



District Launches New Student Services Department

We would like to introduce everyone to a newly created department at Scio Central School. What was formerly the Guidance Department is now the Student Services Department. This change was made to suit the needs of all students from grades Pre-K-12. The Student Services Department specializes in individual/group counseling, personal development, peer tutoring, scheduling (grades 7-12), college preparation, financial aid assistance, and much more.

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MISSION STATEMENT - It is the mission of our Student Services Department to provide a developmental program that will facilitate and support the educational achievement of students in all grade levels. This is made possible through the work and interaction between our counselors and school psychologist with students beginning in Pre-K and following through until graduation. We focus on personal development, academic success, and postsecondary planning. It is our goal to promote students' sense of responsibility personally, socially, and academically, so that they can work toward their full potential. In partnership with parents/guardians, school staff, and community agency personnel, counselors will offer a proactive program that will assist students in becoming lifelong learners and successful members of society.



Members of the newly formed Student Services Department are shown clockwise from back left: Tanya L. Burke, Tricia Stebbins, Nikki Stanbro and Pam Crowell-Ketchner.

Our office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our door is always open. Feel free to contact us any time.

SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Experience Life Through Education"

A Message from the Superintendent:

Please Give Us Your Input on the Budget

By Mike McArdle

The Scio community's dedication to our school was clearly evident at our most recent Board of Education meeting on January 28, coming together to voice your concerns and provide feedback to us on the various options that are available to us. I am both confident and optimistic that together we will successfully meet the financial challenges before us and make informed decisions in the best interest of Scio's youth.

Having said this, and building on the momentum of the last meeting, *I would like to continue to extend an invitation to the entire community to attend our Board of Education meetings.* The financial crisis and its impact on us is an ongoing dialogue as we put together a concrete budget for

2009-2010. The Board will be making decisions regarding the budget in March.

We value your opinions and insights. In an effort to collect these, we ask that you visit our Web site scio.schooltools.us to **fill out an opinion poll on or about February 10**. Feel free to stop by the school to pick up a hardcopy of the poll if, for whatever reason, you have difficulty accessing it on the Web site. The poll will attempt to measure the community's opinion of the various long term options under consideration.

I would also encourage you to visit our Web site to keep informed overall. We will be posting answers to the questions raised at last week's BOE meeting, among other information related to our school's budget.

In the meantime, feel free to contact me with your concerns, questions, and ideas.

Dear Allentown Residents:

We regret that the mailing we sent notifying residents of the January 28, 2009 Scio Central School Board of Education Meeting failed to arrive prior to our meeting.

We continue to look into the reasons as to why these notifications were not delivered.

We apologize for the inconvenience and we are working with BOCES to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Sincerely,

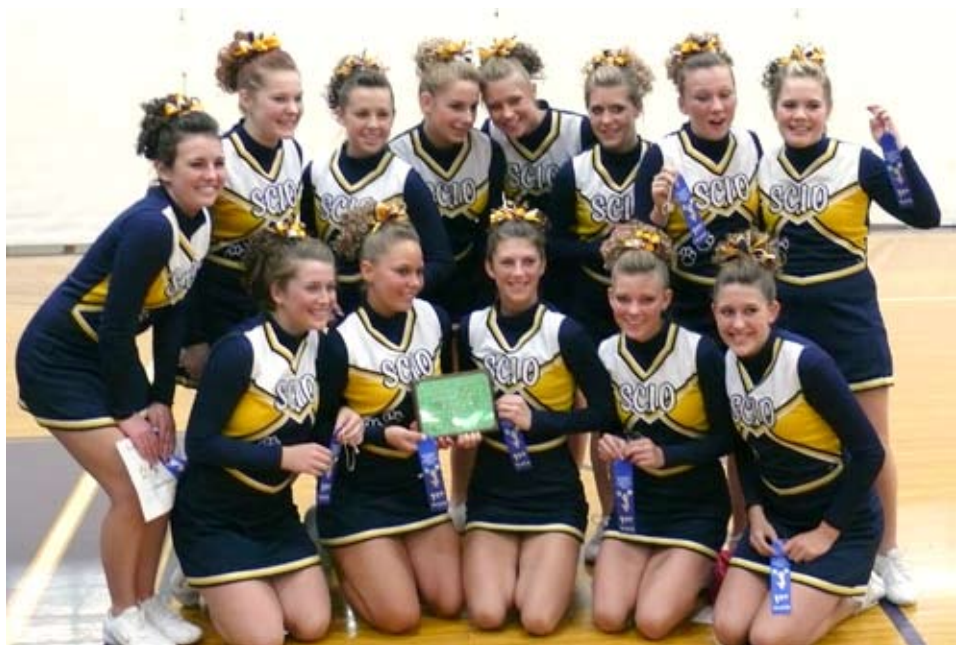
Scio Central School
Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings

Scio Central School District residents are invited to attend upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the SCS Elementary Auditorium on March 4, March 16, and April 1, 2009.

