

# WINTER 2024 NEWS LETTER

## LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

**Dear OCS Community,**

As we approach this special time of year, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude and reflection. On behalf of our students and staff, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your unwavering support.

Your commitment and generosity have played a vital role in ensuring the excellence of our school district programs. These opportunities enrich the lives of our students, empowering them to achieve their full potential.

This holiday season, we celebrate not only the joy of togetherness but also the incredible impact of a community that cares deeply about its schools. Your support makes all the difference, and for that, we are truly thankful.

Wishing you and your loved ones a season filled with warmth, joy and cherished moments.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas,

*Rob Price*

**Rob Price,**  
Superintendent of Schools



**Onondaga**  
Central Schools

SCAN FOR  
**OCS CALENDAR**





### School Bus Referendum Results

We want to extend our thanks to each and every one of you who took the time to come out and vote on the bus referendum. Your participation in this important decision-making process demonstrates your commitment to our community and the future of our students.

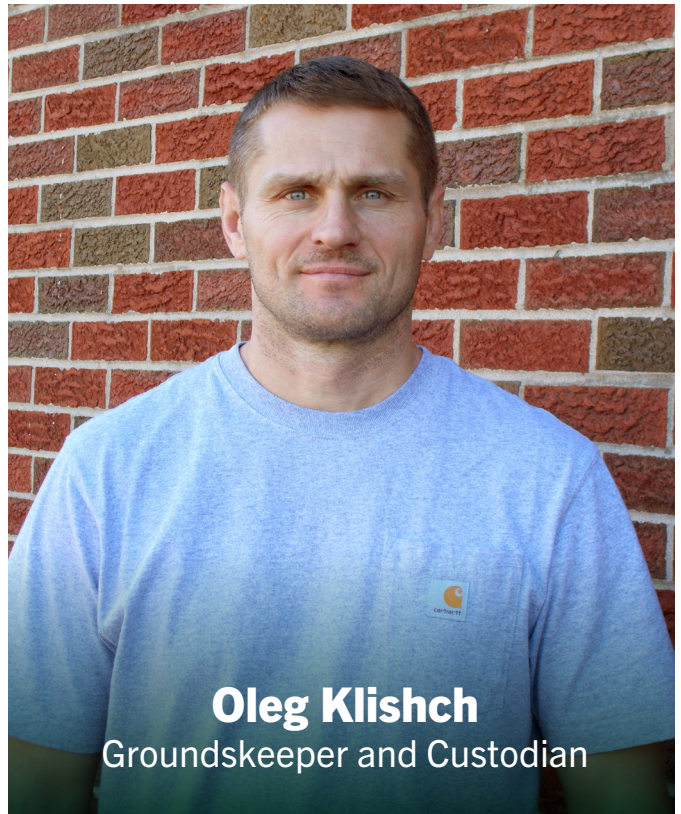
- » Proposition 1 (2 66-Passenger EV and 1 30-passenger gasoline bus) fails 135 to 211
- » Proposition 2 (2 66-Passenger gasoline and 1 30-passenger gasoline bus) passes 274 to 67

Because of this vote, there will be no bus proposition included in the spring budget.



### New Team Members in Our Schools

We'd like to welcome new Onondaga Central School District team members for the 2024-2025 school year!







## OCS Teacher Liz Bort Accepted to the NYS Master Math Teacher Program

Onondaga Central School District Teacher Liz Bort was accepted to the NYS Master Math Teacher Program.

The NYS Master Teacher Program network consists of outstanding teachers recognized for their dedication to providing the most innovative STEM education to their students, their commitment to professional growth, and their enthusiasm for sharing their successful practices with colleagues in their schools, districts and regions.

The New York State Master Teacher Program is a vibrant professional network of more than 1400 outstanding public school K-12 STEM teachers throughout the state who share a passion for their own STEM learning and for collaborating with colleagues to inspire the next generation of STEM leaders.

To learn more, check out the NYS Master Teacher Website: [www.suny.edu/masterteacher/about/](http://www.suny.edu/masterteacher/about/).



## LiveSmart: Support for a Healthier Holiday Season

December 5, 2024 Robert Webster Jr. Wellness

*[By Deborah House, LMSW, CCM, ACHP-SW, CCI, Clinical Executive of Care Coordination, Social Work, Utilization Management and Behavioral Health Services with St. Peter's Health Partners, and Alex Marsal, PhD., Co-Founder and Chief Clinical and Science Officer for aptihealth.]*

As the days get shorter and the holidays approach, it's common to experience a mix of emotions. Many people experience increased stress, grief, or loneliness during this time of year, sometimes referred to as the "holiday blues."

