

Sentinel

Solvay Union Free School District

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School Opens Soon

School opens Sept. 7 See page 3 for a copy of the district calendar for the 2016-17 school year.

Current events and any calendar updates can be found on our website at solvayschools.org.

Valedictorian - Jacqueline Allen

My plans in the next few years: I am attending and playing volleyball at Wells College. I am going in undeclared and plan to study a variety of interests.

What I've enjoyed the most about my high school experience: Being surrounded by countless amazing people, and making memories that I will never forget.

My favorite quote or saying: "Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Siena

This is who has inspired me the most: My parents

Parents: Maureen Robinson and Michael Allen



Salutatorian - Christiana Marotti

My plans in the next few years: I plan to attend Le Moyne College in the fall.

My career plans: At Le Moyne, I will be in the Dual Degree Nursing Program in order to pursue a career that will help people.

What I've enjoyed the most about my high school experience: I have truly enjoyed being a part of the Solvay community. Everyone is so caring and works hard to see the students succeed.

My favorite quote or saying: "If you're always racing to the next moment, what happens to the one you're in?"

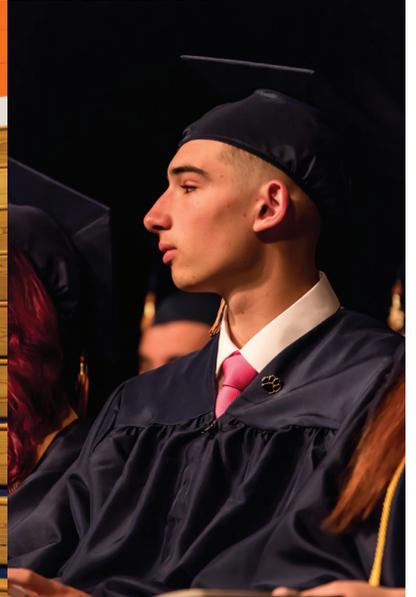
This is who has inspired me the most: Over the past four years, my parents have inspired me the most. Being in a family of seven, they have shown me in many ways what it means to be a hard worker. I say this truly does go by fast so don't waste it. Good luck!

Parents: Joseph and Ruth Marotti



Solvay High Graduation 2016

Congratulations to the Class of 2016! Below are pictures from Solvay High School's 149th Commencement.



2016-2017 Solvay Union Free School District Calendar

2016-2017 Solvay Union Free School District Calendar																
SEP	M	T	W	Th	F				1	2	FEB	M	T	W	Th	F
														1	2	3
	5	6	7	8	9							6	7	8	9	10
	12	13	14	15	16							13	14	15	16	17
	19	20	21	22	23							20	21	22	23	24
	26	27	28	29	30							27	28			
OCT	3	4	5	6	7*						MAR			1	2	3
	10	11	12	13	14							6*	7	8	9	10
	17	18	19	20	21							13	14	15	16	17
	24	25	26	27	28							20	21	22	23	24
	31											27	28	29	30	31
NOV		1	2	3	4						APR	3	4	5	6	7
	7	8	9	10*	11							10	11	12	13	14
	14	15	16	17	18							17	18	19	20	21
	21	22	23	24	25							24	25	26	27	28
	28	29	30													
DEC				1	2						MAY	1	2	3	4	5
	5	6	7	8	9							8	9	10	11	12
	12	13	14	15	16							15	16	17	18	19
	19	20	21	22	23							22	23	24	25*	26
	26	27	28	29	30							29	30	31		
JAN	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	JUN				1	2
	9	10	11	12	13							5	6	7	8	9
	16	17	18	19	20							12	13	14	15	16
	23	24	25	26	27*							19	20	21	22	23
	30	31										26	27	28	29	30

