



ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY REPORT

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Chromebooks In The Classroom

The Orchard Park Central School District has begun the implementation of Chromebooks as 1:1 devices in grades five, six and seven. Technology Director Debra Eppolito, along with the Technology Department, led the charge to provide students with devices to aid in their educational experience. The technology department and district administration, are very excited about the advances of technology in the classroom that has the potential to enhance the learning experience for all students and teachers. Currently devices have been rolled out to fifth and sixth grade students and during the month of January devices will be rolled out to seventh grade students.

During the Spring of 2015 an initial pilot of 1:1 Chromebooks was implemented in some of the fifth and sixth grade classes in the District. Mrs. Mary Claire Vivian's class at Ellicott Elementary was one of the classes

to begin with the devices. She has initiated additional learning opportunities for students with the use of Chromebooks in the classroom. It has provided students with meaningful activities to do in any downtime they might experience by allowing them access to applications like XtraMath, SpellingCity, and Newsela. Mrs. Vivian's class has been able to do research based projects in half the time that it used to take. She states "Reluctant writers are producing much more when they can use technology. I'm seeing more quantity but also more quality in their work."

Over the summer the District hired Mr. Mark Drollinger as the District Technology Coach. He will be an essential tool in the integration of the technology into the classrooms. He will push into the classrooms and assist teachers and students in working on projects incorporating

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Superintendent's Column

*By Matthew McGarrity
Superintendent of Schools*

Over the years, education has evolved and has been transformed as the needs of society have changed. Higher standards, technology and a global society have also been factors in this change. Changes in education, whether through curriculum, staffing or funding, should never be dictated by politics - they should be driven by one goal – helping all students to succeed.

This past December the NYS Board of Regents approved an action to delay the use of grades 3-8 state assessments in teacher evaluations until the 2019-2020 school year. It is clear that the collective voices of superintendents, teachers, administrators, support staff, school boards and parents are finally being heard. I was recently selected to be a part of the Commissioner's Advisory Council and the House of Delegates to assist in getting this message out. We are now waiting for guidance from the State Education Department to understand how we are moving forward in light of this new development. Recently there have also been changes at the National level and the No Child Left behind Act is being replaced with the Every Student Succeeds

Act that claims to give states more flexibility concerning assessment and accountability.

On another note, this time of year it is also very important to be aware of our inclement weather procedures. The decision to close schools is not an easy one to make and often the decision needs to be made quickly and decisively and always in the best interest for the continued safety of our students and staff. We begin the decision process at 4:00 a.m. or sooner, depending on the weather and the forecast. With having more than fifty other locations that we transport students to (BOCES, private schools, special programs), a delayed start is usually not an option for a district our size.

Once the decision is made to close, radio and television stations are contacted, the district's web-page is updated and the SchoolMessenger notification is sent out to parents. I would ask that parents to take a few moments to sign into the Parent Portal and review their contact information to make sure that their contact information is up to date. For more information on the Parent Portal and SchoolMessenger please visit our web-page www.opschools.org.

The Orchard Park Central School District covers approximately 50 square miles, and much of the area is hilly terrain shaped in a narrow band that stretches south. Because of the land formation, it is common to have varying weather at different ends of the district. So, even though school may not be closed, your decision to keep your child home is quite appropriate if the weather conditions around your home are a safety concern.

If weather turns bad during the school day, students will remain at school until the weather is clear enough to travel. Typically, we begin the dismissal process early, which allows the extra travel time needed in bad weather to get students home - close to the regular time. To increase the potential for older siblings to be home when the younger ones arrive, the dismissal sequence starts with high school students. Middle school dismissal follows, and elementary students are dismissed last. If parents or older siblings cannot be home for the returning youngsters, please make sure your child knows of an alternate place to go, like a specific friend or neighbor's home.

Thank you for your continued support of our district.



