District Prepares to Welcome Back Students for the 2019-2020 School Year

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 is the first day of school for Orchard Park students. Throughout the district, preparations are taking place to prepare the buildings to welcome back students and staff for the upcoming school year.

During the summer the District offered a wide variety of professional development trainings for teachers, administrators and support staff. Staff members had the opportunity to participate in more than 20 professional development courses. Some of the courses offered include: Stop the Bleed Training and a book study on The Ways Children Learn Music.

The Personnel Department has been busy filling dozens of positions. Many of the vacancies that need to be filled were due to the over 40 staff retirements this past June.

The Buildings and Grounds Department has been working on several projects this summer including re-doing spaces at the high school and middle school to accommodate the central copying cost savings initiative. They are also working to convert all district classroom lights to LED light bulbs, another cost savings initiative.

It is an exciting time in our District with the new on-site option for Universal Pre-K. In addition to continuing to work with our community based Pre-K locations the District will offer Eggert Road Elementary as a UPK site. The District is pleased to be able to collaborate with the Southtown's YMCA to offer a "wrap around" program for child care for the 36 UPK students at Eggert Road Elementary. This will help District families in need of full-day child care for their student.

The UPK program is funded through a NYS grant and this is the first time that the district will be offering an on-site option for parents. Universal Pre-K teacher, Alicia Matesic, has been preparing both a new classroom space and a curriculum. In addition, a Pre-K Curriculum group has been working to adjust the UPK Curriculum Map to align with current NYS standards.

Lastly a reminder to parents about the first week of school; During the first few days of the school year, the middle and elementary afternoon buses typically run a little behind schedule. We appreciate your patience as the bus drivers are learning new routes and students are learning where to find their buses in the parking lots after school.

The Orchard Park Central School District will be offering on-site Universal Pre-K for the first time during the 2019-2020 school year. Pictured above are incoming Pre-K students: Dominic Zielinski, Maura English and Eva Corto with Eggert's Pre-K teacher Alicia Matesic.

Fall Community Education Brochure Enclosed. Pull Out and Save Center Insert!

Congratulations Class of 2019! See pages 4-5 and 8-12.
Superintendent’s Column
Matthew P. McGarrity

It always amazes me how quickly the milestones of summer go by. The 4th of July, the beginning of August, the beginning of the Erie County Fair and this summer is no different.

We are looking forward to welcoming back students on Tuesday, September 3. The start of a new school year brings hope, excitement and of course a bit of patience. Please check your child’s school building site on the district website, www.opschools.org for back to school information like school supply lists.

Getting back into the routine of school takes some time, but routine is a valuable tool to help keep students focused and effectively manage their time. Children today are very distracted by social media and pressures none of us had at their age. Over the next few weeks, prior to school starting, I hope that you can help your child get into a routine of stepping away from social media and cell phone use. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that for children ages 6 and older, that parents place consistent limits on the time spent using media devices and accessing social media. They recommend that parents make sure media does not take the place of adequate sleep, physical activity and other behaviors essential to health. AAP recommends designating media-free time together like during meals and designating media-free locations such as bedrooms and cars.

The latest Orchard Park Central School District Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP) outlined the following goal: Promote the social emotional well-being of the Orchard Park Central School District Community through student support, staff development, resource coordination and parent involvement. During the 2018-19 school year, we launched a Parent Information Series on Mental and Social Emotional Health to support this goal. The parent feedback from the series was very positive. During the 2019-20 school year we have planned several opportunities as part of our information series to continue to support the CDEP Goal as listed above. On October 23rd we will offer parents an Internet Safety Program and on November 5th there will be a program on Social Resilience. The series will continue in the spring and more information will be provided on the districts website regarding the Parent Information Series for the 2019-20 school year.

I look forward to the start of the school year with great hope and enthusiasm and thank you for your continued support.

