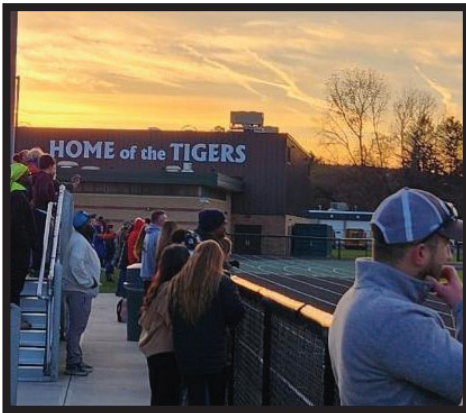


ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Homecoming 2023 was a great success and the rain held off. On Friday we had concessions and the annual bonfire. A special thank you to Bill Guptill and Dave Toomey with the set up as well as Fellows Trucking for providing gravel. Students attended the yearbook dance and a taco dinner hosted by the Class of 2024. The boys and girls soccer teams started off the weekend with the girls varsity team winning in double OT 1-0 against Manlius Pebble Hill. The boys' soccer team beat rival Bishop Grimes 3-2.



Saturday's events began with the traditional Homecoming Parade down South Onondaga Road. Special thank you to Taunton, Navarino and South Onondaga Fire Departments for participating in the parade. Much appreciation to John Milligan for chauffeuring Onondaga Central's King and Queen, Alan Victoriano and D'Ziyar Glover. Our parade also included local law enforcement, TLC Ambulance, youth groups and our high school floats. This year we had two float competitions. The first category is traditional float competition between the different classes and the winner was the Seniors, Class of 2024. The second is an open category and everyone is invited to enter. The winners of the open competition was: the Little School with

a Big Heart, Rockwell. The OCS Tiger was also in the parade and was led by a horse drawn carriage from Rt. 80 Stables.

Onondaga's varsity football team fell in a hard fought battle to Thousand Islands. There were many food concessions that brought a wide variety of Homecoming favorites. It was also Senior Night for Boys and Girls Soccer and Football teams as well as the OCS Cheerleaders.

Congratulations:

Football

Shatiq Holley, Alan Victoriano, Jack Williams, Wyatt Malney and Josiah McCheyne

Cheerleading

Ashley Bouyea, Navia McDowell, Jazmyn Cox and Lillian Kahley

Boys Soccer

Joey Starkey, Mohammed Almaliki and Frankli Lopez



The weather cooperated as hopefully you had a chance to renew friendships and enjoy the day!

THE ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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September/October 2023

WELCOME TO OCS



Hello! My name is **Lisa Andino**, and I am thrilled to join the Onondaga Central School District as the new school counselor at Wheeler Elementary. I received my bachelor's degree from SUNY Potsdam, my master's degree from SUNY Oswego, and have spent the last 19.5 years as a school counselor in the Waterloo Central School District. I grew up in Camillus, New York, and currently reside in Onondaga Hill with my husband and two children, who attend OCS Jr/Sr High School. I enjoy singing, taking pictures, talking about all things related to Disney, and spending time with my family and friends. I look forward to working in the community that I have also chosen to call home!



Jessie Brown-Cox comes to OCS from Lowville Academy where she spent 14 years teaching English and Special Education. She enjoys reading, horse-back riding, and spending time with family and friends. Mrs. Brown-Cox has three children; Bonus daughters Maria and MacKenna, and son Seamus. She is excited to be here at OCS as the new addition to the High School Special Education Department and is looking forward to getting to know the great community that makes OCS so amazing. Go Tigers!

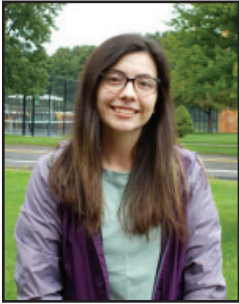


My name is **Nichole Demers** and I am the long term substitute Physical Education teacher at Rockwell Elementary. Ever since I was a Tiger myself, I have hoped to return to my alma mater to teach in the Rockwell building. I graduated from OCS in 2005, received my Bachelor's degree at SUNY Cortland in Physical Education, and then received my Master's degree at Canisius College in Physical Education and Health Education. I started my teaching career in 2009, teaching PE and Health to students at LaFargeville CSD. For the past 8 years, I taught PE to students in grades PreK-8 at Manlius Pebble Hill. My husband and I currently reside in Marcellus with our three young children. I am beyond excited for this opportunity at OCS and I'm thankful to return home.



