

## All ODY Students Receive FREE Breakfast and Lunch Meals at School for 23-24

The Owen D. Young Central School District recently qualified for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which means that ALL students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch at school for the 2023-24 school year. The district received this designation based on different factors that revealed the need for financial assistance for district families.

"This will benefit our entire district and help alleviate some of the financial pressure that our families are feeling," Superintendent of Schools Brennan Fahey said.

The CEP provision does NOT cover the costs of any additional a la carte items (milk, yogurt, ice cream, cookies, etc.) that your student may want to purchase in the cafeteria. Students can either pay for these items in cash, or pay through a digital EZSchoolPay account, which must have a positive account balance in order to use it.

To add funds to your student's account, you can pay by check (made out to OHM BOCES Food Service), make an online payment (<https://www.ezschooldpay.com>), or send cash in with your student in a labeled envelope.

"In order to receive the appropriate aid that our school deserves and needs, it is critical that our families continue to fill out an income form annually," Fahey said. "Even in a year where students receive free meals, there are many other benefits for households that meet certain income thresholds."

Income forms can be filled out digitally on <https://ezmealapp.com/>.

### Questions?

If you have questions about Food Services at ODY, please contact Kate Dorr with OHM BOCES at [kdorr@oneida-boces.org](mailto:kdorr@oneida-boces.org) or by phone at (315) 738-0848.



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## Superintendent's Message

Dear ODY families,

I hope everyone enjoyed some downtime this summer and is feeling energized and ready to kick off the new school year. Staff and students will be pleasantly surprised to see how much work was accomplished at ODY this summer.

Major progress has been made in the \$3.5 million project that was approved by the community in 2021. All of the upgrades - including a new kindergarten classroom, and enhanced STEAM facilities involving a complete overhaul of the Technology/Agriculture and Art suites - add tremendous value to our learning environment. It is imperative that our district keep moving forward, stay relevant, offer our students valuable opportunities and continue to provide them with the very best education possible.

In addition to building construction, there have been important staff changes in the district. We wish Mr. Pike all the best in his new position as principal with Herkimer BOCES. Mrs. Tucker will move out of the classroom, and into the position of Curriculum Coordinator and Assistant Principal. I am thrilled that Mrs. Tucker has agreed to take on this new role in our district. Her institutional knowledge of ODY and familiarity with the community will be tremendous assets to our district.

We also welcome Miss Kwiatkowski as our new first grade teacher, Ms. Edwards in Kindergarten and Mr. Oldick as a bus driver and cleaner. We hope this is the start of a very long and rewarding career at ODY.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in September for the start of another productive and fulfilling school year.

Sincerely,

Brennan Fahey, Superintendent of Schools



Earlier this year, students in Mr. Rupp's chemistry class participated in a hands-on experiment using various techniques to dissolve candy. "Why just tell them about science, when they can learn it by actually doing it," Mr. Rupp said.



# ODY welcomes new '23-24 staff



**Katelyn Kwiatkowski** *First Grade Teacher*

Miss Katelyn Kwiatkowski joins ODY for the 2023-24 school year as a first grade teacher. Miss Kwiatkowski attended Worcester Central School and earned her undergraduate degree in Birth through 6th Grade Elementary Education from the College of Saint Rose. She will attend SUNY Oneonta for her graduate degree.

Previous to joining ODY, she was an elementary teacher in the Middleburgh Central School District for one year. She completed her student teaching assignment at Taconic Hills Central School and was a substitute teacher at Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School.

She currently resides in Fort Plain with her boyfriend and three dogs – two German Shepherds named Raven and Kaiser, and an Australian Shepherd named Maisie. In her spare time, Miss Kwiatkowski loves to take her dogs for walks/hikes go for side-by-side rides with her boyfriend and their friends.

Miss Kwiatkowski said she is looking forward to the first day of school so she can meet all of her students. The first day of school just also happens to be her birthday!

Welcome to ODY, Miss Kwiatkowski!



**Michael Oldick** *Bus Driver/Cleaner*

Mr. Michael Oldick is the district's newest bus driver and cleaner. He is a 2011 graduate of ODY, where he studied Natural Resource Management through the BOCES' Career and Technical Education program. Prior to joining ODY, Mr. Oldick worked on his family farm, Cripple Creek Dairy Farm, and for the Van Hornesville Feed Mill.

Working at Owen D. Young is a bit of a family tradition for Mr. Oldick. His father, James Oldick, has been a bus driver for the district for 31 years, and his grandfather was a former groundskeeper and janitor at ODY. "He worked on the same floors that I work now," Oldick said. In his spare time, Mr. Oldick loves to golf, hunt, travel and spend time with his girlfriend Vanessa, her son Gabe, and their dog Cooper.

