

JANUARY 2026
ORANGEVILLE CUSD 203 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
HAPPY NEW YEAR BRONCO FAMILIES!

January 2026

Hello Bronco Families!

I hope you have a fantastic winter break and feel recharged and ready to start the second semester in the new year. In the month of January, we will complete our winter benchmark testing with both AIMSweb testing and NWEA-MAP testing. Please encourage your children to do their very best at all testing. We are looking to see academic growth in learning across all subjects. Please plan on the following dates for testing in January:

January 5th-9th - AimsWeb testing for grades K-5

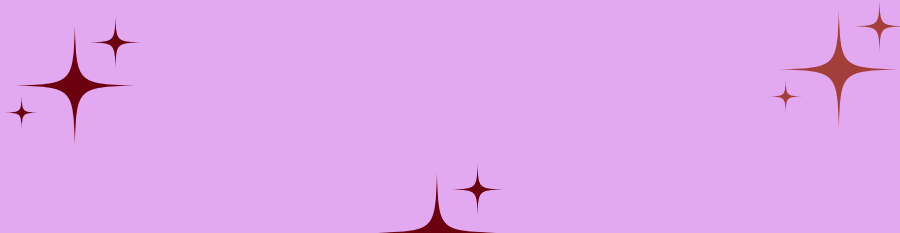
January 5th-27th - MAP testing for grades K-12

January 14 –March 3 - ACCESS testing for English Language Learners for qualifying students grades K-12

Second semester also brings class field trips which are an extension of the classroom learning experience. If you are interested in volunteering as a parent at school, please visit the district's information page at <https://www.orangevillecusd.com/page/volunteering> for more information. Please know that your school background check is good for five years. If you need to renew your school background check or complete a school background check for the first time, please email the district's bookkeeper, Paula Crossno at pcrossno@orangevillecusd.com. Thank you!

*Lastly, I am asking that you discuss and emphasize the importance of good student behavior at school with your children of all ages. When students behave appropriately in the classroom, much more learning can and will take place. My expectations for student behavior are simple: come to class on time **daily** and be prepared to learn (cell phones are not needed in the classroom), when the bell rings- student talking stops and listening begins, and do your best each and every day. By following these three simple rules, students will thrive in the classroom. The three classroom rules that I stated above illustrate **respect for the learning process**. We are very proud of all the Broncos working hard and being their Bronco Best day in and day out. On behalf of the Orangeville School District, thank you for your partnership with us. We value your support and look forward to a Happy New Year!*

*Sincerely,
Superintendent Katzenberger
Go Broncos!*



OES NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Reminders

Recess Policy

55+ DEGREES: JACKETS/COATS
OPTIONAL

44-54 DEGREES: LIGHT JACKET,
SWEATSHIRT OR LONG
SLEEVES

10-44 DEGREES: WINTER COATS
(GLOVES OR MITTENS
SUGGESTED)

BELOW 10 DEGREES INDOOR
RECESS
RAIN, SLEET, OR LIGHTNING
WE
WILL REMAIN INDOORS.

Attendance

Attendance is important. It is
important to be at school daily
and on time. For more
information read press policy 7:70
or pages 21-28 in the
Parent/Student Handbook.

3rd Quarter Incentive

3rd Quarter Expectation (Jan 5-Mar
13): K-5th students will have no
more than 1 tardy, no unexcused
absence (attendance), no office
referrals, and 2 or less missing
assignments.

Reward: March 13th - Fun Stations

Upcoming Events

- Jan 5th School Resumes
- Jan 9th Report Cards Sent
- Jan 19 No School Martin
Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 30 11:00 Dismissal

Club Dates

Bronco Builders Jan 13,14,27,28
Adventure Club Jan 15



Orangeville

Jr/Sr High School

Happy New Year!

Welcome Back to the second half of the school year! We have had some changes in the schedule so please be sure to check those schedules! Also, if you have any requests for changes, be sure to contact Mrs. Wilde to discuss those options. You have 3 DAYS to request those changes. After that, all requests will be denied.

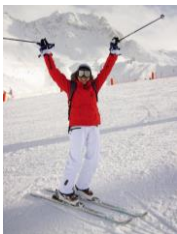


As we start the new year, we often think about resolutions and ways to improve ourselves or our communities. This semester, I will be focusing on attendance, particularly unexcused absences, as well as the distractions cell phones bring to our lives.

Please be sure to call your students in if they will be absent. If they have an appointment, please be sure to turn in an appointment card/note from the doctor.

Students will also be reminded the first week of school of the cell phone expectations. Those caught with their phones will be asked to take it to their lockers and leave them in the locker. Students will earn consequences for each cell phone violation reported.

Incentive Opportunities



Students who have earned the Quarter 2 incentive will be informed on Friday, January 9. Students will be given permission slips for the ski trip scheduled on January 21.

