



Oceanside Schools

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Fall 2022

Oceanside Students Take A Look At Teaching

Grant from NYS Teachers Union Will Fund Mentoring Opportunities

In late October, 80 high school and middle school students who had signed up for the district's new Take A Look At Teaching (TALAT) club met in the OHS library for the TALAT kickoff. The event featured New York State teacher of the year, Billy Green, as the special guest and speaker.

The TALAT club offers students who are interested in careers in education the opportunity to learn about the profession and the pathways to becoming certified. They will also have many mentors within their own schools and at Long Island University, which is partnering with the district.

Jennifer Wolfe, an Oceanside High School teacher who was the 2021-22 New York State teacher of the year, led the kick-off event with Kathy Smith, a middle school English teacher,

and Helen Dixon, who teaches the College Elementary Education elective at OHS which offers college credit to students. Ms. Smith and Ms. Dixon will serve as advisors to their schools' TALAT club chapters.

The TALAT initiative is funded by a \$10,000 grant from the New York State Teachers Union,

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aimed at forestalling a looming teacher shortage. Student enrollment is projected to grow across the state in the years ahead and many veteran teachers are nearing retirement age.

Gavin Kalner, a social studies teacher at Oceanside High School, wrote the grant proposal with support from Betsy Weinman, the district's professional development center coordinator. Already many Oceanside teachers have agreed to work with the TALAT students.

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Merit Scholars Announced

Lyndsay Chetkof and Charles Wang of Oceanside High School have been named National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC) Semifinalists. Students are entered into the competition when they take the pre-SAT exam and are selected on the basis of their high scores.

Semifinalists represent less than one percent of all U.S. high school seniors. In addition to the prestige that being a semifinalist adds to their college resumes, Lyndsay and Charles now have the opportunity to continue in the



competition with the potential to win scholarship awards.

Liora Raimondi, Janine Chi and Victor Gomez were named Commended Scholars. They represent the top 3 percent of students taking the exam nationwide. Commended Scholars do not continue in the NMSC but may become candidates for special scholarships sponsored by businesses.

OMS Welcomes Author Megan Freeman

Students and teachers at Oceanside Middle School have been reading aloud together to finish the book *Alone* in time for author Megan Freeman's visit. The book is about a young girl who wakes up in her Colorado town to find that everyone is mysteriously gone. How she learns to survive with only a dog as her companion is the focus of the story.

Ms. Freeman spoke with groups of students and signed copies of her book, which is written in verse like an epic poem. Ms. Freeman is an award-winning novelist, poet and former teacher.



Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Oceanside School District

September 2023



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...Tuition-Free for all participants ...

Lottery



Seats are limited.

Lottery Selection will take place January 27, 2023.

Scan this QR Code to sign up for the lottery between January 9-25, 2023.



Eligibility



Oceanside District Residents

Must be born between
Dec. 2, 2018 - Dec 1, 2019

Hours



9:20am-2:20pm

Monday-Friday

Follows District Calendar

Call School #6 Main Office at 516-594-2345
if you have questions about registering your child.

Scan for Q&A containing
additional information
on UPK, eligibility,
logistics.



Welcome New



Matthew Barone
#7 Biology



Sarah Blair
#3 Psychologist



Michael Bosch
Castleton Math



Luke Brush
Castleton/DW
Phys. Ed.



Tracy Busk
#7, Digital Comm.



Zoe Caponegro
#7 English



Amelia Cariddi
#2 Social Worker



Madeline Casalino
#7 English



Anthony D'Auria
Castleton, Spec. Ed.



Eric Dumouchelle
#7 Math



Matthew English
#5 Elementary



Marissa Evola,
#7, Counselor



Joseph Faranello
#7 Math



Luke Gagstetter
#7 Dean



Lisa Ganz
#8 Psychologist



Ashley Gungor
#8 ENL



William Hanrahan
Castleton, S.Studies



Joseph Horner
#2 & #5 Music



Amanda Howard
#9E Elementary



Sonia Karmily
#6 Reading

In June, we said goodbye to beloved educators who retired after many years of dedicated service. We now welcome our newest faculty members and wish them success!

ew Teachers!



Danielle Kramer
#7 Science



Megan Librizzi
#7 Counselor



Victoria Liguori
#7, Social Studies



Alyssa Loscalzo
#6 Pre-K



Jessica Lund
#9E Elementary



Katherine Madison
#7 Math



Anna Magnani
#6 Pre-K



Kelly Mahabir
#7 Math



Melissa Mathison
#6 Pre-K



Aidan Moore
#7 Music



Laura Moriarty
#4 Spec. Ed.



Nicole Mule
#7 English



Sharaya Owens
#9M Social Studies



Frank Rossetti
#3 Elementary



Maxianne Russo
#6 Spec. Ed.



Elena Scarano
#3 & #8 Band



Grace Solomita
#2 & #8 Health &
Wellness



Nicholas Stertz
#9M, Counselor



Nicole Winters
#4 Spec. Ed.