Calendar Distribution

Calendars will be distributed to students in kindergarten through 8th grade on September 3, the first day of school. Calendars going to students at the high school level will be mailed home prior to the first day of school. As we have done in years past, the calendars will be given only to the youngest student in each family. Calendars will be available to District residents at the Orchard Park Public Library, Anthony Brown Pharmacy, Beerz Convenience Store and the Orchard Park Central School District Office located at 2240 Southwestern Blvd. beginning August 28th.

Why It’s Important to Have a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account

Documents previously mailed or sent home are only available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All parents/guardians of OPCSD students have received a Parent Portal activation letter. At least one parent from each student household should maintain a Parent Portal account and ensure that the email address and phone number is current. If you forget your password, you will need to enter the email address that is already associated with the account, so please keep record of this information. One login will provide access to information for all of your children. With this account activation, you will have access to: Report Cards, Attendance History, Bus information, Student Schedules, Test Scores and Parent Notification Preferences. If you've already registered for an account, you do not need to re-register each year.

Parents who prefer to have information mailed home should make a request directly to their child's school building.

Emergency Communication

To maintain and improve communication with our families and community during an emergency or when there is a need for an important announcement, OPCSD offers iConnect. iConnect allows the District to notify parents, students, faculty, staff, and community members about school related emergency information via email, text, phone, and web. In the event of a school closing or emergency, this system enables the District to rapidly communicate to all subscribers. Notification preferences can be found in your PowerSchool Parent Portal account.
Follow Parking Restrictions

Please remember to follow parking regulations. Handicap parking spaces are only meant to be used by those with a specific need. It is especially important to keep this in mind during special events.

Library Genrefication Producing Positive Results

The Orchard Park Central School District librarians have been developing and implementing new ways to empower students to independently find books that interest them within our school libraries.

Over the last several years there has been a movement to genrefy the fiction sections of the Orchard Park High School and Middle School libraries. Orchard Park High School librarian Beth DiLucente heard about genrefying at a conference and thought it could be a good fit for the high school. During the summer of 2016 the district librarians came together to genrefy the Orchard Park High School library after over a year of research and planning. Fictional books were divided into genre; color coded; and each genre was moved to its own space within the library. This allows students to easily find books that may be similar to ones they have liked in the past or it gives them the opportunity to try out a new genre. The genrefication was a huge undertaking that involved the librarians physically touching and moving every book within the library. Since the genrefication of the high school library circulation has increased 24%. The planning and work involved was worth it as the results speak for themselves. In the summer of 2017 the librarians came together again to genrefy the Middle School library. The results of this project were also impressive with Middle School library circulation up 20%.

The Orchard Park High School and Middle School libraries were the first local libraries to become genrefied. Since the high school genrefication Orchard Park's librarians have become a resource for other schools. High School librarian Beth DiLucente has taught several classes on genrefication, presented at a statewide conference and met with several other librarians who are interested in genrefying their libraries.

Previous to the genrefication the high school and middle school libraries were organized alphabetically by author. The librarians had shared that a common experience for them was a student asking to find a book similar to something they had read and liked. The librarians would offer students suggestions and point the students toward something they might be interested in but after that the students would once again be at square one not knowing where to look for their next great read. Genrefication has changed that. Orchard Park Central School District students now have the independence to head into the library and directly to their area of interest.

Pictured above is the historical fiction section of the high school library. The word Historical is written in green and the section is also colored green which matches tabs on each of the books. Other sections are done the same way for example the Fantasy section is done in purple. This ensures students can easily recognize the different genres.

Why Purchase Chromebook Insurance?

OPCSD has partnered with Worth Ave. Group to offer affordable insurance for school issued student devices for the 2019-2020 school year. The optional insurance provides replacement cost coverage and protects the Chromebook on and off school grounds. The enrollment deadline is September 30th. Pricing is as follows for students in grades 6 through 12:

• $15.00 for students in Grades 6 and 7
• $20.00 for students in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12

Payment for the optional insurance is made directly to Worth Ave Group by going to worthavegroup.com/gpo/opschools.

