Ellicott Elementary Turns 50!

Mr. Robert Horvath, first principal of Ellicott Elementary, stands in front of the new school, which opened in the fall of 1968.

Mr. Robert Horvath is joined by Mr. Paul Pietrantone (left), current Ellicott principal, almost exactly 50 years later.

Fifty years ago in September 1968, Ellicott Elementary opened its doors for the first time and welcomed 643 students from Kindergarten to sixth grade into Orchard Park Central School District’s newest school. Mr. Robert Horvath, who first became a principal in the district at the now obsolete Lincoln School, was selected as Ellicott’s first principal. Mr. Horvath successfully led Ellicott for 22 years before retiring in 1990.

As the area experienced growth and the desire for families to attend Orchard Park schools increased, there was a need for another elementary school in the district. With Mr. Horvath on the building committee, he played a role in influencing the school’s development. Its layout was almost identical to Eggert Road Elementary, but included some features that distinguished it from the others. Considered modern features at the time, it was the first school in the district to have a stage area with movable curtains and open classrooms. The special area rooms for music and art were designed and outfitted with equipment to optimize learning opportunities for the students.

As head of Ellicott, Mr. Horvath strived toward maintaining the highest standard of education that was known among Orchard Park Schools. That same goal still holds true 50 years later. Under the leadership of current principal, Mr. Paul Pietrantone, Ellicott Elementary has become one of the top rated elementary schools in Western New York. Mr. Pietrantone plans to commemorate the 50th anniversary milestone with various activities and displays, which can be followed on Instagram @EllicottElem using #EllicottTurns50.

With a legacy of competitive curriculums, caring staff members, vested families, and a great learning environment, Ellicott joins its fellow Orchard Park schools in having much to look forward to for another 50 years.

Have a photo or memory of Ellicott that you’d like to share? Use #EllicottTurns50 on Instagram & Twitter and follow @EllicottElem.

First Day of School

The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Scan code below for up-to-date calendar information.

2018-19 Lunch Menus & New Pricing

Breakfast Grades K-12
$1.20
Lunch Grades K-5
$2.10
Lunch Grades 6-12
$2.20
Scan code below to obtain menus and forms for Free and Reduced Lunch or visit opschools.org/domain/38.

@OPCSD @OPSchools

Fall Community Education Brochure Enclosed. Pull Out and Save Center Insert!
Superintendent’s Column

By Matthew P. McGarrity

We are looking forward to welcoming back students on Tuesday, September 4th and I am sure parents are already looking forward to that date! The start of a new school year brings hope and excitement.

Now is a good time to log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account by visiting our webpage at www.opschools.org to make sure all of your contact information, including emergency contact information, is up to date. This information is crucial when we need to reach you quickly and efficiently.

This school year the district will be implementing a School Resource Officer (SRO). For many years, the Orchard Park Central School District has had a very positive rapport with the Orchard Park Police Department. This partnership is evident throughout the district, and the resource officer position will build on that relationship while increasing the safety and security of our students and staff. Just as important as the presence of the resource officer is the relationship and rapport that the officer develops with students and staff in order to help prevent incidents at school. We are thankful for the assistance of Senator Jacobs who secured a grant of $40,000 to help offset the cost in the 2018-19 budget for the SRO. The new SRO will greatly enhance safety protocols already in place in the district.

Finally, a reminder to parents about the first week of school. During the first few days of school, the middle and elementary afternoon buses typically run behind schedule. Please expect an approximate delay of 15-30 minutes. We appreciate your patience as the bus drivers learn new routes and students are learning where to find their buses in the parking lots after school.

I look forward to the start of a new school year and I thank you for your continued support of the district!

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Sleep: An Important Back-to-School Supply

By: Lisa M. Krueger, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services

With contributions from OPCSD School Physician Dr. Jerry Lauria, M.D.

What is one of the most important school supplies, which also happens to be free? Sleep. Simply put, well-rested children perform better in all aspects of life – from academics to mental and physical health. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP, 2016), adequate sleep leads to improved:

- Academic factors including increased attention, memory, and learning;
- Behavioral indicators including emotional regulation;
- Physical benefits including response time.

