



# ONEIDA

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## Congratulations to Our Top Ten!



Jordan French,  
Valedictorian



Madison Ray,  
Salutatorian



Olivia Piersall,  
Number Three



Olivia Hoffman,  
Number Four



Julia Bognaski,  
Number Five



Syrriah Alexander,  
Number Six



Robert Paul,  
Number Seven



Kerrigan Crysler,  
Number Eight



Gabrielle Mazzullo,  
Number Nine



Andrew Hicks,  
Number Ten

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## A Message from the Superintendent

### Dear OCSD Community Members:

We've had a good school year thus far in 2022–2023! Our Capital Project is underway with improvements in all of our school buildings. We've worked with our staff and community to support our students and found ways to secure additional resources, including a mental health grant that enables us to help connect families to community resources and for our district to offer additional social-emotional and mental health support to best serve our students' diverse needs. As we planned for the 23–24 school year budget, we continued to look at our resources and how we can offer the best programs and supports to our students.

The adopted 2023–2024 School Year Budget is \$53,246,946; this represents an increase of 7.69%. The tax levy increase is 3.0% and falls within the levy limit. The budget maintains all instructional and student support programming. Highlights of our programmatic plans for next school year include the following:

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# A Message from the Superintendent



**District-wide:** For the 2023–24 School year, our pre-K–12 Academic Task Forces, under the guidance of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tice, will continue the process of looking at research, content development, delivery of instruction and analysis of student learning. The Task Forces enable teachers pre-K–12 to collaborate and help promote consistency across grade levels and ensure that each grade level curriculum builds upon prior years' work and prepares our students for success with the next year's content. Our veteran teachers have helped establish a mentoring program for new staff in order to prepare them for success working with our students in our district. We are very fortunate to have such a committed cadre of teachers and administrators.

**Elementary Schools:** We will offer the Summer LEAP program to continue to address student needs in math, ELA, and social-emotional well-being. In addition, please look for information about our summer art and band camps. Our elementary teachers have been working diligently to support student learning in academic content and social-emotional skills.

The PRIDE program across all four buildings promotes **P**atience, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**etermination and **E**xcellence.

**Middle School:** Otto Shortell Middle School will be continuing the after-school Extended Instructional Program (EIP) and the Middle School Counts summer program. We are also very excited about, and will be continuing, our new Road to the Code program that enables our students to work with Vex Robotics and hone their coding skills. Additionally, we are looking forward to our first Civics Night where students will be showcasing their projects.

**High School:** Oneida High School will continue to focus on helping each student prepare for college and/or careers and civic readiness, including the addition of a graduation pathway titled "Seal of Civic Readiness." In addition to our strong academic programs, we are also proud to offer a broad array of experiences in the arts and athletics. This past year, we offered a course that enabled students to build their own electric guitars and then have the opportunity to hone their skills playing them. Our e-sports club has also been successful as our students compete with players across the country. We are very proud to have had a student qualify for the post-season tournament in our first year. Although we are renovating our auditorium, our band and choral programs have been able to continue with performances in other venues and our musical was a huge success. We are very proud of the talent of our students.

**Capital Outlay Project:** The Oneida City School District appropriates \$100,000 each year to address facility upgrades. These projects are eligible for building aid revenue return of approximately 88%. Our outlay project for the 2023–2024 School Year will include upgrading outdated mechanical controls in the boiler room and various classrooms to the new control system.

Oneida City School District continues to see a decline in enrollment. We have continued with our "attrition plan," which was put into motion in the 21–22 school year. This entails right-sizing section counts across grade levels, analyzing course loads and scheduling, and assessing the need to fill staff vacancies based on need. It is our intent to maintain the fiscal health of our district while continuing to offer a rich and well-rounded program for our students; meaningful professional development for our staff; and ensure safe and secure school environments and student transportation. This year, the district contracted with an outside consultant to study our enrollment, our facilities usage and to recommend a path forward for our district. We assembled the Community Advisory Committee and began meeting as a team in January 2023. This committee includes staff members and community members and works with our consultant to analyze data, ask questions and explore options for the future of our district. It is expected that the consultant will present the Board of Education with a recommendation for building utilization by December of 2023.

We would like to thank our community, staff and students for your ongoing support this year. I am confident that the budget we have proposed will continue the good work we strive for and the expectations you have as community members for our district.

Sincerely,  
**Matthew Carpenter**  
**Superintendent**  
**Oneida City School District**

# Full Day Pre-K in Fall 2023

The Oneida City School District is proud to be able to offer full-day pre-K in the Fall of 2023! Pre-K for all students will be held at Willard Prior Elementary School. We are excited for the expanded educational opportunities that this shift will give to our students.