My name is **Victoria DiPietro**, I am the new agriculture technology teacher here at OCS! I am originally from Connecticut, but moved to New York to get my undergraduate degrees in agriculture business and science at SUNY Morrisville, before heading to Ithaca College to get my masters in agriculture education. Agriculture has always been a topic I have been passionate about and I am excited to get the opportunity to teach it at the Junior/Senior high school this year! Outside of school I enjoy reading and hiking with my dog.

WELCOME TO OCS



My name is **Ashley Devereaux** and I am a new Special Education teacher at Wheeler. I recently graduated from St. John Fisher in Rochester, NY with my undergraduate degree in Inclusive Childhood Education and my masters degree in Library Media. In my free time I enjoy reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. I am very excited to be working in the district and getting to know the community better. I cannot wait to get to know the students and help them grow academically, socially, and emotionally. I am looking forward to having a great school year!



My name is **Leslie Martinez** and I am excited to be the new LAN Tech. I started my career in IT while in the Military and afterwards I received my AAS degree in Computer Information Systems from The New York City College of Technology. On my off time I enjoy spending time with my cat Pip and painting to relax. I'm looking forward to working alongside everyone!



My name is **Kayla Gearity**. I'm excited to be joining the OCS team as your school nurse at the Jr. Sr. High School. I have experience in several areas of interest including dermatology, family medicine, neurology, pediatrics and labor and delivery. My husband and I welcomed our daughter Tatum into the world last November and enjoy spending time together as a family every chance we get. I am excited to meet all of you and care for your children as I would my own. Let's Go Tigers!



My name is **Robert Zimmerman** and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Junior/Senior High School psychologist. I recently moved to Onondaga County after graduating from Queens College. As someone new to the area, I am eager to become a part of the community, contribute to its success, and provide a safe environment to help students achieve their academic and social-emotional goals. I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you and embarking on this exciting journey together.

WELCOME TO OCS



My name is **Marilyn Sindone**, and I am very excited to join OCS as the school psychologist for Rockwell and Wheeler. Prior to joining OCS, I was a school psychologist in the Baldwinsville Central School District. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at Wells College and earned my Master's Degree in School Psychology at SUNY Oswego. I live in Camillus with my husband, Ray, and two daughters, Addie and Elise. In my free time I enjoy watching our girls play soccer and traveling. We love the Adirondacks and have started hiking the High Peaks. I am so excited to get to know the families and staff at OCS!



Hi, my name is **Scott Smith** and I am excited to be the new school resource officer at Rockwell Elementary. I graduated from Marcellus High School and I worked for the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office from 1989-2014. I then became a Realtor and mortgage loan originator for Howard Hanna Real Estate and Homestead Funding. While with the Sheriffs Office I was a school resource officer with Cicero North Syracuse High School for three years. I am looking forward to working with Onondaga's staff and students.



My name is **Allison Werner** and I will be teaching band at the Jr/Sr High School. I have lived almost my entire life in the Southern Tier of New York, and am very excited to begin a new chapter of my life here in the Syracuse area. I attended Mansfield University for my Bachelor's degree and SUNY Buffalo State for my Master's. For the past eight years I have taught varying grade levels of band and general music, and I am very excited to begin working with the students in the music program here at OCS! Outside of teaching I enjoy hiking in the Adirondacks, reading any book that has an interesting cover, and contributing basically just music facts to my trivia team.



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OCS HOMECOMING



Amelia Weir & Eliana Holmes



ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students in **Ms. Burriesci's Sign Language enrichment class** practice signing their names. In Sign Language, students learn to sign common words, colors, numbers, foods, greetings and the Rockwell Birthday Song! Each student will have the opportunity to help Ms. Burriesci sign the birthday song during a Morning Program!



Althea Wegerski

Literacy Nights have returned to Rockwell!

On October 24th, 2nd grade parents were invited to our first ever "gallery walk". Each student had written about the best part of themselves after listening to the book, *The Best Part of Me*, by Wendy Ewald. The students shared their writing pieces with their parents, working on fluency and presentation skills. The parents then joined Mr. Ritz and Mrs. Killmore for a presentation on how to support their child's literacy growth at home, while the students went with the teachers to play literacy games. The night ended with donuts and a raffle.

