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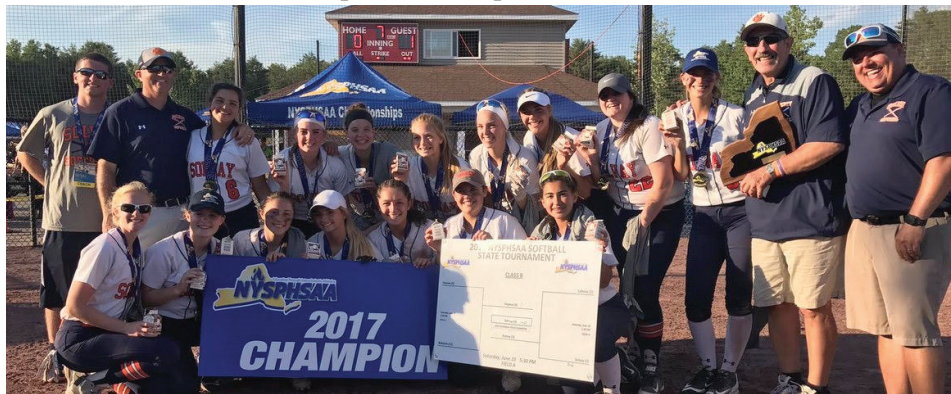
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Congratulations to the Class of 2017!



And to the Solvay Varsity Softball Team!



The Solvay UFSD Varsity Softball team won the 2017 Class B New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships (NYS PHSAA). The Bearcats defeated Depew in the state championship game with a 1-0 victory on Saturday, June 10. In recognition of this success, the Town of Geddes issued a proclamation making July 11 "Solvay Bearcats Girls Softball Day." The team was met with a standing ovation during the recent Town of Geddes board meeting. Members of the board commented on how proud the community was and how happy they were following the run to the title. Congratulations, Bearcats!

GIVE A WARM BEARCAT WELCOME TO OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT!

On Thursday, June 29, 2017, the Solvay UFSD Board of Education voted to approve Jay Tinklepaugh at the next superintendent of the Solvay UFSD. Tinklepaugh currently works for the district as the Principal of Solvay High School. Tinklepaugh will take over as superintendent effective August 15, 2017.

Six SHS Students Receive State Seal of Biliteracy

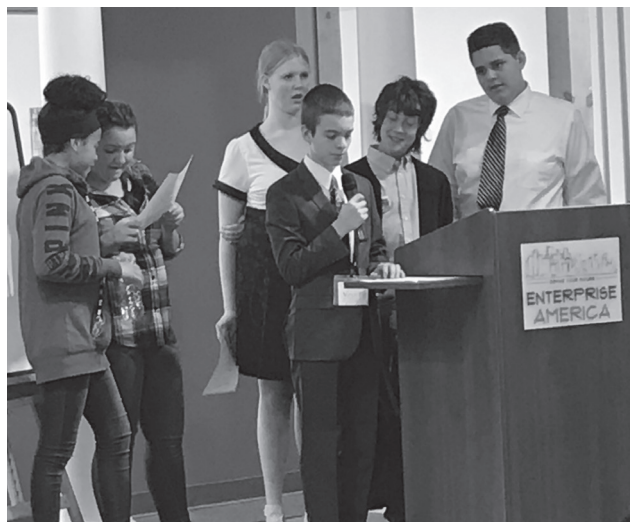
Six seniors from Solvay High School (SHS) were recently awarded the State Seal of Biliteracy at this year's SHS Academic Celebration. To be eligible for this seal, students were required to demonstrate a high level of proficiency in two or more languages, by showing that they are successfully able to listen, speak, read, and write in these languages.

The six SHS students receiving this notable recognition are Arthur Germakovski, Diana Osiv, Viktoriya Piso, Angela Romanchuk, Michael Tomoroksa, and Alina Zdebska. At the SHS Academic Celebration on May 30, Tanya Rosado-Barringer, Coordinator of Mid-State Regional Bilingual Education-Resource Network at OCM BOCES, along with a representative from the New York State Education Department (NYSED), presented this prestigious award to the six seniors. Students received the Seal of Biliteracy for their high school diploma, their lapel pin, and a medal of honor to mark this impressive accomplishment. To be eligible for the Seal of Biliteracy and to demonstrate their proficiency, each student had to present a project before members of the New York State Seal of Biliteracy Committee in Watertown, N.Y. The presentations each took about 20 minutes, with a question and answer session with the panelists immediately following each presentation. The presentations took place in front of not only the Biliteracy Committee, but also students and teachers from across the region.