Conversely, not getting enough sleep nightly is associated with an increase in injuries, hypertension (high blood pressure), obesity and depression, especially for teens who may experience increased risk of self-harm or suicidal thoughts.

The AAP (2016) recommends the following sleep hours per 24 hours (including naps) on a regular basis to promote optimal health.

- Children 3-5 years old should sleep 10-13 hours;
- Children 6-12 years old should sleep 9-12 hours;
- Teenagers 13-18 years old should sleep 8-10 hours.

To promote adequate sleep, school physician Jerry Lauria, M.D. suggests that all screens (televisions, laptops, smart phones, etc.) be turned off 1 hour before bedtime, as the blue light in devices such as cell phones and iPads affects melatonin levels, our natural sleep hormone. Further, it is recommended that electronic devices not be allowed in children’s bedrooms. I promise, your child will survive 9 hours without Fortnite and Instagram!

The overwhelming consensus from educational and medical professionals, as well as law enforcement, is that children should not have cell phones or other devices in their bedroom at night. The (often frequent) alerts/messages can greatly interrupt sleep.

Is caffeine an effective solution to increase alertness? Absolutely not, according to Dr. Lauria. In fact, caffeine consumption in youth is an enormous problem. Power drinks, colas, and other caffeinated products mask the real issue – lack of sleep. If your child needs caffeine to kick start their morning, chances are they are not getting enough sleep.

A full day of school is demanding of students’ attention and stamina. Coupled with after school and extra-curricular activities, students need adequate sleep to recuperate, recharge and be ready for the next school day. Ensuring children have ample sleep is a critical back-to-school supply for parents to be mindful of.
Checklist Reminders For a Successful School Year

☐ Update PowerSchool Parent Portal contact information and preferences. (See “Why It’s Important to Have a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account” at lower right.)

☐ Turn in health forms, including immunizations and physicals to your school nurse. Please visit opschools.org/domain/2868 for more information.

☐ Refer to opschools.org/domain/38 for lunch menus, free and reduced lunch forms, and to load your MySchoolBucks account.

☐ Submit Transportation forms to the Transportation Department, if applicable. Visit opschools.org/domain/36 for more information.

☐ Access the Virtual Backpack for updated flyers for each school by visiting opschools.org/domain/1752. More information about the Backpack is below.

☐ For students in grades 6-12, purchase the optional Chromebook insurance and fill out the form which can be accessed at opschools.org/chromebooks. For more information, see page 6.

☐ Be sure to have all necessary school supplies by visiting the Parents & Students tab at opschools.org.

☐ Follow us on Facebook @OPCSD and Twitter @OPSchools for the latest updates.

☐ Check out the weekly Orchard Park Pennysaver and the Orchard Park Bee for articles and news about the District.

☐ Sign up to volunteer at your child's school by completing the online form and training at opschools.org/domain/2823.

☐ If you need to reach a district staff member via email, use the format: First name initial+Full last name@opschools.org.

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.

Flyers are sorted by school and month for quick and easy access to upcoming events, fundraisers, extracurricular activities, and school-specific information. The flyers will remain active throughout the school year so that they may be referenced at any time.

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.

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

As part of the district-wide going green initiative, documents previously mailed or sent home will now be 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
- Parent Notification Preferences

If you’ve already registered for an account, you do not need to re-register each year. If you would like to request another activation letter, please contact your child's school.

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.
Class of 2018 Top Ten

Pictured here are the Top 10 students of the Class of 2018. Their bios are listed below beginning with valedictorian and salutatorian, then follow in alphabetical order by last name.

Elizabeth Chow is attending the University at Buffalo’s Honors Program in the fall to study pre-medicine. During high school, Elizabeth participated in Outreach, Varsity Club, Niagara Frontier Volleyball Club, Cancer Awareness Club, Windom Buddy Club, STAP-Comm, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She’s also the recipient of the Advanced Placement American History Certificate of Excellence, the Scholastic Achievement Award, Technology Certificate of Excellence, Scholar Athlete Award, and OP Pride Award. An avid volleyball player, Elizabeth was named Volleyball MVP for two consecutive years in addition to being team captain. She has received several awards including All-WNY Girls Volleyball, All ECIC, All-WNY Large School Second Team, and ECIC Division 1 Sportsmanship Award. Elizabeth has volunteered at WNY Girls in Sports, Friends of the Night Soup Kitchen, and as a D.A.R.E. Role Model. She believes that by doing one nice thing for every person she meets, no matter how small, will encourage others to do the same. Elizabeth is the daughter of Dawn and Joseph Chow.

