

# ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## WE'RE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Demolition has been completed and contractors are now putting the district back together in time for opening day. By the end of the project, all school buildings will have new heating systems, roofs, and classroom lighting. Other improvements include: upgraded science classrooms, improved drainage, asbestos abatement, and new sidewalks at the high school. We are anticipating a significant reduction in our utility bill next year!



*New boilers in all three buildings will increase the efficiency from 75% to over 90%.*



*Preparing a classroom to remove asbestos containing floor tile.*



*Replacing the roof and increasing the underlying insulation.*



*Upgrading to high efficiency lighting.*

Please be advised that all of our building's main offices have been temporarily relocated as follows:

Jr/Sr High School guidance and main office relocated to the music room

Wheeler main office to the nurse's office

Rockwell main office to rooms 221 and 222 (Hudson Avenue side)

You can follow the progress of the capital project on our website at:

<http://www.ocs.cnyric.org/community.cfm?subpage=10642>.

*THE ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY*

*CHALLENGES individual maximum potential, prides itself on SUCCESS and prepares contributing CITIZENS for life.*

**July/August 2011**

# Message from the Superintendent

Dear OCS Community,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. As we prepare to open the doors for this school year we have much to be thankful for.

Our 2011-2012 Board of Education has two new members and officers. Welcome to members Mr. Richard Becher and Mr. Robert Piazza. Our new Board of Education President is Mrs. Sheila Zych and Vice-President is Mr. David Toomey.

We have a few new staff joining the OCS community this year. Mrs. Helen White is returning to the district as the Interim Jr/Sr High School Principal. Mr. Tim Mumford has assumed the role of Jr/Sr High School Vice-Principal and is continuing as our Athletic Director. Mrs. Anna Lysiuk is now a full time music teacher for grades K-6. Ms. Jackie Sullivan is our new Art teacher for grades 7-12. We are still in the process of selecting a high school music teacher.

Over the past five years the district has experienced significant change and growth. These accomplishments began when a broad based committee of school personnel, Board of Education members, parents and community members came together to discuss and chart the future of the district. They reviewed and revised the district mission statement and created six goals. The Board of Education continued the work and along with our learning communities, put actions into place to achieve those goals. The following are outcomes identified by our Collaboration/Communication Committee and the Board of Education.

## Academic:

Mapping and aligning curriculum K-12 in all subject areas, implementation of a K-6 connected reading series with ongoing benchmark assessments, K-12 review of student data for instructional decision-making, consistent processes for our K-12 Student Intervention Teams (SIT), the addition of a Jr/Sr High School Social Worker, implementation of middle level education strategies for students in grades 7 and 8, addition of AP and OCC college level courses in English, Business, Finance, Accounting, and AutoCAD, steady improvement in 3-8 state assessments in English/Language Arts and Math, the implementation of the co-curricular eligibility policy, and enhanced instructional technology through updated infrastructure and improved reliability of technology used in learning, renovation of the Wheeler library, updated computer lab at Rockwell, installation of an additional lab in the Jr/Sr HS Library, implementation of interactive white boards in 98% of our classrooms, acquisition of a mobile laptop cart for the Jr/Sr HS, improvement of wireless capability across the district, and the acquisition of two distance learning units.

## Character Education:

Prevention programs on topics such as Cyberbullying, Safety, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, the formation of the Students Questioning Underage Drinking (SQUAD) at the high school level, the addition of a

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School Resource Officer, and community outreach programs such as Earth Day Clean-up, Holiday Car-ing for district families in need, and Jammies for Japan.

## Discipline:

Improved K-12 consistency addressing discipline incidences, implementation of School Tires to track and monitor bus discipline, addition of cameras on all busses, and implementation of student planners across the district.

## Safe/Secure Environment:

The completion of 2007 – 2009 Capital Project at the Jr/Sr High School and Wheeler, additional video surveillance cameras at our building locations, and the addition of event spectator guidelines, proce-dures and policy.

## Collaboration/Communication:

There was a re-structure of our district website including building and teacher level pages and en-hancing the use of the website to strengthen communication, implementation of the School Messenger system to inform parents and staff of school closings and special events, and the use of social media such as Facebook, Blogging and Twitter to share good news about what is occurring in our classrooms and buildings.

## Budget Finance/Facilities:

Implementation of a multi-year budgeting process, maintained a flat tax levy of approximately zero percent, implemented an online program for managing maintenance and technology requests which has reduced costs and increased efficiency in these areas, successful implementation of the 2010-2012 capital improvement project that focuses on energy efficiency, safety, and instruction, and added four new athletic fields for students.

With our community's continued support these one-time visions have become reality. As we move into this school year, the Board of Education will develop a new set of goals for the future of our stu-dents. Through difficult times, our Board of Education, Administrators, Teachers and Staff will con-tinue to remain focused on our students and their learning. Your continued support is the key to the success of our students.

