



ORCHARD VIEW

Extra Edition

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

MIDDLE VISION

FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS!

A TRUE CHAMPION!

A Newsletter for the Orchard View Community

WINTER 2024



New Year Around the Corner...

Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Community Members:

As we approach the end of the calendar year,

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible first half of the school year. The 2023-24 school year has brought its share of challenges, but it has also showcased our collective resilience, dedication, and the unwavering spirit that defines our school community and what it means to say **"It's Always a Great Day to be a Cardinal!"**

Christmas is just around the corner, and I would like to express my gratitude to our entire school community for the ongoing support and commitment to Orchard

View students and their education. In the spirit of this holiday, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the things I am thankful for and celebrate daily; our students and their families, our dedicated staff, and the entire community who have come together to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for student learning and growth.

As we move into the end of 2023, I'd like to wish you all a warm and wonderful time spent with family and friends. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or any other holiday, may this season be filled with peace, love, and togetherness. During the holiday season, I encourage you to take a moment to support those in our community who may be less fortunate. Acts of kindness and generosity exemplify the true spirit of this time of year.

Looking ahead to the new year, I am filled with excitement for what lies ahead. Our district has proven that together, we can accomplish great things. We will continue to prioritize the well-being and success of our students, by creating and prioritizing a **Sense of Belonging for all at Orchard View Schools!**

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your continued partnership in our shared mission of educating and empowering our students. May the holidays bring you happiness and good health, and may the new year be filled with new opportunities and achievements. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me jim.nielsen@orchardview.org.

Warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year!

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

Sincerely,
Jim Nielsen,
Superintendent



OV FOOD SERVICE UPDATES

Online Menus & Nutritional Information can be found at orchardview.nutrislice.com

FREE MEALS

- Orchard View is still under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which is not Michigan School Meals. This means Free Meals guaranteed through School Year 2026/2027.
- Please fill out the Education Benefits form every year.

SUMMER EBT

- Summer EBT will be a permanent program starting Summer 2024!
- All K-12 students in a CEP district will receive \$40 a month or \$120 for the whole summer

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

- Provides households with up to a \$30 discount on their monthly internet bill and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a device. ALL OV students qualify. Go to Getinternet.gov to apply.

FAMILY PORTAL

Can be found at orchardview.familyportal.cloud.

- Upload money on student or adult accounts
- Download Education Benefits Form

2023-24 Calendar

DEC 22-JAN 2	Holiday Break
FEB 16-20	Mid-Winter Break
MARCH 15/16	OVHS Robotics Competition
APRIL 1-5	Spring Break
MAY 4	OVHS Prom
MAY 30	innOVative Learning Center Graduation
JUNE 2	Orchard View High School Graduation
JUNE 7	Last day of school

Empowering Middle Schoolers: Unveiling the Path to Creativity and Innovation

At Orchard View, we have always been committed to providing our students with a well-rounded education, equipping them for future success and helping them explore their passions. This commitment extends to our innovative programs that inspire and prepare our young minds for the opportunities that lie ahead.



Fostering Creativity Through Career Exploration

Middle Vision CTC is a growing program designed as a valuable bridge for our students to envision their future careers. Our first session was held in the month of October where students focused on graphic design as authors/illustrators. 10 Orchard View Middle School students and 10 Muskegon Middle School students worked together with instructors from the Career Tech Center providing the perfect environment for young minds to explore their creative potential.

