



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2021





"WE DEVELOP CONFIDENT, CONTINUAL LEARNERS WHO ARE CARING COMMUNITY MEMBERS."

A Message from the Principal

March is upon us and nearly three-quarters of the school year has passed. Throughout the year we've tried to maintain as much normalcy as possible. Our clubs and activities have been in full swing albeit with some modifications compared to a typical year. Now, we are midway through our winter sports season. We are offering basketball and bowling for both boys' and girls' basketball. While we can't have spectators, the events are live-streamed. You can go to our Solvay homepage then to the Athletics tab along the top of the page and you will see a tab for Live Stream Sports. It is a wonderful way to watch the games. We also have our school musical in full rehearsal. Again, everything is a little different this year, but Mr. Oliver has figured out a way to maintain the distancing while still putting together a musical. The musical will be taped and families will be able to watch it for free. We plan to have it available by early June.


Regards,
Dee Dee Hagemann

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- March 15
 Board of Education Meeting – 7pm
Virtual Meeting
- March 23
 Solvay Chamber Choir & Vocal Jazz Virtual Concert
6:45pm - Facebook Live
- March 24
 Junior College Night
6pm - Virtual
- March 29 – April 2
 Spring Recess
School Closed

Solvay Chamber Choir & Vocal Jazz Virtual Concert

Solvay Choral Department Presents:




To Ease the Heart

Featuring music by Eckert, Rutherford, Childs, Phillip Phillips, and WH Smith
Christina J. Okear, Director

Choral Ensembles:
Solvay Vocal Jazz
Solvay Chamber Choir

When:
Tuesday March 23rd, 2021
At 6:45pm

Streaming live from Solvay Union
Free School District Facebook Page



Support provided by St. Cecilia's Church and St. Marianne Cope Parish for rehearsal space and concert space.

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On Tuesday March 23rd, the Solvay Chamber Choir and Vocal Jazz will be performing another virtual concert at 6:45pm via Facebook Live! After great success of our first ever virtual concert in December, the students have been working at St. Cecilia's Church preparing pieces of music that focus on bringing ease to all of our hearts during this time! We hope you will join us on Tuesday March 23rd, at 6:45pm via Facebook live!

[Click Here for the Solvay Schools Facebook Page](#)



March's Character Strength: Perseverance



WHAT DOES PERSEVERANCE MEAN?

You complete what you start despite obstacles. You never give up.

The concept of perseverance can most often be found in one's active pursuit in overcoming obstacles. Perseverance is a uniquely human characteristic that identifies an individual's ability to spend long periods of time devoted to a single goal or set of goals. Those who persevere are able to set goals for themselves and then take active, calculated steps toward those goals. People demonstrating high levels of perseverance are able to handle significant, sometimes repeated, setbacks in pursuit of goals.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

For individuals, persistence can be directly connected to an individual's ability to be successful throughout their life. Those who persevere through setbacks often reap the benefits of the success gained by refusing to give up. Sometimes, this comes with the added benefit of increased knowledge and skill as a result of the work needed to achieve. Perseverance is also connected with bravery. Persisting in a task and failing, can result in depleted self-esteem. Therefore, it takes bravery to persist in a task despite the fear of failure. On a group level, perseverance can be contagious. A single group member's ability or willingness to persevere can have a substantial impact on those working with him/her and the team. Groups that show high levels of perseverance are able to achieve goals they may not have believed possible. The results benefit both individuals and the group. They will be more likely to: enjoy the victory; persist in the future when facing challenges; improve their skills and abilities; and have a greater belief in their capacity to overcome obstacles and achieve goals.

Guidance Corner

Junior College Night will be held on **March 24th** at **6:00 p.m.** Additional information as well as a link to join the presentation will be sent out closer to that date.

The **National College Fairs** are being held virtually this year and there are several dates and options from which to choose for both students and parents. For additional information or to register for a session, please [check our webpage](#).

SAT Prep Classes will begin on March 16 and continue through the week of May 3. Classes will meet each Tuesday (English) and Thursday (Math) from 3-5:00 p.m. with the exception of the Spring Break. Students may register online by [clicking here](#).

SAT Registration. Solvay High School is a National Test Center for the May 8 exam. If you plan to take the test, you should register at sat.org as soon as you can to ensure that space is available. Contact your counselor if you have questions.

Library Update

Construction is complete and the moving process has begun! Ms. St. Laurent is working with her iStaff students to transfer materials from the temporary library, unpack materials from storage, and organize the new space. The new SHS Library will be open for business the week of March 8th.



“Behind the Mask”

This month’s “Behind the Mask” spotlight is on Ms. Cost.



What is one of your hidden talents?

I am a jigsaw puzzle fanatic. My record for completing a 1,000 piece puzzle took about 4 hours! When I come across puzzles with more difficult color combinations, it may take a day or two before it's complete, but I'll never pass up a chance to fit in just one more piece!

How Does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

I believe technology has become a bittersweet teaching tool. We live in a world where everything is right at our fingertips, but sometimes that can hinder the exploration process. Being able to access a world of information related to the sciences is great! However, it doesn't always allow for the discussions and connections between our peers, the problem solving aspect of science.

If you could take the students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them?

I would love to take my students to Iceland, the "land of fire and ice." I was fortunate enough to have made the trip myself in 2016 and the amount of science Iceland is built around is unbelievable. We would be able to study plate tectonics, ocean currents, and renewable energy sources. I always incorporate pictures of my trip into my lessons but it doesn't do it justice!

Bearcat Athletics Update



Fall 2 Sports will start March 15, these sports will be boys and girls soccer, volleyball and football.

Spring Sports will start April 19, these sports will be baseball, softball, track and golf.

[Please register through Family ID](#)

[Home Athletic Events are Live Streamed Here](#)

[Follow Bearcat Athletics on Twitter!](#)

Important Information

COVID Screenings

- 🐾 All students must complete their COVID screening on ParentSquare at home before arriving at school.
- 🐾 If you have not been screened **you must** enter through the main entrance.

Student Arrival Time

- 🐾 All students should be in their Period 1 classes no later than 7:30am to avoid being marked late for school.
- 🐾 Students with multiple lates to school may be subject to the SHS Code of Conduct.

Remote Learner Material Pick-up

- 🐾 Remote learning students should stop by SHS to pick-up materials from their teachers.