Varsity Cheerleaders Win Competition

Scio Varsity Cheerleaders took first place in their Division at the Allegany County Cheer-Off held on Monday, January 26 at Houghton College. The cheerleaders and Coach Kim Walsh would like to thank all of their classmates, community members, teachers and the administration for coming out and supporting them!



ABOVE - SCS Varsity Cheerleaders pictured left to right are: front row - Brooke Seamans, Brittany Carlin, Megan Walsh, Brooke Robbins, and Kelsey Williams; back row - Paige Benjamin, Mary Marble, Jessi Seamans, Carrie McFall, Shelby Eck, Alyssa Dean, Lindsay Harris, and Cecellia Wilson.

AT LEFT - Kelsey Williams (L) and Paige Benjamin (R) were also named All-Stars.



Mid-Winter Recess



School will be
closed February 16-20



PowerSchool Access for Parents

Parents of students in grades 7-12, please be advised that you are able to have full access to your son's or daughter's information such as grades, assignments, etc. on our school Web site. To gain access, please contact the Student Services Department at 585-593-5510, ext. 1140, and Ms. Stanbro will send you the directions needed for access.



School Closing Info

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
WPIG – 95.7 FM
WZKZ – 101.9 FM
WJQZ – 103.5 FM
WKPQ – 105.3 FM
WKBW – Channel 7
WIVB – Channel 4
WGRZ – Channel 2

Dairy Princess Visits



Brooke Austin (center, standing), the Allegany County Dairy Princess, visited Scio Central School in December. With the help of her friend, Moo Moo the Cow, they taught elementary students the importance of “3-A-Day”; having three servings of dairy products every day. They also passed out cheese sticks and yogurt in each class they visited. They are shown visiting Mrs. Claypool’s Second Grade where they made “milk punch” and passed out tiaras and crowns for everyone.

What if School Opening is Delayed?

Several parents have asked what time they should have their children at school if there is a delay in the opening of the building in the morning. For a **one-hour delay**, students should report between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. For a **two-hour delay**, students should report between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m.

Thank you for your attention and patience as we work to maintain the safest environment for all students and staff.

School Board Positions Open

Two five-year positions on the Scio Central School Board of Education are up for election. Petitions may be picked up from the District Office and require at least 25 signatures with legal addresses of qualified voters of the district. The completed petition must be turned in to Cathy Law, District Clerk, by Monday, April 20, 2009. A vote will be held at the school on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Report Cards

Parents of students in grades Pre-K-4, please be advised that report cards will be going home with your son/daughter on Friday February 6. Students in grades 5-12 will have their report cards sent home the week of February 9. Thank You.

Transportation Requests

Transportation requests for resident students to be transported to non-public schools for the 2009-2010 school year are due April 1, 2009.

Reminder to Parents of Out-Of-District Students

As per school board policy, parents of out-of district students must request permission in writing for their child to attend Scio Central School every year. Letters of request to attend Scio C. S. for the 2009-2010 school year must be submitted to the superintendent of schools no later than April 30, 2009.



Student Council Collects for Food Pantry

Throughout the months of November and December, the student council collected monetary donations and canned/boxed food for the local food pantry. Everyone put in a valiant effort and there was a great amount of food collected to help those in need.

IN PHOTO AT RIGHT - Mrs. Claypool's second grade class collected \$31.80 to help with the cause. Mrs. Claypool is shown behind her students. Student Council representative Cecelia Wilson is shown at left and Mrs. Claypool's student teacher, Ms. Brate, is shown at right. Way to go kids!



Community Service

The Student Council, in conjunction with the Allentown United Methodist Church, was able to organize a food pantry that serviced seven different families in Scio and Allentown during both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We collected canned and dry goods as well as cash, which was used to buy turkeys and gift certificates to Save-A-Lot. We wish to thank everyone who generously donated to this cause. Mrs. Claypool's class donated \$31.80 by collecting soda cans and returning them. Thanks second-graders! Individual cash donations were made, as well as a donation by the STA of \$25. It was really wonderful to see this pulled together. What a great community we have! A thank you also goes out to Scio Methodist Church for helping deliver goods to Scio residents.

BOCES Center Announces Second Quarter Honor Roll

Mrs. Kathleen Brisky, Principal of the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Career and Technical Education Center at Belmont, announced the following students from Scio Central School achieved honor roll status for the second quarter of the 2008-2009 school year.

High Honor Roll First Year: Annette Chalker, New Vision - Health Professions; Lindsey Perry, New Vision - Health Professions; Skylor Saxton, New Vision - Health Professions; Cecelia Wilson, Medical Assisting.