Whether it's the lack of daylight, memories of loved ones lost, or the pressure of holiday gatherings, these feelings can be overwhelming and lead to more serious health concerns if left untreated. However, with the right habits and support system, these challenges can be effectively managed.

### Positive Things You Can Do to Reduce Stress and SAD Symptoms

- » Stay Connected – Spend time with loved ones, even if it's over the phone or video.
- » Stick to a Routine – Try to keep a regular daily schedule and make time for things you enjoy.
- » Prioritize Sleep and Nutrition – Good sleep and healthy food help your body and mind stay healthy.
- » Move Your Body – Exercise, even in small amounts, can give you more energy and improve your mood.
- » Limit Alcohol and Drug Use – Alcohol and drugs can make you feel worse over time.
- » Set Realistic Expectations – The holidays don't have to be perfect. Focus on small, joyful moments instead.
- » Get Outside – Try to get outside daily or sit near a window if possible to get more sunlight.

Take care and be safe! Patty, Lindsey and Kayla

Nurses' Corner



### Author/Illustrator Visits Wheeler

Author and illustrator David Covell visited Wheeler Elementary; visiting authors help promote literacy and the writing process with students.

According to a 2019 report by the National Literacy Trust, students who participate in author visits are twice as likely to read above their age level. For reluctant readers, meeting an author can offer a fresh perspective on writing and storytelling, motivating them to dive into books.

Covell's children's book "Run Wild" was selected as a 2018 Best Illustrated Book by The New York Times and The New York Public Library. "Run Wild" is an exquisite and kid-friendly reminder of how wonderful life can be beyond doors and screens. Covell also shared his latest book "Gather Round."

"It is a wonderful day at our school when we were all conscious of and celebrating the lives we live and the space we share them in," said Maureen McGowan, the Wheeler Elementary Librarian.

# AP Art

STUDENT  
EXHIBITION

SYLUI ADAMS

ALAINA HELSEY

BEN NETT

EUAN CATARISANO

EUY MANGO

CINDY CHEN

LEAH SCHULTZ

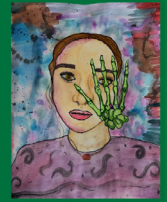
JASMIN TAYLOR

LOCATED IN THE AUDITORIUM

HALLWAY DISPLAY CASES

December 11th - January 10th

Help support the students by  
filling out their surveys for their  
mid point portfolio development



### HALLWAY ART SHOW ON DISPLAY

Thank you to our community who donated books for the Beauty & the Beast book giveaway! More than 150 books found their way into the hands of excited kids (and even some cast members between acts). Your generosity keeps OCS reading—thank you!



### OCS Presents Beauty and the Beast



Onondaga Jr./Sr. High School performed the classic Beauty and the Beast for their fall performance, which wowed audiences. See you in April for "Mean Girls!"



# ☆ ☆ HONOR ROLL ☆ ☆

**7TH GRADE**

Adams, Kara\*  
 Batschelet, Grace\*  
 Berger, Charlotte\*  
 Berger, Julia\*  
 Bergman, James\*  
 Bey-Wright, Epiphany\*  
 Braun, Clara\*  
 Brooks, Jansen\*  
 Burns, Madison\*  
 Campbell, Jayden\*  
 Conway, Callin\*  
 Corrice, Jr., Daniel Cox,  
 Bryson\*  
 Cox, Sophie\*  
 Crysler, William\*  
 Decker, Mason  
 Gemmell, Aeliana\*  
 Gowing, Isabella\*  
 Hardwick, Aryanna\*  
 Hosler, Easton\*  
 Hudson, Bryce\*  
 Hunt, Carter\*  
 Klekochko, Stanislav\*  
 Kudlick, Samantha\*  
 Lasinski, Matthew\*  
 Lehmann, Bennett  
 Luchsinger, Liam\*  
 Luchsinger, Logan\*  
 Luton, Willa\*  
 Maloney, Weston\*  
 Marhelis, Evelina\*  
 McCoy, Egan  
 Millett, Andrew\*  
 Murphy, Austin\*  
 Murphy, Brayden\*  
 Nelson, Shane\*  
 Palmer, Addison  
 Phillips, Colin\*  
 Phinney, David  
 Pimentel, Ne'vaeh  
 Price, Theodore  
 Romano, Winter\*  
 Samson, Connor\*  
 Sicignano, Vincent\*  
 Taylor, Evan  
 Torres, Alvin\*  
 Vonderweidt, Jeannette\*  
 Wiley, James

