



SCS Announces Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Scio Central School is pleased to announce that the Class of 2013 valedictorian is Christopher Bridge and salutatorian is Amanda Carroll. The valedictorian and salutatorian must exemplify an academically exceptional student who has pursued a well-balanced program of studies while attending Scio Central School. Both students will address their fellow graduates, families, friends, faculty, and staff at the Scio Central School commencement ceremony on Friday, June 21, at Scio Central School.

Christopher Patrick Bridge (below) is the son of Christopher and Sandra Bridge of Scio. Christopher has received numerous awards for his academics including the HOBY Award, 2011; Inamori School of Engineering and the CANY Scholarship; R.I.T. Innovation and Creativity Award, 2011; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal, 2012; Academic Pins, for Technology,

Mathematics, English and Spanish, 2010; Administrator's ABLE Award, 2011; Accelerated Mathematics Award, 2011; National Technical Honor Society, 2012, and 2013; National Honor Society, 2012, and 2013; and the Recognition Award, 2012. Christopher was also very active in the sports programs at Scio winning many awards including the Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award, 2011; United States Army Athlete/Scholar Award, 2011; Brock Young Award, 2012; numerous 1st team and 2nd team All-Stars, Scholar Athlete 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012; MIP for Soccer, 2010; and MVP for Baseball, 2012. Christopher also enjoyed playing hockey for a town league. Christopher is very active with in the school and his community, helping with Tiger basketball camps and soccer camps, helping with lawn care for the elderly, participating in "Learning is Fun Night," and also working part time. Christopher will be attending R.I.T. for engineering.

Class of 2013 Salutatorian, **Amanda Mae Carroll (at top right)**, is the daughter of Paul and Dixie Carroll of Scio. Amanda has also received many awards for her hard work including the Clarkson University Leadership Award, 2012; R.I.T. Computing Medal Award, 2012; New York State Education Department Scholarship for Academic



Excellence, 2013, Scio Central School DAR Good Citizen for 2013; Dollars for Scholars; Academic Pins for English, History, Mathematics, Spanish, Social Studies, Physical Education, Drama and Music; and the Marine Corps "Semper Fidelis" Music Excellence Award. Amanda loves to hang with friends and to participate in school activities. Amanda will be attending SUNY Brockport in the fall for medical technologies and pre-med.

Congratulations to you both and good luck in your future endeavors!



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
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GRADUATION
Friday, June 21
7 p.m.
Front Lawn or Gym

News from the Superintendent

My name is Gregory Hardy and I have been appointed by the Board of Education as the Interim Superintendent. Ms. Tracie Preston has taken a new position at Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, and we wish her the very best of luck in that position. I have been serving as the Director of Curriculum & Instruction since April of last year, and was appointed as the Interim Superintendent on May 1, 2013.

My first few weeks in the new office were exciting ones as we presented the Proposed Budget for 2013-2014, as well as the Contingent and Capital Renovation Projects to our community. Both the budget and the projects were passed strongly by the voters. The best part of the process for me was the opportunity to meet members of the Scio Lions Club and members of the Scio Fire Department. Both groups graciously invited me to present the information to them in advance of the vote, and it was a great chance for me to meet everyone. Thank you to both groups, not only for your support of our school, but also for the things you do for the families of Scio.

With regard to the Projects, we anticipate publishing a timeline in the fall about the construction that will take place over the next two years. Currently, the process of seeking approval from the State Education Department is under way. It is our hope that the first phase, the Contingent Project, will be ready for submission before July 1st and that we will be able to begin that work immediately. This phase of the project is made up entirely of improvements in safety, and we look forward to completing that work as quickly as possible.

This has been an extremely long school year for our students and for our teachers. New State requirements for testing have challenged our school community members, young and old. I am proud of the way our students performed and equally proud of the positive example set by our adults that carried us all through the first year of these new requirements. The learning that happens in our building every day is exemplary.

I look forward to meeting everyone in the upcoming months, and appreciate the support our Faculty, Staff and Board have shown me in the first few weeks on the job. We are all gearing up for the excitement of July and August, and wish a happy and safe summer to all of you and your families!

Gregory Hardy
Interim Superintendent



Summer Hours

From June 24 through August 30, we will begin our summer flexible hours. Most offices will be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7-11 a.m. on Fridays. To avoid any inconvenience, please call the school at 593-5510 before you come in. Thank you.

Reminder to Parents of Home Instructed Students

Please send in your Fourth Quarter Reports and Annual Assessments as soon as they are completed.

