

2016

Solvay Union Free School District



"We develop confident, continual learners who are caring community members."

2017

Solvay Union Free School District

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Administrative Staff

Lawrence Wright, Superintendent of Schools
Eric Larison, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
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Matthew Dean, Director of Technology
Christine Galpin, Director of Special Education
Kevin VanBeveren, Director of Facilities
Pamela Kinne, Food Service Manager
Bobbie Jo Eastman, Transportation Supervisor
Jay Tinklepaugh, High School Principal
Neil Gottlieb, Assistant High School Principal
John Dippold, Athletic Director/Dean of Students
Diane Hagemann, Middle School Principal (Grades 4 & 5)
Paula Kopp, Middle School Principal (Grades 6-8)
Matthew Carpenter, Elementary School Principal

Board of Education



Pictured L/R: front row - Mrs. Kristin Sunser-King and Mrs. Lena Rose Orlando; back row - Mr. Ty Marshal, Mr. Kevin Dwyer, and Mr. Stephen Zalewski

July 11, 2016 (2nd Monday) Re-Organizational & Regular Meeting
August 15, 2016
September 19, 2016
October 17, 2016
November 21, 2016
December 19, 2016
January 23, 2017 (4th Monday)
February 13, 2017 (2nd Monday)
March 20, 2017
April 10, 2017 (2nd Monday)
May 15, 2017
June 19, 2017

Board of Education meetings are generally held on the third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office, Room 105, 299 Bury Dr., Syracuse.

Please read thru the text for important information and notices that apply to the entire school year.

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Solvay Union Free School District September 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	1	2	3
		SMS Gr. 4/5 Teacher Night 6:00 p.m.	SHS Freshmen Orientation 6:00 p.m.	SMS Gr. 6-8 Locker/Schedule Day 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.		
4	5 <i>District Closed</i> <i>Labor Day</i>	6 No School Staff Development Day	7 First Day of School Welcome Back!	8 SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	9	10 ACT not at Solvay
11 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. SHS Picture Day	12	13	14 SES Curriculum Night 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 SMS Gr. 4/5 AIS Parent Night 6:30 p.m. SMS Gr. 4/5 Curriculum Night 7:00 p.m.	22 SMS Gr. 4/5 Picture Day SHS Open House 7:00 p.m.	23 SMS Gr. 6-8 Picture Day	24
25	26	27 SHS Senior Parent Night 7:00 p.m.	28 SMS Gr. 6-8 AIS Parent Night SMS Gr. 6-8 Curriculum Night 7:00 p.m.	29 SES Picture Day	30	
					Homecoming Weekend	

HOW TO REACH US

Solvay Elementary School
 701 Woods Road
 Solvay, NY 13209
 Grades PreK-3



Main Office	488-5422
School Nurse	484-1416
Psychologist	488-5422
Social Worker	488-5422
Deaf Program	488-5071

PreK-3 Starting & Dismissal Times

Buses Unload	8:40 a.m.
Classes Begin	9:00 a.m.
Classes End	3:10 p.m.
Buses Depart	3:24 p.m.

Early Dismissal Time 11:30 a.m.

Solvay Middle School
 299 Bury Drive
 Syracuse, NY 13209
 Grades 4-8



Main Office	487-7061
Guidance Office	487-7061
School Nurse	484-1413
Psychologist	487-7061
Social Worker	487-7061
Deaf Program (Grades 4-5)	488-2391
Deaf Program (Grades 6-8)	488-2916

Starting and Dismissal Times

Buses Unload	7:45 a.m.
Classes Begin	7:53 a.m.
Classes End	2:37 p.m.
Buses Depart	2:42 p.m.

Early Dismissal Time 10:55 a.m.

Solvay High School
 600 Gertrude Avenue
 Solvay, NY 13209
 Grades 9-12



Main Office	468-2551
Guidance Office	484-1401
School Nurse	484-1402
Psychologist	468-2551
Social Worker	468-2551
Deaf Program	488-4008

Starting and Dismissal Times

Buses Unload	7:20 a.m.
Classes Begin	7:30 a.m.
Classes End	2:06 p.m.
Buses Depart	2:10 p.m.

Early Dismissal Time 10:34 a.m.