Meet Nova: A Budding Graphic Designer and Illustrator

One of the shining stars of this program is Nova, a bright and creative sixth-grader who, after completing her initial

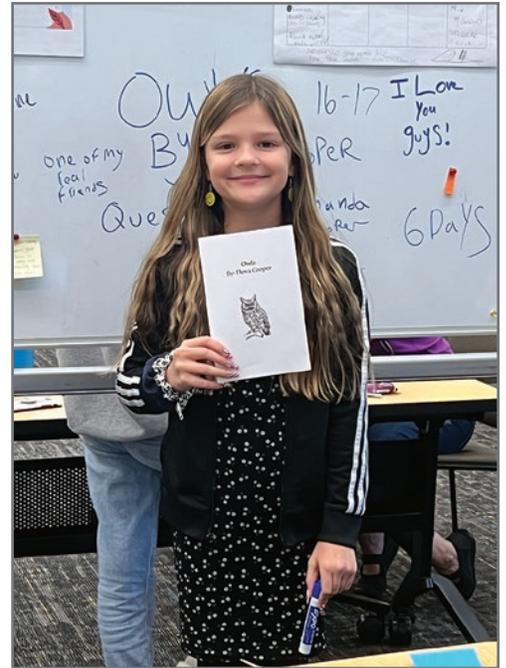
Educational Development Plan in Xello, learned she “matched” in a career pathway in writing and design. Her journey into the world of graphic design and author/illustration began when she signed up for Middle School CTC with curiosity and excitement.

Nova started with a blank canvas, both literally and metaphorically. With the guidance of experienced instructors at the CTC, the inspiration of published author, Kelly Baptist, and access to professional-grade design tools, she began to bring her ideas to life. Nova’s initial excitement soon gave way to even more enthusiasm, as she realized the magic of blending colors, shapes, and words to tell her own stories.

As she dived deeper into the program, Nova discovered a passion for graphic design and author/illustration that she never knew existed. She embarked on projects that ultimately led to her creating her own book and teaching the writing process and creation of her book to family and community members during the final Exhibition of Learning.

Fostering Skills and Confidence

The transformation in Nova went beyond her artistic abilities. She gained essential skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and effective communication as she shared her ideas with her peers, her family, and community members. Moreover, her confidence soared as she realized that her unique perspective and creativity were valuable and worth sharing with the world.

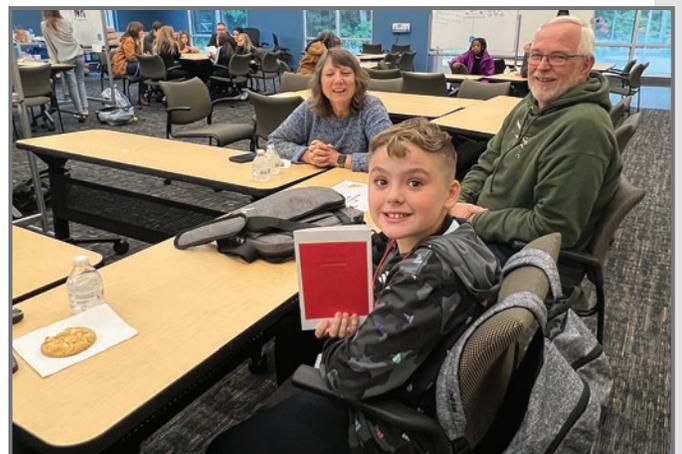


Nova’s story is just one of many inspiring tales emerging from Middle Vision, specifically Middle Vision CTC. Through this program, our students are not only discovering their talents but also building the skills and self-assurance they’ll need to succeed in the world of work of the future.

Unleashing Potential for All

At the heart of Orchard View, we believe that every student deserves a chance to explore, dream, and grow. Middle Vision CTC is a testament to our commitment to nurturing the potential of each student.

We look forward to more success stories and the limitless creativity our students will continue to unleash as they explore their future careers. Next up, Hospitality and Food Management.



The Evolution of Alternative Education

What do you think of when you hear the phrase, “Alternative Education?” “Alternative High School?” “Adult Education?” If you’re like many people, you might picture the pregnant 16-year-old girl or the boy who got kicked out sophomore year for getting in too many fights. You might imagine a row of students on computers completing online credit recovery programs. Perhaps you envision an “easier” diploma. At **Orchard View’s InnOVative Learning Center**, we welcome you to think differently with us. The true meaning of the word “alternative” is *“available as another opportunity.”* If education has not worked for you elsewhere, we can be that opportunity.