Again, welcome to the 2011-2012 school year!



Sincerely,  
Joseph A. Rotella,  
Superintendent of Schools  
[jrotella@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:jrotella@ocs.cnyric.org)

# Upcoming Dates

8/23/11	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 PM	Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria
9/1/11	Professional Development Day (Staff Only)		
9/5/11	Labor Day - No School		
9/6/11	First Day of Classes		
9/13/11	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 PM	Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria
9/27/11	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 PM	Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria
10/6/11	Meet the Teacher Night	6:30 PM	Jr/Sr High School
10/7/11	Professional Development Day (Staff Only)		
10/7/11 & 10/8/11	Homecoming		
10/10/11	Columbus Day - No School		
10/11/11	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 PM	Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria
10/28/11	Rockwell Halloween Parade & Sing-A-Long	9:00 AM	Rockwell Elementary
10/31/11	Wheeler Halloween Parade	1:15 PM	Wheeler Elementary

## Homecoming 2011

Homecoming 2011 is scheduled for Friday, October 7 and Saturday October 8. Friday night's activities will include carnival attractions for the younger set, concessions along the Technology Building, and the "Wreck-a-Car" will be in its traditional space. The class of 2012 is sponsoring a Ziti dinner at the South Onondaga Fire House from 4-7 p.m. It is always a Homecoming favorite, serving delicious food at inexpensive prices. The Varsity Soccer team takes the field vs. LaFayette at 6:30 p.m. Friday night's activities conclude with the yearbook sponsored Homecoming Dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The king and queen will be crowned at 10:00 p.m.

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, youth groups and students from Rockwell will intermingle with the four high school floats. The winner of the float competition will be announced during half time of the Varsity Football game. As always, the concession tent will offer a wide variety of Homecoming favorites.

Onondaga's Varsity Football team hosts Bishop Grimes at 1:00 p.m. and promises to be a great game. Get there early for good parking spaces and a seat in the stadium. Hope for good weather and sunshine as you renew friendships and enjoy the day-see you there!



Timothy Mumford  
Vice Principal/Athletic Director  
[tmumford@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:tmumford@ocs.cnyric.org)

# Transportation Corner

Dear Parents,

I thought it would be appropriate at this time to review our expectations of students on the school buses for the upcoming year.

1. Students should be at their stops 3-4 minutes before the scheduled arrival of their bus. This is important in order to prevent delays in picking up the students at the following stops who have arrived on time, especially in inclement weather.
2. Students K-6 will be assigned seats by the driver; 7-12 will be assigned as deemed necessary.
3. Cell phone use on the bus is prohibited unless permission is given by the driver or coach. Permitted uses are for an emergency situation or for bus arrival information i.e. field or sport trip.
4. Students should dress appropriately for the weather and to avoid injury.
5. Students should not approach the bus until it is completely stopped and the door is open. State regulations require the bus to have a buffer of at least 10' between it and students at the stop. This is always an issue at stops with a large number of students.
6. Please remind your children to follow the driver's directions at all times and especially while entering or exiting the bus.

As always, thanks for your cooperation and I hope you had a great summer.



Sincerely,  
Rick Abend  
Transportation Supervisor  
[rabend@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:rabend@ocs.cnyric.org)

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relations, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Onondaga Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application.
- Anti-microbial products.
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in area inaccessible to children.
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children.
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate.
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides.
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25.
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please contact the Transportation/Maintenance Department for a Pesticide Notification Form, complete the form and return it to: Onondaga Central School District, Transportation/Maintenance Department 4457 South Onondaga Road, Nedrow, NY 13120.

Copies of the form are also available on the district website: [www.ocs.cnyric.org](http://www.ocs.cnyric.org)



# Rockwell School

Dear Rockwell Families,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! The Rockwell staff and I are looking forward to working with your children. I am anxious to meet our 60 new Kindergarteners, our preschool students and to see our returning first and second graders. The children will come back to nice newly remodeled classrooms in the second grade wing. The entire building now has new roofs and a new heating system throughout the building.

Our yearly Open House has a new name; it is "Meet the Teacher Night". This night will be on September 15th from 7:00-8:00 PM. There will be time to meet the teacher, see the classrooms, look over your child's curriculum and a chance to purchase books at the Book Fair. The profits made at the Book Fair will go right back to the children by covering the cost of our Visiting Authors.

Our Early Dismissal and Evacuation Drill will be held on Wednesday, September 20. The students will be dismissed 15 minutes early at 2:45 PM. That means that your child(ren) will return home 15 minutes earlier this day. Please make plans to have someone available to meet the children at this earlier time. Much more information will come home the first week of school.

Our first Morning Program will be held on September 16th at 9:15 AM. We will be celebrating September birthdays. I hope that many of you can join us for our celebration of learning and community.

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me at 552-5070 . I look forward to a tremendous year at Rockwell full of learning and fun.