High Honor Roll Second Year: Brittany Carlin, Medical Assisting; Evan Zimmerman, Natural Resources.

Honor Roll First Year: Matthew Austin, Natural Resources; Benjamin Carlin, Automotive Body Technology; Douglas Crawford, Computer Systems Technology; Jeremiah Edwards, Automotive Body Technology; Joshua Howard, Computer Systems Technology; Katrina Kio, Medical Assisting; Mary Marble, Early Childhood/Human Services; David Wilamowski, Computer Systems Technology.

SHOWN AT LEFT ABOVE are student council representative's Lindsey Harris, Paige Benjamin, and Andrew Law.

Honor Roll Second Year: Steven Bucklaew, Computer Systems Technology; David Calhoun, Automotive Body Technology; Alan Knapp, Welding/Metal Fabrication; Kristopher Roberts, Natural Resources; Mark Roeske, Natural Resources; Caylebe Sutley, Automotive Body Technology.



Lindsey Perry Nominated for Big 30 Scholarship

Lindsey Perry (AT RIGHT) has been nominated by the administration, athletic director and Student Services Department as Scio Central School's representative for the Times Herald Big 30 Scholarship. Each school was allowed to choose one candidate, either male or female, for this scholarship. The main criterion for consideration was that of a well-rounded student-athlete. Athletics, extra-curricular activities and achievements

in the classroom also played in the selection process.

The Times Herald Big 30 Scholarship is funded by the Big 30 Golf Scramble held each summer. Award amounts are contingent on availability of funds. A total of five scholarships are possible and are awarded to students within New York and Pennsylvania.

Congratulations, Lindsey!



Home Economics Students Make Cookies for SPCA Bake Sale

It is becoming a holiday tradition for the Scio Central School Home Economics class to pitch in and help make cookies for the SPCA's annual Cookie Bake Sale. Traditional holiday cookie recipes are decided on with older students doing the math to create a grocery list of needed supplies. The week before the sale, all cooking classes pitch in and help create the tasty treats that the SPCA sells at their annual sale. Proceeds from the sale are used to help purchase supplies needed for the animals at the Allegany County SPCA. This year's benefit brought in nearly \$1,600. Some of the students who helped make cookies for the bake sale are **SHOWN** left to right: seated - Kali Fuller, Ashlee Hoage, Josh DeMaris, Hailee Clark, Reece Carlin, and Amanda Schram; standing - Lindsey Harris, Mike Pieczynski, Shelby Eck, Andrew Law, Jesse Seamans, Renee Layman, Nate Jenison, Michael Walsh, Chris Lounsberry, Melissa Childs, Kate Dunham, and Gabrielle Weich.



You noticed someone at Scio Central School doing something special – Why Not say THANKS! Thanks stands for an appreciation of Noteworthy Kindness and Service. To Say THANKS to someone, simply fill Out this form and send it to the Student Services Department or drop it off in Person at the Main Office of the school.

The individual or group will receive Recognition for their good deed

I want To Say Thanks To:

Name of Individual/Group: _____

Date: _____

Describe their special efforts: _____

Submitter's Name (optional) _____

THANK YOU

Save the Date

Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES

and

**Business Education
Community Coalition**

Announce the

8th Annual Career Awareness Day

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Wellsville Middle/High School, Wellsville, New York

12:00-3:00PM

Help give students the keys to:

- Develop and build strong connections between education, businesses, community, and 21st century skills.
- Offer a hands-on interactive experience that will assist them with their career development and continuing education planning.
- Meet one-on-one with representatives from businesses and organizations, ask questions, and get a closer look at multiple career opportunities.



Winter 2009



Guidance News

Attention Seniors!

Seniors are reminded to bring a copy of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Student Services Department.

If you have not yet applied to college, it's not too late. See Mrs. Crowell-Ketchner now! However, the longer you wait the more limited your options will be!

Financial Aid

The U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid provides over \$80 billion annually in financial assistance for college. To receive federal student aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

There are three ways that a student can complete the FAFSA:

■ Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov (fastest, most recommended)

■ Download and complete a PDF version of the FAFSA at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov (Note: PDF FAFSAs must be mailed to process)

■ Request a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID

Be sure to contact your college's financial aid office to inquire about specific questions related to your particular college expenses and additional scholarship opportunities.

Scholarships

Scholarship information is updated on a regular basis by the Student Services Department. It is important that seniors check their mailboxes in the Student Services Department periodically. This information is also posted on our school Web site under the Student Services Scholarship link. In the upcoming months there will be many local scholarships available. Times are tough and with a little effort, you could save some money on your college expense for next year!

