

# SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

### Dear OCS Community,

We hope you're having a fantastic summer surrounded by family, friends and fun. While our students and teachers are on a well-deserved break, our dedicated 12-month staff are hard at work preparing our buildings and grounds for the first day of school on September 3, 2025, for K-12 and Pre-K September 4, 2025.

While school may be out for the summer, learning and progress are in full swing at Onondaga Central!

### SUPPORTING STUDENT AND TEACHER GROWTH

Many of our teachers are spending the summer deepening their expertise through professional development, including:

- » Upgrading curriculum with the Next Generation Learning Standards
- » Expanding science instruction using Next Generation Science Standards and lab work
- » Completing TCIS (Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools) training
- » Training on the new K–5 math program: Reveal by McGraw-Hill
- » Attending co-teaching workshops to support inclusive instruction

In addition, we're offering **Regents Review Sessions** to help students prepare for August exams. These sessions provide targeted support from familiar teachers in a supportive environment, increasing the likelihood of student success.

### CAPITAL PROJECTS TO IMPROVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

You may have noticed a lot of activity around our buildings. Our facilities are getting major upgrades designed to enhance student learning and community use:

- » **Transportation:** New roofs are going up on the Transportation Building to improve energy efficiency and durability.

- » **Jr./Sr. High School Renovations:** The Jr./Sr. High School is receiving new boilers to ensure reliable heating this winter. The school's front electronic sign is also being upgraded for better functionality and communication.
- » **Wheeler Elementary Renovations:** The small gym is being fully refurbished, and hallway walls are being updated with durable, easy-to-maintain tile—creating a fresher and more welcoming space.
- » **Athletic Field Improvements:** Drainage is being added to the varsity baseball field, and the varsity softball field is being leveled to ensure safer and more consistent play for our student-athletes.

### NEW STUDENT DEVICE POLICY FOR A MORE FOCUSED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

To help students stay engaged and reduce distractions, our district has adopted **Policy 7316: Use of Internet and Cellular-Enabled Devices During the School Day**. Developed with input from parents, students and staff, this policy takes effect districtwide for the 2025–2026 school year.

#### Key Points:

- » **No Personal Devices During School Hours:** Students may not use internet-enabled devices (phones, tablets, smartwatches) during school hours—including lunch, recess and passing time.
- » **District-Provided Devices Allowed:** Devices issued by the district for instruction are exempt.
- » **Exceptions Permitted:** For health needs, emergencies, translation, or as required by an IEP or 504 Plan.

#### Device Storage:

- » **Elementary Schools:** Devices are not allowed on school grounds. If brought, they will be secured in the main office and must be picked up by a parent/guardian.
- » **Jr./Sr. High School:** Students must store devices in lockers or the main office. Unclaimed devices after 3:30 p.m. can be retrieved the next school day.



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### Staying in Touch:

Parents can reach students during the school day through:

» **School Office Phones/Email:**

- Rockwell: 315-552-5070/ rwooffice@onondagacsd.org
- Wheeler: 315-552-5050/ wheeleroffice@onondagacsd.org
- Jr./Sr. High School: 315-552-5020/ highschooloffice@onondagacsd.org

» **Emergencies:** Communication via the classroom intercom system

» **ParentSquare & StudentSquare:** Launching this fall for secure messages

» **Student Email or Written Notes** may also be used

The policy is posted on our website with translations available in the 12 most common non-English languages upon request. Students will not face suspension solely for policy violations, but devices may be confiscated and stored.

### SCHOOL BUS STOP-ARM CAMERAS: SAFETY FIRST

To enhance student safety, the Onondaga Central School District is joining other districts in **implementing school bus stop-arm cameras** starting this fall. This initiative, approved by county lawmakers, is aimed at deterring drivers from illegally passing stopped school buses. This program is authorized by New York State law and will remain in place through at least 2029.

### Program Highlights:

» **No cost to the district;** cameras are managed by Verra Mobility in partnership with Onondaga County

» **Fines for violations:**

- 1st offense: \$250
- 2nd (within 18 months): \$275
- 3rd offense: \$300

» Cameras activate when the bus stop-arm extends and red lights flash

» Violations are reviewed by county staff before fines are mailed to vehicle owners (not drivers)

We're committed to providing the best possible learning environments for our students and community. These summer projects and policy additions are a vital part of that commitment. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to complete these important upgrades and implementation of the new policy.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to improved facilities this fall!