Energy Update

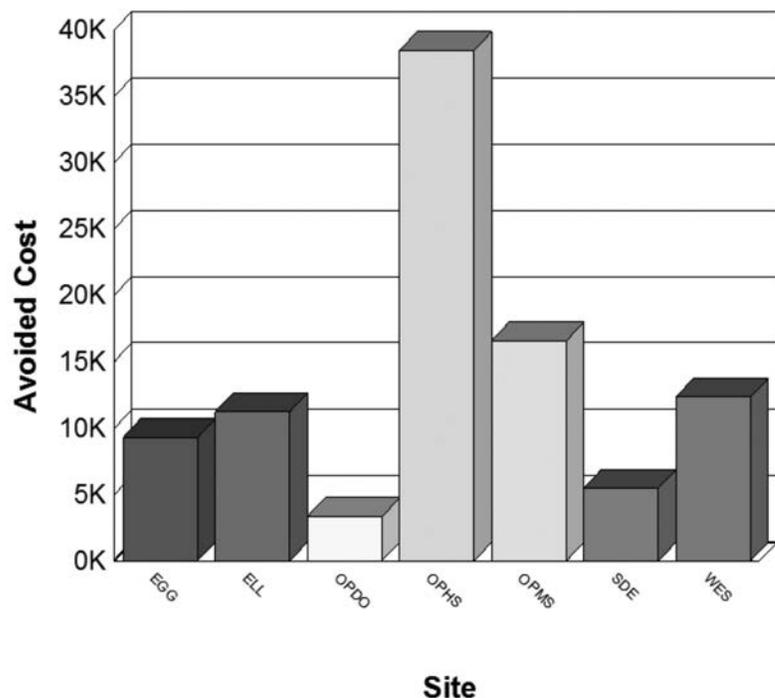
Energy Savings for the Past School Year

By: Tom Schaner, Energy Education Specialist

If you were to walk into any of the schools in Orchard Park before the student day begins you would notice that the hall lighting is at a reduced level, with ample light for safe passage. This is one indication of the four-year old district-wide energy

savings initiative being implemented by all Orchard Park staff. Behind the scenes, boiler temperatures are being optimized, ventilation is scheduled to reflect occupancy, and a host of other energy-savings steps are occurring each day.

So what are the fruits of the all our district employees' efforts? What follows is a breakdown of energy costs our district did not have to pay for energy (cost avoidance) this past school year, July 2014-June 2015 that can be directly related to conservation measures made within the district this year. Every employee, student, and taxpayer can take pride in the fact that we can collectively affect energy savings at this level while maintaining an outstanding educational environment.



Building Name	Estimate of What District Would Have Paid in the Past	2014-15 Actual Cost	\$ Cost Avoidance	% Cost Avoidance
Windom Elementary	\$84,351	\$65,746	\$19,605	23.20%
Ellicott Elementary	88,987	71,646	17,341	19.50%
Orchard Park High School	314,446	269,268	45,178	14.40%
Eggert Road Elementary	89,249	72,425	16,824	18.90%
South Davis Elementary	51,396	42,067	9,329	18.20%
Orchard Park Middle School	216,920	196,317	20,603	9.50%
Freeman Road Building	1,323	1,226	96	7.30%
Building & Grounds Building	13,342	12,260	1,082	8.10%
District Office Building	40,442	39,543	899	2.20%
Total	\$900,456	\$770,498	\$130,957	

Chromebooks In The Classroom

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different technologies. He will be an invaluable resource for our teachers as they integrate the latest in technology advancements into the classroom.

Mr. Drollinger is looking forward to the Chromebooks being utilized by both teachers and students. He believes that the immediate benefit will be formative assessment. Teachers will be able to immediately measure student comprehension and progress. Using certain apps the devices will be sending results directly back to the teacher. They will be able to adjust their lessons and focus on what the students need to learn. They will have the ability to gauge this without traditional testing and know what items to review or when the students have achieved understanding and they can move forward. Mr. Drollinger hopes that in the future, the use of the Chromebooks will allow students



Mark Drollinger assists 6th grade student Sean Becker as he learns how to navigate his Chromebook.