## Marshall Dominates in Discus Throw

ODY sophomore Camryn Marshall had a spectacular season in track & field, which is one of the district's combined teams with Richfield Springs. Camryn was the Tri Valley champion for discus, and placed second at the Section 4, Class D Championships. Her performance at sectionals qualified her to compete in the Section 4 state qualifier tournament, which was held at Union Endicott. Camryn placed tenth at that tournament with a personal best throw of 87 feet. Congratulations, Camryn!





## District Communication Procedure

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The communications guideline chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in prescribed order, questions will be answered more efficiently. The district's main number is (315) 858-0729. A staff directory may be found online at [www.odyoungcsd.org](http://www.odyoungcsd.org).

Questions About	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
Academics	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Soper	Mr. Fahey	
Athletics	Coach	Mr. Fahey		
Behavior	Teacher	Mrs. Tucker	Mr. Fahey	
Board Policy	District Clerk-Miss Jones	Mr. Fahey	Board of Education	
Building Use	Mrs. Armstrong	Mr. Walker	Mr. Fahey	
Food Services	Cafeteria Staff	Ms. Dorr	Mr. Fahey	
Instruction	Classroom Teacher	Mrs. Tucker	Mr. Fahey	
Curriculum	Classroom Teacher	Mrs. Tucker	Mr. Fahey	
Health Office	Mrs. Giachetti	Mr. Fahey	School Doctor	
Scheduling	Ms. Soper	Mr. Fahey		
Special Education	Classroom Teacher	Special Education Case Manager	Ms. Soper	Mr. Fahey
Transportation	Student's Bus Driver	Mr. Seifried	Mr. Fahey	



## Summer Program

More than 50 students participated in this year's summer program at ODY with instructional leaders and ODY student workers coordinating hands-on enrichment activities that combined learning and fun! Students took swimming lessons, learned about nutrition from Cornell Cooperative Extension, made homemade pasta and pancakes with Mr. Patterson, learned about moon phases and the solar system, practiced their math skills, and much more. Students also took field trips to the Fish Hatchery in Van Hornesville, the Farmer's Museum, Augur-Doody Farm, Otsego Golf Course, and Barnyard Swing.

# Annual notifications and important announcements

## Notice of Residency

The district has a policy for student residents that, according to education law, entitles them to attend public schools maintained in the district in which they reside. The district also has a non-resident policy that allows students who do not legally reside in the district to be approved for attendance in the district's school under certain conditions.

Families of non-resident students must submit a request in writing to the Superintendent. Enrollment determination will be made in the best interest of the District and the student, taking into consideration the student's academic, disciplinary and attendance records. Tuition will be determined each year at the re-organization meeting.

## Parent Notification Regarding Teacher Qualifications

In accordance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, parents and guardians have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. As a parent/guardian of a student in the Owen D. Young Central School District, you have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met New York State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status for which the state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- If your child is provided services by any instructional aides, if similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Requests for information about the qualifications of your child's teacher(s) can be directed to Mr. Brennan Fahey, at (315) 858-0729. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.



Congratulations to ODY's Class of 2023 Valedictorian Evan H. Davis, and Salutatorian Steven S. Teleki. This fall, Davis plans to study Psychology at Alfred University, where he was named an Alfred University Scholar. Teleki will attend SUNY Polytechnic Institute to study computer science.

## Data Privacy and Security

The Owen D. Young Central School District seeks to use current technology, including electronic storage, retrieval, and analysis of information about students' education experience in the District to enhance the opportunities for learning and to increase the efficiency of our district and school operations. The Owen D. Young Central School District seeks to insure that parents have information about how the District stores, retrieves, and uses information about students, and meets all legal requirements for maintaining the privacy and security of protected student data and protected principal and teacher data, including Section 2-d of the New York State Education Law. To further these goals, the Owen D. Young Central School District has posted this Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security:

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes.
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record. The procedures for exercising this right can be found in Board Policy #7240, Students Records Access and Challenge. You may access this Policy from the District's website.
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to encryption, and firewalls. Password protection must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx> and a copy may be obtained by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department,



Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue,  
Albany, New York 12234.

5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed in writing to the Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234.

