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Calendar

October 5: End of 5 Weeks

October 6: No School

October 11: 8th Grade Elders Visit

October 11: ONS Open House 6:30-7:30

October 24: ONS Picture Day

October 27: Night Out @ ONS



October

October's the month
When the smallest breeze
Gives us a shower
Of autumn leaves.
Bonfires and pumpkins,
Leaves sailing down -
October is red
And golden and brown.



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Classroom News

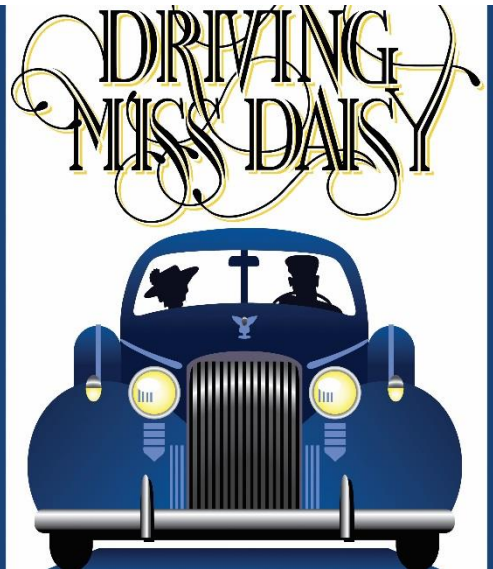
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ELA

The year is off to a fast start! The seventh grade has started a unit on short stories. Students will be focusing on the elements of a story, as well as summarizing. They will use a variety of graphic organizers to practice these skills.

Eighth grade is reading the play *Driving Ms. Daisy* by Alfred Uhry. The students enjoy trying the accents of the characters! They will also learn a lot about prejudice, friendship and social inequality through this story.

The eighth graders should have already picked their elders for their interview projects. The date for the kick-off celebration with the elders has changed to **Wednesday, October 11 from 10:00-11:00** at ONS in room 115.



Math

Seventh graders are learning a lot about proportional relationships and applying them to real-world situations. They are creating and analyzing tables, graphs, and equations that contain both proportional and non-proportional relationships. We will apply their knowledge of proportions to a class baking project in the coming weeks.

Our eighth grade students are using what they learned about the laws of exponents to help them add, subtract, multiply, and divide numbers that are written in scientific notation. They are also learning the uses (and usefulness) of scientific notation when solving word problems.



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Science

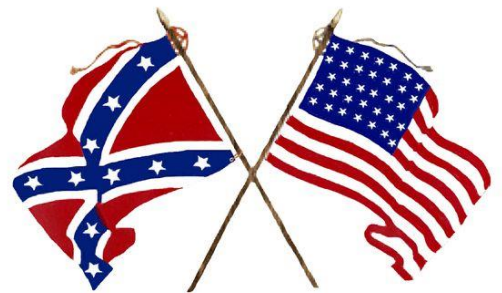


Well, we have begun the journey into autumn and all that it holds for us! ...Colder nights, chilly and shorter days, changing colors, abundant apples ... and students loving to be back in school! **Science 8** is studying Ecological Organization. They are presently researching an organism and its habitat, alongside other populations within its ecosystem. We have discussed the abiotic impact of temperature on living things. We will also soon analyze the problematic deer population in Central NY. **Science 7** is continuing to learning how to take measurements in metric units and convert them. This week they have taken a break from measurements to work on data presentation. They have created a Common Units & Conversions table on a poster and then taken that same data and produced the table on a google doc. Communicating data is essential in the world of Science. It is certainly a peaceful time of year; enjoy this beautiful autumn / geñeñ•ná'geh season!

Social Studies

The eight grade students have finished their study of events that led to the American Civil War. Moving forward, they will be studying the war itself. They will be looking into the difficult decisions individuals and families had to make in deciding how to go about fighting with ones' own countrymen.

Seventh grade is looking at the earliest peoples in North and South America. They will be studying the Mayas, Aztecs and Incas, as well as the many indigenous peoples of what is today the United States. One of the major themes of this unit is looking at how environments affect cultures.



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Erie Canal

On Thursday, September 28, grades 4, 5, 7 & 8 took a trip to the Erie Canal Park in Camillus. While there, students took a boat ride on the canal and over the only working aqueduct in New York State. They also took a tour of Sims Store Museum, went for a walk in the woods to see the original "Clinton's Ditch," and saw a working model of a canal lock system.

The students learned lots of neat facts, such as why mules were used instead of horses, the width and depth of the canal and how goods were bought and sold aboard the boats.



Night Out @ ONS

The ONS Student Leadership Group is sponsoring a Night Out @ ONS on Friday, October 27 from 5:30-9:30 pm. Students in grades 7 & 8 will watch a movie, enjoy refreshments and participate in fun activities inside the school. The movie is TBD and all students must return a permission slip in order to attend.



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