BOXED OR SHADED DAYS INDICATE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 5 – Labor Day
 September 6 – Staff Development Day
 September 7 – First Day for Students
 October 7 – Staff Development Half Day*
 October 10 – Columbus Day
 November 10 – Staff Development Half Day/PreK-5 Parent Conferences
 November 11 – Veterans Day
 November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Recess
 December 26-January 2 - Holiday Recess
 December 26 – Christmas Day observed
 January 2 – New Year’s Day observed
 January 16 - Martin Luther King Day
 January 24-27 – Regents
 January 27 – Staff Development Half Day*

February 20-24 – Presidents’ Day/Winter Recess
 March 6 – Staff Development Half Day*
 March 27-31 – ELA Testing
 April 14 – Good Friday
 April 17-21 – Spring Recess
 May 1-5 – Math Testing
 May 25 – Staff Development Half Day*
 May 29 – Memorial Day
 June 14-22 – Regents
 June 22 – Last Day for Students
 June 23 – Staff Development Day/Regents Rating Day/Last Day for Staff

Rev. Adopted: 6/20/16

School Report Card

Breaking down the state's assessment

In order to meet the reporting requirements of ESEA/No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the NYS Education Department provides student performance information on the elementary and secondary level assessments in English Language Arts (ELA), math, and science at the middle school level and graduation rates for high schools. In addition to meeting the New York standards, schools must also meet Federal Title I standards if they receive Title I grant funding. The district and individual schools will be considered "in good standing" if they: 1) meet or exceed a 95 percent participation rate requirement for state testing and 2) meet or exceed the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) in ELA and math. The AMO is the performance index value that each accountability group within a school or district is expected to achieve to make Adequate Yearly Progress. Please note, because of the approval of NYSED ESEA/NCLB waiver, all schools were in good standing for the 2015-16 as well as the 2016-17 school years. Detailed copies of our school report card can be found on our website at solvayschools.org under "Parent Resources." As reported earlier this month, this information is based on assessments given in the spring of 2015. The data from the 2016 assessments will be used for the 2016-17 school report cards (to be published in 2017). Specific questions can be addressed to Eric Larison, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, at elarison@solvayschools.org or by calling (315) 468-1111.

Solvay Elementary School				
English Language Arts (ELA)				
Participation Standard = 95% or higher	Performance Index	Effective AMO (standard)	Adequately Yearly Progress	State Accountability Status
86%*	78	86	No	School in good standing
Math				
Participation Standard = 95% or higher	Performance Index	Effective AMO (standard)	Adequately Yearly Progress	State Accountability Status
83%*	99	83	No	School in good standing

Solvay Middle School				
English Language Arts (ELA)				
Participation Standard = 95% or higher	Performance Index	Effective AMO (standard)	Adequately Yearly Progress	State Accountability Status
82%*	74	91	No	School in good standing
Math				
Participation Standard = 95% or higher	Performance Index	Effective AMO (standard)	Adequately Yearly Progress	State Accountability Status
76%*	94	88	No	School in good standing
Science				
Participation Standard = 80% or higher	Performance Index	Effective AMO (standard)	Adequately Yearly Progress	State Accountability Status
97%	180	177	Yes	School in good standing

Solvay High School			
English Language Arts (ELA)			
Performance Index	Effective AMO (standard)	Adequately Yearly Progress	State Accountability Status
168	161	Yes	School in good standing
Math			
Performance Index	Effective AMO (standard)	Adequately Yearly Progress	State Accountability Status
131	145	No	School in good standing
2014 Graduation Rate	2015 Graduation Rate	Graduation Rate Standard	State Accountability Status
88%	91%	80%	School in good standing

School Report Card

Regents Examination Performance for All Students - Percentage of Students Scoring At or Above 65					
	2013	2014	2015		
English	75	74	78		
Integrated Algebra	73	53	67		
Geometry	64	68	78		
Algebra 2/Trigonometry	37	63	61		
Global History & Geography	70	51	67		
U.S. History & Government	89	76	89		
Living Environment	70	68	76		
Physical Setting/Earth Science	71	84	76		
Physical Setting/Chemistry	49	60	57		
Common Core**					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
English	10%	5%	23%	21%	40%
Algebra I	14%	27%	53%	6%	0%
Geometry	10%	32%	51%	5%	3%

*The percentage of students tested in the current year fell below 95 percent, so the numbers of enrolled and tested students in the current year and previous year were combined to provide the school/district with another opportunity to meet the participation rate criterion.

