



ORCHARD VIEW

Extra Edition

WINTER SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

SNOWCOMING

MEET COACH JAMES

MARCH IS READING MONTH

A Newsletter for the Orchard View Community

SPRING 2024



Excitement is in the Air!

Dear Orchard View Community:

I hope this message finds you all in good spirits as we embrace the

beautiful season of spring following a very mild winter! With the sun shining a bit brighter and flowers starting to bloom, it's hard not to feel excitement in the air as we gear up for some awesome spring events and end-of-year celebrations.

Can you believe how fast this school year has flown by? It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming everyone back after the summer break; but here we are, already looking forward to wrapping the 2023-2024 school year up with a bang.

Of course, the capstone of every school year is our graduation ceremony. The Class of 2024 is scheduled to graduate on **Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m.** This is a chance for us to come together as a community and cheer on our amazing seniors as they get ready to take on the

world. Furthermore, let's not forget about all of the other awesome students who have worked so hard this year. All of our students deserve some serious recognition! Ceremonies and celebrations will take place over the final few weeks of school in each of the buildings (make sure to check with your building principal for details).

Finally, I want to take a moment and give a big shout-out to our incredible teachers, staff members, and volunteers. Your dedication to our students and your hard work has made this year a success. Thank you for everything you do! It's because of you that I can say,

"It's a Great Day to be a Cardinal"

As we dive into these last two months of the school year, be sure to make the most of them! Take time to celebrate achievements, both big and small, and cherish the memories created during an action-packed 2023-2024 school year.

Here's to a fantastic end-of-year!

Sincerely,
Jim Nielsen,
Superintendent

Spring Calendar

- APRIL 8** Kindergarten Round Up
3-4pm and 5-6pm
- APRIL 12** Special Person's Dance, OVEE
- APRIL 16** 4th Grade Spring Concert,
Cardinal EI
- APRIL 23** Lego STEAM/Math Night,
Cardinal EI - 5:30pm-7:00pm
- APRIL 25** Middle Vision Cosmetology
Exhibition of Learning,
CTC - 3:30pm
- MAY 2** OVHS Honors Banquet
- MAY 4** OVHS Prom
- MAY 16** OVHS Decision Day & Honors
Assembly
- MAY 21** 5th Grade theater production,
Cardinal EI
- MAY 22** County Wide Exhibition of
Learning PBL/3P Learning/
Middle Vision
CTC Pride Room - 4:30-7:00pm
- MAY 22** 5th Graders to Camp
Pentalouan - Cardinal EI
- MAY 29** ILC Graduation
- MAY 30** Senior Parade through the district
- JUNE 2** OVHS Graduation - 2:00pm
- JUNE 3** 5th Grade Parade and
Celebration, Cardinal EI
- JUNE 5** End of the Year i-Ready
Celebration, HS Track
- JUNE 7** Last Day of School!!



Thank You!



We extend our sincerest gratitude to the folks at the USS Silversides Museum for the overwhelming success of our USS Silversides excursion. This enriching experience not only brought history to life but also instilled invaluable lessons in our students.

By immersing themselves in the history and technology of the USS Silversides, our students gained a deeper understanding of naval operations during World War II and the experiences of those who served.

We're proud to facilitate such impactful experiences that go beyond the classroom, shaping well-rounded individuals equipped with knowledge and insight.



Keep on top of all the **GREAT THINGS** happening at Orchard View on our Facebook page!

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MARCH IS READING MONTH FUN!



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Students and families were engaged in a very entertaining *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* night of fun to kick off March is Reading Month. The night included prizes and games for children and their families to enjoy together. All Cardinal Elementary students received a copy Ronald Dahl's, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to read throughout the month of March. Students were also engaged in many activities throughout the month including a wear your words parade, reading in an unusual place. The staff at both elementaries make this month so enjoyable for students! For the **LOVe** of books!



OVEE PRESENTS

WONDER WOMAN

Percentage of Class Votes:
100% - Mrs. McMullin

***THIS IS OUR FIRST UNANIMOUS VOTE AT A SCHOOL!**



OVEE PRESENTS

IRON TACO

Percentage of Class Votes:
67% - Ms. Pitlock
27% - Mrs. Hernandez
6% - Mrs. Lewis



OVEE PRESENTS

STORM TROOPER WOOKIEE

Percentage of Class Votes:
25% - Mr. Holm
25% - Mr. Simila
19% - Mr. Lindstrom
19% - Mr. Baker
6% - Ms. Boyink
6% - Mr. Levi



OVEE PRESENTS

SPIDER-MAN

Percentage of Class Votes:
18% - Ms. Versluys
18% - Mrs. Cornish
11% - Ms. Amanda
11% - Mrs. Sikkenga
6% - 7 Staff Members



OVEE PRESENTS

CHEWBACCA

Percentage of Class Votes:
19% - Ms. Mitchell
19% - Mrs. Johnson
19% - Mrs. Ackley
12% - Mrs. Sikkenga
12% - Ms. Pitlock
6% - 3 Different Teachers

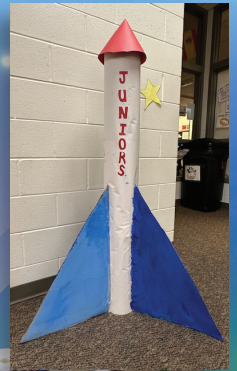


THE MASKED READER

Students at OV Early Elementary and their families worked together to **Unmask the Reader** with a goal of 20 minutes of reading each night and a total of 100,000 minutes read as a school for the Month of March. Prizes and incentives were embedded into the month of literacy fun, including dressing up as your favorite masked character, a masquerade ball, trips to the book vending machine, and an unmasking party to see who the Masked Readers were throughout the month.