Please mark your calendars: 1st grade Literacy Night is November 7th, Kindergarten is December 5th, and preK will be on January 18th.

Students from **Mrs. Neverette's class** and **Ms. Blackmer's class** teamed up for their first coding lesson of the year. This was instructed by Mr. Dingman. The students used code.org to practice their skills. This is a great tool that gives students the opportunity to problem solve. The students coded the game Angry Birds. The goal is to move the bird using different coding directions. The students also had to find mistakes written in the code. They had a lot of fun!



WHEELER



Author and environmentalist, **Mr. Brian Yanish**. Brian's visit to our campus left a lasting impact on both students and staff alike, as he shared his incredible journey, knowledge, and experiences. Following the presentation, Brian generously took time to engage with our students, answering questions and inspiring them to become stewards of our environment.

Third to sixth grade students have been able to stay and have some fun during Fall Enrichment learning a new skill or practicing something they already knew. Right after dismissal students gather in the cafeteria, have a few minutes to work on homework, have a quick snack, and then go



Mrs. MacCrea, Lillian, Sierra, & Rama

outside before heading off to their enrichment session. At their session students might play math games, work on reading skills, or even learn to crochet! We will continue to offer enrichment opportunities throughout the winter and spring. Look for information on ParentSquare on more opportunities!



Chloe & Jordan

The weather held out for the Annual Wheeler Halloween Parade. The students and staff at Wheeler were excited to have the seniors join us and lead the parade. There was a great turn out from the community as the parade route was lined with friends and families, who held out even when snowflakes started appearing. The costumes ranged from scary to silly and many of the teachers joined in by dressing as bees. We hope our students enjoyed the day, had the opportunity to have some fun, and enjoyed a safe Halloween after school with all of their friends and family.



FIRE PREVENTION

During Fire Prevention Week, Rockwell students were visited by members of the **OCS Fire Cadet Club**. Members brought in various tools to describe and display. Student were also able to use the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) to find fellow classmates in the dark.



David Pierce, Melody Town, Sydney Fiaschetti, Madison Szabo & Brayden Cutri



Ryan Victoriano & Jacob Burton



Mrs. Neverette's class



Gabriel Terramiggi & Jai'Ari McBride during PE fire prevention stations

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JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



The **Forensic Science** classes welcomed our own Officer McLaughlin to show them how to process a crime scene. Using his many years of experience, SRO McLaughlin led the students through the ins and outs of how to process a crime scene. Students were broken into groups such as First Responders, Photographers, Sketch Artists, Evidence Collectors and Recorders. A great deal was learned and the students really enjoyed Officer McLaughlin's perspective and stories about real-life crime scenes. Thank you SRO McLaughlin!

Antonio Montulli, Ella Donath and Officer McLaughlin

Below Jener Vasquez Sales, Mr. Stewart, Gabriel Cage & Colton Spencer **from Social Science 7 students** participated in a Scavenger Hunt to help familiarize themselves with some very important OCS items. They were introduced to the Alma Mater, many alumni and teachers in the building, Positivity Project traits in action, our fearless Tiger statue, & so much more! It was a great opportunity to learn about their new surroundings and get more comfortable and acclimated to their school setting. The better we feel the better we perform. **GO TIGERS!**



Above Alan Victoriano, Patience Williams, Emily Vasquez-Sales, Delanie Knapp, and Juniors Mackenzie Schmidt, Deshea Lettsome, Skylar Smith, Sylvana Adams, Jordan Holley and Amieya Morman are pictured with OCS Spanish teachers Tiffany Solan and Jennifer James. Also pictured is Tere Paniagua, Executive Director of Cultural Engagement for the Hispanic Community at La Casita. Students enjoyed an afternoon attending a Spanish 201 class on campus with Profesora Katie Clinton and visiting the current installation entitled 'Futurismo Latino' at La Casita. La Casita is a mixed use space funded by SU on Syracuse's near west side.



JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Mauro's **Global Environment class** and the **environmental club** along with Mrs. Relles participated in Science on Seneca, a program sponsored by Hobart and William Smith Colleges that focuses on the health of the Seneca Lake ecosystem and the effect of invasive zebra and quagga mussels. The data they collected will be sent to the Geoscience department and used in an ongoing analysis of the lake.



Helena Foster, Evy Mango, Kaydee Garafolo, Jeremiah Hammond, Emma Koslowsky, Brayden Cutri, Lily Coonradt, Riley Mulligan, Mr. Mauro Jordan Holley on the research vessel



Kaydee Garafolo, Evy Mango & Helena Foster analyzed dredge samples of the bottom of the lake

OCS Fitness Club attended a seminar at Orenda Springs. The seminar included team-building competitions, fitness activities and other outdoor experiences. Students were encouraged to realize their true potential, trust their classmates and embrace challenges.



Jakari Hill, Sean Miller, Jamere Smith, Knoll McCoy, James Bouyea, Bryce Mattison & Addison O'Dell



Tucker Steeprock and Jakari Hill

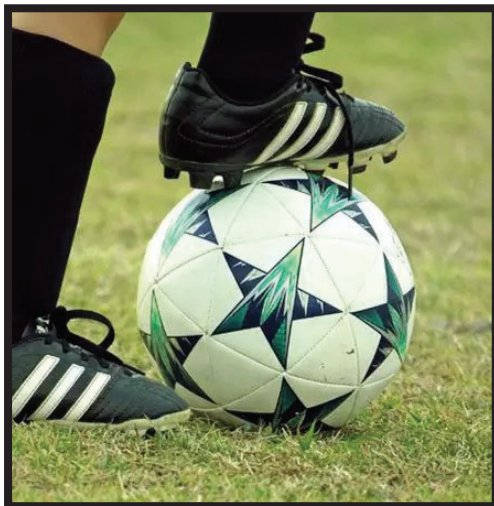
2023 FALL SPORTS RECAP

Varsity Football

The Varsity Football team had a tough season, finishing with a 1-7 record. Consisting primarily of underclassmen with little varsity experience, the boys played hard and fought to the end of every game. Bright spots from the season came from junior running back and captain Ryan Troch, junior linebacker Damon Hollister, sophomore tight end and defensive end Ryan Victoriano, and sophomore quarterback David Pierce. With a solid group of players coming up from modified in the coming years, we have high expectations for the future of the program. The coaches would like to thank our seniors, Shatiq Holley, Wyatt Maloney, Josiah McCheyne, Alan Victoriano, and Jack Williams for their contributions to the team.

Varsity Cheerleading

25 student athletes completed and had a great season. Go Tigers!!! Congratulations to Olivis Bloom, team MVP.



Varsity Girls' Soccer

After graduating seven seniors last year this season was a rebuilding year with a very young team. Despite being so young the girls made tremendous individual and team improvements. Which include two double overtime wins.

Varsity Boys' Soccer

The Lafayette/Onondaga Central boys soccer team finished the regular season with a 6-10 record. Representing Onondaga on the team were Nathan Doner, Frankli Lopez, Vasyi Prokopchuk, Joey Starkey and Mohammad Almaliki. The team finished the regular season with 4 straight wins which helped them qualify for sectionals. Unfortunately, the team lost to a tough Clinton team in the 1st round. Overall the season was a huge success.

Varsity XC

This was a very good season for the Varsity cross country team. Our numbers rebounded to pre Covid levels, which allowed us to have complete teams for both Girls and Boys. The team showed consistent improvement as the season progressed, with all athletes improving times. At the Patriot League Championship, the boys team came in 4th, with Reed Luton finishing 9th and taking home 1st team all league honors, Emanuel Lamacchia came in 19th and Evan Catarisano finished 20th both claimed 2nd team all league. On the Girls side they also finished 4th, with Madelyn Schultz finishing 12th, Grace Bennett 14th and Adeline Spencer 15th, all earning 2nd team all league. The team will compete at the Section 3 meet on November 4th at VVS. With no seniors on this year's team, we expect even better results next year.

2023 FALL SPORTS RECAP

Modified Boys' Soccer

The LaFayette/Onondaga Boys' team had a successful season for many reasons. Although they finished with a 3 and 9 record, they worked hard right to the end. They learned teamwork, perseverance and positivity. Against Bishop Grimes, the boys were ahead with 1:30 left but then got scored on. Never giving up, and finally realizing that passing wins games, Ryan Kobasa chipped one in with 30 seconds to play to win the game. Rylan Morris did a great job on defense all year and Matthew Reidy and Knoll McCoy will be missed for their offense and overall hustle.

