



Principal's Corner

By Mr. Matt Hopkins, Pre-K-12 Principal

It's hard to believe we have completed the first 10 weeks of school, and by the time this edition goes to press, Thanksgiving will be upon us. In the first 10 weeks of school we have seen many significant changes. Considering we have a new principal and a brand new schedule, we really are off to a good start. The staff and the young people we serve have adjusted well. We can be proud of the welcoming and supportive community in which we live and work. I am honored to have the opportunity to be Pre-K-12 Principal.

PK-6 Notes

Our youngest students have adjusted well to the new schedule in Pre-K. Time changes have balanced the schedule between the morning and afternoon groups and provided for better preparation time for the staff.

I would like to encourage all of our district residents to take every opportunity to read with children. Whether they are your own, your grandchildren or a neighbor's child, there is no greater educational practice



Principal Matt Hopkins shares Brennan Dean's excitement during the second grade's Reading BOOK BASH (lock-in) held on Friday, October 3, to kick off Book-It. See related photo on page 10.

than reading to, and encouraging children to read. One of the keys to promoting positive reading experiences for younger children is to find material they are interested in and make sure they experience successes in reading. Start with something they can easily

master and work up from there, providing encouragement along the way. The more kids read at an early age, the more valuable education will become later in their middle and high school years.

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**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED . . .
December 22 - January 2 [Holiday Recess] &
January 19 [Martin Luther King Day].**

SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Experience Life Through Education"



School Closing & Delay Information

If we need to close school, delay opening, or dismiss early, the following radio/TV stations will be notified:

WLSV – 790 AM
WBEN – 930 AM
WHDL – 1450 AM
WJQZ – 103.5 FM
WZKZ – 101.9 FM
WPIG – 95.7 FM
WKBW – Channel 7
NEWS4 – Channel 4
WGRZ – Channel 2

Another New Teacher Joins District



Please help us welcome **Valerie Wight**. Our new first-grade teacher comes to us with 15 years of experience at Immaculate Conception School in Wellsville. She also taught summer school at Scio Central School for the past two years. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from SUNY Geneseo and her master's in reading from Alfred University. Mrs. Wight resides in Wellsville with her husband, Robert, who also teaches (biology and forensics) at Scio, and their children, Sydney and Alexis. Mrs. Wight also has two grown stepchildren: Elizabeth and Emily. In her spare time, Valerie enjoys reading, walking, swimming, and gardening. She looks forward to working with students and parents. Welcome!



New York State Senator Cathy Young (center) recently visited Scio Central School to learn about a grant SCS received from the NYS Education Department. Shown left to right are: SCS Superintendent Mike McArdle, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Doreen Martin, Senator Young, SCS BOE Member Carole Wells, BOCES Cafeteria Manager Doreen Trimm, and Principal Matt Hopkins. *See story on page 3.*

Dear Residents:

We hope you enjoy the new format we are using for our newsletter. Our local Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES has the ability to publish all of our future newsletters and district mailings at a considerable savings to the district. We are very pleased with its quality and we hope you like our new format.

Congratulations to Ms. Estabrook's College English course for organizing our first Fun Night for students in grades 4–8. We had over 90 students here Friday, October 24, participating in games, watching movies and going through our "haunted house." The seniors staged the fund-raiser to help pay their share of tuition costs for the course they were taking through Alfred State College.

As I write this letter, we have not heard if there will be any mid-year cuts in our operating aid to help the state address the loss of revenues for the 2008–09 budget. If these cuts do come, the Board of Education will begin to review our budget to determine what adjustments will be made to make up for that loss of revenue.

As we begin to plan our 2009-2010 budget, we will face many challenges in light of the financial issues the state is experiencing. On behalf of the Board of Education, we welcome your ideas and assistance in these hard times.

Michael McArdle



Senator Young Visits SCS

By Matt Hopkins, PK-12 Principal

On Wednesday, October 29, 2008 Scio Central School (SCS) welcomed a very special guest for lunch. We were honored to host New York State Senator Catharine Young (R-Olean). Senator Young visited SCS to learn more about the \$36,000 grant funded by the New York State Education Department. The grant was written, and is currently administered by Doreen Trimm, BOCES cafeteria manager at SCS. The grant provides fresh fruit or vegetables to students and staff daily. Some of the fruits and vegetables provided to the students include different varieties of apples (some picked by our own sixth-graders in Castile), bananas, peaches, grapes, cauliflower, broccoli, green beans and carrots.