Sincerely,  
Mrs. Margie Hart  
Rockwell Principal  
[mhart@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:mhart@ocs.cnyric.org)



*Game Day 2011: Game Day Teachers: Mrs. Dalley, Mr. Annable Students: Kendall Neuser and Ava Spicer*



*2nd Grade Celebration 2011, Students in Mrs. Roach's Class*

# Rockwell School

## PAYTON FORIAN MEMORIAL

As part of a College English project this May, we were assigned to create and plan a service project that will have a lasting impact on the community. Our group decided to create a memorial in front of Rockwell School for Payton Forian. Payton was a 5-year-old kindergartener at Rockwell School when she passed away suddenly due to a rare autoimmune disease. Payton's death was a shock to the community, and it would be a shame for the community to not remember this joyous, happy little girl. We decided that a tree would be the perfect lasting tribute to Payton's memory.



*Geena Brady at Payton Forian Memorial*

In order to raise money for the project, our group decided to have a bake sale at the high school, and also to reach out to the Onondaga School District staff for donations. After two days of cooking and selling, and several stops to the office to collect donations, we were able to raise over \$300 for our project. We purchased the tree and

the plaque with part of the money, and the rest of the money was donated to the Payton Forian One Day Foundation. The tree was planted in front of Rockwell School and the plaque was laid at the base of the tree on June 7, 2011. The plaque reads, "In loving memory of Payton Forian, 2004-2010."

We decided to create this memorial for Payton and her family because her death cast a shadow over the hearts of everybody in the district. We wanted her family to know that the entire community felt their loss and that Payton will never be forgotten. This memorial will forever be present in the community and will forever remind us of the five year old girl whose bright life was cut so tragically short.

~Geena Brady and Niomi Eipp

## ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY WANTS You!



Do you have extra time and want the personal satisfaction of knowing what you are doing is benefiting our children? Become a Rockwell Volunteer! It's a great way to show our kids that you take an interest in their education, and it sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause.

What does a volunteer do? Volunteers will work in our Community Room where they will perform a variety of tasks including cutting paper, organizing materials for distribution and helping prepare materials for classroom projects.

Special skills needed? NONE!

Time Involved? We need whatever time you can spare Monday through Friday from 9 to 3. A few hours a day, week, or month it is all up to you!

Remember that volunteering not only benefits our kids, but it will also enrich the classroom, the whole school, and the entire community.

If you are interested in volunteering at Rockwell Elementary please contact Mrs. Hart at 552-5070 or e-mail her at [mhart@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:mhart@ocs.cnyric.org).



*Flag Day Parade 2011*

# Wheeler School

Dear Parents:

It is with great expectation that the Wheeler faculty and I are looking forward to the start of the upcoming academic year. We are excited to see the many bright smiles on our children's faces as they begin the 2011-12 school year. Indeed, the beginning of a new year is a very exhilarating time for students, parents and staff. It's an opportunity for children to continue on their educational journey with new teachers, new students, and new ideas.

The first day for students is Tuesday, September 6th. The youngsters will begin their day at 7:55AM and be dismissed at 2:15PM. For those children participating in after school activities, buses will be available at 3:10PM. The breakfast program in the Wheeler cafeteria is open to all students starting at 7:35 AM. An information packet including class placement letters along with your child's supply list will arrive during the first week of August.

The 2011-12 school year promises to be full of hard work, lots of learning, increased exposure to technology and tons of fun. Mr. Lang, Ms. Miller, and Mrs. Mathieson will be coordinating an "Environmental Club" for the 2011-12 school year. We are also looking forward to continuing our existing clubs/activities such as Drama Club, Character Club, Running Club, Chorus, Band and a wide variety of literacy activities.

Wheeler's "Book Nook" continues to be a successful tool for getting books into the hands of our children. Many of our students have had an opportunity to select books and add them to their home libraries. We continue to welcome donations of both new and slightly used books appropriate for students in third through sixth grades. Please feel free to drop them off at the school office. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our Wheeler "Meet the Teacher Night" is Thursday,

September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Curriculum Guides, a copy of the Code of Conduct, and Wheeler Parent-Student Guides will be available at the open house. Keep them in a safe place so you can utilize them as references throughout the year. Also, remember to visit the district's website on a consistent basis where you will find a plethora of information about what is happening as well as a link to Wheeler School and individual teacher pages.

Student planners will be distributed to each child during the first week of school. We encourage you to use this organizational tool as a means of assisting your child in completing assignments and being aware of upcoming events.

Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 16th and Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th. Students will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. on November 17th and 18th.

Other dates to note in your calendars are Constitution Day on September 16th, Early Dismissal Drill on September 20th, Picture Day on October 6th, Apple Harvest Day on October 14th, the Wheeler Halloween Parade on October 31st, Picture Retake Day on December 2nd, and the Senior Citizen's Luncheon on November 22nd.

