



Sentinel

Solvay Union Free School District

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Congratulations to the Class of 2019! *(more pictures inside)*



SHS Student Graduates with Diploma and Associates Degree



On June 22, nearly 140 seniors graduated from Solvay High School at the 152nd Commencement Ceremony. One student, Natalina Natoli, not only received her high school diploma, but she also received her Associates Degree in Humanities and Social Sciences from Onondaga Community College. Natalina is the first student from Solvay High School to graduate with her high school diploma and have also met the requirements to receive an Associates Degree. Pictured left: Natalina Natoli and Dr. Casey Crabill, president of Onondaga Community College.

We are fortunate to offer numerous college classes at Solvay High School, but we currently do not offer all of the necessary classes for a student to be able to graduate with an OCC degree. In Natalina's case, it took a lot of initiative to reach her goal. She took two summer classes on the OCC campus during each of the summers before entering her junior and senior year of high school. The OCC classes taken during the summers combined with the college classes she was able to take at Solvay High School allowed her to complete all the necessary course work to complete her degree. Congratulations Natalina!

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

We are excited to welcome all of our students, new and returning, to another school year! The last year has been full of accomplishments for our district, and I would like to take the time to thank you for helping to make these accomplishments possible. With all of our successes from the past year, I am looking forward to the 2019-20 school year being another full schedule of extra curricular activities and academic opportunities.

As we move into the new school year, we continue to strengthen our programming and school environment across all grade levels. Come September, when you send your students back to school, you can be confident that your children are well supported by their teachers, administration, and your fellow community members.

Our successes continued into the end of the school year, as we celebrated a 94% graduation rate for the Class of 2019, a number that we have sustained as a result of hard work by students and staff. Due to our diverse course offerings at the high school level, several of our students from the Class of 2019 are entering college with multiple college credits completed under their belt. In addition, through the support and generosity of our community, our graduating seniors once again received over \$150,000 of scholarship money through our Dollars for Scholars program.

At the start of this school year, we welcome our second cohort of students into the OCC Advantage Program. The students have spent this past year maintaining successful grades, while completing the volunteer requirements of the program. We are looking forward to a third cohort beginning this fall.

The end of this summer marks the successful completion of the second year of the 21st Century Learning Grant Program, B.E.S.T. (Building Education Success Together). Thanks to this program, students were provided with opportunities to attend before and after school learning sessions, as well as summer sessions, with a variety of enrichment activities and programs. This summer over 100 students at Solvay Elementary School have participated in a summer camp and several enrichment programs. Students at Solvay Middle School have also been busy this summer, as they participate in InquiryU, a collaboration program with Syracuse University. We were also able to provide our students with free breakfast and lunch during the summer. For more information on the summer meals program, please visit our district website.

The successes of our district have continued. The Early College High School Grant, Solvay Success Academy, had their first students apply and be accepted; incoming 9th graders will be eligible to apply. In addition, our first student, Natalina Natoli, graduated with a high school diploma and an Associates Degree from OCC.

Over the summer, we have worked on some facility improvements throughout the district, as we prepare for the return of our students in September. Some of these improvements include new stairs in the bus loop extension at Solvay Elementary School. At Solvay Middle School, the building's roof was replaced as well as renovations to the main entrance of the building. The construction of the new transportation facility is well underway. Once again, I have to thank the community for their support as we continuously work to make our district better for our students.

Please visit our site at www.solvayschools.org to learn more about upcoming events and stay up to date with events happening this summer. I invite you to share your summer adventures with us on Facebook and Twitter using @SolvaySchools, by using #SolvayBearcats, or by emailing sentinel@solvayschools.org. For our Solvay UFSD alumni, we would like to hear from you. Please share what you have been up to with us by emailing sentinel@solvayschools.org.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone in our school community, we are again well positioned for success in the 2019-20 school year. Thank you for all you do to support our kids and community. See you in September!



PreK Students Celebrate Graduation

On June 24, pre-kindergarten students celebrated their graduation. The graduation took place in the SMS auditorium, where students welcomed their friends and family to the event by showing them what they learned throughout the year. The students sang songs about the alphabet, numbers, and moving on to kindergarten. Students then received their diplomas, during which time many of their future career plans were announced – including teacher, firefighter, construction worker, princess, daddy, and mommy. After they received their diplomas, parents gathered their tissues as everyone watched a slideshow featuring pictures from when the students were babies to present day. Following the graduation, students and their friends and families were invited to the cafeteria for an ice cream celebration. Great job to our pre-kindergarteners – see you in kindergarten!