Erin Gawel is attending the University of Georgia to study psychology. In high school, Erin was Treasurer of Educational Outreach, a member of Math Club, Checkmates Jazz Ensemble, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and a D.A.R.E. Role Model. She has received several awards and honors including an AP Scholar Award, Outstanding Achievement in Honors Algebra 2 and Honors Spanish 4, as well as a Certificate of Outstanding Participation. In sports, she was a member of the Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field team and was an All WNY Scholar Athlete for Indoor Track & Field. Erin has also been a volunteer for the YRoswell Street Team and the West Seneca Youth Engaged in Service. She hopes to go to medical school and help others, as well as conduct medical research. Erin is the daughter of Tara and James Gawel.

Nicole Haseley is the Class of 2018 Valedictorian. She plans to attend MIT to study chemistry. Nicole has belonged to several organizations in high school including Masterminds, of which she was captain, Pit Orchestra, Math Club, and Youth Court. She is the recipient of the Rensselaer Medal Award and the Harvard-Radcliffe Book Award. In addition, she has earned a spot on the Honors list for the US National Chemistry Olympiad, the National Honor Society, and the Spanish National Honor Society. She hopes to help solve world problems with science and explore unknown possibilities. Nicole is the daughter of Susan and Daryl Haseley.

Justin Jablonski is the Class of 2018 Salutatorian. He plans to attend the University of Rochester in the fall to study biomedical engineering. In high school, Justin was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and became an Eagle Scout. He also participated in Masterminds, Math Club, and the YMCA Team Leaders program. He’s the recipient of the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Science Award. Justin hopes to further environmental and animal conservation efforts to help preserve the world’s biodiversity. Justin is the son of Amy and Ronald Jablonski.

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Congratulations Class of 2018!

Orchard Park Seniors were accepted to over 190 Colleges and Universities and earned over 10 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 7-12.
Emily Henrich is attending Dartmouth College in the fall. Throughout high school, Emily has been a member of DECA, serving as President her senior year. She also served as Treasurer of the French National Honor Society and Secretary of Math Club. In addition, she played first harp in Symphonic Orchestra. Emily was a volunteer in Youth Court, as well as with Orchard Park Recreation, St. John’s Lutheran Church, and the New York State Troopers. She has received several awards and honors including the French 4 Honors Award and the following AP Awards: U.S. History, Language and Composition, World, and Scholar. As a DECA finalist at competitions, she placed first at DECA States and second at DECA Internationals. In sports, she was on both JV and Varsity Soccer and Basketball teams and received the Maroon Key award for Varsity Soccer and the Defensive Player of the Year award for Varsity Basketball. Emily has also represented the Girls High School All-Americans and the U20 All-American in Rugby. With an interest in human rights injustices, she hopes to make the world a better place by positively impacting others with small acts of kindness. Emily is the daughter of Lisa and Chris Henrich.

Regan Shanahan is attending Boston University in the fall to study biology (pre-med). Regan has belonged to several clubs and organizations in high school including STAP-Comm, Kids Escaping Drugs, Pep Club, Varsity Club, Educational Outreach, and New York State Council on Leadership: Student Activities. She has also been a volunteer with YRoswell Street Team, Journey’s End Refugee Home, and Christmas in the Park at Chestnut Ridge. Regan has belonged to the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Latin National Honor Society. She was the recipient of the New York State Outstanding Leader Award, the Earth Science Student of the Year and Biology Student of the Year awards, as well as a Physics Student of the Year award nominee. Regan played both JV and Varsity Soccer and Lacrosse. She hopes to one day use her education and resources to help others have access to education and sustainable medical care. Regan is the daughter of Michelle and Patrick Shanahan.

