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Solvay Union Free School District

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## Solvay Student Takes Home Second Place Prize at New York State Fair



The 2016 New York State Fair recognized the work of a Solvay student. Minerva Miller won second place at the New York State fair for the Wildlife Art Competition Grade 1-6. Her artwork was an "Owl-mazing" continuous line drawing of an owl. Minerva was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the time she made the drawing. Congratulations, Minerva!

## Solvay Elementary Hosts Successful PBIS Kick-off!

On September 23, Solvay Elementary School hosted another successful PBIS Kick-off Event. The elementary students were impressed by the Bearcat Mascot and they all loved walking down the hall to the Solvay High School cheerleaders' chants. Everyone was excited to share in the schoolwide expectations song: "Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Safe." Throughout the parade, students were honored to have





fans waving and cheering them on.

The kick off concluded with the release of balloons filled with wishes of success. It was an amazing way to start the year.

Thank you to all of you who came to school to support us!

# Solvay Students Selected for Junior High Area All-State Chorus



Eighth grade students (left to right): Tyler McCarthy, Summer Lewis, Dominick Montreal, Toby Love, and Raeana Catalano

Ten chorus students from both the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades were selected to participate in the 2016 Junior High Area All-State Music Festival held at Cortland High School on November 4 and 5. These students were selected based on their 2016 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo Festival scores and their directors' recommendations. Solvay students are among the highest ranking students from Zone 3, which includes Onondaga, Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tompkins, and Tioga counties. Their

selection is a result of their hard work and dedication to music.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade chorus students are Raeana Catalano, Summer Lewis, Toby Love, Tyler McCarthy, and Dominick Montreal. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade chorus students are Adam DeLucia, Jennifer Klix, Anastasia La Flair, Nick Lopez, and Jianna Speach. Congratulations to all of these fine young musicians!

## Weather Cancellations/Emergency Closings Procedures

In an effort to keep families informed, the district uses an automated emergency calling system. This system is used to contact parents and guardians in the event school will be delayed, closed, or dismissed early (after the start of the school day). It supplements the already established procedures of contacting the local news media.

Families should ensure that all emergency contact information is updated with their child(ren)'s school(s) with any changes to phone numbers and addresses (including email) as soon as possible. Not only is the district responsible for keeping this information in educational records, but current information is essential for any emergency notification.

Cancellations or delays are also posted on the district website (solvayschools.org). The following local media outlets are also used to notify our school community.

Television:

- NBC 3 WSTM-TV (channel 3)
- CBS 5 WTVH-TV (channel 5)
- ABC 9 WSYR (channel 9)
- News 10 Now (channel 10 TW cable)

Radio:

- 570 WSYR-AM/106.9 FM
- 91.3 WCNY-FM
- 92.1 WSEN-FM
- Y94FM 94.5 WYYY-FM
- TK99 99.5/105.5 WTKW-FM

# Welcome to Our New Staff!



Amy Diel, Special Education at SES B.S. SUNY Oswego M.S. in Special Education from LeMoyne College

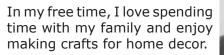
I live with my husband Todd and two sons, Bobby (age 13) and Danny (age 11). I taught at Solvay Middle School before

having children and have returned to the district after 12 years. In that time, I worked for the Children's Therapy Network doing early intervention and preschool services for children with special needs.

In our free time, my family loves to golf, ski, and bike together. We enjoy the outdoors in warm and cold weather. Our favorite place to vacation is the Outer Banks in North Carolina and Disney World. I am beyond thrilled to be back teaching in this awesome community.

#### Katrina Dixon,

Kindergarten Teacher at SES M.A. in Education from LeMoyne College



I am very excited to be teaching in the same district I also graduated from.



#### Kimberly Smith-Ford,

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at SES M.A. in Childhood Education and Student's with Disability Grades 1 to 6 from LeMoyne College

I am very active in the dog rescue community. I am the president of the Board of

Directors for the Second Chance Canine Adoption Shelter. For the past five years, I have been on the Board of Directors for the Recycle-A-Bull Bully Breed Rescue as their foster and volunteer coordinator. I just recently celebrated my one year wedding anniversary.



