

WOW What a Season - Section III Champions!



News from the Athletic Office

All fall athletic teams participated in the semi-annual highway cleanup with help from WestRock. The student-athletes collected many bags of garbage. WestRock has been a great neighbor and partner to Solvay Athletics for many years. We thank you for your continuous support and donations to Solvay Athletics.



2019 Championship Banquet

On January 25 all the varsity football players were honored at the Football 2019 Championship Banquet. Many deserving awards were given to the players on their historic season!

Scholar Athlete Football Dinner

Senior football player Jaimen Bliss attended this year's 20th Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner presented by the CNY Chapter of the National



Football Federation and College Hall of Fame. Jaimen was the senior with the highest GPA on the varsity football team and received a \$500 scholarship. Way to go Jaimen!

Solvay Football Won Back the Silver Cup

Along with the Section III Championship and after 11 years, the Silver Cup found it's way

back to the high school's trophy case in the main lobby. The varsity football team defeated Marcellus by a score of 42-35.

Fall Scholar Athlete Teams

At the conclusion of each sport season, the New York State Athletic Association honors varsity teams that excel in the classroom. Each team must have an average of 90% or higher with the required amount of team members eligible. This fall, we had the volleyball and cross country.

Basketball Teams Place 1st



News from the Athletic Office

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Kudos to both the varsity boys and girls basketball teams for coming in 1st place in their holiday tournaments!

Track and Recycling

On January 11 the track & field program volunteered at the fairgrounds for the Electronic Recycling drop off sponsored by Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli. It was a long, exhausting fulfilling day for all. Our student-athletes received numerous compliments, one was "they are the hardest working group we have ever had". It was fun spending time with our student-athletes outside of our normal rigors of school and athletics.

Girls Basketball Team Visits SU

On January 2 the team attended Syracuse University's (SU's) Women's Day and enjoyed the thrilling victory over Florida State Seminoles.



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 be sure to visit www.schedulegalaxy.com.

Twitter

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

Where Are They Now?

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

Upcoming Athletic Spring Dates

3/16/2020- Varsity Sports Begin

3/23/2020- JV Sports Begin

4/14/2020- Modified Sports Begin

6/3/2020- Varsity Athletic Celebration

Modified Awards Night- TBD

Kindergarten and PreK Registration for 2020-21 is Now Open

Kindergarten and Prekindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. Please complete the registration process as soon as possible to help with enrollment projections for the upcoming school year.

Solvay UFSD offers a free PreK program for four-year-old children. They must be four on or before December 1, 2020) and reside within the district. To apply, children must have all age-appropriate New York State Department of Health required immunizations for public school participation. Transportation is provided for all children attending the PreK program who are at least four years old. The program has limited seats. Please register by May 1, 2020.

For more information and to register, please visit www.solvayschools.org, central registration.

Students Inducted

Three high school students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. The ceremony was held at the Holiday Inn on Electronics Parkway. Over 100 students from schools throughout the county were inducted.



Solvay inductees pictured left to right are Kirstyn Devereaux, health occupations, Joshua Shields, new visions medical professions, and Lian (Jenny) Pui, health occupations.

As a member of the National Technical Honor Society, inductees take the following pledge:

"As a member of the National Technical Honor Society, I pledge to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct. I will apply myself to continue a record of scholastic achievement, and I will strive for excellence in all aspects of my education.

I will invest my talents, my skills, and my knowledge in a career of my own choosing and shall always endeavor to uphold my obligations as a citizen of my community and my country."

Congratulations to Kirstyn, Joshua, and Lian!

NHS Performs One of Many Service Opportunities

The National Honor Society (NHS) students prepared healthy, snack-filled bags to donate to the Samaritan Center of Syracuse.

With the dedication of the NHS and under the guidance of the advisors Mrs. Shelby Briggs and Mr. Enzo Carr, students filled 136 bags. This contribution will add to the many donations and efforts of Syracuse residents caring for fellow citizens in need.

For nearly 40 years, the Samaritan Center, located in downtown Syracuse, has provided free meals to all visitors seven days a week. The community organization partners with many other agencies to improve people's health, housing, and financial circumstances.

