



The Third Grade Chorus is shown performing some Christmas classics during the Holiday Concert held on Wednesday, December 14.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED . . .

Monday, January 2 – New Year's Holiday

Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

February 20-24 – Winter Break

SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Experience Life Through Education"

From the Superintendent . . .

Dear Community Members:

It is hard to believe that soon we will welcome in a New Year, bringing with it new beginnings and refreshed aspirations. At school, we have set high expectations for ourselves and students and have developed goals and a plan to achieve them. We are committed to offering the children of our community an education that will support their future success.

As we begin to plan the 2012-13 school year budget, we are attempting to anticipate changing costs and needs, predict student population changes, and looking for opportunities to cost-efficiently run our school. We are also listening carefully to the Government Officials in Albany as they continue to clarify the nuances of the property tax cap and provide hints regarding the funds schools can expect through State Education Aid.

Related to this, I am sharing the following letter that was written collectively on behalf of the area superintendents in the Allegany-Cattaraugus County Region:

Never before have the decisions in Albany and Washington been more directly linked to what is occurring in Western New York classrooms. Our schools are dealing with new State requirements dictated by the mandates of the federal Race to the Top funding. These requirements, coupled with the State's ongoing fiscal crisis, are bringing about significant changes for our public schools, including reduced State support, more regulations and new mandates. We have already felt the impact of a loss in State aid to our schools, including: fewer non-elective classes, elimination of extra-curriculars and athletic teams, larger class sizes, and reductions in workforce. These cutbacks are likely to continue under the current economic conditions and State funding formulas.

At the same time schools are losing aid, the State has increased its involvement in teacher evaluations and school effectiveness. Districts are required to change the way teachers are evaluated based upon test results and new teaching standards. New curricula are being introduced, and new assessments will be administered to our students that will align to national standards. Districts are committing hundreds of personnel hours and tens of thousands of dollars implementing new requirements at a time when schools face unprecedented cuts in personnel and revenue.

Along with increased involvement in teacher evaluations and curriculum, the State has introduced a cap on property taxes. While the prospect of a tax cap is appealing, what makes the tax cap difficult for schools to manage is that the State controls the major variable in the amount of taxes needed in any given year. That variable is the amount of State aid a district will receive. For the 2011-12 school year, the 21 school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties collectively lost \$24.5 million in State aid. If the 2% tax cap were in effect for 2011-12, it would only have allowed those schools to raise \$1.85 million in new revenues. That leaves a shortfall of over \$22.5 million from the loss of State aid. With the imposition of the tax cap, this amount cannot be made up by raising taxes. Budgets have to be decreased and, hence, we experience the loss of academic programs, extra-curriculars and staff.

Recent data compiled by the Statewide School Finance consortium reveals that this loss of State aid has disproportionately affected upstate school districts with low wealth ratios compared to downstate districts on or near Long Island. What can you do to address these issues? Call and write your state representatives asking for real solutions. Ask for mandate relief and other legislative changes to address the issues burdening upstate schools. And, perhaps most importantly, ask for a fair distribution of state aid that does not irreparably harm our schools in Western New York.

(2011-12 data on state aid loss and comparisons between Cattaraugus and Allegany County schools and downstate schools can be found at: <http://www.caboces.org/state-aid-figures>)

I would ask, as we continue through this school year, that you do two things. The first is to help support our students by attending events and celebrating their successes. Enthusiasm is contagious and it brings a community together. Secondly, ask questions and become as informed as possible about the financial situation and educational programs in the District. The better informed you are, the more successful we will be in working together for the children of our community.

As we welcome the holiday season I ask that we especially remember the men and women serving our country in the armed forces. The service they provide and sacrifices they make allow us to enjoy our freedom and all the remarkable opportunities our nation offers.

Please accept my warmest wishes to you and your families for a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Tracie Preston, Superintendent



Ramsey Nominated for Wendy's High School Heisman

Nicole Ramsey (*shown above*) was recently recognized as Scio Central School nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman Program. The daughter of Daniel and Evelyn Ramsey, Nicole's nomination was based on her ability to excel in academics, athletics and student leadership. She has been a leader at Scio Central School and in her community. Nicole also serves as a role model for our SCS underclassman. We are proud to have Nicole as our Heisman nominee!

Since 1994, the Wendy's High School Heisman Program has honored more than 250,000 of the nation's outstanding high school seniors in partnership with the Heisman Memorial Trophy Committee. The honorees are well-rounded young men and women who excel in learning, performing, and leading in the classroom, on the field, and in the community.



About Pesticides

School law requires the district maintain, on an annual basis, a list of parents who wish to receive advance notice of pesticide use at the school their child attends. To have your name included, a formal request must be submitted in writing. Forms can be obtained by contacting the school.

