



## News from Olmsted #156

December 2019

### Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe December is here. The school year is moving along quickly. December is a relatively short month with just three weeks of school, but there are several events in which students will participate both in and outside of the school. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate those students who achieved First Honors, Second Honors and those who had Perfect Attendance. Congratulations to all these students for their achievements.

Our Annual Winter Concert is Tuesday evening December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Students have been working hard and the performance will be a way for us to get into the holiday spirit. Students in the band, orchestra and chorus will take the show "on the road" and perform at a variety of venues this month including the Broadway Market, The University Train Station and City Hall.

Ms. Cowe, our school librarian, is sponsoring a Book Sale for students in grades 5-8 on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of high-quality books for themselves or as gifts for others.

With winter upon us it's important that parents listen to the radio and/or television to learn if schools are closed. A School Messenger robocall will also be sent from the district. It is vital that the school have your correct telephone number so each family will receive the call should schools be closed.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at 816.4330.

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Gruber*

Michael Gruber Ed.D.

Principal

### Upcoming Dates

December 3 – Breakfast of Champions Middle School

December 6 – Middle School Dance

December 10 – Breakfast of Champions High School

December 16 – SBMT at 3:00 pm in the Alumni Room

December 17 – Winter Concert 6 pm

December 20 - Last Day of Classes

### **Olmsted Debate Team**

The members of the Olmsted Debate Team walked away with a victory in their first debate on Friday, November 15th by scoring 85 out of 100 points. The groups were assigned to argue against the resolution: "Let it be resolved that social media comments should be protected by free speech." Creative "outside the box" thinking and thorough research by team members Nebiat Ababiya, Tasniah Akter, Keilai Angeldekao, Victoria Bolden, Ariyna Clyburn, Jazmin Martin, Daniel Nelson, and Falistin Noor made for a strong, globally-minded argument base and prepared the team to formulate logical rebuttals. Featured speakers for the November debate were Tasniah, Victoria and Ariyona, who earned best individual speaker recognition from the judges. The next debate will be held on Friday, December 13th. Go Owls! Ms. Wisniewski is the Debate Team coach.

### **Looking for Alaska Book & Film Club**

Students in the *Looking for Alaska* Book and Film club have been sitting and reading aloud to one another for about a half hour. The last time we met, they had an open discussion about how the author portrayed teenagers. I had little to no input. So proud of these kids! Ms. Bertlesman is the club moderator.

### **CTE Seniors Start Class Business**

Our 8:1:1 CTE Seniors are started an in-school class business, the Owl Print & Press. We are selling FLO ornaments, mugs, and a set of seasonal buffalo coasters. All pre-made orders are \$5, and available during lunches 6E and 6E-L3 on Thursdays. For adults in the building only, the business is accepting custom orders, where a picture is sent and imprinted onto the object of your choice. Custom orders cost \$7. We accept cash only, and you need to pay before we make the order. Orders will be ready within 2 weeks (although likely a lot sooner), you pick them up from Room 206. For questions, please message Mrs. Reynolds or Ms. Pahl.

### **InterHigh Student Council**

Kudos to Keilai Angeldekao, Xiamara Brooks and Shea Hohle who represented Olmsted at November's InterHigh Student Council meeting. Along with representatives from all other district high schools, students discussed a variety of topics ranging from school culture and climate to bullying awareness and prevention. Mrs. Ganci is the Club Moderator.

### **Two Seniors Sign with Colleges**

Two Olmsted Seniors signed with colleges last month. Emily Mogavero signed with Daemen College and will receive a soccer scholarship. Max Schmarder signed with Monroe Community College and will receive a baseball scholarship. Congratulations Emily and Max.

### Global Scholars

Olmsted's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Global Scholars are in the process of constructing a digital handbook that they will share with their peers around the world. Each homeroom was divided into small groups to research an area of Western New York and answer questions about the site selected. Lake Erie, the Niagara Gorge, Tiff Nature Preserve, Chestnut Ridge and Delaware Park were among the sites selected.

### OPTO Nights at Barnes and Noble

The Olmsted Parent Teacher Organization in conjunction with Barnes & Noble (Niagara Falls Boulevard Store) is sponsoring a book sale from December 12 – 16<sup>th</sup>. B & N will donate a percentage of the purchases to OPTO when you present the coupon attached to this newsletter or mention Olmsted as you check out.