This is just one of many service opportunities the NHS performs throughout the year showing their dedication to the four pillars of the society: character, leadership, scholarship, and service. The advisors and staff wish to thank the students for their selfless dedication and generosity.



Nutrition Notes *by Lindsey LaDue, RD, CDN*

Recently, the Solvay Schools wellness committee sent out a survey to all staff to determine the wellness activities happening throughout the district. At the end of January, we had received 67 total responses. Teachers are using some excellent tools in their classrooms. The most common responses included movement breaks such as GoNoodle®, yoga poses, meditation, breathing exercises, stretching, and "Granny's Wacky Prizes." We are proud that our staff values these brain breaks throughout the day in order to get students moving and allow young minds to be fully prepared for successful learning.

March 2-6, 2020 is National School Breakfast Week. This year's theme is "School Breakfast: Out of this World"! Fuel up for a great day with school breakfast. We offer a delicious variety of warm whole grain items, cereal, fruit, 100% juice, milk, and more to help improve energy levels and put your brain in motion.

21st Century Grant, Solvay's BEST Program, Provides Field Trip

As part of the district's BEST (Building Educational Success Together) program, students watched and discussed the movie "It's a Wonderful Life." The students traveled to Seneca Falls to attend "It's a Wonderful Life" festival. They were treated to a private meet and greet with four of the actors who had children's roles in the movie, visited the museum dedicated to the movie, went to the bridge that is similar to the one in the movie, and toured the town viewing many actors playing the roles from the movie.



Congratulations to this Year's Scholastic Art Award Winners!

Silver Key Portfolio by Trevor Lee, 12th grade, 8 pieces include:

- "Liability" (1)
- "Bloom" (2)
- "Sadam" (3)
- "Exoomf" (4)
- "Coming of Age" (5)
- "Golden Boy" (6)
- "Rasool" (7)
- "Looking Glass" (8)

Silver Key

- "Fluffy the Great" by Emily Rolince, 8th grade (13)
- "Exoomf" by Trevor Lee, 12th grade (4)
- "Looking Glass" by Trevor Lee, 12th grade (8)

Honorable Mention

- "Onyx" by Sophia Wescott, 9th grade (11)
- "Still-Life" by Neonna Turk, 8th grade (12)
- "Harvest" by Esther Germakovski, 11th grade (10)
- "Dark Spring" by Alien Ali, 11th grade (9)
- "Coming of Age" by Trevor Lee, 12th grade (5)

See page 12 (back cover) for all pieces.

Alumni News

Dean's List

- Camille A. Devereaux, Clarkson University
- Jacob H. Dippold, Wofford College
- Marisa Maroney, Elmira College

President's List

- Haylea Collura, Coastal Carolina University

Police Officer Saves Man

North Carolina Central University police officer, Stacey DeSantis, was on patrol and saw a car stuck on the railroad tracks. She jumped into the car in an attempt to move the car, but with no avail. To quickly get away from the tracks, she and the driver jumped into her patrol car to drive away.

The university honored Officer DeSantis for her heroic and life-saving actions.



P Superintendent's Perspective **Solvay Superintendent, Jay Tinklepaugh**

This time of year is always an exciting one for our district, as the snow begins to clear and we see signs of spring emerge. The transportation facility is close to being complete. We hope to move into the new facility in early spring. Our athletic programs have had great success with our football team winning the sectional title. Winter sports have had great success as well with several teams going into post-season play. Our fine art students have received recognition for their work with Scholastic Arts. Several students recently traveled to Rochester for the DECA State Conference to compete in various business related topics. The high school drama club presented a wonderful production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* and the middle school drama club will be presenting the musical, *Honk*.

As the second half of the school year continues, our district is always full of activity, and this year is no exception. This time of year also calls for preparation throughout our district. Our students and teachers have been busy getting ready for upcoming state testing. Additionally, our administrative team has been preparing for the district budget vote in May. This task is always challenging in an unpredictable fiscal climate, as our fixed and mandated costs continue to rise while state aid remains insufficient and law limits our tax levy increase. We will keep you informed as the process unfolds, but I can assure you that we will always work to provide a quality education to our students at minimal cost to taxpayers.