District Office
 PO Box 980
 299 Bury Drive
 Syracuse, NY 13209

Superintendent
 468-1111
 Assist. Superintendent for
 Instruction/PreK
 468-1111
 Athletic Director
 484-1400
 Director of Facilities
 468-7035
 Business Office
 468-4942
 Transportation Office
 487-5842
 Director of Technology
 468-1111
 Special Education Office
 484-1412
 Food Services
 484-1403
 BOCES Deaf Program
 488-9034

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SAT not at Solvay Homecoming Weekend
2	3 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Early Dismissal Staff Development Day	8
9	10 District Closed Columbus Day	11	12	13 SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	14	15 PSAT at Solvay
16	17 SHS Picture Retake Day Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	18	19 SHS Band Pops Concert 7:00 p.m.	20	21 That Was Then/This Is Now Pictures Due for SHS Yearbook	22 ACT not at Solvay
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 SES Halloween Parade Halloween					

HEALTH and DENTAL REMINDER

This serves as a reminder to all parents/guardians to check if all your children have the recommended immunizations. Parents/guardians, by the first day of school, for all new and kindergarten students, should present proof of immunization. State Education Law mandates that children entering school present a certificate from a physician or a previous school stating that immunizations have been administered against mumps, measles, rubella (German measles), Hepatitis B, poliomyelitis, diphtheria and chickenpox. 2016-17 dosage requirements are as follows:

- 3 doses (grades 6-12) & 4-5 doses (grades PreK-5) of DTaP or DTP
- 1 dose of Tdap (grades 6-12)
- 3-5 doses (grades PreK-6) & 3 doses (grades 1-5 & grades 7-12) of Polio
- 1 dose (grades PreK-1) & 2 doses (grades 1-12) of MMR
- 3 doses (grades PreK-12) of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses (grades PreK-6) & 1 dose (grades 1-5 & 7-12) of Varicella
- If a child has not been immunized, your physician must provide written documentation of having Varicella (Chickenpox).
- A single dose of vaccine against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W-135, and Y (MenACWY vaccine; brand names Menactra® or Menveo®) should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years.
- A second (booster) dose of MenACWY vaccine should be administered at age 16 years.
 - The booster dose is not necessary for adolescents who receive the first dose of MenACWY at 16 years of age or older.
 - The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is 8 weeks.
- A serogroup B meningococcal vaccine series (MenB vaccine) may be administered to adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years of age, at the discretion of the healthcare provider. The preferred age for MenB vaccine is 16 through 18 years of age. MenACWY at 16 years of age or older.

The Onondaga County Health Department offers immunization clinics for children two months of age through their 19th birthday at the John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse (Room 30, Basement Level) every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The fee is \$15.00 per visit. Effective October, 1, 2012, the Onondaga County Immunization Clinic is no longer able to provide vaccines to children who are fully insured by private insurance. If you have health insurance, please contact your health care provider to schedule an appointment for your child's immunization. Previous immunization records must be presented for children who will be receiving immunizations of any kind. A parent, grandparent or legal guardian must also accompany children. Physicals are required upon entering school in grades K, 2, 4, 7, and 10 or a new student to the district. A dental health certificate from your dentist will be requested for the same grade levels requiring physicals. Parents are encouraged to have their own family physician give the physical; but if they do not, physicals will be automatically scheduled in school.

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

Parents/guardians of a student in the Solvay Union Free School District, have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) who instruct their children. In accordance with the Federal Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) of 2015, formerly known as No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), parents can ask for the following information about their child's classroom teacher(s):

- Whether the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he/she teaches.
- Whether NYSED has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teacher's aides, teaching assistants, or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you, as a parent/guardian, would like to receive any of this information, please send a written request to the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Eric Larison at this address: SUFSD, PO Box 980, 299 Bury Dr., Syracuse, NY 13209. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

Any member of the public can check on the certification(s) of a teacher by going to this link: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/respublic/home.html>. On that page, select "TEACH Public Inquiry System," then follow the directions.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015, and represents good news for our nation's schools. This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students.

The new law builds on key areas of progress in recent years, made possible by the efforts of educators, communities, parents, and students across the country.

The previous version of the law, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, was enacted in 2002. NCLB represented a significant step forward for our nation's children in many respects, particularly as it shined a light on where students were making progress and where they needed additional support, regardless of race, income, zip code, disability, home language, or background. However, the district must also notify parents of their right and the rights of their children to request, in writing, that the district NOT release such information if it is requested.

Parents or students, who are at least 18 years of age, wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters and institutions of high learning, must complete a waiver form, included in the high school's summer mailing, and return the completed form to Mr. Jay Tinklepaugh, Principal, Solvay High School, 600 Gertrude Avenue, Solvay, NY 13209.

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*Report cards are mailed approximately one (1) week after the marking period.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Important Event: • SES Book Fair: November 1-November 8		1	2 SES Family Book Night at Book Fair 5:30 p.m.	3 PreK-1: SES Book & Blanket & Literacy Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.	4	5 SAT not at Solvay
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2:00 a.m. Remember to move clocks back one hour.	7 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10 No School Staff Development Day PreK-5 Parent Conferences	11 District Closed Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16	17 SES Picture Retake Day SMS Picture Retake Day & Group Photos SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	18 SHS Fall Play SHS Senior Picture Due for Yearbook OCMEA Sr. High All-County Auditions @ ESM	19 SHS Fall Play
20	21 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	22 SMS Variety Showcase	23 No School Thanksgiving Recess	24 District Closed Thanksgiving Recess Thanksgiving Day	25 District Closed Thanksgiving Recess	26
27	28	29	30			

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL, etc.