The grant is administered under the U.S. Department of Agriculture and targets schools in hopes of educating children about proper eating habits and to combat childhood obesity. Scio was one of only 26 districts across the state to receive the grant last June. Teachers at SCS model the behaviors they look for in their students by promoting healthy eating, exercise, and encouraging students to eat healthy alternatives to foods high in sugars and fats. Many teachers have noticed their students are more alert, and look forward to the delivery of the fruit or vegetables to classrooms each day.

During Senator Young's visit, she was able to take a tour of the building with school administration, a board of education member, Ms. Trimm, and Doreen Martin, supervisor – buildings and grounds (*see photo on opposite page*). During the tour, Senator Young also stopped in the elementary library, where a group of first-grade students were engaged in early literacy activities (*see photo below*). Senator Young took time to explain to the students her role in state government and how she helps to develop some of the laws students are familiar with.

The SCS community would like to thank Senator Young for taking the time from her busy schedule to visit our district.



ABOVE - NYS Senator Cathy Young is shown with Scio cafeteria staff members: (left to right) Cindy Winchell, BOCES Cafeteria Manager Doreen Trimm, Sue Zimmerman, Nichole Silsby, Senator Young, Carl Fanton, Lorraine Walsh, and Darlene Williams.



ABOVE - Senator Young hugs a visiting serviceman as another serviceman and School Resource Officer Charles Sackett (left) look on.



8th Graders Are Planning For Their Future!

Students in the eighth grade have been spending the past few weeks focusing on career exploration. Students began their process with a classroom presentation at SCS by Gene Abbey, Career Services Counselor from the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center at Belmont. Following the presentation, students continued their exploration with a self-discovery homework assignment, which required them to gather input from their guidance counselor, teachers, and family members.

On Thursday, October 23, the entire eighth grade traveled to the BOCES CTE Center at Belmont to participate in the Future Focus Program. Future Focus is a BOCES-sponsored program, which focuses on career areas of interest as indicated by surveys and input of area youth. Students spent part of the day making brief visits to BOCES Career and Technical Education classrooms and meeting with local business representatives such as Jones Memorial Hospital. Representatives from Alfred State College and Jamestown Community College also provided hands-on activities during lunch.

Students then spent the rest of the afternoon obtaining further information on a specific career discipline. This information included what type of post-secondary education will be needed to achieve the career; job skills; employment outlook and related jobs within the chosen career field.

Students in Mrs. Dunham's Home and Career class have taken their career exploration even further by taking an Interest Profiler with the assistance of Mrs. Crowell-Ketchner. By answering questions about their interest in common work activities, students were able to identify, through the Interest Profiler, matching work-related interest areas and suggested occupations for the students to further explore.

AT RIGHT - Michaela Wheaton (at right) takes the temperature of Brittany Carlin, a student from the medical assisting class at BOCES.



ABOVE - SCS eighth-grader Kaylynn Brown has her hair styled by students currently enrolled in the cosmetology class at the BOCES CTE Center at Belmont.



Community Service Day a Big Success

On Thursday morning, October 30, students in grades 6-8 participated in a community service day. The students and their teachers organized a fall clean-up day to help community members in the villages of Scio and Allentown by raking leaves. A total of 13 lawns were cleaned up by crews of students. We are looking forward to making this an annual event and hope to get more people to sign-up next year. The students and teachers would like to thank the following people for their help with this project: the community members who signed-up, Mr. McArdle, Mr. Hopkins, the Transportation Department, and the towns of Alma and Scio Highway Departments.



Integrated Pest Control Management Plan

Under the regulation known as the Pesticide Notification Education law 409-h, the district is required to inform you of any use of a product listed in the law. Our district does not use any chemicals or pesticides that are listed.

Even though we are not required to write this letter, we believe it is important to inform you of how we will handle situations that might arise that require the use of any chemicals or pesticides. Our plan is designed to effectively manage pest control and continually monitor situations through feedback, routine checks and inspections. Members of our staff are trained as prescribed by law to apply any needed remedies.

We will be using the following products to control insects: baits, jells and granular products that contain boric acid and/or disodium octaborate techraydrate. We may also use growth regulators so pests do not mature and breed should they be brought into the school. Aerosol products are also used when necessary to deal with biting or stinging insects, such as hornets and venomous spiders.

Rodent control will be accomplished by using cultural controls: such as regular trash pick-up, cleaning up food scraps and other sanitation methods. Traps will only be used as a means of mechanical control when other methods are not conducive to the school setting.

Weeding will control unwanted vegetation, or if application of an herbicide should be necessary to control poison ivy or other harmful

weeds, it will occur over a long weekend, which will nullify any harmful effects associated with the application.

Anti-microbial products have been excused from the notification law for practical reasons. Germs, fungi and molds need to be controlled for health reasons.

We will adjust and update the plan to ensure the safety and health of all building occupants.



Clip out form & return to . . .

