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"Home of the Broncos"

Orangeville CUSD 203 Newsletter
November 2026

Dear Bronco Families:

The first quarter for the 2026 – 2027 school year has concluded. Thank you for attending parent-teacher conferences in October. You support and investment in our students' growth and development is invaluable. If you were unable to attend, please reach out to your child's teacher(s) to see how your child is progressing academically and growing socio-emotionally thus far. At conference time, you would have received fall benchmark testing results for students in grades K-12, Illinois Assessment of Readiness scores for students in grades 3-8 and 1st Quarter report cards for all grade levels. If you feel as though you are missing anything, please let us know. Students will complete benchmark testing again in January where we will look for growth in academic abilities. Please encourage your child to always do his/her best on every test and assignment. We do offer reading and math interventions, if you believe that you child is in need of extra assistance at the elementary level. Students at the secondary level may receive assistance form any staff member during enrichment time.

Congratulations to the student-athletes and coaches that complete their fall extracurricular season. I enjoyed getting to see so many parents, family members, staff, and students attend our football and volleyball games this fall and I look forward to more great crowds during our winter season. Please encourage your child/children to get involved in extracurricular activities at Orangeville. Involvement in extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs is high correlated with academic success and social-emotional growth.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!

Thomas Rude
Superintendent



Secretary

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Orangeville Jr. - Sr. High School

💜💛From the Principal's Desk💛💜

Orangeville Jr./Sr. High School | Principal Wolfe

As we wrap up the first quarter, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, and families for a great start to the school year! It is hard to believe we have already completed our first nine weeks. We have seen so many positive things happening throughout our building, and I am excited to see what the rest of the year brings.

First Quarter Grades & Enrichment Changes

First-quarter grades have been finalized, and students may have noticed some changes to their schedules as we begin the second quarter. Our Enrichment placements have been adjusted based on academic performance, behavior, and individual student needs. These changes are intended to provide students with the support, structure, and opportunities they need to be successful.

Some students may benefit from additional academic support or structured time to complete assignments, while others may have opportunities to participate in different enrichment activities. Our goal is to make this time meaningful and beneficial for every student.

Enrichment placements are not permanent. We will review student progress in approximately one month and make adjustments as needed. We want students to understand that their effort, choices, and progress all play a role in the opportunities available to them.

Cell Phone Expectations – A Reminder

We have recently seen an increase in cell phone violations throughout the building. As a reminder, students are required to keep their cell phones in their lockers throughout the school day. Phones should not be carried in pockets, backpacks, or used during instructional time.

Our progressive consequences for cell phone violations are as follows:

- **First Violation:** The student must turn their phone over to the principal, and it will be returned at the end of the school day.
- **Second Violation:** A parent or guardian will be required to pick up the phone.
- **Third Violation:** The student will be required to check their phone into the office at the beginning of each school day and pick it up at dismissal.

We appreciate families reinforcing these expectations at home. Our goal is to minimize distractions, encourage student engagement, and maintain a positive learning environment for everyone.

Veterans Day Assembly – November 11

Orangeville School will proudly host our Veterans Day Assembly on **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**. We invite veterans, families, and community members to join us as we recognize and honor those who have served our country.

Light refreshments and coffee will be available in the cafeteria beginning at **8:00 AM**, with the assembly program starting at **8:30 AM in the gymnasium**.

We look forward to coming together as a school and community to express our gratitude to the men and women who have served in our armed forces.

Looking Ahead

As we begin the second quarter, I encourage students to reflect on their first-quarter successes and identify areas where they can continue to grow. A new quarter is a fresh opportunity to set goals, make positive choices, and build on the progress already made.

Thank you to our families for your continued support and partnership. I appreciate the warm welcome and the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated school community. Let's keep the momentum going and make the second quarter even better!

💜💛Go Broncos!💜💛



Orangeville Elementary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to share our upcoming quarterly incentives and rewards for the elementary building this school year. Our PBIS committee is working hard to create clear goals for our students to obtain throughout each quarter. Students who meet these behavioral and academic goals will earn a spot at our school reward celebration at the end of that quarter.