If you move, change your phone number, or email during the school year, you are required to notify your child's school. You also need to provide proof of residency for your new address. If your new address is not within the boundaries of our school district, then you will need to register with a school in the district where your new residence is located.

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS USED IN PUBLICATIONS/VIDEOS/WEB

Throughout the school year, photographs/videos may be taken of students for use in district publications including the district web site or by the news media. Parents who do not want their child(ren) photographed for these purposes are asked to send a note to your child's school principal. This is required to be completed annually. A simple written, signed note stating, "Please do not photograph my child(ren) {Student Name(s)} for use in publications and/or web." The note may be delivered in person or mailed to your child's school.

STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERS AT SCHOOL

The Board of Education's policy for student use of "computerized information resources" in our schools can be found on the District's website at www.solvayschools.org. If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact Matt Dean, Director of Technology, at 468-1111 or mdean@solvayschools.org.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

In the event of a closure or delay, due to inclement weather or poor driving conditions, notices will go out via *School Messenger* and email, and will appear on the district home page at www.solvayschools.org, local television networks, and radio stations.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLANS

As provided under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, (AHERA – EPA 40 CFR 763), the Solvay Union Free School District hereby makes known the steps it has taken to comply with AHERA and the availability of Asbestos Management Plans.

Beginning in 1989, all district owned facilities were inspected for asbestos and management plans were developed for each building according to the requirements of AHERA. The district conducts re-inspections every three (3) years. Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES Safety Department was contracted to complete the 2007 AHERA Triennial Inspection of all facilities and update the Asbestos Managements Plans.

Periodic surveillance of asbestos containing building materials is conducted every six (6) months.

The custodial and maintenance staff has undergone two-hour asbestos awareness training.

All response actions taken are within Federal and State guidelines.

Asbestos management plans may be viewed at the Facilities Office during normal hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information please contact the Director of Facilities, L.E.A. Designee, at 315-468-7035.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST and LUNCH PRICES			
Grades	PreK - 3	4 - 8	9 - 12
Full Price:			
Breakfast	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10
Lunch	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.20
Reduced Price:*			
Breakfast	\$.25	\$.25	\$.25
Lunch	\$.25	\$.25	\$.25
Milk Only	\$.60	\$.60	\$.60

*To apply for reduced price meals, consult the *August Sentinel*, contact the main office of the building where your child attends school, or contact the Solvay Food Service Office at 484-1403.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Important Event: • SES Holiday Shoppes: December 14-December 15 • SMS Holiday Shop: December 14-December 22						
4	5 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10 ACT not at Solvay
					OCMEA Jr. High All-County Auditions @ Onondaga Middle School	
11	12	13 SMS Gr. 5/6 Winter Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	14 SES Gr. 3 Winter Chorus Concert @ SMS	15 SMS Gr. 7/8 Winter Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	20 SHS Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 District Closed Christmas Day Observed	27 No School Holiday Recess	28 No School Holiday Recess	29 No School Holiday Recess	30 No School Holiday Recess	31 New Year's Eve

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS and PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the school principal receives a request for access.
Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.
Parents or eligible students who wish to ask to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Solvay Union Free School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202.

Directory Information Notification:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Solvay Union Free School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Solvay Union Free School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Solvay Union Free School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include: a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production; the annual yearbook; honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs; and sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.¹

If you do not want Solvay Union Free School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the school principal in writing by within 30 days of entering school. Solvay Union Free School District has designated the following information as directory information: student's name, address, telephone, email, photograph, date and place of birth, attendance, grade, sports, weight and height, awards, student ID number or any other unique identifier.

¹These laws are: Section 9528 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c).

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1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 District Closed <i>New Year's Day Observed</i>	3	4	5 SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	6	7
8	9 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12 SMS Gr. 4 Winter Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15	16 District Closed <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	17	18	19 Gr. 2/3: SES Craft & Snack Night 6:30 p.m.	20 SHS Baby Picture Ads Due for Yearbook	21 SAT not at Solvay
22	23 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27 Early Dismissal Staff Development Day SMS NJHS Semi-Formal 7:00 p.m.	28
29	30	31	NYS Regents Exams at SHS January 24 - January 27			

OCMEA Sr. High All-County Festival @ FM High School

OCMEA Jr. High All-County Festival @ Solvay High School

TRANSPORTATION and SAFETY

With a new school year, we again remind all students and parents of the importance of taking special care of the safety concerning our “precious cargo” who are transported on the school bus. The drivers and staff of the Transportation Department have an EXCELLENT safety record, which we want to maintain and extend.