Also in attendance were two Board of Education Members; Ricardo Constantino of NYSED Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages; Jen Spong, Assistant Superintendent of OCM BOCES; and Olga Rudka, validator for the Ukrainian and the Russian seal requirements. Following the presentations, students were then graded on their performance. To receive the Biliteracy recognition, students were required to receive a rubric score of between 20 to 24 points on their performance. Arthur Germakovski, Angela Romanchuk, Michael Tomoroksa, and Alina Zdebska all received perfect scores of 24, while Diana Osiv and Viktoriya Piso received equally impressive scores of 23. Congratulations to our seniors on this impressive accomplishment!



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



SMS Students Participate in Enterprise America

For the fourth year, Solvay Middle School seventh-graders participated in Enterprise America, sponsored by WCNY. SMS was one of the first schools in the area to participate in Enterprise America and has continued the tradition every year since.

Enterprise America allows middle school students the opportunity for a different kind of hands-on learning experience. The program begins with classroom instruction, during which SMS teachers spent several weeks planning and teaching the curriculum provided by WCNY. The curriculum, which is aligned with state standards and 21st Century Learning standards, focuses on real-life learning with an emphasis on STEM skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and civic literacy. *(continued on page 3)*

SES Takes a Safari Adventure with SHS Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

Solvay Elementary School first-grade students and SHS ELA students have journeyed together on a literary safari – and they are excited to share their results. First-grade students at SES recently had the exciting opportunity to collaborate with students from SHS to write a book about animals in three different habitats – rainforest, saltwater, and African savanna.

SHS students in Mrs. Juston and Mrs. Russell's ELA classrooms traveled to SES to meet with all first-grade students and form writing buddies. During this time, SHS students shared their writing with the first-grade students. The SHS students then provided support to the first-grade students as they engaged in writing several pages about animals within their assigned habitat.

Prior to the collaboration days, students from SES and SHS were given assignments and opportunities to increase their background knowledge on eight animals within a specific habitat. Through short video clips, stories, and complex text, students engaged in total participation techniques to process their learning, reading, and understanding of the animals in order to prepare for the writing collaboration. At the end of the collaboration, all first-graders were given a copy of the book they wrote with their high school writing buddy.

Students at SES and SHS all shared how much they enjoyed the collaboration experience and hoped to take part in similar exercises and collaborations in the future. One student from SHS enjoyed the experience so much she decided to change career paths in order to pursue becoming a teacher.

Teachers involved in this project included SES first-grade teachers Nicole Barnes, Brain Comerford, Erica Haahr, Lisa Reynolds, and Amber Welch; SHS ELA teachers Heather Juston and Nicole Russell, Grade 4-12 ELA Content Specialist Linda Ponza, and K-6 Literacy Coach Jill Weston. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this collaboration possible!



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS *(continued from page 2)*

To prepare students for running a city, they spent weeks learning how businesses operate, how to apply for jobs, write resumes, how to open a bank account, balance a checkbook, apply for health insurance, and much more. With these skills in hand, students are then ready to spend the day enjoying the Enterprise America experience, where they are responsible for operating WCNY's Enterprise America City. Students are tasked with managing the city's 14 businesses and City Hall, becoming business entrepreneurs, employees, consumers, and citizens for the day. At the end of the day, the goal is students will be able to make enough money to pay off their business loan and walk away with a profit.

"The students really took charge in this environment," said SMS teacher Collin Thompson. "They showed maturity, responsibility, and respect, which was a rewarding experience for us all to observe."

For more information on the Enterprise America, visit the website at www.wcny.org/education/enterprise-america/.



Getting There

Transportation to/from a day care provider/baby sitter

If you wish to have your child transported to an address other than your home address, complete the Transportation Request Form on page 6. 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 2017–18 school year. This form also needs to be filled out each time there is a change in a day care/baby sitter provider.

