

## Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

### Valedictorian Jennifer Klix



**Parent(s):** John and Jeannie Klix

**College Choice:** I am ecstatic to be attending Hamilton College as a Neuroscience major this fall.

**What have you enjoyed most about high school?**

It has been so rewarding to be a part of so many tight-knit programs during my

time here. Through music, track and field, and countless clubs, I've had the opportunity to work with wonderful friends and mentors toward meaningful accomplishments, while having so much fun along the way.

**Favorite Quote?** "All great changes are preceded by chaos."

**During the past 4 years, who has inspired you the most?**

Throughout my entire Solvay experience, I have witnessed so many teachers, staff members, and peers do amazing things. I am so thankful to have found little sparks of inspiration in each of their stories and outlooks; there is no way I could choose just one person!

**What is your advice to your graduating class?** Kindness, empathy, hard work, and looking at life with a sense of humor go such a long way. If you do the very best that you can, take mistakes as opportunities for growth, and put forth good into this world, all of the success that you need will come your way.

**At your 25<sup>th</sup> high school reunion, what do you want your classmates to remember you for?** If anything, I hope to be remembered as someone who always went out of her way to be helpful.

**If nothing else, what one thing do you hope to accomplish in your lifetime?** Through my career as well as my life in general, my mission is to make those who I cross paths with feel even just a little more heard and understood.

### Salutatorian Jianna Speach

**Parent:** Holly Speach

**College Choice:** I will be attending LeMoyne College as a chemistry major.

**What have you enjoyed most about high school?** I have

enjoyed participating in the various music groups Solvay has to offer such as vocal jazz, jazz band, chorus and band and participating in all the

productions the drama club has put on throughout my four years at the high school. I have also enjoyed the different relationships with people I have made throughout the years.

**Favorite Quote?** "The secret of life, though, is to fall seven times and to get up eight times." - Paulo Coelho

**During the past 4 years, who has inspired you the most?** My mom has inspired me the most because I have watched her adapt and persevere to all the challenges she has faced and she always finds a way to make the best of it. She has always taught me and pushed me to be the best possible version of myself. I cannot thank her enough.

**What is your advice to your graduating class?** Since it is time for all of us to go out into the world on our own, do not waste it. Find the thing you enjoy most in the world and go for it. Make sure you spend the rest of your life doing something you love and something you can be proud of. Pursue your happiness and even if it is not fully attainable, fit a small piece of it into your life.

**At your 25<sup>th</sup> high school reunion, what do you want your classmates to remember you for?** I hope to be remembered as being my own person and not following large crowds. Also, I have always put my all into everything I do and I hope that was shown to my classmates throughout high school.

**If nothing else, what one thing do you hope to accomplish in your lifetime?** In my lifetime, I hope to be able to help people and save their lives. I want to make the world a better place, even if it is in a small way. I want to be proud of the way I lived my life and I want to be able to say that I made a difference, not only in my life, but in other peoples' lives and the world.



## Superintendent's Perspective



**Superintendent,  
Jay Tinklepaugh**

This year has certainly been one that we all remember. Coronavirus, COVID-19 quickly changed everything in our world. We closed schools and began distance learning overnight. We began teaching lessons to our students using technology to assist with delivering material. Our transportation and food service operations worked together to provide food deliver to our students. During this period of time our administrators, teachers, and staff worked to support and keep our students engaged in learning. The staff also learned and implemented several creative ideas to celebrate our students through the use of virtual meetings and activities. We created virtual presentations recognizing student accomplishments, scholarships, and to show support for one another.

Our students and school community have been incredible during this very challenging time. Our community has provided considerable amounts of support for our students and graduating seniors. The generosity from our community for our scholarship program surpassed our goals again this year even during this challenging time. Community organizations, parents, and family members rallied to support the students and school providing much encouragement and optimism. The fire and police departments participated in a socially distanced car parades to celebrate our students. The village and town have continued to provide support and resources to our students and families.

Our programs continued to grow and our community partners expanded. Solvay Success Academy added a new cohort of students working towards a college associates degree while completing their high school diploma. Our first cohort of students graduating will be entering OCC tuition-free as part of the OCC Advantage Program. For the third year, we have been recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education. Our athletic programs, football, and basketball won league championships and several teams were recognized as Student Scholar Athletic teams.