### Breakfast of Champions

Students who demonstrated academic excellence and/or perfect attendance during the first quarter have been invited to a celebration breakfast to be recognized for their efforts. Many students who attained first and second honors also maintained perfect attendance. Students in grades 5-8 will attend on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students in grades 9-12 will attend on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations on your achievements! Please see the names below.



## Middle School Honors

### 5<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Honors

Arieana Agostino  
 Nalyaniz Albino  
 Cardona  
 Iris Barrera  
 Nora Burke  
 Samuel Campbell  
 Chloe Claeyes  
 Domonic Cook  
 Ean Coronado  
 Amiyah  
 Cunningham  
 Shaileen Cutanda  
 Eleanor De la  
 Rosa  
 Xavier Eagles  
 Elias Feinstein  
 Hudson Gazzoli  
 Quinn Guzman  
 Orlando Hann  
 Tasnuva Jahan  
 Jackson Jordan  
 Bakhtawar  
 Khokhar  
 Aubrey  
 Landwehr  
 Adele Lum  
 Emma Mann  
 Lili McGovern  
 Sydney  
 McManus  
 Teagan Mercer  
 Linda Moorhouse  
 Michael Morreale  
 Khloe Olden  
 Felix Parham  
 Adyan Paris  
 Maysonet  
 Yairim Perales  
 Ayala  
 Nikhita Raysa  
 Ruby Rice  
 Aidan Rio  
 Frank Rivera  
 Alejandro  
 Rodrigues  
 Blesses Say  
 Collin Siller  
 Alia Thach  
 Tahia Tiana  
 Vincent Tirone  
 Sydney Welborn  
 Ra'Myah Wilson  
 Sydney Wilson  
 Audrey Zorechak

### 5<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors

Jeremiah Anaya

Staliniska  
 Anglada  
 Mahones  
 Justin Bond  
 Grace Botticelli  
 Brooklyn  
 Degenfelder  
 Oscar Downs  
 Ladiges  
 Destiny Fuller  
 Josbel Garcia  
 Fernando  
 Garmon  
 Jackie Gibbons  
 Lanii Graham  
 Lorenzo Harden  
 Maliyah Harwell  
 William Heide  
 James Johnson  
 Royce Kearney  
 Nadia Lane  
 Francesco  
 Maccarrone  
 Ian Marcinial  
 Mya Marsceill  
 Ivy Norris  
 Julius Quinones  
 Kamora Ramos  
 Luis Ramos  
 Jada Reid  
 Tehyah Sanders  
 Alex Santiago  
 Cairo Smith  
 Riley Smith  
 Tristan Smith-  
 Parsons  
 Delena Sosa  
 Nicholas Soto  
 Akia Spencer  
 Jaden Taylor  
 Grady Thompson  
 Deion Tidwell  
 Octavia Too  
 Adrianna Traylor  
 Jue Ty  
 Damir Woodard

### 5<sup>th</sup> Perfect

**Attendance**  
 Lauren Agahiu  
 Luaresmy Colon  
 Merced  
 Aubrie Smith  
 Anthony  
 Williams

### 6<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Honors

Mia Abraham  
 Claire Benedict  
 Sadie Dubick  
 Coniglio  
 Anikah Elma  
 James  
 Fitzgibbon  
 Zachary Guido  
 Levi Judd  
 Iyanna  
 Matthews  
 Evan McDowell  
 Hannah  
 Nisengard  
 Oliver Reynolds

### 6<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors

Raisa Ariba  
 DeMario Askew  
 Sadie Bassett  
 Sophia Besch  
 Brooklyn Brant  
 Shiloh Brown  
 Gabriella  
 Cabasquini  
 William Cambria  
 Ajianaye  
 Chapman  
 Barbary  
 Taha  
 Chowdhury  
 Kerrington  
 Clouser  
 Anna Dellapenta  
 Liam Doyle  
 Madison Ebanks  
 Myles  
 Farrington  
 Amala Fisher  
 Barrett  
 Abdul Fuad  
 Nathan Gorton  
 Simon Grey  
 Aran Guzman  
 Mr. Wahabbi  
 Halton  
 Adelaide Hann  
 William Hardy  
 Lila Hulsing  
 Joesiah  
 Humphrey  
 Muzahidul Islam  
 Elise Johnson  
 Greta Juliano  
 Gus Karyczak