OPHS Named Recognition School

In June the Orchard Park High School earned the distinction of being a Recognition School. The Orchard Park High School is recognized for being a leader in New York State toward the accomplishment of educational excellence in student performance. This distinction clearly demonstrates the dedication of our students, faculty, and community toward high academic achievement.
**Class of 2019 Top Ten**

**Kara SantaLucia** is the Class of 2019 Valedictorian and will be attending the College of William & Mary to study either biology or astrophysics. Kara has volunteered at Absolut Care and Ronald McDonald House Charities. She has also been a member of the Quaker Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Musical Pit Orchestra, Masterminds, Girl Scouts (of which she earned a Girl Scout Silver Award), National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society. She has received Excellence Awards in the following subject areas: Honors Geo, Honors 9 English, AP World, Spanish 3, Chemistry, and AP Language. She was also a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist and an Orchard Park Pride recipient. Kara hopes to help people through medicine or science. She is the daughter of Miriam Kwan and Peter SantaLucia.

**Allison McCune** is the Class of 2019 Salutatorian and will be attending RIT to study biomedical engineering. Allison has volunteered at Ronald McDonald House Charities through her involvement in Girl Scouts. She has participated in a variety of organizations and sports in high school, including Model UN, MCIG, GSA, National Honor Society, ECMEA All-County Band, Varsity Swimming, TWST Swimming, and Outdoor Track. She is the recipient of the Harvard-Radcliffe Book Award, Orchard Park Pride, the Maroon Key in Varsity swimming, high honor roll, Certificate of Excellence in English, Algebra Honors, Social Studies, and Chemistry. She hopes to make the world better by offering creative solutions to address world issues. Allison is the daughter of Barbara and Richard McCune.

**Erin Brege** is attending St. Bonaventure University to study biology. Erin has volunteered as a Vacation Bible Camp Counselor at St. Bernadette Church, a Religious Education Teacher Aide, and a D.A.R.E. Role Model. In high school, she was a member of the Girl Scouts, Student Wellness Club, Musical Pit Orchestra, Math Club, Quaker Marching Band, and the Track & Field team. Erin is a recipient of Orchard Park Pride and a Scholastic Achievement Award. Erin has worked as a camp counselor at Orchard Park Recreation in its Preschool Camp, Young Artists, and T.G.I.F. Kids Club programs. She hopes to make the world better by implementing new discoveries to improve the medical field. She would also like to give back to the Orchard Park community. Erin is the daughter of Tracy and Steven Brege.

**Jack Keane** is attending Boston College to study physics. In high school, Jack was a member of Young Life, Pep Club, Varsity Club, and History Club. He received the Senior Sportsmanship Award for golf, a Boys State Award, Clarkson Achievement Award, and an Orchard Park Pride Award. He was also a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. Jack has played golf, hockey, lacrosse, cross country, track & field, and tennis as a high school student. He believes that laughter is the best medicine and hopes to make the world a better place by making people laugh. Jack is the son of Lynn and Michael Keane.

Pictured above are the Top 10 students of the Class of 2019. Standing from left to right: Jenna Onetto, Natalie Wittmeyer, Benjamin Manning, Jacob Marx, Julia Schurr, Allison McCune, Kara SantaLucia, Erin Brege. Sitting from left to right: Jack Keane, Jacob Schaffer, Orchard Park Seniors were accepted to over 200 Colleges and Universities and earned over 5 million dollars in scholarships this year. We are so proud of all of our students whether they are planning to serve in the military, continue their education or head straight into the workforce. For a complete listing of scholarship and award information, please see pages 8-12.
Jacob Marx is attending Northeastern University to study computer science. Jacob has served as Vice President of Math Club and was also a member of Varsity Club, STAP Comm, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, and Student Health & Wellness. He has been recognized as a Fall 2018 Section VI All Western New York Scholar Athlete. He's also received an Academic Excellence Award in French II & III, CC Algebra II and English II, an Elmira College Key Award, and Perfect Attendance awards. In sports, Jacob was on the JV and Varsity Volleyball teams, of which he was a captain. He would like to help find alternative ways to reduce the world's energy consumption in order to make the world better. Jacob is the son of Mary and Ron Marx.