\* Supplemental Information About Third Party Contracts: In order to meet 21st century expectations for effective education and efficient operation, the District utilizes several products and services that involve third party contractors receiving access to student data, or principal or teacher data, protected by Section 2-d of the Education Law. The District recognizes that students, parents, and the school community have a legitimate interest in understanding which of the District's vendors receive that data, for what purpose, and under what conditions. The District has undertaken the task of compiling that information, and of insuring that each new contract adequately describes (1) the exclusive purposes for which the data will be used, (2) how the contractor will ensure that any subcontractors it uses will abide by data protection and security requirements, (3) when the contract expires and what happens to the data at that time, (4) if and how an affected party can if and how an affected party can challenge the accuracy of the data is collected, (5) where the data will be stored, and (6) the security protections taken to ensure the data will be protected, including whether the data will be encrypted.

### Asbestos Notification

Federal regulations require that schools be inspected for the presence of asbestos, a potentially toxic material that has been used in the construction industry for years. The Owen D. Young Central School District buildings have been inspected for asbestos containing-materials. The results of these inspections are contained in the Asbestos Management Plan. The state authority in charge of asbestos has approved this plan.

The Asbestos Management Plan includes the results of all the inspections conducted on all district buildings. It also contains the results of the material samples which were taken during the inspections and the records of any damage or removals.

The Asbestos Management Plan is available for review during regular working hours at the school office. On request, a copy of the plan will be made for a nominal fee to cover the costs of copying and handling.

The Asbestos Management Plan shows the amount of asbestos



Congratulations to Owen D. Young Central School District's Class of 2023! Back row: Steven Teleki, Evan Davis, Robert Teel, Addison Bissel, Andrew Bryceland, Cooper Reynolds. Front row: Trinity Darling, Jaycie Ingerham.

present in the district's buildings as well as the specific locations of the asbestos-containing materials. For more information regarding the Asbestos Management Plan, please contact Mr. Walker, Asbestos Designee, at (315) 858-0729.

### Title 1 Complaint Procedure

Any school parent or teacher or other interested person or agency may file a complaint concerning violations of ESEA Title 1, Parts A, C, and D, or of the General Education Provisions Act, or of Section 100.2(ee) Academic Interventions Services of the Regulations of the Commissioner.

- All complaints must:
- Be written;
- Be signed by the person or agency representative filing the complaint;
- Specify the requirement of law or regulation being violated and the related issue and/or the concern;
- Contain information/evidence supporting the complaint;
- State the nature of the corrective action desired.

Complaints and appeals regarding Title 1 should be sent to:

New York State Education Department, Title 1 School and  
Community Services Office

Room 365 EBA  
89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12234

# Notifications and announcements, cont.

## Harassment and Discrimination Are Prohibited At School

The Dignity for All Students Act is a state law that went into effect July 1, 2012. The intent of the law is to provide all public school students with an environment free from discrimination, bullying, and harassment, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act also focuses on prevention of harassment, bullying and discriminatory behaviors through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate, including instruction in safe, responsible use of the Internet and electronic communications.

In plain language, students should understand that:

You should never feel that it is not safe to come to school and participate in all school activities. You should never be prevented from concentrating on your schoolwork because another student or a school staff member is teasing you, making fun of you, pushing you around, or threatening you in some way because of your race, color, weight, national origin (where your family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or for any other reason.

A student may not act toward another student in a way that reasonably might make that other student feel threatened or unsafe or that might reasonably make that other student unable to concentrate on school work because of the other student's race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or for any other reason. It is against school rules for any student or school staff member to do this by physical actions or by verbal statements, including electronic messages. This kind of conduct is prohibited on school property, on school buses, and at all school-sponsored events.

Changes to the law effective July 1, 2013, include specific information prohibiting harassment, discrimination and bullying, including cyber-bullying, and require school administrators to take action regarding conduct that may take place off school property when that behavior creates or would foresee-ably create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, and/or where it is foreseeable that the conduct, threats, intimidation or abuse might reach school property. This is to serve as a reminder that we consider the safety of our students extremely important.

## Integrated Pest Management

The Owen D. Young Central School District uses current Integrated Pest Management Practice to reduce the use of pesticides in our building and on our grounds. It may be necessary to use pesticides periodically during the school year. New York State law requires that schools maintain a list of persons in

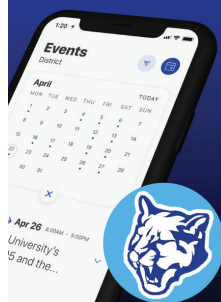
parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notice of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- Anti-microbial products
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- The application of EPA-designated biopesticides
- The application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40 CFR §152.25
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In addition, there will be no written notice of such application when a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good-faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in the school, please send a letter requesting such. Be sure to include your name, day and night-time phone numbers, and your complete address. Send this information to the main office at PO Box 125, Van Hornesville, NY 13475. Please feel free to contact Mr. Walker at (315) 858-0729 for further information on these requirements.