**8TH GRADE**

Andino, Rosemarie\*  
 Baxter III, Bobby\*  
 Burns, Quinn  
 Cage, Gabriel  
 Conners, Jameson\*  
 Corrente, Paul\*  
 Cruz Pagan, Nayanis\*  
 Donaghy, Kaelyn\*  
 Fikes, Emily\*  
 Finlay, Aden\*  
 Foster, Alexandra\*  
 Greene, Violet\*  
 Hass, Hunter  
 Hourigan, Andrew  
 Hourigan, Brayden  
 Hourigan, Taylor\*  
 Hughes, Gianna  
 Kallfelz, Aubrey\*  
 Kelsey, Avery\*  
 Kelsey, Jacob\*  
 Kelsey, Nicholas  
 Kgalemang, Teto\*  
 King, Carson\*  
 Kobasa, Ryan\*  
 Kyslyak, Illia\*  
 Lettsome, Ella\*  
 Marhelis, Preston\*  
 Massey, Damian  
 Meah, Shahriaz\*  
 Moore, August\*  
 Mulligan, Madison\*  
 Patterson, Sean\*  
 Pierce, Allison\*  
 Polge, Anthony\*  
 Pulver, Nathan\*  
 Relles, Coralena\*  
 Richardson, Dashawn\*  
 Roundtree, London  
 Ryan, Madison\*  
 Sanders, Zion  
 Scheve, Lillian\*  
 Shepherd, Nevaeh\*  
 Shute, Addison\*  
 Spencer, Colton\*  
 Supernault, Sophia (Dani)\*  
 Tkachenko, David  
 Welch, Miles\*  
 White, Iceiz\*  
 Zarnowski, Paityn

**9TH GRADE**

Allen, Lucas  
 Barbuto, Macie\*  
 Boyer, Zachary\*  
 Carter, Jordyn\*  
 Castellano-Nava, Alize`  
 Clarke, Kevanie\*  
 Cummings, Colton\*  
 Dixie, Gavin\*  
 Dixie, Logan\*  
 Fowler, Lucy  
 Gemmell, James\*  
 Gonnella, Katalina\*  
 Grant, Nahzehia  
 Hennigan, Rose\*  
 Hill, Jakari  
 Hill, Jorden\*  
 Lasinski, Francesca\*  
 Lehmann, Jackson\*  
 Mumford, Ella\*  
 Powell, Ian\*  
 Ramirez Domingo, Aimar\*  
 Reeves, Unique  
 Roundtree, Isabella\*  
 Searle, Brooklyn\*  
 Smorol, Cooper\*  
 Steeprock, Tucker\*  
 Toro, Ariana\*  
 Woods, Olivia

**10TH GRADE**

BAdams, Nih'Jawn  
 Buchanan, Jadon  
 Burton, Jacob  
 Donze, Amani\*  
 Doshna, Olivia  
 Fiaschetti, Sydney\*  
 Fikes, William\*  
 Fox, Olivia\*  
 Frazier, Mariana\*  
 Freyer, Abigail\*  
 Gabriel, Jr., Raun\*  
 Gomez Mejia, Mayerli  
 Haines, Tyler\*  
 Hantke, Logan  
 Hourigan, Theodore\*  
 Hughes, William  
 Hunter, Trevor\*  
 Johnson-Cathers, Jadore  
 Keane, Jayden\*

**Knapp, Madison\***

Kobasa, Lyla\*  
 Luton, Reed\*  
 Marsh, Kendal\*  
 Mattison, Bryce\*  
 Mayotte-Woods, Kaleb\*  
 McCoy, Knoll\*  
 Miller, Jr., Sean  
 O'Dell, Addison\*  
 Pierce, Grace\*  
 Rhyant, Emalie\*  
 Ryan, Jesse  
 Smidga, Ciera  
 Smith Jr., Jamere  
 Smith, Rory  
 Spencer, Adeline\*  
 Spies, Anna\*  
 Spies, Lena\*  
 Szabo, Madison  
 Wright, Zanai\*