To track eligibility, the main office will monitor missing assignments, and teachers will log classroom behavior using Skyward office referrals. Below are the specific requirements and rewards for each quarter:

Quarterly Rewards & Expectations

- **2nd Quarter (Oct 19 – Dec 22)**
    - **Expectation:** No more than 1 office referral and no more than 3 missing assignments.
    - **Reward:** *K–2 and 3-5* Popcorn, Pajamas & Movie in the afternoon (December/January).
- **3rd Quarter (Jan 5 – Mar 19)**
    - **Expectation: Zero** office referrals and 2 or fewer missing assignments.
    - **Reward:** Afternoon Fun Stations rotation (March 19)
- **4th Quarter (Mar 30 – May 25)**
    - **Expectation: Zero** office referrals and **zero** missing assignments.
    - **Reward:** Summer Send-Off outdoor activities in the afternoon (May 21)

In addition to our quarterly incentives, we have another wonderful opportunity to recognize students for exemplary behavior. Students are currently learning about positive character traits during Mrs. Wilde's SELF lessons. Classroom teachers will nominate students who consistently demonstrate these core values, which include:

Kindness, Respect, Empathy, Responsibility, Identifying Feelings, Emotion Management, Problem Solving, Integrity, Honesty, Courage, Confidence, Social Skills, Compassion, and Caring.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's positive behavior and academic success!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Ludin

PK–5 Principal

Bronco Athletics



"The Broncos Gear up for Winter Athletics"

Junior High Boys Basketball Starts 10/13/26
High School Girls Basketball Starts 11/2/26
High School Boys basketball starts 11/9/26
Junior High Girls Basketball starts 1/4/27

- Make sure you have a physical on file before basketball season starts.
- Make sure signature pages are signed (School web page under Athletics).
- Make sure to view the 2026/27 Athletic Presentation and complete the google form at the end (school web page under athletics).
- Make sure all Athletic Fees are paid

Gameday Reminders

- Make sure to stay up to date on the game times and dates using our district calendar.
- All games hosted in the high school gym are streamed live on NFHS.
- Students under 5th grade must be accompanied by an adult at all extracurricular events.

ORANGEVILLE CUSD #203 / FAMILY TECH TIPS

SPOT THE SCAM

Pause before you click. Verify before you trust.

A familiar name or logo can hide a fake email or text. Use this fictional school message to practice spotting the warning signs together.

PRACTICE MESSAGE - THIS IS A FAKE

From: School Account Support <support@school-help.example>

URGENT: Your student account will be closed tonight

Dear guardian,
We could not verify your student account. Click below within 30 minutes and enter your Skyward password and verification code to keep access.

VERIFY ACCOUNT NOW

DID YOU SPOT THESE FOUR RED FLAGS?

1. **Pressure to act fast**
   A short deadline pushes you to react before checking.
2. **An unfamiliar sender**
   The display name says “school,” but the address needs a closer look.
3. **Requests for account secrets**
   A request for your password or verification code is a serious warning.
4. **A shortcut to “fix” it**
   Skip the message link. Open your usual school website or app yourself.

YOUR NEXT MOVE: STOP. CHECK. REPORT.

Contact the school using a number you already know. If the message is suspicious, use your email app’s phishing report option, then delete it.

Already entered information? Change the affected password through the real site and contact school IT for a school account. If you shared payment details, contact your bank.

FAMILY CHALLENGE: Ask your child, “What would you do before clicking?”

Learn more: consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-avoid-phishing-scams

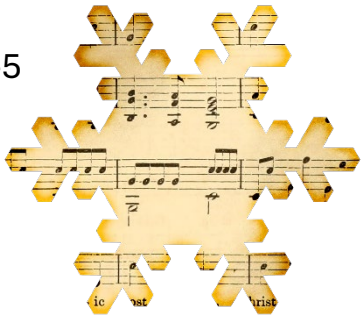
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Great job and big congratulations go out to Kevin Engels and Makenna Wheeler for making ILMEA District 8 Music Festival! A lot of hard work and preparation went into getting this honor. The Music Festival concert will take place at DeKalb High School on Saturday, November 21st at 7:00 pm. If anyone wishes to attend, here is the link to purchase tickets: https://ilmea.org/d8concertfestival



Before we know it, it will be time for the Orangeville School District Holiday Concerts! Make sure you join us!

They will take place On Tuesday, December 8th, with the PreK-5 and 5th grade band concert starting at 6:00 pm, then the JH/HS band and choir concert following at 7:00 pm.





Save the date for the Scholastic Book Fair

When: Tuesday, December 8th

Where: Grade School/High School Library

Time: Before and after the winter concerts

The Orangeville High School choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Rockford Icehogs game on New Year's Eve this year! Look for more information to come on the Orangeville Music Dept. Facebook page.