Jenna Onetto is attending the University of Virginia to study neuroscience. Jenna played volleyball throughout high school and was also a member of Outreach Club, Art Club, National Honor Society, and the French National Honor Society. She received the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award and the Bryn Mawr College President's Book Award. She was also recognized with the Excellency in AP US History and Excellency in Earth Science & Biology awards, and was selected as a National Merit Commended Scholar and Advanced Placement History Scholar. She hopes to help others by becoming a neurologist. She would also like to continue creating art to influence others in a positive way. Jenna is the daughter of Jean and Ken Onetto.

Jacob Schaffer is attending Yale University to study astrophysics. Jacob has been a member of the Orchard Park Historical Society and has also volunteered as a helper for food and "pack a backpack" drives. In high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society. He played soccer for the Empire United Developmental Academy and plans to continue playing the sport in college. He was also a member of the Outdoor Track team. Jacob hopes to make the world a better place by finding a solution to pollution. Jacob is the son of Natalie and Gerald Schaffer.

Julia Schurr is attending Canisius College to study chemistry. Julia has volunteered for Ronald McDonald House Charities. She was also a D.A.R.E. role model and a member of WNY Flash Academy, Pep Club, Donate Life Club, Academy of Finance, and Symphonic Orchestra. In sports, she was on the Varsity soccer team and earned an All-WNY Girls Soccer First team award and a Varsity Soccer Maroon Key award. She will continue playing soccer in college. She was also the recipient of the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, and Excellence in US History and AP English awards, in addition to Orchard Park Pride. Julia hopes to pursue a career in medicine. She is the daughter of Jill and Greg Schurr.

Natalie Wittmeyer is attending The University of Rochester to study epidemiology. In high school, Natalie belonged to Model United Nations and the Gender-Sexuality Alliance. She has received awards for Excellence in Social Studies and English and has also been named an AP Scholar with Distinction. She volunteered in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sisters Hospital and as a living historian at Civil War reenactments. She also was an assistant leader for her Girl Scout troop. Natalie hopes to make the world a better place by helping to ensure inclusiveness for all people. Natalie is the daughter of Kristin and Weston Wittmeyer.
Orchard Park’s Commitment to Teaching Tolerance & Acceptance Continues
By: Lisa Krueger, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction & Pupil Services

The Orchard Park Central School District is committed to fulfilling our mission to prepare students for life after high school graduation. Our Mission Statement articulates our goals to develop the character of our students while preparing them to contribute to a global society.

OPCSD Mission Statement
Through partnership with families, community, and the Orchard Park Central School District, students will:

• Achieve their fullest potential
• Develop critical thinking, creativity, and character
• Become healthy, lifelong learners
• be responsible and contributing members of an ever-changing and global society.

We are preparing students for a global society, which may entail being a contributing member of a college campus, the armed forces, a neighborhood community, and/or a workplace more diverse than Orchard Park.

Since 2009, the Orchard Park Central School District has been committed to creating schools more accepting and tolerant of the differences of others. Since our adoption of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, we have thoughtfully, responsibly and effectively engaged in strategies to minimize bullying, encourage “upstanders” to stop bullying, and create a more inclusive learning environment. Now, more than ever, our classrooms need this education. Children who experience bullying, harassment or discrimination are more likely to have negative attitudes about school and lower academic performance (Journal of the American Medical Association, 2018).

As a school community not tolerant of bullying, this extends to any hate and bias-related incidents against others. Bullying can present itself as the stereotypical bully taking lunch money in the cafeteria to expressions of racism, antisemitism and anti-LGBTQ. We believe all of our students and staff deserve to attend an inclusive school free from bullying and harassment. In fact, it is our legal obligation to protect students from bullying and harassment under the Dignity for All Students Act.

To extend our learning on this topic, a team of administrators and teachers met recently with local professionals to engage in a conversation on cultural diversity. These committed individuals invested their time in starting a conversation to discuss our experiences and perceptions, and resources to help educators create more tolerant and civil classrooms. In doing so, all children will benefit - academically and socially - and be more prepared to enter a global society.