**11TH GRADE**

Andino, Carolyn\*  
 Boyer, Sydney\*  
 Brasket, Avery  
 Brown, Maxwell  
 Cox, MacKenna\*  
 Cox, Sydney\*  
 Crews, Alex\*  
 Doner, Nathan\*  
 Fordyce, Kaleigha  
 Hall, Aaron\*  
 Hill, Tessa\*  
 Mahoney, Grace  
 Mckee, Tucker  
 Miller, Madilynn\*  
 Montulli, Antonio\*  
 Morris, Nolan  
 Moses, Justin\*  
 Mulligan, Riley\*  
 Nett, Benjamin\*  
 Palacios Ramirez, Yoselin  
 Pierce Jr., David\*  
 Urbas, Joshua  
 Victoriano, Ryan\*  
 Wright IV, Howard

**12TH GRADE**

Abbott, John  
 Adams, Sylvana\*  
 Bellinger, Jaiden\*  
 Bennett, Tyson  
 Bloom, Olivia\*  
 Catarisano, Evan  
 Cheek, Jordan\*  
 Chen, Cindy\*  
 Cousineau, Daelyn\*  
 Cruz, Adan\*  
 Davis, Gabrielle\*  
 Davis, Olivia  
 Donath, Ella\*  
 Fikes, Lindsay\*  
 Foster, Helena\*  
 Garafolo, Kaydee\*  
 Grady, Sahara\*  
 Grenton, LaJada\*  
 Hammond, Bryan\*  
 Hayes, Lina\*  
 Holley, Jordan  
 Hollister Jr., Damon  
 Hunter, II, David\*  
 Job, Savannah  
 Kelsey, Alaina\*  
 LaMacchia, Emanuel\*  
 Lettsome, Deshea\*  
 Mango, Evylena\*  
 Mattox, Aliyah\*  
 McBride, Yasmine  
 Morman, Amieya\*  
 Parker, Miles  
 Robinson, Candace\*  
 Rodriguez, Keahra\*  
 Sanborn, Melissa\*  
 Schmidt, Mackenzie\*  
 Schultz, Hannah\*  
 Schultz, Leah\*  
 Schultz, Madelyn\*  
 Smith, Skylar\*  
 Sutton, Seamus  
 Taylor, Jasmine\*  
 Toomey, John  
 Troch, Ryan  
 Vincent, Jadin\*  
 Volles, Jacob\*  
 Welch, John\*  
 Yemma, Maddox\*

\* = High Honor Roll



### BOOK GIVEAWAY KEEPS OCS READING

Thank you to our community who donated books for the Beauty & the Beast book giveaway! More than 150 books found their way into the hands of excited kids (and even some cast members between acts). Your generosity keeps OCS reading—thank you!



### DRAMA STUDENTS PERFORM PROLOGUE FOR ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY YOUTH

Drama students performed a prologue of “Beauty and the Beast” for Rockwell Elementary youngsters, inspiring future passions in the fine arts.

## Employment Opportunities

### Superintendent's Confidential Secretary

Onondaga Central School District is seeking a highly motivated and organized individual for the position of Superintendent's Confidential Secretary. Under the direction of the Superintendent, this role involves coordinating all functions of the Superintendent's office and requires proficiency in both oral and written communication, as well as, strong organizational skills and attention to detail.

Key responsibilities include: a strong understanding of administrative functions, managing office communications using Microsoft Office, Google Suite and Drive, district messaging systems, agenda preparation for Board of Education (BOE) meetings and assisting the district clerk with related tasks; BOE policy management; serving as the home-school liaison and record keeper; utilizing modern office technology efficiently; serving as the liaison with the public relation team; managing data and calendars; familiar with student/personnel management systems; and other duties as assigned.

A college degree in a related field and administrative or executive assistant experience are desirable. To apply, submit your application through OLAS by 1/17/2025.



### Substitute School Bus Driver or Bus Monitor

Retired? Looking for something to do or some extra money? Are you at least 21 years old? Do you have a driver's license? Do you like working with kids? Come see us and we will train you! We can get you ready for your road test or teach you how to assist special needs students on the bus. No experience necessary, but is always appreciated. Please call (315) 552-5090 if interested.

### Substitute Custodians

Generally needed for evening shift from four to eight hours at Rockwell, Wheeler and the Jr./Sr. High School. Some heavy lifting required. Training is provided. Contact (315) 552-5090.

### Substitute Teachers (certified and uncertified) and Substitute Teaching Assistant

If interested, please visit our website at [onondagacsd.org](http://onondagacsd.org) for applications.