**To learn more about the Common Core results, please visit *engageNY* at file:///hsfile01/users/aconklin/Downloads/regents-ela-performance-level-descriptions%20(1).pdf

Mark Your Calendars! Kindergarten Orientation and Registration

Kindergarten Orientation:

Kindergarten Orientation will be held Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. This orientation is for the new upcoming kindergarten students that have already registered. Parents and students will have the opportunity at this orientation to learn about the program, visit classrooms, meet teachers, and go on a bus ride! We hope to see you there!

Kindergarten Registration -- Don't Wait:

If you are a parent with kindergarten aged students that have not yet registered for enrollment in the district for September, please do so as soon as possible.

Transferring students from other schools coming into the Solvay Union Free School District in grades 1 through 3 that are already registered or will be, must be screened prior to entering school in September. When you register a new student in these grades, a screening appointment will be set up. The screenings will be performed on Thursday, Aug. 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A second screening date (if needed) will be available on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If a screening appointment has not been set up, contact Solvay Elementary School at (315) 488-5422.

Perspective

Welcome Back



By **LAWRENCE WRIGHT**
Superintendent of Schools

I am excited to welcome all of our students, new and returning, to another school year! We have accomplished so much in the past few years, and I am confident that 2016–17 will be no exception.

As we move ahead with strengthening our curriculum and school environment, you can be confident that your children are well supported by their teachers, their administration, and your fellow community members. Solvay is a wonderful example of a small, close-knit district that stands behind its students. Last June, we celebrated another year with a 90 percent graduation rate, and I believe that figure will steadily climb as we continue to work together.

There are obstacles ahead, as there always are. State testing continues to challenge our students and teachers; unfunded mandates and a still-struggling economy set roadblocks we will have to climb over; education is changing almost in step with the technology we use to support it, and we must keep pace. Success requires hard work and dedication — something Solvay has never lacked.

Join me in facing the school year, complete with its joys and challenges, head on. Solvay's students rely on us, and I know their trust is well placed!

Parent/Teacher Home Visits for Solvay Elementary School

For the 2016-17 school year, Solvay Union Free School District will offer parent/teacher home visits. These visits will aim to help build positive relationships with families throughout the community, while partnering together to support our students. Solvay Elementary School teachers attended training this past spring for this initiative and are eager to begin meeting with families in the community.

The Parent/Teacher Home Visits Project will bring parents and teachers together in a unique setting at your home, or other location of your choice, allowing all parties to get to know one another while discussing your student's future, hopes and dreams, experiences, and school resources. Students are also welcome to be a part of this visit. Please note that this is not intended to be a parent/teacher conference, but rather an opportunity to get to know each other and build a viable relationship with each other for the benefit of your student. Studies show that these visits have increased student academic achievement and improved parent/guardian engagement in schools. They have also brought teachers and families closer together, while creating opportunities for better communications between home and school.

Your teacher may be contacting you to set up a home visit. While participation is voluntary, we hope you will take the time to consider this opportunity, as this is a time to get to know you and your student away from school, while allowing you to get to know your student's teacher.

Athletics Updates



Congratulations!

This spring two sports teams were champions:

- Baseball: Section III, Class B Champions, New York State Final Four. Pictured right.

- Boys Track: Senior Colton Francemone came in 12th at the NYS Track Finals in the 400m Intermediate Hurdles. Pictured left.



residents free admission to all of Solvay's home athletic contests.