The Quarter 3 Incentive will start on January 5th and run through March 13th. Requirements to meet this incentive include: No more than 1 cell

phone referrals, No more than 1 detention, Academically eligible, and 0 unexcused absence.

Plan Ahead! Upcoming dates

January 5 - Return to school - Start Quarter 3

January 5 – OEF Meeting 5:00 PM

January 6 - PTO Meeting 6:30 PM

January 12 - Board of Education Meeting 5:30 PM

January 14-16 - 8th Grade Outdoor Education Experience

January 14 - Bronco Booster Meeting

January 19 - No School

January 20 - FFA Alumni Meeting 7:00 PM

January 21 - Incentive Ski Trip

January 30 - SIP early dismissal 11:00

News from the Fine Arts Boosters

Thank you for coming to support the Christmas Concert on December 5! The winter concert was a wonderful way for the students to share their musical talents with the community. We also appreciate Mrs. Spotts and Dr. Brandt for their time and dedication to the program. Thanks to the help of the PTO, cookie donations, and purchases at the event, we raised \$536.00. A portion of the funds will support the Orangeville Choir when they perform the National Anthem at the Rockford Ice Hogs game on December 31.



Lastly, the Fine Arts Boosters is looking for members. Originally named the Orangeville Music Boosters, began in 1983 as a financial support for the K–12 music, band, choir, and theater programs. Past funding includes student trips, sheet music, instruments, and essential supplies. The Boosters help the students thrive in ways that school funding alone cannot sustain. The current president, Laura Heath, and treasurer, Leslie Schmidt, are seeking more members to continue supporting the arts at the district. Anyone can join—alumni, parents, grandparents, and community members. For more information or to become a member, please email fineartsboosters@orangevillecusd.com or call Laura at 815-541-9254.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

William Guy – Maintenance Director – wguy@orangevillecusd.com – 815.789.4289 ext. *205



Truck driver James Truly's truck is partially exposed on Ohio 13 north of Mansfield in the wake of the Blizzard of 1978. Truly was trapped in the truck for five days. The story of his rescue was reported around the world. *File Photo*

WOW! Could you imagine waking up to this in 1978. A three-day storm, along with 50 mph winds created drifts reaching 15' high! Yikes! It was estimated that the storm caused \$1 billion in damages, which is equivalent to almost \$5 billion today.

Summer Project:



We are getting all geared up to start round two of our door and hardware upgrades. This is our final phase and is part of Health Life Safety requirements, along with security improvements we felt we needed to continue to make our school more secure.

This project will be partially funded by a 50/50 maintenance grant up to \$50,000.00. Congratulations to Winter Construction on being awarded this contract!

OTHER NEWS:

*It has been a snowy start to the winter season and a challenging one as well. We had some equipment issues that sidelined us for a few days, but with some help we managed. I would like to give a special shout-out to **Brad with Pieper Lawn Care** and the **Village of Orangeville** for helping us through that time of need.*

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BRONCO ATHLETICS

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INTRODUCING YOUR 2025-26 WINTER SPORT TEAMS

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL



JV GIRLS BASKETBALL



VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL



JV BOYS BASKETBALL



8TH GRADE BASKETBALL



7TH GRADE BASKETBALL



IMPORTANT NOTE: JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL STARTS DEC 22ND!!

If you haven't viewed the [Parent Sports Presentation](#) on the districts website, or haven't turned in the [Required Forms and Fees](#) for your athlete, please do so as soon as possible.

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Activity Calendar

January



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Happy New Year	1	2	3
				WINTER BREAK-----NO SCHOOL		
4 	5 HSGB- @ Galena @ 6:00 OEF Meeting 5:00 SCHOOL RESUMES!	6 HSBB- HOME vs Stillman Valley @ 5:30 PTO Meeting 6:30	7 HSGB- HOME vs Le-Win @ 5:30	8 HSBB- @ Dakota @ 5:30	9 HSGB- @ Forreston @ 5:30 Grade School Awards Ceremony 2:25	10 HSBB- @ West Carroll @ 1:00
11	12 HSBB- @ Milledgeville @ 5:30 JHGB- @ Immanuel @ 5:00 Board of Education Meeting 5:30	13 HSGB- @ Pearl City @ 5:30 JHGB- @ Le-Win @ 5:30 FFA Meeting 6:00	1 4 HSBB- HOME vs Forreston @ 5:30 Bronco Booster Meeting 6:00	15	16 HSBB-V @ Durand @ 6:00 Sophomore Career Tec Tour	17 HSGB- vs Richwoods Knights @ 3:00 JV 4:30 V @ Illinois Central College East Peoria
18 HSGB- vs Peoria High @ 1:00 JV 2:30 V @ Illinois Central College East Peoria	19 NO SCHOOL HSBB- @ AFC @ 5:30 Martin Luther King Jr.	20 JHGB- HOME vs Dakota @ 5:30 HSBB- @ Le-Win @ 5:30 FFA Alumni 7:00	2 1 HSGB- HOME vs Pecatonica @ 5:30 JH/HS Ski Trip Incentive Day	22 HSBB- HOME vs Pearl City @ 5:30	23 HSGB-V @ Durand @ 6:00	24 HSBB- @ LaMoille @ 1:00
25 	26 HSBB- @ Warren @ 5:30 JHGB- HOME vs South Beloit @ 5:30	27 HSGB- @ Dakota @ 5:30 Spelling Bee 1:00	2 8 JHGB- @ Forreston @ 5:00 Career Tec Informational Night 5:30	29 HSGB- @ Lena @ 5:30 JHGB- HOME vs Pecatonica @ 5:30	30 HSBB- HOME vs Pecatonica @ 5:30 DISMISSAL @ 11:00	31 HSGB- @ River Ridge/Scales Mound @ 12:00 HSBB- HOME vs Monticello @ 6:00

