On November 10, Oriskany students participated in a Veterans Day program. Sessions were broken up into groups of two classes to accommodate proper social distancing.

To kick off the program, veterans in attendance were introduced; an informational short story was read, students performed songs and there was a question and answer period.

Students were excited to ask the veterans about their job duties, exciting travels and experiences as well as thank them for their brave service to our country.
Dear Oriskany Parents, Guardians, Families and Community Members,

As we enter the third marking period of the school year, I wanted to share some celebrations that we have had, together and collectively, throughout the school year. As you know, school districts have had to pivot and switch gears many times throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; including adjusting to instructional practices, ever-changing guidance and/or mandates involving the wearing of masks, quarantine, isolation, self-monitoring, mandated testing as well as other navigational landscapes.

I have never been more proud of our students, staff, families and community for their dedication, perseverance, tenacity, support, all hands on deck mindset and approach in continuing to place our students at the forefront of opportunity.

Having stated this, please know, this communiqué will not be a continuous COVID-19 message. Although we will remain cognizant, attentive and proactive in addressing COVID-19 concerns, our focus will continue to place students first, providing multiple opportunities that all of our children want, need and deserve.

I want to begin with two quotes I find meaningful and inspirational during these times:

“It always seems impossible until it’s done.” - Nelson Mandela

“What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.” - Henry S. Hashkins

Thank you to our entire staff for their endless dedication and efforts in continuing to provide in-person learning and extra-curricular opportunities for our students and for their positive mindset in continuously supporting and advocating for our students and their needs.

Thank you to our transportation personnel, buildings and grounds crew, cafeteria staff, administrative assistants, school nurses, SROs, director of athletics and other school support colleagues for keeping our students safe, buildings clean and sanitized, bringing smiles and laughter to the faces of students and for continuously building positive relationships with students that strengthen and support our District mission to educate, empower and engage.

Thank you to our awesome students for their outstanding character and integrity. Thank you for your acts of kindness and support for each other, collegially and strength of will and fortitude. Not only do we learn from you, but you are also a pleasant reminder of youthful exuberance and a positive inspiration to us all. Keep inspiring!

Thank you to our families and community members for always rising to the occasion in support of our schools. Thank you for your kindness, dedication, passion, efforts, sacrifices and assistance in placing our children and students as the top priority for our District. The old adage, “It takes a village to raise a child,” couldn’t be more accurate and encouraging during these times as the strength of our Oriskany community’s interactions with our students contributes greatly in providing a safe and healthy environment within our District.

As February rolls into March, the days are becoming cheerfully longer and brighter. We look for the weather to turn, the snow to melt, and for our buildings and grounds crew to keep our schools clean and sanitary, bringing smiles and laughter to the faces of students and for continuously building positive relationships with students that strengthen and support our District mission to educate, empower and engage.

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Please do not hesitate to contact our building principals or me for additional information regarding any of the programs we offer at our schools or within the District. Accessing our District website and social media channels is another excellent pathway for keeping up on the happenings within the District.

We appreciate and look forward for your guidance, insight, collaboration, positive thoughts and support as we move forward into the spring season.

Be well, be safe and continue on with acts of kindness.

“What a simple way to tell another struggling soul that there is love to be found in the world.” - A.A. Malee

Respectfully,

Timothy Gaffney
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

As we enter the third marking period, thank you to the many people who have contributed to a successful year so far. Thank you to our students, parents, teachers, secretaries, custodians, school nurses, substitute teachers, school resource officer, cafeteria workers, teacher aides and assistants and the many others who have enabled us to navigate the constantly changing landscape that is COVID-19. We have put students’ needs first throughout this time while remaining open for live, in-person instruction.

As we recently celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January, let us pause and recall a few of his many famous words:

“Intelligence plus character; that is the true goal of education.”

Students here at Oriskany have a wonderful starting point, thanks to the love and support from their families. Our teachers and staff work continuously to ensure that they provide the additional support necessary to build upon that firm foundation.