“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences.”
~Audre Lorde

A team of Orchard Park Central School District administrators and teachers recently met with local professionals to engage in a conversation on cultural diversity. District administrators and teachers are pictured with Nina Lukin (Community Member), Elizabeth Schram (Director, Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo) and Mara Koven-Gelman (Director, Buffalo Jewish Community Relation Council).

The Orchard Park Central School District encourages anyone who has witnessed or been a victim of bullying or harassment to report it. You can report it at https://www.opschools.org/Page/10032. The links available there are provided for you to inform the District about bullying or harassment incidents that you have either experienced or witnessed. The form can be submitted anonymously and will be seen by a DASA, Dignity for All Students Act, coordinator.
I hope you are having a wonderful summer! The beginning of a new school year is always the start of something special and it is a great time to reflect on where we have been and where we are heading.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I welcome students, staff and administrators to the new school year. The Board also congratulates Dwight Eagan and Bob Mahany on joining us for their second term after winning the election in May.

It has been a busy summer throughout the district. First, the Board unanimously approved Phase III of the Smart School Bond on May 7, 2019. This proposal supports the purchase of two Dell EMC SCv3020 Storage Area Networks which updates the hardware and gives the district the ability to set up a geographical disaster recovery site. Second, the District is excited to have a new on-site location for UPK at Eggert Road Elementary, in addition to existing sites at EduKids, Wee Can, and the YMCA. Third, several administrators and board members attended the Western New York School Law Conference on August 7 and had the opportunity to learn about special education policies, sexual harassment laws, security issues, and mental health issues in our schools.

This academic year we will continue to keep you informed as we work to improve our schools. We encourage you to attend our board meetings. Keeping open lines of communication between the community and the Orchard Park School Board is very important to enhance the educational experience for all involved. During the past year’s board meetings, several school district departments, including the Library Media Center, the Academy of Finance, and the Science and Social Studies Departments, gave presentations on interesting or new programs. The department presentations will continue throughout the upcoming school year, providing a great way to keep informed about the various departments in our district and any new and/or exciting programs benefitting our students.

In addition to attending board meetings, you can stay informed by visiting the District website and Facebook page, and by attending PTO meetings. The Board always welcomes input from the community on all issues.

The Orchard Park School District is extremely fortunate to have excellent teachers, administrators and support staff. I strongly believe great things will be happening this school year in our district. Thank you for your continued support of the District. Have a wonderful 2019-2020 school year!

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2019-2020 Board of Education Meetings

Board of Education meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the District Offices, 2240 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, unless otherwise indicated. Additional work sessions or meetings may be scheduled as needed throughout the year. Meetings are open to the public. At the annual re-organizational meeting, the Board of Education adopted the Board Meeting schedule for the 2019-20 school year and elected Dr. Christine Gray-Tinnesz as the President and Mr. Dwight Eagan as the Vice President for the 2019-20 school year. Please visit www.opschools.org for the latest BOE meeting dates and related information.

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Orchard Park Pride Award Nomination Deadline

Each year, approximately 10 percent of students in the senior class are selected to receive an Orchard Park Pride Award. This award is given to those who have exhibited excellence in one or more of the following areas: character, work ethic, and involvement and impact. Selection is made on the basis of information submitted on the OP Pride Form, as well as faculty votes. Each student who is chosen will be paired with a local business representative who will host the student and his/her parents at a dinner in the spring.

To self-nominate, submit the OP Pride Form to Mrs. See or Mrs. Linder in House III by November 1st. The forms are available in the House offices or on our website at opschools.org/domain/141. Only students who complete the form, check the OP Pride box at the top, and submit it by November 1st will be considered.

This is not a time to be modest. If students have contributed to Orchard Park through activities in the classroom, community, or in sports, clubs or organizations, we encourage them to self-nominate. The process is similar to submitting a resume to apply for a job.