Michael McArdle, Superintendent
Scio Central School
3968 Washington Street, Scio, NY 14880



Dear Superintendent McArdle:

I am the parent or guardian of _____ (names of students with grade levels), who attend the Scio Central School District. It is my understanding that a school law may require every school on an annual basis to maintain a list of parents who wish to receive advance notice of pesticide applications at the school their child attends. Each time pesticides are scheduled to be applied at the school, parents on the list must be notified with a written notice at least 48 hours in advance of the application. The notice must specify the date and location of the application, the name and the EPA registration number of the product being applied; the name and number of the person at the school who can be contacted to discuss the precautions being taken to protect children and staff from exposure; and the telephone numbers of informational services that can provide specific information about pesticides being applied.

Please consider this my formal request to be placed on the list to receive those notices and information. If the notices are to be mailed, please mail them to me at the following address:

I can be reached at the following phone numbers: (evening) _____ (day) _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

About Pesticides . . .

The Scio Central School District utilizes non-chemical solutions when pest removal from the district buildings or grounds is necessary. Traps, environmental modifications, and/or mechanical means are utilized to eliminate pests.

School law requires the district maintain, on an annual basis, a list of parents who wish to receive advance notice of pesticide application at the school their child attends. To have your name included, a formal request must be submitted. Forms are available in the district newsletter (**see form at right**), or can be obtained by contacting the school.



Homecoming 2008

By Jennifer Nolan, Student Council Advisor

Homecoming Week was a success with a kick-off pep rally held on Tuesday, October 14. Highlights included relay races and a pie eating contest.

Thursday night featured a traditional bonfire following the boys' home soccer game. The weather was chilly, but the kids had a good time.

The Homecoming dance was a great time and I would like to thank the kids for their great behavior. I would also like to thank Cindy Colley and Cheryl Perry for their chaperoning services! Mr. Mitchell came through as the DJ and we greatly appreciate it. Finally, a special thanks to Ms. Martin for all her help. Thanks to all who participated.



ABOVE - Jeremiah Pizarro and Alan Knapp showed some interesting maneuvers on the dance floor.



THE 2008 HOMECOMING COURT is shown clockwise from lower left: Freshman Attendant Tyler Greenman, Sophomore Attendant Josh Bierman, Junior Attendant Andrew Law, King Casey James, Queen Lindsay Perry, Junior Attendant Cece Wilson, Sophomore Attendant Reese Carlin, and Freshman Attendant Carrie McFall.

Christmas 2008

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As we enter the "testing season" for the primary and intermediate grades, I would like to remind parents and guardians how important it is for students to come to school well rested and prepared to take the state assessments. My expectations for the staff and students at SCS are high. With your help at home, we will continue to improve our learning process while actively engaging our students and their families in their education.

The upcoming test schedule is as follows (this might make a nice refrigerator decoration):

ELA

Grades 3-5 – Jan. 12-16

Grades 6-8 – Jan. 20-23

Math

Grades 3-5 – March 2-6

Grades 6-8 – March 9-13

7-12 Notes

The middle school was fortunate to provide the students with a fun activity night. Close to 100 students attended and enjoyed games in the gym and snacks throughout the evening. Watch for future events of a similar nature. The 7-12 grade core teachers recently delivered the 10-week progressive exams to our student body. These tests resemble Regents Exams and will be comprehensive at the 10, 20, and 30 week marking periods. It is our goal that our students and their families will place a high value on these exams. They will help to prepare students for the year-end assessments and will also give our staff an indication of who needs extra help throughout the year.

Throughout the school year, we will be increasing the amount of communication between school and home. As teachers assign discipline to students or identify students as needing some extra help, they will be making calls home. If you feel your contact information needs to be updated due to a change in phone number, a new cell phone, or a change of address, please call Mrs. Alsworth in the main office to update that information.

I hope all our residents enjoy a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.



Body Mass Index Assessment Now Required for Physicals

According to research recently published in The Journal of the American Medical Association, young children spend an extraordinary amount of time moving about: an average of three hours a day at age 9. But in just a few short years, all that childhood energy disappears. By the age of 15, daily physical activity is down to just 49 minutes on weekdays and about a half-hour on weekends.

Due to the rising problem of childhood obesity and the possible health risks associated with obesity, school districts in New York state are now required with the April 2007 passage of legislation amending Education Law Sections 903 & 904 to assess a student's body mass during the required health appraisals at school entry, pre-kindergarten, and in grades 2, 4, 7, and 10.

This assessment is done as part of the school health examination. The student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are then used to figure out the student's body mass index or BMI. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Selected schools will be asked to take part in a survey where no student names or specific information about individuals would be provided. If our school is selected, a student participation waiver is shown **AT LOWER RIGHT**. A similar form can also be obtained from the building secretary or nurse.

