

OSTRANDER NEWS



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Ostrander Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. Your child will be coming home with a home/school communication folder. This will help keep you up-to-date on what is happening at school. Please be sure to check it daily.

Please mark your calendars for Open House:

Grades Pre-K-3: September 18 @ 6:30 pm

Grades 4-6: September 14 @ 6:30 pm

I would also like to encourage you to join our PTO. The PTO will have its first meeting on September 19 at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Natalie Harjes, Principal



WELCOME
BACK
to
School

Back-to-School Forms

It is important to complete and return the back-to-school paperwork sent home in the blue communication folder. This will ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

AM Drop Off (8:30 – 9:00 am)

K-6 students are to be dropped off in the designated unloading zone and exit on the passenger side of the vehicle only. A staff member will be there to assist your child(ren). Parents/guardians of pre-K students must check their child in with the teacher or aide.

Dismissal Procedures

- Pickups will be released at 3:00 pm. Please park in the upper lot and enter through the gymnasium doors to sign out your child. Photo ID is required.
- Walkers are released at 3:00 pm through the main lobby doors.
- Bus dismissal begins at 3:05 pm.

NOTE: Any changes to your child's dismissal plan must be submitted in writing to the main office.

Attendance

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building positive attendance habits early on so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Here are some helpful tips:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

National School Lunch & Breakfast Program

WCSD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00; elementary lunch costs \$2.20. Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Please return the School Meal Program application as soon as possible.

Check It Out!

Are you looking for:

- the letter day?
- important school documents?
- upcoming events?

Go To:

<https://www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us/domain/21>

Upcoming Events

9/6	First Day of School
9/11	PBIS Kickoff
9/14	Open House Gr. 4-6 @ 6:30 pm
9/18	Open House Gr. Pre-K-3 @ 6:30 pm
9/19	PTO Meeting @ 7 pm
9/20	Board of Education Meeting @ 7 pm (WSHS)
9/25	Schools Closed
9/26	5 th Grade Ashokan
10/3	Fall Picture Day

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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OSTRANDER IS A PBIS SCHOOL

PBIS stands for **P**ositive **B**ehavioral **I**nterventions and **S**upports.
PBIS creates schools where all students succeed.

PBIS KICKOFF

On September 11, all students will attend a PBIS kickoff for the 2023-2024 school year. During this kickoff students will learn the PBIS expectations throughout the building and the PBIS promise.



PBIS PROMISE:

PAWS

Today I will have a
Positive Attitude,
Act Respectfully and
Responsibly,
make **W**ise Choices,
and keep myself and
others **S**afe.

PAWS STORE

Students will be earning **PAWS** points as they demonstrate a **P**ositive Attitude, **A**ct Respectfully and Responsibly, make **W**ise Choices and keep others and themselves **S**afe.



PAWS AWARDS

Throughout the school year, students will be recognized for demonstrating a Positive Attitude, Acting Respectfully and Responsibly, making Wise Choices and keeping others and themselves Safe.

These awards will be given out on a quarterly basis. We look forward to celebrating our **PAWS** students.

REMINDER

Cell phones must be powered down and put away in backpacks upon entering Ostrander Elementary School. Please review this expectation with your child(ren).