Karrington  
 Mann  
 Makayla  
 Matthews  
 Oliver McMann  
 Yaneidi Medina  
 Nieves  
 Olivia Mendez  
 Irie Mercado  
 Sophia Molfese  
 Taylor Morgan  
 Mariano Nati  
 Jacob O'Dell  
 Dion Patrick  
 Melany Perez de  
 la Vega  
 Duriel Price  
 Ricardo  
 Rodriguez  
 Mia Rogalski  
 Davion Rushton  
 Nile Seeley  
 Charles Stewart  
 My'Aire Vinson  
 Gates  
 Josiah Walker  
 Wolfgang  
 Wegrzyn  
 Andre'a White  
 Jayani Williams

### 6<sup>th</sup> Perfect

**Attendance**  
 Emily Crews  
 Dearing  
 Tacari McCray  
 Tre Paulfrey  
 Aaiden Ranselle  
 Jaylen Spencer  
 Jacorey Thorton

### 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Honors

Sofie Ababiya  
 Reedima Alam  
 Anja Bieda  
 Etienne Bohlen  
 Magret  
 Bouquard  
 Ed Crotty  
 Isabel De la Rosa  
 Antonio Falcone  
 Natalie Huber  
 Alvin Kim  
 Carolyn  
 Manning  
 Nick Marcello

Isabella  
 McKendry  
 Miles McMann  
 Ahmed Nazir  
 Lucia O'Bannon  
 Kendall Olden  
 Maggie  
 Schmarder  
 Eli Sholly  
 Nouvelle Van de  
 Genachte  
 Jayda Walker

### 7<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors

Jeylani Albino  
 Cardona  
 Isaiah Aljuwani  
 Ava Azizoghli  
 Karter Baker  
 Faith Barrera  
 Justin Benning  
 Matteo Biondini  
 Izeal Bullock  
 Jaleah Davis  
 Isaac Eno  
 Armani Foster  
 Doralis Garmon  
 Vida Holden  
 Vertino  
 Fariha Hoque  
 Keyon Hudson  
 Liam  
 Jakubowski  
 Julia Jordan  
 Irtiza Khan  
 Grant Koerner  
 Joseph  
 Kuppinger  
 Daijon Lane  
 Ethan Leong  
 Nik Lipuma  
 Roy Macey  
 Madison  
 Matthews  
 Kalyna Mazepa  
 Matthew  
 McMann  
 Jaffar Muya  
 Samantha  
 Needham  
 Kadence O'Dell  
 Marcos Milan  
 Ortiz  
 Karli Pilgrim  
 Nick Purdie  
 Harni Rajendran

Symone  
Ramirez  
Tess Reddin  
Bianca Renfroe  
Victoria Savage  
Mia Scibetta  
James Siller  
Macen Smith  
Shermarion  
Thomas  
Samantha Tripi  
Caleb Williams  
Elijah Zasada

**7<sup>th</sup> Perfect Attendance**  
Jovahni Gagliano  
Jay Votta

**8<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Honors**  
Luca Falcone

Alex Glynn  
Alvi Mahmud  
Kacey McMann  
Eva Pacheco  
Gabiella Pattoli  
Mumtahina  
Rahman  
Nicholai Reeves  
Hannah  
Schmidbauer  
Asif Ullah  
Samarra Zoll

**8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**  
Tanzim Adnan  
Quran Aldridge  
Ezekiel  
Alexander  
Sam Baldwin  
Zigabor Banuna  
Lily Burdette

Simon Busch  
Joe Cheman  
Tulayha  
Chowdhury  
Lilly Eisinger  
Vivaya Elinge  
Felicia Evans  
Natalie Farrell  
Ayden Fell  
Lillian Gangloff  
John Goss  
Andrew Hardy  
Jackson Heferle  
Deliyna Hoang  
Nihal Hossain  
Austin Huber  
Jeffrey Jablonski  
Miller  
Amire Jones  
Fiona Joss  
Gabiella Leon  
Jem Mackay