Scio Area Dollars for Scholars

The support of the Scio Central School community has allowed us to initiate a new Academic Support Grants program, which is currently funding three grant proposals. Two proposals involve community service projects and one emphasizes career exploration. Dan Childs and FBLA will receive \$500 in support of their outstanding efforts for Toys for Tots. Tanya Burke and the fifth-grade ELA classes will receive \$500 in support of their "Becoming a True Friend" curriculum. They are reading "Charlotte's

Web" and will complete a service project designed to reach out to people or animals in need. Matt Hopkins and Deanna Scott will receive \$500 in support of their career exploration project for middle school math students. Eighth-graders recently designed a car of the future utilizing many mathematical applications. The winning entry will be developed into a prototype model by a CAD (computer aided design) firm in Pittsburgh, and seventh- and eighth-grade students will visit college CAD classrooms

in Alfred to learn more about careers associated with math, engineering and CAD. Congratulations!

Our efforts in 2009 will support scholarships for the Class of 2009 and additional academic support grants for the 2009-10 school year. As a community, your continued support of our Phon-a-thons and Beef on Weck dinners allows these projects to grow each year. Dates for these events will be announced in the next newsletter. Thanks for your continued support!

Scholarship Opportunities

Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship	Two \$1000 Scholarships	Students residing in the Senate District 57 of New York State who are planning to major in the field of nursing. The scholarship will be available to both traditional and non-traditional students. Students must maintain at least a "C" average to be eligible for this award.	Must complete the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation (CRCF) General Scholarship Application form. Completed applications and supplemental materials must be submitted to the Students Services Office or CRCF by April 1, 2009.
Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund	Most scholarships are renewable each year as long as student remains in college and maintains a 2.5 cumulative average.	Open to any high school senior who is a resident of Allegany County. Financial need is not considered. Preference given to students attending a four-year school.	Completed Allegany Area Foundation Application, including all required documentation, must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009.
George & Ella Shear Scholarship Fund	Scholarship is renewable each year as long as student remains in college and maintains a 2.5 cumulative average.	Scio Central School graduate who is pursuing full-time academic study in the field of education.	Completed Allegany Area Foundation Application, including all required documentation, must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009.
Lois M. Lilly Scholarship	Scholarship is renewable each year as long as student remains in college and maintains a 2.5 cumulative average.	Allegany County graduate. Preference is given to a Belfast Central School Graduate	Completed Allegany Area Foundation Application, including all required documentation, must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009.
Joseph & Inez Hupp Scholarship	Most scholarships are renewable each year as long as student remains in college and maintains a 2.5 cumulative average.	Allegany County graduate with preference given to a Cuba-Rushford Central School graduate. First consideration to those attending a four-year school. However, will consider a two-year or graduate school.	Completed Allegany Area Foundation Application, including all required documentation, must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009.
Joseph E. Presutti Scholarship Fund	Scholarship is renewable each year as long as student remains in college and maintains a 2.5 cumulative average.	Allegany County graduate with preference given to a Genesee Valley Central School graduate. Financial need considered. Preference to those in public service and/or veterans.	Completed Allegany Area Foundation Application, including all required documentation, must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009.
Dresser-Rand Scholarship Fund	Two scholarships of \$2000 each awarded per academic year. Past recipients may re-apply.	Children, spouses, grandchildren, stepchildren, or current dresser-rand employees or retirees. Preference given to those who plan to pursue a technical, manufacturing related, or business course of study. Financial need and academic performance considered. Enrollment in college or post high school trade school required.	Completed Allegany Area Foundation Application, including all required documentation, must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009.
Non-Traditional Education Scholarship Fund	Up to 75% of the total cost of training	Those seeking to improve current skills for gainful employment. Financial need considered. Preference given to young adults, but no age restrictions.	Completed Allegany Area Foundation application, including all required documentation, (No application deadline-can be submitted at any time).
John J. Murphy Family Scholarship	One \$10,000 scholarship, with \$2500 awarded per year for four years	Any student in the Olean Dresser-Rand employment region or whose family members are employed by or have retired from Dresser-Rand in Olean, New York. Preference given to applicants who are pursuing a bachelor's degree or higher in business, engineering, or nursing.	Must complete the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation (CRCF) General Scholarship Application form. Completed applications and supplemental materials must be submitted to the Students Services Office or CRCF by April 1, 2009.
Marion W. Green Scholarship	One or more awards. Up to \$5000 per year, renewable for one year (two years maximum). Upon degree completion, an additional of \$5000 to establish a permanent investment account, with a required participation in professional financial planning services.	Scio Central School graduate. Enrolled or accepted in accredited vocational or degree program. Must be within two years of degree or certificate.	Completed Allegany Area Foundation Application, including all required documentation, must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009.



Is Your Teen Traveling The Road to Success?