Every day, we each have opportunities to grow in both our intelligence and character. Defending an opinion with tact and respect during an MVCC government mock debate or determining the third angle of a triangle in geometry, are equally as important as stopping to help someone who dropped their books or sitting with someone who is alone in the cafeteria. We must never forget both parts of Dr. King’s advice if his true legacy is to endure.

By the time this letter reaches you, it will be about time for the annual Super Bowl. What many people overlook when watching the big game is the hours and hours of preparation that occurred prior to when the players stepped on the field. Prior to the exams, quizzes, homework, Regents & advanced placement tests, our students work tirelessly in order to produce successful results when it’s their “big day.”

Thank you students for your continued effort!

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

Mark Ranieri
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Greetings Oriskany Central School District Community,

I am honored to have this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Catherine Mucurio and I have been given the privilege of becoming the new building principal at N.A. Walbran Elementary School. Since the beginning of my career in education, I have been passionate in my commitment to maximizing individual performance, providing a safe and comfortable learning environment and encouraging a sense of pride among all members of the school community. I have heard amazing things about this community, and I am looking forward to continuing the current traditions and working together to create new and exciting opportunities for our school.

As a new member of this community, allow me to take a moment to provide some background on myself and my experiences. I am a graduate of the University at Albany, City College of New York and The College of Saint Rose. I began my career in education in the New York City Department of Education as an elementary teacher with a focus on students with disabilities. After moving back upstate, I was able to continue my teaching in the Rome City School District and move into administration as the Assistant Director of Supported Learning and Principal of the Early Childhood Program. These experiences over the past 12 years have allowed me to grow personally and professionally and understand the importance of building positive relationships and communication with the school community. Outside of school, I am the proud parent of two young daughters and love looking for new, fun adventures to experience with them. In addition, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading and spending time outdoors.

I have a strong belief that the faculty, staff, students and parents are all an essential part of building a great school community. The Oriskany CSD has established a reputation worthy of praise and admiration. I am thankful to be part of continuing to build upon the existing successes of the District, and together, we will provide a caring and safe environment to educate, engage and empower our students.

Some notable events and activities taking place in the upcoming weeks include our “Pick a Reading Partner” (PARP) program. This year’s theme will be “A Sea of Books.” We are also looking forward to our upcoming spirit week, celebration of 100 days of school and our Winter Fun Day.

Thank you, and I look forward to your children’s continued success at N. A. Walbran Elementary School. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 315-768-2149.

Catherine Mucurio
N.A. Walbran Elementary School Principal
Congratulations to two of our eighth grade chorus students who auditioned for the Oneida County Music Educators Association (OCMEA) and Junior High All-County (JHAC) Music Festival.

We are very proud of both Jessica Beckwith (who will represent the alto section in the Junior High All-County Chorus) and Aryanna Walker for auditioning and taking on this challenge. The competition was very tough and they both represented our school well in the audition process.

We are lucky to have such talented students here at Oriskany!

On November 30, November mystery artists were revealed – eighth grader Ishaal Mirza and former Oriskany art teacher of 30 years Mrs. Barbara Schooley!

On January 18, December/January mystery artists were revealed – 10th grade student Lauren Kraus and former student Marsha Chamberlain!
On Jan. 14, Oriskany’s girls basketball team honored their seniors during a Senior Night. Congratulations to our seniors!

Ashley Burnop #30  
Jordyn Carlo #11  
Madeline Denison #03  
Janae Reid #31  
Ashley Reid #13

On Jan. 21, Oriskany’s remaining sports teams honored their seniors during a Senior Night. Congratulations to our seniors!

MOHAWK VALLEY JUGGLERS HOCKEY  
Nick DeRiso & Logan DiNitto

INDOOR TRACK  
Zachary Combs, Alexis Lasher & Paris Welker  
Not in attendance: Caleb Eldred

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL  
Alex Burrows, Patrick Maher, Jason Reid  
Ryan Shackett & Ty Zizzi

CHEER  
Ari Armstrong, Briana D’Alba, Gabby Enos, Emily Frank & Hanna Wright  
Not in attendance: Morgan Manley

Congratulations to the Oriskany cheerleading team on their Section III Class D first place win!