Registration is open for children residing in the Oneida City School District who have turned 4 years old on or before December 1, 2023 for Pre-K or 5 years old on or before December 1, 2023 for Kindergarten.



\*Students previously enrolled in the OCSD Pre-K program in the 2022-2023 school year will NOT need to re-register for kindergarten, but will need to submit an updated physical.\*

Registration is now open online. Pre-registration with FamilyID is the first step.

Please visit the OCSD website at [www.oneidacsd.org](http://www.oneidacsd.org) > Student Registration > FamilyID Registration Portal or visit <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/oneida-city-school-district>

**\*You will need a valid email address.**

Once the online pre-registration is complete in FamilyID, parents will be contacted by the Registration Office to collect paperwork and finalize the registration process.



## Required Paperwork to Complete Registration:

- Child's birth certificate.
- Proof of residency (current mortgage/lease or utility bill).
- Child's immunization record.
- Most recent physical examination form or proof of upcoming appointment. The physical must have been done within 12 months prior to entering school.
- Custody paperwork (if applicable).
- State required registration forms:
- Home Language Questionnaire, Residency Questionnaire and Migrant form

For questions or further information call Nancy Marji in Student Registration at 315-361-6072.

The Student Registration office is located at the Costello Transportation Building, 1136 Freedom Drive, Oneida, NY.

*\*Students are not considered registered until all required paperwork is received.\**



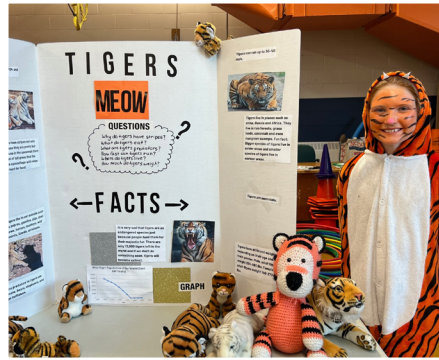
## Easter Egg Hunt at North Broad

To celebrate the Easter holiday, North Broad Elementary School held an Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st. In addition to the egg hunt, participants had the opportunity to visit with the Easter Bunny! A great time was had by all and it was a wonderful fundraiser for the PTO.



## Seneca Street Hosts Learning Fair

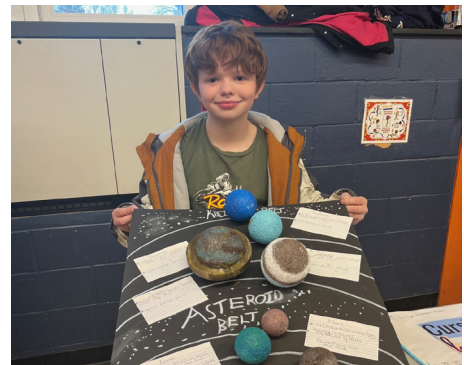
In March, Seneca Street Elementary School hosted its 13th Annual Learning Fair, put on by Mrs. Pitoniak. Our students had a blast showcasing their knowledge on a variety of different topics.



Across the learning fair, students demonstrated a wide range of knowledge, with everything from animals to astronomy to history. For students (and adults), there was



plenty to learn from these young scholars. We hope this left our students with a passion for knowledge and a drive to learn more.





## Willard Prior is Wild About Reading



To celebrate the hard work of students throughout National Reading Month (March), Willard Prior Elementary School arranged several activities to encourage its students.

As part of the "Wild About Reading" theme, Willard Prior was visited by the Utica Zoo twice, once as a virtual visit and again as an on-site visit with numerous animal "ambassadors." Our students had a fantastic time! We would like to thank the Utica Zoo for its support.



In addition to the zoo visit, grade levels competed to read the most minutes throughout the month. In total, Willard Prior Elementary read over 45,000 minutes over the course of the month. Third grade won the competition, having read

over 8,000 minutes, and was able to celebrate with a pizza party courtesy of the Willard Prior PTO.



## OHS Drama Presents *Something Rotten!*

For its Spring musical, Oneida High School Drama Club performed *Something Rotten!*, a new musical comedy about a Renaissance-era playwright competing with William Shakespeare. Due to construction at Oneida High School, the drama club put on the performance at the V.V.S. High School Auditorium, and we are thankful to V.V.S. for lending us the space. Each performance was well-attended, and our students received excellent reviews on their performance as actors.



# 2023-24 Budget Information

## Voting Day

Tuesday, May 16, 2023  
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
at Oneida High School &  
Durhamville Elementary  
School

## Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 6 p.m.  
at Costello Center

**\*Due to the construction in the Oneida High School Auditorium, voting will take place in the back of the Fariel Gym\***

### What You Will See On The Ballot

On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, voters will be asked to consider the following items:

#### **Proposition #1: Budget**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Oneida City School District, City of Oneida, County of Madison, New York, be hereby authorized to expend the sum set forth in its proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$53,246,946 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?"