HSBB - High School Boys Basketball

HSGB- High School Girls Basketball

JHGB- Jr. High Girls Basketball

Event schedules subject to change. For most current and updated information go to [Events Calendar](http://www.orangevillecusd.com/Events%20Calendar) at <http://www.orangevillecusd.com/>

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Lunch Menu PK - 12

JANUARY



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				HAPPY NEW YEAR!---NO SCHOOL--- WINTER BREAK		
4 Grades 6-12 WG Pizza 2 nd choice Daily	5 Biscuits and Gravy Sausage Patty Hashbrown Wango Mango Juice Peaches	6 (Popcorn Chicken Bowl) Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Gravy Applesauce	7 Chicken Nachos Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	8 Deli Ham Wrap Green Beans Sweet Potatoes Pineapple	9 Booster's BBQ (sloppy joes) Cucumbers Baby Carrots Pears	10 
11 	12 Beef Nacho Tots Refried Beans WG Breadstick Cherry Star Juice Pineapple	13 Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Jello Applesauce	14 Chicken Patty/ Bun Green Beans Baby Carrots Peaches	15 Pork Rib/ Bun Broccoli Diced Peaches Ice Cream Cup	16 Bosco Sticks Marinara Romaine Salad	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Cucumbers Mixed Fruit	21 Cheeseburger/ Bun Potato Wedges Pudding Mixed Berries Cup	22 Chicken Alfredo Garlic Toast Corn Pineapple	23 Turkey Sub Baby Carrots Celery Baked Chips Applesauce	24 
25 	26 Taco in a Bag Refried Beans Pineapple	27 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Hashbrown Dragon Punch Fresh Apple	28 Pizza Roasted Sweet Potato Cucumber Pears	29 Orange Chicken WG Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	30 NO LUNCH DISMISSAL @ 11:00	31

All meals include 1% white milk or fat free chocolate milk.

WG = Whole Grain
Menu subject to change.

ORANGEVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #203

2025-2026 School Year - Holidays & Early Dismissal Days

2025

Aug. 14	New Staff Orientation - NO SCHOOL
Aug. 18	Teacher's Institute - NO SCHOOL - <i>Meet the Teacher Night 5:00 -7:00 p.m.</i>
Aug. 19	Teacher's Institute & PLC - NO SCHOOL
Aug. 20	School Begins – K-12 grades
Aug. 21	School Begins – PK classes
Sept. 1	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Sept. 19	School Improvement Day (1/2 Day Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)
Oct. 13	Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
Oct. 23	11:00 a.m. Dismissal - <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.</i>
Oct. 24	NO SCHOOL - <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
Nov. 26-28	Thanksgiving Vacation - NO SCHOOL
Dec. 5	School Improvement Day (1/2 Day Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

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Jan. 5	School resumes at regular time
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday – NO SCHOOL
Jan. 30	School Improvement Day (1/2 Day Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)
Feb. 13	Teacher's Institute – NO SCHOOL
Feb. 16	Presidents Day (observed) - NO SCHOOL
Mar. 13	School Improvement Day (1/2 Day Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)
Mar. 30 – Apr. 3	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
Apr. 6	School resumes at regular time
Apr. 24	Teacher's Institute & PLC – NO SCHOOL
May 8	Teacher In-Service & PLC (Early Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.)
May 25	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
May 27	TENTATIVE Last Day/Teacher In-service & PLC (Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.)
May 28 – Jun. 3	<i>Emergency days (if needed)</i>

Quarters

1st	Aug. 20 – Oct. 17
2nd	Oct. 20 – Dec. 19
3rd	Jan. 5 – Mar. 13
4th	Mar. 16 – May 27 <i>[up to June 3]</i>

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FFA Alumni **MEETING**

The FFA Alumni helps the Orangeville FFA chapter achieve its vision of growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture by.

Engaging with our students

Supporting our advisor

Telling our story

*Get
Involved!*



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815-821-2544

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Freshman Fun

The freshmen have had some intense games of Jeopardy to review for tests this year. Good sportsmanship has been shown in post-game “jersey” swaps.



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