Roads to Success is a new program designed to help middle and high school students prepare for their futures. What does your teen need to be ready for work? In 2006, 400 employers across America were asked what skills they considered to be most important for young workers. Their answers? The basics: reading, writing and math. But they also noted applied skills are vital. The ability to communicate, a high level of professionalism and a strong work ethic are important in addition to critical thinking/problem solving skills. All students may need to develop or refine their applied skills. These skills require practice! Internships, job shadowing programs and summer jobs are great places to start.

Scio seventh-graders are working on career exploration during the months of January and February. Teens often see them-

selves with few career choices or so many choices that it is very hard for them to know what path to pick. They often base their career goals on jobs they can see. They may seek high-profile jobs that are celebrated in the media or jobs that are held by people they know and admire. Our goal in *Roads to Success* is to complete a full career search to learn what it takes to get these jobs, how much education/training is required, what job prospects exist in their selected field and whether the career is a "fit" for their likes, dislikes and personality.

Check out www.careercruising.com. Just type in: Username = Scio and Password = Central to access the resources. For additional information about *Roads to Success*, contact Joan Wissert at jw@roadstosuccess.org or take a look at our web site www.roadstosuccess.org.



PENPALS: Making Connections

Mrs. Smith's kindergarten class (SHOWN ABOVE) has been making connections with Mrs. Osburn's kindergarten class from Campbell-Savona Central School. Both classes have been writing letters back and forth to each other since October. The pen pal relationship was established to connect Mrs. Smith's granddaughter's class (at C-S) with her class (at Scio) and to give the students a meaningful and fun way to practice handwriting and reading skills.

New Curriculum Bears Results: Elementary & Middle School Computers

By Dan Childs, 4-12 Business Dept.

Four years ago, when fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade computers was started, there was no computer curriculum to speak of on the internet or in Allegany/Cattaraugus schools for these grade levels. With assistance from Molly Weinman (grade 4), Lisa Looney (grade 4), Eric Weinman (math), Tim Smith (science), Amy Windus (English) and Chick Casagrande (social studies), we have been able to develop a program in the Business Lab for grades 4-6 that is project- and portfolio-based in a collaborative classroom environment for computer instruction which emphasizes cross-curriculum course content while learning computer applications for Microsoft Office and Windows.

Here is a snapshot at what a day in the life looks like . . .

Fourth Grade: Students are improving their ELA skills by researching and writing a report on a current American Hero (Social Studies). They are reflecting on ideas for their individual entries in the 3rd Annual 4th Grade Writing Contest for Entrepreneurship (ELA and Business).

Fifth Grade: Students have learned how to make a PowerPoint presentation. The topic for their first report is "All About Me" (ELA).

Sixth Grade: Students finished a more difficult PowerPoint presentation on their Career Interest Area and are now working on researching ecosystems (Science) and doing a report (ELA) on the ecosystem that most interests them on the planet.

Students are allowed to "play" tutorial games that build on old fashioned, do-it-in-your-head math skills when there is five minutes left in the period. Check out sheppardsoftware.com for your home computer!

Eighth Grade: The students practice their typing without looking on material that is designed to build awareness of ethics and character. This group of eighth-graders is the first to benefit from starting computers in fourth grade, and it shows in their computer skills and overall academic performance.



Native American Presentation

The third- and fourth-graders attended a lively presentation on Wednesday, January 21. Dave Ruch is a performer that is widely noted for his ability to engage audiences of all ages. The youngsters took a musical journey back to the times when the Native Americans in our area lived and thrived. The songs and discussions tied right in with the New York state social studies curriculum. Students became active participants as they reinforced their understanding of the area's history. The presentation was a great way to end the day and we all hope to see him again.



Quality Counts on School Work

Club News

By Dan Childs, 4-12 Business Department

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members finished Toys for Tots with 65 children helped, sent CARE packages to soldiers in Iraq, and currently, we are looking at businesses to arrange a shadow day for the membership.

FBLA wishes to extend a huge thank you to all who donated to help our children and soldiers, and also a big thank you to Stacy Alsworth for working with the FBLA this year on the Toys for Tots project. The club is in the planning stage for their next adventure.

Elves Brianna Blouvet, Jen Roeske, Vince Sciotti and Stacy Chapman helped package up a heap of toys to help 65 local children have a brighter Christmas.

Our Web site Club has finished creating photo stories for the home page and are currently working on using Yahoo software for picture management of the photo gallery. Because the yearbook and sports banquet depends on Web site photographs so much, we need to store them at a higher pixel count than presently available. Once done, parents will be able to print their favorite pictures off the school Web site right at home! To visit the Scio Photo Gallery, just type Scio Central School into a search engine like Yahoo, AOL or Google. It will be right there.

