

OSTRANDER NEWS

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Ostrander Families:

Welcome to December, the most wonderful time of the year at Ostrander! We have many events and special projects planned for our students. Here at Ostrander, we are dedicated to maintaining a safe and inviting environment for all students. The holiday season is a good time of year to review with children the need to be kind to others as we never know what someone may be experiencing outside of school. As Maya Angelou once stated, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, **but people will never forget how you made them feel.**"

As we enter this winter season, I would like to take time to remind you that children should come to school with a coat as we will be going outside for recess, and we want them to stay toasty warm while they enjoy the fresh air. Also, please take time to review your SchoolTool emergency contact information and other demographic information and contact the main office to make any necessary changes.

Have a wonderful holiday,
Yvonne Herrington, Interim Principal

Upcoming Events

@ Ostrander Elementary School [unless otherwise indicated]

12/4 Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause Assembly 10:00 a.m.

12/12 5th and 6th Grade Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.

12/13 6th Grade Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

12/14 After-School Program Session #1 Ends

12/15 End of 5-Week Marking Period

12/16 PTO's Cookies with Santa 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

12/19 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.

12/20 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. @ Leptondale Elementary School

12/22 Winter Recess Begins

1/2 Schools Reopen



CLARE F. OSTRANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

895-7225 Announcement Line
895-7232 Attendance Office
895-7231 Health Office
895-7229 Health Office Fax
895-7225 Main Office
895-8043 Main Office Fax

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Health Office Donations Needed

Nurse Bean is looking for donations of pants for boys and girls in sizes 6 through 12. Other clothing items are not needed at this time. Donations of new or gently used pants may be dropped off at the school.

After-School Program

Session #1 of the K-6 after-school program ends on Thursday, December 14. Session #2 is planned to begin in February 2024.



The Ostrander PTO proudly presents: **Cookies with Santa** on Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All students and their families are invited to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! There will be cookies and hot chocolate, raffles and more! Wear your favorite holiday pajamas and please bring a personal hygiene item to donate to help support Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Kindly RSVP to attend this event.

Stay Connected via Facebook

Our Facebook page, *Ostrander Elementary School and PTO*, is a collaboration between the school and its PTO. Be sure to "like us" to stay connected to fun and informative school news.

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PTO

One of the best ways to get involved and support the school is to join the Parent Teacher Organization. The next general membership meeting is December 19 at 7:00 p.m. The 6th Grade Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Their next meeting is December 13 at 7:00 p.m. PTO meetings are held in the school library. All are welcome!



Ostrander Winter Concert

Please join us on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ostrander Gymnasium for our annual **Ostrander Elementary School Winter Concert**. Please come listen to the Ostrander 5th and 6th grade band, chorus and orchestra. All student performers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Band students report to the cafeteria. Chorus students report to the general music room. Orchestra students report to the instrumental music room. We hope you will come and enjoy this special evening with us.



Inclement Weather Reminders

In the event that schools have a delayed opening or schools are closed due to inclement weather conditions, parents and guardians are urged to sign up for text message alerts from SchoolMessenger (see District homepage for more information), check the district website for announcements, call our announcement line at 845-895-7225 or listen to the radio/tv (participating stations are listed on the district website and in your student handbook).

Reminder About School Delays: In the event of a two-hour delayed opening, students should NOT be dropped off prior to 10:30 a.m. There is no supervision for students before this time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Reminder About Early Dismissals: In the event of a significant change in dismissal time due to inclement weather or any unexpected problem, our parent notification calling system will be utilized.



IMPORTANT:

Please make sure to notify your child's school with any changes to your emergency contact information (address, phone, email address etc.).

The main office must be notified of any change to your child's transportation. The main office will relay the information to your child's teacher and the bus company, if applicable. Thank you for your cooperation!

Attendance Matters

"If I'm not here, I can't learn." Visit www.everystudentpresent.org to learn ways to help your child attend school every day.

- Boost your child's confidence
- Keep your child on track with schoolwork
- Keep your child healthy
- Protect your child from bullies



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