Technology Coach, Mark Drollinger speaks to sixth grade students at the Orchard Park Middle School about how to use their Chromebooks.

to produce information to aid in the learning process rather than just be receivers of information like in a lecture setting.

“The roll-out thus far has been going seamlessly.” said technology aide Mrs. Elaine Lelonek. The technology aides in each of the buildings have really been on the ground floor of getting the devices ready and into the hands of the students. A tremendous amount of planning has gone into the implementation of the devices. As the devices are being distributed the technology aides are explaining the correct procedures for using them including how the students should carry the devices. Each device is labeled and the student will be responsible for that device.

Along with the Chromebooks the Orchard Park Central School District will be using Google Apps for Education (GAFE). Using GAFE allows Orchard Park students to extend learning

beyond the classroom walls by allowing them access to their work from any computer that has internet access.

The implementation of any new initiative can seem overwhelming but the teachers whose students are receiving the Chromebooks have received Google training. Mr. Drollinger has been working with teachers to demonstrate apps, websites and other teaching tips they can use with their students and will continue to assist teachers and



Orchard Park teachers whose students will be using the Chromebooks received a Google training in December.

students through the school year. The teachers are excited to have these great new options as part of their teaching repertoire to use in creating meaningful lessons to use with their students. The 1:1 initiative is still being evaluated, but the initial data suggests that Chromebooks along with Google Apps for Education can be valuable tools in working toward the goal of differentiating learning to meet the needs of all students.

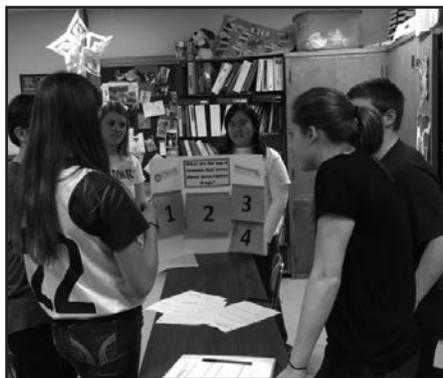
OPMS Partners with D'Youville College School of Pharmacy

During the month of December, the OPMS Health and Wellness department collaborated with students from the D'Youville College School of Pharmacy to increase awareness about the growing prescription drug problem that we are seeing throughout Western New York. Pharmacy student Lauren Donohue, a past Orchard Park graduate, coordinated efforts with fellow students to spearhead their community education efforts through a program called Generation RX. During their visit, students in the 8th grade classes moved to various stations to participate in a game-like activity to explore issues such as, prescription drugs that are commonly abused and addictive, possible consequences of prescription abuse and reasons why people abuse prescriptions.

The Middle School Health Department teaches extensive units on drug prevention in both 7th and 8th grade. Some of the goals of the health

department are for all students to have a sound understanding of how prescription drug abuse is one of the main problems that is leading to heroine abuse; as well as how kids and people can travel the path of addiction through experimentation.

This is just one way that we can continue to work together to help keep our kids knowledgeable and safe!



8th grade students move to different stations set up by D'Youville College students to learn about the issues associated with Prescription Drug use.

Images From Around the District



Windom Elementary kindergarten student La'Ve'll Wylie working hard making a gingerbread house with his father. Windom Kindergarten students made gingerbread houses on Thursday, December 10th.



Ellicott Student Council members visited Orchard Heights to sing Carols on Tuesday, December 8th. The Student Council members are pictured above.

Eggert Elementary Students Complete Random Acts of Kindness

Students in Miss Zimmerman's class at Eggert Elementary have been completing random acts of kindness each week throughout the month of December. Miss Zimmerman and librarian Miss Trivieri have been talking to students about how you don't always need to buy someone a gift or give something you spend money on to make someone happy. You can often make someone happy by saying kind words or doing a kind act. Throughout December Miss Zimmerman's class sent cards to United States soldiers, wrote Christmas Cards for the Residents living at Fox Run, colored ornaments for a remembrance tree for a baby boy, and they sent treats to the staff members who they interact with on a daily basis. Miss Zimmerman said "Seeing the student's faces light up as they delivered the candy canes to the teachers and staff who work with them was priceless!" The students have also been completing Random Acts of Kindness on their own. They completed 165 Random Acts of Kindness during the month of December, not including what they did as a class.



