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Solvay Union Free School District

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November 2023

First Bearcat Bash

On August 31, Solvay hosted the first Bearcat Back-to-School Bash at the high school stadium. Families had the opportunity to kick-off the new year school with a free dinner, music, games, activities, and raffle prizes. Included in the activities were bounce houses, face painting, corn hole, Kan Jam, and a Football Throw with the football team.

From across the district: representatives from each school, nurses, PTOs, Boosters, Transportation, and Food Service were available to answer back-to-school questions and share important information. Additionally, in attendance were nearly 20 agencies and organizations from across Onondaga County. Each



organization shared information regarding community resources and opportunities with families.

The first Back-to-School Bash was a great success, with over 600 people in attendance. We look forward to making this an annual tradition!



SHS Students Participate in STEM Programs

This past summer, current sophomores participated in two educational programs as members of the Solvay Success Academy. The first program was held at SHS over four days where educators from



(Pictured: Solvay Success Academy students with Professor Bob after successfully launching their waterbottle rockets.)

SUNY Oswego taught a variety of STEM programs. Students focused on computer coding, problem-

solving, engineering, and data analysis. Students were tasked with projects such as building workable ovens from a pizza box, engineering bridges for electric car transportation, and programming robots to complete random tasks. The students also spent two days on the Onondaga Community College Campus where they participated in classroom sessions focused on math, science, and engineering. The fan favorite was creating rockets and learning the chemistry behind them with OCC's Professor Bob. Students also took part in activities where they engineered their own assembly line and created keychains using the injection molder in OCC's technology lab.



(Pictured: Paul Thang working with the injection molder in the OCC technology lab.)



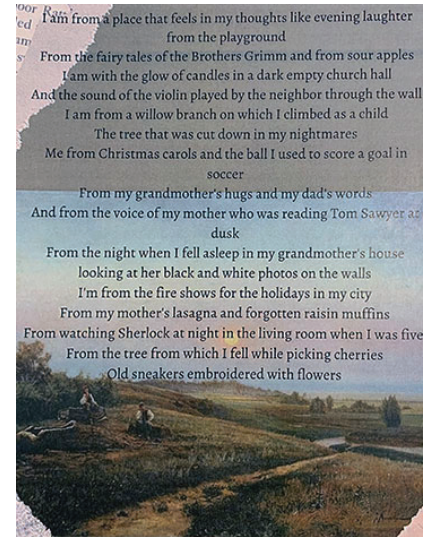
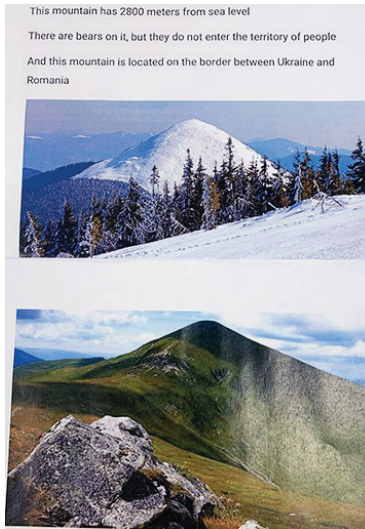
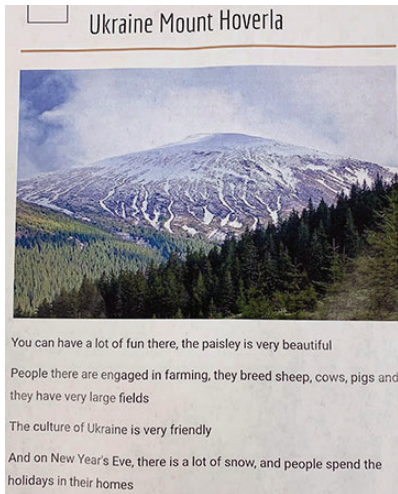
(Pictured L/R: Bailey Beecher & Rachel Willsey with the fully functional oven they designed.)



(Pictured L/R: Ali Karim, Jason Davis, & Shahab Kassim engineering their wooden bridge.)

