



# Oswayo Valley School District

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Dear Oswayo Valley Families,

Welcome back! It is hard to believe that our children will be back in school in just a few short weeks. The administrative, maintenance, and support staff teams have been working very hard over the summer to prepare our buildings for the 2018-2019 school year. We would like to take a moment to recognize all their hard work as well as recognize the summer school teachers, IU9, and the Potter County staff that support our student programs over the summer.

There have been many initiatives taking place on our school grounds these past few months. We received two Norton grants this year which helped to purchase bleachers for the softball field, complete the concrete on the outdoor basketball/tennis courts, a score board for the softball field, three ellipticals for the fitness center, an outdoor classroom/pavilion, and an outdoor concession stand. A special thank you to the Norton Trust and the Oswayo Valley Education Foundation for their on-going support of our community and schools.

We were approved as a PA Northwest Regional College site and will be offering eleventh and twelfth grade students with the opportunity to take evening college classes. Classes are also open to the public at a reduced cost. RRC will hold a meeting during *meet the teacher* night at the high school. Please visit the website for information on the PA Northwest Regional College.

This past year, our professional learning emphasis was on differentiated instructional strategies in the classroom for all learners. Since 2016, we have focused on our middle school math as well as district-wide math alignment kindergarten through high school. We are very proud of what our students and teachers have accomplished!

The *OV Pride (attached)* highlights great things our students have accomplished as well as highlight our academics and activities in our schools. As you can see, our 2018 graduates received over \$200K in local scholarships and we wish them much success as they head off to college, their careers, or the military. Last school year we included a snapshot of the what our teachers and staff were proud of and I have enclosed the *School Pride* which highlights the outstanding work accomplished by our teachers during the 2017-2018 school year.

This coming school year we will be focusing on the elementary English/Language Arts curriculum resource adoption, the district-wide comprehensive plan, and the ms/hs technology 1:1 initiative. Additionally, we will be providing school safety training for students and staff (staff participated in the A.L.I.C.E. training this past spring); annual review of our bullying/cyber bullying policy/curriculum; opening a parent center in the elementary school; and, based on the Title I parent survey, provide tutoring in the elementary and middle schools. If there are other items you would like to see, please visit the district website, select community tab, select parent feedback.

The Board, administration, teachers, and staff are very proud of the success of our children and schools and will work hard to support our parents and community in carrying out the Oswayo Valley mission of "*inspiring, developing, and empowering life-long learners to enrich the world.*"

We invite you to support student activities and events that are planned throughout the school year to promote *Oswayo Pride* and *OV School Spirit*. Please join us on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for meet the teacher night at both the elementary and middle/high schools.

We look forward to seeing all your children on Thursday, August 23, 2018, and look forward to an amazing 2018-2019 school year!

Sincerely,



Dr. Michele S. Hartzell  
Superintendent

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