Pictured above are Eggert Elementary librarian Miss Trivieri, Eggert teacher Miss Zimmerman and her class of third grade students holding up their calendars showing their Random Acts of Kindness.

Get Your Applications in Now for Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The deadline to apply for Universal Pre-Kindergarten is April 1, 2016. Children must reside in the Orchard Park Central School District attendance area, and be four years old by December 1st of the year they start the program. The Orchard Park Central School District is able to offer the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program through a grant provided by the New York State Education Department. This grant covers the cost of the program, but does not cover transportation. It is the responsibility of each family to transport their child to the Universal Pre-Kindergarten site.

There are a designated number of Universal Pre-Kindergarten spots available. If more apply than there are openings, there will be a "lottery" to determine who will be able to attend. Children are randomly selected for the program. Selection is not based on academic or economic need. All children are equally eligible for participation.

The Orchard Park UPK program is not housed in the Orchard Park Elementary School buildings. The Orchard Park Central School District partners with local preschools

as community-based preschool UPK sites.

Families who apply for Orchard Park's UPK program will be asked to provide their preschool site preference. We attempt to accommodate families' first or second choice whenever possible.

UPK applications are due by April 1, 2016. The following documents are required when submitting your UPK application: completed Registration Form, completed Home Language Questionnaire, NYS Medical Statement of Child in Childcare, proof of residency (two recent, valid forms are necessary), Parent/Guardian driver's license, birth certificate, and vaccination records for your child. These forms may be downloaded from the district's website (www.opschools.org), picked up at the UPK office at South Davis Elementary School, 51 South Davis Street, Orchard Park, or mailed to you upon request. Please call (716) 209-6460 to request a UPK packet.

Contact the Universal Pre-Kindergarten office at 209-6460 or visit www.opschools.org for more information about the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program.

Petitions for Candidacy on the Board of Education Will Be Available Beginning February 9th

Petitions for qualified candidates seeking election to the Orchard Park Central School District Board of Education will be available beginning February 9, 2016 in the office of the District Clerk, 2240 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca, NY.

To be a qualified candidate for the Board of Education you must be a resident of the district for at least one year prior to the election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, able to read and write, and cannot be an employee of the district.

The terms of two trustees on the seven-member school board are up for election, Mrs. Natalie Schaffer and Mr. Anthony Agnello. Each term is for three years, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019. Candidates must obtain at least 38 valid signatures, which represents two percent of last year's total vote count. Petitions are due in the office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016.

Public voting on the budget is Tuesday, May 17, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Orchard Park High School. For easy access to the gymnasium use the Freeman Road entrance.

For more information, please contact the District Clerk at 209-6280.

Theatre of Youth Performs at Windom

Windom Elementary students in grades 3-5 were documenting their exercise for the last month. They did such a great job, they won an assembly by the Theater of Youth. The Theater of Youth performed at Windom on Tuesday November 24th for students in grades 2-5. The play was called "How the Fit Kids Got Fit" The students loved it and the message of exercise and healthy eating came across loud and clear to the students.



Eight Orchard Park High School Athletes Sign National Letters of Intent



Orchard Park High School Senior Athletes posed for a picture after signing their National Letters of Intent. Pictured standing are Kevin McParlane, Ben Wereski, and Daniel Kritkauskay. Pictured sitting are Jeff Palczewski, Kylie Backus, Nicole Legler, Andrea Ernst and Jacob Woodrich.