Parents can help greatly in this effort. Below is some information for parents to help us provide safe and efficient transportation for your school children:

- Transportation eligibility is based on distance.
 - PreK are eligible if age 4 by December 1. If child is not age 4 by December 1, the parent(s)/guardian is responsible for transportation.
 - Grades PreK-8 are eligible if they live .5 miles or more from school.
 - Grades 9-12 if they live 1.0 mile or more from school.
- All PreK and Kindergarten students must be accompanied to the bus stop and be met at the drop-off points. Students who are not met, or who are met by someone unfamiliar to the bus driver, will be returned to the school after an attempt to contact the parent/guardian by telephone. Bus stops are not necessarily door-to-door for kindergarten students. There are many factors used in determining each child’s pick-up and drop-off locations.
- All changes in routes must be discussed with and approved by the Transportation Supervisor only. Drivers are not allowed to make any changes to their route without the prior approval by the Supervisor.
- Carrying things on the bus: Only packages or instruments that can fit on your child’s lap can be brought onto the bus. Please make alternate plans for carrying large packages or projects to and from school.
- A key part of bus safety is student discipline. Your support in implementing our bus discipline is needed and greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call the Transportation Department at 487-5842 regarding any questions about bus discipline and/or Bus Conduct Reports.
- Transportation is between home and school only. Parents/guardians must complete a Transportation Request Form if the student is going to be transported to or from an address other than home. **This form must be filled out and submitted each school year, or whenever there is a change in transportation needs.** You can obtain a form by visiting our web site, the school building secretary, or at our office located at 399 Beach Road in Lakeland. Note: No changes will be made until it is submitted in writing and you have been notified by the Transportation Department that the request has been received and approved.
- Only students who reside inside the Solvay Union Free School District may ride on our buses.
- House numbers should be visible.
- How to cross safely in front of the bus. Go out ten (10) feet, wait for the driver’s universal crossing signal, and look both ways.
- Never run to or return to pick up something dropped in front of or near the bus. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the door has opened before walking towards the bus. Wait for the bus away from the road.
- Parents should be aware of the dangers to children concerning drawstrings on clothing and on some backpacks. We still encourage the use of backpacks, but without any strings or dangling objects. Toys making loud noises should not be taken on the bus as well as any objects that could distract the driver. All books, pens, school supplies, etc. that are carried onto the bus should be placed in a backpack or similar device.
- Students should arrive at their bus stop five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time of their bus.

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12	13 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 <i>Celebrate with Song @ SMS</i> 9:45 a.m.	17	18
19	20 District Closed <i>Presidents' Day</i>	21 School Closed Winter Recess	22 School Closed Winter Recess	23 School Closed Winter Recess	24 School Closed Winter Recess	25
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DISTRICT STADIUM POLICY

Philosophy

In the Solvay Union Free School District, we hope to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all spectators and participants at stadium events. We also want to protect the stadium from damage. Therefore, we have these guidelines for behavior, sportsmanship, respect, and stadium use.

Behavior

All participants and spectators will be expected to politely and courteously conduct themselves at all times. For example, there will be no fighting, pushing, or shoving. Additionally, spectators will not be running through the stadium, especially on the bleachers and handicap ramp. Inappropriate or dangerous behaviors will not be allowed.

The stadium environment will be respected and spectators will not be allowed to throw objects or to litter the facility. Violators will be asked to leave the stadium and school grounds.

Sportsmanship

The Solvay Union Free School District expects all spectators and participants to display good sportsmanship. According to Section III rules noisemakers of any type are not allowed at athletic contests. This includes, but is not limited to thunder-sticks, penny-filled containers, air horns, etc. We also expect all spectators and participants to comply with Section III of the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. The spectator code of behavior/ethics includes:

1. Direct all energies to encouraging your team.
2. Avoid actions that offend visiting teams or individual players.
3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a more intelligent spectator.
5. Treat all visiting teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated. Respectfully accept the judgment of coaches and officials.
6. Encourage other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
7. Be positive and support your team.
8. Be respectful of and comply with the directives of all stadium event staff.
9. All portions of the Solvay High School Code of Conduct are in effect and will apply to infractions.

Respect

The Solvay Union Free School District expects all spectators and participants to behave respectfully and conduct themselves in a positive manner. We will not tolerate the use of profanity, abusive language, taunting of athletes, officials, spectators, or event staff. The Dress Code will be enforced. There will be no indecent exposure. Spectators will comply with our Code of Conduct that prohibits inappropriate displays of public affection. Violators will comply with event staff directives, or they will be asked to leave the stadium and school grounds.

Stadium Rules

Spectators will leave all pets at home. The only animals allowed in the stadium are assisted living or seeing eye dogs. New York State Law prohibits the possession or use of tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol anywhere on school grounds at any time. Spectators will not possess or throw recreational objects, such as beach balls, Frisbees, balls, etc. All student spectators will be seated in the bleachers. All spectators may be seated at the discretion of event staff for health and safety reasons. Spectators will not stand in the "No Loitering Zones".