Embracing Diversity in Learning Pathways: Every learner has different needs and goals as an individual, and the traditional classroom setting isn’t the ideal environment for everyone. Alternative education allows students to develop a path that works for them and caters to their strengths, interests, and learning styles.

Empathy in Education: Shifting the perspective on alternative education requires us to keep empathy in the center. We understand that every learner has a unique story, and their educational journey should be a reflection of their passions and aspirations.

Breaking Down Barriers: Many students in traditional school settings face barriers to success that are outside their control. By addressing these barriers, students have a greater opportunity to reach their full potential. We can redefine success to be measured by personal growth, resilience, and the ability to navigate a complex world.

Preparing for the Future: In an ever-changing world, education must also change. Alternative pathways, diverse and innovative approaches, and a focus on empathy are all necessary to prepare learners to live in a world that is still being created. Learners need all the hope they can gather in order to face the challenges this world sets before them, and alternative education could be a beacon - if we let it.

For more information on the **InnOVative Learning Center** at Orchard View, please call 231.760.1953 or visit our website: www.enrollvae.org

Preschoolers Take a Trip to the Farm!

Ms. Burns and Ms. Lamb’s preschool classrooms visited Weesies Brothers Farm in Montague. They enjoyed hearing the story *“Spookly the Square Pumpkin”* and learned how being different is a good thing. The students then rode on a wagon out to the pumpkin patch to pick pumpkins. Fun was had by all!

Thank you Weesies Brothers Farm for providing this experience for our students.



Nicole Robbins: A TRUE CHAMPION!



In the wake of another awe-inspiring cross-country season, we are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of **Nicole Robbins**. Her unwavering dedication and remarkable achievements have left an indelible mark on our hearts.

Throughout the season, Nicole tackled challenging courses and competition with unparalleled determination and endurance. Her passion for the sport was evident in every stride, setting new personal records and consistently placing among the top two finishers. Her grit and resilience are a testament to the power of perseverance.

But Nicole’s impact extends beyond her athletic prowess. She embodies teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership, motivating and supporting her teammates. It was not uncommon to find Nicole congratulating other runners as they crossed the finishline, even on the rare occasions that they crossed in front of her!

As Nicole looks to the future, we know she’s just getting started. Her journey inspires us all to reach for our dreams, and we can’t wait to see where her determination leads. Congratulations, Nicole, you’re a true champion, and we’re behind you every step of the way!



A celebratory collage for Dave Glotzbach's retirement. The background is a fiery orange and red. At the top, it says "A surprise retirement celebration was held for DAVE GLOTZBACH on September 22, 2023. Each of our buildings held signs and sent well wishes celebrating Dave's 36 years spent serving the citizens of Muskegon Township." Below this, it says "Dave has been a wonderful asset to our township and supporter of Orchard View Schools. Dave is also a graduate of Orchard View Schools, Class of 1987. Thank you Dave! We wish you well!" The collage includes several photos: a group of people holding signs, a child holding a sign that says "Thank you Dave!", a man holding a young girl, and a group of people holding a large red banner. In the bottom right corner, there is a cartoon illustration of a firefighter in a yellow suit and red helmet.

ORCHARD VIEW SPORTS



Basketball - Boys Varsity

Fri 1/5/24	Oakridge	A	7:00p
Mon 1/8/24	Mason Co. Central	H	7:00p
Thur 1/11/24	Fremont	A	7:00p
Tue 1/16/24	Ludington	H	7:00p
Fri 1/19/24	Whitehall	A	7:00p
Tue 1/23/24	Shelby	H	7:00p
Fri 1/26/24	Hesperia Senior	H	7:00p
Fri 2/2/24	Montague	A	7:00p
Mon 2/5/24	Potter's House	H	7:00p
Thur 2/8/24	Manistee	A	7:00p
Fri 2/16/24	Oakridge	H	7:00p
Tue 2/20/24	Ludington	A	7:00p
Thur 2/22/24	Fremont	H	7:00p
Mon 2/26/24	MHSAA Districts	H	5:00p
Wed 2/28/24	MHSAA Districts	H	5:00p
Fri 3/01/24	MHSAA Districts	H	7:00p