Track Athletes Compete in Championship

Congratulations to Allen Cawthon, Elijah Wright, X'Zavier Morris, and Brendon Carolina for competing in the NYS Track & Field Championships in the 4 x 100m Relay. They went in ranked 16th in Division II (small schools) and finished 14th. All four coaches, family, and staff are very proud of them.



Thank you to the retirees of the Solvay UFSD!

On June 17, the Solvay UFSD celebrated three employees retiring from the district. Please join us in congratulating them on their retirement and thanking them for their service! Below are samples of their coworkers words and well wishes for a wonderful retirement.

Eric Larison - Eric has been the assistant superintendent for instruction for the past 12 years. Prior to this role, he was the Director of Administrative Services. In addition to his many hats, he was the district's lead administrator for the PreK program. Pictured right are the PreK staff and Eric sitting on a bench presented to him. The bench will be placed near the playground at SMS.



Charles Mancabelli - Chuck started teaching in the district in 1973. He taught health and physical education. Chuck also coached a variety of sports. He coached track even before a track was built. Chuck greeted people with a warm smile and the phrase, "Have a Bearcat Day."

Sheryl Moe - Sheryl was a teaching Assistant since 1990. Nearly her entire career was at SHS. Over the 29 years, Sheryl worked with many students and teachers.

Introducing Two New Administrators

Middle School Principal, Jim Heffron



Jim is excited to join Solvay Union Free School District, and especially the instructional team at Solvay Middle School. The newest member of the Solvay UFSD has lived in the Brewerton area for 17 years and started

his career in education at North Syracuse Central School District.

After graduating from Midlakes High School in the Finger Lakes, Jim earned his bachelor's degree from the State University of Geneseo with a BA in Mathematics Secondary Education 7-12. Jim then went on to graduate school at the State University of Oswego where he earned his Master's degree in Education with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction for Math. He later obtained his Educational Leadership from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Before becoming an administrator, Jim was a secondary math teacher for 11 years for the North Syracuse School District; followed by a House Dean. After receiving his building and district leader certifications, Jim joined Altmar-Parish-Williamstown School District, where he served as an assistant principal, principal, and administrator.

Jim and his wife Shannon met at CNS HS, and have two children, ages 15 and 13. In his free time, Jim enjoys camping with his family, participating in Boy Scouts with his son, and cheering for his daughter on the soccer field. He is thrilled to be joining Solvay UFSD and starting a new journey at SMS.

August Important Dates & K Screening for 2019-20 School Year

Mark Your Calendars

- SES Kindergarten Orientation - August 21 @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- SMS PreK Orientation - August 27 @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- SMS Gr. 5 "Meet the Teacher Night" - August 27 @ 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- SHS Freshman & New Student Orientation - August 28 @ 5:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten Registration - 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 UFSD in grades one through three 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. If a screening appointment has not been set up, contact SES at (315) 488-5422.

High School Assistant Principal, Corey Graves



Corey is excited to become a Bearcat. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from SUNY Cortland and received his Certificate of Advanced Studies from SUNY Oswego. Corey began his career as a K-12 PE/Health teacher. For

the past 3 years, he was also the Athletic Director and Assistant Principal for Stockbridgevalley Central School. Corey also had the privilege of serving as the Director of Academics for the SUNY Morrisville Summer Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) for the past 8 years.

Corey lives in Sherrill with his wife 2 kids. In his free time, Corey enjoy training and competing in triathlons. He is looking forward to working with the Solvay schools and community.



On May 23, students and staff participated in the Special Olympics held at CNS High School. Staff showed off their T-shirts. Pictured are SHS staff.

School Report Card

To view the latest School Report Card for the Solvay UFSD, please visit our website at solvayschools.org/schoolreportcard.

2019-2020 Events Calendar

In a continued effort to contain costs, the district's events calendar will be sent home with students on the first day of school on September 4.

The calendar is available on our web site at www.solvayschools.org. If you would like a copy, please stop by one of the schools' main offices or the district office after August 26 to pick one up.

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

August 2019

Transportation Department, 399 Beach Road, Syracuse, NY 13209

Phone: (315) 487-5842

Fax: (315) 487-5857

Transportation Request Form

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

Today's date: ____/____/____

Student Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Home Address: _____
Number Street Area (i.e. Solway, Lakeland, Lynburg Lawns)

☐ Male ☐ Female 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)

Check One

- ☐ New To Our District
☐ 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.