Jaida Mellerson  
Helena Michels  
Ayeeza Modassar  
Ruben Ochoa  
Tatyana Ortiz  
Jayda Perry  
Roxy Ramos  
Torres  
Grace Rivera  
Tahiyat  
Siddiquee  
Aron Tirado  
Casey Tufts  
Ludwig  
Fawziyah Uddin  
Joshua Vazquez  
Hernandez  
Lillian Wagner  
Garyia Walker  
Daria Zulqarnain

**8<sup>th</sup> Perfect Attendance**  
Franklin Dunn  
Nadesha Gomez  
Lopez  
Damien Jackson  
Xavier Kelly  
Chloe Marlette  
Scott Prokopchuk  
Igby Rivera Long  
Jennell Robinson  
Ashton Seeley  
Tamarii Sharpe  
Arrielle Silmon  
Liana Torres  
Matthew  
Valdivia Merced  
Dallion  
Washington

## High School Honors

**9<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Honors**  
Ilma Azmol  
Brooklyn Bullock  
Fabia Chowdhury  
Aniah Gary  
Beteal Hadush  
Samaria Hicks  
Shahnaz Jorna  
Jaxon Kirkley  
Coby Roberts  
Eman Salem  
Norah Schubring  
Samar Zulqarnain

**9<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**  
Aharar Akib  
Tasniah Akter  
Ro Hay Na Be  
Graham Bixby  
Kionni Brown  
Isabella Cartonina  
Jillian Cavanaugh  
Tabshir  
Chowdhury  
Grace Clement  
Brian Croom  
Kyle Everett  
Reinaldo Ferrer  
Owen Gangloff

Lauren Gibson  
Kunda Gile  
Sofia Goulah  
Nariyah Haslam  
Savannah Jedd  
Zaylin Mann  
Mia Mendez  
Vanessa Miller  
Najibah Minhat  
Katherine  
Mitchell  
London Mitchell  
Tiffany Nguyen  
Brendon Noel  
Falistin Noor  
Karshaun  
Norwood  
Dnaesha  
Quicksey  
Zachary  
Ruggiero  
Jacob Santoro  
De'zha Savage  
Ella Slomba  
Londynn Stokes  
Cosette Thimot  
Summaia Uddin  
Joseph Whirl  
Kaiva Yanoski

Zachary Younus  
**9<sup>th</sup> Perfect Attendance**  
Amina Borden  
Tremayne Fuqua  
Xzavier Harvey  
Ryan Horstman  
Ashland  
McCallum  
Sydney McFoy  
Zakary Patterson  
Dominique Stitts  
Camille Sullivan  
Tarron Swain  
Paul Wells  
Adam Zdarsky

**10<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Honors**  
Mukut Bhuia  
Maika Bird  
Kristiana Clouser  
Max Colca  
Eva Espejo  
Madison Ghosen  
Cruz Herron  
Briana Jeffries  
Immanuel Jones  
Fariha Lamisha

Tin Aye Aye  
Lwin  
Tajmim Rizma  
Anthony Visiko  
Korey Walters  
Catherine Weber

**10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**  
Taslina Akter  
Grace Alfieri  
Sajjad Ali  
MD  
Ashrafuzzaman  
Peter Bellomo  
Joseph Buczak  
Megan  
Budniewski  
Nzingha  
Cameron  
Ariyona Clyburn  
Timiyah Curry  
Veronica Faltisco  
Chloe Fuller  
Destiny Goree  
Elias Humphrey  
Maya Kay  
Rayn Kelley  
MD Khan  
Tenyjha Levins

Tanvir Mahdi  
Bernardo Medina  
Daejhanina Nelson  
Joyce Nishimwe  
Lamar Purdie  
Alexander Raab  
Muhammed  
Rashid  
Nia Robins  
Ryan Sanders  
Rajvir Sanny  
Angelina Sutton  
Quinn  
Szcublewski  
Fatama  
Tabassum  
Mia Tempestoso  
Faith Toage  
Antoneya Torres  
Yorel Valentin  
Swaylyn  
Washington  
Hamid Yeasir  
George Yots