**Anna Lysiuk,** Music Teacher at SES B.A. in Music Education and Music Theory from the Eastman School of Music M.S. in Music Education from Syracuse University

My husband and I live in the town of Marcellus with our two children. I like to spend time

with my family. Music has always been a part of my life. I have a passion for sharing my love for music with young children and helping them to discover the joy of music!

#### Miranda Raynor,

Art Teacher at SES B.A./Certification in Art Education from Daemen College M.A. in Elementary Education and Special Education from LeMoyne College



Teaching children about art

is a huge passion of mine! This is the beginning of my ninth year as an art teacher, with my previous eight years of experience teaching elementary art in the Rome City School District. After recently starting a family, I decided I needed to make the change to find a closer job. I have always heard such wonderful things about the Solvay District community and was excited to hear of the elementary art position opening. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue my career here and can't wait to display and showcase what talented children we have here.



**Lindsay Brown**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher B.A. from SUNY Oswego M.S. in Literacy from SUNY Cortland

I was born, raised, and still live in Marietta, NY, which is just south of Marcellus above Otisco Lake. I was raised by my wonderful parents, who taught

me to work hard and also to be compassionate. I have one sister who lives in Camillus with her husband and their twin daughters. I have been involved in figure skating and synchronized skating for 20 years and currently coach teams and individuals at Shove Park in Camillus. When I have free time, I like to read, hike, bake, go to classic car shows with my dad, and spend time with my nieces.

# **Welcome to Our New Staff**



#### Jacquelyn Corbett,

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher at SMS B.A. from SUNY Cortland M.A. from LeMoyne College

I am a Solvay alum and have lived here most of my life. My pet dog is named Rosie and she is a pit-mix. I am a lover of

sports (New York Giants and Orange fan!) and being outdoors! I'm excited to be teaching in Solvay and working with some of the educators who influenced me. I am excited to get to know the students!



Alexa D'Eredita,

6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher at SMS B.S. in Childhood Education from SUNY Fredonia

I am a 2014 graduate from SUNY Fredonia. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education and am certified to teach Grades 1-6. I am

currently a student at SUNY Oswego, pursuing my Master's Degree. I am also a 2010 Solvay High School graduate. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, friends and my puppy, Gus! I have always wanted to teach and am thrilled to be doing so at my former school district.



#### Marilyn Farrell,

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at SMS B.S. in Childhood Education from SUNY Cortland

I was an outdoor education minor at SUNY Cortland. In order to complete my minor, I studied abroad in New Zealand with the National Outdoor

Leadership School, where I lived in the back country of New Zealand's South Island for 90 days straight. I love to camp, hike, kayak, and play lacrosse. I also played lacrosse at SUNY Cortland and won a National Championship my senior year as co-captain.



#### Sophie-Louise Jackson,

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Long-Term Teacher at SMS

B.S. in Childhood Education from SUNY Cortland

I am from Marcellus, NY and am the youngest in my family. I have one older brother who is also a teacher. He teaches

4<sup>th</sup> grade in the Syracuse City School District. My parents both taught kindergarten in the Syracuse City School District and they are the reason why I wanted to be a teacher. I am a huge sports fan and coaching is one of my passions. I am currently the JV Girls Soccer Coach at Solvay High School and coach softball for Marcellus High School. I am also a Syracuse Basketball fan and see at least one game a year.

#### Rachel Rock,

Library Media Specialist at SMS M.S. in Library Information Science and School Media from Syracuse University

I live in Cicero with my husband and his two children. I also have two children of my own who are grown and on their



own. I have a new granddaughter, too! My favorite things to do are camping, cooking and anything that involves spending time with my family.



Anthony Rufo,

Italian Teacher at SMS B.A./M.S.T. from LeMoyne College

I was raised in Cicero, NY, by my parents, Rocco and Maria, who are both Italian immigrants. I have a younger brother, Clemente, who is currently working on a degree

in Communications at LeMoyne College. When I am not teaching, you can find me watching or playing soccer. In fact, during my time at both St. Rose of Lima and Bishop Grimes as a student, soccer was my main hobby outside of school. As a first year Italian teacher at Solvay, I hope to have a successful year by building strong relationships with fellow teachers and my students.