Bronco Builders Club dates 26-27 when school is in session

September 22, & 23

October 13, 14, 27, & 28

November 10, 11, & 24

December 8 & 9

January 12, 13, 26, & 27

February 9, 10, 23, & 24

March 9 & 10

April 13, 14, 27, & 28

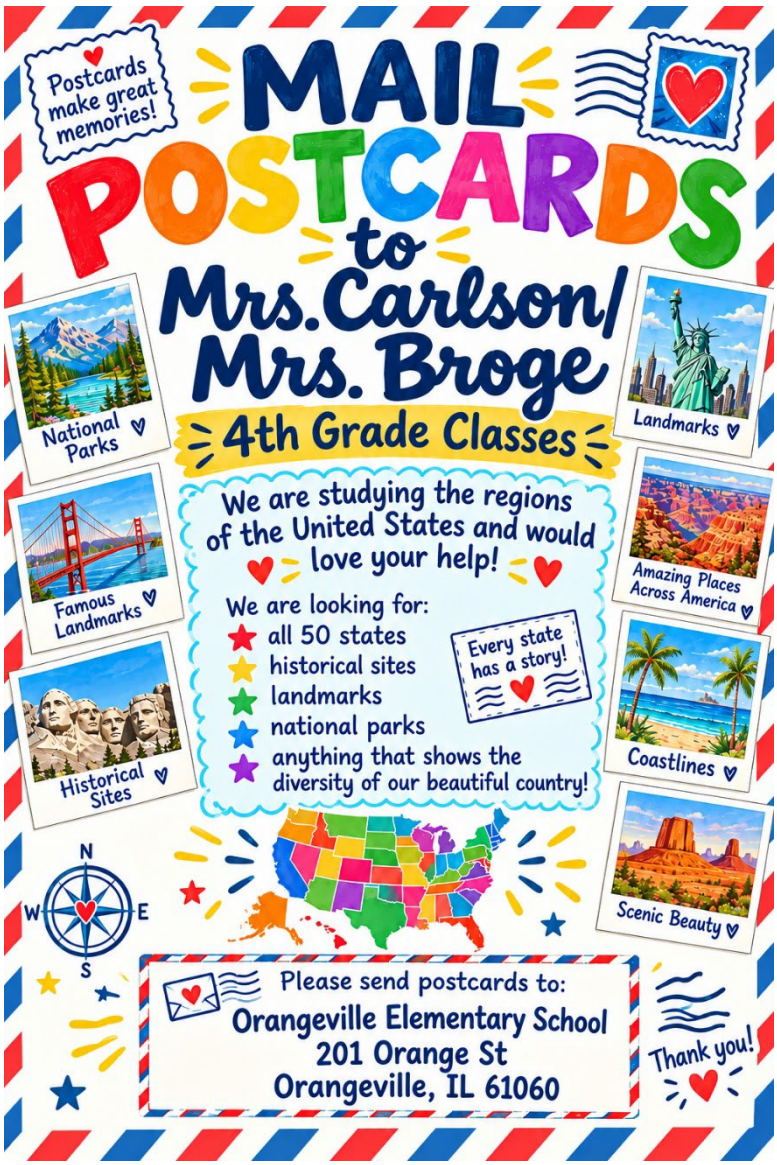
May 11 & 12

There are three seats on the Orangeville School Board coming open for election or re-election this spring. If you are interested in becoming a board member, check out our News item on the website here: https://www.orangevillecusd.com/article/3219763 Petitions must be filed between Nov. 13 – Nov. 23, 2026 to appear on the April 2027 ballot.





Our fourth grades have been working together on a fun project where they are collecting post cards from all over the United States! They are still hoping to collect from all 50 states, so if you or someone you know is willing to send them a postcard from the lovely area where you live, please help them out!



Some cool projects by Mrs. Lorig's 5th grade class!



Ariyah, Bentley and Grace created 3d box animals for our volume zoo project in math.



Students completed a mystery science activity while learning about the skull.

