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Keith West and Stephanie Vos rank Nos. 1 and 2 this year at OFA. West will graduate as Class of 2006 valedictorian, while Vos is OFA's salutatorian.



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Countdown begins

Graduation day approaches for Class of 2006

As Owego Free Academy bids farewell to the Class of 2006, Keith West and Stephanie Vos will address their classmates at the June 24 commencement ceremony at OFA. West is this year's class valedictorian, as Vos is salutatorian.

But there will assuredly be so many faces that will remain engrained at OFA.

Throughout this school year, as it's happened in

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OAMS receives state honor

The Owego Apalachin Middle School recently received high praise from New York state's commissioner of education, as the middle school was recognized as one of New York's 795 "high performing/gap-closing" schools.

In a May 15 letter addressed to Bob Devan, OAMS principal, Commissioner Richard Mills wrote that OAMS has been so designated because it met all applicable state standards for English language arts and math during the 2004-2005 schools years.

"(OAMS) also made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts, mathematics, science and/or graduation rate during both the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years," wrote Mills.

"You and your entire school community are to be commended for leading New York forward to accomplish our dual goals of increasing student achievement while closing the gap in student performance," the commissioner wrote.

Devan said he can pinpoint two areas of in the middle school that have received more attention of late. Those two areas, he said, have likely led to the school's recent recognition.

"Last year we instituted

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OUR spring SPORTS

OA sports teams have performed at the highest levels of competition this year, with the football, boys basketball, volleyball and swim teams leaving their marks, to name a few. Here, and on Page 8, are scenes from a few of our spring teams' seasons.



370 grandmas & grandpas pay a visit to AES

Approximately 370 grandparents visited Apalachin Elementary School for the second annual event at the school on April 28.

The grandparents arrived during the morning and visited their grandchildren's classrooms. Some went to art, or music, or even to the library with the kids.

Later, the grandparents had lunch with the kids in the gym, which, for that day, doubled as an expanded

cafeteria.

Joseph DiCosimo, AES principal, said he had grandparents visit from as far away as Massachusetts and Minnesota.

"They planned trips here, just for our event," DiCosimo said.

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Many of the grandchildren at AES presented their grandmothers with a carnation on April 28.

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OA Teachers Association sponsors movie night

The Owego Apalachin Teachers Association recently sponsored "Family Night at the Movies" for deserving students of the OACSD and their families.

The teachers partnered with Tioga Theatre on April 20 and 21 to open the doors for students who might otherwise be unable to attend a movie with their families.

"This is a wonderful way to reach out to the community and recognize students in a special way," said Chris Corlett, OATA president. "We've done this several times over the past

years."

"Night at the Movies" has included movies such as "Polar Express" and "Star Wars."

Attempts are made to connect the movie to education.

"We were able to open the doors this year for the movie 'Holes,' which coincided with the students reading the book in class," Corlett said.

Three hundred tickets were distributed for each of the two viewings this year.



In the photo, right, Chris Corlett, OATA president (pictured at far left) is joined by George Thearle, Owego Elementary School principal, as Corlett hands out Citizenship certificates to OFA students. In surrounding photos are the faces, and the smiles, of our district's citizens, who were celebrated by the OATA May 2.



Photos provided

OA students shine at Citizenship Awards

The Owego Apalachin Teachers Association held its 8th annual Citizenship Award Night May 2 at the Owego Apalachin Theater, hosting more than 150 OA students from grades kindergarten through 12. Each year students are recognized for their good citizenship.

"Our children are messages we send to the future," said Joseph C. Sever Jr., OA interim superintendent. He was joined on the dais by William Riddleberger, president of the OA Board of Education.

"The OATA believes that our children are the future and knows that many of them do not receive the recognition they deserve," said Chris Corlett, OATA president.

"Our children are so much more than the numbers

which get assigned to them," he said. "Derek Jeter has wowed the Yankee faithful and deflated those who root against the Bronx Bombers with his heads-up play, his commitment to excellence and for his leadership on and off the field. It is this sort of citizenship and character that we celebrate tonight."

The 2006 Sportsmanship Award winners, Stephanie Vos and Matthew Campbell, opened the event by leading the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to graduating OFA seniors who plan to continue their education pursuing a career in teaching. Recipients were: Jessie Deemie, Steven White and Jonathan Yard.