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.

Board of Education

The community is welcome to attend the board meetings of the district, they are generally held on the first and third Wednes-

days of each month with a few exceptions. Minutes from these meetings can be viewed at the Scio Memorial Library, on the school website: scio.schooltools.us or in the District Office. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Clerk.

Summer Board Meeting Dates

July 10, 2013 – 6 p.m.

August 14, 2013 – 6 p.m.

Summer Board Meetings will be held in the Elementary School Library.



SCS Holds Academic Awards Night



Scio Central School held its annual Academic Awards Night June 4, 2013. Several college scholarship opportunities were awarded to juniors. Morgan Childs received the University of Rochester's Bausch and Lomb Science award and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award. Kasey Williams received the RIT Creativity award and the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award went to Darien Black. The Clarkson High School Leadership Award went to Amanda Carroll and the Clarkson High School Achievement Award was given to Ashlyn Comstock. Tiffany Jandrew received the Lawrence Tech University award.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian medals were presented to Christopher Bridge and Amanda Carroll. The Honors group of Christopher Bridge, Amanda Carroll, Ashlyn Comstock and Decorah Hutchinson also receive medals. Dollars for Scholars awards were presented to the following: Reed Benjamin, Katelyn Osterhout, Christopher Moyer, Ashlyn Comstock, Michaela Hunt, Erika Bratcher, Genevieve Bender and Amanda Carroll.

The Scio Lions Club also gave scholarship awards to seniors who excelled in one of the following 12 areas of study: *Art and English* - Ashlyn Comstock, *Spanish* - Anthony Silsby, *Business* - Richard Mitchell, *Math* - Christopher Bridge, *Science* - Amanda Carroll, *Band and Chorus* - Amanda Carroll, *Computer Science* - Reed Benjamin, *Technology* - Kyle Sadler, *Social Studies* - Daniel Lambing, and *Home Economics* - Katelyn Osterhout.

Other awards presented included the Arthur Cornwell Hydramec Award for Technology to Kyle Sadler. The Norbert Shear Hydramec Award for Business was awarded to Genevieve Bender. The Virginia Cline Kruger Hogan Business Award went to Ashlyn Comstock and the SCS Alumni Association awards went to Dakota Silsby, Caitlin Windus and Shelby Goodridge. The Steuben Trust Company Scholarship was awarded to Ashlyn Comstock.

Students Attend Teen Book Festival in Rochester

Scio students had the awesome opportunity to meet 34 authors of books for teens at the Teen Book Festival held at Nazareth College in Rochester. Some of the authors were new to writing, while others have written many books that readers have enjoyed for years. The festival began with a game show where each author had the chance to talk about their books and their personal lives. Then students chose three or four breakout sessions to attend. Two notable

authors were Michael Morpurgo (Warhorse) and Dan Krokos (The Planet Thieves).

If you missed Teen Book Festival this year, watch for information about next year's event. It will be 5/17/2014. You can visit teenbook-festival.org for details.



Mock Accident Held at SCS



By Mrs. Nolan, SADD Advisor

The Scio Fire Department did an amazing job putting together the mock motor vehicle accident on Friday, May 17. The SADD club greatly appreciated the opportunity to be witness to this. What a humbling experience. We hope that the experience impacted all the Scio High School students that attended. There is a lot of physical and emotional energy expended when someone in the community is involved in such an accident. We don't like to think about it, but it is a reality. We feel the demonstration sent a clear message to the students. Thanks to everyone involved.



Important Dates

June 21 - Graduation, 7 p.m.

July 10 - Board of
Education
Re-Organization
Meeting, 6 p.m.

September 4 -
Opening Day of
School for Students.



Student Council Has Very Busy Year

By Cathy Farwell, SC Advisor

Student Council this year decided to take on a lot of projects that kept them really moving when added to their already busy schedules. Our Officers included Amanda Carroll, President, Tiffany Jandrew, Vice President, Mariah Greenman, Treasurer, and Connor Nolan, Secretary. The class representatives were Ashlyn Comstock, Morgan Childs, Caitlin Nolan and Angelina Jandrew. All of these students are very active in many roles in our school, but they took their jobs seriously as members of the Student Council. They worked extremely hard, putting a huge amount of effort into their SC duties.