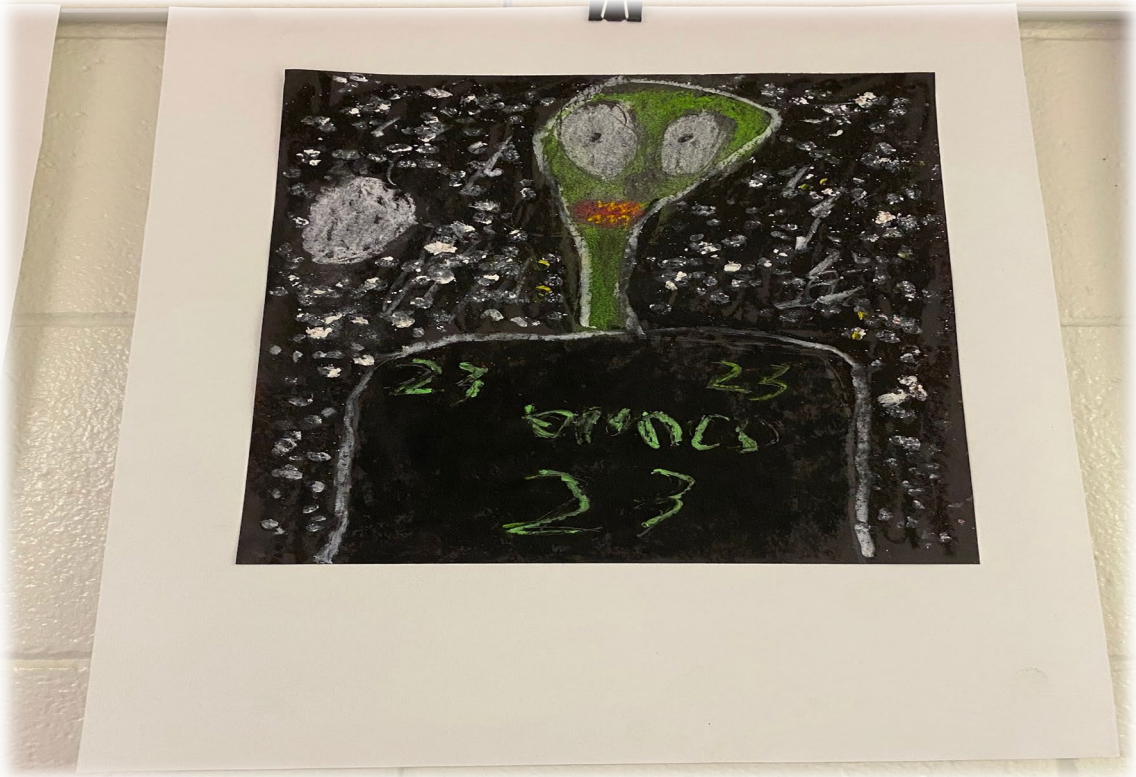
Inside the Art Studio: Celebrating Creativity at Every Grade Level

Our Bronco artists in Jr./Sr. High were busy during the month of October creating spooky pieces. Our weekly drawing practice prompts have all had a Halloween connection; remember students 30 minutes of weekly practice is a minimum. The seventh grade and Sr. High Drawing class visited the artwork of Tim Burton; the artist and film maker whose work lives for the month of October. After seeing examples of his stop-motion films, students used soft pastels to create haunting self-portraits. The Sr. High sculpture class went all in with Burton's stop motion films and created their own stop-motion doll using clay and wire armature for support. Students even needed to create clothing for their character using fabric swatches. Sr. High Art Comprehension class is taking on presenting three dimensions on a two-dimensional surface using one point perspective. For their eerie assignment, students created a checkered tablecloth in one point perspective and are then asked to set the table for Halloween using watercolors. Have a peek at the spooktacular examples below.

Stay creative Broncos,
Mr. Michalsen















Orangeville Education Foundation highlights from October 2026

The Foundation recognized alumni at the Homecoming football game. 27 alumni received a coupon to concession.

We awarded Emma Frautschy with a $1,000 post-secondary scholarship.

Also, please join us at a meeting to see what we are about. Our next meeting is on November 11 at 5:00 P.M. in room 230 in the high school.



This fall, for the first time in many years, we had cheerleaders on the sidelines at our home games. Thank you ladies and coaches for bringing a little more spirit back to OHS!

Here is the squad pictured with our cheer camp littles at the Senior Day game on October 17th. We hope this continues for many years to come!