*Rob Price*

**Rob Price**

Superintendent of Schools

## SCHOOL BUS STOP-ARM SAFETY CAMERAS

### HOW IT WORKS

**STEP 1** | Video cameras are installed at key exterior locations on the driver-side of the school bus.

**STEP 2** | The system identifies any vehicle passing a stopped school bus with its stop-arm extended and lights flashing in the enforced zone triggering video collection.

**STEP 3** | Event images are extracted from the captured video and include the vehicle as it passes the stopped school bus, the license plate, and the extended stop-arm. Additional event data includes the GPS location of the school bus and the date and time of the event.

**A** EVENT DETECTION AND LICENSE PLATE CAMERAS

**B** STOP-ARM EVENT OVERVIEW CAMERA

LICENSE PLATE

3 LICENSE PLATE

2 OVERVIEW

1 DETECTION



## OCS Piloting New Bus Camera Program

Onondaga Central School District is getting a new bus camera program aimed at increasing student safety. School buses are being equipped with state-of-the-art cameras designed to capture drivers who illegally pass when a bus stop-arm is extended—putting students at risk as they travel to and from school.

Drivers who violate this law will receive citations by mail from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, with the goal of changing dangerous behavior through accountability. Similar programs across the country have proven effective in reducing these incidents.

Parents can feel confident that the district is taking every possible step to protect their children.



## Letter from the Jr./Sr. High School

Dear OCS MS/HS Families,

The 2025-2026 school year is about to begin, and we're all busy getting ready for your arrival. We are looking forward to your first day of school on September 3. Classes will start at 7:45 a.m. and end at 2:20 p.m.

The best way to stay connected is through the Onondaga Central School District website's calendar. We also are continuing to use ParentSquare, which allows us to communicate in a timely manner.

During August, OCS families should have received a ParentSquare message, which includes student schedules, permission slips and other important information. There are many forms that students and parents need to review so please pay careful attention to the packet checklist and instructions. School supply lists are also available on the Onondaga Jr./Sr. High School website. If you have any questions regarding the information you receive over the summer, please call the Guidance Office at 315-552-5023, and we will be happy to assist you.

**NEW 7th GRADERS:** We look forward to meeting you and your parents at our 7th Grade Orientation on September 2 at 5 p.m. You are encouraged to bring your school supplies to this very important event!

For those interested in athletics, please visit Onondaga Central School District's website and utilize Family ID to register your child. Athletes must have a physical to participate in practices and games.

We appreciate your continued commitment to supporting your child's success as we prepare for a great start to the school year. We also appreciate your partnership with us in providing the best education possible for your child. Until September, have a wonderful summer, have fun and read a great book!

If you have questions regarding any aspect of your child's education, please contact us at the Jr./Sr. High School at 315-552-5020.

Sincerely,

**Tim Mumford**  
Principal, Jr./Sr. High School

## Jr./Sr. High School Welcomes Ryan Cooper as Vice Principal/Athletic Director

I am honored to introduce myself as the new Vice Principal and Athletic Director at Onondaga Jr./Sr. High School. It is a privilege to join a school with such a strong sense of community, tradition and commitment to student success both in the classroom and on the field.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology from Cazenovia College, a Master's Degree in Teaching 7-12 from SUNY Oswego and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Leadership from SUNY Cortland. I also hold a professional School District Leader certificate as well as an initial School Building Leader certificate.

I have experience in the classroom as a teacher and as a coach at both the JV and Varsity levels. I taught for five years between CiTi BOCES and Jordan-Elbridge and coached for four years at Jordan-Elbridge. During my time as an educator and a coach, I have developed strategies and skills to help build relationships in the building and support students and athletes in their educational journeys.

With a background in educational leadership and a deep passion for student development, I look forward to supporting our students, staff and families in fostering a positive, inclusive and achievement-driven environment. As Athletic Director, I'm looking forward to working alongside our coaches and student-athletes to continue building a program that reflects our school's values of teamwork, resilience and pride.

On a more personal note, I thoroughly enjoy outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing and participating in any sports that I can. When not at work, I am usually relaxing at home with my wife, Gianna, and our dog or out on the boat.