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			1 SMS Open House 6:30-7:30 p.m.	2 SES Open House 6:30 p.m.	3	4
5	6 Early Dismissal Staff Development Day SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Spring Sports Begin	7	8	9 SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	10 SHS Spring Musical	11 SHS Spring Musical SAT not at Solvay
12 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2:00 a.m. Remember to move clocks ahead one hour.</i>	13	14 All District Band Concert @ SHS 7:00 p.m.	15	16 All District Band Concert @ SHS 7:00 p.m. (Snow Date)	17 SHS St. Baldrick Event <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18
19	20 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24 SMS Musical 7:00 p.m.	25 SMS Musical 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
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Gr. 3-8 NYS ELA Assessments March 28-March 30						

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Attendance

Legal reasons for absences or tardiness include: college visit, cooperative work program, court appearance, disciplinary action, family emergency, field trips, funeral, health appointments, illness, impassable roads or weather, late bus, military obligations, quarantine, religions observance, road test, or sanctioned academic or athletic event. Absence or tardiness for any other reason is considered illegal. Parents are required to write a signed excuse to the school when a student returns after being absent or tardy. New York State requires the district to maintain a file of written excuses for at least one year.

At the high school, the Board of Education has established a minimum attendance rate of 85% as a requirement for successful completion of each course. Whenever a student's attendance falls below 85% in any course, for any reason, his/her grade is automatically carried as an incomplete.

Anonymous Reporting of Bullying/Cyberbullying, Discrimination and/or Harassment

Any student who believes that he/she is being subjected to bullying/cyberbullying, discrimination and/or harassing behavior, as well as any other person who has knowledge of or witnesses any possible occurrence of such, may report the behavior anonymously utilizing the "BULLY BUTTON" located on the District webpage at www.solvayschools.org

Tobacco-Free Schools

Smoking/tobacco use, including e-cigarettes/e-cigs/vaporizers, are prohibited within and on all district owned, rented, or leased buildings, property, and vehicles. This prohibition applies to public, staff, and students, and extends to private vehicles when on school property. The penalty for smoking on school property may be as high as \$2,000 for each violation.

Permission Slip Requirement

Permission slips are required for the following: all field trips and special transportation requests. A physician's note and other requirements are necessary for medications administered in school.

Academic Eligibility for Sports and Co-curricular Activities

Students in grades 7-12 who wish to exercise their privilege to participate in sports and school-sponsored clubs must carry at least five (5) classes plus physical education, maintain an overall average of 65 and be failing no more than one (1) subject to remain eligible. Eligibility must be maintained each marking period for participation to continue. A complete copy of the eligibility policy is available in the main office of the middle and high schools.

Use of District Facilities (Brief Summary)

Community organizations wishing to make occasional use of school district facilities are directed to contact the main office of the building where the specific facility (e.g., classroom, gymnasium, or athletic field) is located to request a Facility Use Request form. Once the form is completed, the request must go to the Board of Education for approval. To ensure that there is sufficient time for the board to consider a request, such requests should be submitted to the Superintendent at least five (5) weeks before the planned event for which the facility is needed.

Visitors to our Schools

District residents are always welcome in our place of learning. However, we ask that all visitors report immediately to the building's main office to sign-in and receive a visitor's pass. It is more important than ever before to ensure the proper identification of everyone who enters and moves about in our buildings so that we may ensure the security of the buildings and the safety of students, staff, and guests.

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*Report cards are mailed approximately one (1) week after the marking period.

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2	3 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	4	5 Gr. 5-12 Combined Choral Concert @ SHS 7:00 p.m.	6 SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	7	8 ACT not at Solvay
9	10 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. NYSESLAT Begins	11	12	13	14 District Closed Good Friday	15
16 Easter	17 No School Spring Recess	18 No School Spring Recess	19 No School Spring Recess	20 No School Spring Recess	21 No School Spring Recess	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 SHS Junior Prom
30					OCMEA All-County Jazz Festival @ Henniger High School	

OCMEA Elementary All-County Festival @ Corcoran High School

OCMEA All-County Jazz Festival @ Henniger High School

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

The Solvay Union Free School District is one of the oldest, independent school districts in central New York, organized in the late 1800's. The district encompasses 10 square miles west of Syracuse comprised of the Village of Solvay, the Lakeland area, and parts of the towns of Geddes and Camillus. Students from the Lyncourt Union Free School District also attend Solvay High School.

Solvay Elementary School (PreK-Grade 3)

Matthew Carpenter, Principal

A student's elementary education, in some instances, beginning PreK through third grade. Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age by December 1 to register. Registration is held in early March and entrants are screened in May and June, and an orientation program is held in late August.

The school embraces Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS), encouraging students to be respectful, responsible, and safe. PBIS is supported by acknowledging students for their positive behaviors at weekly school-wide community based meetings.

Our teachers engage students in hands on activities in all of the core subject areas: math, social studies, ELA, and science. Students receive a rich education in art, music, library, and physical education. Classrooms are equipped with the latest technology devices used to prepare our students for 21st century skills.