2026



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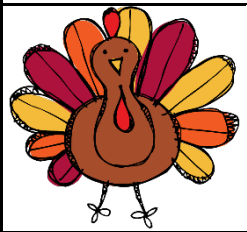
2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **Grades 6-12** ***POPCORN CHICKEN*** **2nd Choice Daily**	Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Corn Mixed Fruit **2**	**Election Day** **3** **NO SCHOOL**	Cheeseburger on bun Potato Wedges Pudding Mixed Berries Cup **4**	Grilled Chicken Romaine Salad Apple Chocolate Chip Snack Bar **5**	Turkey Bacon Sub Carrots.Celery Applesauce Baked Chips **6**	**7**
8 **Grades 6-12** ***PEPPERONI CALZONE*** **2nd Choice Daily**	Taco in a Bag Refried Beans Pineapple **9**	Hot Dog on Bun Green Beans Fries Watermelon Bug Bites **10**	Cheese Pizza Roasted Sweet Potatoes Cucumbers Pears **11**	Orange Chicken WG Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges **12**	French Toast Sticks Syrup Sausage Patty Hashbrown Apple Dragon Punch **13**	**14**
15 **Grades 6-12** ***MINI CORN DOGS*** **2nd Choice Daily**	Chicken Taco Baked Beans Guacamole Mixed Fruit **16**	Beef Ravioli Breadstick Broccoli Applesauce Yogurt **17**	Breakfast Pizza Hashbrown Pineapple Wango Mango Juice **18**	Chicken Tenders Garlic Toast Baby Carrots/Celery Mandarin Oranges Craisins **19**	Pulled Pork Baked Potato Italian Blend Veg. Peaches Rice Krispie **20**	**21**
Grades 6-12 **Pizza Quesadilla** **2nd Choice Daily** **22**	Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Breadstick Corn Applesauce **23**	Pizza Quesadilla Mixed Veggies Strawberries Yogurt Cheddar Chex Mix **24**	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	**26** **Thanksgiving**	**27**	 **28**
29 **Grades 6-12** ***POPCORN CHICKEN*** **2nd Choice Daily**	Biscuit and Gravy Sausage Hashbrown Peaches Mango Wango Juice **30**					

All meals include 1% white milk or fat free chocolate milk. WG = Whole Grain Menu subject to change.

2026 Activity Calendar — November — 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sophomore Popcorn Sales Through Nov. 30	2 Jostens grad items presentation 2:30 **JHBB @ Dakota 5:30** OAA mtg. 6 pm @ The Ville Bronco Boosters mtg. 7 pm @ The Ville	3 **NO SCHOOL – ELECTION DAY**	4 **JHBB vs. Durand 5:30**	5 Adventure Club 3-5 pm **JHBB @ S. Beloit 5:30** FFA Chapter Mtg 3 pm FFA Dairy Foods @ Lena 5 pm	6 **6/7 Boys Basketball at Pearl City Tourney** →	7
8	9 **JHBB vs. Immanuel Lutheran 5:30** Board of Education mtg. 5:30	10 **JHBB @ Stockton 5:30** PTO mtg 5:30 pm FFA Chapter mtg. 6 pm	11 Veterans Day program Refreshments for veterans 8 am / assembly 8:30 National Honor Society Induction 5:30 pm	12	13 FT – 4 & 5 grades. **8th Boys Basketball at Pearl City Tourney** → FFA Sect. 1 Volleyball @ Scales Md. 4 pm	14
15 	16 **HSBB Parent meeting (in caf) 5:45 pm**	17 Jostens to pick up senior grad orders 12-12:45 **JHBB vs. Kirkland 5:30** FFA Alumni mtg. 7 pm	18 **JHBB @ Lena 5:30**	19 **HSGB – Forreston Turkey Tourney tba** → Adventure Club 3-5 pm PTO Family Reading Night	20	21 Lions Club Home for the Holidays Craft Show 9 am – 2 pm
22	23 **HSGB – Forreston Turkey Tourney tba** → **JHBB vs. Chadwick 5:30**	24 **JHBB vs. Dakota 5:30** **HSBB – Scales Mound Turkey Tourney tba** →	25 THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL →	26	27	28
29 	30 **JHBB @ Durand 5:30** **HSBB @ Stockton 6:00**					

HSGB- High School Girls Basketball **HSBB- High School Boys Basketball** **JHBB- Jr. High Boys Basketball**

Event schedules subject to change. For most current and updated information go to Events Calendar at http://www.orangevillecusd.com/

ORANGEVILLE FFA TOY DRIVE

Help us make the holidays brighter for local kids!