Sincerely,

**Ryan Cooper**  
Vice Principal & Athletic Director,  
Onondaga Jr./Sr. High School



## Wheeler Welcomes Erik Swanson as Principal

Erik Swanson has served as the Vice Principal at the Onondaga Jr./Sr. High School for the past four years, where he dedicated himself to supporting students, staff and families.

Prior to joining the district, he spent 20 years as an elementary teacher in the Syracuse City School District, teaching at every grade level from 1st through 6th grade. His extensive classroom experience includes teaching in ELL settings, inclusive classrooms, co-teaching models and departmentalized structures, giving him a well-rounded understanding of effective instruction for all learners.

In addition to his teaching and leadership experience, Swanson has a passion for coaching. He has coached baseball and softball from Little League to the high school varsity and travel levels. One of his proudest moments was watching his all-star team, which was not expected to make it out of the first round, advance all the way to the state final championship.

He says, "There's nothing like coaching or teaching where you get to witness athletes and students develop life skills that they remember 20 years later when they stop you and explain how you influenced or impacted their life."

Swanson holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Services Administration from the University of Central Florida, a Master of Education in Elementary Education from Syracuse University and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership from Syracuse University. He also holds professional administrative certificates as a School District Leader and School Building Leader, as well as a New York State teaching certificate for Pre-K through 6th grade.

He values developing strong partnerships with parents, staff and the community to enhance collaboration and support within the school environment. He is committed to fostering a positive school culture where every child feels welcomed and supported each day.

On a personal note, Swanson is an avid bowhunter and enjoys spending time on his snowmobile and Seadoo, and being the Royal Reader, of course. When not at work, he can be found relaxing at home with his two dogs, Kylo and Caramia.



**Cole Bort**

Social Studies Teacher



**Jeremy Dixon**

Maintenance



**Erin Kolwaite**

1st Grade



**Gina Toback**

Special Education

### ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOLS WELCOMES NEW STAFF

We'd like to welcome these new (and returning in a new position) Onondaga Central School District team members to our district!



## Letter from Wheeler Elementary

Dear Wheeler Families,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer! Things have been busy here at Wheeler Elementary. We have several construction projects underway, including hallway transformations and a resurfaced flagpole entrance. This fall, we'll proudly invite students into a refreshed and welcoming space.

Teachers have been in and out of the building as they plan and set up their classrooms for the fall. Alongside our dedicated teaching staff, the facilities team has been hard at work preparing the building for the new school year. Classrooms have been deep cleaned and the floors polished, making each room feel bright and refreshed. It's always amazing to see how spaces transform over the summer to create the best possible environment for our students to return and thrive!

Our first day of school this year is Wednesday, September 3. The building will open for students at 7:35 a.m. If you are planning to drop your child off, please have them here by 7:50 a.m. Dismissal is at 2:12 p.m. If you plan to pick up your child at the end of the day, please contact the office ahead of time.

Our primary means of communication with families continues to be ParentSquare. As we eagerly anticipate the start of a new school year, please ensure your ParentSquare app is updated to your preferred settings. Important information, such as teacher assignments and busing

details, will be shared on ParentSquare in August. Continue to check ParentSquare for updates all year long.

If you are not yet connected to ParentSquare or need assistance setting up your account, please contact the Main Office at 315-552-5050.

We are excited to welcome our incoming 3rd graders and their families on Thursday, August 28, at 6 p.m. We will begin with a brief introduction in the cafeteria, followed by a visit to the classrooms. I will be there to answer any questions you may have. You are also welcome to drop off supplies in your child's classroom so they don't need to carry them on the bus on the first day.

If you have any questions or concerns as you prepare for the upcoming school year, please do not hesitate to reach out by phone, email or directly through ParentSquare. The Main Office is generally open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. If you plan to stop by, please call ahead, as I am often away from my desk at meetings or attending to other responsibilities throughout the day. I want to make sure we have time to meet if you need anything.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

**Erik Swanson**

Principal, Wheeler Elementary

## Employment Opportunity

### **ROCKWELL LUNCH MONITOR:**

The lunch monitor supervises elementary students during lunch periods, ensuring a safe, respectful and welcoming environment. Responsibilities include monitoring student behavior, assisting with basic needs related to eating (e.g., opening containers, cleaning spills), reinforcing school rules, and promoting a positive and caring atmosphere. The ideal candidate is nurturing, attentive and dependable, with a strong commitment to student safety and well-being. Hours are 11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Applications can be submitted to Katelynn Killmore, Rockwell Principal.