The elementary school program provides the foundation for our student's formative years in education. Of major emphasis is on early literacy. We encourage parents/guardians to read with your child for at least 20 minutes each day. Our combined efforts will insure that your child is ready for their middle level education.

Solvay Middle School (Grades 4-8)

Diane Hagemann, Principal (Grades 4 & 5)
Paula Kopp, Principal (Grades 6-8)

Solvay Middle School houses students in grades 4-8 and provides a well-rounded educational experience. Students in grades 4 and 5 follow a typical elementary schedule, while students in grades 6-8 follow a typical middle school schedule. We embrace PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) and expect students to be respectful, responsible, ready to learn, and safe. Students not only receive support from the instructional and administrative staff, but have access to counselors, school psychologist, and a social worker.

During their years at SMS students are given the opportunity to explore their abilities, talents, and interests. We offer a variety of co-curricular activities and clubs, in addition to a number of accelerated and advanced classes.

Solvay High School (Grades 9-12)

Jay Tinklepaugh, Principal
Neil Gottlieb, Assistant Principal

A student's high school experience is preparation for adult life. Students along with their parents and guidance counselor develop their daily schedule which includes required courses along with a variety of electives. The New York State Board of Regents requires all students to earn a minimum of 22 credits to receive a high school diploma.

In preparation for college, there are 22 college courses offered for a total of 74 college credit hours available. Students who choose one or more of these courses, may gain flexibility in their college schedule and possibly save on tuition. Some courses are offered through Onondaga Community College, while others are offered through Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA), SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), and the College Board Advanced Placement program.

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	1 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4 SHS Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	5	6 SAT at Solvay
		Gr. 3-8 NYS Math Assessments May 2-May 4				
7	8 Budget Hearing @ SES 7:00 p.m.	9	10 SMS Advanced/Accelerated Parent Night 7:00 p.m.	11 SHS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	12 SHS Senior Ball	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	16 Budget Vote @ SHS noon-9:00 p.m. Full Plate Dinner @ SHS 5:00-7:00 p.m.	17	18 SHS Awards Night 7:00 p.m.	19 Kindergarten Screening NYSESLAT Ends	20
21	22	23 SHS Academic Celebration 7:00 p.m.	24 SMS 7/8 Spring Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m. Gr. 8 NYS Science Performance Assessment	25 Early Dismissal Staff Development Day	26	27
28	29 District Closed Memorial Day	31	31 SMS NJHS Induction Ceremony 7:00 p.m. Gr. 4 NYS Science Performance Assessment	Important Event: • SES Book Fair: May 8-May 12		

We develop confident, continual learners who are caring community members.



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				1 SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	2	3 SAT not at Solvay
4	5 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Gr. 4 & 8 NYS Science Written Assessment	6 SMS Gr. 5/6 Spring Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	7 SHS Athletic Celebration 6:30 p.m.	8 SMS Gr. 4 Spring Band & Chorus Concert	9	10 ACT at Solvay
11	12 SMS Athletic Celebration 6:00 p.m.	13 SES Gr. 3 Chorus Concert @ SMS	14 SES Flag Day Celebration Flag Day	15	16	17
		NYS Regents Exams June 14 - June 22				
18 Father's Day	19 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22 Last Day for Students	23 SHS Commencement Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. Staff Development Day Regents Rating Day Last Day for Staff	24 SHS Commencement 11:00 a.m.
		NYS Regents Exams June 14 - June 22				
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9 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (tentative)	10	11	12	13	14	15
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20	21 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (tentative)	22	23	24	25	26
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CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY

This is a summary of the Code of Conduct as revised by the Solvay Board of Education in July 2016. The law requires that such summary be provided to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in our schools. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe, healthy, orderly, and civil learning and working environment. To accomplish that goal, the code addresses responsibilities of students, parents, staff, administration, and visitors to our schools. A copy of the complete code is available upon request at the principal's office in each school.

In general, it is expected that parents will:

- send their children to educational programs ready to participate and learn;
- ensure their children attend class regularly and on time;
- insist their children be dressed and groomed in a manner consistent with the student dress code;
- convey to their children a supportive attitude toward education and the district;
- build positive relationships with teachers, staff, other parents, and their children's friends; and
- provide a place for study and ensure homework assignments are completed.

It is the right of each student to have a safe, secure, healthy, orderly, and courteous school environment where he or she can take part in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. However, those rights come with equally important responsibilities as summarized here.

It is expected that each district student will:

- be familiar with and abide by all district and building rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct;
- work to the best of his/her ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward the highest level of achievement possible; asking questions when he/she does not understand and completing assigned tasks both in class and out of class;
- conduct himself/herself, when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events, as a representative of the district and as such hold himself/herself to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship, and accept responsibility for his/her actions;
- show respect for the faculty and other members of the school community;
- seek help in solving problems that might lead to discipline procedures;
- attend school every day and be in class, on time, and prepared to learn unless he/she is legally excused;
- dress in accordance with standards set by the Board and the Superintendent; and
- inform an adult in the school setting of any threat to safety of people or property within the school environment.