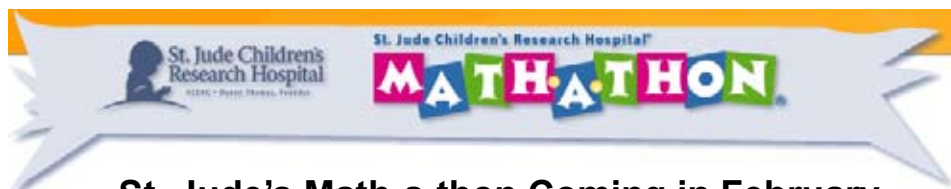
Recent discussions among the elementary faculty have led to an increased emphasis on encouraging students to take pride in their work and only hand in quality assignments. Throughout their elementary years, students have been taught basic writing skills, and those skills have been further developed and reinforced as they've gotten older.

Teachers in grades 3-6 have begun an initiative that asks parents to help them to encourage students to apply these essential learned skills in their daily work, both in class and at home. Among the expectations

of all students in grades 3-6, in all subject areas, is that students will use a proper heading; their neatest writing; complete sentences with subjects and predicates; appropriate spelling, capitalization, and punctuation; indentation of all paragraphs; and an overall neat paper that is not torn or wrinkled.

Teachers in grades K-2 are currently working on putting together age-appropriate expectations for their students and will be implementing them in the near future.

By working together we can help our students to learn that quality counts!



St. Jude's Math-a-thon Coming in February

In February, students in grades 2-6 who wish to voluntarily participate in the St. Jude's Math-a-Thon will be completing grade-appropriate funbooks or completing a CD on the computer in support of the St. Jude's Math-a-Thon. Once the math work is completed, the students will collect pledges from sponsors. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital to assist in their research and treatment of catastrophic childhood diseases.

St. Jude's is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatments that are not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. Last year, 54 children from New York state were treated at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.


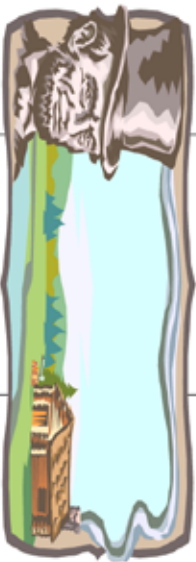

Thank you to the students, families, and community for your support of St. Jude's as they continue to battle childhood illnesses.





Scio Central School
Check out our Web site:
scio.schooltools.us

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>You may prepay anytime throughout the year.</i></p> <p>Lunch price \$1.35 Reduced Price \$.25</p>	<p>2 Scio Burger on Bun Noodles Lettuce and Tomato Peaches</p>	<p>3 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Pineapple</p>	<p>4 Nachos with Cheese Sauce Veggie Sticks Banana</p>	<p>5 Hot Ham 'n Cheese On Croissant French Fries Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>6 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Celery Sticks</p>	
<p>Heart Healthy Week Feb 9-13</p>	<p>9 Turkey Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Pears</p>	<p>10 Chicken Nuggets Rice Veggie Sticks Dinner Roll Grapes</p>	<p>11 Spaghetti with Meatballs Chef Salad Dinner Roll Apple</p>	<p>12 Turkey Gravy on Biscuit Mashed Potato Glazed Carrots Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>13 Chicken Patty Corn Heart Cookie Ice Cream Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Happy Valentine's Day</p>
	<p>16 No School Mid-Winter Break</p>	<p>17</p> 				
	<p>23 Pizza Corn Pears</p>	<p>24 Soft Shell Taco Lettuce and Tomato Green Beans Peaches</p>	<p>25 Breakfast at Lunch French Toast Sausage, Apple Juice Banana</p>	<p>26 Chicken Patty Sandwich Fresh Veggie Sticks Apple</p>	<p>27 Baked Fish Dinner Roll, Smile Fries, Mixed Fruit Sugarless Friday</p>	
<p>Served Daily: Salad Bar Assorted Sandwiches Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit and Milk</p>					<p><i>Friday the 27th is National Dental awareness day.</i></p>	<p><i>Subject to change without notice</i></p>



Art Contest Winners at SCS



The Regina Quick Center at St. Bonaventure University held a Kids Art Contest to make this year's holiday season more fun for local children and their families. All children in grades K-5 residing in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chataqua, McKean, Potter, and Warren counties were eligible. The artwork submitted had to be their own picture titled, "Going to Grandma's House."



A panel of educators selected a total of 60 winners (10 from each grade). Each winner received three tickets to the Quick Center Arts performance of "Little Red Riding Hood" and, as an extra special treat, the Quick Center also had their artwork on display in the Mezzanine Gallery from December 5 until January 11.



Out of hundreds of entries from the area, Scio Central School had four winners. These winners were Macy Hint - grade 5 (**TOP, LEFT**), Carolanne Schmitt - grade 4 (**TOP, CENTER**), Kirsten White - grade 4 (**TOP, RIGHT**), and Brooke Smith - grade 1 (**BOTTOM, LEFT**). Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who participated.