Basketball - Boys Junior Varsity

Fri 1/5/24	Oakridge	A	5:30p
Mon 1/8/24	Mason County Central	H	5:30p
Thur 1/11/24	Fremont	A	5:30p
Tue 1/16/24	Ludington	H	5:30p
Fri 1/19/24	Whitehall	A	5:30p
Tue 1/23/24	Shelby	H	5:30p
Fri 1/26/24	Hesperia Senior	H	5:30p
Fri 2/2/24	Montague	A	5:30p
Mon 2/5/24	Potter's House	H	5:30p
Thur 2/8/24	Manistee	A	5:30p
Fri 2/16/24	Oakridge	H	5:30p
Tue 2/20/24	Ludington	A	5:30p
Thur 2/22/24	Fremont	H	5:30p

Basketball - Boys Freshman

Fri 1/5/24	Oakridge	A	4:00p
Thur 1/11/24	Fremont	A	4:00p
Tue 1/16/24	Ludington	H	4:00p
Fri 1/19/24	Whitehall	A	4:00p
Fri 2/2/24	Montague	A	4:00p
Mon 2/5/24	Potter's House	H	4:00p
Fri 2/16/24	Oakridge	H	4:00p
Tue 2/20/24	Ludington	A	4:00p
Thur 2/22/24	Fremont	H	4:00p

Basketball - Boys Middle School

Mon 12/11/23	N. Muskegon	H	4:00p
	(Conference Tournament)		
Wed 12/13/23	OPEN	H	4:00p
	(Conference Tournament)		
Thur 12/14/23	OPEN	H	4:00p

Basketball - Girls Varsity

Thur 12/21/23	Zion Christian School	H	7:00p
Thur 1/4/24	Fremont	A	7:00p
Fri 1/5/24	WM Aviation Academy	A	7:00p
Tue 1/9/24	Ludington	H	7:00p
Fri 1/12/24	Whitehall	H	7:00p
Tue 1/16/24	Lee	A	7:00p
Fri 1/19/24	Tri-Unity Christian	A	6:00p
Tue 1/23/24	Montague	A	7:00p
Fri 1/26/24	Manistee	A	7:00p
Tue 1/30/24	Hesperia Senior	H	7:00p
Tue 2/6/24	Oakridge	H	7:00p
Fri 2/9/24	Fremont	H	7:00p
Tue 2/13/24	Newaygo	H	7:00p
Thur 2/15/24	Ludington	A	7:00p
Wed 2/21/24	Muskegon Heights PSA	A	7:00p
Fri 2/23/24	Whitehall	A	7:00p
Tue 2/27/24	Montague	H	7:00p
Thur 2/29/24	Shelby High School	A	7:00p

Basketball - Girls Junior Varsity

Thur 12/21/23	Zion Christian School	H	5:30p
Thur 1/4/24	Fremont	A	5:30p
Tue 1/9/24	Ludington	H	5:30p
Fri 1/12/24	Whitehall	H	5:30p
Tue 1/16/24	Lee	A	5:30p
Tue 1/23/24	Montague	A	5:30p
Fri 1/26/24	Manistee	A	5:30p
Tue 1/30/24	Hesperia Senior	H	05:30p
Tue 2/6/24	Oakridge	H	5:30p
Fri 2/9/24	Fremont	H	5:30p
Tue 2/13/24	Newaygo	H	05:30p
Thur 2/15/24	Ludington	A	5:30p
Wed 2/21/24	Muskegon Heights PSA	A	5:30p
Fri 2/23/24	Whitehall	A	5:30p
Tue 2/27/24	Montague	H	5:30p
Thur 2/29/24	Shelby	A	5:30p