- The individual must be 65 years of age
- Passes must be picked up in the SHS athletic office (located in the high school)
- Passes are good for all home contests
- Passes are not transferable

If you have any questions, please contact John Dippold or Nicole Halloran at (315) 484-1400.

Start dates for fall 2015 sports

- Aug. 15: JV/Varsity Football, Girls and Boys Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Cheerleading
 - Aug. 29: Modified Football
 - Sept. 6: Modified Cross Country and Soccer
- Please be sure to contact the athletic office or the school nurse for the appropriate paperwork.

Save the date

Homecoming weekend is scheduled for Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. We hope to see you there!

Senior Citizens Passes

The Solvay High School (SHS) Athletic Department will again be issuing Senior Citizen Passes. This pass allows Solvay and Lyncourt

Website

Please be sure to visit our Athletic Department website at <http://www.solvayschools.org/athletics> for important announcements. For the most up to date schedules and directions to other schools please visit www.schedulegalaxy.com. There is a direct link to our new schedule program on the Athletics homepage.

Follow us on Twitter @SolvayAthletics for the most up-to-date schedule changes, scores, and other pertinent information!

Solvay Youth Volleyball Camp

Who: Any Solvay or Lyncourt boy or girl entering grades 4-7

Dates/Time: Aug. 22-25, 8-10 a.m.

Location: Solvay High School

Cost: \$30 (includes a T-shirt if registered by Aug. 1)

Solvay's Youth Volleyball Camp will be coached by varsity coach Liz Geist-Lobczowski, junior varsity coach Eric Wojtalewski, and current Solvay volleyball players. Both coach Geist and Wojtalewski have extensive experience coaching beginning volleyball players at the modified volleyball level and coaching the Club SyrV Youth Volleyball program. Campers will learn the basic skills of volleyball, including serving, passing, setting, attacking, defense, the rules of the game, and more. The focus will be on having fun while learning the game. No prior experience with volleyball is required. Find registration information at SolvayVolleyball.weebly.com

Getting There

Transportation to/from a day care provider/baby sitter

If you wish to have your child transported to an address other than your home address, complete the Transportation Request Form on page 9. Once your form has been received, it will take 48 hours to process. You will receive a phone call from the transportation department giving you the busing information, including stops, times, and bus numbers.

This form needs to be filled out each school year. Forms received from previous years will not be honored for the 2016–17 school year.

This form also needs to be filled out each time there is a change in a day care/baby sitter provider. Phone calls to the transportation department requesting a change will not be accepted. Please use this form at all times. This form can be printed from our website at solvayschools.org (click on "Transportation"), picked up at any of the schools, or at the transportation department, 399 Beach Road, Syracuse, NY 13209.

Bus Schedule Notifications

The bus schedules will be mailed in the schools' August mailing. The bus list and schedules will be mailed on or about Aug. 18. ***If your home address is not listed, please use the nearest listed bus stop to your home address.***

Non-public (parochial and private) school students will receive individual notification in a letter or phone call to the parent/guardian based on requests received by April 1, 2016.

Request for Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Information

New York State law allows parents and legal guardians of a student to request the effectiveness scores and final ratings of teachers and principals to which the student is assigned for the current school year. Requests for this information must be made in writing using the teacher/principal request form found on the district website. Please mail it to: Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, PO Box 980, Syracuse, NY 13209. This information may only be released to parents or legal guardians, and the district will verify that any request received has been submitted by a parent or legal guardian. Additionally, the information is intended only for the use of the requesting parent or legal guardian. Once the written request is received you will be

contacted to schedule a meeting with district office personnel, where the requested scores will be presented. No score will be released without a meeting between the parent(s) and district personnel.

Staying Healthy

Students in grades K, 2, 4, 7, and 10 and all new entrants are required to present a physical exam report within 30 days of the start of school. This physical exam should have been done within the previous 12 months. In addition, New York State requires school districts to request a dental certificate for the same grade levels.