Bibliotherapy – A Great Technique in Counseling

*By Tanya Burke, Elementary Counselor
& CSE/CPSE/504 Chairperson*

A technique I use in counseling at the elementary level is bibliotherapy. I believe reading to students as well as to my own children teaches them skills we want them to learn. A recent example I can share with you is about my 5-year-old daughter. Her room is a constant mess. I ask her to put her toys away and it seems to never get done. So, I discovered a book by the Berenstain Bears titled, "The Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room." She liked listening to the story and does try to keep her room a little more tidy. This is just one example of how children learn from reading. If you would like more information on bibliotherapy and what books to read to your children about an issue you are struggling with that are age



appropriate, do not hesitate to call me at 593-5510, ext. 1141. Happy Reading!



Reading Children's Books Opens Lines of Communication

Some children seem to want to talk about any problem they face. Others clam up in the face of trouble. That's where a good children's book can really help open up communication. If you and your child read a book with a situation like the one your child is facing, it can often make it easier for you to talk with your child. Here's why:

- Stories help children see others who are facing the same issue. That helps reassure them that they are not alone. Often, just seeing that someone else has faced the same issue can give a child confidence.

- Books also help children see how the person in the story felt, what she said, and what she did. That opens the door for a talk between you and your child. You can talk about how the character felt and then ask, "Did you ever have those feelings?"

- Stories also encourage your child to think about how the character solved the problem in the story. Did it work? What could the character have done differently?

A children's librarian can help you find books about situations your child may be facing. You can ask your child's teacher for recommendations, too.



Witnessing History!

Mrs. Smith's kindergarten class joined millions of Americans, who witnessed history in the making, as they watched the televised inauguration of President Barack Obama on Tuesday, January 20.

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"The habits we form from childhood make no small difference, but rather they make all the difference."

-- Aristotle

Good Web Sites to Use to Study Math

By Karen Insley, High School Math Teacher

The following are Web sites that I encourage my students to use for homework help, quiz and test preparation and at any time they "have nothing to do." There are other good sites out there as well. If you find one, please let me know. The more resources the students have available to them, the more opportunity to be successful.

<http://keymath.com> - This site is for Algebra and Geometry students using the Discovery Series. Click on the correct book to find additional links to topics covered in class.

<http://keycollege/ws> - This site is for Statistics students. Click on our book to find applets and files.

<http://regentsprep.org> - This site is most helpful for students preparing for a New York State Regents exam. The site was created by teachers and includes teaching notes, practice and a lesson. Click the links for either Integrated Algebra or Geometry.

<http://castlelearning.com> - (formerly School Island) This site is full of great resources for any/all middle school and high school core subjects and some encore subjects. Student accounts are accessible by using their scio-firlastna. Their password will be their last name initially, but the students can change it once they log in.

There are flash cards, multiple choice problems, vocabulary and short response that cover all topics within a subject area.

<http://education.ti.com> - At this site students can download helpful academic tools for their graphing calculator for free. See Mrs. Insley for a connectivity cable.

<http://medianetkids.org> - This site offers movies that the students can view. The movies cover topics from K-12 grade math topics. The movies are about 10-30 minutes long and offer a review of the material.

<http://mathbits.com> - This site offers many activities, notes and ideas for doing math problems. It has links to many other math Web sites as well. It is maintained by two New York state retired math teachers. You can use graph paper from this site as well.

<http://jmap.org> - This site offers a database of questions and answers for all Regents exams and courses in math. It is free and available to all students. There are also videos for some topics.



Community Helper Day

Thursday, December 11, was designated Community Helper Day as Mrs. Grabow's first-graders learned about all the different people who make our neighborhood a nice place to live. A few of the students came to school that day dressed like their parents' dress or how they will dress when they grow up and go to work. Several students chose to bring a parent or a friend to class to talk about their job. Thank you to all our guests for sharing with us. It's never too early to learn about being an important part of a community.



Study Skills: Tests don't have to be stressful for your child

Parents can ease the natural stress that may occur before and after testing. You can help your child prevent test anxiety if you:

- **Build self-esteem.** The goal is for your child to begin tests with confidence, not fear of failure. So give him opportunities for success in many other areas.

- **Communicate with teachers.** Stay up-to-date on your child's progress at school. If he needs extra help, the teacher can suggest at-home learning activities. Ask how you can help.

- **Build your child's vocabulary.** Talking, reading and word games help your child learn new words. You never know when one might pop up on a test.

- **Encourage preparation.** Plan several study sessions before the test. Provide a study spot where your child can concentrate.