We have also printed some frequently asked questions **BELOW**. We hope they will answer any basic questions you may have about the new requirement. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call your child's principal or nurse. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why measure BMI and weight status in students?

■ There is a strong and compelling need for obesity prevalence data of school-age children and adolescents at the local and state level. The information collected will be used to understand the severity and distribution of obesity among youth of various ages in different regions of the state. This is a

critical first step in targeting resources for childhood obesity prevention to high-risk communities.

■ The information will also be used to evaluate whether actions taken by local schools and communities to improve access to healthy foods and to increase physical activity are making a difference and reducing childhood obesity rates.

Does the legislation require that BMI or weight status data be reported to parents/guardians?

■ The new legislation does not require reporting of BMI or weight status category to parents or guardians.

■ BMI and weight status category are to be added to the Student Health Certificate/Appraisal required by the NYS Education Law Sections 903/904. It is the responsibility of the health-care provider who conducts the health examination to interpret the student's weight status category for parents/guardians as part of the routine preventive care, and to provide counseling, follow-up and referral as indicated.

If you do not want your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department survey this year, please clip and return the form below by January 9, 2009 to: Deborah J. Clark, RN, School Nurse.

BMI Participation Waiver

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or "BMI." The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in the survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthy.

If you don't want your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department survey this year, please print and sign your name below, clip and return this form to: Deborah Clark, School Nurse.

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2008-09 School Survey.

Print Child's Name: _____

Print Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____





18 Named to BOCES Honor Rolls

The following Scio Central School students have been named to the First Quarter Honor/High Honor Rolls at the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Career and Technical Education Center at Belmont . . .

Honor Roll: Matthew Austin – Natural Resources, Steven Bucklaew – Computer Systems Technology, David Calhoun – Automotive Body Technology, Benjamin Carlin – Automotive Body Technology, Brittany Carlin – Medical Assisting, Michael Cunha – Natural Resources, Douglas Crawford – Computer Systems Technology, Jeremiah Edwards – Automotive Body Technology, Dustin Ford – Natural Resources, Joshua Howard – Computer Systems Technology, Katrina Kio – Medical Assisting, Mary Marble – Early Childhood/Human Services, Caylebe Sutley – Automotive Body Technology, and David Wilamowski – Computer Systems Technology.

High Honor Roll: Annette Chalker – New Vision – Health Professions, Lindsey Perry – New Vision – Health Professions, Skylor Saxton – New Vision – Health Professions, and Cecelia Wilson – Medical Assisting.



Scio Students Visit Job Corps

Scio's Model Transition Program (MTP) grant sponsored and facilitated a visit to the Cassadaga campus of Job Corps for five Scio seniors in October. The students were able to see a Job Corps campus and how it operates, what it has to offer in pre-employment training and academic programs, and overall consider if it might be something they might take advantage of following graduation from high school.

Job Corps is the nation's largest career technical training and education program, and a U.S. Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Employer Program. There are 122 Job Corps campuses across the nation. Job Corps is a tremendous opportunity for youth 16-24, and is FREE to those who take the challenge. Participants also receive FREE room and board, medical/dental care, uniforms, many entertainment/social activities, and they can even earn and save money during their stay.

"Job Corps, while having been around for decades, is one of the better kept secrets of the federal government," said Doug Looney (Project Coordinator, MTP grant).

Vicki Livermore (Outreach and Admissions Counselor) is working diligently to recruit Allegany County youth for Job Corps. She can be reached at: livermore.vicki@jobcorps.org or 716-595-4268.

Box Tops for Education



Students and staff here at Scio are participating in the Box Tops for Education fundraiser during this school year. Our school will receive \$.10 for each box top submitted to General Mills. The money received from General Mills for each box top will be used to purchase programs, supplies, and materials for our students.

A list of participating products has been provided to each student in grades PreK-4 along with the Box Tops newsletter which lists other benefits: recipes, seasonal activities, and other ways in which to help our school. The Web site, www.boxtops4education.com, also provides information which may be helpful and informative.

Thank you to the students, staff, families, friends, and community of Scio Central School who support Box Tops for Education.

OT/PT Services Available

Do you have a child who needs OT/PT services?

If you believe your child is struggling in any of the following areas -- fine motor skills, mobility/transitions, self-help skills, sensory processing skills, gross motor/postural control, behavior/social skills -- there is a screening process that can be done to determine if the child is in need of either service. The screening process is listed below.

Step 1 - Have teacher request an OT/PT screen form from the CPSE office or OT Department.

Step 2 - A teacher fills out the form completely, identifying areas of concern.