The district's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning program, B.E.S.T., has completed its third year. The program is designed to help students increase academic performance, provide enrichment activities, and support families and their children. Some of the activities include homework help, S.T.E.A.M., recreation activities, art, music, cooking, community service, and field trips. Each building offers programs before and after school. The learning grant runs until 2022.

The first phase of our Capital Project is complete with a new transportation center, a roof on the middle school, a maintenance facility, and security improvements to the entrance at the middle school. The next phase of the project is improvements primarily in the high school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do in supporting our students and community. Educating students is our first priority. To learn more about upcoming events and capital project updates, please visit our website at [www.solvayschools.org](http://www.solvayschools.org) Continue to share your summer adventures with us on Facebook and Twitter @SolvaySchools, by using #TheBearcat, or by emailing [sentinel@solvayschools.org](mailto:sentinel@solvayschools.org). Have a great summer!

## First Graders Have A Special Visitor

On March 5, Mrs. Kim Smith Ford's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class had a visit from The Kia Foundation, which helps people care for pets when they fall on hard times. The founder, Mr. Samuel Washington, wrote a children's book. His son Sam, who is a junior at Solvay High School read to the class.



## SHS Students Excel at DECA State Conference

On February 26 thru February 28, sixteen students from Solvay High School attended and competed at the DECA State Career Conference (SCC). This is the largest group we have ever sent to this conference. Students earned the opportunity to participate at SCC by competing at the Regional conference held at LeMoyne College in December. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs who are academically prepared for college, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced. Students prepared themselves by taking business courses and by working after the school day to learn concepts and develop their presentation skills.

The students who went to SCC all performed well in their respective competitive events. Eight students were recognized on stage receiving awards. Taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Sales Project Management event were Rylie Dwyer and Anna Luckette. This was an extensive project taking more than a year to complete as the students organized and implemented the 2019 SHS murder mystery. They documented their work in a paper and presented it to the judges at SCC. One judge commented that theirs was the most ambitious project presented at the conference. The students qualified to compete at the International DECA Conference in Nashville (but was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns).

Also winning top 10 awards in their events were: Avery Sladick - Quickserve Marketing (3 top tens); Gabe Young - Human Resources (2 top tens); Liam Chafee - Principles of Marketing (2 top tens); receiving one top ten each were Hannah Martineau - Hotel & Lodging; Isabella Macaulay - Restaurant Services; and Myah Platler - Sports & Entertainment Marketing. To place in the top 10 is a tremendous accomplishment as students are competing with other students from across the state. Congratulations to all of the students who attended and competed at SCC this year!



DECA Club front row left to right: Kaylah Kowalczyk, Anna Luckette, Hannah Matrineau, Emily Koperas, Gabe Young, Rylie Dwyer, Nancy Gonzales, Olivia Rutkowski, Gianna D'Agostino. Second Row Left to Right: Mr. Rich Gratien, DECA advisor, Liam Chafee, Allison Dooher, Avery Sladick, Isabella Macaulay, Luke Dwyer, Trevor Wright, Mrs. Sandy Sutherland, business teacher, & Myah Platler.



Award winners: Left to Right: Liam Chafee, Myah Platler, Rylie Dwyer, Anna Luckette, Hannah Martineau, Isabella Macaulay, Avery Sladick, & Gabe Young.

## Students Compete in Math League Championships

The week March 5, five 7<sup>th</sup> grade students traveled to East Syracuse to compete in the Onondaga County Jr. High



Math League Championships. They faced off against teams from 17 other middle schools comprised of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and held their own against the older students! The team placed 12<sup>th</sup> out of 17 schools. They look forward to next year to compete again. Great job Solvay Mathletes!



Pictured left to right: Xavier Hardy, Tyler Laframboise, Zeke Sensenich, Bobby Reynolds, & Jamison Sass

## Flashback to December

With all that's going on at this unprecedented time, here is a flashback to a more cheerful and merry event. In December, students and faculty came together to wrap an entire English classroom from top to bottom! The idea stemmed from Ellen DeGeneres' "Most Gifted Wrapper Contest," and although Solvay High School did not win, we had a whole lot of fun spreading holiday cheer!



## Money Raised for St. Baldrick's Foundation

During the month of March, the Solvay community came together to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which raises money for childhood cancer research. Mr. Collin Thompson, math teacher, organized the Solvay Baldcats team. With the help of donations from the school and local community was able to raise almost \$2,400!