Eight Orchard Park High School seniors signed National Letters of Intent at a signing ceremony held at the Orchard Park High School on November 16th to play their sports at the Collegiate level next year. Kylie Backus will play lacrosse at the University of Indianapolis. Andrea Ernst will be swimming at the University of Buffalo. Daniel Kritkauskay will be playing lacrosse at Mercyhurst. Nicole Legler will be playing tennis at the University of Rhode Island. Kevin McParlane will be playing lacrosse at Mercyhurst. Jeff Palczewski will be playing baseball at the University at Buffalo. Ben Wereski will be playing baseball at Columbia University. Jacob Woodrich will be playing baseball at Canisius College.

South Davis Elementary & Windom Elementary Celebrate Veterans Day

Both South Davis and Windom Elementary held their annual Veterans Day events on Tuesday, November 10th to honor and thank local veterans. Windom Elementary had a Veterans breakfast followed by a morning Veterans Day Assembly. South Davis held their Veterans Day Assembly in the afternoon.



Windom Elementary student, Peter Jansen and his father Karl Jansen, pose for a picture at Windom's Veterans Day breakfast.



South Davis student council members reading several Veterans Day pieces during the assembly.

2015-2016 Elementary School Calendar Changes

Elementary students will now be in attendance for a full day on Monday, June 20, 2016. The last elementary day will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016 and it will be a half-day with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Menus

The Orchard Park Central School District Lunch Menus are always available on the district website at www.opschools.org/menu. There you can find a monthly breakfast menu, lunch menus for Elementary students, Middle School students and High School students.

Over 60 Call For Your Gold Card Today!

Gold Cards entitle district residents age 60 and over to half-price admission to district-sponsored events such as plays, musicals, operettas and home games. If you or someone you know is 60 or older and is interested in obtaining a Gold Card, please call 209-6222.



A Word From the President

*By: Natalie Schaffer,
Board of Education President*

On behalf of the Board, best wishes for a healthy and happy new year! In school districts across the state, the new year means the beginning of the budget planning process for the next school year. Most of you are likely aware that over the past several years this process has been quite challenging – reduced state aid and increased costs and mandates have forced many districts to make very difficult choices. The Board encourages community members to stay informed during the budget development process by attending Board meetings and visiting the District’s website. The Board meetings in February and March may be moved to the Middle or High School to accommodate a larger audience, so please check the District’s website (www.opschools.org) for the location before heading out.

The Board is thrilled to announce that we have entered into a new employment contract with Superintendent McGarrity that ensures that he will lead the District through June 2020. Superintendent McGarrity is currently in his 6th year with the District and the Board is

pleased that the stability he brought to the District will continue into the near future. Superintendent McGarrity’s steady leadership, thoughtful planning, and patience have resulted in much positive change over the course of his tenure here.

Superintendent McGarrity has overseen the creation of a Comprehensive District Educational Plan which includes a focus on increased differentiated instruction of students, expanded learning opportunities for students, enhanced professional development for staff, and the health and safety of all. During his tenure, the District has been the recipient of “Reward School” status for 5 schools, and has received a National Blue Ribbon Designation. These accomplishments were achieved as he led the District through the very tumultuous implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards and a new Annual Professional Performance Review process (both now “on hold” by the Board of Regents).

Superintendent McGarrity has also been at the helm of the District through difficult financial times – the imposition of a tax levy cap, the loss of funds due to the Gap Elimination Adjustment, and increased unfunded mandates. Despite these difficulties, the District is in good fiscal health as a result of

his focus on cost-saving measures, increasing donations to the District, securing grants, and maintaining stability in District reserves and fund balance.

The Board also credits Superintendent McGarrity with assembling a first-rate team. Since he arrived, Superintendent McGarrity has filled 5 District-level administrative positions and 6 building-level positions. He has also directed and overseen improvements in the District’s hiring processes to ensure that staff members and administrators are of the highest quality. He has also led successful negotiations with many of the District’s bargaining units, and continues to lead the ongoing negotiations with the Orchard Park Teachers’ Association.

Superintendent McGarrity has also supported thoughtful technology enhancements and promoted enhanced communication protocols. He continues to focus on the safety and security of District students and staff, and will make this an even bigger priority in the coming year.