Congratulations to the Oriskany girls cross country team on their Section III Class D2 first place win!
Winter Concerts

High School & Elementary School

Winter Concerts

HIGHEST HONOR ROLL | 94.5-100.0

Grade 12: Arianna Armstrong, Ashley Burnop, Alexander Burrows, Jordyn Carlo, Nicholas Cortese, Madeline Denison, Nicholas DeRiso, Emily Frank, Kaley Hamm, Kourtney Hines, Emily Kendall, Alexis Lasher, Tyler Macera, Morgan Manley, Emily Miller, Eric Noga, Ashley Reid, Janae Reid, Jason Reid, Avery Roberts, Isabella Romano, Ryan Shackett, Anna Zumbrun

Grade 11: Karsten Bates, Jessalyn Birt, Rachel Daskiewich, Ryan Donohue, Gabrielle Koenig, Jenna Palmiotto, Payton Smith, Juliet Tagliaferri, Jack Tamburino

Grade 10: Anthony Kernan, Megan Wright, Arnold Zumbrun

Grade 9: Kate Dellers, Brienne Eldred, Erika Reid, Jessica Zyskowski

Grade 8: Matthew Kernan, Braelyn Oehler, Edward Wright

Grade 7: Emma Combs, Danica Dame, Charles Golden, Lance Smith III, Holly VanPatten, Ashely Zyskowski

HIGHEST HONOR ROLL | 89.50-94.49

Grade 12: Logan DiNitto, Alivia Franz, Emmanuel Gergi, Patrick Maher, Emily Moulton, Robert Richie, Ryan Seymour II, Lily Spears, Gianna Welker, Paris Welker, Sophia Zinicola, Ty Zizzi

Grade 11: Olivia Balfe, Kaylee Burnop, David Cronauer, Miranda Foss, Mya Melvin, Justin Rosinski, Magdalena Serrano, Jacob Usyk, Shawn Williamson, Joshua Zyskowski

Grade 10: Kaelyn Buehler, Kaelyn Fabbio, Gavin Howd, Lauren Kraus, Gannon Lisberg, Madelyn Race, Alivia Rizzo, Katie Saladin, Briannah Wishart

Grade 9: Jullian Jalowiec, Chase Koenig, Thomas Maher, Jeffrey Phillips Jr., Gianna Santucci, Jack Tagliaferri

Grade 8: Jessica Beckwith, Kamryn Eichhorn, Dawson Foss, Corinne Looney, Gabryella Manella, Jayson Mayo, Ishaal Mirza, Cameron Post, Kyle Saladin, Nicholas Swald, Elizabeth Wright, Ethan Zarnoch-Riley


HONOR ROLL | 84.00-89.49

Grade 12: Zachary Combs, Briania D’Alba, Faith Doyle, Owen Dundee, Caleb Eldred, Kayden Measheaw, Alexis Pula, Hanna Wright

Grade 11: Jordan Coleman, Dellon Hammers, Sydney Hight, Chloe Seamans, James Shamis, Jakob Van Etten

Grade 10: Skylar Albin, Jake Burrows, McKenzie Frank, Peyton Hemming, Anna Kaspervich, Daniel Kraus, Paige Mazur, Derek Rieben, Noah Sciorilli, Katelyn Shamis, Ryan Skinner, Kyla Zabek


Grade 8: Jazmin Barnes, Jacob Bennett, Jamyson Kelly, Bryana Manella, Tyler Tamburino

Grade 7: Broderick Anderson, Colin Brough, Delilah Chase, Ryalee Cushman, Joseph Iacovissi, Wyatt Judycki, Darcie Klein, Matthew LoCash, Darian McGallian, Christopher Robinson, Danika Sykes, Kameron Zabek

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On November 4, the Oriskany CSD held its annual National Honor Society Induction to welcome and honor new members.