**Contact:** [kkillmore@onondagacsd.org](mailto:kkillmore@onondagacsd.org)



## Letter from Rockwell Elementary

Dear Rockwell Families,

As the warmth of summer begins to fade, we eagerly anticipate the vibrant energy of a brand new school year just around the corner! Reflecting on this past year at Rockwell, it has truly been a period of immense growth and shared joy. I continue to be deeply impressed by the boundless enthusiasm of our students, the unwavering dedication of our staff and the powerful sense of community that truly makes Rockwell the little school with a big heart.

We celebrated many wonderful achievements this past school year. Our third year of full-day Pre-K was a resounding success, laying an even stronger foundation for our youngest learners, and our kindergarteners are more prepared than ever for the exciting educational journey ahead. We were also thrilled to continue to host beloved events like our Friday Morning Program, Meet the Teacher Night, Halloween Parade, Family Fun Nights, Parents as Reading Partners and many more. Sharing these special moments with our Rockwell families is always a highlight!

As we look forward to the start of a new school year, please ensure your ParentSquare app is updated to your preferred settings. This will remain our primary communication tool for all important updates. If you need assistance, please contact Kelly Rosenthal in the main office at 315-552-5070. Key information, such as teacher assignments and busing details, will be shared on ParentSquare in mid-August. Please feel free to reach out to me directly on ParentSquare with any questions or concerns.

**A friendly reminder that registration is still open for our Pre-K and Kindergarten students to start school this fall! If you know of any families who are interested, please encourage them to contact the main office.**

To welcome our new families and kick off the year, we will host a New Student Parent Orientation on August 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. Additionally, we invite all Rockwell students and families to our Popsicles with the Principal event on August 27 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy a refreshing popsicle, play on the playground and drop off school supplies in your new classroom. We'll also have a school bus on-site for new bus riders to practice boarding and to get comfortable boarding and riding the bus.

The Rockwell Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. throughout the summer. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything or would like to schedule a meeting.

I hope you all savor the remaining days of summer. I am incredibly excited for the fresh start and can't wait to welcome your children back to school for what promises to be another remarkable year!

Sincerely,

**Katelynn Killmore**  
Principal, Rockwell Elementary

## Important upcoming dates to remember!

**SEPT. 1 | Labor Day**

**SEPT. 2 | Locker Night/7th Grade Orientation**  
5 p.m. - Jr./Sr. High School

**SEPT. 3 | K-12 First Day of School, Pre-K Orientation**

**SEPT. 5 | First Day of Pre-K, Booster Club Meeting**

**SEPT. 9 | BOE Meeting**  
6 p.m. - Rockwell Elementary

**SEPT. 10 | PTO Meeting**  
6 p.m.

**SEPT. 18 | Rockwell Meet the Teacher Night**  
6 p.m. - Rockwell Elementary

**SEPT. 19-21 | Homecoming Weekend**

**SEPT. 23 | BOE Meeting**  
6 p.m. - HS

**SEPT. 24 | Wheeler Curriculum Night**  
6 p.m. - Wheeler Elementary

**SEPT. 25 | HS Picture Day**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIREES!

Thank you for your dedication to our students. We wish you well on your next chapter!

**Ronald (Skip) Harris**, Bus Driver

**Kevin Harmatuk**, Bus Driver





# New Policy 7316 Overview

*New Policy on Internet and Cellular Device Use During the School Day*

## 🚫 Devices Not Allowed During School Day

Students may not use personal phones, smartwatches, or internet-enabled devices during school hours – **INCLUDING**, but not limited to class time, lunch, recess and passing periods.

### ✅ EXCEPTIONS (With Approval)

- Medical Needs
- Emergencies (with staff)
- Translation & IEP or 504 if school device is not available.

### 📁 STORAGE RULES

**Elementary (Rockwell & Wheeler):**  
Devices are **NOT** allowed.

If brought, they will be stored in the main office.

**Jr./Sr. High School:**  
Devices must be stored in students' lockers or the main office.

### 🚫 DISCIPLINE

Confiscated devices will be held at the building office and will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian by the end of the school day.