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for Solvay Union Free School District programs. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable attire, and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the educational setting. The intent is to foster an environment that is sanitary, safe, conducive to teaching and student learning, and to provide guidance for their role in the work place and society.

A student's dress, grooming, and appearance, including jewelry and make-up, shall:

- be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process;
- include footwear at all times that is appropriate for the instructional setting and activity, and that is not a safety hazard;
- not include the indoor wearing of head wear when school is in regular session, except for a medical or religious purpose;
- not include the indoor wearing of jackets, coats, gloves, or other garments that are intended for outdoor wear, when school is in session;
- not include extremely brief or revealing garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front and/or back), pajamas, and see-through garments;
- ensure that underwear is completely concealed with outer clothing;
- not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or that denigrate others because of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity, or sex; and
- not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (continued)

When determining the consequences for inappropriate conduct, staff will take into consideration, among other facts, the nature of the offense and circumstances, age of the student, the student's prior disciplinary record, and the degree to which the offense posed a threat to the health and safety of others. Although not all-inclusive, the following list of offenses on school property or at a school function and the range of consequences will apply in most circumstances. The listed sanctions are advisory and, as a general rule, discipline will be progressive. However, the district may impose any level of discipline, even for a first violation, that is proportionate to the misconduct at issue.

RANGE OF CONSEQUENCES FOR BEHAVIOR RELATED OFFENSES		
I	II	III
Options	Options	Options
Warning/verbal reprimand	Removal from class	*Alternative placement
Time-out or out of classroom	*Suspension	**Expulsion (permanent suspension)
Loss of privilege	In-school	
Conference with student	Out-of-school	
Communication with parent	*Saturday detention	
Detention	*Police notification	
Restrictions	*Removal from school property	
Counseling	*Restitution	*Administrator action only **Superintendent action only

Offense	Definition	Range of Consequences
Absence (Unlawful)	An absence for a day or any portion of a day for any reason other than those cited as lawful (as listed in the student handbook) and/or failure to bring a note by a parent/guardian to verify a lawful absence.	I-III
Alcohol/Drug Violation	Possessing, consuming, selling, attempting to sell, distributing or exchanging alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tobacco products or illegal and/or controlled substances, counterfeit and designer drugs, or paraphernalia for use of such drugs or be under the influence of any such substances on school property or at a school function, on a school bus, or in a school vehicle. "Illegal substances" include, but are not limited to, inhalants, marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, drug paraphernalia and any substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs." A student shall be considered "under the influence" if he or she has used any quantity of an illegal or unauthorized substance or alcohol within a time period reasonably proximate to his/her presence on school property, on a school bus, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored function and/or exhibits symptoms of such use as to lead to the reasonable conclusion of such consumption.	II-III
Arson/Fire	Attempting to, aiding in, or setting fire to a building or other property.	II-III
Bullying/Cyberbullying	Bullying includes a variety of negative acts carried out repeatedly over time often based on a, real or perceived imbalance of power. Cyberbullying (also referred to as "Internet bullying") includes the use of any technological tool for harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another student or staff member, such as sending or posting inappropriate or derogatory e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or web site postings, chat room postings, blogs, or by any other electronic means (including social media/networks), when such use interferes with the operation of the school; or infringes upon the general health, safety and welfare of students or employees.	II-III
Bus Misbehavior	Any violation of bus behavior rules (as listed in the student handbook).	I-II
Cheating/Academic Dishonesty	Copying, plagiarizing, altering records, or assisting another in such actions.	I-II
Classroom Policy Violation	Behavior that is in violation of established classroom policies and/or procedures.	I-II

CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (continued)