Jon Watson is attending Miami University in the fall to study business management / corporate entrepreneurship. In high school, Jon was part of STEM/Tech Clubs, DECA, STAP-Comm, Math Club, Windom Buddy Club, Educational Outreach, Buffalo News Next, OP Enterprises, National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society. He has also been an OP Pride honoree, a nominee for Miami University’s Academic Scholar Program, a DECA National Qualifier, and a Character Council “Character Excellence Scholarship Award” recipient. Jon has played Varsity tennis since he was in seventh grade and served as treasurer and captain within that time. He believes that connection is the key to any kind of success. So he will strive to break down barriers that set people apart in order to make the world a better place. Jon is the son of Maura and Matt Watson.

Aidan Winiewicz is attending The University of Alabama in the fall to study electrical engineering. Aidan has been a National Merit Finalist and has had honors in Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, English 9 & 11, Advanced World History, French, and Latin. He was on the Cross Country and Track & Field teams in high school. He hopes to set an example for others with his strong work ethic. Aidan is the son of Kristen and Rick Winiewicz.

Margaret Ziccardi is attending Cornell University in the fall to study industrial and labor relations. As an avid musician, Margaret was a member of the OPHS Symphonic Orchestra, the OPHS Fiddlers and Musical Pit Orchestra, and also volunteered to play music at local nursing homes. She has earned awards for Excellence in Orchestra and was a NYSSMA Conference All-State Musician. In addition to participating in music, Margaret was part of Model United Nations in high school and a member of the Track & Field team. She was the recipient of the Excellence in AP United States History award. She hopes to be able to use her education to pursue a career that allows her to work on social issues. Margaret is the daughter of Dana and Adam Ziccardi.

2018-19 Calendar Distribution

Calendars will be distributed to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade upon their return to 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 September 1st.
Kindergarten Bus Rides were held from August 6th-10th at the District’s Transportation Department. Orchard Park drivers took students on a short ride and talked to them about bus safety before their first day of school on Tuesday, September 4th.

O PCSD has partnered with Worth Ave. Group to offer affordable insurance for school issued student devices for the 2018-2019 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 for students in grades 6 and 7
- $20 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.

2018-2019 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 2018-19 school year and elected Dr. Christine Gray-Tinnesz as the President and Mr. Dwight Eagan as the Vice President for the 2018-19 school year. Please visit www.opschools.org for the latest BOE meeting dates and related information.

A Message from Board of Education President
Christine Gray-Tinnesz, Ed.D.

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! If you are like me, you probably don't know how it went by so fast. Even though the summer is almost over, I believe this is a great time of year! The beginning of a new school year is always the start of something special as 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 would like to welcome students, staff and administrators to the new school year. The Board would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member Ryan Cimo, and Karen Kane, who will be starting her second term. Both members were sworn in on July 1st.

It has been a busy summer throughout the district. The new CDEP goals were approved, which include: 1.) Developing a shared vision for K-12 students to attain their growth expectations in literacy and numeracy; 2.) Promoting the social emotional well-being of the OPCSD community through increased student support, staff development, resource coordination and parent involvement; 3.) Studying and surveying our students, staff, and parents to gain insight into the technology skills that are being taught and identifying skills students need to be successful while providing access to resources to support instruction incorporating technology in K-8 classes; and 4.) Through the lens of a growth mindset, examining current best practices in instruction, assessment, assignments, and student recognition. Based on these findings, develop K-12 vertically aligned educational practices.

Safety is always a high priority for the Board and I am happy to report this summer brought phase 2 of the Smart Schools Bond which will focus on safety and include hallway speakers via VoIP, additional security cameras, outdoor horn speakers and caution lights. Also, several administrators and board members attended the Western New York School Law Conference on August 1st and had the opportunity to learn about various legal issues affecting school districts today.

This school year we will work very hard to keep you informed as we continue to improve our schools. Keeping open lines of communication between the community and the Orchard Park School Board is very important as it enhances the educational experience for all involved and makes the community and schools better.