Phone calls to the transportation department requesting a change will not be accepted. Please use this form at all times. This form can be printed from our website at solvayschools.org (click on “Transportation”), picked up at any of the schools, or at the transportation department at 399 Beach Road, Syracuse, NY 13209.

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.

Bus Schedule Notifications

The bus schedules will be mailed in the schools' August mailing. The bus list and schedules will be mailed on or about Aug. 18. If your home address is not listed, please use the nearest listed bus stop to your home address. Non-public (parochial and private) school students will receive individual notification in a letter or phone call to the parent/guardian based on requests received by April 1, 2017.

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 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.

School Report Card

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

Staying Healthy

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

Students in grades four and seven who do not have a private physical exam report on file in the health office by Dec. 1, 2017, will be scheduled for a school physical with the school district physician.

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

Mark Your Calendars!

Student Orientation for the 2017-18 School Year Solvay Elementary School

- Aug. 22, Kindergarten Orientation at 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 23, Pre-K Orientation at 6 p.m.

Solvay Middle School

- Aug. 31, Grades 6–8 “Locker/Schedule Day” from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 31, “Meet the Teacher” at 6 p.m.

Solvay High School

- Aug. 30, Orientation for incoming freshmen and students new to SHS at 6:00 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.

Superintendent's Perspective



Dear Community Members:

As many of you are aware, I'll be leaving the Solvay UFSD before the start of the school year. I have accepted an offer to serve as Deputy Superintendent of Rochester City School District.

It has been a pleasure working with you all over the course of the past five years. I am very proud of the work that we have done together to improve facilities, bolster the use of technology, and create innovative programs for our students.

It has been one of the great honors of my life to serve as your Superintendent. Thank you for all of the support that you continue to give to the community of Solvay. I wish you all the very best – Solvay's future is bright!

Feel free to follow me on Twitter - @LawrenceBoWrig1
Yours in Education,
Lawrence Wright

Parent/Teacher Home Visits for SES

After a successful 2016-17 school year, the Solvay UFSD will continue to offer parent/teacher home visits for the 2017-18 school year. These visits aim to help build positive relationships with families throughout the community, while partnering together to support our students.

Parent/teacher home visits help bring parents and teachers together in a unique setting at home, or another preferred location. The visits allow parents and teachers to get to know one another, while building a viable relationship between all parties for the benefit of the students. Studies show that these visits have increased student academic achievement and improved parent/ guardian engagement in schools. The visits have also brought teachers and families closer together, while creating opportunities for better communications between home and school. Your teacher may be contacting you to set up a home visit. While participation is voluntary, we hope you will take the time to consider this opportunity, as this is a time for teachers and families to get to know each other away from school.

Meet the New Assistant Middle School Principal: Christine Miczan

Christine Miczan is excited to return to her roots in the Solvay UFSD. The newest member of the Solvay UFSD has lived in the Syracuse area her whole life and even started her career at SMS. Miczan grew up in the city of Syracuse and moved to Solvay after she was married. She earned her bachelor's degree from Buffalo State College in 7 – 12 Social Studies. She then went on to graduate school at LeMoyne College, where she earned her degree in Special Education. Miczan later obtained her Certificate of Advance Studies from Syracuse University. After her time at Buffalo State and while attending LeMoyne, Miczan worked at SMS as a teaching assistant in Sue Alton's class. Upon graduation from LeMoyne, Miczan went on to teach both Special Education and U.S. History in the Syracuse City School District, where she worked for the last 19 years.

Miczan's roots to Solvay run deep, as she not only worked and lived in Solvay, but also raised her family in Solvay. She has two sons, ages 19 and 22. Her oldest son recently graduated from SU, while her youngest recently completed his first year at the SU S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. In her free time, Miczan enjoys reading and shopping. She is beyond excited to return to the Solvay UFSD and start a new journey at SMS.



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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. Solvay, 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.