Reminder to Parents of Home Instructed Students

Just a reminder to submit your Quarterly Reports. Also, parents of students who intend to educate their children at home must provide a written notice to the superintendent annually by July 1 of each school year.



Dollars for Scholars

The winner of the *Dollars for Scholars* (DFS) Holiday Meat Package was Tim Canfield! Congratulations and thank you to all who purchased tickets. As always, the support from our community is amazing and we truly appreciate it. Without your support we wouldn't be able to provide these scholarship opportunities to our students.

Remember, students can earn DFS credit hours with our annual mail-a-thon and Beef on Weck Dinner fundraisers beginning in February 2012.

A reminder to all seniors, the DFS early application deadline is February 10, 2012. The final application deadline is March 9, 2012.

Transportation Requests

Transportation Requests for resident students to be transported to non-public schools for the 2012-2013 school year are due April 1, 2012.

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 Central School for the 2012-13 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than April 30, 2012.

School Closing Notification

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

WLSV - 790 AM
WJQZ - 103.5 FM
WZKZ - 101.9 FM
WBEN - 930 AM
WPIG - 95.7 FM
WKPQ - 105.3 FM
WHDL - 1450 AM
WKBW - Channel 7
WIVB - Channel 4
WGRZ - Channel 2
YNN Buffalo (Time Warner Cable)
Drive Safely!



Committed to Excellence

The School Improvement Committee is pleased to report that the increased expectations and focus on academic achievement are showing initial signs of success. This evidence is highlighted by the honors assembly held on the morning of November 16th. Students in grades 5-12 attaining the status of honor roll and high honor roll during the first marking period were recognized in front of the assembled student body, faculty and

staff, administration, and several Board of Education members. It was an uplifting sight to see so many of our students on stage who have committed themselves to academic excellence.

However, the long journey of improvement is far reaching, and the road is ever winding. All involved in the learning community must stay vigilant so that the growing momentum is continued. We ask parents to

stay in contact with teachers as issues and questions arise. Agenda use, homework completion, improved and focused study habits, class participation, and seeking assistance when needed are all emphasized within the walls of the school. Their emphasis outside these walls is necessary as well. A commitment from all involved is required to accomplish the ultimate goal that is so critical, the goal of student achievement.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS honored at the November 16 honors assembly are pictured.



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS honored at the honors assembly are shown.

Three SCS Seniors Nominated to All-WNY Academic Team

Alyssa Hammond, Nicole Ramsey and Keegan Taylor were recently nominated for selection to the **Business First 2012 All-Western New York Academic Team**. All public and private high schools in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties were eligible to submit nominations. Nominees had to be well-rounded young men and women with strong records of academic, success, leadership ability and community involvement. The top 100 seniors meeting these criteria will be profiled in the May 2012 edition of Business First's 2012-2013 Guide to Western New York Schools. Congratulations to all three of our nominees. These students are more than qualified and deserving of this recognition!





ABOVE - Third grade students named to the honor roll for the first quarter are shown left to right: top - Logan Jefferds, Riley Jennings, Cheyenne Layman, Mya White, and Ryan Shneider; bottom - Alea Comstock, Aubrey Cook, Arianna Fields, Sophia Griggs, and Randi Greenman.

AT RIGHT - Fourth graders named to the first quarter honor roll are shown L-R: top - Colten Alsworth, Trevor Clark, Jacob D'Arcy, Makayla Edwards, and Mehgan Force; bottom - Kirsten Budinger, Kira Kinnicutt, Megan Murray, Renee Schoonover, Ashlynn Scotchmer, Jack Weimer, and Tristen Woodruff.



Third & Fourth Grade Honor Roll Ceremony

Scio's third and fourth grade students were recently honored for their first quarter grades. At the ceremony, Principal Matt Hopkins spoke to the students about hard work and academic success. Nicole Ramsey, a current SCS National Honor Society member, also spoke to the students about what NHS is and how it is important to our school and community. A special thank you to Miss Ramsey for her words of encouragement about doing your absolute best at everything you do. Once again, congratulations to these students for their academic achievement.

AT LEFT - Students named to the first quarter high honor roll for the third and fourth grades are shown L-R: top - Annelise Babbitt, Alex Field, Brendan Graves, Christian Hutchinson, Leila LaJoie, Gwendolyn Lamphier, and Cayden Nickerson; bottom - Cory Bolzan, Lauren Cicirello, Arianna Cook, RachelMae Main, McGuire Insley, Brooke Crossley, Kaylee Elliott, Race Printup, and Emily Stilson.



News From Student Services . . .

Senior Information

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).