Basketball - Girls Middle School

Wed 2/21/24	Whitehall	H	4:00p
Mon 2/26/24	Ravenna	A	4:00p
Mon 3/4/24	Oakridge	A	4:00p
Wed 3/6/24	Montague NBC	A	4:00p
Mon 3/11/24	Fremont	H	4:00p
Wed 3/13/24	North Muskegon	A	4:00p
Mon 3/18/24	North Muskegon	H	4:00p
	(Conference Tournament)		
Wed 3/20/24	OPEN (Conf. Tourn.)	H	4:00p
Thur 3/21/24	OPEN (Conf. Tourn.)	H	4:00p

Bowling - Boys Varsity

Thur 12/28/23	Cardinal Invite	H	9:00a
Wed 1/3/24	WMC	A	3:00p
Fri 1/5/24	Ravenna	A	3:00p
Sat 1/6/24	Fruitport	A	12:00p
Mon 1/8/24	Oakridge	A	3:00p
Wed 1/10/24	Mason Co. Central	H	3:00p
Mon 1/15/24	Holton	A	3:00p
Wed 1/17/24	Whitehall	H	3:00p
Mon 1/22/24	Fremont	A	3:30p
Wed 1/24/24	Montague	H	3:00p
Sat 1/27/24	Reeths-Puffer	A	12:00p
Mon 1/29/24	Ludington	A	3:30p
Wed 1/31/24	Kent City	A	3:30p
Sat 2/3/24	Mona Shores	A	9:00a
Mon 2/5/24	Ravenna	H	3:00p
Wed 2/7/24	Oakridge	H	3:00p
Mon 2/12/24	Conf. Tournament	H	1:00p
Wed 2/14/24	GMAA Tournament	H	TBA

Bowling - Girls Varsity

Wed 12/20/23	Ludington	H	3:00p
Thur 12/28/23	OPEN (Cardinal Invit.)	H	9:00a
Wed 1/3/24	WMC	A	3:00p
Fri 1/5/24	Ravenna	A	3:00p
Sat 1/6/24	Fruitport	A	12:00p
Mon 1/8/24	Oakridge	A	3:30p
Wed 1/10/24	Mason County Central	H	3:00p
Mon 1/15/24	Holton	A	3:00p
Wed 1/17/24	Whitehall	H	3:00p
Mon 1/22/24	Fremont	A	3:30p
Wed 1/24/24	Montague	H	3:00p
Sat 1/27/24	Reeths-Puffer	A	12:00p
Mon 1/29/24	Ludington	A	3:30p
Wed 1/31/24	Kent City	A	3:30p
Sat 2/3/24	Mona Shores	A	9:00a
Mon 2/5/24	Ravenna	H	3:00p
Wed 2/7/24	Oakridge	H	3:00p

Cheerleading - Girls Middle School

Mon 12/11/23	Hart	A	4:00p
Mon 12/18/23	Mason County Central	A	4:00p
Thur 1/11/24	Oakridge	A	4:00p
Thur 1/18/24	Shelby	A	4:00p

Varsity Wrestling (Boys)

Sat 12/30/23	Montague	A	9:00a
Wed 1/3/24	Tri Meet	H	5:30p
Sat 1/6/24	Fruitport	A	9:00a
Wed 1/10/24	Hesperia Senior	A	5:30p
Wed 1/17/24	Tri Meet	H	5:30p
Wed 1/24/24	Fremont	A	5:30p
Sat 1/27/24	Montague	A	9:00a
Wed 1/31/24	Mason County Central	A	5:30p
Fri 2/2/24	Whitehall High School	A	TBA
	(Conference Tournament)		

Wrestling - Boys Middle School

Wed 2/21/24	Whitehall (Quad)	A	4:00p
Mon 2/26/24	Mason Co. Central (Tri)	A	4:00p
Wed 3/6/24	Oakridge (Quad)	A	4:00p
Wed 3/13/24	Quad	H	4:00 PM