Offense	Definition	Range of Consequences
Computer/Electronic Communication Misuse	Any unauthorized use of computers, software, or internet/intranet account to access internet/intranet; accessing another's e-mail or an inappropriate website; misuse of a website. Misusing computer/electronic communications devices, including any unauthorized or inappropriate use of computers, software, or Internet/intranet account; accessing inappropriate web sites; evading the District's content filter; using an outside wireless network; or any other violation of the District Acceptable Use Policy. Unauthorized use of personal electronic devices/equipment (i.e., cell phones, MP3 devices, cameras, and other personal electronic devices deemed inappropriate by the administration). Unauthorized use of personal computer, laptop, tablet or e-reader and/or other computerized information resources through the District computer system is prohibited.	I-II
Defamation	False or unprivileged statement or representation about an individual or identifiable group of individuals that harm the reputation of the person or the identifiable group. This can include posting or publishing text, video, audio recordings or pictures by any electronic or non-electronic means.	I-II
Destruction of Property/ Vandalism	Damage, destruction, or defacement (graffiti) of property belonging to another or the student.	II-III
Discrimination	Discrimination, based on a person's actual or perceived race, age, sexual orientation, hearing dog or service dog, color, creed, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, sex, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, marital or veteran status, use of a recognized guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, or disability as a basis for treating another in a negative manner on school property or at a school function.	I-III
Disorderly Conduct	Behavior disturbing the atmosphere or order, to include obstructing or restraining the authorized or lawful movement or participation of another.	I-II
Disrespect Toward Others	Inappropriate comment or physical gesture to a student, teacher, staff member or other adult.	I-II
Disruption - Classroom	Behavior that is substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interferes with the teacher's authority over the classroom.	I-III
Disruption - School	Behavior that interferes with the safe and orderly environment of the school or school activity.	I-III
Driving/Parking Violations	Failure to obey all state, district and campus traffic and parking signs and rules.	I-II
Failure to Serve Assigned Consequences	Failure to serve detention, Saturday detention, suspension or other assigned consequences.	I-II
False Alarms/Bomb Threats	Initiating a report or warning of fire, or catastrophe without valid cause, misuse of 911, or discharging a fire extinguisher.	II-III
Fighting	A hostile confrontation with physical contact involving two or more students.	II-III
Fireworks or Explosives	Possession, use, and/or threat to use a firework, including a firecracker or sparkler, smoke bomb, flare, combustible or explosive substance, or look alike.	II-III
Gambling	Wagering money or property.	I-III
Harassment	Harassment, the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical wellbeing based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, political affiliation, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, marital or veteran status, use of a recognized guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.	I-III
Inappropriate Use of Electronic Devices	The District prohibits use of personal technology in locker rooms, rest rooms, health offices, classrooms, and any other areas where a person would reasonably expect some degree of personal privacy. Recording or video taping of instruction and/or classroom activities is prohibited unless permission is given by the teacher.	I-II
Insubordination	Refusing to follow reasonable requests of teachers, staff or administration, including failure to identify self or knowingly providing false information.	I-III

CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (continued)

Offense	Definition	Range of Consequences
Leaving school grounds without permission	Leaving school grounds during regular school hours without written or verbal permission from parent/guardian, administrator or some one listed on the emergency procedure card.	I-II
Profanity	Using vulgar or abusive language, cursing or swearing.	I-II
Sexual Harassment	Unwanted or inappropriate verbal, written or physical conduct of a sexual nature directed toward another person.	I-III
Theft	Taking or obtaining property of another without permission of the owner.	I-III
Threat to Staff/Student/ Other Person	Expression conveyed by word or action, of intent to abuse, intimidate, coerce or injure a staff member, student or other person.	I-III
Tobacco Violation	Possession or use of any tobacco product including e-cigarettes/e-cigs/vaporizers.	I-II
Verbal or Physical Assault on Staff/Students/Others	Assault, or aggressive physical action, directed at students, staff, or others, including a situation where a staff member is intervening in a fight or other disruptive activity.	II-III
Weapon Possession	Possession of a device, instrument, material or substance that can cause serious physical injury or death if used as a weapon.	II-III

Student Services and Interrogations by District Officials

Any school official authorized to impose a disciplinary penalty on a student may question a student about an alleged violation of law or the district code of conduct. Students are not entitled to any sort of Miranda type warning before being questioned by district officials, nor are district officials required to contact a student's parent before questioning the student. However, district officials will tell all students why they are being questioned. In addition, the Board authorizes Solvay school nurses, Principals, program supervisors, and teachers to conduct searches of students and their belongings if the district official has reasonable suspicion to believe that the search will result in evidence that the student violated the law or the district code of conduct. A district official may conduct a search of a student's belongings that is minimally intrusive, such as touching the outside of a book bag, without reasonable suspicion, so long as he or she has a legitimate reason for the very limited search.

Searches of Lockers, Desks, and Other School Storage Places

Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy with respect to these places and school officials retain complete control over them. This means that student lockers, desks and other school storage places may be subject to search at any time by school officials, with the support of trained scent dogs when deemed appropriate by school officials, without prior notice to students and without their consent.

Visitors to our Schools

Parents and other district residents are encouraged to visit the district's schools. However, since schools are places of work and learning, certain limits must be set for such visits. The specifics of those limits are covered in Board of Education Policy # 3210. The following rules apply to all visitors:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the particular school building visited is considered a "visitor".
2. The Principal of the school must be contacted by the person or group wishing to visit, and prior approval must be obtained for the visit.
3. Except for those who are attending a public meeting, performance, or athletic contest, visitors are expected to report to the building's main office upon arrival at the school.
4. Individuals who wish to observe a classroom while school is in session are required to arrange such visits in advance with the classroom teacher, so that classroom disruption is kept to a minimum.
5. Anyone visiting the schools must abide by the rules of public conduct contained in this code as well as those found in Board of Education Policy # 3410 "Code of Conduct on School Property".

