

Oswego County Student Art Show March 12 - April 4, 2026

The student show is a huge event and we typically receive over 500 entries to sort, tag, judge, hang, etc. It takes many hands, and we would love your help. Please review the details below and email, call or text if you can commit to one or a few of these tasks! Thanks so much!!!

DATES

Thursday, March 5, noon - 6 pm

Friday, March 6, noon - 6 pm

Saturday, March 7, 10 am - 2 pm

ART CHECK IN!

We never know when teachers will drop off work; typically they come in right after school, but some wait until Saturday.

VOLUNTEER WORK: 3 volunteers needed for each of these gallery shifts. Why 3 volunteers? Everything happens at once. One volunteer needs to help log in work when it comes in (there is a check in list and process). One volunteer to assist sorting entries by grade and district. If tags are available, they can start tagging. Volunteers may also start applying hanging tabs to the backs of the art. One volunteer needs to run the register and handle daily sales.

PREP BACK GALLERY

Saturday, March 7

VOLUNTEER WORK: help take down, wrap, label, box the member gallery artwork for storage.

DATES

Monday, March 9, 9 am - afternoon

(Tuesday, March 10, if needed)

JUDGE ART

Two days if needed.

VOLUNTEER WORK: Judging is an arduous process which often requires two or more reviews of a specific piece of artwork. Runners will take art and "run" it by the two judges to categorize whether it is "in" or "out" or "maybe." Then a second round of the in's are reviewed to determine if it is "award worthy". It is important to have multiple runners to get through over 500 quickly. (4 - 6 runners is a good number.) Runners should wear sneakers - you will be on your feet all day! The other challenge is not to "Oooh and Ahhh" as you approach so as not to bias the judges. Judges discuss and determine who receives awards. It makes for a fun day! We'll order pizza for lunch.

DATES

Tuesday, March 10, 11 am - 6 pm

Wednesday, March 11, 11 am - 6 pm

Thursday, March 12, 11 am - 6 pm

Friday, March 13, 11 am - 6 pm

Saturday, March 14, 10 - 2 pm

PREPARE TAGS (Judy)

TAG AND HANG ART

VOLUNTEER WORK: This is all hands on deck!

Teachers are invited to join us after school, but we never know who will show up. Volunteers will tag and hang all artwork throughout the gallery.

VOLUNTEER WORK: Photograph winning work.

Prepare and Print Gift Certificates.

VOLUNTEER WORK: Upload file and create individual student certificates for winners

VOLUNTEER WORK: Print certificates.

VOLUNTEER WORK: Place certificates & checks in folders.

DATE

Sunday, March 15, 12:30 pm

Award Ceremony 1 pm

VOLUNTEER WORK: Volunteers are needed to manage the crowd, help with awards.

DATE

Saturday, April 4, 10 - 2 pm

TAKE DOWN ARTWORK

VOLUNTEER WORK: To avoid damage, we often let the teachers pull the artwork down from the wall when they come to pick it up. A volunteer is needed to check off the list and make sure everything is accounted for. Any work that is not picked up (which we hope there is none) will be packaged up for the district. Volunteers may need to follow up with phone calls for students who submitted work independently.

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Thursday, April 9, noon - 6 pm

Friday, April 10, noon - 6 pm

Saturday, April 11, 10 am - 2 pm

PICK UP WORK

VOLUNTEER WORK: Place unclaimed certificates in envelopes labeled for teachers.