The ceremony consisted of a processional made up of current members and inductees, a candle lighting ceremony and the official introduction of new members as well as the placing of stoles on inductees.

The ceremony concluded with the reciting of the National Honor Society pledge by members new and old and a recessional of all members to join their proud families.

National Honor Society inductees are listed below:

Olivia Balfe
Karsten Bates
Jessalyn Birt
Kaylee Burnop
Nicholas Cortese
David Cronauer
Rachel Daskiewich
Ryan Donohue
Emmanuela Gergi
Sydney Hight
Gabrielle Koenig
Mya Melvin
Jenna Palmiotto
Payton Smith
Juliet Tagliaferri
Jack Tamburino
Joshua Zyskowski
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Congratulations to Jessalyn Birt, Alivia Rizzo and Thomas Maher; they are our October, November and December Students of the Month! The Oriskany Alumni Association presented each student with a monetary award.

Thank you for representing our school so well.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Congratulations to our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members Karsten Bates, Patrick Maher, Tyler Macera, Mya Melvin, Payton Smith and Jack Tamburino for placing in the top three positions in their competitive events at the District 7 conference.

Patrick, Jack and Payton qualified for the state competition in Rochester this May.

STUDENT SABA PRESENTATION

On Feb. 9, Oriskany senior Eric Noga had the opportunity to speak at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES Cooperative Board meeting. He was part of the School and Business Alliance (SABA) presentation highlighting their programs. Eric spoke about his one-day shadowing experience at the Air Force Research Labs in Rome. Oriskany Superintendent Timothy Gaffney attended the event to support Eric and indicated that he did an excellent job with his presentation and represented Oriskany well.

FIRE INSPECTION

The Oriskany Central School District, in accordance with the State Education Department (Ed. Law, Section 807-a (5) (a)) has submitted annual fire inspection reports for the 2021-22 school year to the SED Office of Facilities Planning in Albany. The fire inspection was performed in December of 2021. The reports are available at the Business Office. If you are interested in viewing the reports, please call 315.768.2058 to set up an appointment.
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HIGH HONOR ROLL | 89.50-94.49

Grade 12: Nicholas Cortese, Madeline Denison, Nicholas DeRiso, Emily Frank, Tyler Macera, Patrick Maher, Morgan Manley, Emily Moulton, Ashley Reid, Robert Richie, Ryan Shackett, Lily Spears, Paris Welker, Ty Zizzi

Grade 11: Kaylee Burnop, David Cronauer, Justin Rosinski, Jakob VanEtten, Joshua Zyskowski

Grade 10: Kaelyn Fabbio, Anna Kasperovich, Gannon Lisberg, Noah Sciorilli, Katelyn Shamis, Briannah Wishart

Grade 9: Leah Denison, Nathan Domenico, Addison Fabbio, Sean Graziano, Nicholas Hays, Henry Inserra, Julian Jalowiec, Thomas Maher, Jeffrey Phillips Jr., Gianna Santucci, Brian Terchowicz

Grade 8: Angela Ajijaz, Jessica Beckwith, Matthew Kernan, Jayson Mayo, Kyle Saladin, Nicholas Swald, Tyler Tamburino, Anzhelika Tkach, Ethan Zarnoch-Riley

Grade 7: Broderick Anderson, Colin Brough, Peyton Buehler, Delilah Chase, Tayton Kimball, Daniel Kosakowski Jr., Matthew LoCash, Aiden Pysnik, Olivia Richard-LaShure, Brynne Russum, Carter Usyk

HONOR ROLL | 84.00-89.49


Grade 11: Jordyn Coleman, Miranda Foss, Sydney Hight, Mya Melvin, Magdalena Serrano, James Shamis, Jacob Usyk

Grade 10: Skylar Albin, Javante Brill-Rollins, Jake Burrows, Darryen Danielski, McKenzie Frank, Peyton Hemming, Gavin Howd, Daniel Kraus, Paige Mazur, Briana Measheaw, Noah Narolis, Derek Rieben, Kyla Zabek

Grade 9: Guilianna Ameduri, Collin Hessler, Addison Judycki, Maggie Tylutki, Chelsea Mason, Thomas Murphy, Emilia Ulrich, David Zinicola Jr.