Best wishes to you and your family for an enjoyable and successful 2011-12 school year. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Wheeler office at 552-5050. Our faculty thanks you for your ongoing interest and continued support. We look forward to another great year.



Sincerely,

Steven S. Winschel  
Wheeler Principal  
[swinschel@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:swinschel@ocs.cnyric.org)



# Wheeler School

## CARPENTER'S BROOK FISH HATCHERY

On June 20th, the fifth grade classes took a field trip to Carpenter's Brook Fish Hatchery, and it was an awesome day. Aside from being a fun day, Carpenter's Brook was a culminating and enhancing experience augmenting our science units on ecology, incubation, and embryology.

The staff was knowledgeable and excited as they interacted with our students. Students stimulated some great questions and conversations with the staff as they were guided through the hatchery. The hands-on approach enthralled the students. They even got to touch fish such as rainbow trout. It was rewarding to see students engaged in exploration much of the day.



*Neo Nyoni, Ethan Arroyo, Samuel Taaffe, Briahna Donath, and Andrew Thomas IV*

New for the 2011-12 school year, Wheeler will have an Environmental Club which will focus on the grounds surrounding the Route 80 campus. We plan to partner with the Environmental, Science and Forestry (ESF) School at Syracuse University. Composting, recycling, Earth Day clean-ups, and learning about the ecosystem encompassed within the trail system located behind the District office will all be activities available to our youngsters.

## CHARACTER EDUCATION BREAKFAST

Wheeler School held its annual Citizen of the Week Breakfast on June 16, 2011. The Parent Teacher Organization provided a well rounded breakfast for the students and their parents. Approximately twenty five students were nominated this year for a variety of good character traits.

Wheeler school is very proud of our students and encourages continued character development. These students are role models to others in the school and are commended for their hard work and outstanding character.



*Bicycle Safety Raffle Winners – Maryah Cook, Matt Delaney, Logan LaKatos, Tyler Shirtz*



*Wheeler Book Nook Readers – Ventre Woolery & Logan Nordman*

# Junior/Senior High School Honor Roll

## Marking Period 6

### Grade 7

Nicole Abert\*  
 Lauren Aguirre\*  
 Evan Alexander\*  
 Nathan Allnatt  
 Courtney Birch\*  
 Allison Briggs\*  
 John Burlin\*  
 Ryan Cass\*  
 Siara Clos\*  
 Carrie Daignault  
 Christopher Dalpan  
 Noah Dardaris  
 Mackenzie DeOrdio  
 Katherine Drake  
 Emily Graham  
 Chase Guptill  
 Jade Haumann\*  
 Alexandra  
 Hourigan\*  
 Mallory Hutson  
 Courtney Kelsey\*  
 McKenzie Kennedy  
 Kevin Krause\*  
 Amanda Krell\*  
 Alexandria Macina  
 Sean McCormick  
 Margaret  
 McCormick  
 Jadon McIntosh\*  
 Leonid Okhman\*  
 Abigail Pierce\*  
 Noel Potter\*  
 Joseph Russo\*  
 Daniel Savich

Aubrey Shanahan\*  
 Abigail Wood\*

### Grade 8

Paris Archung\*  
 Wesam Ashkar\*  
 Waseem Ashkar\*  
 Cory Ashley  
 Cassandra Balcomb  
 Jacob Becher\*  
 Ryan Brasket\*  
 Tessa Butler\*  
 Jenna Bygall\*  
 Alexander Carr\*  
 Robert Crews\*  
 Morgan  
 Cunningham  
 Alexander DiBella\*  
 Erin Doherty\*  
 Allison Doherty\*  
 Jacob Dwyer  
 Emily Featherstone\*  
 Emily Fenner\*  
 Tyler Field\*  
 Deborah Gallup  
 Erin Gantley\*  
 Kevin Gilrein\*  
 David Gravante\*  
 Tyler Havens\*  
 Jenna Hayes\*  
 John B Kennedy\*  
 Andrew Koch\*  
 Ondraya Kunai  
 Stephen Lewis  
 Gavin Maclachlan

Berisa Mehmedovic  
 Brett Milligan\*  
 Natalia Montilla  
 Elizabeth Moore  
 Sarah Nakoski  
 Mara L. Nasiatka\*  
 Scott Jr. Neidl  
 Scarlett Nordman\*  
 Zifiso Nyoni\*  
 Grace Oswald\*  
 Victoria Piazza\*  
 Ashley Radio  
 Chantelle Rodriguez  
 Ethan Romano\*  
 Bethany Russell\*  
 Robert Sanborn\*  
 Jackson Schwartz\*  
 Kole Teitsch\*  
 Leah Torrey  
 Logan Truchan  
 Kirby Tucker\*  
 Elizabeth Turner  
 Evelyn Webb