Inquiry Partnership with SU

This past July, a group of rising 8th, 9th, and 10th graders participated in InquiryU, a two week student-led inquiry conducted in partnership with Syracuse University. The focus of this year's inquiry was on creating a time capsule. Students worked with a team of SU graduate students and Solvay teachers to develop artifacts for a time capsule that would preserve part of their individual identity as well as examine what it means to be a global citizen at this moment in time. The week included a photo walk around SHS to document what it means to be a Bearcat in 2023, examining artifacts from Solvay history, creating personal artifacts to document their current identities, and a field day. The program culminated in a showcase of student artifacts (pictured below) where students were able to share their work with their peers, the InquiryU team, and members of the community.



Students Explore Community

During the summer program at SES, 4th and 5th grade students along with teachers Sue Collins and Sarah VanBeveren went on field trips to explore the community in which they live. They made visits to the Solvay Fire Station, the Solvay Police Department, the Solvay Public Library, the Solvay/Geddes Youth Center, and the Solvay Splash Pad and Pool.



First Day of School at SES



Pictured L/R: Jo'vell Deaver, 4th grader in Alexa D'Eredita's class & Sarah VanBeveren's 2nd grade class.



Pictured L/R: Sue Collins 4th grade class & 2nd grade team.



Pictured L/R: 1st grade team & 4th grade team.



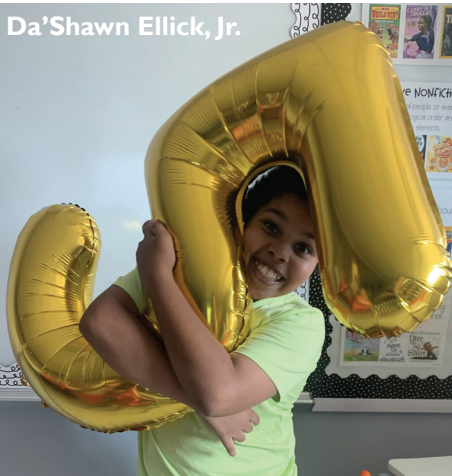
First Day of School at SMS & SHS



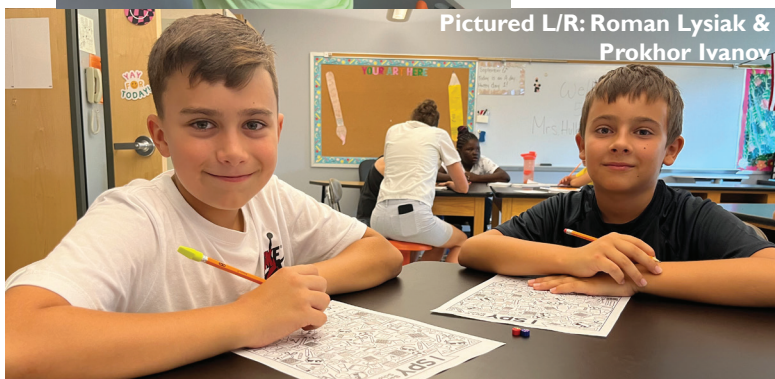
Pictured top left L/R: Bailey Beecher, Annabelle Stewart & Janiya Walters. Pictured top right L/R: Scott Dillon, Cathryn Reichert, Gabriella Brillante, Lilly Mazzeo Sheftic & Alec Sardo. Pictured left L/R: Solomon Purkins & Mekhi Sampson.



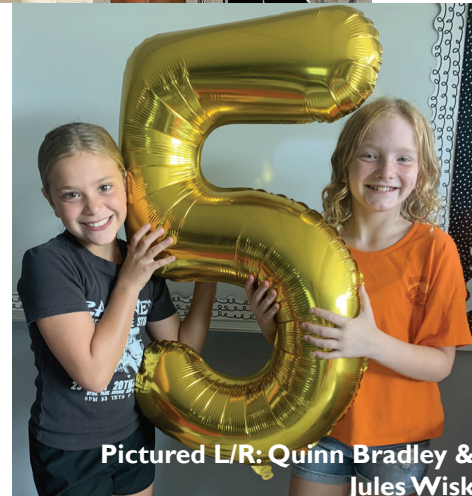
Da'Shawn Ellick, Jr.