About 370 grandparents visited AES on April 28. Pictured here are just a handful of the moments from that day - some serious, some silly - as students got to show their grandmas and grandpas (some moms and dads, too) around their school.

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Don Claflin of Chenango Bridge visited two of his granddaughters that day. He said he'd have traveled any distance to be present. "We did this last year and it was the first time for all of us," he said. "This is what being a grandparent is all about. It was one of the best days of my life." DiCosimo said this year's number of visitors dwarfed last year's number of about 225. "We thought we had a lot last year," he said, laughing amid the day's rousing success. "This is crazy."

OFA Distance Learning teaches here (and there)

Did you know that distant learning courses are offered to students at Owego Free Academy? Two classes are currently being offered: college French and American sign language.

The way it works: students sign up with their guidance counselor for available distance learning classes, then the students convene in a room with televisions that receive a live feed from another classroom – wherever the class is being conducted.

It could be at the middle school, or it could be in California.

The students can communicate through the TV link with the teacher of students at the other location, or locations.

Seven juniors are now enrolled the college French class. Jessica Brooks, is going to Bolivia next year as a foreign exchange student.

Most students have been taking French since eighth grade and will continue to take French next year as seniors. Some of the class activities include watching movies in French and then discussing them, as well as putting on creative plays in French.

Katherine Rodgers is the distance learning teacher for college-level French.

The ASL (American sign language) class has 10 students, almost all seniors, who have said they plan to continue studying sign language when they go to



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This year 17 students at OFA have participated in two classes - college-level French and American sign language - that are part of the high school's Distance Learning offering, according to Tina Dueber, OFA's program facilitator.

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Aimee Hudock teaches distance learning sign language.

Students communicate mostly by signing to each other and their teacher. Rarely do they speak verbally during class. Some of the class activities in which they participate include telling stories using sign language, taking sign tests and learning new words.

The Distance Learning Lab also provides an opportunity for facilitation of the Broome Community

College class on Tuesday nights.

BCC offers a prep SAT course for students, and it lasts for six weeks. Students are taught by teachers from Schuylerville CSD, (near Albany) and BOCES.

Tina Dueber, the Distant Learning facilitator for these courses, and assistant AV coordinator at OFA, graduated from OFA in 1990 and went to BCC. She started working in the school district in 2001.

The district hopes to see more distant learning classes offered to our students in the near future.

OFA bands impress, receive "gold" status

Members of the Owego Free Academy Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Jazz Band II recently participated in the Trills and Thrills Music Festival at Cedar Point, Ohio.

On May 13 the students were adjudicated by clinicians who serve on the faculty at Bowling Green State University, and OFA received very high marks, according to Dan Fabricius, band director. All three OFA groups earned "superior" ratings.

In addition to the performances, the students enjoyed many of the well known attractions in the Cleveland area. The itinerary included visiting the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, dinner at the Hard Rock Café and touring the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

"Our students were outstanding representatives of our school and community," said Fabricius.

On May 19, the OFA bands were evaluated at the New York State School Music Association Festival, at Chenango Valley High School.

The Jazz Band II received many positive comments from the two adjudicators and was

awarded the "gold with distinction" rating for a performance of music at Level 5 difficulty. "Gold with distinction" is the highest rating awarded by NYSSMA.

"This is the first time the OFA Jazz Band II has earned the gold with distinction," Fabricius said. "Special congratulations are in order for jazz soloists Nick Stevens (trumpet), Deanna Lemmon (tenor sax) and Josh Malia (alto sax).

The OFA Jazz Band was awarded the "gold division" rating for a performance of the most difficult music - Level 6. This is the eighth consecutive year that that the OFA Jazz Band has earned such a grade.

"Special congratulations are also in order for the jazz soloists within this band, as well," said Fabricius. Those soloists are: Jonathan Yard (trumpet), Stephanie Barner (alto and soprano saxophones), Andy Slavetskias (tenor sax), Olivia Young (vibes), Matt Gilmore (congas) and Kevin Livermore (drums).

The OFA Jazz Bands will present their final concert performance of the school year at 7 p.m. June 6 at Hickories Park.

