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PORTRAIT OF A WARRIOR: PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

A Message From Superintendent Keith Strickler

AT ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOLS, OUR MISSION IS TO PREPARE STUDENTS NOT JUST FOR GRADUATION BUT FOR SUCCESS IN LIFE beyond our walls. Through a collaborative effort involving community members, parents, staff, and students, we developed our Portrait of a Warrior—a shared vision of the characteristics we want every student to embody.

Our Portrait of a Warrior is our North Star, guiding all that we do each day. It shapes how we teach, lead, and support our students, ensuring they develop the knowledge, skills, and habits to lead fulfilled lives long after they graduate. From classrooms to hallways, from athletic fields to the performing arts, and throughout extracurricular activities, this framework keeps us focused on what matters most.

The Portrait of a Warrior is Built on Five Key Competencies



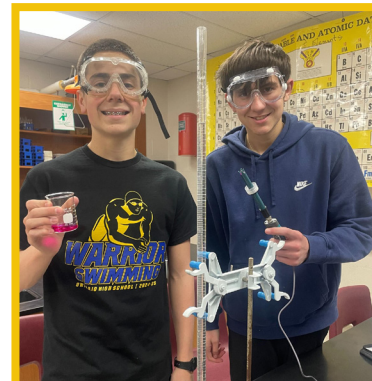
Critical Thinker: A Warrior evaluates information, thinks analytically, and makes informed decisions.

Problem Solver: A Warrior applies adaptability to address both today's and tomorrow's complex issues.

Effective Communicator: A Warrior listens and deciphers information while exchanging thoughts and ideas clearly and respectfully.

Adaptable: A Warrior demonstrates flexibility and resilience in an ever-changing world.

Responsible: A Warrior understands accountability and acts with integrity and respect.



These characteristics shape not only the student experience but also the future of our community. As our students walk across the stage at graduation, we are confident they will leave Ontario Local Schools prepared to lead, contribute, and succeed.

Sincerely,

Keith Strickler
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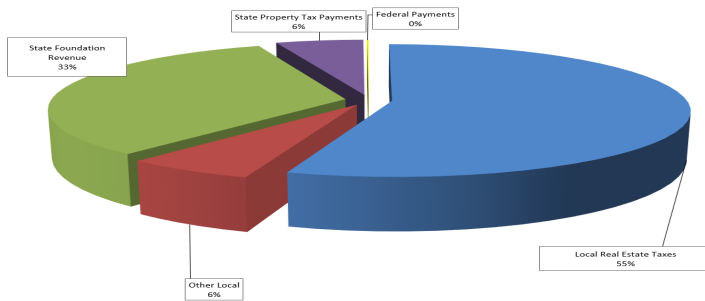
THE WARRIOR WAY

Spring 2025

QUALITY & EXCELLENCE GREAT VALUE FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

ONTARIO SCHOOLS FISCAL YEAR 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

2023-2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

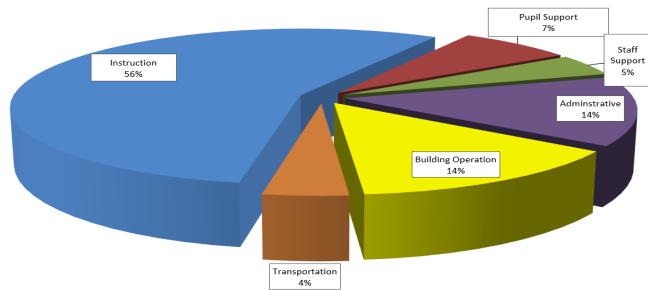


REVENUES

Local Real Estate Taxes	\$12,295,295
Other Local	\$1,373,313
State Foundation Revenue	\$7,380,497
State Property Tax Payments	\$1,230,529
Federal Payments	\$23,409

TOTAL REVENUES \$22,303,043

2023-2024 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$15,716,427
Services	\$3,061,558
Supplies	\$623,907
Capital Expenditures	\$1,094,228
Other	\$330,992

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$20,827,112

Ontario Is The 12th Lowest Spending School In The State Of Ohio On A Per Pupil Basis
(2024 Cupp Report)

June 30, 2023 General Fund Cash Balance \$8,624,839

June 30, 2024 General Fund Cash Balance \$10,100,770

OHS STUDENT TESTIFIES AT THE STATE HOUSE

AT THE STATE CAPITAL ON MARCH 12, ONTARIO SENIOR DEAN MORRISON JOINED ONTARIO'S CAREER COACH AND LOCAL Program Manager for Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio, Bethany Rachel, along with State Representative Marilyn John to speak in front of the House Finance Committee, advocating for continued support of Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement (JA) is a global, nonprofit organization that prepares young people for future economic success by providing hands-on, experiential learning in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.