Grade 8: Jacob Bennett, Matthew Dibble, Kamryn Eichhorn, Dawson Foss, Bryana Manella, Gabryella Manella, Gavin LaForest, Cameron Post, Jon Pryor

Grade 7: Kaylee Corey, Ryalie Cushman, Joseph Iacovissi, Ryan Kilmartin, Darcie Klein, Dean Koenig, Darian McGallian, Vincent, Paiz, Christopher Robinson, Jayden Stapleton, Danika Sykes, Kameron Zabek
Tatyana Pavlova, School Nurse

Ms. Pavlova is excited to join the Oriskany CSD as a registered nurse. She received her associate degree in nursing and has worked at both St. Luke’s Hospital and the Masonic Care Community. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, cooking and gardening. Ms. Pavlova is looking forward to becoming an important member of our Oriskany CSD family.

Emma Rogers, English Teacher

Ms. Rogers, an Oriskany CSD graduate, is excited to begin her career at Oriskany! She earned two bachelor’s degrees from SUNY Potsdam in literature/writing and adolescent education, and is currently working on her master’s degree in special education from Utica College. In her free time, Ms. Rogers enjoys cooking, walking her dog and spending time with family. She is thrilled to begin teaching in a small school district with such a strong sense of community like the Oriskany CSD!

Michelle Tikalsky, Secretary to Business Official and District Clerk

Mrs. Tikalsky is excited to join the positive and progressive team that is the Oriskany CSD. She received her bachelor’s degree from Clarkson University and has spent 13 years working in several different educational support positions at the Rome CSD. In her free time, Mrs. Tikalsky enjoys painting and crafting as well as watching one of her three daughters play lacrosse at her alma mater Clarkson University. She is thrilled to join the Oriskany CSD family and to support the community, staff, families and students.

Catherine Mucurio, N.A. Walbran Principal

Mrs. Mucurio is very excited to be joining the close knit Oriskany community as the new principal at the N.A. Walbran Elementary School. Mrs. Mucurio began her educational journey studying sociology and criminal justice at SUNY Albany. After realizing her desire to be in public service and the joy that working with children brought her, she enrolled at CUNY City College to focus on students with disabilities in grades 1-6 and went on to study student educational leadership at The College of Saint Rose. Mrs. Mucurio began teaching as a special/general education teacher in Brooklyn, NY in 2009 and most recently served as the Assistant Director of Supported Learning/Early Childhood Program Principal at Rome Central School District. She has two young daughters who she enjoys staying busy with and loves the outdoors. Mrs. Mucurio is looking forward to becoming a part of the Oriskany Central School District family.

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TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE TO OPT-IN, JUST TEXT “Y” OR “YES” TO 67587!
At VCA New Hartford Animal Hospital, Dr. Harkins had a dog patient named Midnight with a unique set of challenges. Midnight was having issues with her rear legs and needed a small wheelchair.

Dr. Harkins, wife of Oriskany technology teacher Mr. Lallier, knew that her husband would have students with the skill and interest to build such a wheelchair.

Student Maggie Tylutki was quick to volunteer and came up with plans for the tiny wheelchair. Maggie took the plans that Mr. Lallier’s former students used to 3D print a wheelchair and developed a new approach. She used computer-aided design software to develop a new design that could be cut out using the school’s laser cutter. The wheelchair was cut out of several layers of plywood on the laser, decorated with acrylic paw print wheels and finished with purple paint to add some style for Midnight.

Midnight is currently getting used to the new wheelchair and testing out the first prototype. The hope is that this wheelchair can provide some comfort and support for Midnight so that she has an easier time getting around.

Thank you and congratulations to Maggie on a successful technology project and her desire to use her knowledge to give back to the community!
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