I have great confidence that the Orchard Park School District is in good hands! We have excellent teachers, administrators and support staff. I strongly believe great things will be happening this school year in our district. As always, the Board encourages the community to attend our meetings to learn more about various aspects of the educational program and the budget. You can also stay informed by visiting the District website, Facebook and Twitter pages, and by attending PTO meetings. Thank you for your continued support of the District. The Board welcomes input from community members on all issues. Have a wonderful 2018-2019 school year!

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College & Previously Recognized Scholarships

Allaire, Timothy
University at Buffalo, Canisius College, Duquesne University, St. John Fisher College, University of Rochester

Andrews, Hunter
Niagara University, Bowling Green State University, Ohio State University, West Virginia University, State University of NY at Fredonia, Slippery Rock University

Arthur, Haley
St. John Fisher College

Bauer, Victoria
Sports Conditioning & Exercise Science Scholarship (Ormsby), Tri-County Leadership Award

Bell, Samuel
Temple University

Berkheiser, Conner
Cleveland Institute of Art, SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design), School of Visual Arts, Rochester Institute of Technology

Biondo, Alexandria
Ohio State University, Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam, Ithaca College, Keuka College, PEO Star Scholarship, US Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence, Erie County Music Educators Association Scholarship

Black, Benjamin
Clemson University

Blake, Emily
SUNY Oswego

Bleech, Molly
Canisius College, West Virginia University, Syracuse University, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State University, John Carroll University, Mercyhurst University, Duquesne University

Bly, Jaden
Daemen College

Boncaldo, Cynthia
Utica College

Bond, Simon
Alfred State College, Alfred State SUNY College of Technology

Braun, Zachary
John Carroll University

Bruno, Matthew
Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Buffamonti, Jessica
SUNY Geneseo, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Union College, University of Rochester, Canisius College, Kenyon College, Denison University, Allegheny College, Fordham University, Lynchburg College, College of Wooster

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Canisius College

Callaghan, Shannon
Canisius College, Fordham University, John Carroll University, St. Bonaventure University

Cappello, Emily
Franciscan University of Steubenville

Carbaugh, Michael
Nazareth College, Utica College, Wells College, Canisius College

Carrig, Marissa
Stony Brook University, Canisius College, Keuka College

Casper, Tannor
Utah State University

Catanzaro, Kendyll
University at Buffalo, Duquesne University, Le Moyne College, Mercyhurst College, Rochester Institute of Technology

Chapuis, Hannah
University of Vermont

Choroszer, Philip
Ball State University, John Carroll University, SUNY Oswego, St. Bonaventure University, Westminster College, Xavier University, Father Merrick

Chow, Elizabeth
Furman University, ASU Tempe, University at Buffalo, George Mason University

Davoli, Anna
Mercyhurst University

DiStefano, Aviva
Messiah College

Dolce, Allison
American University, Binghamton University, Canisius College, The Catholic University of America, University of Dayton, John Carroll University, Manhattan College, Niagara University, University at Buffalo, State University of New York at Fredonia

Dominiak, Alexis
William Jusiak Award (Ormsby)

Donohue, Matthew
University of Dayton, Friends of WNY Volleyball and WNY Volleyball Officials, Inc. Scholarship

Duerlinger, Halle
Canisius College, Niagara University

Eneix, Emily
Muhlenberg College

Falco, Christopher
University at Buffalo, Canisius College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Syracuse University

Falsone, Ethan
Ithaca College, John Carroll University, Marist College, Ohio Northern University

Fischer, Samantha
St. John Fisher College

Freilicher, Alexander
Duquesne University

Gallagher, Marguerite
Manhattan College, Niagara University, Ohio University, University of Delaware, Duquesne University, University of Tampa, Loyola University, Knights of Equity and Daughters of Erin Scholarship

Gawel, Erin
Clemson University, University of Georgia, Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tyce II Memorial Scholarship
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University, University at Buffalo, George Mason University, Ohio State University, Northwestern Mutual Childhood Cancer Sibling Scholarship

Piscitelli, Emily
Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship

Puma, Charles
D’Youville College, Keuka College

Puskar, Cal
University at Buffalo

Reed, Kassidy
Mercyhurst University, St. John Fisher College, Niagara University, The College at Brockport, State University of New York