Warning! You should never pay someone to help you find or apply for student financial aid. FREE help is available! Student Services has many publications and internet addresses to help you find money for college. Some helpful internet addresses include: www.collegeboard.org and www.HESC.org

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

Scio Central School will be hosting a **Senior Financial Night** on **Wednesday, January 4, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. in the High School Computer Lab (Room 133)**. Wendy Fleming, a representative from St. Bonaventure University, will be on hand to assist parents and students by answering questions on the basic financial aid process.

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 website under the Student Services Scholarship link. In the upcoming months there will be many local scholarships available. Times are tough and a little effort could save some money on your college expenses for next year!

January Regents Exams

If you are interested in taking or re-taking any Regents exams in January, please see Mrs. Crowell-Ketchner in Student Services to sign up. Regents will be held the week of January 24-27. Below is a schedule of dates, times, and exams offered.

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 a.m. -- *Integrated Algebra and RCT in Global Studies*

12:00 p.m. -- *Comprehensive English and Physical Setting/Physics*

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. -- *Living Environment and RCT in US History & Government*

12:00 p.m. -- *Algebra II/Trigonometry and RCT in Mathematics*

Thursday, January 26

8:00 a.m. -- *US History & Government, Geometry, and RCT in Science*

12:00 p.m. -- *Physical Setting/Earth Science, Physical Setting/Chemistry, and RCT in Reading*

Friday, January 27

8:00 a.m. -- *Global History & Geography and RCT in Writing*

Cub Scouts Plant Tulips . . .



Snow and wind on October 27 did not deter Cub Scouts McGuire Insley, John Layfield, and Clayton Witt from planting 42 tulip bulbs around the base of the flagpole in front of our school. Valuable assistance was provided by Jennifer Wulf. Each scout prepared the planting area and planted his bulbs properly. Once the bulbs were in the ground and covered for the winter, hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed by all. The scouts will be monitoring the growth of their tulips as they emerge from the ground in the spring. Thank you, McGuire, John, Clayton, and Jennifer for the beautiful blossoms we will enjoy in the spring.



Science Fair a Success!



THE FIRST ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR held on Thursday, November 17, was a great success. All third grade students did a research project on an animal. They also made 3-D models of their animal and some also depicted their animal's habitat. ABOVE, Ariana Fields is shown with her hummingbird display. AT RIGHT, Mya White shows off her koala project. Mrs. Nix's Living Environment class also made cell part pamphlets and 3-D models of cells. Several students from grades 4-8 participated. Great job to all!



Ramsey Named D.A.R. Good Citizen

Guidance Counselor Pamela Crowell-Ketchner has announced that **Nicole Ramsey (at left)** has been chosen as the 2011-2012 Scio Central School's representative for the Daughters' of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) "Good Citizen Award." Nicole is the daughter of Daniel and Evelyn Ramsey of Scio.

Nicole was chosen as she exemplifies the qualities of dependability, honesty, cooperation, courtesy, leadership ability, self-control, personality and unselfish interest in family, school, community and country required for the D.A.R. "Good Citizen Award."

Nicole has led her class, by ranking first in her class, academically throughout her high school career. In addition to her academic accomplishments, Nicole participates in Student Council and has been a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the school's varsity soc-

cer, basketball and softball teams. Her current leadership roles include President of the National Honor Society; past officer titles for Student Council and school ambassador for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program. Nicole received her Academic Letter during her first year of eligibility. Her academic honors have included the Wells 21st Century Leadership Award; Bausch and Lomb Science Award and the R.I.T. Innovation & Creativity Award. Her community service includes extensive involvement with her church. She assists teaching Sunday school, and participates in church activities and projects -- most recently helping to build a handicap accessible ramp to the church's entrance.

Nicole Ramsey is an outstanding student academically and she holds an equal value of moral character to her school and Scio community. We are proud that she is this year's D.A.R. Good Citizen recipient!



