

# OSTRANDER NEWS



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Ostrander Families:

Happy Fall! I am so thankful for a great start to the school year. Thank you for attending Open House and signing up for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Remember to keep your child home if they are not feeling well and communicate all absences with us. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call or email me directly. I am here to help.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Harjes, Principal



**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

Homecoming Parade – Friday, October 20th – join us in representing Ostrander Elementary!

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 27th

## Parking Lot Safety

Safety is our top priority. Please note all traffic rules posted on school property. Obey designated speed limits and do not enter the bus lane during arrival/dismissal.

## After-School Academic Support

After-school academic support sessions designed to help strengthen skills in reading and math will begin on Monday, October 2nd. This program is *by invitation only* and will run through Thursday, December 14th. Sessions will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Transportation is not provided. Grades K, 1 and 2 meet **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 meet **Tuesdays**, **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**.

## George Steele

Let's get excited about science! Environmental science educator, Mr. George Steele, is coming back to meet with Ostrander students. He will be here for six (6) days throughout October discussing the following topics with our students:

- Aquatic Ecology
- Bones
- Mammals of New York State
- Nature's Songs
- Orienteering
- Owl Ecology
- The Study of Birds

## Walk to School Day

Students and families can meet Coach Palazzo and Coach Kutcha at Popp's Pavilion on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:30 a.m. for our annual Walk to School event.

## School Picture Day

Send them to school with a smile! Upstate Images will be at Ostrander on Tuesday, October 3rd to photograph our students. You may send in your payment envelope on picture day or order online using order code:

**Ostrander23**. Free shipping is available on all orders placed by October 5th. If you prefer to order after seeing the proof sheet, your order will include an additional shipping fee and are mailed directly to your home address.

## Upcoming Events

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| 10/2  | Krispy Kreme Distribution                                  |
| 10/3  | School Picture Day                                         |
| 10/4  | Walk to School Day                                         |
| 10/6  | Energy Endgame Assembly                                    |
| 10/6  | End of 5-Week Marking Period                               |
| 10/9  | Schools Closed for Holiday                                 |
| 10/10 | Firemen's Visit (Pre-K – 3)                                |
| 10/11 | Elementary Orchestra Parent Night 7:00 p.m.                |
| 10/16 | S.O.M.E. Meeting 6:30 p.m.                                 |
| 10/17 | PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.                                      |
| 10/18 | Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. (OES)                 |
| 10/20 | Homecoming Parade                                          |
| 10/23 | Red Ribbon/Spirit Week (more information coming home soon) |
| 10/23 | Pops Concert (Band) 7:00 p.m. (WSHS)                       |
| 10/26 | Pops Concert (Orchestra and Chorus) 7:00 p.m. (WSHS)       |
| 10/27 | Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m.                                   |
| 10/31 | Teacher Planning Day/ K-12 Early Release                   |

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| 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   |

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 21st. If you did not make an appointment at Open House, please call the main office at 845-895-7225 to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher.



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