## Onondaga Explores Innovation at STEAM Fest Maker Faire

In November, 25 students in grades five through seven participated in the STEAM Fest and Maker Faire at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

The event featured hands-on activities, interactive demonstrations and engaging displays highlighting Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM).

Students explored potential future careers and hobbies while being inspired by the creativity and expertise of participating organizations and volunteers. The event provided an exciting opportunity to ignite curiosity and a passion for STEAM disciplines.

## Rockwell Elementary Hosts Holiday-Themed Family Fun Event

Rockwell Elementary School kicked off the holiday season with a festive Family Fun event themed around holiday crafts. The event welcomed approximately 40 attendees who joined in for an evening of creativity, laughter and community connection.

Participants enjoyed a variety of hands-on holiday craft stations, including:

- » A Kissing Ball: Crafted using an apple as a base, adorned with pine boughs and decorations.
- » A Snowflake Suncatcher: Made with tissue paper, hand-cut snowflakes and contact paper.
- » A Handprint Wreath: Students traced and cut out their handprints, arranging them into a wreath shape around a paper plate.
- » Salt Dough Ornaments: Decorated with paint and thumbprints, in shapes like Christmas trees, stars, bells and ornaments.



The event was filled with holiday cheer, bringing joy to participants of all ages. Rockwell Elementary extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated materials and contributed their time to make this event a success.

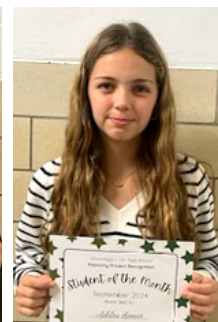
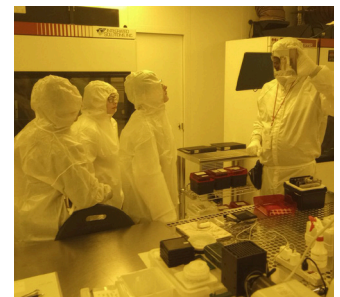
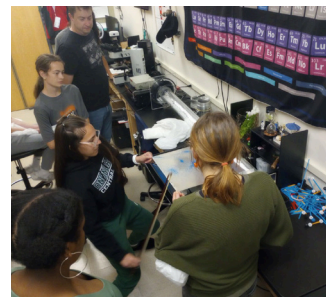
Mark your calendars for Rockwell's next Family Fun event, which is scheduled for February 11.

### OCS Students Explore Physics at Cornell University

Mr. Sharpsteen and the OCS college physics class had an exciting opportunity to visit Cornell University, allowing Onondaga students to explore the Center for Nanofabrication, where they engaged in hands-on experimentation and learned about the fascinating field of nanotechnology.

During this visit, students discovered the innovative research being conducted by both students and industry professionals. The work being done in this field is not only shaping the future of medical technology and information systems, but also paving the way for advancements in nanorobotics.

This trip marked a significant milestone, as it included one of the first in-person tours of the CNF clean room specifically for high school students. Such experiences highlight the commitment of Onondaga Central School District to provide students with enriching educational opportunities that inspire curiosity and ignite a passion for science and technology.

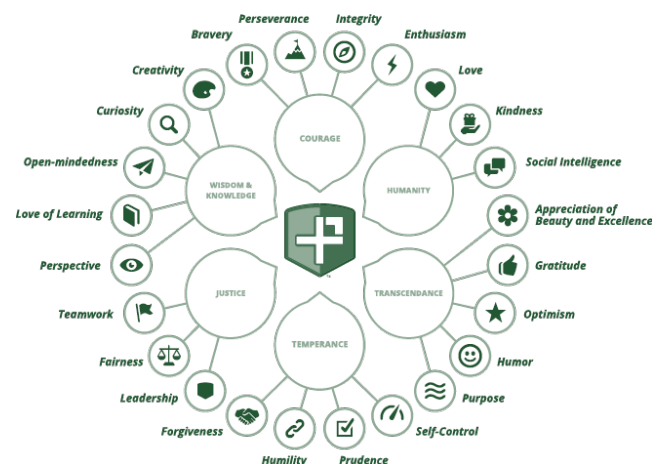


### Positivity Project Inspiring Students

The Positivity Project is running strong, inspiring students with character traits to practice in everyday life.

Students are identified by the faculty. Pictured are students recognized as great teammates in the classroom, who show a strong interest in learning, who are sensitive to the needs around them, who are kind to all and do their best, even when difficulties arise.

Congratulations Kara Adams, Rosemarie Andino, LaJada Grenton, Yasmine McBride, Adeline Spencer and Ariana Toro for your love of learning, social intelligence, citizenship, kindness and perseverance.