January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 - BUILDING CLOSED	3 - E day - Students Return	4 - F day - BOE Meeting at 6:00 in the Elementary Library **Financial Aid Night will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Computer Lab-Room 133	5 - A day	6 - B day	7 - Ski Club at Swain...weather permitting
8	9 - C day	10 - D day - JCC/St. Bonaventure Financial Aid Night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at JCC Cutco Theater	11 - E day - Early Dismissal (K-12)	12 - F day - Clubs and Group Pictures	13 - A day - Registration for February's ACT Exam - Late Registration for January's SAT Exam See Student Services for more information - Community Night at 5:30 p.m. in the Rigby Gym	14 - Ski Club at Swain...weather permitting
15	16 - BUILDING CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday	17 - B day	18 - C day - BOE Meeting at 6:00 in the Elementary Library	19 - D day - Merry Go Round Happy Circus Z - Kindergarten	20 - E day - All County 1 at Fillmore...Practice from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Late Registration for February's ACT Exam - See Student Services for more information	21 - Ski Club at Swain...weather permitting - All County 1 at Fillmore... Rehearsal from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m....Concert at 2:00 p.m.
22	23 - F day	24 - A day Regents Exams - 8:00 a.m. Integrated Algebra and RCT in Global Studies - 12:00 p.m. Comprehensive English and Physical Setting/Physics	25 - B day Regents Exams - 8:00 a.m. Living Environment and RCT in US History & Government - 12:00 p.m. Algebra 2/Trigonometry and RCT in Mathematics	26 - C day Regents Exams - RCT in US History & Government, Geometry, and RCT in Science Physical Setting Earth Science, Physical Setting Chemistry and RCT in Reading - Merry Go Round Careers Workshop Grades 3, 4, and 5	27 - D day Regents Exams - RE in Global History & Geography and RCT in Writing - Student's Half-Day (K-12) - End of the 20-Week Marking Period	28 - SAT Exam - See Student Services for more information - Ski Club at Swain...weather permitting
29	30 - E day	31 - F day - Early Dismissal (K-12)				
		**Financial Aid Night will be held on January 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Computer Lab-Room 133	**The Weight Room and Walking are available on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday's from 5-7 p.m. Please enter at the weight room door.	**Athletic Events see "digital-sports.com"	**College visits are posted on board outside of Student Services	- Seniors are reminded to bring copies of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Student Services Office.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		**All doors, other than the front entrance, will be locked during the school day.	- A day - BOE Meeting at 6:00 in the Elementary Library	- B day - Sophomore Visitation to BOCES	- C day	- Ski Club at Swain...weather permitting
5	6 - D day - National Counseling Week - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	7 - E day	8 - F day - Early Dismissal (K-12)	9 - A day	10 - B day - End of National Counseling Week - Registration for March's SAT Exam.. See Student Services for more Information - Dollars for Scholars Early Application Deadline	11 - Solofest at Fillmore... All Day - ACT Exam - See Student Services for more Information - Ski Club at Swain...weather permitting
12	13 - C day - Merry Go Round Shirt of Happiness Grade 1 - Project Know for 8th and 10th grades	14 - D day - Project Know for 8th and 10th grades	15 - E day - Project Know for 8th and 10th grades - BOE Meeting at 6:00 in the Elementary Library	16 - F day - Project Know for 8th and 10th grades - Jump Rope for Heart from 9 - 11:00 a.m. for Grades 4-7	17 - A day - Sports Physicals from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Yearbook Orders are Due \$50 plus tax	18
19	20 - BUILDING CLOSED in observance of President's Day - Winter Break Begins	21 - Winter Break	22 - Winter Break	23 - Winter Break	24 - Last Day of Winter Break - Late Registration for March's SAT Exam... See Student Services for more information	25
26	27 - B day - Students Return	28 - C day	29 - D day			
		*Dollars for Scholars annual mail-a-thon and Beef on Weck Dinner fundraisers begin in February	**The Weight Room and Walking are available on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday's from 5-7 p.m. Please enter at the weight room door.	**Athletic Events see "digital-sports.com"	**College visits are posted on board outside of Student Services	- Seniors are reminded to bring copies of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Student Services Office.

21st Century After School Program

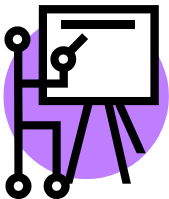
Hi! My name is Charlotte Levis. I am the new 21st Century Program Manager. I am extremely excited about my new position. I will strive to be an excellent role model for the students that I encounter. This has been an exciting season as we prepare for the holidays! In December, the clubs were: Cooking Around the World, Mission Flight, Chemistry, Painting, Zumba, Mosaics, Habla Espanol, and Insectology. A few students, who won the paper airplane contest, got to attend a trip to Curtiss Museum, where we explored the beginning of aviation and enjoyed a Mexican meal. Also, five SCS students will be competing against surrounding schools in a Lego Challenge at Alfred University! Thank you for helping to make this program possible. If you would like information on joining 21st Century, come visit me in room 215 or when I am in lunch every day. Happy Holidays!



21st Century After School Program participants are shown in front of an original wrecked military plane at the Curtiss Museum.

PeerWORX

Peer Tutoring program



Day: Wednesday
Time: 3:00- 4:00
Location: Room 215

Have your child receive free 1:1 peer tutoring for homework help, class projects, academic enrichment and study sessions. Ask your after school program staff how you can enroll your child in Peer Worx today!

Contact person: Molly Share
(585) 268-5213

Do you need extra money or community service hours?