Step 3 - Teacher returns the completed form to the CPSE office.

Step 4 - The CPSE Chairperson notifies the OT and/or PT department and gives them the student's information.

Step 5 - The OT and/or PT contacts the teacher to set up a scheduled time when the screening can be administered.

Step 6 - The OT and/or PT complete the screening.

Step 7 - The teacher, CPSE Chairperson, and the parents/guardian are given copies of the screening with the determination of whether or not the student requires further testing for OT and/or PT services.

For more information, please contact the school's OT department.





Scio Central School's first Halloween Fun Night was a great success. On the evening of Friday, October 24, the college English class hosted nearly 100 middle school students for a night of fun, games, movies, food, and scary thrills. All proceeds from the night were given to the college English class to help defray the cost of their class. Thanks are in order to all the faculty, staff, and administration that helped out, as well as the many students who showed up to have a wonderful time. The entire Scio community is looking forward to many more Fun Nights in the future.

Important Health Information

Parents, if you came to the parent-teacher conference, or received your child's report card in the mail, you should have noticed a sheet called FITNESSGRAM for parents. These are a part of a federal grant our school received called PEP (Physical Education Program). The goal is to increase the physical activity of our students and improve their health as a result. One part of the program is this FITNESSGRAM. Here is what it is about...

People come in all shapes and sizes, but everyone can benefit from regular physical activity and a healthy level of physical fitness. The FITNESSGRAM evaluates five different parts of health-related fitness. You will see the results of each of these on the report. You, as parents, play an important part in shaping your child's physical activity and dietary habits. The report will help you evaluate your child's current level of health-related fitness and help you identify ways to promote healthy lifestyles in your family.

Your child will be doing these FITNESSGRAM activities once a marking period. Our goal is to see improvement throughout the year. Please be sure to read the FITNESSGRAM report you have received and use the information to help your son or daughter understand the importance of good health.



Physical Education Grant

The Physical Education Program Grant, also known as the "PEP" Grant has begun here at Scio C.S. Our school district, along with Bolivar-Richburg and Friendship Central Schools, were awarded this grant which will give each district \$800,000 for expenditures such as professional development training, transportation of students and physical education equipment and supplies, over the next three years.

One of the main areas of focus for the grant is to increase the amount of time spent by our students, grades K-12, in moderate to vigorous physical activity each week. Our goal is to achieve a minimum of 155 minutes/week for students in grades K-6, and 230 minutes/week for students in grades 7-12. This physical activity time can include many different areas, and can be achieved in different ways. Physical Education class time and any interscholastic team participa-

tion time will count toward our goal. In addition, any time spent at home, or away from school will be counted, as long as the activity is documented and is moderate to vigorous in nature. We are currently organizing many types of after-school activities for students who are not involved in the interscholastic program. Those minutes will count as well, and will be tracked by the teacher who is coordinating the activity. Parents should be watching for an individual survey to be coming home, for each student, where minutes spent and the activity chosen can be listed. This is an exciting time for the P.E. Department, and we hope to involve as many faculty and staff members to encourage maximum student participation.

POGS Sets Fund-raisers

The Parents of Graduating Seniors (POGS) are holding a raffle for a Christmas dinner valued at \$100 from WalMart. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance and the drawing will be held December 12, 2008.

POGS is also doing can drives on Saturday, December 6 and Saturday, February 7. Please save up your cans or bottles to help the seniors. If you would like to have your cans or bottles picked up, please call Kim Walsh at 593-5510, ext. 1160, or Jan Fuller at ext. 1170.





On Friday, October 3, Mrs. Claypool's and Mrs. LaJoie's second-graders participated in a Reading BOOK BASH (reading lock-in) to kick off Book-It. Our entire day was devoted to reading and the fun that it brings. All the second-grade students and their teachers dressed in their PAJAMAS and read together all day long. It was a day to go CRAZY over books! Trust us . . . second-grade readers really are . . . "SUN"-SATIONAL!

Mentoring- Changing Lives One Child at a Time

Did you know there's a Mentoring Center at Scio Central School? In order to make mentoring a reality for Scio Central students, we need your help. We're looking for volunteers to serve as mentors to students in grades 4-8. Applicants need to be at least 18 years of age and have a willingness to help others. A mentor is a good listener, a role model and caring advocate; someone who helps a young person to become the best he/she can be and encourages him/her to make healthy choices.

Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Youth Mentoring Program is a preventative program with a positive youth development approach. This site-based program aims to help young people experience a healthy adolescence and make a successful transition into adulthood. Community members can play a vital role in our quest to serve middle school youth in the area. Matches are based on a common interest, career, hobby, or sport.