Students of the Month



OV Early Elementary

OV Cardinal Elementary

Orchard View Middle School

Orchard View High School

Orchard View Community Ed

NOVEMBER



JASMEET KAUR



CHARLOTTE PEPPERS



ADRIANNA THORSEN



DELANEY ANDREWS



ANAYA DIAZ-MARTINEZ

OCTOBER



ELI ST. AMOUR



AVAN ANDERSON



SHEALYNN MARTINEAU



REI DOWDY



KINSLEY CARD

Can Food Drive a Success!!

A big 'Thank you' to all of our OVEE students, families, and staff members that helped to make our Orchard View Early Elementary PTO sponsored community service event such a great success! Linda Alexander, pantry coordinator from Mission For Area People, said that it was one of the largest food donations that they

have received in quite a while. OVEE collected **2,165 items** for the food pantry!

The top 2 classes from each village were: Mr. Simila and Mrs. Lewis from the Blue Village; Mrs. McMullin and Mrs. Campbell

from the Green Village; and Mrs. Crowell and Mrs. Hernandez from the Red Village. Each class will receive an ice cream party.

The top donating students were Harper Singleton with 258 items from Mrs. McMullin's class, Ty Johnson with 138 from Mr. Simila's class, and Kinlee Cook with 60 items from Ms. VerSluy's class! Each of these students get to "Pie" Mrs. Ackley and Mr. Gates in the face!



Way to go, OVEE! Our littlest Cardinals rocked this challenge! What a GREAT day to be a Cardinal!





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OV Early Elementary 231-760-1850

Community Education 231-760-1350

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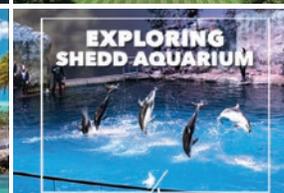
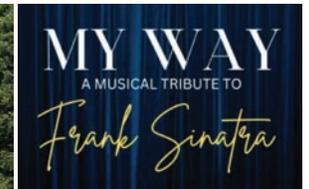


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- "ALADDIN"**
January 21
- ESSENCE OF THAILAND**
January 25-February 9
- THE COMPLETE SOUTH PACIFIC**
January 27-February 2
- TROPICAL COSTA RICA**
January 29-February 6
- WILDERNESS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: SAFARI BY LAND & WATER**
February 8-22
- ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA**
February 11-25
- HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE THREE ISLANDS FEATURING O'AHU, BIG ISLAND & MAUI**
February 18-2

- ALASKA IDITAROD**
February 25-March
- TURKEYVILLE: "THE MANHATTAN DOLLS ON A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY"**
March 1
- SPAIN'S COSTA DEL SOL & MADRID**
March 9-17
- "LES MISERABLES"**
March 10
- AROUND THE TOWN LUNCHEON**
March 18
- SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY**
March 19-2
- FOUR WINDS CASINO**
March 23
- NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & FRANCE**
March 23-April

- TURKEYVILLE "MY WAY - A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA"**
March 27
- SHEDD AQUARIUM OR EXPLORE DOWNTOWN CHICAGO**
April 3
- TREASURES OF EUROPE FROM LONDON TO ROME**
April 4-17
- SPRING MYSTERY**
April 9
- MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL JOURNEY: SPAIN, FRANCE & ITALY**
April 13-28
- BILTMORE ESTATE & THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS**
April 14-19

- LONDON & PARIS**
April 24-May 2
- TURKEYVILLE "RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S OKLAHOMA!"**
April 25
- "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD"**
April 28
- VERA BRADLEY ANNUAL OUTLET SALE**
May 2024
- TREASURES OF TURKEY**
May 4-19
- NATIONAL PARKS & GRAND CANYONS OF THE SOUTHWEST**
May 5-10
- SPRING DAY OUT TULIP TIME & THE TEXAS TENORS**
May 9