Mr. Thompson would like to thank teammates: Mr. Jim Heffron, principal, Ms. Pat Campbell, special education teacher, and students, Gabe Barndollar and Luke Dickinson for their excellent fundraising contributions and support! Several other students were also preparing to participate in the head shaving event to show support for kids who lost their hair during cancer treatment, but the event was cancelled this year. Mr. Thompson (left below), Mr. Heffron (right below), and Gabe (above) were able to do their own virtual head shaving event safely at home.



## NHS Donates PB&J Sandwiches



During a planning meeting for upcoming events, dedicated members united to perform one of their many service opportunities by making a total of 121 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be donated to the Samaritan Center of Syracuse.

With encouragement from their advisers Mrs. Shelby Briggs and Mr. Enzo Carr, NHS members recognized the necessity of feeding Samaritan Center clients' with their donation of sandwiches.

NHS members know how important grades are but they also understand that their true character shines in moments of selfless service to those whom they may never meet. In so doing, they continue to uphold the four pillars of the NHS core principles: character, leadership, scholarship, and service.

A sincere thanks go to all who participated, including members from Ms. Gabby Moran's Key Club members.

## Solvay Again Named Among "2020 Best Communities for Music Education"

For the third consecutive year, the Solvay Union Free School District has been named one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" by the National Association of Music Merchants! A national distinction, the "Best Communities for Music Education" designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

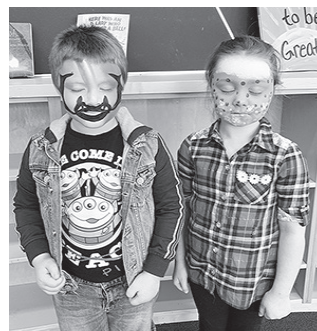


Solvay UFSD is one of only 754 districts to receive this honor in 2020.

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone in the Solvay community who helped make this distinction possible for the third year running. Congratulations!

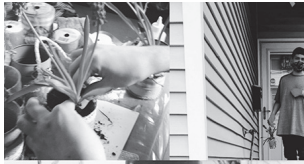
## StoryFaces

On March 4, SMS hosted Mr. Christopher Agostino's StoryFaces assembly program. The Solvay PTO sponsored performances for both the SMS and PreK students. Mr. Agostino is a painter and storyteller who uses face painting to transform students into active participants in the stories told. Mr. Agostino's ability to create narrative illustrations using the human face as his canvas changes the perception of traditional face painting and captivates audiences of all ages.



## Spreading the Joy of Spring

"May Day" is celebrated in many countries



as a traditional springtime festival or as an international day honoring workers. Mrs. Gabby Moran, ELA teacher, challenged her classes to spread the joy of spring by getting creative and surprising someone in their neighborhood with a handmade "May Day Basket," including anything from flowers to baked goods to heartfelt messages. Great job, Bearcats! Spread kindness, not germs!

## PreK & K Registration Is Now Open

Kindergarten and PreK registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. To begin the registration process, please visit the central registration website at [www.solvayschools.org](http://www.solvayschools.org). Please complete the registration process as soon as possible to help with enrollment projections for the upcoming school year.

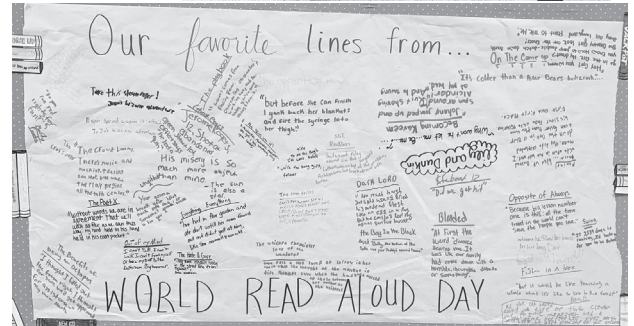
Solvay UFSD offers a PreK program for four-year-old children residing in the district. There is no charge to families, regardless of family income. Space is still available in this program and all children who are four years old on or before Dec. 1, 2020 are welcome to apply.

To apply, children must be residents of the district and have all required immunizations. Transportation is provided for students once they are four years old. Until then, parents are responsible for transportation. Applicants will be enrolled on a first come first serve basis.

For more information about kindergarten and PreK registration, please visit the [www.solvayschools.org](http://www.solvayschools.org).

