



## Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon to be Held Friday, Dec. 8

**RSVP by Dec. 4 by calling (315) 858-0729**

A Holiday Luncheon for local senior citizen residents will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 in the auditorium, which is universally accessible to all. The very popular annual event is free of charge and is hosted by the district's Student Council.

"Our school community loves hosting this event each year," Superintendent of Schools Brennan Fahey said. "This annual tradition provides us with an opportunity to connect to members of our community face-to-face and is the perfect kickoff to the holiday season."

Inclement weather unfortunately forced a last minute cancellation of last year's event, so staff and students are extra excited to be planning this year's event.

Please join us for a delicious holiday meal, and some seasonally-inspired entertainment.

## All-New Modernized Learning Spaces at ODY

Work is nearly completed on an all new STEAM Suite in the technology/art wing at ODY. The upgrades are part of a \$3.5 million capital project which was approved by voters in November, 2021 and are being supported through state aid, and funds from the district's Capital Reserve Fund, with no tax levy impact.

The newly reimagined space is now divided into three separate and modernized learning spaces – the Ag Lab, the Shop, and the Ag & Tech Classroom – to host the rapidly expanding list of technology and agriculture classes offered at ODY.

One of the most exciting additions to the Ag Lab space is a brand new virtual welding simulator that gives students hands-on training in realistic scenarios, with instant feedback. ODY's technology and agriculture teacher Mr. Richard Dando has wasted no time in putting the new space - and equipment - to good use.



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Hosted by Student Council**

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“Less than 24 hours after the virtual welder was delivered, we had students trying it out,” Dando said. “They’ve been chomping at the bit to jump in and test their skills and are actually coming down during their free periods to get as much time as they can on the simulator.”

In addition to the welding simulator, the Ag Lab hosts Dando’s Food & Plant Science, Animal Science, and two Intro to Ag classes (sixth and eighth grades) with students growing hydroponic vegetables and raising trout that will be released locally next spring.

The Shop houses equipment like table saws and routers and is used primarily by students in Dando’s Energy and Ag Mechanics class who study electricity and wiring in the fall, and small engine repair in the spring.

Dando’s Design and Drawing for Production (DDP) class utilizes the new space for many different projects including laser sketching. DDP students also have access to a new laser cutter that was purchased last year using grant money from Cornell University.

“The continual modernization of the way we teach, and the classrooms in which we teach, is critical to our role in adequately preparing our students for life after high school,” Superintendent of Schools Brennan Fahey said.



## ODY-RS Athletic Boosters Pancake Breakfast



*A fundraiser to benefit  
our local student-athletes!*

**Sunday, Dec. 3  
8 a.m. - noon  
Route 80 Bowl**

*Tickets available at the door*





# All County Music Festival

Congratulations to ODY students in grades 5-12 who participated in the All County Festival at Herkimer High School on Saturday, Nov. 4:



■ **SR. HIGH CHOIR:** McKenna Salisbury, Sarah Hula, Isaac Burditt, Shaundah Demorest, Vera Korol, Arianna Bevers, and Alexis Stoddard

■ **JR. HIGH BAND:** Bianca Teleki, Autumn Clements, Olivia Lasher, Emiley Lasher, and Nina Hula

■ **ELEMENTARY CHOIR:** Connor Doody, Noah Hula, Allison Schultz, Violet Durham, Ryan Voght, Zoey Rose, Jazmine Steenburg, and Lucia Pullis

## Little Free Library

A Little Free Library has been donated to the Owen D. Young School District by the Kennedy family to honor the memory of their daughter and sister, Alicia Kennedy, an ODY student who passed away in 2011. The library was delivered by Alicia's brother Alex (ODY '19) and was installed in an area overlooking the school's pool. Community members are welcome to borrow books from the library for free, and are encouraged to donate books for others to read. The library was installed next to a cement bench that was also donated in Alicia's memory. Elements of the bench are currently being refurbished by students in Mr. Dando's DDP technology class.



"Alicia was an avid reader," said her mother, Jenn Miller. "We thought this was a perfect way to remember her and offer reading material to the children and adults in the community."

## Veterans Day at ODY



ODY joined forces with the Henderson-General Nicholas Herkimer DAR and the Van Hornesville Community Corporation to host a Veterans Day assembly to recognize members of our community, ODY family members, and alumni who have served in the U.S. armed forces. A list of veterans and active military members with ties to ODY has been posted to the district website:

<https://www.odyoungcsd.org/page/military-service-members>

Please send any corrections or additions to Mrs. Wanda Armstrong ([warmstrong@odycsd.org](mailto:warmstrong@odycsd.org)).





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## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER:

- **MONDAY, 8:** Senior Citizens Luncheon, 1 p.m.
- **MONDAY, 11:** BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAY, 13:** K-6 Winter Concert, 6 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAY, 20:** 7-12 Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- **FRIDAY, 22:** Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.), Superintendent's Conference Day
- **DEC. 25 - JAN. 2:** NO SCHOOL, Winter Recess

### JANUARY:

- **JAN. 1 & 2:** NO SCHOOL, Winter Recess
- **MONDAY, 8:** BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **MONDAY, 15:** NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **FRIDAY, 26:** Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.), Superintendent's Conference Day
- **WEDNESDAY, 31:** Red Cross Blood Drive 1 p.m.

### FEBRUARY:

- **MONDAY, 12:** BOE

Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- **FRIDAY, 16:** Semi Formal Dance
- **FEB. 19 - 23:** NO SCHOOL, Mid-Winter Recess

### MARCH:

- **MONDAY, 11:** BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **FRIDAY, 15:** NO SCHOOL, Superintendent's Conference Day
- **FRI. 22 & SAT. 23:** School Musical, 7 p.m.
- **FRIDAY 29:** NO SCHOOL, Spring Recess begins

### APRIL:

- **APRIL 1 - 5:** NO SCHOOL, Spring Recess
- **MONDAY, 8:** BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### MAY:

- **MONDAY, 13:** School Budget Hearing 6 p.m., BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAY, 15:** NYSSMA Recital 6 p.m.
- **FRIDAY, 17:** Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.), Superintendent's

Conference Day

- **TUESDAY, 21:** School Budget VOTE (noon - 8 p.m.)
- **THURSDAY, 23:** Memorial Day Tribute
- **MONDAY, 27:** NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- **THURSDAY, 30:** 4-6 Spring Concert, 6 p.m.
- **FRIDAY, 31:** 7-12 Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.

### JUNE:

- **SATURDAY, 1:** Junior Prom
- **TUESDAY, 4:** Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- **MONDAY, 10:** BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAY, 19:** NO SCHOOL, Juneteenth
- **SUNDAY, 23:** Commencement, 1 p.m.
- **TUESDAY, 23:** Last Day for Students, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- **WEDNESDAY, 26:** NO SCHOOL, Superintendent's Conference Day

## Spring Musical Revealed!



ODY Presents  
"Emma! A Pop Musical"

*The community is invited to join us  
for the spring musical in the  
ODY gymnasium this March.  
Mark your calendars!*

**Friday, March 22 (7 p.m.) &  
Saturday, March 23 (7 p.m.)**