Mentors meet with their mentee once a week for approximately two hours from 4-6 p.m. in a safe and supervised environment. The mentoring schedule follows the school



Mentor Lauren (seated) and mentee Kassie carve a pumpkin together at SCS.

calendar. Activities are provided, along with occasional educational/cultural field trips. Mentor applicants go through a personal interview and screening process. Each Mentoring Center has a site coordinator (certified teacher or counselor) to over see the matches, provide support and activities as needed.

The Mentoring Centers are open on assigned days at our 11 locations: Cuba, Wellsville Middle School, Houghton College, Genesee Valley Central, Scio Central (Mondays), Portville Central, Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central, West Valley Central and Randolph Central.

All it takes is a caring heart and a willingness to share who you are and what you know.

For more information on how you can help make a difference in the life of a child, please contact Program Coordinator Erica Fleischman 716-376-8370, or e-mail: Erica_Fleischman@caboces.org.



Scio Central School and the Future Business Leaders of
America (FBLA) Club

Kindly Requests Your Help



Please continue to support your
Scio/Allentown community by sending in or
dropping off, a new; unwrapped toy for a
child ages 2-14. **There is a box inside the Scio
School Main Office.**

*For 20 years, Scio Central School District has risen
to the occasion with outstanding generosity!*

Help Every One Have A Brighter Christmas!



20th Annual Spirit of Christmas Toy Collection & Distribution.

Contact Mr. Childs at 593-5510 ext. 2160 with questions.

Make **checks** out to Scio FBLA for cash donations and send to:

Scio Central School, 3968 Washington St., Scio, NY 14880 Attn: Mr. Childs

We will use donated funds to fill gaps by age group and gender.



Yearbook Order Form

Names and other personalizations must be ordered by Jan. 30 also!
Please make check payable to Scio Yearbook. Please turn in orders to
Sue Preston - 593-5510 ext. 1280

Yearbook Accessory Choices

ICON CODE	ICON CODE	ICON CODE	ICON CODE	ICON CODE	ICON CODE	ICON CODE
 5236	 5019	 5008	 5361	 5021	 9072	 9001
 5468	 5015	 5009	 5246	 5023	 9073	 9028
 5569	 5240	 5010	 5362	 5255	 9074	 9036
 5670	 5022	 5130	 5363	 5256	 9075	 9037
 5771	 5001	 5013	 5364	 5257	 9076	 9042
 5872	 5002	 5014	 5365	 5012	 9077	 9050
 5973	 5003	 5258	 5247	 5366	 9078	 9051
 5011	 5004	 5241	 5248	 5367	 9079	 9007
 5238	 5005	 5360	 5253	 9070	 9080	 9025
 5239	 5006	 5242	 5018	 9071	 9081	 9006

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Dental Exam Now Required for School Entry

By Deborah J. Clark, RN, SCS Nurse

As part of your child's entry for school, a physical examination has been required for all new entrants in pre-k, kindergarten, and grades 2, 4, 7, and 10. A new law was recently enacted that expands health screening to include the dental health of students in New York state.

As of September 1, 2008, we are requesting a dental health certificate to be completed in addition to a physical examination. There is a certificate available upon request for you to take to your child's dentist to be completed. Upon completion, please return it to the school nurse, as it will be filed in your child's Cumulative Health Record.

Please be advised that a physical examination is a requirement that has to be

met to comply with New York State Law for attendance in public school. The dental certificate is a request and will not prevent a child from attending school if the request is not met.

Please call the health office with any concerns or questions at (585) 593-0886.



Reading + Reading + Reading = Fun + Games

Reading incentive awards are randomly chosen at the end of each month to help each student reach the goal of 25 on-level books by the end of the school year (the more the child reads the greater the chance of winning). Teachers are working hard to have books in their students' hands, that are interesting and on the correct level. Students then need to read 20 minutes each night, at least five out of the seven days of the week. Their agendas have a chart in the back to record their progress.

AT LEFT - Principal Matt Hopkins is shown with the two lucky readers, third-grader Gage Thomas (left) and fourth-grader Shelby Aftuck (right).

Order your Scio Spirit Wear . . .



Buy Scio Tigers jackets, sweatshirts, caps, beanies, knapsacks and more from a Class of 2010 member for Christmas gifts or for yourself this year. **Orders will be accepted through December 5 with delivery prior to Christmas.** Alumni can order over the Internet and juniors will ship your Spirit Wear to you just like two years ago!

Find details at www.scio.wnyric.org or e-mail Mr. Childs at dchilds@scio.wnyric.org

Your support is appreciated. Prices are very reasonable!