Regan, Tyler
St. Bonaventure University, NYS Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association

Salmon, Emma
University of Pittsburgh, University of Rochester, Stony Brook University, The Ohio State University, University at Buffalo, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, National Merit Pfizer Inc. Scholarship, Vietnam Veterans of America/Peter P. Tycz II Memorial Scholarship

Schantz, Peyton
University at Buffalo

Shanahan, Regan
University at Buffalo, University of Miami, Seton Hall University, Canisius College, Case Western, Boston University, NYS Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Incentive Program

Sherer, Georgia
Niagara University

Sipowicz, Ashley
Niagara University, Canisius College, SUNY Cortland, Edinboro University, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College, State University of New York at Fredonia

Stewart, Madison
St. Bonaventure University

Torcello, Marissa
Baldwin Wallace University, Ithaca College, Le Moyne College, St. John Fisher College

Turton, Kevin
Morningstar Memorial Scholarship

Wagner, Benjamin
University at Buffalo, Macalester College, Clarkson University, Alfred State University

Watson, Jon
Clarkson University, Miami University, Rochester Institute of Technology, The Character Council of Western New York, Character Excellence Scholarship Award, Wendy’s High School Heisman Award Program

Weber, Grace
St. Bonaventure University

Weimer, Matthew
Alfred State College, St. Bonaventure University

Welton, Olivia
Alfred State College

Whitcher, Logan
Canisius College, Niagara University, West Virginia University, Mercyhurst University, Xavier University

Winiewicz, Aidan
University of Alabama, National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship

Wozniak, Lillian
Canisius College

Zell, Grant
Niagara University

2018 Awards & Scholarships

AWARDS

Outstanding in the Visual Arts:
Alyssa Lutz, Jacob Matthews, Abigail McDonnell, Francesca Olivo

Outstanding in Business:
Outstanding in DECA:
Financial Literacy Award:
Outstanding in English:

Striving for Excellence Award:
Outstanding in Algebra II / Trig:
Outstanding in Precalculus:
Outstanding in Advanced Calculus:
Outstanding in Calculus BC:

Outstanding in AP Statistics:
Outstanding in AP Computer Science:
Outstanding in ATSM:
Louis Armstrong Award:
John Philip Sousa Award:
Outstanding in Chorus:
Outstanding in Orchestra:
Participation in NYSSMA Conference All-State:
Participation in NYSSMA Area All-State Music Festival:

Krushangkumar Vaghasia
Kexin Chen
Patrick Higgins
Alexander Armbrust
Alexandria Biondo
Alyssa Agro
Shannon Callaghan

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Erie County Music Educators All-County Ensemble:
- Alyssa Agro, Amanda Aldrow, Alexander Armbrust, Alexandria Biondo, Ben Black, Shannon Callaghan, Emily Cappello, Oliver-Dylan Derrah, Andrew Ernst, Nicole Haseley, Christina Hrusa, Jason Knavel, Dylan Murawski, Meghan Protzman, Sean Rokitka, Ryan Storto, Margaret Ziccardi

NYSSMA Solo Competition:
- Alexander Armbrust, Rebecca Buyer, Emily Eneix, Emily Henrich, Cassandra Hoch, Alyssa Lutz, Megan Munro, Kassidy Reed

Outstanding in Physical Education: Eric Liberatore, Lillian Wozniak
Outstanding in Health Education: Alexandria Biondo
Outstanding Student Ecologist: Tanner Casper, Bryce Mateer
Outstanding in Advanced Biology: Elizabeth Chow, Justin Jablonski, Krushangkumar Vaghasia
Outstanding in Advanced Chemistry: Erin Gawel, Emilia Kamis, Aidan Winiewicz
Outstanding in AP Physics: Nicole Haseley, Justin Jablonski, Krushangkumar Vaghasia
Outstanding in Advanced Science: Nicole Haseley, Justin Jablonski, Krushangkumar Vaghasia