Not present for the photo: Cassidy Eannucci, #4 Elementary; Amanda LoGiudice, #6 Kindergarten; Amanda Profera, #4 Elementary; Janice Razzano, #7 Psychologist; Katherine Scianimanico, #2 Elementary; Stephanie Sheehan, #8 Elementary; Michelle Taplin, #7 Theater.



Oceanside Public Schools
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
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**Winter
 2022-2023**



YOUTH BASKETBALL

10 WEEK SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

GIRLS & BOYS • GRADES 2-6

Learn the basics of basketball from dribbling, shooting and footwork to teamwork.

Online Registration Has Begun - Register by December 9th!

Fee..... \$120 (Includes T-Shirt)

Clinics begin the 1st week of January - On Wed., January 4th & Thurs., January 5th

Winter Events

*Holiday Events Co-Sponsored
 by Oceanside Kiwanis*



SANTA'S MAIL BOX

All Ages

This year, Santa's Mail Box will be in front of the DOCA office on Merle Ave, Mondays through Fridays, from 9am until 4pm and at the Oceanside Library!

Letters will be accepted **Monday, Nov. 21st** until **Friday, Dec. 16th.**

All letters that include a return address will be answered!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

All Ages

Saturday, December 17th ♦ Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: School 6, Merle Avenue Gym, Auditorium & Cafeteria

*Santa's Mail Box will be in front of Santa's Workshop
 Last chance to mail your letter to Santa!*



*Join us for Holiday Songs,
 Cookie Decorating,
 Holiday Crafts
 & Other Surprises!*

"DAMES AT SEA"



THEATRE GUILD OF OCEANSIDE
 in association with
The Department of Community Activities
 proudly presents

The Hit Musical Comedy

"DAMES AT SEA"

Saturday, December 3 @ 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 4 @ 3:00 pm

Oceanside School 6 Theatre

SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS



\$15: Seniors/Students/OSD Staff

\$20: General Public

Tickets available at SHOWTIX4U.com

The Oceanside Community Chorale
 will present

Holiday Memories

**Sunday, December 18th
 3:00pm**

School 8 Auditorium

*Tickets available from chorale members or the
 Department of Community Activities office.
 Cost: \$10; Children Under 12 Free.*

Don't Forget!

Look for our January Booklet Online with
WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS 2023!

Online Registration begins 7:00pm on
 Monday, January 9th

Walk-In Registrations accepted by
 appointment only starting January 10th
 at the DOCA Office ♦ 9:00-3:00pm



Students Take A Look At Teaching *continued from page 1*

At the kickoff, Mr. Green, a high school chemistry teacher in New York City, spoke to students about his journey and the devotion to students and great teaching that he hopes to inspire.

Student reactions indicate that Mr. Green achieved his goal. “The middle school students spoke about Billy the entire way back to the middle school,” Ms. Smith said.



New York State Teacher of The Year Billy Green with OMS Students at TALAT Club launch

“To be honest, Billy Green is now one of my idols,” said 7th grader Charli Smalls. “It was so heartwarming to see a person of color and difference who succeeded in the face of difficult circumstances.”

OMS 8th grader Katie Nolan was similarly inspired. “He followed his dream, and is now the number one teacher in New York for 2023. Just as his teachers inspired him, he’s inspiring so many kids today.”

Teachers across the district are opening their doors to TALAT students, who are eager to learn.

Free and Reduced Price Meals: Eligibility

The Federal Government funds free and reduced price meals based on eligibility. Families are encouraged to complete the Free and Reduced Price Meals application even if they are not sure they qualify, as it can help with eligibility for other benefits.

Contact the main office of your child’s school for an application. Visit oceansideschools.org for contact information.

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

| Total Family Size | Annual | Monthly | Twice per Month | Every Two Weeks |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | \$ 25,142 | \$ 2,096 | \$ 1,048 | \$ 967 |
| 2 | \$ 33,874 | \$ 2,823 | \$ 1,412 | \$ 1,303 |
| 3 | \$ 42,606 | \$ 3,551 | \$ 1,776 | \$ 1,639 |
| 4 | \$ 51,338 | \$ 4,279 | \$ 2,140 | \$ 1,975 |
| 5 | \$ 60,070 | \$ 5,006 | \$ 2,503 | \$ 2,311 |
| 6 | \$ 68,802 | \$ 5,734 | \$ 2,867 | \$ 2,647 |
| 7 | \$ 77,534 | \$ 6,462 | \$ 3,231 | \$ 2,983 |
| 8 | \$ 86,266 | \$ 7,189 | \$ 3,595 | \$ 3,318 |
| *Each add'l person add | \$ 8,732 | \$ 728 | \$ 364 | \$ 336 |

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Get ready for UPK and Kindergarten!

See page 3 for more information on how to sign-up for the UPK Lottery.

Registration for Kindergarten will begin on January 9. Visit the district website at oceansideschools.org/parents-students/register-for-school for information and to enroll your child in the kindergarten class of 2023-24.

Wishing all of our students, staff & families a peaceful and joyous holiday season!