You should apply to be a PeerWORX Tutor. It is a rewarding experience where you share your time with a middle school student who needs extra help with homework.

January/February 2012



Participants are pictured enjoying building a ramp for marbles to run down!

You meet with them for one hour a week, on Wednesdays after school. If interested, please sign up in your guidance

counselor's office, or contact the coordinator, Molly Share at Literacy West NY at 585-268-5213.



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Have you considered a business minor or major?



The reality is everything we do ties back to business and those with a solid understanding of this discipline are better prepared to succeed in life and the world of work. Here are some good starting points for your child:

Entrepreneurship class has a new twist this year. Students are creating their own textbook by using a computer tutorial. Each chapter online, Mr. Childs and the students respond to questions, surveys, study questions and vocabulary. The chapters have links to current events, videos of current business owners plus traditional textbook content -- true differentiated instruction that is sure to capture your child's attention and interest. After the chapter is done, the business students print that chapter which is now customized with their responses and attaches their journal of classroom discussions. By the end of the course, each student will have created their own business plan (or life plan) and textbook.

Microsoft Office I & II class incorporated new software this year with Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010. Students are learning how to safely use webcams and edit video using Picassa. Students are working on Google Docs, PowerPoint, Excel, Word, Publisher, Skype, and more all with the most up-to-date software. Each lesson combines learning and using new technology while

refining traditional business world skills; such as etiquette, communications, human relations and more. This class includes basic photography, movie making and website editing/design.

Accounting students are learning the foundations of the language of business first with workbooks and then with applying that foundation within computerized accounting programs. It is forecast that accountants will continue to have little problem finding secure employment post college graduation and most schools have near 100% job placement for accounting students months prior to graduation.

Take any three of the above classes to have a business minor. Take all four of the above classes plus an online course in *marketing* or *business law* and you will have a Regents Diploma plus a business major!

Now that is a young person prepared for success! Students who go to college for business tend to do very well in the world of work.

Government class is required for graduation and this year, students are also required to have 15 hours of community service completed. Students are learning to take 12 years of education and their lifetime of experiences and formulate opinions based on facts about current issues so they can be responsible voters.

Economics focuses on everything from a 401K retirement plan to the financial benefits of post-graduation education.

All business students are encouraged to be involved in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. If you have questions, email Mr. Childs at dchilds@scio.wnyric.org for more information. I want your child in my class!



Business Students Attend Alfred State Marketing Class

SCS Business Students traveled to Alfred University to visit a marketing class in the AU business program. The first hour, Dr. Amy Rommel taught students how to brainstorm new product ideas and the time flew by. Then her 22 marketing class students filed in, each dressed professionally. Each of the marketing students had invented a product and were asked to present their product to a room full of area high school business students. The high school students were asked to evaluate each of the 22 presentations based on creativity, marketability and target market on written forms that actually impacted the college students' grades. Products ranged from make-up that disappeared after eight hours so you don't have to wash your face, to padded spandex so senior citizens won't break a hip if they fall. After the presentations, we enjoyed all the pizza you could eat as well as a campus tour by an art major and a ceramic engineer major. Students were buzzing about their adventure that day and how nice Alfred University was.



Take Steps to Minimize YOUR Risk for Cold and Flu this Year!

Cover Nose and Mouth
with tissue while coughing or sneezing

**Wash Your Hands
with Soap and Water**
or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
when soap and water is not available

**Try to Avoid Close Contact
with Sick People**

**Avoid Touching Your Eyes,
Nose and Mouth**

**If a Family Member Becomes Sick,
Limit Contact with Others**
to help prevent the spread of illness. Stay home
for at least 24 hours after fever is gone
without the use of fever-reducing medications

Follow Public Health Advice
if an outbreak of flu or other illness occurs

**Moore ways
to better healthcare**
Download copies of this advice and
additional evidence-based
information at www.mooremedical.com

Source: www.cdc.gov/flu/seasonal/resources/pdfs/1012_cocirculation.pdf

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Is it a COLD or the FLU?