We are fortunate to continue with our BEST program offerings for our students through the grant funding we have received. Students have had many different opportunities to participate in before school, after school, and weekend programs. In addition to our BEST program offerings, our first cohort of students will have the opportunity to take advantage of the next phase of the OCC Advantage Scholarship. Additionally, students are working hard in the Early College High School program, which is in the second year of the grant. To learn more about these opportunities, visit the news section of our website at www.solvayschools.org.

Continuing with our theme of preparation, we are in the process of working on our next phase of the capital project. The high school will be undergoing several renovations including work in the auditorium, hallways/lockers, and gymnasium. To follow along with the progress of our capital projects, visit our website at www.solvayschools.org/capitalproject2018. Additionally, with the capital project updates taking place this year and into the summer months, we plan to move all summer programming to Solvay Middle School and Solvay Elementary School this summer and close down access to Solvay High School. Stay tuned for additional updates on this transition. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our facilities for our students.

As we make our way into the second half of this school year, we look forward to the work ahead of us. Thank you for all you do to make Solvay such a special place.

Middle School Students Shine

Three chorus students and one band student were selected to participate in the 2020 Junior High All-County Music Festival held at Solvay High School. The festival took place on January 24 and 25. The following students were chosen based on an extremely rigorous audition process and scored exceptionally well: chorus - Timothy Williams, bass and Ryland Bligh, alto (pictured back row left to right), Anna Love, soprano (pictured front row right), and band - Emily Martinez Segui, flute (pictured front row left). Ms. Mary Perun, Mr. Chris Jabot, and the school community are very proud of their fine musical accomplishments. Acceptance and participation in this prestigious music festival is a result of their hard work and dedication. Congratulations and keep up the great work!



DECA Student Excel

Forty-one students from SHS attended the DECA Regional competition held at LeMoyne College. DECA is an organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to be college and career ready. In competition, students are presented with a business problem and must develop a solution. They present their solution in a professional business meeting.

All of the students who attended the conference performed very well and many earned awards. The winners were:

- Jack Haskell: 4th place Food Marketing
- Emily Kopera: 4th place Restaurant and Food Service
- Colby Walker: 3rd place Apparel and Accessories Marketing
- Brianna Williams: 2nd place Human Resources
- Nick Lopez: 2nd place Sports Marketing
- Izzy Macaulay: 2nd place Restaurant and Food Service
- Hannah Martineau: 2nd place Hotel and Lodging
- Avery Sladick: 1st place (second year in a row) Quickserve Marketing
- Rylie Dwyer & Anastasia LaFlair: 1st place Travel and Tourism Team



The award winners. The students are (from left to right) front row: Jack Haskell, Avery Sladick, Anastasia LaFlair, and Rylie Dwyer. Second Row: Brianna Williams, Nick Lopez, Colby Walker, Emily Kopera, Isabella Macaulay, and Hannah Martineau. In the back is the advisor Mr. Gratien.

Sixteen students will go on to compete at the State Career Conference in Rochester. Congratulations to all of these students.



SHS DECA Club

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On April 3, 2020, the district will be dismissing all students (fifteen) 15 minutes early for an evacuation drill.

SES Student is Courageous

Every month students at SES focus on a character trait. Staff recognizes students that exhibit that trait. These students are entered into a drawing. This month's winner of Carlos the Courageous Crocodile was Ella Burgess from Sue Alton and Amy Diel's second grade class. Ella is pictured below with Chris Miczan, principal.



OCM BOCES Distance Learning/High School Equivalency Program at Solvay High School

- Are you ready to work towards your High School Equivalency Diploma?
 - Have you passed any Regents Exams? Regents Exams now count towards your equivalency!
 - Would you like to study at home?
 - Participate in classes on-site in Solvay?
 - LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN ASSIST YOU. OCM BOCES is here to help!
 - Please contact Kim Shambaugh at kshambaugh@solvayschools.org or call 315-468-2551 for more information.
- Distance learning is available to those over age 21.*

Author Visits SHS

Author and journalist Dashka Slater visited SHS to talk about her book *The 57 Bus*. The book is the true account of a crime that occurred in 2013, and a profile of the two teens who were involved. We held a book club to prepare for Ms. Slater's visit, where students discussed and debated issues raised in the book including gender identity, equity, and the state of our justice system. Ms. Slater shared the experience of researching and writing, and talked to students about the role they play in improving our world.