Boys' Varsity Soccer Team Enjoys Success

By Coach Rob Claypool

The Boys' Varsity Soccer Team worked really hard in the practices before the season started. We knew competition was going to be tough this season and we were going to have to outwork the opponents on the field, and play as a team to have success.

They started the season out with a bang by winning the Brock Young Memorial Tournament. They finished the season strong by beating Whitesville in overtime to advance to the quarterfinal round of sectionals to face number-one-ranked Webster Christian. Despite scoring first, and a valiant effort by the boys, we lost to Webster Christian ending our season record at 9 wins 10 losses.

We will be losing seven seniors this year (see photo below). I appreciate the hard work and effort the boys gave me. Seniors, you will be missed. Thank you for your years of dedication and effort.



The Boys' Varsity Soccer Team started the season out with a bang by winning the Brock Young Memorial Tournament for the second year in a row. Pictured left to right are: Andrew Law (Brock Young Award recipient), Chris Lounsberry, Kris Roberts, Jeremiah Pizarro (Offensive Player of Tournament), and Coach Rob Claypool.



Senior soccer players shown left to right are: Rob Fuller, Mark Roeske, Garrette Carlin, Kris Roberts, Jason Dean, Alan Knapp, and Chris Lounsberry.

Community Weight Room & Walking Programs

The weight room and walking programs are now up and running. These programs are available to the public Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 5-7 p.m. Please enter the weight room door behind the building by the concession stand.

Pop Can Donations

Scio residents can donate their returnable cans and bottles to benefit the Scio Girls' Varsity Softball Team at the Wellsville Redemption Center, which is located at 27 Hanover Street in Wellsville. The team thanks you in advance for your donation(s).

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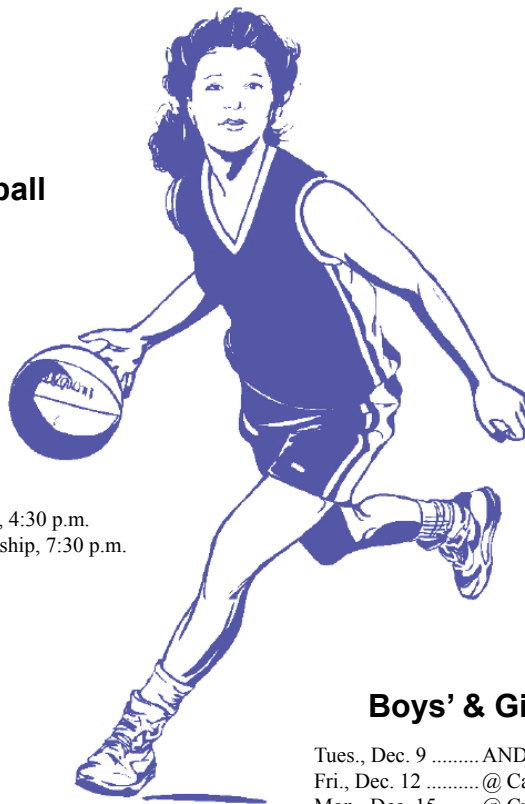
Don't forget, you can view any of Scio's sports schedules by going to www.viewmyschedule.com. Just type in Scio where they ask for a school name and you can view all sports schedules. You can also be put on the e-mail list to receive e-mails of game changes for any sport. This is a great Web site to use to stay current on all schedules.



Winter Sports Schedules

Boys' Varsity & JV Basketball

Mon., Dec. 8..... @ Houghton, 6 p.m.
 Wed., Dec. 10..... @ Bolivar-Richburg, 6 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 16..... WHITESVILLE, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 20..... Varsity @ Portville, TBA
 Sat., Dec. 22..... Varsity @ Portville, TBA
 Mon., Dec. 29..... Scio Tournament
 JV B-R vs. Hinsdale, 3 p.m.
 JV Belfast vs. Scio, 4:30 p.m.
 V Friendship vs. Hinsdale, 6 p.m.
 V Belfast vs. Scio, 7:30 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 30..... Scio Tournament
 JV Consolation, 3 p.m.; Championship, 4:30 p.m.
 Varsity Consolation, 6 p.m.; Championship, 7:30 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 7..... BOLIVAR-RICHBURG, 6 p.m.
 Fri., Jan. 9..... FRIENDSHIP, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Jan. 12..... ARKPORT, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 15..... @ Andover, 6 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 21..... CANASERAGA, 6 p.m.
 Fri., Jan. 23..... @ Fillmore, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Jan. 26..... ALFRED-ALMOND (JV), 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 29..... @ Whitesville, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Feb. 2..... @ Belfast, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Feb. 5..... @ Alfred-Almond (JV), 7:30 p.m.
 Fri., Feb. 6..... @ Friendship, 6 p.m.
 Tues., Feb. 10..... ANDOVER, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Feb. 12..... @ Canaseraga, 6 p.m.
 Wed., Feb. 18..... BELFAST, 6 p.m.
Varsity Coach: Thane Graves; JV Coach: Lori Root; Cheerleading Advisor: Kim Walsh