- **Give test tips.** It's important to read instructions carefully. If something is confusing, ask the teacher for help. Don't get stuck on one question. Mark it, finish easier sections and then return to the trouble spot.

- **Don't pressure your child.** If he worries too much, his performance may suffer. Emphasize your unconditional love. When the test is returned, talk about it. What can he learn from it? Compliment his hard work.

Source: "Helping Your Child With Test Taking- Helping Your Child Succeed in School," U.S. Department of Education, www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/part9.html.

Hurry! The Scionian 2009

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Taking a “DIP” out of Winter



Several students in grades 5-12 have enjoyed exciting trips to the swimming pool at Wellsville Elementary School. Scio's Pep Grant for Fitness has made it possible for students to go swimming at WES on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of January. We would like to thank the Wellsville lifeguards, and Wellsville Central School for allowing us to use their wonderful facility. Students were also provided with a snack from the Scio After-School Snack Program. The students were all very grateful to have the opportunity to add a little "summer fun" to these cold, winter days.

Study Skills: Use long-term projects to teach responsibility & planning skills

When your child is assigned a long-term project, your role as a "homework helper" changes. This is a great opportunity to teach about responsibility and time management:

■ **Discuss the goal.** If your child has to create an "All About Me" poster, ask your child questions to help with specifics. "What hobbies do you enjoy?" "What could you use to show them?"

■ **Make a plan.** Big projects require many steps over several days. Together, write each one down. For instance, "Buy poster board." "Take photos of you singing, drawing and playing soccer." "Glue photos on poster board." "Write captions."

■ **Take action.** Collect necessary supplies and get to work. Make sure each step has a due date so your child has time to finish. Build in some "wiggle room" just in case.

Source: Drew and Cynthia Johnson, Homework Heroes, ISBN: 0-7432-2258-x (Simon & Schuster Inc, 1-800-9439831, www.simonsays.com).



Athletic News

By Doreen Martin, Athletic Director

Boys' Basketball Team Wins Dr. D Tournament

The Varsity Boys' Basketball team (**SHOWN AT RIGHT**) defeated Belfast and then Hinsdale to win the Dr. DiGirolamo Christmas Tournament. Congratulations to Casey James and Kris Roberts for being selected to the All-Tournament team.

Viewmyschedule.com

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.



MEMBERS of the Varsity Boys' Basketball team are pictured: (left to right) back row - Coach Thane Graves, Andrew Law, Casey James, Kris Roberts, Alan Knapp, and Anthony Law (Assistant); middle row - Skylor Saxton, Robb Fuller, Brett Elliott, Chris Lounsberry, and Coach Lori Root; and front row - Josh Cline, Ethan Graves, and Brendan Graves.

Winter Sports Schedules

Boys' Varsity & JV Basketball

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

Weight Room/ Walking Program

The public is invited to use the weight room and walking facilities at the school. The facilities are available for use 5-7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through April 9. Anyone interested must enter through the back door by the concession stand. Please sign in at the weight room.



Girls' Varsity Basketball

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' & Girls' Modified Basketball

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

Boys' Varsity Volleyball

Tues., Feb. 3 Semifinals, TBA
Fri., Feb. 6 Finals, TBA
Coach: Tim Lyon

Wish to Donate Bottles & Cans?

If you would like to donate to a worthy cause, take your bottles and/or cans to the ARC Bottle Redemption Center on Hanover Street in Wellsville and tell them that you would like the proceeds donated to either the *Scio Area Dollars for Scholars* (to raise funds for scholarships) OR the *Scio School Softball Team*. The Redemption Center keeps a tally of what is brought in and sends quarterly checks to the organization. Their hours are: Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Lines, Lines Everywhere!

Mrs. Cozzi's kindergarten class learned how lines are very important in art and that when we put lines together, we create all kinds of forms and shapes. In art class, we looked at different types of paintings: some abstract and some realistic. We then created our own lines with watercolor paints on large sheets of paper. We found that we can build houses, flowers, rainbows, and even things that we have never seen or heard of before. We also discovered that sometimes just putting the paint on the paper is a very exciting experience! *How often do you see, use or make lines?*



ABOVE - Camryn Wiech is shown making lines.

AT LEFT - Lauren Ciciello (left) and Haven Culver (right) are pictured using watercolors and their imaginations.

Drama Club to Perform One-Act Plays March 13 & 14

Save the date! On Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the SCS Auditorium, the Drama Club will present *An Evening of One Act Plays*. Among the selections are an adaptation of Moliere's *"The Imaginary Invalid"* called *"Too Many Doctors,"* by Harriet Dexter, and an adaptation of O. Henry's famous short story *"The Ransom of Red Chief"* called *"The Ransom of Emily Jane,"* by Carolyn Lane. Tickets will be available at the door: \$2 for students/senior citizens, \$3 for adults.