**10<sup>th</sup> Perfect Attendance**  
Mohammed  
Alam

Kendall Brantley  
Trenton Bulluck  
Watson  
Kayla Eason  
Maya Eason  
Denisha Garrett  
Kaliyah Griffin  
Nathan Mossop  
Dakota Motley  
Tyler Ogden  
Molly Putnam  
Sanju Raziv  
Meena Rose  
Patrick Sakr  
Andrew Santa  
Maria

**11<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Honors**

Faria Afroz  
Keilai  
Angeldekao  
Dejon Betts  
Nuzhat Bushra  
Elisa Coronado  
Liam Dimick  
Monica Frey  
Steven Higgins  
Clair Holody-  
Gaiek  
Lucas Hopkins  
Jada Hunt  
Asha Kartha  
Karolina Korytko  
Lakeba Leonard  
Eva Malczewski  
Robert Mann  
Sean Mann

Philip Marcello  
Crystal Murphy  
Esteban Perez  
Nazmus Safwan  
Sanjeda Islam  
Ayana Thompson

**11<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**

Janiya Ashton  
Jake Bogdan  
Amarie Bolton  
Owen Brandjes  
Nathan Cartonia  
Jaliyah Curry  
Jannat-ul Ferdous  
Cody Genier  
Elliot Holody-  
Gaiek  
Esrat Hossain  
Mohammad  
Hossain  
Shajedul Islam  
Dekari Jackson  
Kendal  
Kalinowski  
Mohib Mahatab  
Niurka Matos  
Nolan  
McLaughlin  
Na'Sair Merced  
Bentley  
Christina  
Merriweather  
Madina Mganga  
Sabrina Nguyen  
Tiani Oakes  
Bram Pava  
Muhibil Razeen

Ashleigh Rice  
Ailani Shaw  
Graham  
Fatima Tasnim  
Ar-rad Tausif  
Jaylei Wagstaff  
Kaleeyah Ward  
Serenity Whatley  
Anja Zielinski-  
Runfola

**11<sup>th</sup> Perfect  
Attendance**

Cameron Hunt  
Denison Price  
Alex Smith

**12<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Honors**

Nebiat Ababiya  
Jerin Alam  
Arfina Amin  
Fowjiya Anisha  
Keara Billups  
Victoria Bolden  
Sasha Chandler  
Willaina  
Chandler  
Donte Chimera  
Ava Ferreira  
Madeline  
Fitzgerald  
Hope Grunert  
Doniyah Hill  
Shea Hohle  
Emma Hollander  
Zainab Ismail  
Timea Kadas

Alexander  
Kreuzer  
Alex Magee  
Maimuna  
Mannan  
Gabrielle  
McCrory  
Gabrielle  
McDuffie  
Nyia Meyers  
Emily Mogavero  
Chanti Morrissey  
Mehrab Mostariq  
Natalia Nieves  
Camryn O'Brien  
Joseph Reiling  
Rebecca Rubel  
Morzina Sarker  
Guled Sharif  
Mackenzie  
Smigiera  
Annalee Wojtasik

**12<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**

Maximus  
Budniewski  
Selena Bulluck  
Sean Clabeaux  
Karynn Clouser  
Georgi Gallivan  
Nora Graham  
Arafath Hossain  
Tamim Ibrahimi-  
Zikriya  
David Iheke  
Ena Ivanovic  
Khairul Kafee  
Daniel Kahle

Hamjah Khan  
Thomas  
Kilminster  
Marciano Lamar  
Julianna Leon  
Eva Long  
Abuk Majok  
Javier Marchese  
Jazmin Martin  
Maura Mattingly  
Nataliya  
McFadden-  
Canales  
Zezar Moe  
Mariamo  
Mwalimu  
Isabella Negron  
Ariyan Payne  
Ahmad Pleasant  
Malcolm Rice  
Tamir Riley  
Ariana Ruffino  
Shadman  
Sadeque  
Maxwell  
Schmarder  
Nathan  
Souvannaseng  
Isabella  
Tabaczynski  
Milton Tarpeh

**12<sup>th</sup> Perfect  
Attendance**

Tausif Khan  
Ian Samuels  
Tanijah Thomas