Boys' & Girls' Modified Basketball

Tues., Dec. 9..... ANDOVER, 6:15/5 p.m.
 Fri., Dec. 12..... @ Canaseraga, 5/6:15 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 15..... @ Cuba-Rushford, 5/6:15 p.m.
 Fri., Dec. 19..... @ Whitesville, 6:30/5 p.m.
 Tues., Jan. 6..... @ ICS, 5/6:15 p.m.
 Fri., Jan. 9..... @ Friendship, 6:15/5 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 15..... GENESEE VALLEY, 5/6:15 p.m.
 Tues., Jan. 20..... BELFAST, 6:15/5 p.m.
 Fri., Jan. 23..... @ Fillmore, 5:45/4:30 p.m.
 Tues., Jan. 27..... @ Andover, 5/6:15 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 29..... WHITESVILLE, 6:15/5 p.m.
 Tues., Feb. 3..... @ Houghton, 5:45/4:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Feb. 5..... BOLIVAR-RICHBURG, 5/6:15 p.m.
 Wed., Feb. 11..... ICS, 6:15/5 p.m.
Girls times are listed first!
Girls Coach: Jamie Root; Boys' Coach: Kevin Mole

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Tues., Dec. 2..... B-R, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 4..... @ Whitesville, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 8..... HOUGHTON, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 11..... Tournament
 Houghton vs. Friendship, 6:30 p.m.
 Scio vs. C-R, 8 p.m.
 Sat., Dec. 13..... Tournament
 Consolation, 6:30 p.m.; Championship, 8 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 15..... @ Genesee Valley, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 18..... @ Portville, TBA
 Sat., Dec. 20..... @ Portville, TBA
 Tues., Jan. 6..... FRIENDSHIP, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 8..... @ Fillmore, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Jan. 12..... @ Andover, 6 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 14..... BELFAST, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 22..... @ Canaseraga, 6 p.m.
 Sat., Jan. 24..... CUBA-RUSHFORD, 6 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 28..... @ Houghton, 6 p.m.
 Fri., Jan. 30..... ANDOVER, 6 p.m.
 Tues., Feb. 3..... @ Friendship, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Feb. 5..... @ Belfast, 6 p.m.
 Fri., Feb. 13..... @ Belfast, 6 p.m.
Varsity Coach: Charlie Perry

Boys' Varsity Volleyball

Tues., Nov. 25..... Scrimmage @ Wellsville, 6 p.m.
 Wed., Dec. 3..... BOLIVAR-RICHBURG, 6 p.m.
 Fri., Dec. 5..... FILLMORE, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 8..... @ Genesee Valley, 6 p.m.
 Wed., Dec. 10..... @ Cuba-Rushford, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 15..... ARKPORT, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 18..... @ Wellsville, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Jan. 5..... @ Fillmore, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 8..... BELFAST, 6 p.m.
 Sat., Jan. 10..... Tourney @ G-V, 9 a.m.
 Tues., Jan. 13..... GENESEE VALLEY, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 15..... CUBA-RUSHFORD, 6 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 21..... @ Arkport, 6 p.m.
 Fri., Jan. 23..... @ Belfast, 6 p.m.
 Tues., Jan. 27..... WELLSVILLE, 6 p.m.
 Fri., Jan. 30..... Round 1 of Playoffs, TBA
 Tues., Feb. 3..... Semifinals, TBA
 Fri., Feb. 6..... Finals, TBA
Coach: Tim Lyon



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Varsity Girls' Soccer Players shown being honored at Senior Night are: (left to right) Brooke Seamans, Brooke Robbins, Lindsey Perry, Brittany Carlin, Coach Cindy Haas, Kelsey Williams, Annette Chalker, Megan Walsh, and Ashlee Hoage.

On Tuesday, October 14, the Varsity Girls' Soccer Team played their last regular season home game against Houghton Academy. The following eight senior soccer players were recognized with their parents prior to the game: Ashlee Hoage and Megan Walsh are first-year players; Annette

Chalker, Kelsey Williams, Brittany Carlin and Lindsey Perry (captain), are second-year players; and Brooke Robbins (captain) and Brooke Seamans (captain) are four-year Varsity starters.

Coach Cindy Haas stated, "Thanks to these young ladies for all their hard work

over the years, their dedication to the soccer program and their outstanding effort this season. You will ALL be very difficult to replace next year, and we wish you the very best of luck in all of your future endeavors!"