#### **Proposition #2: Buses**

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Education Law §§2503(12-a) and 1709(25)(i), the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, is hereby authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated cost of \$250,000, and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: seven (7) seventy seat passenger school buses, and one (1) fifty-four seat passenger school bus with three wheel-chair positions;; AND, that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in annual installments; and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued.

#### **Board Seat Election**

Two (2) open seats and will be voted on at this year's school district vote.

- 5-year term that begins July 1, 2023



# Oneida City School District Budget Notice

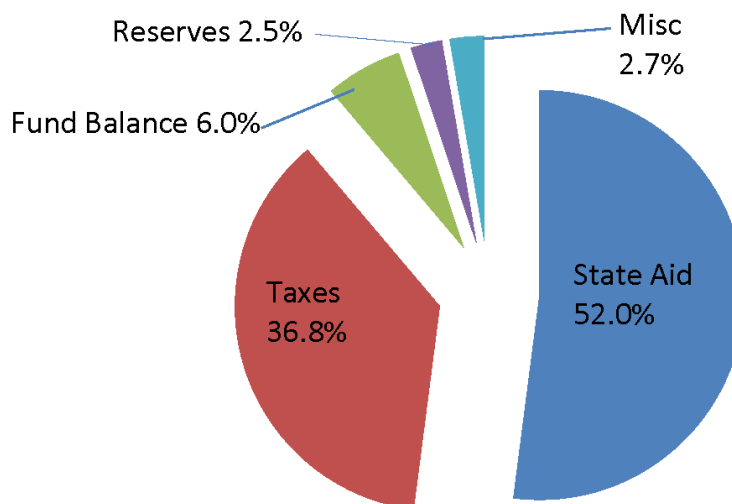
# 2023-24 Budget Information

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 49,445,203	\$ 53,246,946	\$ 52,808,202										
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$ 3,801,743	\$ 3,362,999										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.69%	6.80%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.00%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 19,013,222	\$ 19,583,619											
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ -	\$ -											
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ -	\$ -											
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ -	\$ -											
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 19,013,222	\$ 19,583,619	\$ 19,013,222										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 679,391	\$ 1,131,892											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 18,333,631	\$ 18,813,133											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 18,333,631	\$ 18,451,727											
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ -	\$ 361,406											
Administrative Component	\$ 5,295,656	\$ 5,462,629	\$ 5,431,385										
Program Component	\$ 38,142,479	\$ 40,170,558	\$ 39,913,058										
Capital Component	\$ 6,007,068	\$ 7,613,760	\$ 7,463,760										
<p>* Included within budgeted appropriations is \$100,000 for the completion of a Capital Outlay Project with all funds to be spent in 2023-24</p> <p>** If the Board of Education were to adopt a contingency budget an additional amount of \$ 438,744 would need to be cut from the proposed budget in order to comply with NYS Education law section 2023 and chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, of which \$27,744 must come from the administrative component of the budget.</p> <p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p> <table><tr><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td>Resolution authorizing the lease of seven (7) seventy seat passenger school buses and one (1) 54 passenger wheelchair bus.</td><td>\$ 250,000</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$</td></tr></table>				Description	Amount	Resolution authorizing the lease of seven (7) seventy seat passenger school buses and one (1) 54 passenger wheelchair bus.	\$ 250,000		\$		\$		\$
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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: <a href="mailto:emscmgts@nysed.gov">emscmgts@nysed.gov</a>			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year										
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>			\$ 530										

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Oneida City school district, Madison County, New York, will be held at Durhamville Elementary and Oneida High school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Durhamville Elementary and Oneida High school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

## 2023-24 Revenues



## Capital Outlay Project

State law provides that a district may receive building aid in the following school year for one project each year not to exceed \$100,000. These projects must be paid by budget appropriation (no borrowing) and require full voter authorization through passage of the annual budget. This year the Board of Education has decided to include a Capital Outlay Project to address temperature control upgrades at Oneida Senior High School. This project is eligible for 88% state aid reimbursement.



## Voter Information

### Voter Qualifications

to register to vote, you must be:

- Age 18 or older
- A U.S. Citizen
- A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the day of the vote

### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the District Office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by request to Melissa Short at [mshort@oneidacsd.org](mailto:mshort@oneidacsd.org) or 315-363-2550.

### Voter Registration

You can register in person at the Oneida City School District Office located at 565 Sayles St. Oneida, NY 13421 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday before May 2, 2023. You may also call the Madison County Board of Elections at 315-366-2231 or the Oneida County Board of Elections at 315-798-5765 (depending on your county of residence) for information on registering to vote.

### Questions?

Call 315-363-2550 or visit [www.oneidacsd.org](http://www.oneidacsd.org).