SchoolMessenger Updated

We are pleased to announce that recently SchoolMessenger has been upgraded. This update will allow parents/guardians listed in SchoolTool to receive text messages for school closures or other related communications coming from the district. More information can be found at www.solvayschools.org, parent resources.

Student Art from the Heart

Sue Jacobson's art students created a mural featuring drawings of characters from a long time ago, and a galaxy far, far away, but with the theme of love and tolerance. The mural is on display in the main entrance foyer at SMS with messages of "may the Love be with you" and "we are all different in one universe." The students did a great job and their artwork and message provides a nice greeting to visitors of the building.



BUDGET REMINDER:

Budget Hearing - May 11 @ SES 7 p.m.

Budget Vote - May 19 @ SHS from 12 p.m.- 9 p.m.

Onondaga County Offers Programs Early Intervention

The Early Intervention Program is a family centered program for infants and young children ages birth to three, with developmental delays or who have a diagnosed condition with a high probability of developmental delay. The program emphasizes the earliest possible identification of infants and toddlers with disabilities. Family participation is encouraged and services are provided in the natural environment for the child whenever possible. Eligibility is determined by a multi-disciplinary evaluation and services are based upon individual child's needs. These services may be direct or consultative and may include speech, physical and other therapies, child development groups, family counseling, and transportation. There is no direct cost to the family. Reimbursement is sought from third party payers, but by law, cannot affect a family's insurance lifetime cap or any deductions.

To refer a child to the Early Intervention Program, call the Special Children Services Intake Coordinator at 315-435-3230.

Preschool Special Education

The Preschool Special Education Program is a Federal and State entitlement program that provides appropriate therapeutic and educational services for children ages three and four with developmental delays. Eligibility is determined by multi-disciplinary evaluations, and services are based upon individual child's needs as recommended by their School District's Committee on Preschool Special Education.

The program offers educational services including speech, physical and other therapies, special education teachers and classroom programs. Preschool Special Education services strive to minimize adverse affects of a developmental delay on a child's ability to learn. There is no direct cost to families for these services. To refer a child to the Preschool Special Education Program, call the child's school district and ask for the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) 315-484-1412.

Solvay Success Academy Has Been Busy

Students recently participated in an event hosted by Syracuse Research Corporation (SRC). The event was titled, "Woman in the STEM industry." The students toured different areas of SRC, spoke with a panel of female engineers, and received valuable information pertaining to the many careers available in STEM at SRC. These students had to put their thinking caps on as they were assigned a project where they had to collaboratively find the best way to clean up an oil spill. Pictured below from left to right are freshmen Kaylah Kowalczyk, Athena Clark, Emily Rolince, Maria Brusa, and Jayde Coyne.



The Class of 2023 recently visited Onondaga Community College to take part in their first on-campus experience. Students had the opportunity to meet with staff and educators to discuss the responsibilities of taking college courses, time-management, and work-ethic. The visit ended with students touring the campus and enjoying lunch at the Gordon Student Center.



2020-2021 Solvay Union Free School District Calendar

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BOXED OR SHADED DAYS INDICATE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 7 – Labor Day
 September 8 – Staff Development Day
 September 9 – First Day for Students
 October 12 – Columbus Day
 November 3 – Staff Development Day/PreK-5 Parent Conferences
 November 11 – Veterans Day
 November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Recess
 December 24-January 1 – Holiday Recess
 January 18 - Martin Luther King Day
 January 26-29 – Regents

February 1 – Begin 2nd Semester
 February 15-19 – Presidents' Day/Winter Recess
 March 15 – Staff Development Day
 March 29-April 2 – Spring Recess/Good Friday
 April 20-22 – ELA Gr. 3-8 Testing
 May 4-May 6 – Math Gr. 3-8 Testing
 May 21 – Staff Development Day
 May 24-28 – Science Gr. 8 Performance Testing
 May 31 – Memorial Day
 June 1 – Science Gr. 8 Written Testing
 June 2 – US History & Government Regents
 June 16-24 – Regents
 June 25 – Regents Rating Day; Staff Development Day



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Interested in hearing about what fellow Solvay alumni are up to? Visit www.solvayschools.org/alumni.