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Virtual Backpack

The Orchard Park Central School District’s Virtual Backpack is a central repository of informational flyers that can be found at opschools.org/domain/1752. New flyers are added on a weekly basis, so please be sure to check your school’s Virtual Backpack regularly for the most up-to-date information. Scan code at right to view now.
Orchard Park High School’s Class of 2019 graduated on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at Kleinhans. The senior class earned over 5 million dollars in scholarships. Below is a complete listing of scholarship and award information.

**College & Previously Recognized Scholarships**

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Savarino, Pierson
University at Buffalo

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Strunk, Ryan
Medaille College

Stuhr, Benjamin
Rochester Institute of Technology, Alfred State College, SME Education Foundation - Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship, Benevolent Fund of the Great Lakes Region

Tartaro, Trinity
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Ulsrud, Everett
Geneseo, University at Buffalo, Miami University, Ithaca College

Visco, Kathryn
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Watson, Declan
Miami University, Ohio State University, University of Georgia, Clemson University

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Williams, Haley
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2019 Awards and Scholarships

Awards
Visual Arts: Payton Blesy, Isabella Guarino, Celeste O’Connor, Heidi Stavrevski

Business: Hunter Lobur Cummins, Madeleine Rand

DECA: Josef Iqbal, Jordan O’Brien

Accounting: Joshua Jankowski

Financial Literacy Award: Celeste O’Connor

English: Benjamin Bahun, Catherine McHugh, Lindsey Roth, Kara SantaLucia

Striving for Excellence Award: Kalistta Braga

Precalculus: Faith Hanlon

Advanced Calculus: Benjamin Bahun

Advanced Placement Calculus BC: Benjamin Manning

Advanced Placement Statistics: Benjamin Coffta

Computer Science: Maxwell Bauerle

Advanced Placement Computer Science: Benjamin Coffta

ATSM: Jordan Courtney

Band: Madeline Feldman

Chorus: Sydney Schaff

Orchestra: Joseph Zarbo

Louis Armstrong Award: Benjamin Coffta

John Philip Sousa Award: Lindsey Roth

United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award: Benjamin Bahun

Participation in NYSSMA Conference All-State: Fabiola Adorno, Benjamin Coffta, Sydney Schaff

Participation in NYSSMA Area All-State Music Festival: Fabiola Adorno, Benjamin Coffta, Max Culp, Madeline Feldman, Alex

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Erie County Music Educators All-County Ensemble
Benjamin Bahun, Erin Brege, Benjamin Coffta, Max Culp, Madeline Feldman, Josef Iqbal, Thomas Laudico, Allison McCune, Lindsey Roth, Kara SantaLucia, Sydney Schaff, Emma Schutt, Olivia Sferra, Kobe York, Joseph Zarbo

New York State School Music Association Solo Competition
Taylor Bach, Quinlyn Kinmartin, Hayleigh Lilleck, Catherine McHugh, Eve McMullen, Shawn Munro, Kara SantaLucia, Camille St. Jacques, Avalon Witte

OPTA Senior Awards for Excellence
Benjamin Bahun, Gabriel Blood, Erin Brege, Nicholas Descovich, Jennifer Fertel, Emily Frey, Jason Hanania, Peyton Joyce, Alex Kaforey, Thomas Laudico, Abigail Lillis, Hunter LoburCummins, Luke MacLeod, Benjamin Meisner, Madison Perry, Olivia Storm, Trinity Tartaro, Hannah Woodrich

Physical Education: Emily Andruzyk, Collin Wong

Health Education: Theodore Jachlewski

Advanced Biology: Erin Brege, Thomas Laudico, Benjamin Manning, Dallas Murawski, Rebecca Obrochta, Leah Ruh