Dean is the son of Shane and Kelly Morrison. He shared how having Junior Achievement programming in the classroom helped to challenge and define his career goals: "When I informed Ms. Rachel that I wanted to become a lawyer, and then a politician, and then one day be President, she had a big smile on her face and then questioned why. I told her what inspired me to want to become those things, but I couldn't tell her why I wanted to be those things. This is where the importance of the Junior Achievements program comes into play. When questioned why we want to be something--something we have such big aspirations for--JA allows our minds to open up to real-world problems and how to solve them. For me, Ms. Rachel helped point out the character traits and strong skills I had within myself to chase this dream, and that is when I realized why I wanted to do it. Without Junior Achievement, students like myself wouldn't be challenged to dive deeper into our aspirations. Junior Achievements not only prepares us for the next step in our journey but also prepares us to become leaders in our communities, classrooms, sports, and the world."

IMPORTANT TO OUR STUDENTS IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY



IMPORTANT OHS DATES:

Academic Banquet

- April 24 6:00 p.m.
- Students with 3.67 cumulative GPA or higher

Cabaret

- April 26

Prom

- May 3
- Grand March 8 p.m.
- Dance 9-11 p.m.

Senior Exams

- May 14 Odd Period Exams
- May 15 Even Period Exams
- May 16 Make-Up Exams

Graduation Practice/ Senior Walk

- May 19 8:00 a.m.

Underclassmen Exams

- May 21 Odd Periods
Early Release 1:55 p.m.
High School Only
- May 22 Even Periods
Early Release 1:55 p.m.

Senior Honors Night

- May 21 6:30 p.m.

Graduation Ceremony

- May 23 7:30 p.m.
- In the O-Rena



OMS SPOTLIGHT

POWER OF THE PEN

Ontario Middle School's young writers are making waves in the world of creative writing. Under the leadership of Kellie Ritchey, the Power of the Pen team has showcased their talent, earning recognition in recent competitions.

Power of the Pen is an interscholastic writing competition that challenges middle school students to craft compelling stories under timed conditions. "We are so proud of our students and their commitment to refining their craft," said Ritchey. "Their ability to think critically and express themselves through writing is truly inspiring."



GIFTED SERVICES

The gifted services program is thriving under the leadership of Kayla Heimann, providing students with enriching opportunities that challenge and inspire them to reach their full potential.



Through personalized instruction, advanced coursework, and creative problem-solving activities, gifted students at OMS are developing critical thinking skills, fostering innovation, and gaining confidence in their abilities. "Gifted services give students the opportunity to dive deeper into their interests, think critically, and develop leadership skills," said Heimann. "It's amazing to see their growth and enthusiasm for learning."

GUIDANCE UPDATE

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, Ontario Middle School is in the process of finalizing student schedules to ensure a smooth and successful transition for all students. Our goal is to provide a balanced and engaging academic experience that supports each student's individual needs and interests. Parents and students will receive finalized schedules in August of 2025, with opportunities to address any concerns or necessary adjustments. Fifth graders will also have the opportunity to tour the middle school in May. If you have specific questions regarding course selections or scheduling, please feel free to contact John Boyd in the middle school guidance office for assistance.



IS YOUR CHILD READY TO BECOME A WARRIOR?

Enrollment into Ontario Local Schools kindergarten for the 2025-2026 academic year is still open for all Ontario residents!

Upload and bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, a proof of Ontario residency, and custody papers (if applicable) to Stingel between 9-3 to register. Please call the school to register for Kindergarten Screening in August.

MAY DATES

- Dog Tag Awards 3rd-5th
- May 15
- Color Run
- May 16
- Field Day 3rd-5th
- May 19
- Field Day K-2nd
- May 20
- Fifth Grade Party
- May 21

TESTING DATES

- ELA for 3rd-5th
- April 1 & 2
- Science for Fifth Grade
- April 24 & 25
- Math for 3rd-5th
- April 29 & April 30

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Unlock Your Future With
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Pathway!



Ontario High School in partnership with **North Central State College** will offer an incredible opportunity for juniors and seniors: earn your **Associate of Arts Degree in Business** while still in high school!

This groundbreaking program, developed as part of Ohio's College Credit Plus (CCP) program, will be offered beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. The format blends high-quality education with flexibility, preparing students for success in the world of business, while allowing them to participate fully in their high school experience.

"By combining the resources and expertise of high school and a community college we're bringing relevant higher education directly to our students." -OHS Principal, Mr. Chris Smith

Why Join The Business Pathway?

- **Save Time:** Graduate high school with an Associate of Arts in Business Administration.
- **Save Money:** Transferable college credits will save students thousands of dollars in future tuition.
- **Real-World Preparation:** Gain valuable skills and knowledge from experienced educators at every level.
- **Seamless Transition:** Step confidently into further education or a career after high school.

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FUTURE!