



School Matters

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February and March 2019

Special Interest:

February:

Parenting is Priority:
Remember: Parent involvement is essential in character development and school success.

March:

School Safety
Dates to Remember

Since February is the month that reminds us to take the time to display acts of kindness and love to one another, I want each and every parent to know that the Oneida School System appreciates all the things that you do daily to assist us with your child's education. One of the most difficult jobs you will ever have is PARENTING! Thank you for making your child's education a priority.

We all know that the month of March can bring with it snow and cold weather, but March is a critical instructional month for our system. No tests are scheduled this month, so teachers are concentrating on instruction that will prepare students for the upcoming tests that come in April and May. These tests will begin soon after students return from spring break. We need to partner with you during this month to emphasis the importance of attendance and class/homework assignments.



Thank you,

Dr. Jeanny Hatfield, Director of Schools

Parenting is Priority/Extra Curricular

Parenting is Priority

One of the hardest jobs we will ever have is PARENTING. I used to be a parenting expert. That is...until I had a child. Parenting is tough because we love our children. Since highly effective teachers also love their students, they struggle with the same temptations. We want the best for them. We worry that they'll become irresponsible. We sometimes feel panicked because they don't seem to be turning out the way we hoped.



Lots of intense feelings can muddy our minds and leave us forgetting that we can't talk tykes...or teens...into being respectful, responsible and self-controlled. In fact, the more extensive our vocabularies become, the less effective we become.

The more words we use when things are going poorly, the less effective we become.

Many excellent and loving parents and educators are faltering. Not because they lack skills. No. It's because they talk too much while they're using their good skills.

TIP for the hard job of parenting

Run an experiment: see what happens if you simply use fewer words when things are going poorly. The odds are high that you'll be glad you did.

Now go out and build a great relationship with your kid(s).

Extra Curricular

This year's athletic/Extra Curricular programs have been a huge success. I want to thank all our coaches, teachers, and students on a very successful 2018 year. As we all know academics and learned skills are the key to success for our students. Extra curricular activities and athletics teach our students teamwork, positive behaviors, good morals and ethics. These skills are vital to our student's success.



Remember:

Presidents' Day is February 18.

Early Dismissal Day is February 20.