Modified Girls' Soccer

We had a great group of girls this season who were willing to learn and had fun while doing so. We never gave up during the tough games, and learned to win with grace. These girls have a bright athletic future!

Modified Football

Modified Football had a great bounce back year. After only having 19 athletes last year, there were 38 athletes this season. Our team is made up of 10-Freshman, 8-8th graders and 20- 7th Graders. So far our record is 3-3 with 3 away wins versus Phoenix, Port Byron, and Pulaski and 3 home losses versus APW, Cortland and Mexico. Our last game will be Monday October 23rd vs Jordan-Elbridge at home where we look to get our first home win of the season.



Modified XC

Our Tiger runners had another great season of learning the basic skills of running, stretching, and learning to pace themselves as they ran the trails. With four girls and three boys, we weren't big enough to score as a team, but each athlete grew and improved their form at a competitive level. We look forward to building on this in the future.



HONOR ROLL - 1st Marking Period

7th Grade

Andino, Rosemarie*
 Baxter III, Bobby†
 Burns, Quinn*
 Cage, Gabriel*
 Charette, Arlena
 Conners, Jameson*
 Corrente, Paul*
 Cruz Pagan, Nayanis†
 Fikes, Emily†
 Finlay, Aden†
 Foster, Alexandra†
 Greene, Violet
 Hass, Hunter*
 Hourigan, Andrew*
 Hourigan, Brayden
 Hourigan, Taylor*
 Hughes, Gianna*
 Kelsey, Avery
 Kelsey, Jacob†
 Kelsey, Nicholas†
 Kgalemang, Teto*
 King, Carson*
 Kobasa, Ryan*
 Kyslyak, Illia
 LeBlanc, Sienna
 Lettsome, Ella*
 Marhelis, Preston*
 Massey, Damian†
 Meah, Shahriaz*
 Miles, Joy
 Moore, August*
 Mulligan, Madison*
 Newton, Katie
 Patterson, Sean†
 Perry, Hailey
 Pierce, Allison†
 Polge, Anthony*
 Pulver, Nathan*
 Reeves, Ajanae
 Relles, Coralena†
 Richardson, Dashawn†
 Roundtree, London
 Ryan, Madison*
 Sanders, Zion
 Scheve, Lillian*
 Shepherd, Nevaeh
 Shute, Addison*
 Spencer, Colton*
 Steul, Amelia†
 Sullivan, Christian
 Tkachenko, David*
 Vasquez Sales, Jene
 Veri, Penelope†
 Welch, Miles*
 White, Iceiz*
 Zarnowski, Paity

8th Grade

Allen, Lucas*
 Barbuto, Macie*
 Bloom, Kori
 Boyer, Zachary
 Carter, Jordyn
 Clarke, Kevanie*
 Cummings, Colton*
 Dixie, Gavin*
 Dixie, Logan*
 Fowler, Luc†
 Gemmell, James†
 Gonnella, Katalina*
 Grant, Nahzehia
 Hennigan, Rose*
 Hill, Jakari
 Hill, Jorden*
 Lasinski, Francesca
 McCullough, Brayden*
 Mumford, Ella*
 Powell, Ian†
 Reeves, Unique
 Roundtree, Isabella*
 Scriber, Ava
 Searle, Brooklyn†
 Sherlock, Ethan
 Smorol, Cooper*
 Spieker, Aider†
 Toro, Ariana*
 Town, Melody*
 Wadsworth, Jacob†

* Indicates High Honor Roll

9th Grade

Abbott, Payton
 Bennett, Grace*
 Buchanan, Jadon*
 Burton, Jacob
 Donze, Amani*
 Fiaschetti, Sydney
 Fikes, William†
 Fox, Olivia*
 Frazier, Mariana*
 Freyer, Abigail
 Gabriel, Jr., Raun
 Haines, Tyler†
 Hourigan, Theodore*
 Hughes, William
 Hunter, Trevor*
 Knapp, Madison
 Kobasa, Lyla†
 Luton, Reed*
 Mackey, Analeigl
 Marsh, Kendal*
 Mattison, Bryce*
 Mayotte-Woods, Kaleb
 McCoy, Knoll*
 Miller, Jr., Sean†
 Murphy, Brian*
 O'Dell, Addison*
 Pierce, Grace†
 Ryan, Jesse
 Smith, Rory*
 Spencer, Adeline†
 Spies, Anna*
 Spies, Lena*
 Stacy, Mason
 Wright, Zanai*