### 📞 HOW TO CONTACT STUDENTS?

- ParentSquare/StudentSquare
- Written Note at the School Office
- **Call or Email the Main Office:**
  - » **Rockwell:** 315-552-5070/  
rwooffice@onondagacsd.org
  - » **Wheeler:** 315-552-5050/  
wheelerooffice@onondagacsd.org
  - » **Jr./Sr. High:** 315-552-5020/  
highschooloffice@onondagacsd.org



## SCAN FOR FULL POLICY

[onondagacsd.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1741](https://onondagacsd.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1741)

*This policy was developed in consultation with parents, students, and employee organizations and aims to help students stay focused on their learning.*



## OCS Students Participate in Special Olympics

We are thrilled to share that our OCS students recently participated in the Special Olympics held at FM High School. They showcased their incredible determination and endurance, strength and coordination at events throughout the day.

We are immensely proud of our students for their perseverance and dedication. Their hard work and sportsmanship truly inspire us all. Congratulations to all the participants for making us proud.



## Rockwell & Wheeler Fine Arts Success

Young Onondaga artists had so much fun creating, exploring and making beautiful artwork this year. Every grade level got to work with a variety of materials to create both 2D (flat) and 3D (sculptural) artworks.

The school's hallways, cafeteria and Wheeler library were vibrant with student artwork throughout the year. Beyond creating fantastic pieces, students collaborated, expressed themselves and discovered beauty in their surroundings. It was a truly creative year for all!



**Pictured in the bottom right photo, the Wheeler set design team:**

**3rd Grade:** Adrian Ayala, Anela Chavarria, Michael Donaldson, Niall Esposito, Abigail Foster, and Evelyn Weier

**4th Grade:** Nova Carr, Taryn Regal, and Finley Guyette

**5th grade:** Maeve Esposito, Eliana Holmes, and Amelia Weier

**6th grade:** Addison Hourigan and Avery Nelson

**A special shout out to the following students:**

- » Violet Kolodziey for designing the Rockwell and Wheeler yearbook cover
- » Baltimore Woods Student Art Exhibit participants: Fiona O'Toole (kindergarten), Maeve Bennett (1st Grade), Viola Fabian (2nd Grade), Isla Eroh and Aaliyah Clark (4th Grade) and Amelia Weier (5th grade)
- » Wheeler's set design team for creating the magical underwater world in "Finding Nemo Jr. the Musical"



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Class of 2005 20th Reunion Bash

Mark your calendars – it's the Onondaga Class of 2005's 20th Reunion Bash on August 23, 2025. Join the group for food, beverages and swapping memories at Harvey's Beer Garden in Syracuse.





## Rockwell Elementary School Honors National Pride with Flag Day Celebration

Rockwell Elementary School students, staff and families came together to celebrate Flag Day with a vibrant and heartfelt ceremony highlighting the importance of patriotism and community unity, followed by the popular annual parade.

Rockwell Elementary School's Flag Day ceremony not only commemorates a historic day in American history but also strengthens the bonds of community, citizenship and respect among its students and families.

## Homecoming 2025 On the Way!

Homecoming 2025 is scheduled for Friday, September 19, and Saturday, September 20. Activities kick off with a homecoming favorite: dinner sponsored by the Class of 2026 on Friday, September 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Friday night's activities will also include three exciting games: Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Mater Dei at 5 p.m., Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Solvay at 7 p.m., and JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Bishop Ludden at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Join us for the bonfire at 6:30 p.m. at the high school technology building parking lot.

Saturday's events begin with the traditional Homecoming Parade down South Onondaga Road. Our parade will follow its traditional route. Local law enforcement, fire departments and youth groups will intermingle with the four high school floats. This year, we will have two float competitions. The first category is our traditional float competition between the different classes. The second is an open category and everyone is invited to enter. The winners of the float competitions will be announced during half-time of the varsity football game.



Onondaga's Varsity Football team hosts Hannibal at 1 p.m. on Saturday and promises to be a great game. There will be youth attractions and the many food concessions will be open from noon to 4 p.m. As always, the concession tent will offer a wide variety of Homecoming favorites. Get there early for a good parking space and a seat in the stadium. Hope for good weather and sunshine as you renew friendships and enjoy the day! See you there!