Symptoms	...of a Cold	...of the Flu
Fever	Rare	Usually present. Higher than 100° F is associated with the flu
Chills	Mild	Moderate to severe
Headache	Uncommon	Common
Body Aches, Pains	Slight	Usual. Often severe
Fatigue, Weakness	Fairly mild	Moderate to severe
Runny/Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Yes	No
Sore Throat	Common	Common
Chest Discomfort	Mild to moderate	Often severe
Cough	Hacking, productive (mucus producing)	Non-productive (non-mucus producing)
Treatment	Antihistamines, Decongestants, Pain relievers	Antiviral medications—see your doctor
Prevention	Wash your hands often with soap and water; Avoid close contact with anyone with a cold	Wash your hands often with soap and water; Annual vaccination; Antiviral medications—see your doctor
Complications	Sinus infection, Ear infection, Asthma, Bronchitis	Sinus infection, Bursitis, Pneumonia. Can worsen chronic conditions. Can be life-threatening. Complications more likely in the elderly, those with chronic conditions, young children, and pregnant women

**Knowing the
difference
between a cold
and the flu
can speed up
recovery**



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to better Healthcare

Students Decorate Public Library

Students from Scio Central School recently decorated the Scio Memorial Library for the Winter Holidays (see photo AT RIGHT). The students strung lights, decorated the tree, and made their own snowflake ornaments. Members of the Scio Library Board were there to assist students and join the festivities. The afternoon ended with snacks provided by Sue Moyer, the library director. This event was part of an ongoing partnership between the school and public libraries in the Scio community.

Great Online Resource

All Scio students and their families have access to World Book Online through our school subscription. This great resource can help older students with schoolwork and also serve as a general reference for any of their questions. Our access includes a



special site just for young children with fun reading games. Go to Worldbookonline.com

Our username is "scio" and our password is "boces."



Annual Food Drive is Successful

The 2011 annual Food Drive sponsored by the Scio Central School Student Council was a great success. The Methodist churches of Scio and Allentown collected and distributed the goods in time for Thanksgiving.

We held a contest for the elementary school and for the middle high school. Winners received ice cream and cup cakes! Mrs. White's second grade class (shown AT RIGHT) worked very hard to win this year. They brought in 186 items for donation! Wow – congrats kids! Mr. Mole's eighth grade class brought in 78 items to win for the middle high contest. Way to go!

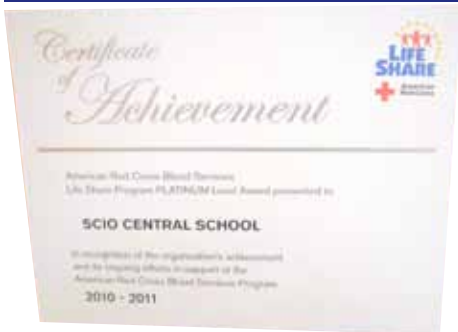
THANKS so much to all who donated this year. This contest is a perfect example of something so little going a long way.



More from Mrs. White's Room . . .

Who is the strongest one? Little Red Ant sets out in the big world to learn about being strong. Second grade students studied the play *The Strongest One from Pushing Up the Sky*, a traditional Abenaki Indian story. One message in many of these Native American stories is that all parts of nature are important. Even tiny ants can make a difference. Students in Mrs. White's second grade class practiced the play and presented it as a readers' theater for each other.





Scio Central School's Chapter of the National Honor Society recently received top honors in the American Red Cross' Life Share Program. The Life Share Program partners with area high schools in sponsoring American Red Cross blood drives within their communities.

Recognition for the Life Share Program is based on blood drive participation rates and school sponsors can achieve Silver, Gold or Platinum levels. Platinum is the highest achievement within the Life Share Program.

The National Honor Society of Scio Central School was awarded the Platinum Certificate of Achievement for the valiant efforts of maintaining an average of over 35 percent in their blood drive goals. Congratulations Scio NHS on your Life Share achievement!

Bus Route Changes Effective January 3, 2012

Here at the Scio Central School Transportation Department, we try to run as safely and efficiently as possible. With that being said, I would like to inform you of some changes being made to a few of the bus routes to better accommodate the district needs along with being more fiscally responsible to the tax payers.

Bus # 78, which travels Davis Hill, Wadsworth Hill, Putt Brook, Cooley Hill, Dry Brook Road, and Route 19 North out of Scio, will be dissolved into two other routes.

Students who live on Route 19 North will now be riding bus #80. Pickup and drop off times should be approximately the same.

Students living on Route 19 South will still be on bus #80. Pick up times will be the same, but drop off times will be approximately ten minutes later.

Students living on Davis Hill, Wadsworth Hill, Putt Brook, Cooley Hill, and Dry Brook Road, will now be riding bus #79. Pick up times will be approximately five minutes later. Drop off times will be altered very little.

Students currently riding bus #79 and live on Gordon Brook, Middaugh Hill Road, Eymer Road, Irons Road, and Back River Road will now be picked up approximately 25 minutes earlier. Drop off times should be approximately 25 minutes later. The longest bus ride will not exceed one hour.

Students living on Cottage Bridge and Charles Street will now be riding bus #73. Pickup and drop off times should be approximately the same.

These changes are scheduled to start on January 3, 2012, after the winter recess. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the Scio Central School Transportation Department (585-593-0987).

