, some OCS students had the opportunity to travel to Iceland with Mr. Dolloff through EF Tours. The 8 day tour included city tours of Reykjavik and Akureyri, historical museums, volcanoes, waterfalls, and many hot springs. The unusual landscape and Icelandic culture provided a beautiful backdrop for a memorable experience while allowing our students to broaden their horizons and see the world, all while making new friends along the way! Looking forward to planning our next adventure!

VEX ROBOTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2022 VEX Robotics World Championship presented by Northrop Grumman Foundation where our robotics community will unite in person and remotely to celebrate STEM excellence and compete in heart-pounding competition matches. Student-led teams ranging from Elementary to University level will showcase their game strategy, design, and teamwork skills to be crowned champions at this world-class global event, hosted in the heart of Dallas, TX.

GAPP Exchange

This Summer 11 students from Onondaga will be travelling to Germany, Belgium, and France for 3 weeks as part of what is called a GAPP Exchange. GAPP is an acronym for German-American Partnership Program. Through this 50 year old program thousands of students in Germany and the United States have had the opportunity to experience each other's cultures. Here at OCS, we have personally overseen hundreds of students traveling to Germany and several other countries through GAPP. Without question, the most exciting part of the trip is the exchange portion. Our students stay with German host families and then when the Germans come here, we host them. Above is a picture of all of the hosts and their exchange partners at Beak and Skiff from 2017, pre-pandemic.

This year our German students will be travelling to Berlin, Uelzen, Hamburg, Wolfsburg, Brussels, Paris, and Frankfurt. During that time, we will be learning about the languages, cultures, foods, history, and art of all of these beautiful places and people. To the right is a picture of the OCS students in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin (2018).

This year 9 girls and 3 boys will be taking the brave step of visiting and staying with a loving family in Germany. In the Fall our German host brothers and sisters will be coming to our great community to visit. Many of our host families here and in Germany become lifelong friends with several OCS students going to Germany or LEG (Lessing Gymnasium) students coming here for a visit in the future.

Congratulations

The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 17th at 6pm in the High School auditorium. In order to be considered for the National Honor Society, students need to maintain an average of 92 or above for 12 consecutive marking periods. They also need to meet the criteria for the specific pillars of NHS; character, leadership, service, and scholarship. After these students are selected, they go through the process of applying for the National Honor Society and are voted on by the National Honor Society Faculty Council. We are pleased to say our newest members, consisting of 18 National Honor Society and 13 National Junior Honor Society members were inducted that night. We are proud of our new members and all of their hard work!

ATHLETICS NEWS

Varsity Softball

Scholar Athlete Team Award Winner 92%

The 2022 Onondaga/Lafayette Varsity Softball team played their way to the Patriot American League Championship this year! The "Ligers" (Lancers & Tigers), a nickname created by the girls, ended the season at 10-8 after a tough loss to Thousand Islands in the first round of sectionals. We had a strong showing with League Awards this season as we saw Lana Thousand earn Co- Player of the Year! First team all League winners were Layla Isaacs, Lilly Coonradt, Lily Amidon, and Kaidence Cronin. Sophia Hill, Malaina Potak and Aubrie Jones earned a spot on the Second Team All League. The Ligers look to return 8 starters next year in hopes of another league championship and a run at the Sectional Title!

Varsity Baseball

Scholar Athlete Team Award Winner 93.3%

12 participated in Varsity Baseball. The team MVP was Devin Kobasa for his stellar offense and defense. The boys enjoyed practicing as a team and competing against other schools. There was always a positive atmosphere on our team and a desire to get better. This year's team will always remember their "never say die" attitude during games.

Varsity Tennis

Scholar Athlete Team Award Winner 94.7%

We had 15 players this season and 19 total with our Westhill members. Our record was 3-9. We had three people make it into the Sectionals, one doubles team and first singles. First singles is not finished yet, but captured at least second and will qualify for intersectionals next week.

Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Congratulations to our Lafayette/Onondaga boys lacrosse team for winning their second sectional championship since combining in 2019. Contributing to the team's success were: Adam Frye, Sam McIntosh, Jarett Senn, Kahtehliyo Smith, and Jordan Wood.

ATHLETICS NEWS

Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Scholar Athlete Team Award Winner 96.8%

The varsity girls lacrosse team is in an extremely competitive league, maybe the most competitive in the state. We still competed everyday and continued to improve throughout the course of the season. Congratulations to Ava Spicer who was selected to 1st team all league and Sophia Myer for 2nd team. Thank you for a great season!