Advanced Chemistry: Benjamin Manning

Advanced Placement Physics: Alex Kaforey, Benjamin Manning

American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad Local Competitor

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Award: Benjamin Manning
Advanced Placement Government: Benjamin Domagalski, Jason Hanania, Benjamin Manning, Jacob Marx, Katherine Merkel, Jenna Onetto, Jordan Prince, Lindsey Roth, Anna Sorrentino, Benjamin Stuhr
Corporate Economics: David Cappello
Advanced Placement Economics: Kaylee Almeter, Jack Keane, Benjamin Manning, Jenna Onetto, Kara SantaLucia, Jacob Schaffer, Declan Watson
Model United Nations Individual Achievement Award: Allison McCune, Natalie Wilkinson
Model United Nations Leadership Award: Caitlin O’Rourke, Madison Perry
Mock Trial Career Achievement Award: Catherine Reed
New York State Bar Association Mock Trial Competition: William Desmond, Josef Iqbal, Catherine McHugh, Katherine Merkel, Clare Mungovan, Catherine Reed
Advanced Placement History Scholar Award: Kaylee Almeter, Andrew Bolognese, Anna Bond, Alexander Cymerman, William Desmond, Jack Keane, Teresa Kjellstrom, Jane Lawicki, Benjamin Manning, Jacob Marx, Allison McCune, Katherine Merkel, Clare Mungovan, Jenna Onetto, Caitlin O’Rourke, Madison Perry, Jordan Prince, Catherine Reed, Lindsey Roth, Kara SantaLucia, Jacob Schaffer, Olivia Sferra, Anna Sorrentino, Benjamin Spitz, Michael Walker, Declan Watson, Natalie Wilkinson, Natalie Wittmeyer, Kobe York
Social Science Distinction Award: Jack Beyer, Hunter Lobur Cummins, Jordan Prince
NYS Comptroller Achievement Award: Emily Andruczyk
Triple C Award: Shawn Munro, Kathryn Visco
STAP Comm: Emily Andruczyk
Senior Leadership Awards: David Cappello, William Desmond, Jason Hanania, Josef Iqbal, Jack Keane, Benjamin Manning, Katherine Merkel, Jordan O’Brien, Madison Perry, Catherine Reed, Kara SantaLucia, Benjamin Spitz
Senior Student Government Awards: William Desmond, Jennifer Fertel, Madigan Humiston, Celeste O’Connor, Abbigale Pace, Madison Perry, Catherine Reed, Kobe York
Basic Auto: Jack Buchanan
CAD: Nicholas Descovich
Communications Systems: Isaac Johnson
Computer Applications: Theodore Jachlewski
Drawing & Design for Production: Douglas Bellus, Brianne Sexton, Wyatt Wozniak
Energy Technology: Evan Grucela
Graphic Communications: Josef Iqbal
Home Maintenance: Kelly Kubik, Kobe York
Media Productions: Ryan Strunk
Photography I: Alex Vendura
Photography II: Jason Hanania, Sydney Schaff
Principles of Engineering: Benjamin Stuhr
Technical Drawing: Benjamin Meisner
Overall Technology: David Cappello, Benjamin Stuhr
QTV Production: Jeremiah Baks, David Cappello, Samantha Detwiler, Isaac Johnson, Cletus Tepas, Alex Vendura
Tech Wars 2019: David Cappello, Jenna Crean, Samantha Detwiler, Isaac Johnson, Heidi Stavrevski
World Languages
French: Benjamin Bahun
Spanish: Emily Lewicki
Overall in Foreign Languages: Kara SantaLucia
The Voice
Photo Editor: Dylan Hammer
News and Opinion Editor: Katherine Merkel
Managing Editor Award: Emilie Rush
Layout Design Editor Award: Olivia Sferra, Emily Wojciechowski
Entertainment Editor Award: Madison Ginter, Emily Lewicki
Editor in Chief: Hunter Lobur Cummins
Athletic Awards
Mayor’s Award: Ryan Iacono, Benjamin Spitz
Supervisor’s Award: Jessica Peters, Declan Watson
OPHS Scholar Athletes: Blake Harlock, Allison McCune
Outstanding OPHS Athlete Award: Jenna Crean, Zachary Mecca
Several members of Orchard Park High School’s class of 2019 will be entering the military after graduation. Tanner Till will be going into the Army. Louis Pacifico will be going into the Navy. Hailey Inhoff will be going into the Army National Guard. Orchard Park’s American Legion Post 567 in coordination with the district came together to acknowledge and thank these students for their future service. Pictured from left to right: Gene Gavigan, Orchard Park American Legion member, Jon Wolf, Orchard Park High School principal, Tanner Till, Louis Pacifico, Hailey Inhoff, Matthew McGarrity, Superintendent of Schools and Joe Cash, Commander of the Orchard Park American Legion.