Jayson Chandler, Transportation Supervisor

Athletics News

By Doreen Martin, Athletic Director

Digitalsports.com

Don't forget, you can view any of Scio's sports schedules by going to www.digitalsports.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 email list to receive emails of game changes for any sport. This is a great website to use to stay current on all schedules.

Community Weight Room

The community weight room and walking program will start in October. The weight room will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. Students in grades 9-12 may come on their own after 6 p.m. Please use the back concession stand door when entering the building.

Softball Fundraisers

The Varsity Softball team will be having a beef on week dinner on March 31, 2012 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the school. Tickets are \$7.50 and can be purchased from any softball player.



The softball team is also raising funds at the Redemption Center in Wellsville. Drop off your returnable cans and bottles and tell the Center it is for the Scio softball team.

Coach Newton and the team members appreciate your support!



Increasing Participation in Scio Athletics

By Doreen Martin, Athletic Director

What are interscholastic athletics all about and why are they important? One of the major goals of success for athletic programs is the participation rate. The more young people who participate in athletics and other after school activities, the more who gain educational benefits such as leadership skills, perseverance and time management, to name a few. Playing sports isn't all about winning and losing. Interscholastic athletics teach student athletes about citizenship, healthy lifestyles, sportsmanship and so many other important life skills needed beyond high school.

Interscholastic athletics provide students a reason for being or an identity. They can be somebody and be a part of a team without having to be the star of the team.

Research shows that students who participate in sports and other activities have higher grades, have better attendance, and have fewer behavioral problems. Athletes also have higher enrollment in Advanced Placement classes and carry a high school graduation rate of 99 percent. Athletes tend to drop out of school less often and also score higher on state assessment tests.

It has been unfortunate in the past few years that the number of students participating in athletics has been steadily decreasing.

As a result of this, we have had to cancel lower level sports programs because of the lack of numbers. This is a very unfortunate event for those students who work hard and look forward to playing in these sports seasons.

Our challenge as a school district is to increase participation rates in the sports that are offered here at Scio. We would in turn like to challenge the students of this school district to become involved in the athletic programs. Challenge yourself to be a part of a team. Learn how to win and lose with respect. Learn the values of good sports-

manship. Learn how to challenge yourself in the classroom and on the playing fields. Learn how to build healthy lifestyles. Learn the important skills you need in life. Learn how to respect yourself and others. Help to build school spirit and school pride. Know what it feels like to be a SCIO TIGER!

A committee consisting of athletes, coaches and other adults will be working together to put a survey out to the student body to get their opinions about our sports programs and why they are or are not participating in athletics. We will keep the community up-to-date on our findings.

Winter Sports Schedules

Varsity Girls Basketball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Tues.	Nov. 29	ANDOVER	7:00
Thurs.	Dec. 1	GENESEE VALLEY	7:00
Tues.	Dec. 6	@ Friendship	7:00
Thurs.	Dec. 8	@ Fillmore	7:30
Tues.	Dec. 13	@ Belfast	7:00
Thurs.	Dec. 15	Scio Tournament	
		Houghton vs. Friens	6:30
		Scio vs. C-R	8:00
Sat.	Dec. 17	Scio Tournament	
		Consolation	6:30
		Championship	8:00
Tues.	Jan. 3	@ Hinsdale	6:00
Fri.	Jan. 6	ALFRED-ALMOND	7:00
Tues.	Jan. 10	@ Cuba-Rushford	7:00
Fri.	Jan. 13	WHITESVILLE	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 19	@ Andover	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 26	FRIENDSHIP	7:30
Mon.	Jan. 30	HOUGHTON	7:00
Wed.	Feb. 1	BELFAST	7:00
Fri.	Feb. 3	HINSDALE	7:00
Thurs.	Feb. 9	@ Whitesville	7:00
Mon.	Feb. 13	@ Houghton	7:00

Varsity Coach: Charlie Perry

Varsity Boys Volleyball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat.	Nov. 26	Scrimmage @ Scio	12:00
Wed.	Nov. 30	CUBA-RUSHFORD	6:00
Fri.	Dec. 2	ARKPORT	6:00
Tues.	Dec. 6	WELLSVILLE	6:00
Thurs.	Dec. 8	PRATTSBURGH	6:30
Fri.	Dec. 9	BOLIVAR-RICHBUR	6:00
Mon.	Dec. 12	FILLMORE	6:00
Fri.	Dec. 16	@ Genesee Valley	6:00
Wed.	Dec. 21	@ Cuba-Rushford	6:00
Wed.	Jan. 4	@ Arkport	6:00
Sat.	Jan. 7	Tournament @ G-V	9:00am
Mon.	Jan. 9	@ Prattsburgh	6:30
Thurs.	Jan. 12	@ Wellsville	6:00
Wed.	Jan. 18	@ Bolivar-Richburg	6:00
Sat.	Jan. 21	@ Fillmore	11:00
Tues.	Jan. 24	GENESEE VALLEY	6:00
Fri.	Jan. 27	Playoffs	6:00