Varsity Track & Field

Scholar Athlete Team Award Winners: Girls 95.1% / Boys 91.3%

Congratulations to the following track athletes for earning all-league honors: Vanessa Woolery, Emmett Dix, Hannah Schultz, Kearha Rodriguez, and Gabby Davis. Most of the team concluded the season with the class championships which saw many athletes placing in the top 3 overall. A special congratulations to Vanessa Woolery who won the class championship.

Class C1 Sectional Championship

Congratulations to Vanessa Woolery for winning the Class C1 Sectional Championship in the 400 Intermediate Hurdles. Vanessa also placed third in both the 100 meter and 200 meter races and anchored the 4x100 meter relay team to a second place finish. The relay team consisted of Keahra Rodriguez, Gabby Davis, Hannah Schultz and Vanessa. Both Vanessa and the 4x100 relay team advance to the State Qualifiers.

Modified Boys Lacrosse

The LaFayette Lancers Boys Modified 7/8/9 grade Lacrosse Team includes players from Onondaga Central School, the Onondaga Nation School, the Big Picture Program at LaFayette Jr./Sr. H.S. and LaFayette Jr./Sr. H.S. We have 18 players on our team and we are currently in the middle of our season right now with a winning record of 4 -1. The team is coached by Jeff Gabriel and Jordyn Marchiano. Contributors from Onondaga Central School included 9th Graders Luke McIntosh (Pictured Top Row - 2nd from left) and Ryan Troch Bottom Row - 1st from right), 8th Graders Santino Sanford Top Row - 3rd from Right) and Joshua Urbas (Top Row - 2nd from right), and 7th Graders Nolan Cousineau (Top Row - 4th from right) and Bryan Murphy (Bottom Row - 3rd from right).

ATHLETICS NEWS

Modified Softball

32 participants, 0-8 (we still have 4 games left to play), The teams have been working really hard on developing the fundamentals of softball. Throughout the season the athletes have shown an incredible amount of growth with their throwing accuracy and proper form, making contact while at the plate, and communicating throughout the entire game. Although we have not won a game, we have scored in every game this season and we have had exciting games. The Green team had a double play against Fabius Pompey where they also had a 5 run comeback in the 6th inning falling short of a victory by 3 runs. The White team has had every player score in at least one game this year. Mr. Swanson and I planned a trip to watch a Syracuse Woman's softball game which is a division I sport. The girls seemed to really enjoy the game while learning more about the game of softball.

Modified Baseball

The modified boys baseball team has 22 participants this year. They have made great strides in game knowledge and decision making throughout the season There has also been tremendous skill growth from the early days of practice to now. One of the greatest attributes of this team is the way they support each other and have come together as a unit. I am hopeful that the boys will continue working on their game during the summer to keep this positive momentum going. Whether it's going to batting cages, camps, clinics, playing in leagues, or just having a catch outside ANY extra work will make us a better team next year.

Sports Start Dates 2022/23

FALL: JV/Varsity - 8/22/22
Modified Football - 8/29/22
All Modified Sports 9/6/22

WINTER: Mod Winter I 10/26/22
JV/Varsity 11/14/22
Mod Winter II 1/4/23

SPRING: JV/Vasity 3/20/23
All Modified 4/12/23

ATHLETICS NEWS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Vanessa Woolery on an outstanding track season. Winning the 400 Intermediate Hurdles at leagues, sectionals and the NYS Qualifier. Following up with a 7th place finish in the NYS Track and Field Championship Invitational held at Cicero-North Syracuse High School on June 10th.

Signing Day!

We have two senior athletes signed and committed to participate in collegiate athletics next year. Vanessa Woolery will attend Niagara University and run for the track team, Lana Thousand will attend Cazenovia College and play softball. Congratulations girls! We are very proud of you!

Congratulations Scholar Athletes

Baseball: Devin Kobasa, Ryan Fowler, Gavin Annable, Nick Toomey, Ryan Victoriano and Jack Williams.

Softball: Delanie Knapp, Kayla Button, Haley Eipp and Emily Francis.

Boys Lacrosse: Jordan Wood and Samuel McIntosh.

Girls Lacrosse: Charlotte Hourigan, Sophia Myer, Kendall Neuser, Ava Spicer and Marah Strand.

Boys Track & Field: Jeffrey Bennett and Jadin Vincent.

Girls Track & Field: Natalie Price, Lauren Leite, Vanessa Woolery, Hannah Schultz, Keahra Rodriguez, Lily Eroh, LaJada Grenton, Gabrielle Davis and Ella Grosso.

Varsity Tennis: Noor Almaliki, Evelynn Loan, Emma Koslowsky, Melissa Sanborn, Callisthene Vonderweidt, Hannah LaMacchia, Brayden Cutri, Hamzah Salim, Caleb Fowler, Faith Taylor, Prudence Corrente and Jon Massaro.