DISTRICT NEWS



Congratulations to **Coralena Relles** and **Addison Shute** on being named Honorable Mentioned in this year's Bruce Coville Halloween Writing Contest!

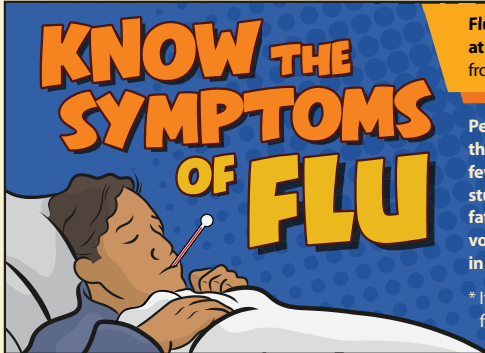
Students wrote an ending to the "Collector's Edition" story for class and had the option of submitting to Syracuse.com for consideration.



NURSES CORNER



Influenza (or flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. Most people with flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. If you get flu symptoms, in most cases, you should stay home and avoid contact with others except to get medical care.



Flu viruses can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly.

People who have flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: Fever* or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue (tiredness). Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea. This is more common in children.

* It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.



TAKE ANTIVIRAL DRUGS IF YOUR DOCTOR PRESCRIBES THEM!

Antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They also can prevent serious flu complications. CDC recommends that antiviral drugs be used early to treat people who are very sick with the flu and people who get flu symptoms who are at high risk of serious flu complications, either because of their age or because they have a high risk medical condition.



When you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible. Remember to cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw tissues in the trash after you use them. Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.

*Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine before resuming normal activities.

www.cdc.gov/flu/takingcare.htm

#FIGHT FLU



HONOR ROLL - 1st Marking Period

10th Grade

Andino, Carolyn*
Bass, Chasyn*
Boyer, Sydney*
Bracket, Avery
Braun, Jacob
Brown, Maxwell
Cannon V, Johnny*
Carter, Amillia
Cox, Mackenna*
Cox, Sydney*
Crews, Alex*
Doner, Nathan*
Fordyce, Kaleigha
Goodman, Samantha
Hill, Tessa
Job, Savannah*
Mahoney, Grace*
Mayoral, Brysen
McBride, Yasmine*
Mckee, Tucker*
Miller, Madilynn*
Montulli, Antonic
Morris, Aiden
Morris, Nolan
Moses, Justin*
Mulligan, Riley*
Nett, Benjamin*
Palacios Ramirez, Yoselin
Pierce Jr., David*
Prokopchuk, Vasyl
Urbas, Joshua
Victoriano, Ryan
Wilhelm, Zachary*
Wright IV, Howard*
Ziebarth, Lilyann

11th Grade

Adams, Sylvania*
Almaliki, Mohammed
Bellinger, Jaiden
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
Holley, Jordan
Hunter, II, David*
Kelsey, Alaina*
LaMacchia, Emanuel*
Lettsome, Deshea*
Lopez Vasquez, Frankli
Mango, Evylena*
Mattox, Aliyah
McCullough, Liam
Mohamed, Jayden*
Morman, Amieya*
Robinson, Candace
Rodriguez, Keahra*
Sanborn, Melissa*
Schmidt, Mackenzie*
Schultz, Hannah*
Schultz, Leah*
Schultz, Madelyn*
Smith, Skylar*
Sutton, Seamus
Thousand III, Richard*
Toomey, John
Vincent, Jadin*
Volles, Jacob*
Welch, John*