### Grade 9

Jaycie Annable  
 Shaheemah Ashkar\*  
 Alyssa Brown  
 Kathryn Burlin\*  
 Austin Burt  
 Audreanna Dooley  
 Allison Eipp\*  
 Timothy Freund\*  
 Alicia Gregus\*  
 Hannah Guptill\*

Cori Holbrook\*  
 Elizabeth Kennedy  
 Angela Kittelson  
 Donald Law\*  
 Aubry Mauro  
 Larisa Okhman\*  
 Jason Palmowski\*  
 Taylor Paventy\*  
 Janet Penwarden\*  
 Charles Pierce\*  
 Angelica Post  
 Rachel Prikazsky  
 Morgan Russell  
 Paul Savich\*  
 Natallia Webster  
 Heather Williams  
 Benjamin Wilson

### Grade 10

Rachael Akshar\*  
 Samantha Annable  
 Makenzie Annable\*  
 Samantha Ashley\*  
 Thomas Barry\*  
 Halie Bassett  
 Julian Berman\*  
 Shane Brewer\*  
 Justin Carter\*  
 Kimberly Casper\*  
 Anna Castilano  
 Daysia Coleman\*  
 Jesse Crawford-  
 Behm\*  
 Carolyn DeOrdio  
 Kaylee Emerson

# Junior/Senior High School Honor Roll

## Marking Period 6

<i>Alexis Flanagan*</i>	<i>Damond Archung</i>
<i>Kathryn Gantley*</i>	<i>Maal Ashkar*</i>
<i>Autumn Gavin*</i>	<i>Anthony Baxter</i>
<i>Katherine Gravante*</i>	<i>Leanne Birch*</i>
<i>Mason Hess</i>	<i>Kathleen Burdick*</i>
<i>Christopher Jacobs*</i>	<i>Catrinea Carr*</i>
<i>Gabriel Keding</i>	<i>Briana Cook</i>
<i>Lucas Magalhaes</i>	<i>Jeremy Crysler</i>
<i>Samantha Martin</i>	<i>Zachary Fenner</i>
<i>Ashley Martin*</i>	<i>C. Zachary Field</i>
<i>Lukas Matt*</i>	<i>Andrew Fisher*</i>
<i>Mackenzie Milligan</i>	<i>Erin Gardner*</i>
<i>Jason Naughton*</i>	<i>Ryan Gregus</i>
<i>Alan Nesfeder*</i>	<i>Kelsey Haines-</i>
<i>Ariel Piazza*</i>	<i>McLaughlin*</i>
<i>Timothy Pierce*</i>	<i>Jessica Jones</i>
<i>Chelsea Raymond*</i>	<i>Celeste Joyce*</i>
<i>Kelsey Rozyczko</i>	<i>Danielle Kawryga*</i>
<i>Jacob Russell</i>	<i>Diana Kurtz</i>
<i>Nicole Sanborn*</i>	<i>Sadina</i>
<i>Lea Sauve</i>	<i>Mehmedovic*</i>
<i>John Serrao*</i>	<i>Hannah Meile*</i>
<i>Nathaniel Smart*</i>	<i>Tyler Miner*</i>
<i>Genevieve Spencer*</i>	<i>Rachel Montalto</i>
<i>Drew Stefanski*</i>	<i>Joseph Morezak</i>
<i>Peter Taaffe</i>	<i>Alexandra</i>
<i>Taylor Tessier*</i>	<i>Nordman*</i>
<i>Rachel Wadsworth*</i>	<i>Ryan Ochsner</i>
<i>Madison Wiley*</i>	<i>Alex Potts</i>
<i>Kaitlin Wojak*</i>	<i>Harley Putzer*</i>
<i>Stefan Zych*</i>	<i>Whitney Russell</i>

## Grade 11

<i>Sara Akshar*</i>	<i>Daniel Sibley, Jr.</i>
<i>Catherine Appel*</i>	<i>Nicole Stephens*</i>
	<i>Margaret Tiss*</i>
	<i>Carly Tucker</i>

*Kendra Vega\**  
*Abby Webster*

## Grade 12

*Alyssa Aguirre\**  
*Jennifer Andrews\**  
*M. Taylor Bassett\**  
*Geena Brady\**  
*Michael Burlin\**  
*Katherine Cain\**  
*Nicholas Campbell*  
*Celena-Marie*  
*Carfagno\**  
*Joseph Carter\**  
*Cody Cooper*  
*Holly Corby\**  
*Carolyn Corrente*  
*Katelynn*  
*Cunningham*  
*Joshua Edinger\**  
*Kirsten Eikermann*  
*Niomi Eipp\**  
*Nathan Eipp*  
*Jeremy Forest\**  
*Ryan Gavin\**  
*Erica Gilrein\**  
*Sara Grillo\**  
*Kaitlyn Guptill*  
*Shirley Hayes\**  
*Chelsea Holmes*  
*Kayla Hourigan*  
*Matthew Jacobs\**  
*Erin Jones\**  
*Nathaniel Kelly\**  
*Maksim*