Coach: Adam Kellogg

Varsity & JV Boys Basketball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fri.	Nov. 25	@Bradford Tourn.	12:00/4:00
Sat.	Nov. 26	@ Bradford Tourn.	TBA
Fri.	Dec. 2	@ Hinsdale - V only	6:00
Wed.	Dec. 7	CANASERAGA	6:00
Tues.	Dec. 13	FRIENDSHIP - V only	7:00
Mon.	Dec. 19	@ Whitesville	6:00
Wed.	Dec. 21	@ Belfast	6:00
Tues.	Dec. 27	Scio Tournament	
		JV Fillmore vs. Andover	3:00
		JV Belfast vs. Scio	4:30
		V Hinsdale vs. Friendship	6:00
		V Belfast vs. Scio	7:30
Wed.	Dec. 28	Scio Tournament	
		JV Consolation	3:00
		JV Championship	4:30
		Varsity Consolation	6:00
		Varsity Championship	7:30
Tues.	Jan. 3	AVOCA - V only	7:00
Thurs.	Jan. 5	@ Canaseraga	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 9	@ Whitesville - JV only	6:00
Wed.	Jan. 11	ANDOVER	6:00
Fri.	Jan. 13	HINSDALE - V only	7:30
Mon.	Jan. 23	@ Avoca - V only	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 26	CANASERAGA-JV only	6:00
Tues.	Jan. 31	@ Friendship - V only	7:00
Thurs.	Feb. 2	WHITESVILLE	6:00
Wed.	Feb. 8	BELFAST	6:00
Wed.	Feb. 15	@ Andover	6:00

Varsity Coach: Lori Root

JV Coach: Dillon McFall

Cheerleading Advisor: Kim Walsh

Modified Girls & Boys Basketball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Wed.	Dec. 7	@ Genesee Valley	5:00/6:15
Sat.	Dec. 17	FRIENDSHIP	10:00/11:15
Mon.	Dec. 19	HOUGHTON	6:15/5:00
Thurs.	Jan. 5	@ Fillmore	5:00/6:15
Sat.	Jan. 7	@ Belfast	11:15/10:00
Tues.	Jan. 10	WHITESVILLE	6:15/5:00
Thurs.	Jan. 12	@ Andover	5:00/6:15
Sat.	Jan. 14	@ Hinsdale	10:00/11:15
Wed.	Jan. 18	@ Canaseraga	6:15/5:00
Sat.	Jan. 21	@ Friendship	11:30/10:00

Girls times are listed first!!

Girls Coach: Bethany Bunk

Boys Coach: Doug Scholla

Jump Rope For Heart

By Mrs. Cindy Haas, Coordinator

The SCS annual "Jump Rope for Heart" event will be held Thursday, February 16, from 9-11 a.m. Our grades 4-7 students will be jumping and raising funds for the American Heart Association. This event has been held at Scio for the past 22 years, and has raised over \$30,000 in funds for the AHA. Money raised is used to help in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Parents, please watch for permission slips and collection envelopes to be sent home in mid-January. Let's get ready to have fun, work hard and raise some money for a GREAT cause!



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Board Recognition Week



The first week of November was School Board Recognition Week. To show their appreciation, Mrs. Wight's third grade class made bread and wrote letters to thank the members of the SCS Board of Education for all of their hard work. Superintendent Tracie Preston is shown helping the kids prepare their recipe.



Parent Portal is Powerful

By Jon Elliott, SCS Board of Education

As a parent, have you ever wondered how your child is doing on their grades, homework or even how much money is in their lunch account? Scio Central has a neat Web-enabled program that can help you answer these questions. It is called Parent Portal and it is indeed a powerful tool for teachers, students and parents. Parent Portal allows you to look at your child's grade for

each class. You can look in on their grades whenever you like and actively participate in "making the grade." If your child's grades are not where you think they should be, you can get a quick idea if the problem is because of missed homework assignments, low test scores or maybe a problem with class participation. With a single click of the mouse, you can open an e-mail already addressed to the subject teacher and start communicating with that teacher. This tool is not just for

parents. Even though the parent will be the one to receive the access code and password, you can certainly share it with your child. If you are wondering when you need to send in some money for lunches, you can take a look at your student's current lunch balance, which is updated daily. If interested, contact Student Services (Nikki Stanbro) for your user ID and Password. Parent Portal is simple to use and another example of Scio Central's Commitment to Excellence.