## OCS Art Students Start 13th Year of Memory Project

Onondaga art students are participating in The Memory Project for their 13th year.

Over the years, the students have created portraits for students in Sierra Leone, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Ethiopia, Bolivia, Syrian refugee camps, the Philippines and Nigeria.

This year, Mrs. Passetti's students are creating 19 portraits for children in India. The portraits are currently on display by the auditorium. Artwork will be delivered to the children in India in early 2025.

The Memory Project is run by a non-profit organization that partners art class students in the USA with children in schools around the world. In their words, "The Memory Project is a youth arts organization that promotes intercultural understanding and kindness between children around the world. We have been fortunate to have 320,000 youth in 57 countries involved in our school-based program since 2004." More information is available on their website at [www.memoryproject.org](http://www.memoryproject.org).

## WHEELER SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED

Wheeler Elementary School is proud to announce the top four spellers from this year's highly competitive Spelling Bee:

- Bentley Sweetapple, 6th grade (Overall Winner)
- Henry Smith, 6th grade
- Brayden Baxter, 5th grade
- Eliana Holmes, 5th grade

These talented students showcased exceptional spelling skills and will now advance to the Regional Qualifier Event, which will take place online in February.







## OCS FFA Members Win 3rd Place at National FFA Convention

From October 21 - 26, Onondaga Central FFA Members Ian Powell and Francesca Lasinski attended the National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, IN. They represented New York in the National FFA Agriscience Fair competition and won 3rd place in the Division 2 Environmental Services and Natural Resource Systems category.

In addition to competing and being recognized for their achievement, Powell and Lasinski had the chance to participate in a multitude of opportunities along with 70,000 other FFA members from around the nation. They toured Purdue University, the Ohio State Department of Agriculture, attended leadership workshops and networked with representatives from the agriculture industry.

## OCS Students Attend Adirondack Youth Climate Summit

In November, Mr. Mauro and three members of the Environmental Club participated in the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, NY.

Alongside students from across the state, they engaged in workshops, lectures and presentations aimed at inspiring and empowering youth to take meaningful action on climate change.

This transformative experience energized the students, who returned home ready to implement sustainable initiatives in their school and community. The Summit highlights the power of youth collaboration in addressing environmental challenges and building a greener future.





## Section III Class C2/D2 Football All-stars Announced

The 2024 Class C2/D2 football all-stars were recently released. Section III coaches selected the all-stars. From Onondaga:

- |                                       |                                   |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| » Jadon Buchanan, Onondaga, sophomore | » Howard Wright, Onondaga, junior | » Donovan Turo, Onondaga, junior  |
| » Damon Hollister, Onondaga, senior   | » Justin Moses, Onondaga, junior  | » Maxwell Brown, Onondaga, junior |
| » Jesse Recor, Onondaga, senior       | » Ryan Troch, Onondaga, senior    | » Andre Turo, Onondaga, freshman  |



## Varsity Football

This is the first year back into 11-man football as a #2 or #3 seed. This year has been a testimony of the true meaning of adversity; however, the team has been able to provide a positive outlook for the school and community throughout it all. They anticipated ending the regular season with a 3-4 record (3-2 in our division). The coaching staff looks forward to a very productive off-season, starting in the spring with returning players. Their goal next year is to win the league championship.

## Modified Football

Modified Football had a great year. There were 40 athletes this season. The team is made up of nine freshmen, twenty 8th-graders and eleven 7th-graders. The kids worked very hard this year and the future is bright with this group of student athletes.



## Varsity Cheerleading

Varsity Cheerleading has had another amazing season with a squad just shy of 20 members. The girls worked really hard together this season. They learned new “lifts” and different techniques made up new cheers, and then taught them to each other. The squad welcomed three brand new members: Lalia Moreno, Kylie Forest and Aubrey Kallfelz. Although the four graduating seniors will be missed, the team looks forward to spreading the cheer throughout Onondaga Central for the remainder of the year.

### Mattox Signs for Le Moyne

Onondaga Senior Aliyah Mattox officially signed her commitment letter to play Women's Lacrosse at Le Moyne College. This is an incredible achievement, and we couldn't be more proud.



