

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!!!

ART CHECK IN

Thursday, March 5, noon - 6 pm

Friday, March 6, noon - 6 pm

Saturday, March 7, 10 am - 2 pm

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.

JUDGE ARTWORK

Tuesday, March 10, 9 am - afternoon

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 “OOH 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.

PREP TAGS / TAG AND HANG ART

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

VOLUNTEER WORK: Prepare tags (Judy).

VOLUNTEER WORK: This is all hands on deck!

Teachers are invited to join us after school, if possible..

Volunteers will tag and hang all artwork.

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.

ATTEND AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, March 15, 12:30 pm

Awards Ceremony 1 pm

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

TAKE DOWN ARTWORK

Saturday, April 4, 10 - 2 pm

VOLUNTEER WORK: To avoid damage, we often let the teachers pull the artwork down from the walls 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.

PICK UP WORK

Thursday, April 9, noon - 6 pm

Friday, April 10, noon - 6 pm

Saturday, April 11, 10 am - 2 pm

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