From the beginning, the group met and decided that even though they had a few things the Student Council annually puts together, they weren't going to be satisfied with just doing "the usual." The young leaders decided to begin a project they knew would probably take more than just this year to put in place, but they were willing to keep working on it until the finish. They wanted to bring a Youth Court System into our school which allows the students to help participate in shaping the future of their school. But while they worked on that continuously throughout the year, they also still put on all the festivities of Homecoming Week in the Fall and they did a food collection for families in need at Thanksgiving helping many. Currently, they are finishing the year with a necessities collection for the victims of the tornadoes in Moore, Oklahoma.

I couldn't be more proud of these tireless and hard-working students.

Read to Ride Program

Students in grades K-5 read individually for a total of seven hours from January through March. A total of 133 students participated, earning a free one-day pass to Darien Lake Theme Park this summer. Every teacher's homeroom participated, earning each teacher a free one-day pass as well.

Program coordinator Mrs. Woodard said, "We can be proud of the diligence these teachers and students put forth to not only become better readers, but also earn some fun for their hard work!"



The Milstone was a great setting for the 2013 Junior-Senior Prom. With the theme of "Alice in Wonderland," the atmosphere was set with fun and laughter. The evening was filled with young ladies in beautiful gowns and handsome young men in tuxedos. After enjoying a catered dinner by the Mason's, the students enjoyed a wonderful evening of friends, dancing, laughing and creating lasting memories. The traditional crowning ceremony took place at 10:30 p.m. with King Kyle Robbins, Queen Shelby Goodridge, Prince Kyle Elliott, and Princess Katie Osterhout. According to Prom Advisor Ms. Nix, "It was a great time for all. We had a great turnout with a great group of students. Thanks to all who helped make it a great success."



Bridges Attend Big 30 Academic Banquet

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bridge accompanied their son, Chris, to the Big 30 Academic banquet which was held May 20, 2013 at the Old Library restaurant in Olean, NY. Christopher was Scio's nominee for the Big 30 Academic Scholarship. SCS PreK-12 Principal Matt Hopkins also attended the event.



July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>- All doors, other than the front entrance, will be locked during the school day.</p>	1 - BOCES summer school begins from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at SCS	2	3	4 - Building Closed in Observance of Independence Day.	5	6
7	8	9	10 - BOE Reorganization Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library	11	12	13
14	15	16 - Last day of Driver's Ed. (First Session)	17 - Soccer Camp for Grades 1-8 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$50.00.	18	19	20
21	22 - First Day of Driver's Ed. (Second Session)	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	- Summer office hours begin on June 24 and end on August 30. Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday's from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - First Session of Driver's Ed. begins on June 24 and runs through July 16. Pre-registration was required.		
- June 24 - June 27 is Tiger Basketball Camp for Grades K-8 Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per camper	- Second session of Driver's Ed. begins July 22 and runs through August 12. Pre-registration was required.	- Send any website updates over the summer to Mr. Childs at dchilds@scio.wnyric.org	- Athletic Events see "digi-talsports.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	

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>- Summer office hours begin on June 24 and end on August 30. Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday's from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>- Send any website updates over the summer to Mr. Childs at dchilds@scio.wnyric.org</p>	<p>- Athletic Events see "digi-talsports.com"</p>	<p>- College visits are posted on board outside of Student Services - Seniors are reminded to get your Senior Portraits taken</p>	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 - Last day of BOCES Summer School	10
11	12 - Last day of Driver's Ed. (Second Session)	13 - Regents Exams in Comprehensive English, Integrated Algebra, Geometry, RCT in Writing, Global History and Geography, Science, and US History and Government (Contact Student Services for times and location) - Sports Pre-Season Parent/Athlete Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Gym	14 - Regents Exams in US History and Government, RCT in Global Studies, and RCT in Mathematics, Living Environment, Physical Setting Earth Science, and RCT in Reading (Contact Student Services for times and location) - BOE meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library	15	16	17
18	19 - JV & Varsity Soccer practice begins	20	21 - 9th Grade Orientation at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>- Seniors are reminded to bring copies of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Student Services Office</p>	<p>- September 3 is Professional Development Day</p>	<p>- September 4 is the first day of school for students</p>				



By Rebecca Sears, 21st Century, Program Manager

In January 2013, students chosen from grades 6, 11, and 12 established the first Legacy of Leaders group at Scio Central School (*see photo above*). The high school students were recognized for their leadership abilities and their interest in being a role model. The sixth graders were recognized for their leadership potential. Over the next six months, students learned about how to be a leader of their own life. We talked about how leaders exhibit certain characteristics like liking yourself for who you are, empathy, positive attitude, doing something, enthusiasm and responsibility. While learning about these characteristics, these students were challenged to go back into the school and model these characteristics for their peers.