Students in grades 4 and 7 who do not have a private physical exam report on file in the health office by Dec. 1, 2016, will be scheduled for a school physical with the school district physician.

NEW - Students entering 7th and 12th grades are required to receive an adequate dose or doses of vaccine against meningococcal disease as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Changing Your Address

Have you moved?

If you moved during the summer or if you are planning on moving during the school year, you are required to notify your school principal of that new address as soon as your move is complete. If your new address is not within the boundaries of the school district, then you will need to register with a school in the district where your new residence is located.

Also, remember to keep your student(s) school(s) informed of all changes in contact information including phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Student Photographs

Pictures/Videos

Throughout the school year, photographs/videos may be taken of students for use in district publications, including the district website 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. A simple written, signed note stating, "Please do not photograph my child(ren) {Student Name(s)} for use in publications and/or web," will suffice.

The note may be delivered in person or mailed to your child(ren)'s school.

Transportation

Solvay Union Free School District
Transportation Department
399 Beach Road
Syracuse, NY 13209

Phone: 487 – 5842

Fax: 487 - 5857

Transportation Request Form

To start, update, or change student's transportation needs.

Today's date: _____

Student Name: _____ Male Female
Last First Middle Initial

Home Address: _____
No. Street Area (i.e. Solvay, Lakeland, Lynburg Lawns)

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Home Phone Number: _____ Day Care Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

When would you like the change to take place? _____ (NOTE: 48 HRS. MINIMUM TO PROCESS)

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 New To Our District: \longleftrightarrow *Check one* *Change in Transportation:*

AM Change:

Current Address: _____ New Address: _____

PM Change:

Current Address: _____ New Address: _____

Parent(s) Signature: _____ Print: _____

NOTE: A NEW TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORM NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT EVERY YEAR AND MAILED TO THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

NOTE: In case of an "Early Dismissal," we will need to know the address where you would like your child to be transported.

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FOR TRANSPORTATION USE ONLY

Approved Denied Reason _____

Transportation Department Designee: Signature: _____

Bus # _____ Pick-up Time: _____ Pick-up Location: _____

2016–17 Concert Dates

The Visual and Performing Arts Department is pleased to announce its 2016–17 concert dates. Community members are welcome to attend these concerts featuring our school performing ensembles. Each concert begins at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

Solvay Elementary School

- Dec. 14, Gr. 3 Chorus Concert at SMS
- June 13, Gr. 3 Chorus Concert at SMS

Solvay Middle School

- Dec. 13, Gr. 5/6 Band and Chorus Concert
- Dec. 15, Gr. 7/8 Band and Chorus Concert
- Jan. 12, Gr. 4 Band and Chorus Concert
- March 14, All District Band Concert at SHS (Snow Date: March 16)
- April 5, Gr. 5-12 Combined Choral Concert at SHS
- May 24, Gr. 7/8 Band and Chorus Concert
- June 6, Gr. 5/6 Grade Band and Chorus Concert
- June 8, Gr. 4 Band and Chorus Concert

Solvay High School

- Oct. 19, Band Pops Concert
- Dec. 20, Band and Chorus Concert
- March 14, All District Band Concert (Snow Date: March 16)
- April 5, Gr. 5-12 Combined Choral Concert
- May 4, Chorus Concert
- May 11, Band Concert

Mark Your Calendar: New Student Orientations

Solvay Elementary School

- Aug. 24, Pre-K Orientation, at 5 p.m.
- Aug. 24, Kindergarten Orientation, at 6:30 p.m.

Solvay Middle School

- Aug. 30, 4th and 5th Grade "Meet the Teacher," from 6 p.m.
- Sept. 1, Grades 6–8 "Locker/Schedule Day," from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Solvay High School

- Aug. 31, Orientation for all incoming freshmen and students new to Solvay High School will be on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6:00 p.m., in the high school auditorium. The program will last approximately one hour and fifteen minutes and will be followed by building tours. Student planners will also be available at this time. It is a very informative evening that should not be missed.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Internet Access?