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FOR TRANSPORTATION USE ONLY

Approved/Denied Reason _____

Transportation Department Designee: Signature: _____

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

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Solvay Union Free School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.25; lunch costs PreK-8: \$2.25; grades 9-12: \$2.35. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.25 for breakfast and \$0.25 for lunch.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Pamela Kinne, Food Service Manager, Solvay High School, 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. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Neil Gottlieb, Interim Principal/Homeless Liaison at 315-487-7061 or email ngottlieb@solvayschools.org, to see if they qualify.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 315-484-1403 if you have questions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Karen Henry, Assistant Superintendent for Business, PO Box 980, Syracuse, NY 13209 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.
16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

2017-2018 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	\$ 22,311	\$ 1,860	\$ 930	\$ 859	\$ 430
2	\$ 30,044	\$ 2,504	\$ 1,252	\$ 1,156	\$ 578
3	\$ 37,777	\$ 3,149	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,453	\$ 727
4	\$ 45,510	\$ 3,793	\$ 1,897	\$ 1,751	\$ 876
5	\$ 53,243	\$ 4,437	\$ 2,219	\$ 2,048	\$ 1,024
6	\$ 60,976	\$ 5,082	\$ 2,541	\$ 2,346	\$ 1,173
7	\$ 68,709	\$ 5,726	\$ 2,863	\$ 2,643	\$ 1,322
8	\$ 76,442	\$ 6,371	\$ 3,186	\$ 2,941	\$ 1,471
*Each additional person add	\$ 7,733	\$ 645	\$ 323	\$ 298	\$ 149

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (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, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

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

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

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

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

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

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become 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

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

August 2017

Date Withdrew _____

F ____ R ____ D ____

2017-2018 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 Applications to:**

Pamela Kinne
Food Service Manager
Solvay High School
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"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

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

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

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

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

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

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<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: ☐ 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 Service 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 no longer needed. Call the school if you need help: 315-484-1403. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

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

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

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING 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

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, audiotape, 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.

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Farewell to our Retirees

Thank you to Lena Rose Orlando and the retirees of the Solvay UFSD! On Monday, June 19, the Solvay UFSD celebrated eight employees retiring from the district, as well as Board of Education President Lena Rose Orlando. Please join us in congratulating them on their retirement and thanking them for their service to Solvay UFSD!



Lena Rose Orlando
Josephine (Josie) Aldrous
Joanne (Ellen) Corning

Maria Fenton
Paula Kopp
Sandra (Cindy) Marquart

Elia McClusky
Cheryl Parsons
Merton (Mert) Shaw

Administrative Changes at SMS and SHS

For the 2017-18 school year, the Solvay UFSD has made the following administrative changes at SMS and SHS to accommodate retirements and promotions:

- Diane Hagemann - High School Principal at SHS
- Todd Lisi - High School Administrative Intern at SHS
- Neil Gottlieb - Interim Middle School Principal at SMS
- Christine Miczan - Assistant Middle School Principal at SMS

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.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

August

Aug. 21 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ DO
Aug. 22 SES Kindergarten Orientation 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Aug. 23 SMS PreK Orientation 6:00 p.m.
Aug. 30 SHS Freshmen & New Student Orientation 6:00 p.m.
Aug. 31 SMS Gr. 5 Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 p.m. & Gr. 6-8 Locker/
Schedule Day 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

September

Sept. 4 District Closed - Labor Day
Sept. 5 No School - Staff Development Day
Sept. 6 First Day of School! Welcome Back!
Sept. 7 SMS PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 11 SES PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. & SHS Picture Day
Sept. 13 SES Curriculum Night 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ DO
Sept. 21 SMS PreK/Gr. 5 Picture Day & SHS Open House
Sept. 22 SES PBIS Kick Off, SMS Gr. 6-8 Picture Day, & SMS PTO Fun Night
Sept. 26 SHS Senior Parent Night 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27 SMS Gr. 5-8 AIS Parent Night & Curriculum Night 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 28 SES Picture Day
Sept. 29-Sept. 30 SHS Homecoming Weekend

October

Oct. 2 SES PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 9 District Closed - Columbus Day
Oct. 12 SMS PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ DO
Oct. 18 SHS Band Pops Concert 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 SHS Picture Retake Day & *That Was Then/This is Now* Pictures Due
Oct. 23-27 SES Book Fair
Oct. 24 SES Family Book Fair Night 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 PreK/Gr. 1 Literacy Night @ SES 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31 SES Halloween Parade @ 2:00 p.m.

If school events change, they can be found on our web site at
solvayschools.org.

SES = Solvay Elementary School
SMS = Solvay Middle School
SHS = Solvay High School
DO = District Office