# Welcome to Our New Staff



#### **Christian Oliver,** Music Teacher at SHS B.A. in Music Education from Long Island University-Post

I am a Syracuse native, who graduated from Cicero-North Syracuse. I just completed my undergraduate degree at Long Island University-Post. I hold a

Bachelor's in Music Education as a dual major in voice and piano, with a focus in composition. I have been blessed to have compositions performed throughout the U.S. and internationally. When not working at school, I love to spend time with my family and friends. I love to be outdoors in nature or spend an afternoon baking up something sweet to eat. I am excited to be the high school chorus teacher this year and hope to help Solvay students grow as musicians and lovers of the arts.

#### Nicholas Vecchio,

Special Education Teacher at SHS B.A. in History from SUNY Brockport

I grew up in Baldwinsville, but my family has some roots in Solvay. I am currently a student at SUNY Brockport pursuing

my Master's in World History. I am motivated to help students learn and grow as young adults and want to help my students achieve their full potential. I am a student-centered teacher who believes the best way to teach is by, "showing students where to look, without telling them what they see."



#### Alexis Williams,

Earth Science and Physical Science Teacher at SHS B.S. in Education from SUNY Oneonta B.S. in Earth Science from SUNY Oneonta

In my spare time I enjoy being around family and friends, reading a good book

and spending time outdoors.

#### Lida H. Buniak,

School Psychologist at SES M.S. in Counseling & Psychological Services from SUNY Oswego B.A. in Secondary Education, SUNY Oswego B.S. in Psychology, University at Buffalo



Throughout the years as a school psychologist, I have always considered it a great responsibility and profound privilege to facilitate each student's ability to flourish academically, socially and emotionally. I am fluent in Ukrainian. I am looking forward to the opportunity to provide services and support within this wonderfully diverse, multicultural and overall community-minded school district!

## Solvay Middle School:

#### **Teaching Assistants**

- Jacqueline Busco
- Melissa Giardine
- Kirsten Harrington
- Melissa Nicolini
- Patricia Puglisi

#### Typist I

- Katelyn Tressler
- **Custodial/Maintenance**

#### Nicholas Bragan

#### **District-wide:**

- Library Aide
  - Diane Mather

#### **Transportation:**

- Scott Pittsley, Mechanic
- Tina Montreal, School Bus Attendant

### Calling All Solvay Band & Chorus Alumni

The SHS Band and Chorus are inviting alumni to join us at our winter concert. The Combined Chorus and Band Concert is December 20 at 7:00 p.m. Alumni are invited to perform on Carol of The Bells with the Chorus and Sleigh Ride with the Band.

Alumni interested in performing should contact Mr. Oliver (coliver@solvayschools.org) for Chorus and Mr. FitzGerald (gfitzgerald@solvayschools.org) for Band. Please let us know ahead of time if you would like music or need an instrument.

We hope to see many alumni at our concert as we continue this new tradition!



By LAWRENCE WRIGHT Superintendent of Schools



This September marked another successful start to the school year for Solvay.

Thank you to all of our staff, students, and families who helped to make that possible. We are always appreciative for the continued support that we receive from our community.

Academically, we continue to show progress, with the breadth of educational offerings rising. These offerings include our expanded universal prekindergarten program, additional high school credit offerings at Solvay Middle School, and our Onondaga Community College (OCC) Advantage pilot program, which allows all incoming freshmen to attend OCC with a full scholarship. Throughout the year, we will continue to make instructional program changes to improve rigor, consistency, time on task, and engagement. Our support from the Solvay community has continued to benefit our students. Last year, Dollars for Scholars generated nearly \$150,000 in student scholarships, helping to make the dream of college possible for many of our students. With our increased use of Facebook and Twitter, as well as upgrades to our website, I feel confident that our twoway communication with families and the community has never been better.

We are also in the process of completing our capital project work throughout the district. This work includes a new roof and resurfacing of the gym floor at Solvay Elementary School, new turf and resurfacing the track at the Al Merola Field, new dugouts and water systems at the Solvay ball fields, site work at Solvay High School, and the relocation of district offices to Solvay Middle School. We appreciate your patience as we work to make our schools even better for our students.

There will always be challenges ahead of us and as a school community we will always push to continually get better. With your continued support, I am confident we will persevere.

## Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Department Updates

The VPA Department welcomes three new teachers to Solvay:

- Christian Oliver, SHS Chorus
- Anna Lysiuk, SES Music
- Miranda Raynor, SES Art

**Solvay Music Boosters** is looking for • parents who would be willing to help sell 50-50 raffle tickets before concerts. This • organization helps to support scholarships and other musical activities for the students • in Solvay. If you are willing to help please contact your child's music teacher.

**2016-2017 Concerts** are a great way to see what's happening in our music program. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are open to our community members.

- December 13, SMS 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus Concert
- December 14, SES 3rd Grade Concert at SMS
- December 15, SMS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus Concert
- December 20, SHS Band and Chorus Concert
- January 12, SMS 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus Concert

## (Please note, the Combined Choral Concert slated for April 5 will NOT take place.)

## Athletics Athletics Updates

### **Highway Cleanup**

On September 24, all of our fall athletic teams participated in our semi-annual highway cleanup with help from West Rock. The student-athletes collected many bags of garbage. West Rock has been a great neighbor and partner to Solvay Athletics for many years. We thank you for your continuous support and donations to our program.

#### **Senior Citizens Passes:**

Below you will find information regarding the Senior Citizen Passes that the Solvay Athletic Department will be issuing this year. This pass will allow Solvay and Lyncourt residents free admission to all of Solvay's home athletic contests.

- The individual must be 65 years of age
- Passes must be picked up in the Solvay Athletic Office at Solvay High School
- Passes are good for all home contests
- Passes are not transferable

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



### Homecoming

Homecoming 2016 was a huge success. We had a pep rally, powder puff football game, varsity football game, student games night, and a dance.

### Winter 2016-2017 Sports:

Start dates for winter 2016-2017 sports are:

- November 1 Modified Boys Basketball
- November 7 JV and Varsity Sports
- January 3 Modified Wrestling and Girls Basketball

Please be sure to see the school nurse for the appropriate paperwork.

#### Website

Please be sure to visit our Athletic Department website at *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 484-1400.

### Dear Community Members:

Over the summer, the Solvay Union Free School District completed updates to the Al Merola Field at Solvay High School. These updates included replacing 12-year-old artificial turf with a new A-Turf Titan field, featuring Solvay team graphics and our signature Solvay Bearcat blue and orange colors. Additionally, the track surrounding the field was resurfaced, and the stadium received new netting and goal posts.

Thank you for your support of this capital project and for your patience during construction. This is a source of pride for all of us who share in the legacy and heritage of the Al Merola Field, the Solvay Union Free School District, and the Village of Solvay. In order to continue the tradition of sharing the facility with our community members, we are asking for your assistance.

We appreciate the value that the field brings to the community by offering a safe place for exercise,

## Seats Still Available for Solvay UFSD Pre-K

Solvay UFSD offers a pre-kindergarten program for four-year-old children in the Solvay UFSD for the 2016-2017 school year. There is no charge to families, regardless of family income. This program is funded by special grants from the New York State Education Department.

Space is still available in this program and all children who are four years old on or before December 1, 2016, are welcome to apply. Children must be residents of the Solvay UFSD and must have all required immunizations. Transportation is provided for students attending Solvay Elementary School once they are four years old.

For more information on pre-kindergarten at Solvay UFSD, please contact the Solvay Central Registrar at 315-468-1111, option 2. walking, and other outdoor activities. The stadium is open for use from dawn until dusk.

If you notice or see any vandalism and/or misuse of the stadium, inappropriate or illicit activity, or after hours usage, please alert us by calling the Solvay district office at 315-468-1111, alerting our tip line on the Solvay website (found at www.solvayschools.org/stopbullying.cfm), or by contacting the Solvay Police Department at 315-468-2521. All reports will be taken seriously.

It is important for us to keep this facility accessible for community members, and we ask that you share in helping to clean up any refuse, follow appropriate hours of use, and report any vandalism or misuse that you might witness.

We appreciate your assistance in helping to maintain this community investment, and we encourage your continued use and care of the stadium. Thank you. Go Bearcats!

## Ending Hunger in the Solvay Community

For families looking for a way to provide nutritionally balanced meals, the Solvay community is looking to help. For all qualified familiars in the Solvay Union Free School District, both the St. Cecilia's Church and Vineyard Church offer a food pantry.