Be sure to visit & bookmark Scio Central School on the web at <http://scio.schooltools.us>

July/August 2013

Dear Parents & Community Members,

This year marks the end of a five-year cycle of funding. We currently do not know the status of ACCORD's 21st CCLC program. ACCORD submitted a grant application for renewal and expansion in January. State 21st CCLC staff indicated that decisions would be announced earlier this year. Despite the fact that the proposals have been scored, funding decisions/awards have not been announced.

Without a guarantee of funding, ACCORD is forced to proceed as if our 21st CCLC funding will end June 30, 2013. Thorough evaluation of this program has resulted in countless positive outcomes in the past five years. Most notably, evaluation of this program has proven that students regularly participating in 21st CCLC program activities (30 times or more) are twice as likely to improve in Math, Science and ELA.

It has been a great honor to work with your children for the past five years. It is my greatest hope that we will receive notification that we have received the funding allowing this work to continue. If you have questions regarding why the approval process is not complete and want to know how you can assist, NYS 21st CCLC staff stated that **you can** contact government officials and reminded those wishing to do so that these are state administered dollars.

Sincerely,

Tracy Broshar, Director, Youth Services (585-268-7605, Ext. 1238)



6th Graders Channel Green Passion Into Memorial Day

This year for Earth Day (April 22), Ms. Suain's sixth grade science class learned about the history of the day, made some choices in their own lives to better use energy, and planted flower seeds in about 60 recycled tin cans. Students watched as the windowsill became a jungle of green waiting to bloom!

As the sixth grade global studies class wrapped up instruction for the year, we learned about modern day wars. We invited Mark Suain (*at center rear of top photo*), Ms. Suain's dad, to come in to speak about his experience in the Gulf War. Mark was a member of the 101st Airborne Division and was stationed in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. He had a perspective on what modern day combat veterans experience that intrigued students. Students were invited to ask questions, check out some pictures, and explore Mark's medals.

Before the Memorial Day weekend, our plants had nearly overwhelmed their tin cans, we learned about the history of Memorial Day and its traditions, and we had a better understanding of what our troops experience during their time in the service. On May 23, Ms. Suain's sixth grade social studies class took a field trip to Fairlawn Cemetery (*see photo below*) to deliver our plants and single flowers to friends and family of the Scio community. We were able to recall the true meaning of Memorial Day, when honoring a fallen hero near and dear



to SCS - Jason Dunham (*at right*). Students were urged to remember that Memorial Day is not a means to a long weekend, but a day to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

This is an experience that I hope will become tradition in years to come! We hope you had a "green" Earth Day, and were able to celebrate the true meaning of Memorial Day this year!





Scio STEM Club Visits Observatory at Alfred University

By Angelina Jandrew, STEM Club Secretary

On Thursday, May 23, the Scio STEM Club visited the Stull Observatory at Alfred University. It was a late night trip -- lasting from 8 p.m. until midnight -- to see the stars and learn more about many different kinds of telescopes, constellations, and certain patterns of the sky. STEM Club members were also able to bring a buddy along on their trip. The visitors were introduced to two AU physics students and Dr. David Toot, AU professor of physics and astronomy, in order to learn about stars, nebulae, planets, moons, and position.

The students were split into two groups and then were separated to learn different things. One group went to various telescope domes to see how big each one was and how it was operated. They also learned that some specific telescopes can even take pictures of the object it is focused on. The telescopes were so big that they needed a computer to operate them and several were taller than most of the students who went! Meanwhile, the other group went with the Dr. Toot into the planetarium to view the constellations and how the zodiac signs take meaning in the time period that they are associated with. After that the groups traded places.

Students were very well informed about the night sky and how the locations of celestial objects are related to each other as time goes by. Club members may have been disappointed because the sky was cloudy that night from rain and uncooperative weather, but they still left with an amazing amount of knowledge about the sky!

Now, the students who participated, can point out constellations to their friends and family so they can share the knowledge of our galaxy! The STEM Club is hoping to take another trip soon for another opportunity to view the stars.

