



## Superintendent Highlights April 2019

Dear Owego Apalachin School Community,

I hope everyone enjoyed a much needed Spring Break. It's amazing to think we have only two months of school left. The next couple months are some of the busiest we have on campus.

There will be several musical, athletic and academic events that will take place during this time. I truly enjoy the multitude of activities and honors that will showcase many of the great things our students are accomplishing. I look forward to seeing many of you on our campuses as we come together to celebrate our students! Here are a few highlights from over the past couple of months...

### **Career Day with The Chamber of Commerce**

Together with the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce and the Tioga Employment Center, we hosted our 2nd annual career day for fifth grade, middle school and high school students on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Around 50 local businesses participated this year, giving our students a chance to speak with them to learn more about current and future opportunities and the skills and education needed to pursue such a career. The commitment to the best education possible happens with supportive community partnerships that include students, parents, schools and businesses.

### **District-Wide Innovation Challenge**

This winter, we held a district-wide innovation challenge where groups of students, faculty and staff, and even the Board of Education, were tasked with building a tower out of a potato, straws, 4 toothpicks and tape. The goal was to create a tower that would hold the potatoe at least 12cm off a table. Pictures of the finished towers were posted to social media, and the group with the tallest tower and the best/most creative design were awarded prizes. Be sure to keep an eye on Twitter for our next community-wide innovation challenge!

Click or scan the QR for some pictures!

<http://www.oacsd.org/STEAMAcademy1.aspx>



### **Collective Impact (STEAM Town) Update**

This month, the school district held its second Collective Impact STEAM Town meeting. We are thankful for another exceptional turnout by our stakeholders and business partners, and continue to look forward to growing STEAM in our greater community.

### **What is a Collective Impact STEAM Town Project?**

The Collective Impact process will tap into education and embrace the technology revolution, in order to provide 21st Century education for ALL of its children. STEAM Towns can provide economic viability in a 21st Century economy by developing the workforce to build current businesses and position a town or region as a 21st Century place in which those will want to live, work and play. The Collective Impact group believes our local businesses will reap the benefit of a STEAM Town designation through the commitment of our community partnerships.

### **Stadium Update**

We are in Phase II of our stadium project. The track resurface has begun. As always, weather plays a significant role in completing these types of projects. Track resurfaces are very tricky as the temperature and humidity have to be in a certain range in order to complete the entire process effectively. The stadium will be closed down while this part of the construction is completed. Here are a few photos of the progress so far!

<http://www.oacsd.org/OAPhotos.aspx> Click the link or scan the QR code!



### **Winter Athletics Overview and Recognitions**

We had an exciting winter sports season, filled with a lot of team and individual accomplishments. Several teams saw postseason success and many players were honored for their performances throughout the season. A few highlights from the season include...

- *Girls Basketball – held 19–2 record, Class B Section IV Runner–up, STAC Runner–up, Kaci Donovan surpassed 1000 career points – Kaci, along with Anna Felice and Eeve Coleman were awarded several honors by various news outlets and coaches associations across NYS.*
- *Boys Basketball – held 19–4 record, were Class B Section IV Champs and STAC runner–up. Kobe Bogart and Christian Sage were both honored by various news outlets and coaches associations. Kobe also surpassed the 1000 career point mark.*
- *Wrestling – A huge year of growth, ending with a 16–3 record and STAC Metro Division Champions, 6 wrestlers placed in the Sectional Finals; Cam Bundy Section IV Champ at 170lbs.*
- *Indoor Track – Mikayla Worzel, Nate Bowers and Cam Szabo set school records, while Cam & Nate were also finishers in the NYS Qualifiers and competed in the NYS Championship Meet.*

### **Music Overview and Recognitions**

For the 2nd consecutive year, OACSD is one of 623 school districts across the nation to receive the “Best Communities for Music Education” designation by the NAMM Foundation. The designation highlights the outstanding commitment to music education by our students, staff and community. That commitment is evident from all the events our students have participated in over the past few months.

- *Holiday performances for community by OA musicians at Rotary, Museum, Lights on the River, OA Music Boosters Craft Fair*
- *Kaleidoscope Concert – 250 musicians grades 7–12*
- *The OA Band performed in the Syracuse Carrier Dome as the PEP Band for the SU Men’s Basketball team in front of 24,000 spectators.*
- *The Possibilities (OAMS 6th grade Rock Band) performed at Windsor KORT Modern Band Showcase.*
- *AES, OES and OAMS Chorus groups performed at hockey games*

- Chamber Singers performed at New York Capitol for Music in our Schools month
- Chamber Singers performed at Ithaca College Choral Composition Festival
- The OA Musical “Titanic” featured over 80 students
- MTB and the Possibilities performing at Ti-Ahwaga this Saturday, April 27, 7-9pm
- MTB and the Possibilities performing at Strawberry Festival

### **OFA Art Displayed at Regional Scholastic Show**

The following student's art was selected to represent OFA at the juried 2019 Regional Scholastic show in Elmira.

Julie Selover – Silver Key Award for photography “Puuuuuurfect”  
 Jenna Bergmann – Silver Key Award for photography “A Dash of Color”  
 Mikayla Worzel– Silver Key Award for “Horses” Design in vinyl  
 Nathan Bowers – Subtractive Charcoal, “Ode to the Pear”  
 Nathan Bowers – Colored Pencil, “The Lighthouse”  
 Maria Pawlak – Subtractive Charcoal, “Artistic Cooking”  
 Jordan Cobb – Sgraffito Clay Bowls, “Succulent Serenity”  
 Maddie Ley Gunn – Clay Built Circus Tent, “Surprise”



Click the link or scan the QR code to view the projects!

<http://www.oacsd.org/OwegoApalachinArtDepartment.aspx>

### **OACSD Art Show – June 4th**

We will be holding our first ever PK-12 Art Show on June 4th from 5 - 7:30pm in the OAMS Gymnasium. The show will be open to the public and take place before the OFA Spring Choral Concert that begins at 7:30pm in the OA Theater.

### **Breakfast After the Bell**

Owego Apalachin was featured in the 2019 NYS School Breakfast Report as we've seen a significant growth in our school breakfast participation over the last year. The goal of the program is to provide a free and convenient breakfast to students in grades K-8, right at the beginning of their academic day, also referred to as 'Breakfast After the Bell'. In the 2017-18 School year, OA implemented the Breakfast After the Bell program and since then, have seen a 114% increase in free & reduced-price school breakfast participation, 470 additional students eating breakfast each day and now 81% of our free & reduced-price eligible students are now eating breakfast at school.

If you would like more information on how to apply for free or reduced-price meals, visit this website - <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

To view the NYS Hunger Solutions Breakfast Report in its entirety, visit this link on our website - [http://www.oacsd.org/Downloads/NYS\\_Breakfast\\_Program.pdf](http://www.oacsd.org/Downloads/NYS_Breakfast_Program.pdf)

**State and Regents Testing**

As many of you know we completed the NYS ELA testing in grades 3-8 a few weeks ago. Our students worked very hard on these assessments and were committed to showing everyone in our community, region and across the state just how great the Owego Apalachin Central School District students are. I am very proud of the students and staff for their efforts. The students will also complete the 3-8 math state assessments next week.

At OFA, most of our students will be taking the New York State Regents Exams that will begin in early June. Our students and staff have been preparing all year and will certainly make us all proud. Last year, Owego Free Academy ranked number 2 in the Broome-Tioga BOCES region in overall regents exam passing results. This was a tremendous accomplishment and we look forward to continued growth.

Best Regards,

***Corey A. Green***