Boosters to sponsor summer camps

The Owego Apalachin Music Boosters will sponsor a summer band program this July. These camps will be conducted by Dan Fabricius and Andrew Kearney and are designed to provide students with an opportunity to improve their musical skills, expand their repertoire of music, and have fun.

Elementary band will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 10-14. It will conclude with an open rehearsal at 2 p.m. July 14.

Middle school jazz band and chamber ensembles will

rehearse from July 17-28 and give a concert on the evening of July 28.

High school jazz bands will rehearse on July 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27.

They will also give a concert on the evening of July 28 and participate in the Hickory Smoked Music Festival on July 29.

For more information: call Fabricius or Kearney at 687-6311, or e-mail them at dfabricius@oacsd.org and kearneya@oacsd.org.



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AES open house

At the Apalachin Elementary School's open house earlier this spring, the theme was "Spotlight on Science," showing visiting parents the opportunities their students receive in the sciences at AES. Pictured here are a few visitors from Tyhe Reptile Company, located in Endicott.

Other displays were on hand from The Waterman Center, The Discovery Center, and Kopernick Observatory. At the open house, there was also a book fair sponsored by the parent group AESP+G, and the Owego Free Academy Class of 2006 sold food as a fund-raiser. A Senior Class sold food in the cafeteria as a fund-raiser.





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At left, Pfc. Justin Donnelly is greeted by members of the Hiawatha Youth Soccer League, who are also students at OES. Above, George Thearle, OES principal, welcomes Donnelly.

OFA grad, Donnelly, who located “Baby Nora” in Iraq, visited district

Owego Free Academy graduate Pfc. Justin Donnelly visited the OA district earlier this spring, making stops at Owego Elementary School and OFA.

Donnelly, the Georgia National Guardsman who located “Baby Nora” (on-line, check out the CBS story at <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/12/31/health/main1172358.shtml>) in Iraq a few months ago, visited OES 1 p.m. and received approximately 40 soccer balls donated by the Hiawatha Youth Soccer League for children in Iraq.



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National Honor Society

Owego Free Academy recently announced this year’s inductees into the National Honor Society. Senior inductees are: Blake Moses, Tierney Wallace and Steven White. From the junior class: Kristen Almy, Hannah Barnhart, Jessica Brookes, Catherine Campbell, Christopher Dimock, Christina Fallon, Claire Franz, Meghan Gordineer, Austin Gray, Stephen Gregory, Michael Hernandez, Nathaniel Hills, Adam Majka, Andrew Marzo, Laura McAndrew, Leah Mendelson, Erin Morris, Daniel Murphy, Anthony Patelunas, Kristin Peterson, Anna Phan, Vincent Skovira, Mikki Smith, Rebecca Staudt, Kyle Telfer and Sara Vivona.

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the past, students and teachers were entertained, and sometimes surprised, as students honored their peers in senior class polls.

Perhaps Harrison Jantz and Alicia Adler made others laugh out loud simply because they were voted to have had the “best laugh.” Or maybe someone was inspired to challenge the norm by Dan Woodard and Katie Mead, better known to the seniors as those who “dared to be different.”

No one could make people feel more at ease than “the friendliest” of the class, Blake Moses and Katie Glasgow. And if you ever found yourself chatting the day away without even realizing it, you were probably in the company of Joe Karpel and Elise Morrison, the “most talkative.”

It’s also fun to wonder which Class of 2006 faces we might see in various professional settings one day.

If you walk into a pharmacy a few years down the line, keep your eyes peeled for Alisha Reynolds and Phil Rodgers. They’re both off to the Albany College of Pharmacy.

Or if you’re ever having back pain (is Mr. Dolan paying attention?), you might make an appointment to see Amanda Chace after she finishes at the Finger Lakes School of Massage.

Graduation

Graduation for the Class of 2006 is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at OFA Stadium.

Gio Santacroce will major in film at the Full Sail University, so ... smile! You may one day find yourself in his viewfinder.

Nature awaits Marty McGuane as he heads off to Paul Smith’s College to major in fishing and wild-life. Ryan Talcott will soon study the technical aspects of aviation electronics as he enters the United States Marine Corps.

And making what might be the longest initial trek away from the Owego Apalachin district will be Megan Smith and Tiffani Barth who may run into each other somewhere on the Brigham Young University campus.