Chemistry Students Serve as Materials Research Interns at AU

Scio chemistry students participated again this spring as Materials Research Interns at Alfred University. This is now the fifth year for the project where students apply their science instruction in genuine sample preparation, characterization, and analysis as they investigate an area of current scientific importance with their instructor. The purpose is to give students a taste of authentic scientific research, to let scientific discovery demonstrate legitimacy of the concepts they are learning in class, and to inspire them to pursue STEM fields of study. Currently the project is using sol-gel solution chemistry techniques to examine some issues that have plagued dye sensitized solar cells and to investigate potential improvements to their design.

Students participated in the project for about four weeks this spring after completing their regular chemistry instruction. For most of their sample preparation, students worked in their regular laboratory setting with available materials and equipment. In late May, Mr. Whittaker and the students took a field trip to Alfred University where they worked in collaboration with faculty, staff, and graduate students at SUNY College of Ceramics at Alfred University, applying cutting edge techniques like scanning electron microscopy and x-ray diffraction to the analysis of their work. While on campus, students also had fun creating colored glass blobs and freezing ice cream by using liquid nitrogen. Mr. Whittaker would like to thank the faculty, students, and technical staff that helped to make the field trip to AU and the analysis of this year's materials possible.



Scio "Jump Rope for Heart" Event Sets Record



By JRFH Coordinator - Mrs. Cindy Haas

On Thursday, February 14, grades 4-8 spent a couple of hours jumping rope for a great cause. This year's "Jump Rope for Heart" event was a huge success, raising \$3,236 for the American Heart Association. We have been participating in JRFH since 1988-89, and this is our highest fundraising year EVER! Our previous best was in the 1994-95 school year, when we raised \$2,425.

Classroom totals for this year were: Mrs. Auman's 7th grade: \$217.77; Ms. Cater and Mr. Mole's 8th grade: \$297; Mr. Smith's 4th grade: \$354.80; Mrs. Washburn and Ms. Davis's classrooms: \$406.25; Mr. Weinman's 6th grade: \$427.41; Mrs. Looney's 5th grade: \$533; and the top class honors this year go to Mrs. Weinman's 4th grade for raising \$539.77. **Special thanks go to Ms. Cater** who collected faculty/staff donations in memory of my mother, which totaled \$460.

Our top individual fundraisers were: Colten Alsworth - \$176, Hunter Beckman and Cameron Loucks - \$91, Dominic Sadler - \$81.25, Carter Scholla - \$76, and Preston Kinnicutt and Nichole Bosma - \$71.

We also had a new record as 37 students collected \$40 or more for the American Heart Association, and earned a T-shirt for their efforts! Thank you to all students who participated and to the Scio community for continuing to support this wonderful event.



Dig Into Reading at Scio Memorial Library

Are you ready for a summer of reading adventures? Then join us at the Scio Memorial Library for fun events all summer long! Several SCS teachers have partnered with the public library to create a summer reading program that includes awesome events for all ages. Children up to sixth grade are invited to *Dig Into Reading* on Thursdays and Saturdays. There will be storyhours and activities about everything from bugs to dinosaurs and even pirates! For older students and teens, come join us for Teen Night every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Our theme is Beneath the Surface: Zombies, Vampires, and Everything Creepy.

There are a wide variety of activities planned throughout the summer, so there's something for everyone. Stop by the Scio Memorial Library to sign up and to begin earning your end of summer ice cream!



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Seniors Visit New York City



By Mrs. Pizarro, Class of 2013
Co-Advisor

The Class of 2013 chose New York City as their senior trip destination. They chartered a Covered Wagon motor coach and arrived in NYC on April 1. Their first day in the "Big Apple" as it is affectionately called, the class enjoyed a water taxi ride which allowed them the opportunity to take in many historical sites including the Statue of Liberty. They also visited the 9/11 Memorial site and finished their evening with dinner

at Planet Hollywood and a comfortable night's sleep at Courtyard Meadowlands. Day two of their trip found the seniors and their chaperones rising bright and early to take in a taping of the Today Show – Live! From there, they traveled to the Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center and boy what an amazing view of the entire city! They were able to do some shopping for souvenirs before enjoying lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company in Times Square. With their bellies full, the class boarded their bus for the return trip home.

Overall, it was a fascinating trip enjoyed by not only the students but the chaperones as well. A big thank you goes out to the entire class for a job well done representing Scio Central School! They truly showed what mature young adults they have become. Thank you also to Mr. Mole for co-chaperoning! As your co-advisor, I would like to thank the entire Class of 2013 for allowing me to be a part of your class for the last three years! Congratulations and Best Wishes for the future!