American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad: Erin Gawel, Justin Jablonski, Emilia Kamis
Doctissima Scientiā: Justin Jablonski, Matthew Jankowski, Emma Salmon
Outstanding in Corporate Economics: Jon Watson
Outstanding in AP Government: Shannon Callaghan, Emily Henrich, Evan McEachern, Zachary Pataky, Emily Piscitelli, Jon Watson
Outstanding in AP Economics: Elizabeth Chow, Emily Henrich, Jenna Probst, Regan Shanahan

Model United Nations Individual Achievement Award: Mary Evelyn Quinlan
Model United Nations Leadership Award: Jenna Probst
Outstanding in the NYS Bar Association Mock Trial Competition: Callie Reid
Mock Trial Career Achievement Award: Callie Reid
Triple C Award: Emily Cappello, Peter Rifenburg
NYS Comptroller Award: Philip Choroser

STAP-COMM Leadership Awards:
- Alexandria Biondo, Ryne Deitz, Matthew Donohue, Halle Dueringer, Nicole Haseley, Julianna Jeswald, Patrick Johnon, Marissa Kasper, Lauren Miller, Thao Nguyen, Claire Pawlak, Callie Reid, Emma Salmon, Alexander Senft, Regan Shanahan, Marissa Torcello, Jon Watson

Student Government Awards:
- Alexandria Biondo, Benjamin Black, Samantha Fischer, Sara Greenan, Matthew Jankowski, Lauren Miller, Callie Reid, Emma Salmon, Regan Shanahan, Joseph Zizzi

Basic Auto: Connor Fallon, Patrick Higgins
CAD: Emily Cappello
Communications Systems: Patrick Johnson
Computer Applications: Amanda Barsi
Computer Integrated Manufacturing: Simon Bond, Kexin Chen, Brockton Merlino
Digital Photography & Imagery: Michael Scouras
Drawing & Design for Production: Kexin Chen, Charles Erb, Guorun Yang
Furniture Production: Lee Zygula
Home Maintenance: Jessica Gacek, Matthew Holowka
Media Productions: Jacob Burket, Evan McEachern, Benjamin Wagner
QTV Production: Jacob Burket, Philip Choroser, Patrick Johnson, Scott Johnson, Matthew Mikulec, Joseph Swetz
Photography I: Jessica Gacek, Katherine Powers
Principles of Engineering: Ryne Deitz, Matthew Donohue, Julianna Jeswald
Technical Drawing: Emily Blake, Guorun Yang
Wood Technology: Richard Fasolino
Outstanding Overall Technology Education: Emily Blake, Guorun Yang
Outstanding in French: Simon Bond, Kexin Chen
Outstanding in Spanish: Christopher Falcone, Julianna Jeswald
Outstanding Senior Overall in Foreign Languages: Kevin Turton, Guorun Yang

OPTA Awards:
- Alexis Dominiaek, Adam Fahs, Christopher Lestenko, Evan McEachern, Jenna Probst, Kayla Raymond, Kassidy Reed, Peter Rifenburg, Marissa Torcello, Joseph Zizzi

ATHLETICS

OPHS Coaches’ Award: Danielle Milo, Grant Zell
US Marie Corps Award: Ryne Deitz, Lillian Wozniak
OPHS Scholar Athlete: Philip Choroser, Elizabeth Chow
Athletic Leadership Award: Matthew Donohue, Kayla Raymond
Varsity Club Sportmanship Award: Thomas Klenke, Maura McCabe
Mayor’s Award: Emma Salmon, Regan Shanahan, Joseph Swetz
2018 Awards & Scholarships Cont.

Supervisor’s Award: James Doran, Samantha Fischer
Outstanding Male & Female Athlete Award: Emily Henrich, Cal Puskar
AOF Scholarship/AKA:
AOF Scholarship/Financial Trust:
AOF Scholarship/Financial Partners of Upstate NY: AOF Scholarship/Morgan Stanley AOF Leadership:
AOF Scholarship/Repp Renovations Scholarship:
AOF OP Chamber of Commerce/Academy of Finance Scholarship:
American Legion Auxil. Post #567 Scholarship:
Ann C. Korhummel Memorial Scholarship:
Barbara J. Gow Scholarship:
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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](http://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 and we feel this will be good practice.