The Class of 2006 began winding down its last year here on May 26 at the annual prom, which was held at the Owego Treadway Inn and Conference Center. Seniors voted Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believing” as their class song.

Valedictorian-Salutatorian

Keith West, the son of Gerald and Kathleen West, is this year’s class valedictorian. Stephanie Vos, Class of 2006 salutatorian, is the daughter of David and Carol Vos.

West has been involved in a variety of extracurricular activities at school and in the community, having received several academic scholarships, including the New York State Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholarship, and the Guthrie Health Professions Scholarship.

West has also received the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award and the Youth of the Year Award from the Tioga County Boys & Girls Club. West is a member of the National Honor Society and will study biology/pre-med at Cornell University.

Vos has been involved in an array of extracurricular activities at school and in the community, as well. She was recently awarded the New York State Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship and was nominated for the coveted Wendy’s High School Heisman Award.

Vos is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to attend SUNY Stony Brook to study marine biology.



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countdown

TO GRADUATION

With graduation day rapidly approaching, students are spending their last days roaming the senior benches and preparing for life, captured during the past few weeks.

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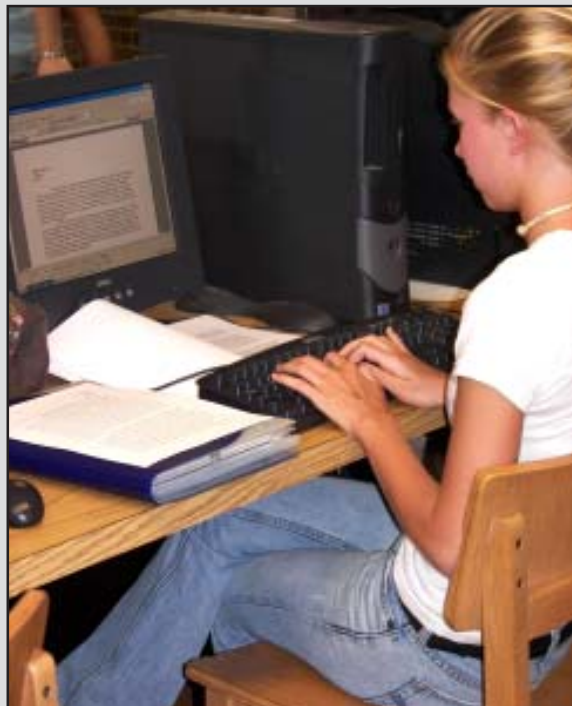


High School Average	% Of Students That Earn A 2 Year Degree	% Of Students Not Earning A Degree
A (92%)	83.9	58.1
B (79%)	77.1	69.2
C (73%)	19.3	88.7

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e after OFA. These scenes were

senior scenes





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MCI training exercise

The Owego Apalachin Central School District Transportation Department hosted a "mock" mass casualty incident (MCI) at the old middle school on May 20. During the training exercise, the Tioga County Sheriff's Department SWAT team removed a hijacker who'd taken hostages aboard an OA district bus that had been in a staged accident. Once the hijacker was removed by the SWAT team, area fire and rescue teams moved in to treat the injured.

These photos, while appearing very realistic, were part of the training exercise. Many OA students volunteered as hostages, while others took part in their roles as volunteer firefighters (all at right).



OFA art students receive accolades for portfolios

Several students from Owego Free Academy's studio art class participated in the New York State Art Teachers Association Portfolio Project on April 26-27, and were rated on their artworks, self-reflective writings and presentation of their portfolio.

Of the 4 ratings, "distinguished"

is the highest, followed by "proficient." All six OFA art students were rated in the top two levels.

The students were: Renelle Donahue (rated as distinguished); Mia Gatto (proficient); Katie Lewis (distinguished); Malia Reese (distinguished); Shelby Tomko (proficient); and, Britny

Wainwright (proficient).

This project is part of a statewide adjudication of students' visual art portfolios, meant to challenge students and also to provide an opportunity for growth and acknowledgement of student talent.

These six students voluntarily worked after school for two hours nearly

every week, in addition to working at home for the past few months to complete six artworks for their portfolios.

Students were able to choose subject matter, art materials and techniques which interested them, while creating some required pieces such as self-portraits and a culturally influenced piece.