FOR TRANSPORTATION USE ONLY

Approved/Denied Reason _____

Transportation Department Designee: Signature: _____

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

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. 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 2019-20 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 temporary transportation department at 690 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse.

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.

Staying Healthy

Health and Dental Reminder - This serves as a reminder to all parents/guardians to check if all your children have the recommended immunizations. Parents/guardians, by the first day of school, for all new, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten students, should present proof of immunization. State Education Law mandates that children entering school present a certificate from a physician or a previous school stating that immunizations have been administered against mumps, measles, rubella (German measles), Hepatitis B, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, and chicken pox. Visit www.solvayschools.org/parentresources for the 2019-2020 dosage requirements and information on the Onondaga County Health Department immunization clinics.

Physicals are required upon entering school in grades Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 OR a new student to the district. A dental health certificate from your dentist will be requested for the same grade levels requiring physicals. Parents are encouraged to have their own family physician give the physical; but if they do not, physicals WILL be automatically scheduled in school.

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 UFSD, 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 Solvay UFSD pesticide representative, at (315) 468-7035 for further information on these requirements, including information on products that are scheduled to be applied.

2019-2020 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE FREE FOR ALL SOLVAY ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Solvay School District is very excited to announce Solvay Middle School will be joining Solvay Elementary School as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School. This option is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2019-2020 school year. Students in Solvay Elementary and Middle School will have access to both free breakfast and lunch.

Elementary and middle (PreK-8) students are automatically eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch.

Students in the high school must have a 2019-2020 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals submitted by October 16. Only one application per family. When filling out the application include ALL household adults and students. Every year a new application is required.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Solvay Union Free School District** offers healthy meals every school day. Students in grades PreK-8 will receive free breakfast and lunch. The cost for students in grades 9-12 for breakfast is **\$1.50**; lunch is **\$2.50**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.**

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 Services Manager, 600 Gertrude Ave., Solvay, NY 13209.**
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. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
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. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
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 or e-mail **Neil Gottlieb, at 315-487-7061 or email ngottlieb@solvayschools.org** to see if they qualify.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.
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 up to 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 or call 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.

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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**.

2019-2020 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	\$ 23,107	\$ 1,926	\$ 963	\$ 889	\$ 445
2	\$ 31,284	\$ 2,607	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,204	\$ 602
3	\$ 39,461	\$ 3,289	\$ 1,645	\$ 1,518	\$ 759
4	\$ 47,638	\$ 3,970	\$ 1,985	\$ 1,833	\$ 917
5	\$ 55,815	\$ 4,652	\$ 2,326	\$ 2,147	\$ 1,074
6	\$ 63,992	\$ 5,333	\$ 2,667	\$ 2,462	\$ 1,231
7	\$ 72,169	\$ 6,015	\$ 3,008	\$ 2,776	\$ 1,388
8	\$ 80,346	\$ 6,696	\$ 3,348	\$ 3,091	\$ 1,546
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,177	\$ 682	\$ 341	\$ 315	\$ 158

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. 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 any household member, 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 for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). 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.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

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 of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare

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 unemployed, 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

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

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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.

Request for Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Information

New York State law allows parents or 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)/guardians and district personnel.

Student Photos

Pictures/Videos - Throughout the school year, photographs/videos may be taken of students at school, after school, or at evening events 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.

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. 23. 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, 2019.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Date Withdrew _____

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2019-2020 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 the address listed below**. Call **315-484-1403**, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Application(s) to: Solvay High School, ATTN: Pamela Kinne, 600 Gertrude Ave., Solvay, NY 13209.

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"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<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#

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all 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: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White

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: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Pamela Kinne, Food Services Manager, Solvay High School, 600 Gertrude Ave., Solvay, NY 13209..

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not 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 SNAP, TANF OR FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR (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 FDIPIR 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) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) 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 FDIPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). 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.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: 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 submit all needed information, 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 primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDIPIR 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.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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- (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 email: program.intake@usda.gov.
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Students Honored as "Wonderkids"

On Saturday May 18, two SMS students were honored for their academic and community excellence. They received an award and a free Wonderworks Museum visit for them and their family.

Congratulations Ali Karim and Sean Remington!