## Superhero-Themed Game Day Brings Fun and Excitement to Rockwell Elementary

Rockwell Elementary's annual Game Day celebration brought students in Pre-K through 2nd grade together for a day of superhero-themed fun and camaraderie.

The event began with an opening ceremony in the cafeteria, where each class demonstrated their chosen "superpower." The ceremony set the tone for a day filled with activities designed to foster sportsmanship, creativity and teamwork.

### Highlights of the Day Included:

- » **Outdoor Activities:** Students rotated through 12 superhero-themed and water-based stations, with each activity encouraging collaboration and physical activity.
- » **Indoor Activities:** An obstacle course, scavenger hunt and classroom superhero crafts provided additional entertainment for students during their indoor time.

- » **Picnic Lunches:** Teachers and students enjoyed picnic lunches, creating a sense of community and celebration.
- » **Closing Ceremony:** The day concluded with a large group activity where each grade put on a superhero-themed performance, followed by a final gathering to celebrate the success of the day.

Rockwell Elementary would like to thank the volunteers, staff and families who contributed their time and resources to make the event a success.



**SCAN FOR VIDEO**

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## Race Day at Wheeler Elementary

Wheeler Elementary students laced up their sneakers and hit the track for the school's annual Race Day, a fun-filled event that had students zipping around the course amidst cheers and laughter.

Wheeler Elementary Race Day remains a cherished tradition, creating lasting memories for students, staff and families alike.



## Wheeler Elementary Performs 'Finding Nemo Jr.'



# Healthy Kids Program at Rockwell

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## **FUN BEFORE & AFTER THE BELL** **AT ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY**

### **HEALTHY KIDS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Our Extended Day Programs provide a safe, supportive space where children can **thrive beyond school hours**. Kids receive **homework help**, get **moving**, learn **new skills**, make **friends**, and most importantly—**have fun!**

**Ages:** K-12 years old

**Hours:** 6:30AM–School Start  
Dismissal–6:00PM



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### WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION!

Top row left to right: Jeremy Burton, Erik Nelson, Jason Baleno and Michael Kobasa

Bottom row left to right: Noelle Relles, Nathaniel Brown and Laurel Bennett

## Nurses' Corner

### REMINDERS:

- All students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th & 11th grades must have a physical and dental examination.
- Any student that receives medication during the school day must renew the physician's order and parent permission each year.
- Any student wishing to participate in sports must also have a physical on file (within 12 months of the first day of tryouts for that season) along with a health history completed within 30 days of the start of the season. All forms are available on the website.

**CHECK WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN TO BE SURE YOUR CHILD MEETS ALL OF NEW YORK STATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS.**

Enjoy the rest of the summer, stay cool, stay hydrated and stay SAFE!!

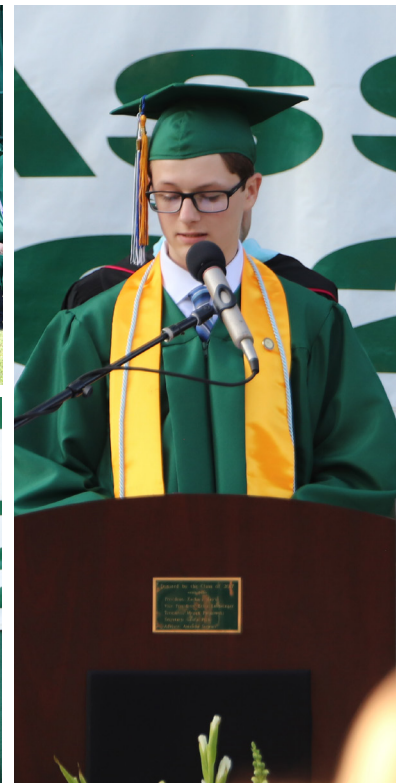
See you in September!  
*Patty, Lindsey and Kayla*



### CANINE UNITS VISIT WHEELER

Onondaga Officers Bobby Renaud and Cody Radzewicz visited Wheeler Elementary with K-9 unit dogs Ciro and Arak. Students enjoyed a live demonstration from the K-9s while the officers shared insights about their work and training.





**Onondaga 2025 Graduation**



# OCS | ATHLETICS INFO

## Fall Sports Registration Information:

JV/V fall sports registration opens Friday, July 18, 2025 and modified sports opens on Monday, August 4, on Family ID.