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## Student Accident Insurance

Owen D. Young Central School District carries student accident insurance through Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance Company. Students are covered while on route to and from school, during school session and during practice or play of interscholastic sporting events. Should your child become injured, the proper forms may be obtained from the nurse's office. Upon completion, the forms are submitted through the school Business Office.

## Notice of Compliance

The Owen D. Young Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to sex, race, religion, age, color, national origin, qualified disability, marital status, genetic predisposition or carrier status. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to:

Title IX Coordinator, Fred Seifried, business manager, or Section 504 Coordinator, Alicia Soper, CSE Chairperson, Owen D. Young Central School.

## No Child Left Behind Military Recruiter Policy

In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act, it is required that upon request made by military recruiters, educational agencies must provide access to secondary school student names, addresses and telephone listings. Students or parents may also request that such information not be released. If you want your child's information withheld and not released to military recruiters, please send written authorization of such to the Guidance Office at your earliest convenience.

## Homeschooling Info/Policy

If you plan to home school your child, you must submit a letter of intent to Mr. Brennan Fahey, Superintendent. You will then be mailed a packet containing the description of our Home Instruction Service provided by Herkimer BOCES, Commissioner's Regulation 100.10 describing the requirements of Home Instruction, and sample individual Instruction Plan (IHIP) forms and quarterly report forms.

Please mail your letter of intent to:  
PO Box 125  
Van Hornesville, NY 13475

## Parent Portal

Please consider signing up for our SchoolTool Parent Portal if you have not already done so. The Portal provides you with internet access to your child's attendance and grades. It is updated daily.

For more information or assistance with registering, please contact the Guidance Department. (315) 858-0729, ext. 4.



## Updates on the capital project work

Major progress was made this summer on the district's \$3.5 million capital project which was approved by voters in November, 2021. With no tax levy impact, the project is being supported through state aid, and funds from the district's Capital Reserve Fund. The project boasts key infrastructure updates and enhanced learning environments including:

- All new STEAM Suite in the technology/art wing, featuring a welding simulator, paint room, agriculture room and shop room.
- Brand new elementary classroom in the ground level space previously used as a pool changing room.
- Replacement of boilers, pumps, piping, controls and HVAC units, with more modern units with more efficient heating and air circulation.
- All new office suite near the cafeteria, with space for Ms. Soper (guidance), Mrs. Tucker (asst. principal), Mrs. Dieffenbacher (psychologist), and Mrs. Jones (guidance secretary/BOE clerk).
- An "Engineering by Design" room in the former sixth grade classroom to enhance the STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics).

*Stay informed on the progress of this capital project on the District website.*

## Electronic Surveillance

Owen D. Young CSD uses video equipment to assist in building and transportation safety and security. Cameras are placed at entrances and hallways, both inside and outside of the building. There are also cameras on school-owned buses. The purpose of the cameras is primarily building security and safety, but students and parents must be informed that the video footage is sometimes scanned in situations where incidents involving students may have happened. If the camera footage indicates that a child has misbehaved in any way, administration will use those image to give consequences, as necessary.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

- 6 First Day for Students
- 18 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Open House, 5:30-7 p.m.

### October

- 9 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day
- 25 NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day
- 16 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### November

- 3-4 All County I Herkimer
- 10 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day
- 13 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 & 21 Dismissal at 11:30 a.m., Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 22-24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 11 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Elementary Winter Concert, 6 p.m.
- 20 High School Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Dismissal at 11:30 a.m., Superintendent's Conference Day
- 25-29 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess

### January

- 1-2 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess
- 8 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 26 Dismissal at 11:30 a.m., Superintendent's Conference Day

### February

- 12 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19-23 NO SCHOOL Midwinter Recess

### March

- 11 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day
- 15-16 All County II Richfield
- 22-23 School Musical
- 29 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess

### April

- 1-5 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess
- 8 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### May

- 10-11 NYSSMA Festival
- 13 Annual Budget Hearing, 6 p.m.
- Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 NYSSMA Recital, 6 p.m.
- 17 Dismissal at 11:30 a.m., Superintendent's Conference Day
- 21 Annual Budget Vote, noon-8 p.m.
- 24-27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Weekend
- 30 4-6 Spring Concert, 6 p.m.
- 31 7-12 Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.

### June

- 4 Jr & Sr National Honor Society Inductions Otsego Golf Course
- 10 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 NO SCHOOL Juneteenth Day
- 23 Commencement, 1 p.m.
- 25 Dismissal at 11:30 a.m., Last Day
- 26 NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day