*Konstantinidi*  
*Isadora Lares*  
*Polito\**  
*Kevin Larkin\**  
*Catherine Lasda\**  
*John Lemchak*  
*Mackenzie Leonard*  
*Claire Lunderman\**  
*Lauren Martin\**  
*Andrew McVicar\**  
*Malik Mountain*  
*Michael Nakoski*  
*Erica Nesfeder\**  
*Natalya Okhman\**  
*Justin Otis*  
*Anthony Parkis*  
*Sarah Pulver\**  
*Coreena Rienhardt*  
*Sierra Roche*  
*Eric Rush\**  
*Deanna Savich\**  
*Alexis Smith\**  
*Colin Sorber\**  
*Kyle Stapleton\**  
*Rachel Stefanski\**  
*Dylan Stevens\**  
*John Stoddard\**  
*Baker Teitsch\**  
*Christopher Tinozzi*  
*Matthew Tiss\**  
*Katelyn Wayner*

**\* Denotes High  
Honor Roll**

# Junior/Senior High School

Greetings from the Jr./Sr. High School!

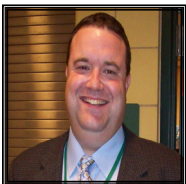
Welcome to the Jr./Sr. High School. The 2011-2012 school year is about to begin and we have many great things to tell you about.

- We will have a wonderful new look! The guidance office, main office and nurse's office will be brand new and easily accessible.
- Our 7th and 8th grade students will be on academic teams and will be in the cafeteria together during 5th period lunch.
- Our gym will be available during 5th period which will enable our students to enjoy some free time after they finish eating.
- Our daily time schedule has been adjusted to coordinate with our neighboring school districts to enhance academic opportunities for our students. We begin at 7:57 a.m. and end at 2:25 p.m.
- Many extra-curricular activities are being planned for our students to enhance their total school experience. These include 7th Grade orientation, Homecoming, Spirit Week, Tiger Day and an initiative "To Do the Right Thing."
- Look for your schedule in the mail in the next few weeks with your classes, study halls and lunch period.

We are looking forward to our first day of school on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Have a wonderful summer, have fun, relax and read a great book for pleasure.



Helen Q. White  
Interim Principal, Jr/Sr High School  
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Vice-Principal, Jr/Sr High School  
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## SAVE THE DATE!!!

**7TH GRADE ORIENTATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 (THURSDAY)**  
**5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM**

Parents and 7th Grade students invited to attend!

Please come and meet the teachers, tour the building, find your classrooms and have some pizza and soda!

- Locker assignments will be given out!
- Schedules will be given out!
- Teachers will be available to discuss goals, expectations and needs for the coming year!

Please join us in the Jr/Sr High School cafeteria at 5:00 on September 1, 2011, and get a head start on the 2011-2012 school year!!

## WELCOME TO OCS!

Jackie Sullivan is a practicing artist who is very excited to be joining OCS as the new Jr/Sr High School art teacher. She is a graduate of Syracuse University, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, and of the Rochester Institute of Technology, with a Master of Science for Teachers. With experience in both traditional and digital art media, Jackie is eager to share her artistic ideas and knowledge with the students and community of Onondaga.





# Junior/Senior High School

## NEW BELL SCHEDULE

Below is the new bell schedule for the Jr/Sr High School, which coordinates with neighboring districts to enhance academic opportunities. Once you have received your schedule, use these guides as a reference.

### Lunch 5th Period

TIME	PERIOD	CLASS	ROOM NO.	A OR B
7:57 - 8:42	1			
8:45 - 9:26	2			
9:29 - 10:10	3			
10:13 - 10:54	4			
10:57 - 11:27	5			
11:30 - 12:11	6/7			
12:14 - 12:55	8/9			
12:58 - 1:39	10			
1:42 - 2:25	11			
2:30 - 3:15	ACTIVITY			

### Lunch 7th Period

TIME	PERIOD	CLASS	ROOM NO.	A OR B
7:57 - 8:42	1			
8:45 - 9:26	2			
9:29 - 10:10	3			
10:13 - 10:54	4			
10:57 - 11:38	5/6			
11:41 - 12:11	7			
12:14 - 12:55	8/9			
12:58 - 1:39	10			
1:42 - 2:25	11			
2:30 - 3:15	ACTIVITY			

### Lunch 9th Period

TIME	PERIOD	CLASS	ROOM NO.	A OR B
7:57 - 8:42	1			
8:45 - 9:26	2			
9:29 - 10:10	3			
10:13 - 10:54	4			
10:57 - 11:38	5/6			
11:41 - 12:22	7/8			
12:25 - 12:55	9			
12:58 - 1:39	10			
1:42 - 2:25	11			
2:30 - 3:15	ACTIVITY			

# Junior/Senior High School

## AP BIOLOGY EXAM SCORES

The AP Biology students had all their hard work during the year pay off with excellent results on the AP Biology exam, given in May.