In appreciation

Members of the OA Transportation Department were treated to a barbecue lunch on May 19. Employees chipped in a dish to pass, and parent groups from the OA district, as well as members of the OA administration, contributed to the purchase of meat that was grilled.

Manning the grills that day were Tony Quaranta, Transportation Supervisor, Joseph C. Sever Jr., Interim Superintendent, Ron Pierce, OFA Principal, Jerry Hyatt of the Transportation Department, Bernie Dolan, Associate Superintendent, and George Thearle, OES Principal.

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OA district voters pass 2006-07 budget, 943-920

On May 16, voters in the Owego Apalachin district passed the 2006-07 budget by a margin of 23 votes. With a total 1,863 votes district-wide, the budget passed 943-920.

Also passed by district

Barton joins BOE July 1; Crosby retains seat

voters was a proposition to purchase four new buses. The vote for the buses was 1,031-813.

The third proposal, regarding the community swim

program, failed in a 918-903 vote.

District voters elected one new member to the OA Board of Education, while re-electing

another. David Barton received 1,146 votes, while incumbent John Crosby had 1,082 votes. Jack Legg also sought election, finishing third with 813 votes.



BARTON



CROSBY

Georgia always had drama on her mind

When Sue Georgia was hired into the Owego Apalachin Central School District by Duane "Skip" Fiocca in 1970, there was nothing particularly dramatic about it.

"He was a Mansfield alum and he brought me in," she said recently, remembering her first boss and teaching days fondly. "I hear he was favorable to those of us with Mansfield connections."

Through her journey with numerous bosses and through a handful of schools, Georgia always taught math, save for one year.

"But I've taught every subject you can teach in sixth grade," she said, smiling.

When the stage called, Georgia didn't answer on the first ring.

"Linda Zeyek was the drama teacher in the 1982-83 school year, and they needed two people," Georgia said. "She said, 'Why don't you do it with me?' But I said no, I had to concentrate on students and being in a new school (at the time)."

Fifteen minutes later, she said yes. The next year, Linda Zeyek moved away and Georgia was it.

At the end of this school year, Sue Georgia will draw the curtain on a 36-year teaching career, the last 24 in double duty, leading the middle school's Drama Club.

Georgia will be honored alongside several other OA district retirees at the annual retirement dinner on Friday, June 16, at the Owego Treadway Inn.

"I feel like I've been living a charmed teacher existence," Georgia said. "I've had some great classes, and the opportunity to direct on the new stage. It's been nice."

But directing a play in the new OA Theater nearly didn't happen.

"I thought about retiring two years ago," Georgia said. "I even wrote the letter, but I never sent it. I really wasn't ready to retire."

The promise of the new



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Above, Sue Georgia, pictured at right, will step away from her role as director/adviser of the OAMS Drama Club, a part she's played for 24 years, when she retires in June after a 36-year teaching career with the district. Robin Seward, pictured at left, has been Drama Club co-director the last three years. Seward will retire after this school year, as well.



At left, cast members rehearse during the first play Sue Georgia directed, "Coming of Age," during the 1982-83 school year. Allison Hall, current OES PTO co-president was a member of that cast and is pictured second from the right.

stage was enough to keep her coming back for more.

"I really wanted the new stage," she said, "and I thought, 'ya know, I deserve it.'"

This spring, she directed her final middle school performance, "You Ain't Nothin' But a Werewolf" on the new middle school's stage, capping a Broadway-like run that saw her first play, "Coming of Age," debut 24 years ago.

One former student has kept in close contact with Georgia, and the district.

"Joining Drama Club in the seventh grade was probably the best thing that ever happened to me back then," said Allison Hall, a cast member from Georgia's first show, and current Owego Elementary School PTO co-president. "Sue Georgia's inspiration sparked my love for the theatre, and I met two of my best lifelong

friends through Drama Club."

"Coming of Age" cast-mate Stacy Smith agreed.

"She always had lots of enthusiasm," Smith said of Georgia. "She was creative, yet focused."

That enthusiasm never waned.

"Mrs. Georgia really gets into the job," said Mackenzie Ellis, the female lead in this year's play. "The OA Theater will miss her."