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## RECOGNIZING FALL SCHOLAR ATHLETES

### BOYS SOCCER

Knoll McCoy  
John Welch

### VOLLEYBALL\*

Lyla Kobasa  
Deshea Lettsome  
Madilynn Miller  
Emalie Rhyant  
Leah Schultz  
Madelyn Schultz

### GIRLS SOCCER

Macie Barbuto  
Jaiden Bellinger  
MacKenna Cox  
Syndey Cox  
Ella Donath  
Lyla Kobasa  
Francesca Lasinski  
Addison O'Dell  
Grace Pierce  
Hannah Schultz  
Zanai Wright

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY\*

Amani Donze  
Kendal March  
Ella Mumford  
Mackenzie Schmidt  
Adeline Spencer

### VARSITY FOOTBALL\*

Tyler Haines  
Damon Hollister Jr.  
Sean Miller Jr.  
Justin Moses  
David Pierce Jr.  
Ryan Troch  
Howard Wright IV  
Andre Turo  
Donavan Turo

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY\*

James Gemmell  
Bryan Hammond  
Jayden Keane  
Emanuel LaMacchia  
Reed Luton  
Ian Powell

### CHEER\*

Olivia Bloom  
Avery Brasket  
Jordyn Carter  
Kylie Forest  
Lina Hayes  
Jorden Hill  
Tessa Hill  
Aubrey Kallfelz  
Alaina Kelsey  
Avery Kelsey  
Nevaeh Sheperd  
Iceiz White

*\*Scholar Athlete Team - GPA  
average of 96%*







### Varsity Girls' Soccer

The ladies just finished the season on a nail biter against McGraw. This game was like nearly every game of the season, the girls left it all on the field. Coaches are so proud of this group, specifically the upperclassmen, for their work ethic and leadership. The graduating seven seniors showed the young girls what hard work, determination and a positive mindset can do on and off the field. Although these seniors will be missed, the team is looking forward to growing as a team with many underclassmen coming up for next season.

### Modified Girls' Soccer

The team had a great season, with a very strong group of girls! They worked on leadership skills and learned what it means to be a positive teammate, all while enjoying the sport of soccer. They should finish with a record of 7-2-3. Coaches are looking forward to seeing what this group of girls can do next year!

### Varsity Boys' Soccer

Despite a challenging Varsity season, our boys played with great determination and sportsmanship in every match. We are proud of their efforts and the resilience they showed throughout the season. While the team will miss Senior John Welch, coaches are excited about the potential for improvement with the talented players who will be returning next year.

OCS wants to acknowledge the dedication of our Varsity Boys Soccer team this season. Special thanks to OCS Junior Nate Doner, Sophomore Knoll McCoy, Junior Vasyi Prokopchuk and Senior John Welch for their hard work and commitment on the field.

### Modified Boys' Soccer

The team had a great turnout this year, with the biggest numbers yet at 23! Most of the team had little experience in soccer, which made for a challenge, but they managed to tie Tully 5-5 in overtime - very exciting! The boys learned the importance of passing, remaining in position and relying on each other. Most importantly, they had fun doing it. It was a positive season for all involved.



### Varsity Cross Country

The Varsity Cross Country team had a very productive Championship season. The Boys team finished 3rd at the OHSL League meet at Tully. The Team was led by League Champion Reed Luton and Emanuel Lamachhia and Evan Catarisano who finished 11th & 12th overall. On the Girls side, Adeline Spencer and Mackenzi Schmidt both earned 2nd team all league honors for their races. At the Class D Sectional Meet, the Boys finished 5th, led by Reed Luton's 3rd-place finish. Reed earned a spot in the State Championship meet at Queensbury High School. Despite fighting a cold, Reed finished 21st overall and was part of the Section 3 team that took home the intersectional championship. Reed was recently named 1st team All Section 3 based on his accomplishments. Great season to the entire team, and Good Luck in Track season.

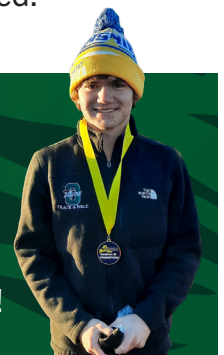
### Modified Cross Country

Modified Cross Country is building up strength and distance as the season progresses. The team's veteran runners, Emily Fikes, Katie Newton and Penny Veri, have been leading the way and pushing the team to new heights. They've also had some exciting new participants join the sport, including Kara Adams, Jansen Brooks, Max Gonnella and Amelia Steul, who have been working hard to train alongside the experienced runners. The team has been working together to push each other during practices, and coaches are proud of the camaraderie and teamwork they've displayed.