*AP Biology Students*

Of the eight students who took the exam, five earned perfect scores of '5'. They were Geena Brady, Niomi Eipp, Erica Gilrein, Sara Grillo, and Eric Rush.

Fours were

earned by Joe Carter and Mack Leonard and a three was earned by Colin Sorber.

Congratulations to these hard working students on this impressive accomplishment!

## Mock DWI

A special thank you to the student volunteers for their participation in the Mock DWI. Great job!

### Student Participants and roles:

Danielle Kawryga- Fatality  
Kyle Stapleton- Intoxicated driver  
Colin Sorber- Injured passenger  
Jermaine Adams- Injured passenger  
Harley Putzer- Injured passenger, in shock  
Maggie Mathews- Makeup Artist



*Colin Sorber, Danielle Kawryga, Jermaine Adams, Kyle Stapleton, and Harley Putzer*

## AFTER PROM PARTY 2011

This year's first After Prom Party was a huge success. The gymnasium and cafeteria were transformed into a Mardi Gras themed party complete with masks and beads!



*Human Bowling*

There was an abundance of food, along with games, a DJ, and activities, including a casino; that kept the kids going throughout the evening. Students enjoyed a thrilling card trick show and received prizes throughout the night. To end the evening, a grand prize drawing took place which

included seven-teen grand prize gifts. The winners received laptops, iPads, and TV's to name a few.



*Velcro Wall*

We would like to sincerely thank the Onondaga Community for all of their support and overwhelming generosity to make this event

such a success. Thanks to you, we were able to provide a fun, exciting and most importantly, SAFE evening for our students.

We look forward to next year being even bigger and better!

# Athletics

Hello and welcome back for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. I hope everybody enjoyed their summer vacation and is excited to start the new school year.

If your son or daughter is planning to participate in a VARSITY sports program at Onondaga this upcoming season, please plan on attending the following parent meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2011 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm in the Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria.

If your son or daughter is planning to participate in a MODIFIED sports program at Onondaga this upcoming season, please plan on attending the following parent meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm in the Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria.

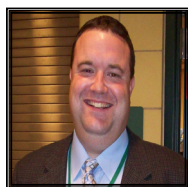
At this meeting, we will be discussing the school's philosophies, policies and team rules regarding athletics at Onondaga. Also, parents and guardians will have the opportunity to ask any ques-

tions regarding school policies and procedures.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled meeting, please set up a time with the coach of your child(s) sport to go over information discussed at that meeting.

Please be sure to check our athletic website <http://www.ocs.cnyric.org/athletics.cfm> for important information regarding scheduling, practices and games, physical and health history information, scores of contests, directions to contests and other important information. Or, simply call us at (315) 552-5022. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The Athletic Department is eagerly looking forward to seeing everybody for the start of the new school year.



Tim Mumford  
Director of Athletics  
[tmumford@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:tmumford@ocs.cnyric.org)

## Varsity Football

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	PLACE	TIME
FRIDAY	9/2/11	CATO	H	OCS	6:30
FRIDAY	9/9/11	WEEDSPORT	H	OCS	6:30
FRIDAY	9/16/11	SANDY CREEK	A	SANDY CREEK	7:00
FRIDAY	9/23/11	THOUSAND ISLAND	H	OCS	6:30
FRIDAY	9/30/11	PORT BYRON	A	PORT BYRON	7:00
SATURDAY	10/8/11	BISHOP GRIMES	H	OCS	1:00
SATURDAY	10/15/11	BEAVER RIVER	A	BEAVER RIVER	1:00

## Modified Football

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	PLACE	TIME
SATURDAY	9/24/11	PULASKI	H	OCS	10:00 AM
THURSDAY	9/29/11	LAFAYETTE	A	LAFAYETTE	4:30
THURSDAY	10/6/11	WEEDSPORT	H	OCS	4:30
THURSDAY	10/13/11	JORDAN-ELBRIDGE	H	OCS	4:30
THURSDAY	10/20/11	PORT BYRON	A	PORT BYRON	4:30
WEDNESDAY	10/26/11	BISHOP LUDDEN	H	OCS	4:30
MONDAY	10/31/11	HANNIBAL	A	HANNIBAL	4:30

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## Cross Country (Modified Begins 9/21/11)

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	PLACE	TIME
WEDNESDAY	9/14/11	LAFAYETTE	A	LAFAYETTE	4:30
TUESDAY	9/20/11	MPH	H	OCS	4:30
WEDNESDAY	9/28/11	CATO/FAITH HERITAGE	H	OCS	4:30
WEDNESDAY	10/5/11	FABIUS	A	HIGHLAND	4:30
WEDNESDAY	10/12/11	TULLY AND FAITH HERITAGE	H	OCS	4:30
THURSDAY	10/20/11	TULLY	H	OCS	6:30