Pictured L/R: Yana Obniavko, Sofiia Rysan & Diana Batova



Pictured L/R: Roman Lysiak & Prokhor Ivanov



Pictured L/R: Quinn Bradley & Jules Wisk

Welcome New Staff

Solvay Elementary School

Gabriella Allen, LT gr. 2 teacher
 Kierston Ghezzi, LT gr. 4 teacher
 Amy Burke, teaching assistant
 Theresa Cooper, teacher aide
 John W. Dippold, gr. 3 teacher
 Raegyn Dow, LT AIS teacher
 Jessica Jung, school counselor
 Natalie Kidd, special ed teacher
 Ashley McGrath, teaching assistant
 Aleksandra Molleur, teacher aide
 David Mihill, art teacher
 Ellen Patulski, LT kindergarten teacher
 Laura Renaud, gr. 1 teacher
 Sarah Schahczenski, special ed teacher
 Courtney Stellmack, special ed teacher

Solvay High School

Gary Hoffman, custodial worker
 Jeffrey Koch, LT PE/health teacher
 Rebecca Laufer, teaching assistant
 Joe Miczan, social studies teacher
 Megan Moran, special ed teacher
 Meghan Morral, science teacher

Solvay Middle School

Andrea Auer, occupational therapist
 Amanda Berlin, gr. 6 math teacher
 Elizabeth Biondo, school counselor
 Jessica Burt, physical therapist
 Jordan Daley, Spanish teacher
 Caitlin Donnelly, typist I
 Tiffany Fernandez, food service helper
 Lindsay Heil, gr. 5 teacher
 Francesca Miesner, gr. 7 ELA teacher
 Gina Natale, FACS teacher
 Anna Rolince, gr. 5 teacher
 Lily Simmons, LT gr. 5 teacher
 Marcia Thompson, speech pathologist

District

Christina Chapin, deputy treasurer
 Christian Claps, systems administrator
 Sally Richards, payroll clerk

Transportation

Jennifer Mento, bus driver
 Nancy Ohlsen, bus attendant
 Karen Piscitelli, bus driver
 John Scutt, LT mechanic
 Paul Simon, mechanic

District Holds Garage Sale

In August, Solvay UFSD invited Solvay families and their students to come to SHS to purchase back to school clothing all for \$1.00 a piece. In September, a large garage sale was held at SHS to benefit the district's Community Closets, which are resources for students and families.



SOLVAY SCHOOLS DISTRICT NURSES:

PLEASE CONTACT THE NURSE IN THE SCHOOL YOUR
CHILD IS IN WITH ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION

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Elementary School:

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From the Athletic Office

Varsity football defeated Marcellus bringing back home the Tom Anthony Silver Cup, final score 41-32. Great job coaches and players.



Website

Please be sure to visit our Athletic Department website at www.solvayschools.org/athletics for important announcements. For the most up-to-date schedules and directions to other schools visit www.schedulegalaxy.com.

X and Facebook

Solvay Athletics is on X and Facebook. Please be sure to check daily for contests, score updates, and other athletic office news. Follow us @SolvayAthletics on both platforms.

Family ID

Sign-ups for sports can be done on www.FamilyID.com.

Winter Sports

Varsity and JV sports begin November 13.

Winter I Sports

Modified sports begin October 30.

Senior Citizens Passes

Below you will find information regarding the Senior Citizen Passes that the Solvay High School Athletic Department will be issuing this year. This pass will allow Solvay and Lyncourt residents free admission to all of Solvay's home athletic contests.

- The individual must be 65 year of age.
- Passes must be picked up in the Solvay High School Athletic Office.
- Passes are good for all home contents.
- Passes are not transferable.

If you have any qestions, please contact the Athletic Office at 315-484-1400.

SHS Autumn Project Becomes Poems

Kathleen Klier's students and Bill Dean's Art students teamed up to work on an Autumn project. Students wrote Japanese haiku poems about their leaves projects which they completed in the art room. The students did an excellent job!





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Great day to be a Bearcat!



SMS art teachers
L/R: Miranda
Raynor & Sue
Jacobson



SMS school counselors L/R: Walter Benedict &
Elizabeth Biondo

Success Academy Welcomes 31 Students

The Solvay Success Academy recently welcomed 31 freshmen into the high school program. Thanks to the



continuation of the NYS Early College High School learning grant, students in the Success Academy can earn up to 24-60 college credits by the end of their senior year. These students will also get a first-hand look at college and the expectations of higher education through the program's partnership with Onondaga Community College. (Students not pictured are Jernessa Donaldson, Sophia Galvin, Niko Lewis-Mulvey, Mark Olesh, Michael Onley II, Andrew Lowe, & Alexander Grant.)