"Working with Mrs. Georgia was my first experience in putting on a play," said recent OFA graduate Rochelle Brisson. "It was such a positive experience for me that I have continued to do shows in college."

Once-upon-a-time, Amy Wales, OAMS secretary to the dean of students, was a student in Georgia's sixth-grade math class.

"She was a fabulous teacher," Wales said. "I think she has a connection with kids. She encourages them. She's a real motivator."

While the students have been numerous, Georgia has also worked alongside a handful of tireless co-directors. Robin Seward, who's been with the group the past three years, will join Georgia and their peers, as Seward will also retire from teaching at the middle school.

Before Seward, there was Pam Bezek, Linda Johnson, Linda Weiner and Christina Bangel.

"I hope they didn't all leave because of me," Georgia said, laughing. "No, they all had wonderful excuses: children, retirement, other opportunities."

"Each teacher brought something wonderful and creative to this activity," she added.

Annual retirement dinner June 16th

The annual Owego Apalachin retirement dinner is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. June 16 at the Owego Treadway Inn.

Dinner is \$30, and deadline for reservations is June 9.

This year's honorees are: Janet Bittner, Violet Pickering, Betty Wunder, Sally Martin, Pat Murphy, Cris Laubach, Josephine Hall, Robin Seward, Tom Larson, Fred Marcello, Kathy Brainard, Mary Wheatley, Tony Fox, Art Rider, Carol Ross, Sue Georgia and Carl Muldner.

For more information, contact Barbara Dornblaser, secretary for the superintendent, at 687-6224.

"I was fortunate to have such wonderful, creative and dedicated co-directors."

Georgia said the only drama experience she brought into the mix 24 years ago was that she was a self-described "Broadway show junkie."

"I've probably seen 40 or more shows, and I started seeing them before I began doing this," she said. "One of the nice things about it has been that we took the Drama Club kids to New York City to see shows - we've been to 12 or 13 over the years."

"I've enjoyed this," Georgia said, collecting it all. "It's been the highlight of my career. I worked with kids who wanted to be there."

"As I said, I was never involved in drama before this. It's interesting how a person can find herself in an area she never expected."

"It's been fun."

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'sustained silent reading' at the middle school," said Devan, "and I feel that's engaging our students in more reading for enjoyment, and that can only lead to better understanding and comprehension of material."

"First thing in the mornings, the majority of OAMS students are involved in reading for approximately 30 minutes," he said.

Teachers' attention to detail is also impeccable, Devan said.

"There's also a focus from our teachers on bench-

mark assessments, as well as grade-level assessments to identify areas that need more of our attention," he said. "We're doing that, then we're sharing that information."

Only schools that had a minimum of 30 continuously enrolled students in at least two of the following accountability groups were eligible for recognition: a racial ethnic group, low income, limited English proficiency, or students with disabilities.

Statewide, 2,129 public and charter schools met

these eligibility criteria.

Thirty-seven percent of eligible schools were recognized: 519 elementary schools, 137 middle schools, 98 high schools, 19 elementary-middle schools and 21 middle-high schools.

"Your entire school community has earned this recognition," Mills wrote in his letter to Devan. "We encourage you to celebrate your achievement and to continue implementing strategies to support high performance and to close the gap."

ON THE FLY - OFA's James Synowiez, pictured controlling the puck, played for the Binghamton Junior B Senators this past season. His unassisted goal six minutes into the second period of a February contest against the New York Apple Core secured the Junior B Sens' regular-season title in the Empire Junior B Hockey League's Western Division. Synowiez is a senior.



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Important Dates on the OA Calendar