During registration, please upload a current physical, which must be dated August 1, 2024, or more recent for participation.

Please contact the athletic office with any questions: 315-552-5022; rcooper@onondagacsd.org.



### SCAN FOR REGISTRATION

[www.onondagacsd.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1680](http://www.onondagacsd.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1680)



## Athletics Start Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year

### Fall Sports:

- » Monday, August 18, 2025 - Varsity Football
- » Monday, August 18, 2025 - JV/Varsity Fall Season
- » Monday, August 25, 2025 - Modified Football
- » Wednesday, September 3, 2025 - All Other Modified Sports

### Winter Sports:

- » Monday, October 27, 2025 - Modified Winter Season 1: Mod Volleyball & Mod Boys Basketball
- » Monday, November 17, 2025 - JV/Varsity Winter Season
- » Monday, January 12, 2026 - Winter Season 2: Mod Wrestling & Mod Girls Basketball

### Spring Sports:

- » Monday, March 9, 2026 - JV/Varsity Spring Season
- » Monday, April 6, 2026 - Modified Spring Season

## IMPORTANT

**Please schedule and complete your students' physical as soon as possible. All student-athletes are required to have a valid physical completed within a year of their season start date. You may register your child for athletics in Family ID anytime within 30 days of the season start date for their sport.**



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### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Onondaga Central School PK-12 students will be proficient in all curricular areas, as measured by state, local, formative and summative assessments, by having the necessary resources in place and service learning will be implemented for all students.

### ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our students will learn in traditional and innovative environments that are safe, respectful, and encourage individual strengths. We will continue to utilize technology to keep student learning relevant in an effort to enhance the future success of students.

### PARENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

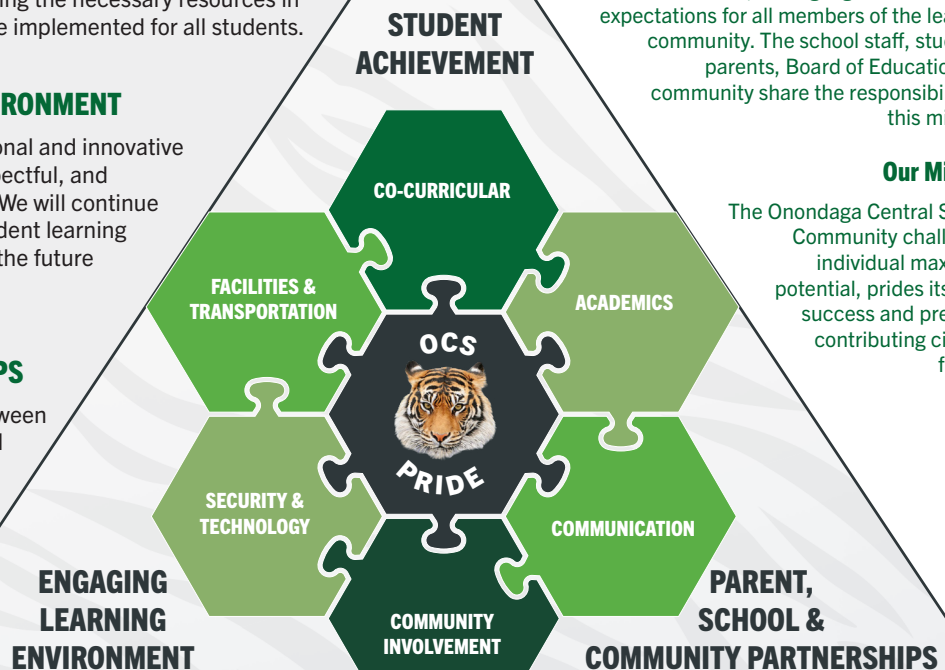
Recognizing the connection between student achievement and school success when students feel a sense of belonging, OCS will communicate opportunities for families and students to participate in goal-oriented activities at all grade levels.

### Our Vision Statement

The Onondaga Central School District is committed to educating all students in a safe and healthy environment, setting high standards and expectations for all members of the learning community. The school staff, students, parents, Board of Education and community share the responsibility for this mission.

### Our Mission

The Onondaga Central School Community challenges individual maximum potential, prides itself on success and prepares contributing citizens for life.



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