Superintendent's Message

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Computers are here to stay in our world. They are tools in our lives for learning, working and hobbies. Onondaga CSD has leveraged the federal, local, and state funds to help propel the implementation of one to one Chromebooks or computer devices at OCS. This spring we were very pleased to roll out Chromebooks to students at the Jr/Sr High in a pilot program. This pilot was successful for students and teachers and we will continue with the program next school year. One interesting observation we made this spring is that when students utilize school issued devices, it eliminates the need for students to have their cell phone out in class. Next year, we will begin with not permitting cell phones to be used in the classroom. Students will have to use the school issued Chromebooks. Cell phones can be very distracting in the classroom and even at work, with text messages popping up at any time and students checking social media. The classroom is for teaching and learning. Additionally, at the Rockwell ES and Wheeler ES, our Chromebook program is underway, but in a different format. Students will have a Chromebook in their classroom for use at school and potentially for occasional use at home as needed. A special note to keep in mind, computers are one tool for learning that we utilize with a measured and calculated amount of screen time at each grade level. We have basic and foundational skills to teach and these will continue to be stressed with and without computers. Over the summer, please look for more information on the roll out of Chromebooks for each student from the Jr/Sr High School next year and limiting the use of cell phones in the schools.

The Class of 2022 has made us proud over the years and especially persevering through the two and half years of the pandemic. We wish all the graduates well! In addition to the graduation celebrations, we also have a large number of staff reaching a milestone of their own, retiring or stepping down for a slower pace of life. I want to sincerely congratulate the Class of 2022 on all their accomplishments and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. As well, I congratulate the staff who are retiring or moving on to new phases in life. These milestones are well earned and deserved. Whether you are graduating, retiring or just slowing life's pace down, we will miss you, your knowledge, expertise and personalities. You will always be a Tiger!

This summer we have Phase Two of the Capital Project that will be underway. It will be much less than we tackled last summer, which I know will be a pleasant relief for administration and staff readying the buildings for another school year. Our summer renovations will include.

ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY: Update non-primary vestibules, Cafeteria bleachers, Replace flooring by elevator, Replace handrails on stairways, Refinishing balusters and panels, Corridor wall refinishing Update casework in library, Addition Front LED Sign, Drinking fountains (2)and Addition of Generator transfer switch.

WHEELER ELEMENTARY: Replace expansion joints in floor (2), Door replacements, Drinking fountains (3, Adding bleachers in small gym, Two basketball hoops – relocate to Rockwell, Renovation to Bathroom 111 STEM Room, Computer/STEM room replace floor and ceilings, Adding Casework in Rm 114 and Addition of Generator transfer switch.

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL: Adding a kiln and accessories, Corridor Ceiling Replacement, Drinking fountain replacements bottle fillers, Updating misc ventilation handlers valves and controls, Replace front entry doors, Auditorium finishings,sound system in Auditorium, Gym curtain Installation, Stadium lighting upgrades and Addition of Generator transfer switch.

A sincere thank you to stakeholders for supporting the capital project renovations to our school facilities. Without your support we would not be able to maintain our school facilities and protect our investment.

Running parallel with the capital project we are updating some of the security camera systems using the Safe School Funds. We will be replacing and adding cameras around the specific areas of the District buildings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for sending us your children and entrusting us to partner with you to educate them. It is our honor and privilege to do so. I hope you enjoy your summer events and activities with family and friends. **Tiger STRONG!**

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OCS Education Foundation present

The Charles Molloy OCSEF Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday July 9, 2022 • Orchard Vali Golf Club

9:15-9:45 a.m. Registration • 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Buffet & Prizes to Follow

Cost Includes: Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner Buffet & Prizes

COMMUNITY MEMBERS Cost: $85.00 per golfer

If you do not have a foursome you can be assigned to one.
For more information, please contact John Pierce 315-492-1974 or email to jcpierce43@gmail.com

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Foursome Names:

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OCS STUDENTS Cost: $45.00 per student golfer

(Students must show current OCS student ID)

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THANK YOU

Zac & Tyler Field from Syracuse Bicycle donated bicycle helmets for some kiddos at Rockwell who do not have or can not afford them. We appreciaite your kindness.

Student Art Exhibited at Baltimore Woods

The following students had their artwork on display at the annual "Baltimore Woods Student Art Exhibit" during the month of May: Ava Scriber (6th Grade), Violet Greene (5th Grade), Awsanah Thomas (3rd Grade), Marley Moore (1st Grade), and Scarlett Carpenter (kindergarten). Students created these beautiful, nature themed works of art and had the opportunity to experience a student reception. Congratulations to all!

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Please bring your bottles & cans to the HS to drop off at the bottle truck anytime!

We appreciate your support!
OCS Booster Club

Calendar of Events

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	**Juneteenth - No School**