## World Read Aloud Day

On February 5, Mrs. Allison Medsger's 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA classes participated in World Read Aloud day. Students chose passages from their favorite independent reading books to share aloud with a partner. Then, they chose inspirational lines from their read aloud to add to the bulletin board. Some students decorated book spines to represent their book selections.



**Reminder:  
Absentee Ballot(s)  
must be received by the  
District Clerk's office,  
299 Bury Dr., Syracuse,  
by no later than  
June 9, 2020 at  
5:00 p.m.**

## Dollars for Scholars First Annual Student/Faculty Volleyball Game

On March 13, students and staff members teamed up for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dollars for Scholars Student/Faculty Volleyball Game. The volleyball games were played on a smaller than typical court. Each team was comprised of 3 students and 1 faculty member and played timed rounds of 7 minutes each. All teams loosened up with practice rounds, but then the fun really began as the single-elimination tournament got underway. The final game was a barn-burner with the Forces of Nature (Mrs. Molly Cost, coach and Earth Science teacher, Brock Bagozzi, Jaimen Bliss, and Elijah Wright) beating Dwight Schrute's Gym for Muscles team. We're all looking forward to another great event in Spring 2021!



## Thank you

Thank you to parents, staff, students, and the entire community for supporting the district during this pandemic. We are truly appreciative of all that you've done and continue to do. Pictured below are prepared meals awaiting pick up for delivery to families.



## Congratulations! Indoor Track

On February 27, Xavier Morris and Erica Bagozzi both had the opportunity to compete at the NYS Qualifier Track Meet at SRC Arena. Erica's area of expertise is pole vault while Xavier's is in shot put. Keep up the hard work and dedication!



## Wrestling

Congratulations to senior, Tyriq Block, who was the Section III 2020 D1 182 lb. champion!



## Ice Hockey

The ice hockey team had a remarkable season and an amazing playoff run!

## Other News

Words cannot express how unbelievably saddened we are on the cancellation of spring sports due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We feel for each and everyone of our Bearcats, especially our seniors. We want you all to keep your heads up and remember we are all in this together! Stay safe!

## Where Are They Now?

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

## Twitter

Solvay Athletics is on Twitter! Please be sure to check daily for contests, score updates, and other athletic office news! Follow us @SolvayAthletics!

## Website

Please be sure to visit our Athletic Department website at <http://www.solvayschools.org/athletics> for important announcements and for the most up to date schedules and directions to other schools. Please be sure to visit [www.schedulegalaxy.com](http://www.schedulegalaxy.com).

## Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team had an unforgettable sectional run. We look forward next season!





# CONGRATULATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CLASS OF 2020

June 2020

Scholarship	First Name	Last Name
Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship	Jaimen	Bliss
Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship	Isabella	Lambert
Benjamin and Claudia Capella and Solvay Tyrol Club Scholarship	Erica	Bagozzi
Clara Hill-Murphy Scholarship	Haley	Muehl
Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship	Jaimen	Bliss
Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship	Blaine	Franklin
Crossroads Lodge #520 Solvay Masonic Temple Scholarship Award	Trevor	Lee
Dave Pirro Memorial Scholarship	Brendan	Smith
Dolores White Memorial Scholarship Award	Nick	Trinca
Erik S. Kohler Memorial Scholarship	Phillip	Onufriychuk
Friends of Lucian Garzia Memorial Scholarship	Erica	Bagozzi
Friends of Marc Ball Memorial Scholarship	Isabella	Lambert
Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award	Tatyana	Kupchak
Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award	Anna	Lioto
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Timothy	Brusa
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Myranda	Cantrell
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Janet	Cosco
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Adam	DeLucia
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Kirstyn	Devereaux
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Lily	Fenton
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Sophia	Guadagnolo
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Jennifer	Klix
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Anastasia	LaFlair
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Abigail	Lee
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Madison	Sacco
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Brendan	Smith
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Jianna	Speach
Iannicello Family Community Award	Rylie	Dwyer
Iannicello Family Community Award	Joshua	Florczyk
Jeff Proietti Wellness Scholarship	Tanner	Woodworth
John O. Pepe Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth	Yuran
Joseph F. O'Neill, Jr. Memorial Award	Tyriq	Dullin-Block
Julie Bray (DeFurio) Memorial Scholarship	Madysen	Maroney
Kent Proctor - Proctor Entertainment Memorial Fund	Michael	Hayden
Lakeside VFD Angelo "Babe" Fernandez Memorial Scholarship	Blaine	Franklin
Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship	Gianna	D'Agostino
Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship	Chrystia	Tejera-Johnson
Lise Katherine Henrickson Memorial Scholarship	Jelena	Scalzo
Luciano F. Bogaz Memorial Scholarship	Anna	Lockette
Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award	David	Boots
Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Natalia	Peña
Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship	Michael	Hayden
Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship	Nick	Lopez