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Varsity Club Sportsmanship Award:  
Jack Keane, Abigail Lillis

OPHS Coaches’ Award:  
Chase Eagan, Trinity Tartaro

Athletic Leadership Award:  
David Cappello, Sarah Radt

US Marine Corps Award:  
Joseph Blake, Julia Schurr

OPHS All Academic Athletic Team:  
Jenna Crean, Emily Major, Jacob Marx, Zachary Mecca, Allison McCune, Celeste O’Connor, Jordan Prince, Julia Schurr, Taryn Smith, Benjamin Spitz, Declan Watson, Natalie Wilkinson, Emily Zajdel

Perfect Attendance:  
David Cappello, Alexander Lucas, Jacob Marx

Graduates Entering the Military:  
Dalton Cowan, Hailey Inhoff, Louis Pacifico, Tanner Till

Scholarships

AOF Alumni Award - “Leading with Character”:  
Rachel Bella, Maeve Hogan, Adam Riter

AOF Scholarship/AXA:  
Jordan O’Brien

AOF Scholarship/Financial Partners of Upstate NY:  
Everett Ulsrud

AOF Scholarship/Financial Trust Federal Credit Union:  
Zachary Mecca, Eve McMullen

AOF Scholarship/Morgan Stanley AOF Leadership:  
Julia Schurr

AOF Scholarship/Repp Renovations Scholarship:  
Maria Crngarov, Jessica Peters

AOF/Legend Group:  
Evan Joyce

American Legion Auxil. Post #567 Scholarship:  
Leah Egloff

Ann C. Korhummel Memorial Scholarship:  
Paige Duffy, Jack Keane

Barbara J. Gow Scholarship:  
Natalie Wittmeyer

Charlotte Ash and Family Memorial Scholarship:  
Anna Bond

Charlotte Ash Community Leader Scholarship:  
Evan Kasper

Charlotte Ash Memorial Marching Band Scholarship:  
Cassidy Heinen

Cobham Engineering Scholarship:  
Dylan McNichol

Dan Carnevale Memorial Scholarship:  
Benjamin Manning

Dave Rebmann Scholarship:  
Pierson Savarino, Declan Watson

Dr. Charles L. Stoddart Leadership Scholarship:  
Jenna Crean, Madison Perry

Dr. Stoddart Music Scholarship:  
Emma Schutt

Elmer Handel Memorial Scholarship:  
Rebecca Roman

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library Scholarship:  
Benjamin Manning

Great Erie Federal Credit Union Scholarship Award:  
Anna Bond

Heidi Worth Memorial Art Award:  
Emilie Rush

Helen Gillis Memorial Outstanding Boy/Girl Scholarship:  
David Cappello, Madison Perry

James Heinike Memorial Scholarship:  
Kobe York

James Richard Broadbent Scholarship:  
Kara SantaLucia

Janet Jahnke Memorial Music Scholarship:  
Sydney Schaff

Jim Saville OP Rotary Foundation Scholarship:  
Erin Brege, Kathryn Visco

Kelly Ann Ryan Memorial Scholarship:  
Maria Crngarov

Kim Michalek Memorial Scholarship:  
Thomas Laudico

Lindsay Karen Matthews Memorial Scholarship:  
Mark Nemec, Sarah Radt

Marshall J. Cappelli Memorial Scholarship:  
Bryce Hartung

Martha Dziedzic Memorial Scholarship:  
Jacquelyn Heinen, Elizabeth Lis
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