Congrats Seniors!

1 NUMBER ONE



JUNIORS!



SOPHOMORES!



FRESHMEN!

Snowcoming at Orchard View



Kindergarten Round Up

@ Orchard View Early Elementary
3 pm-4 pm or 5 pm-6pm
Monday, April 8, 2024

Low Class Sizes

Highly Educated Professional Teaching Staff

Villages of Classrooms Offering a Community Feel

Project Based Learning Opportunities

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QUIZ BOWL!

The West Michigan Conference Quiz Bowl season ended Wednesday, February 28th. The Orchard View Varsity team finished with 1 win and 4 losses in league play. Orchard View's **Josh Dove** earned All Conference Honors and **Tanner Johnson** was recognized with an All Conference Honorable Mention certificate!



Josh Dove



Tanner Johnson





INTRODUCING COACH JAMES

"In His Own Words"

I am a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan University, where I was a dual sport athlete. Upon graduation I spent 5 seasons playing professional football overseas. I have had the opportunity to play in Denmark, France, Switzerland, and Norway. I have coached football for 16 years and spent the last 13 years at Mona Shores High School as Offensive Coordinator. I have coached in the State Championship four times - 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020...winning back-to-back championships in 2019 & 2020.

I have been fortunate enough to coach 20+ college athletes as well as been part of Academic All State teams the last eight years.

My wife and I have two girls, Arin (12) and Avery (9). I've been in the school system working as a Behavioral Specialist for the past 8yrs. I am very passionate about building relationships with students and watching them grow, and I am very excited about the opportunities here at Orchard View.

I'm looking forward to becoming a trustworthy figure in the school and in the community, as well as being someone students can feel comfortable and confident talking with and being able to help them reach their full potential.

**"I'm excited to get to work.
LET'S GO CARDINALS!"**



WINTER SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

BOYS BASKETBALL

Delaney Oakes⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cambrie Hardie⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference

WRESTLING

Team⁺
Conference Runner-Up⁺
Landen Arvey⁺
First Team-All Conference⁺
Jaxon Tuttle⁺
First Team-All Conference⁺
Mason Tuttle⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference⁺
Darius Flowers⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference⁺
Aquilla Payne⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference⁺
Jamario Dash⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference⁺

BOYS BOWLING

Team⁺
Team Conference Champions- year 2⁺
Ashton Tjapkes⁺
First Team All-Conference⁺
Tristin Beerman⁺
First Team All-Conference⁺
Korson Bowen⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference⁺

GIRLS BOWLING

Team⁺
State Qualifiers⁺
Zariah Burt⁺
First Team All-Conference⁺
Nazalia Mendiola⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference⁺
Taylor Beerman⁺
Honorable Mention-All Conference⁺

POWER LIFTING

Justin Switzer⁺
2nd Place All State⁺

LET'S GO
CARDINALS

Events Hosted by OV
Conference Bowling Tourney
District Boys Basketball Tourney
Division 4 State Bowling Tourney

Congratulations

30
wins
=
0
losses

Lamont Vines JR.

8TH GRADE WRESTLING CHAMPION!

Students of the Month



OV Early Elementary

OV Cardinal Elementary

Orchard View Middle School

Orchard View High School

Orchard View Community Ed

FEBRUARY



HUDSON SPENCER



MARION BENNETT



AIDEN LEEK



LILLIAN KLEIN



MICHAEL GLUK III

JANUARY



JOSEPH MOREY SEIDL



KA'MONEE BROWN



KEAGAN VANDAMME



JARED DAULT



BRENT GALANT

DECEMBER



VIOLET CRITCHETT



WILLIAM WRIGHT



RILEY PLOTTS



RIVER CREED



SCARLETT BATT

DUNK
DISTRACTED
DRIVING



Orchard View High School students got to experience the **DUNK Distracted Driving** program on Monday, February 26th thanks in part to AGAnation and the US Army. **DUNK Distracted Driving** combines high-energy basketball action with an inspirational and educational message on reducing distracted driving among teenagers. The 30-minute assembly features various segments including interactive discussion with students about the acronym DUNK as well as unbelievable dunks with student/staff participation. The US Army also gave away a \$100 amazon gift card to one lucky winner! *Congrats Na'Asia Hector.*

- D** DON'T BE A DISTRACTED DRIVER... OBEY LAWS
- U** UNINTERRUPTED ATTENTION TO THE ROAD
- N** NEVER TEXT, NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE
- K** KNOW YOUR LIMITS AND ABILITY AS A DRIVER



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**innOVative Learning Center/
Adult Education 231-760-1953**

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2024

CARDINAL CAMP



**Weekly
Field Trips!**



**Youth
Enrichment Activities**



**Team Building
Exercises**

REGISTER NOW!



**Monday-Friday
6AM to 6PM
June 10th-August 23rd**



**Orchard View Early Elementary
2820 MacArthur Road
Muskegon, MI**



Calling All Little Learners!

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

For children who are ages 3 or 4 by Sep. 1

Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.

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- ✓ Play-based learning
- ✓ Outdoor play

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**Proudly educating little learners in Orchard View
Oakridge and Ravenna Schools**



OV PRESCHOOL
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