### LUTON PARTICIPATES IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Reed Luton finished in the top 5 with a PR. and participated in the State Championship!







### Varsity Volleyball

This team is the ultimate comeback team! They get into trouble in the first half of the game but love to come back and win! This Varsity team is young, carrying three starting sophomores. With the leadership of the Juniors and Seniors, the younger students are developing quite nicely.

### JV Volleyball

The girls wrapped up the season on October 17. One of the highlights of the season was beating a very strong Jordan-Elbridge team. OCS is a young team and have grown a lot throughout the season. They are working on consistency and hope to continue to grow and improve in the off-season. This JV team is the most enthusiastic and energetic team OCS has had in quite some time. Coaches look forward to seeing their continued success throughout the next few years.



### OCS GIRLS' WRESTLING KICK-OFF SEASON TO GREAT START

Olivia Doshna and Payton Abbott alongside OCS Alum Coach Cummings had an impressive first match of the season at West Genesee, setting the tone for an exciting season ahead. Onondaga Girls' Wrestling is combined with the Homer Central School District.

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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

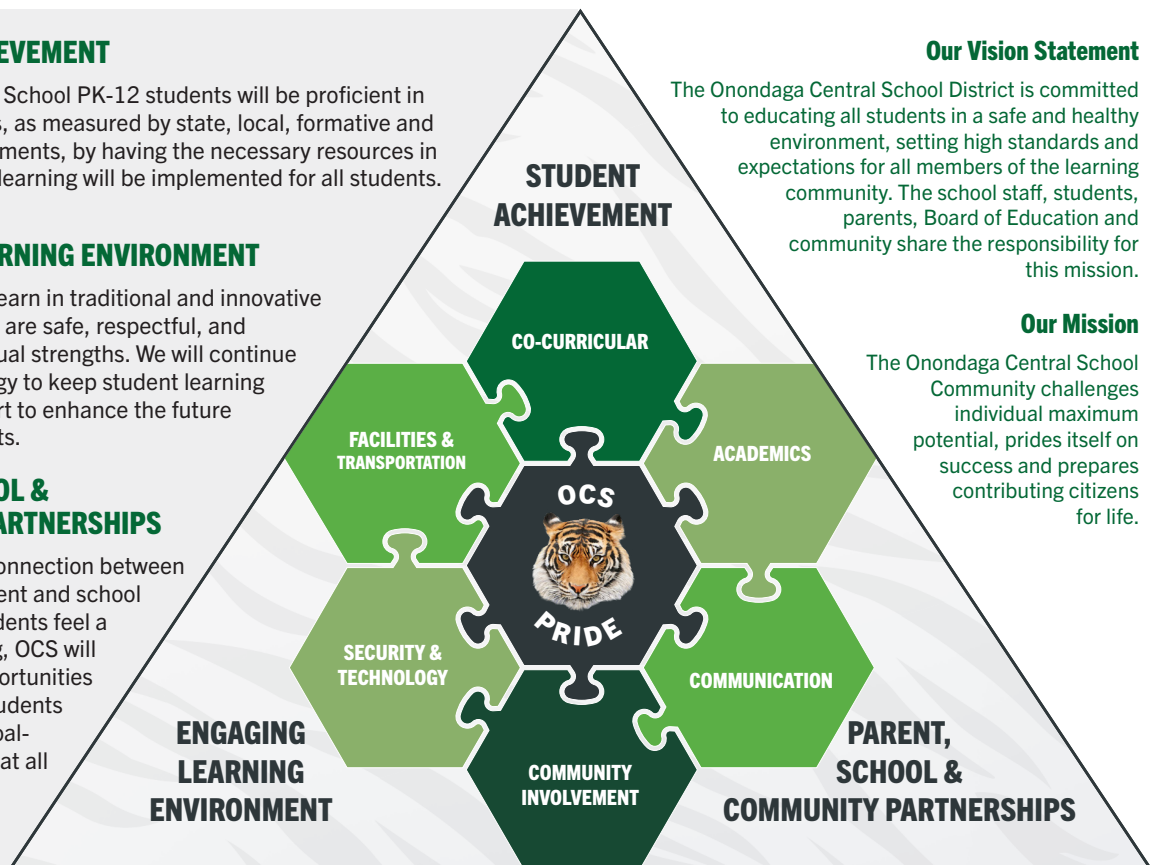
Recognizing the connection between student achievement and school success when students feel a sense of belonging, OCS will communicate opportunities for families and students to participate in goal-oriented activities at all grade levels.

### 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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