12th Grade

Clos, Lindsay*
Coonradt, Lillian*
Cox, Jazmyn*
Cutri, Brayden*
Doner, Rory*
Fitzgerald, Alysa*
Fowler, Caleb*
Glover, D'Ziyar*
Hourigan, Charlotte*
Knapp, Delanie*
Kobasa, Devin*
Koslowsky, Emma*
Martinez Figueroa, Jacqueline*
McSweeney, Kylan*
Morris, Maggieann*
Neuser, Skylar*
Power, Zoe*
Smith, Shawn*
Starkey, Joseph*
Thorpe, Heather*
Urbas, Cailie*
Victoriano, Alan
Vincent, Chesnie*
Williams, Jack*
Williams, Patience*
Wright, Zora

* Indicates High Honor Roll



2026 CAPITAL PROJECT

The Board of Education and Facilities Committee have spent time reviewing the 2022 Building Conditions Survey (BCS), an important document mandated by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). This survey plays a pivotal role in monitoring and documenting the state of our district's buildings.

Through this process, school districts maintain a comprehensive understanding of the physical condition of their facilities, covering aspects such as interior and exterior conditions, mechanical and electrical systems, and the building envelope, including the roof, exterior brick, doors, and windows.

The collaborative efforts of the Board of Education and District Administration have harnessed the data from the most recent BCS, completed in 2022, and have used this valuable information to update our long-term financial plan, supporting Capital Project Improvements throughout the entire district.

The Capital Project Improvements completed in 2023 primarily focused on revitalizing elementary classrooms, renovating bathrooms, added air conditioning to cafeteriums and gymnasiums, replacing the tennis courts and track, upgrading Wheeler ES west playground, and adding drainage to the east playground, as well adding a playground section to Rockwell ES. Notably, this project was accomplished without necessitating an increase in the tax rate, as the District did not take on additional debt and remained current with debt service obligations.

Despite these significant achievements and gratitude to the community for your support and trust, there is still more work that lies ahead. The timing of Capital Project Improvements holds great significance. The school district strategically leveraged the completion of debt obligations, utilizing funds already allocated from expiring bonds and capital reserves for the proposed 2026 Capital Project. This financial strategy keeps the debt service level for the community. This approach continues to provide financial predictability for the future.

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering trust the community places in the Board of Education, District Administration, our consultant architects, engineers, and construction managers. This trust empowers us to consistently uphold the safety, health, and security standards of our facilities, ensuring they are well-equipped to meet State mandates, as well as the demands of the 21st century.

Currently, we are in the process of designing and presenting a Capital Improvement referendum that will encompass building renovations aimed at updating the Industrial Arts Building, replacing aging boilers in the instructional buildings, and renovating kitchens at Jr/Sr HS and Wheeler ES, as well the infrastructure needs for the NYS Zero Emissions Busses mandate.



Over the next couple of months, we will diligently prioritize the proposed renovations for presentation to stakeholders in late winter or early spring. The Committee has already streamlined the draft scope of work and will continue to refine it in the coming months. Ultimately, these refined plans will be presented to the Board of Education for formal action and resolution before the referendum. Facilities meetings will take place at the beginning of each month leading up to the final proposal.

DRAMA PRODUCTION

ONONDAGA JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

Charles Dickens'

A Christmas Carol

MUSIC BY

Alan
Menken

LYRICS BY

Lynn
Ahern

BOOK BY

Mike Ockrent
& Lynn Ahern

**BASED ON THE
STORY BY**

Charles
Dickens

SHOWTIMES

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School Board Recognition

School board members take on one of the most important citizen responsibilities: overseeing the education of the community's youth.

Boards of education guide their local school systems and ensure public schools are flexible and responsive to the needs of the community. School boards are comprised of volunteers, most of whom do not receive any compensation for their service. They are individuals within the community who dedicate their time to improving public education. Onndaga Central celebrated the school board during recognition week October 16-20, 2023.



By Jayvon Meyer

Calendar of Events

November

- 20 & 21 Rockwell/Wheeler Parent Teacher Conferences
1/2 Day for Rockwell/Wheeler Students
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Recess - No School
- 28 Wheeler Picture Retake Day
- 30 Rockwell Picture Retake Day

December

- 1-3 Jr/Sr High Drama Production
- 5 Kindergarten Literacy Night
- 6 Jr/Sr High Band Concert
- 7 Jr/Sr High Chorus Concert
- 14 Wheeler Combined Concert
- 19 Rockwell Holiday Craft Night

**December 25 - January 1
Holiday Recess**