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Scholarship	First Name	Last Name
Maria C. Maestri Teaching Assistance Award	Gianna	D'Agostino
Mary & Eddie Giemza and Richard Balduzzi Scholarship	Lian	Pui
Mary Anne Bardou Memorial Scholarship	Michalena	Raymond
Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award	Rylie	Dwyer
Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award	Anna	Lioto
Planned Results Scholarship	Isabella	Lambert
Ralph E. Scutt Memorial Scholarship	Natacia	Myers
Ralph E. Scutt Memorial Scholarship	Victor	Pechenny
Rob Sposato Scholarship	Ethan	Bigelow
Robert O'Donnell Citizenship Award	Jennifer	Klix
Ronald W. Cole Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth	Yuran
Solvay Bank Scholarship Award	Rylie	Dwyer
Solvay Bank Scholarship Award	Colby	Walker
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Brock	Bagozzi
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Bailey	Gladle
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Maria	Hook
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Isabella	Macaulay
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Jayden	Shirley
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Adriana	Cilani
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Tyler	Huff
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Emily	Kopera
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Brad	Lando
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Justin	Scott
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Daya	Todd
Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award	Rhiannon	Ackerman
Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award	Nick	Lopez
Solvay High School Class of 1968 Scholarship Award	Joshua	Florczyk
Solvay High School Class of 1968 Scholarship Award	Tatyana	Kupchak
Solvay High School Class of 1969 Scholarship Award	Cole	Bagozzi
Solvay High School Class of 1998 "Hearts of Kindness" Memorial Scholarship	Elijah	Wright
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Michael	Hayden
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Tyler	Huff
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Anna	Lioto
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Nicholas	Lopez
Solvay Police Department Award	Akelia	Mcfarlane
Solvay School Employees' Union Scholarship	Brock	Bagozzi
Solvay School Employees' Union Scholarship	Myranda	Cantrell
Solvay School Employees' Union Scholarship	Emma	Haskell
Solvay School Employees' Union Scholarship	Christina	Montreal
Solvay School Employees' Union Scholarship	Bridget	Stransky
Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award	Anna	Luckette
Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award	Caitlin	McCann
Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award	Jessica	Vale

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Solvay Teachers Association Award	Jaimen	Bliss
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Adam	DeLucia
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Rylie	Dwyer
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Michael	Hayden
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Abigail	Lee
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Trevor	Lee
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Haley	Muehl
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Brendan	Smith
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Cecelia	Cavallo
Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship	Hannah	Martineau
Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship	Avery	Sladick
Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship	Javen	Green
Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship	Alexis	Trendell
Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Lions Club/Louis Valerino Jr. Award	Jessica	Vale
Stanley and Ursula Kishman Scholar Athlete Award	Haley	Muehl
Tony Lombardo Music Scholarship	Anthony	Fritzen
Tony Lombardo Music Scholarship	Michael	Hayden
Tyrol Club of Solvay Scholarship	Madysen	Maroney
Village of Solvay Electric Dept./FORTISTAR Scholarship	Reaghan	Donigan
Vincent and Helen Mascette Scholarship	Trevor	Lee

## New Transportation Facility

The new transportation facility is complete and the staff have moved in. All phone numbers are the same. Thank you for your patience during the district's capital projects. For capital project news, please visit the web site at [www.solvayschools.org/capitalproject2018](http://www.solvayschools.org/capitalproject2018).





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## **Art Work Displayed at Beaver Lake**

SMS students including others districts from across central New York celebrated the artistic achievements of secondary-level students during the month of March with a special exhibit at Beaver Lake Nature Center. The artworks included in the exhibition range from highly realistic to incredibly imaginative paintings, drawings, sculptures, and photography relating to the art-naturally theme. The following students had artwork on display: Mykayla Keysor, Hailey King, Cameron Garfield, Aiyden Geigel, Delaney Kaszubinski, Pavel Pecheny and Alec Sardo. Due to COVID-19, this year's artist reception was cancelled. Beaver Lake Nature Center posted photos of the exhibit on their Facebook page to celebrate the students art work.

