

The Youth Informer

Orange Youth Services is recognized as the central agency for the development, implementation and coordination of programs and services for the youth of the Town of Orange.

Youth Services Picnic Welcomes Incoming 7th Grade Students

Orange Youth Services held their Incoming 7th grade picnic in August to welcome the new 7th graders. A diversified variety of activities provided were spot shot basketball, wiffle ball, horseshoes, ring toss, frisbee toss, races, board games, lucky spin, and penny drop. Funding for the picnic was provided through a grant from the Orange Lions Club. Reno's pizza, snacks, ice cream, and soda were provided to the students. Youth Services wishes to thank the Orange Lions Club, the parent volunteers, Robert Catalde, and Amity High School volunteers.



Incoming 7th graders had lots of fun, food, and activity at their picnic.

Youth Services to again provide Artist Colony Professional Art Instruction

The Youth Services Orange Artist Colony will provide an Artist Colony for Orange 7th & 8th grade students who have an interest in art, and want to improve their artistic ability. There is no cost to the parent. Students will receive quality professional instruction in the field of water colors, all art materials, lunch, a family reception scheduled in May, and more. There will be 2 separate sessions scheduled during students' vacations in February & April. Interested parents should contact John Ulatowski Youth Services Coordinator at julatowski@orange-ct.gov for further information.

September Dance Welcomes Students' Return



Photos of students enjoying the dance festivities

Our Students of the Month



Stephanie Satonick

Stephanie Satonick is an eighth grade Honors student at Amity Middle School in Orange. She stands out among her peers at Amity as a student who demonstrates compassion, kindness and understanding in her friendships with students with disabilities. She has completed the Babysitting Course at the Parks and Recreation Department and currently babysits for a number of families in the area. ***(continues on next page)***

Stephanie is an active member in her church community and is involved in numerous volunteer and outreach projects in the neighborhood. She has been involved in a number of fundraisers for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission and has also gone on a number of mission trips outside of the local area.

Stephanie recently auditioned and was accepted into the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestra and plays violin at school as well. She is both a violinist and vocalist in her church band and will be doing a number of concerts throughout the local area. In addition, Stephanie has been involved in several art shows and her work has been on display at the Case Memorial Library.

On a personal note, Stephanie enjoys relaxing at home with family and friends. She is witty, sensitive and strong willed. While having been adopted into our family, she truly loves her older brother and younger sister. Stephanie has always been an advocate for the hurting and has never been afraid or shy about standing up against “bullying” in the school system.

Stephanie is truly a beautiful young lady that her parents are proud of.



Sarah O'Brien

Sarah O'Brien is an 8th grade Honor Student at Amity Middle School Orange. She plays violin in the school Strings program and also studies piano. Sarah serves on the Executive Board of Kadima, the middle school youth group at Congregation Or Shalom.

For her Bat Mitzvah service project she started a monthly program called Baking with Sarah with residents of Tower One/Tower East. Sarah lives in Orange with her parents and three siblings.

Special Thanks Goes Out To Ms. Lynn Edwards @ AMS

Youth Services Job Bank Can Help with Autumn & Winter Chores

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, washing windows, cleaning attics/basements, snow shoveling, painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper and more. For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785 between 8:30-4:30 Mon-Friday.

Orange Youth Services Art Gallery Five 2012 display begins in January

Youth Services again this year encourages Orange students to submit one artwork that will hang at the High Plains Community Center from January through March 2012. The artists' work will be seen by many of the Center's visitors. Works can be submitted at the end of November at Community Services-Youth Services. All artwork submitted will be displayed in the exhibit. The Art Gallery Five is open to all Orange students in Elementary and Middle School. Media will be drawing, watercolor/oils, or photography. Matted art work should be no larger than 11x14. Works should not be framed. Permission form should be attached to back of artwork. Parent should contact John Ulatowski for full guidelines/permission form if interested at julatowski@orange-ct.gov.

Coming Attractions

In the months to come, the *Youth Informer* newsletter will be offering articles and photos of other coming attractions such as the Intergenerational Tutoring program, Middle School dances, Art Gallery Display, Artist Colony, Babysitting courses, Home Alone, and more.

Come, Share, and Maybe Be Famous!!!

The Youth Services newsletter "Youth Informer" is seeking submissions from students! Photos, drawings, poems, essays, favorite book or movie review, jokes, favorite hobbies info ...All newsletter submissions should be emailed to julatowski@orange-ct.gov for our future editions.

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