

# Orchard Park Central School District



**Announcements & Points of Pride!**

*November 14, 2023*



# Veterans Day!



# SRP Recognition Day - November 21, 2023

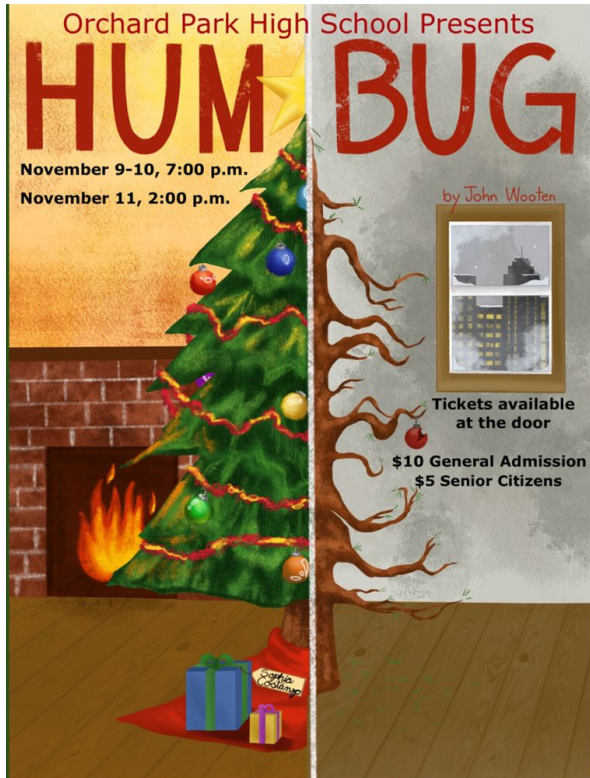
Thank you to our **OUTSTANDING:**

- Clerical Staff
- Custodial Staff
- Grounds Staff
- Maintenance Staff
- School Monitors
- School Nurses
- Teacher Aides
- Technology Staff
- Transportation Staff





# High School Drama - *Humbug*



OPHS Drama Club presented - ***Humbug*** by John Wooten. Under the direction of Maria Szczepanik.

***Humbug*** is a modern retelling of Charles Dickens' ***A Christmas Carol***.

The OPHS production featured a cast of 17 students, including 10 seniors and a fifth grader from Ellicott Elementary.

Congratulations on a great show!



# STAP Comm at the Stadium



# AOF Work Based Learning Conference





# Board Retreat



# Update from the NYS Board of Regents

On November 13, an advisory group formed by the state's Education Department recommended that all students be given options other than Regents exams (still a potential option for students) to prove that they have mastered the material.

Other potential options:

- Capstone projects
- Presentations
- Performance Based Assessments

Commissioner Rosa - ***New York State wants to tackle graduation “through the lens of students” who have faced barriers in “access and opportunities.”***

NYSED plans to create a timeline for implementing the recommendations by the fall of 2024.





# Class Rank

**OPHS has begun to explore the continued use of class rank with future student cohorts.**

## **1. Why are we exploring this?**

- Aligned with our DCIP- Research practices of competition among students (i.e. class rank) through seeking stakeholder feedback.
  - *From measuring and sorting students based on perceptions of ability, to developing talent in all children.*
  - *From pressure and competition to encouraging collaboration, and cultivating curiosity and the intrinsic motivation to learn.*
  - *From assessment used to rank, to assessment used to guide learning and support for students.*

*Pedro A. Noguera, Distinguished Professor of Education, USC Rossier*

## **2. How are we exploring this?**

- Educational/feedback opportunities with the OPCSD community
  - Building based conversations involving various stakeholders at OPHS
  - Scholarly articles
  - College/university feedback
  - Student, parent, graduate feedback

## **3. When will this process be completed?**

- Decision to move away or not will occur this year (for future student cohorts)
  - If a decision to move away from class rank is made, it would include:
    - Phase out timeline (do not want to change the "game" on students midstream)
    - Other ways to recognize our students