Again, the Board is thrilled that Superintendent McGarrity will remain with the District through at least 2020 and will continue to make positive changes for the benefit of District students, staff and community members.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Board of Education meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the District Offices, 2240 Southwestern Blvd., unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings and or work sessions may be scheduled, as needed, throughout the year. Meetings are open to the public.

*January 12, 2016, February 9, 2016, March 8 2016, March 29 2016, April 12, 2016, May 3, 2016
May 17, 2016- District , Budget Vote, High School, June 14, 2016*

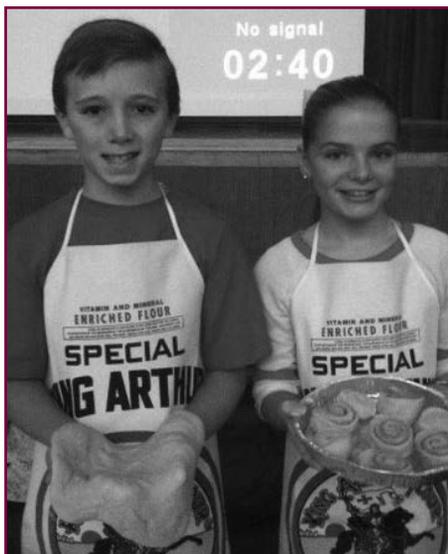
Sixth Grade Students Bake for Families in Need

Sixth grade students from the Orchard Park Middle School recently partnered with Our Lady of Victory Institutions and Wegmans to prepare Thanksgiving Dinners for over 120 families in need. The sixth grade students donated loaves of bread that they made themselves. Staff members at Our Lady of Victory Institutions contributed traditional thanksgiving dinner items and Wegmans donated the turkeys.

King Arthur Flour Company had contacted staff at the Orchard Park Middle School to see if they could come and teach the students about bread making in an effort to give back as part of their company's Bake for Good Campaign. Annually King Arthur Flour Company travels to different locations throughout the country teaching students to bake bread that will be donated. Sixth grade Life and Career Skills teacher Kim Caligiuri coordinated the event with King Arthur Flour Company and Our Lady of Victory Institutions.

Sixth grade students attended an assembly on how to make the bread. The assembly was set up like a cooking show. Items were prepped ahead of time so the students could see each step of the process. Two students, Nolan Watson and Lauren Witting, even had an opportunity to assist during the bread making assembly. All of the sixth grade students were each given a bread making kit. The students took the kit home and were able to make one loaf

of bread for their families to enjoy and one to bring back to school to be donated.



Pictured are sixth grade students Nolan Watson and Lauren Witting while they are volunteering at the bread baking assembly at the Orchard Park Middle School.

On November 24th the students donated approximately 300 loaves of bread that went to people in need during the holiday season. Over 250 loaves were sent to Baker Victory Services and the remainder was donated to the West Seneca Food Bank.

Mrs. Caligiuri along with staff at the Orchard Park Middle School hope to make this an annual tradition. It was a great experience for students to give back to members of their community.

Images From Around the District



Mr. Morton of Sun-Dance-Kids Farm visited South Davis Elementary during December and brought Dancer the reindeer. He spoke with different classes and shared some pictures of the reindeer flying through the sky. Did you know they travel 650 miles per second! Pictured above is Gaige Reed from Mrs. Lovering's class who was extremely excited to meet and pet Dancer the reindeer.



Mrs. Feeley's COPS students enjoyed a presentation from U.S. Border Patrol agents on December 10th during their classes. Agents Marotta and Seiser explained what their jobs entail and how the Department of Homeland Security keeps Americans safe. Pictured above are Kat Gandy and Courtney Maloney with Agent Marotta testing Night Vision equipment used by the agents.

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Orchard Park Athletics Fall 2015

Congratulations to the following Orchard Park High School and Middle School athletes for their hard work, sportsmanship and achievements during the Fall 2015 season. Thanks also to the coaches, Quaker Athletics Booster Club, parents and the community for their continued support.

INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS:

Boys Cross Country	Matt Mercer, Cal Puskar, Aidan Winiewicz, Joseph Even, Thomas Flannery, Michael Totaro, and Jacob Kaczmarek
Girls Gymnastics	Trinity Tartaro
Girls Swimming/Diving	Andrea Ernst, Olivia Sapio, Katrina Wardner, Madison Dolce, Halle Dueringer, Megan Filipski and Jolie Blodgett
Girls Tennis	Jesse Hollins, Kristen Zablonksi and Lauren Karoglan

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Boys Cross Country	ECIC Division 1 Champions Section VI Champions	Coaches- David Wert & Katie Helmicki
Varsity Football	Class AA Large School South Division Champions Section VI AA Champions	Coaches- Gene Tundo, Craig Dana and Chuck Senn
Boys Golf	ECIC Large School South Division Champions ECIC Team Champions	Coach Nathan Leary
Girls Tennis	ECIC Division I Champions	Coach Sandy Trampert
Girls Gymnastics	Division Champs	Coach Molly Dehlinger
Boys Volleyball	ECIC Division 1 Champions Section VI Champions	Coach Matt Lexner

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Girls Diving	Jolie Blodgett Section VI Champion 1 meter diving (11 dives)	Coach Bret Norvilitis Asst. Coach Bob Nowicki
Girls Swimming	Olivia Sapio 200 IM Section VI Champion 500 Freestyle Section VI Champion Andrea Ernst 100m Butterfly Section VI Champion 50 Freestyle Section VI Champion Andrea Ernst, Olivia Sapio, Katrina Wardner and Madison Dolce 200 Freestyle Relay Section VI Champions 400 Freestyle Relay Section VI Champions	Coach Bret Norvilitis Asst. Coach Bob Nowicki
Girls Tennis	Jesse Hollins Section VI Division I Singles Champion Kristen Zablonksi and Lauren Karoglan- Section VI Doubles Champions	Coach Sandy Trampert

NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAMS: Boys Varsity Cross Country, Girls Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Field Hockey, Varsity Football, Boys Varsity Golf, Girls Varsity Gymnastics, Boys Varsity Soccer, Girls Varsity Soccer, Girls Varsity Swim

SECTION VI ALL WESTERN NEW YORK SCHOLAR ATHLETES: Girls Soccer Margaret Ahern, Girls Volleyball, Theresa Gossel, Football Corey McPoland, Girls Soccer Allison Regan, Boys Soccer Thomas Roder, Field Hockey Grace Ruh, Boys Soccer Joshua Sorrentino, Girls Tennis Jessica Visco, Field Hockey Grace Weist, Boys Cross Country Travis Wolf

SCHOOL RECORDS:

Girls Swimming:			
Olivia Sapio	200 IM	2:06.50	
Andrea Ernst	100 Butterfly	56.86	
	100 Freestyle	50.52	(new Section VI and school record)- All American
	50 Freestyle	23.24	(school record) All American
Katrina Wardner, Madison Dolce, Olivia Sapio and Andrea Ernst			
	-200 Freestyle Relay	1:36.01	
	-400 Freestyle Relay	3:29.84	

Images From Around the District



Pictured above are Danica Straitiff and Olivia Mogavero in Mrs. Kelly Moore Smith's class working together to wrap some of the gifts that Ellicott students had brought in to donate to St. Luke's Mission.



The Varsity Federation team along with four other Orchard Park Hockey teams adopted the Weise family from the Comforting Hugs Foundation for the holidays. The Weise family has 7 children two of which have cancer. The Hockey teams were able to purchase all of the items on the Weise family's holiday wish list. The Hockey teams and the Weise family are pictured above.



On Monday December 21st Eggert Elementary first and fourth grade students had a holiday sing-along in the Cafeteria. Mr. Tryon, Eggert Elementary Principal even let a few students take a turn singing their holiday favorites into his microphone!