# Congratulations Retirees!



**Cheryl Ano**  
Teacher Aide  
North Broad  
15.5 Years



**Dewayne Cronk**  
ELA  
Oneida High School  
29.5 Years



**David Dampf**  
Social Studies  
OSMS  
32.5 Years



**Kenneth Endemann**  
Bus Driver  
Transportation  
35.25 Years



**Melanie Fountain**  
Administrative Aide  
District Office  
20.5 Years



**Kathleen Gerber**  
Sr. Payroll Clerk  
District Office  
30.25 Years



**Lisa (Billington)  
Mahon**  
Art  
OSMS  
33 Years



**Holly Marshall**  
Students w/  
Disabilities  
Durhamville  
18 Years



**Jacqueline Moyer**  
6th Grade  
OSMS  
31 Years

## In Loving Memory



**Mary White**  
Teacher Aide  
Willard Prior  
42.5 Years

## Elementary Schools Host Book Fairs

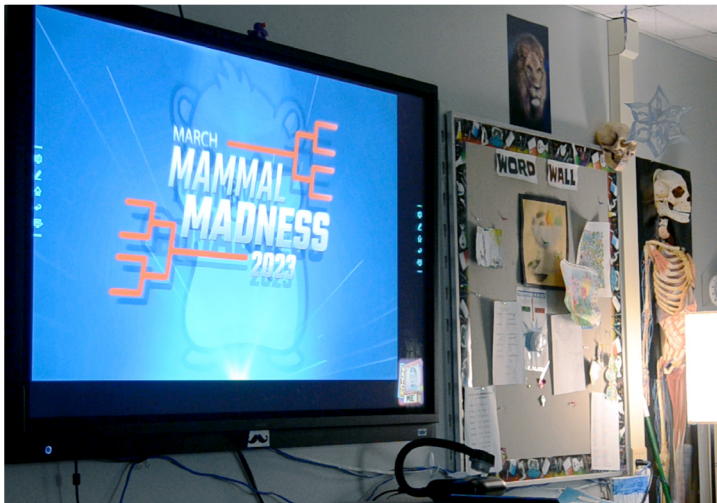
Throughout March, which is National Reading Month, the elementary schools hosted Scholastic Book Fairs. The book fairs are a great way to get students excited about reading, allow them to practice their math skills when buying books and adding taxes, and raise money for the school PTOs.





# March Mammal Madness at OSMS

Every March, Otto Shortell Middle School celebrates March Mammal Madness, a competition where animals of different categories "compete" against each other to see which animal ranks supreme. In March Mammal Madness, animals are categorized by broad shared traits such as: camoflauge, ability to build shelters, parenting behaviors or size.



mammals (hence its name), but over the years it has expanded to include various birds, insects, reptiles, fish and amphibians. Students at Otto Shortell Middle School researched various animals, learned about their different adaptations



The concept was developed by Dr. Katie Hinde from Arizona State University and has spread to schools across the country.

Initially, March Mammal Madness only included



and threats to their survival, and picked which animals they believed would win overall. Every year, students have a wonderful time and the whole school finds ways to participate in March Mammal Madness, from making PowerPoint presentations on certain animals to crafting mosaic cubes with information on animals.



# Building Project Updates

Throughout the school year, construction has been ongoing across the district, with major renovations at Oneida High School and Otto Shortell Middle School. Recently, at Oneida High School, construction on the new auditorium has been underway and new bathrooms near the auditorium have been installed. At Otto Shortell Middle School, several student bathrooms have been renovated and remodeled, drinking fountains have been installed and an improved faculty bathroom is under construction.



Auditorium Renovations  
*Oneida High School*



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Lobby Renovations  
*Oneida High School*



New Auditorium Bathrooms  
*Oneida High School*



New Addition Siding  
*Oneida High School*



New Faculty Bathroom  
*Otto Shortell Middle School*



New Boys' Bathroom  
*Otto Shortell Middle School*



New Drinking Fountain  
*Otto Shortell Middle School*

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High School Assistant Principal

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High School Assistant Principal  
& Athletic Director

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Otto Shortell Middle School Principal

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Otto Shortell Middle School Assistant  
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## OHS Z Club Hosts Self-Defense Seminar



On February 16, the Oneida High School Z Club hosted a self-defense seminar for all interested students, staff and faculty members. The seminar was led by Rudy Duncan of Duncan's Martial Arts Academy, along with Corey Brown, a Canastota-based martial arts instructor.

While the seminar was specifically designed for women, the techniques learned are useful for anyone in a dangerous situation. Duncan's self-defense model is based on the three



A's: Awareness, Assessment and Action. Those that participated in the seminar learned some important skills, especially for our students, many of whom will be moving on to unfamiliar and new environments shortly.