- JUNE 1**
OES Spring Concert
OA Theater – 7 p.m.
- JUNE 1-2**
Kindergarten Screening
OES – 8:10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- JUNE 2**
Eighth-grade Dance
OAMS
- JUNE 3**
SATs, OFA – 8 a.m.
- JUNE 3**
OAMS Music trip to Hershey
- JUNE 6**
OFA Jazz Band
Hickories Park – 7 p.m.
- JUNE 6**
OAMS PTS Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 7**
OAMS Awards Night
OA Theater – 6:30 p.m.
- JUNE 7**
Senior Dinner Cruise – 4 p.m.
- JUNE 8**
Board of Education meeting
District Office – 7 p.m.
- JUNE 9**
OFA Student Voice Recital
- OA Theater – 7 p.m.
- JUNE 10**
OFA Band
Apalachin Field Days – 6 p.m.
- JUNE 12**
OAMS Recital/Dessert Concert
OA Theater – 7 p.m.
- JUNE 13**
Dessert Concert – OES – 7 p.m.
- JUNE 14-23**
Regents Exams – OFA
- JUNE 17**
OFA Band
Strawberry Festival – 10 a.m.
- JUNE 22**
Graduation Practice
OFA – 10 a.m.
- JUNE 22**
Board of Education meeting
District Office – 7 p.m.
- JUNE 24**
OFA Graduation – 10 a.m.
- JULY 13**
Board of Education meeting
District Office – 7 p.m.
- JULY 27**
Board of Education meeting
District Office – 7 p.m.

Spring Sports Calendar

- JUNE 1**
- Boys Track
State Qualifier, TBA – 4 p.m.
- Girls Track
State Qualifier, TBA – 4 p.m.
- JUNE 2**
- Boys Lacrosse
Section IV Finals – TBA
- JUNE 3**
- Girls Lacrosse
NYSPHSAA Regionals
U-E – Noon
- JUNE 4**
- Girls Lacrosse
NYSPHSAA Regionals Rain Date
U-E – Noon
- JUNE 5**
- Boys Baseball Regionals – TBA
- Softball Regionals - TBA
- JUNE 6**
- Boys Lacrosse
- NYSPHSAA Regionals
Corning Stadium – TBA
- JUNE 8**
- Boys Lacrosse
NYSPHSAA Regionals,
Cicero-North Syracuse – TBA
- JUNE 9**
- Girls Lacrosse
NYSPHSAA Semi-Finals
SUNY Cortland – 11:15 a.m.
- JUNE 10**
- Girls Lacrosse
NYSPHSAA Finals
SUNY Cortland – 9:30 a.m.
- Softball
NYSPHSAA Championships
Cicero-North Syracuse - TBA
- JUNE 12**
- Boys Baseball
STAC Senior Showcase - TBA
- Softball STAC
Senior Showcase, M-E – 4:30 p.m.

Thank you!

To
AESP+G
OES PTO
and
OAMS PTS
for your contributions
toward making the
Community Swim Program
a reality through the end
of this school year.
Your support is truly
appreciated.
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OACSD has a need for substitute bus drivers

If you are interested in becoming a substitute bus driver for the Owego Apalachin Central School District, please apply at the district Transportation Department, 1315 State Route 96, Owego, or at the Owego Apalachin Administration Offices, 36 Talcott St., Owego. Starting pay is \$12.91 per hour.



Owego Apalachin Fitness Center Hours

- MONDAYS:** 2:30-5 p.m. (students, staff)
- TUESDAY:** 2:30-5 p.m. (students, staff)
- WEDNESDAYS:** 2:30-5 (students, staff);
5-8 p.m. (students, staff and community)
- THURSDAY:** 2:30-5 (students, staff);
5-8 p.m. (students, staff and community)
- FRIDAYS:** 2:30-5 p.m. (students, staff);
5-7 p.m. (students, staff and community)
- SATURDAYS:** 9-11 a.m. (students, staff and community)



Have a news item for us? Here's who to contact in our schools:

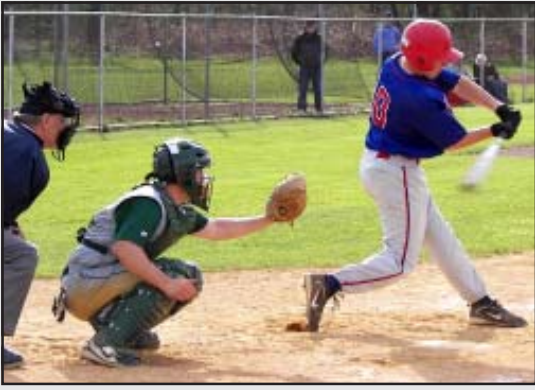
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The OACSD has a need for substitute nurses at all of our district's schools

If you have the proper nursing certification, the Owego Apalachin Central School District needs your help. For more information, please call the district personnel department at 687-6223.



OUR *spring* SPORTS



Stephen P. Jensen photos