Pictured are Nathaniel de Jong and Anthony Franjoine III showing off some of the many items collected by South Davis students for the Family Justice Center in Orchard Park.



Pictured above the Middle School Chamber Orchestra, directed by Marcella Wentland, performed at Orchard Fresh on Monday, December 21st. They were followed by the Middle School Jazz Ensemble directed by Sarah LaPaglia.



Shaylene Makowski an Ellicott Elementary student was nominated and selected to attend the December 6th Buffalo Bills Football game through the Play 60 challenge. Shaylene was one of 17 students selected in the Buffalo area.

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January

- 15... Half-Day Grades K-8,
Elementary Students Dismiss
at 11:30 a.m. MS Students
Dismiss at 10:30 a.m.
- 15...EL Niagara Chocolate Sale
Kick-Off
- 15...SD Niagara Candy Sale Begins
- 15...WE Niagara Candy Sale Begins
- 15...HS Early Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.
- 16...ECMEA Junior High Auditions,
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 18...Martin Luther King Day –
No School
- 19...MS 8th Grade Concert, 7 p.m.
- 19...Winter/Spring Comm. Ed. Walk
In Registration, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 20...Winter/Spring Comm. Ed. Walk
In Registration, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 20...HS District Jazz Concert, 7 p.m.
- 21-22...WE Operetta, 7 p.m.
- 21...8th Grade Parent Scheduling
Night
- 23...ECMEA Senior High Auditions,
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 25...HS PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25...Winter Community Education
Classes Begin
- 26-29...Local/Regents Exams
- 27...WE Niagara Candy Sale Ends
- 29...WE Winter Family Skate Event,
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- 30...HS Winterscape Winter Guard
Show, 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

February

- 1-5...MS Yearbook Sales
- 1-5...WE Box Tops Contest
- 1...Winter Driver Education Classes
Begin
- 3...SD PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 3...EL Niagara Chocolate Sale Ends
- 3...EG Niagara Candy Sale Ends
- 4...WE PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 4-5... HS Festival of Bands
- 5...HS Festival of Bands Concert,
7 p.m.
- 5...CCPTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m. –
11 a.m.
- 8-9...EG Operetta, 7 p.m.
- 8-9...EL Operetta, 7 p.m.
- 8...HS STAP Comm Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8...MS World Affairs Club Parent
Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9...Board of Education Meeting,
7 p.m.
- 9-10...SD Operetta at the MS, 7 p.m.
- 10...MS PTO Meeting, 9 a.m.
- 10...HS Winter Choral Concert,
7 p.m.
- 12... Half-Day Grades K-8,
Elementary Students Dismiss
at 11:30 a.m. MS Students
Dismiss at 10:30 a.m.
- 15-19...Mid-Winter Recess
- 22...HS PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23-24...EL Book Fair
- 26-27...ECMEA Senior High
All-County Festival
- 26...EG Math & Science Night,
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

March

- 1...EL PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 1-2...EG Author Visit
- 2...College Night for Juniors, 7 p.m.
- 3...WE PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 3...SD PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 3...District Orchestra Concert,
7 p.m.
- 4...SD Family Fun Night,
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 4...WE Family Movie Night,
6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 4...6th Grade Activity Night,
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- 4...EG PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 5...ECMEA All-County Concert and
Jazz Concert, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- 5...HS Winter Homecoming Dance,
8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- 8...Board of Education Meeting,
7 p.m.
- 9...MS PTO Meeting, 9 a.m.
- 10-12... HS Musical, 7:30 p.m.
- 10...WE Niagara Candy Sale
Deliver/Pickup, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- 11-12...ECMEA Junior High
All-County Festival Concerts
Saturday at 1:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.
- 11-13...World Affairs Club Trip to
Washington, DC
- 11...EL Spring Fling
- 11...EG Shamrock Night, 6 p.m. – 8
p.m.
- 11...7th Grade Activity Night, 7 p.m.
– 9 p.m.