COLLECTING FROM
NOVEMBER 1ST – DECEMBER 14TH

DROP OFF LOCATION:
ELEMENTARY LOBBY

COLLECTING FOR AGES:
NEWBORN TO 11 YEARS OLD

We will wrap them!



ORANGEVILLE PTO

NOVEMBER NEWS & REMINDERS

PTO MEETING

November 10th
5:30 PM

DECK THE HALLS

(Locker/Cubby Wrap)

November 9–24

FAMILY READING NIGHT

November 19th
5:30–6:30 PM

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

November–December

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR SCHOOL TREES

November 23rd

CANDLE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Orders closed on 10/14.
Please allow 3–4 weeks for the PTO to contact you about your orders and when to pick up.

THANK YOU, WAYSIDE SALOON!

Thank you for the wonderful and delicious meal for our staff during parent-teacher conferences!

LOOKING AHEAD

PENGUIN SHOP

December 17–18

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT & COOKIE WALK

December 8

ORANGEVILLE LIONS

Home for the Holidays

CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026

9 AM – 2 PM

ORANGEVILLE SCHOOLS
201 S Orange St,
Orangeville, IL 61060



Please enter through *the High School Lobby.*

SUGGESTED ADMISSION **$2**



THREE ROOMS OF CRAFTER AND DIRECT SELL COMPANY BOOTHS.



FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT.



ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER *will be returned back to the public*

TO MEET A VARIETY OF NEEDS.

OHS Yearbook

Yearbook Sponshorship Offers

In addition to yearbook coverage, our ad packages offer increased exposure by printing your business name on a banner to be seen at sporting events and extracurricular activities in our high school gym. We are also offering the opportunity for our community to see your business information posted monthly on our school social media pages.

Please select this link to purchase an ad.

If you have any questions, please contact Mercy Wilde, our yearbook adviseo. She may be reached by email at mwilde@orangevillecusd.com.

Please make checks payable to Orangeville High School.

Thank you!

PLATINUM LEVEL
$185

- business name printed professionally on banner to be hung in the OHS gym that will be displayed during the current school year
- business name, address, and phone number posted to school social media monthly with other sponsors
- business name, address and phone number in the yearbook with other sponsors in the front of the book
- business name, address, and phone number listed in the school newsletter

GOLD LEVEL
$95

- business name, address and phone number in the yearbook with other sponsors in the front of the book
- business name, address, and phone number listed in the school newsletter

SILVER LEVEL
$45

- business name , address and phone number in the yearbook with other sponsors in the front of the book

ORANGEVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #203
2026-2027 School Year - Holidays & Early Dismissal Days

2026

Aug. 17	Teacher's Institute - **NO SCHOOL**
	Meet the Teacher night – 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Aug. 18	Teacher's Institute - **NO SCHOOL**
Aug. 19	**School Begins – K-12 grades**
Aug. 20	**School Begins – PK classes**
Sept. 7	Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**
Sept. 18	School Improvement Day **(1/2 Day Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)**
Oct. 12	Columbus Day - **NO SCHOOL**
Oct. 22	School Improvement Day **(1/2 Day Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)**
	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	**NO SCHOOL** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	**NO SCHOOL** – Election Day
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Vacation - **NO SCHOOL**
Dec. 23 – Jan. 1	Winter Break – **NO SCHOOL**

2027

Jan. 4	Teacher's Institute - **NO SCHOOL**
Jan. 5	**School resumes at regular time**
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
Feb. 12	Teacher's Institute – **NO SCHOOL**
Feb. 15	Presidents Day (observed) - **NO SCHOOL**
Mar. 22 – 29	Spring Break - **NO SCHOOL**
Mar. 30	**School resumes at regular time**
Apr. 16	Teacher In-Service Day **(1/2 Day Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)**
May 7	Teacher In-Service Day **(1/2 Day Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)**
May 25	***TENTATIVE Last Day****/School Improvement Day* ***(Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.)***
May 26 – Jun.2	*Emergency days (if needed)*
May 31	*Memorial Day –* ***NO SCHOOL*** *even if emergency days extend the year*

Quarters

1st	Aug. 19 – Oct. 16
2nd	Oct. 19 – Dec. 22
3rd	Jan. 5 – Mar. 12
4th	Mar. 15 – May 25 *[up to June 2]*

Note: Calendar is subject to State Approval. **Update** 3/3/2026