If you do not have internet access, please contact your child's principal to receive copies of newsletters and other school information at home.

Congratulations Retirees!

Ms. Julia Bagozzi
Library Aide
Districtwide

Mr. Joseph Barnello
English Teacher
Solvay High School

Mr. Robert DelVehicco
Custodial Worker
Solvay Middle School

Ms. Andrea Dowling
Teacher - Gr. 1
Solvay Elementary School

Mr. Douglas Emery
School Bus Diver
Transportation

Mr. Randy Geiger
School Bus Driver
Transportation

Ms. Lucille Lewis
Kindergarten Teacher
Solvay Elementary School

Ms. Linda Lilly
Teaching Assistant
Solvay Middle School

Mr. William Orecki
Science Teacher
Solvay High School

Ms. Mary Vecellio
Music Teacher
Solvay Elementary School

What a Solvay Thing To Do: Alumni Gives Books to Solvay Graduates and Students

To mark 50 years since her graduation from Solvay High School, Ms. Judith LaManna (Solvay Class of 1966) decided to give back to the Solvay community in the form of books. To each graduating senior, she gave a copy of the Solvay "Blue Book," the history of Solvay, which Ms. LaManna republished in 2011. To Solvay Elementary students, Ms. LaManna gave each student a copy of the children's activity books she wrote and illustrated, "Two Kids at the Fair." To all the Solvay Middle School students, she gave them a copy of her local history, "Solvay Stories II."

Ms. LaManna used the anniversary of her own

graduation as an opportunity to reflect on how far Solvay has come. She attended the Solvay High School graduation ceremony on June 25, where she was moved by how warmly the speakers talked about Solvay and what a special community it is.

"Solvay is still very much the same," said Ms. LaManna. "Good people live there, with good values, people who recognize the special kind of life the Village of Solvay has given them. Importantly, they continue to share the value of working at giving back. As we say in our household, 'What a Solvay thing to do.'"

Pesticide Notification Procedure

Parent/Guardian and School Staff:

The use of pesticides on school property has gained attention from various groups, agencies, and individuals. At Solvay Union Free School District (SUFSD), we want you to know that we take pesticide applications seriously.

It is our policy to practice Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to protect our students, staff, and property from unwanted pests. As you are aware, pests carry and spread diseases, contaminate food, sting, and cause property damage. Keeping pests such as mice out of our buildings is important to help ensure the safety and health of our students and the protection of our property.

The practice of IPM helps us balance our objectives of keeping pests a safe distance away while limiting the use of pesticides.

The New York State Pesticide Notification Law requires that we notify you that pesticides may be used periodically throughout the school year.

It is our intent to protect our students and staff from exposure, and use only non-volatile, reduced risk pesticides from the exempt list for any application. However, should we find it necessary to use other pesticides, the law requires us to maintain a list of parents, guardians, and staff members who wish to receive 48-hour advance notice when a non-exempt pesticide is intended to be used.

If you wish to have your name added to the advanced notice list, simply complete the information in the box below and return it to the Solvay Union Free School District, 299 Bury Dr., Syracuse, NY 13209, Attn: Kevin Van Beveren, Director of Facilities.

COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU WISH TO BE ON THE 48-HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE LIST

I certify that I am a staff member or parent/guardian of a student at Solvay Union Free School District. Please add my name to the 48-hour advance notification list for use of non-exempt pesticides when required by law.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Please feel free to contact Kevin Van Beveren, Director of Facilities and the SUFSD pesticide representative, at (315) 468-7035 for further information on these requirements, including information on products that are scheduled to be applied.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Solvay Union Free School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.10 (all grades)**; lunch costs **\$2.10 (grades PreK-8)** and **\$2.20 (grades 9-12)**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.25** for breakfast and **\$0.25** for lunch.

1. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Pamela Kinne, Food Service Manager, 600 Gertrude Avenue, Solvay, NY 13209. She can be reached at 315-484-1403.
2. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
3. **Can foster children get free meals? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.**
4. **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call Diane Hagemann, Homeless Liaison, at (315) 487-7061 to see if they qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 315-484-1403 if you have questions.
7. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Karen Henry, Assistant Superintendent for Business, PO Box 980, Syracuse, NY 13209-0980 or call at 315-468-4942.
12. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

2016-2017 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 21,978	\$ 1,832	\$ 916	\$ 846	\$ 423
2	\$ 29,637	\$ 2,470	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,140	\$ 570
3	\$ 37,296	\$ 3,108	\$ 1,554	\$ 1,435	\$ 718
4	\$ 44,955	\$ 3,747	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,730	\$ 865
5	\$ 52,614	\$ 4,385	\$ 2,193	\$ 2,024	\$ 1,012
6	\$ 60,273	\$ 5,023	\$ 2,512	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,160
7	\$ 67,951	\$ 5,663	\$ 2,832	\$ 2,614	\$ 1,307
8	\$ 75,647	\$ 6,304	\$ 3,152	\$ 2,910	\$ 1,455
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 7,696	\$ 642	\$ 321	\$ 296	\$ 148

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit an Eligibility Letter for Free Meals received from the NYS Education Department, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unempoyed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,
Karen Henry
Assistant Superintendent for Business

Free and Reduced Price Meals

Date Withdrew _____

F ___ R ___ D ___

2016-2017 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to Pamela Kinne, Food Service Manager, 600 Gertrude Avenue, Solvay, NY 13209. Call 315-484-1403 if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.

Name: _____ CASE # _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

□ □ □ □

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-__ __ __ __

I do not have a SS# <input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

- SNAP/TANF/Foster
- Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____
- Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

Free and Reduced Price Meals

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Free Meals/Milk Eligibility Letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions. Sign the application and return the application to Pamela Kinne, Food Service Manager, 600 Gertrude Avenue, Solway, NY 13209. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer needed. Call the school if you need help: 315-484-1403. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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August 2016		October 2016	
August 30	SMS Gr. 4/5 Teacher Night 6:00 p.m.	October 1	SHS Homecoming Weekend
August 31	SHS Freshmen Orientation 6:00 p.m.	October 3	SES PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
September 2016		October 7	Early Dismissal - Staff Development Day
September 1	SMS Gr. 6-8 Locker Day 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	October 10	District Closed - Columbus Day
September 5	District Closed - Labor Day	October 13	SMS PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
September 7	Welcome Back! First Day for Students	October 15	PSAT at SHS
September 8	SMS PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.	October 17	SHS Picture Retake Day
September 12	SES PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
	SHS Picture Day	October 19	SHS Band Pops Concert 7:00 p.m.
September 14	SES Curriculum Night 6:30 p.m.	October 31	SES Halloween Parade
September 19	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.3; font-weight: bold;">Dates to Remember</div> <p><i>If school events change, they can be found on our web site at www.solvayschools.org.</i> SES = Solvay Elementary School SMS = Solvay Middle School SHS = Solvay High School</p>	
September 21	SMS Gr. 4/5 AIS Parent Night 6:30 p.m.		
	SMS Gr. 4/5 Curriculum Night 7:00 p.m.		
September 22	SMS Gr. 4/5 Picture Day		
	SHS Open House 7:00 p.m.		
September 23	SMS Gr. 6-8 Picture Day		
September 27	SHS Senior Parent Night 7:00 p.m.		
September 28	SMS Gr. 6-8 AIS Parent Night 6:30 p.m.		
	SMS Gr. 6-8 Curriculum Night 7:00 p.m.		
September 29	SES Picture Day		
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	SHS Homecoming Weekend		