## Varsity Soccer

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	PLACE	TIME
THURSDAY	09/08/11	LAFAYETTE	A	LAFAYETTE	4:30
MONDAY	9/12/11	FABIUS	H	OCS	6:30
WEDNESDAY	9/14/11	FAITH HERITAGE	H	OCS	6:30
TUESDAY	9/20/11	TULLY	A	TULLY	4:30
THURSDAY	9/22/11	PULASKI	H	OCS	6:30
TUESDAY	9/27/11	CATO	A	CATO	4:30
THURSDAY	9/29/11	BISHOP LUDDEN	H	OCS	6:30
MONDAY	10/3/11	BISHOP GRIMES	A	BISHOP GRIMES	4:30
WEDNESDAY	10/5/11	MPH	A	MPH	4:30
FRIDAY	10/7/11	LAFAYETTE	H	OCS	6:30
TUESDAY	10/11/11	FABIUS	A	FABIUS	6:30
THURSDAY	10/13/11	FAITH HERITAGE	A	JONES ROAD	4:30
THURSDAY	10/20/11	TULLY	H	OCS	6:30

## Modified Green Soccer

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	PLACE	TIME
TUESDAY	9/20/11	PHOENIX	H	OCS	4:30
THURSDAY	9/22/11	JORDAN-ELBRIDGE	A	JORDAN-ELBRIDGE	4:30
TUESDAY	9/27/11	CATO	H	CATO	4:30
THURSDAY	9/29/11	BISHOP GRIMES	A	BISHOP GRIMES	4:30
TUESDAY	10/4/11	MPH	A	MPH	4:30
THURSDAY	10/6/11	FAITH HERITAGE	A	FAITH HERITAGE	4:30
TUESDAY	10/11/11	LAFAYETTE	H	LAFAYETTE	4:30
THURSDAY	10/13/11	BISHOP LUDDEN	A	BISHOP LUDDEN	4:30
TUESDAY	10/18/11	PULASKI	A	PULASKI	4:30
THURSDAY	10/20/11	OCS WHITE	H	OCS	4:30

## Modified White Soccer

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	PLACE	TIME
TUESDAY	9/20/11	HANNIBAL	A	HANNIBAL	4:30
THURSDAY	9/22/11	FAITH HERITAGE	H	OCS	4:30
TUESDAY	9/27/11	JORDAN-ELBRIDGE	H	OCS	4:30
FRIDAY	9/30/11	MPH	A	MPH	4:30
TUESDAY	10/4/11	PHOENIX	H	OCS	4:30
THURSDAY	10/6/11	BISHOP LUDDEN	H	OCS	4:30
TUESDAY	10/11/11	BISHOP GRIMES	A	BISHOP GRIMES	4:30
THURSDAY	10/13/11	LAFAYETTE	H	OCS	4:30
MONDAY	10/17/11	CATO	A	CATO	4:30
THURSDAY	10/20/11	OCS GREEN	A	OCS	4:30



# Food Service

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Onondaga Central Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.05; lunch costs \$1.85, K-6 and \$1.95, 7-12. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.25 for breakfast and \$0.25 for lunch.

**1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Diana Marks, Grimshaw Elementary School, LaFayette Central School District.

**2. Who can get free meals?** All children in households receiving benefits from food stamps, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

**3. Can foster children get free meals?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

**4. Can homeless, runaway, and migrant children get free meals?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call Deborah P. Grimshaw at 552-5075 or e-mail her at [dgrimshaw@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:dgrimshaw@ocs.cnyric.org) to see if they qualify.

**5. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.

**6. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free meals?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 677-9510 if you have questions.

**7. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

**8. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.

**9. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.

**10. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

**11. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Peter Tigh, 5595 Co Rt. 20, LaFayette, NY 13084, 677-9728, c/o LaFayette Central School District.

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**12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

**13. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

**14. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

**15. We are in the military. do we include our housing allowance as income?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.

**16. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. is her combat pay counted as income?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

**17. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for food stamps or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

**How to Apply:** To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit a Direct Certification letter received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive food stamps, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your food stamp or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

**Reporting Changes:** The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive food stamps.

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**Income Exclusions:** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

**Non-discrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**Meal Service to Children With Disabilities:** Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

**Confidentiality:** The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly con-

nected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Swift  
Food Service Director  
LaFayette/Onondaga School District  
315-677-9510

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## THANKS TO THE PTO AND BOOSTER CLUB FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS!



*2011-12 PTO President Annette Havens and member John Gentile present picture collages to elementary principals Margie Hart and Steve Winschel at the June 7, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.*



*The OCS Booster Club supports many activities! Last year the Booster Club supported the 7th Grade orientation picnic, which will be held this year on September 1, 2011.*