The St. Cecilia's food pantry runs every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information about the food pantry, please contact St. Cecilia's at 315-488-3221.

The Vineyard Church food pantry is open every Saturday from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. For more information about the food pantry, please the Vineyard Church at 315-407-8463.

## Snack Attack - Snack Smart!

**By Lindsey LaDue,** RD, CDN -School Dietitian with OCM BOCES

"I'M HUNGRY!!" How many times do we hear or say these words throughout the day? For growing children, calorie needs are higher than you might think, especially for those who are active. Snacks are a great way to help meet these high requirements, but often the typical "junk foods" are the first things that come to mind. Choosing snacks wisely can help us meet our vitamin and mineral needs, keep us full and satisfied before our next meal, and give us lasting energy. Look for nutrient dense options that provide fiber, protein, complex carbohydrates, and important nutrients such as calcium.

Snack smart with these examples for every mood and try something new!

- Raw veggies with low fat ranch dressing
- Pretzels with hummus
- Hardboiled egg and a piece of fruit
- Cheese stick with an apple
- Whole grain cereal with low fat milk
- Peanut butter with whole grain crackers

## Catch this!

Science Club members observe a crayfish caught just downstream of Taughannock Falls during their Ithaca Gorge Hike on October 1.



Pictured from left to right: Travis Hall, science teacher and club advisor, Mary-Catherine Lopez, Lillian Spencer, Donavan Gilbert, and Joseph King.

- Air-popped popcorn with seasoning try Parmesan, a sprinkle of cinnamon and sugar, or spicy!
- Turkey pepperoni slices with whole grain crackers
- Banana with peanut butter
- DIY Mini Pizza English muffin with tomato sauce and low fat shredded cheese (toasted)
- Fresh fruit or canned fruit packed in 100% juice or water
- Dark chocolate square with a handful of almonds
- Glass of low fat milk or chocolate milk (try almond milk, lactaid, or soy milk if you are lactose intolerant)
- Apple slices with yogurt for dipping
- Roasted chickpeas try them with your favorite seasoning!
- Yogurt parfait with fruit and granola
- DIY trail mix nuts, semisweet chocolate chips, whole grain cereal, and raisins

### Did you know?

Federal guidelines are provided for all snacks and beverages sold in schools. "Smart Snacks" adhere to specific food group, calorie, sodium, and dietary fat guidelines. Solvay offers an assortment of healthy options daily including low fat ice cream, baked chips, whole grain treats, and more. Be sure to try a tasty school breakfast or lunch, a convenient way to fuel for your day without having to take time to pack a meal!

## STA Memorial Scholarship Fund

The memorial fund was set up to honor deceased STA members by funding students that wish to attend enrichment activities. Academics, athletics, the arts, languages, leadership, and community involvement are all programs that would be considered. Any student, grade K-11, who is a good citizen can apply. Students are eligible for ONE award during their time in each building. Two references from STA members are also needed. Students can apply anytime during the year, but at least 30 days before the program begins. May 1 is the deadline for summer projects. Applicants must turn in their recommendation letters to teachers NO LATER than April 15 in order for the application to be considered. No applications will be considered if either deadline is not met. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please see any STA building representative or Kim Shambaugh, at SHS, for further information.

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#### DISTRICT STADIUM POLICY

#### Philosophy

In the Solvay Union Free School District, we hope to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all spectators and participants at stadium events. We also want to protect the stadium from damage. Therefore, we have these guidelines for behavior, sportsmanship, respect, and stadium use.

#### Behavior

All participants and spectators will be expected to politely and courteously conduct themselves at all times. For example, there will be no fighting, pushing, or shoving. Additionally, spectators will not be running through the stadium, especially on the bleachers and handicap ramp. Inappropriate or dangerous behaviors will not be allowed.

The stadium environment will be respected and spectators will not be allowed to throw objects or to litter the facility. Violators will be asked to leave the stadium and school grounds.

#### Sportsmanship

The Solvay Union Free School District expects all spectators and participants to display good sportsmanship. According to Section III rules noisemakers of any type are not allowed at athletic contests. This includes, but is not limited to thunder-sticks, penny-filled containers, air horns, etc. We also expect all spectators and participants to comply with Section III of the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.The spectator code of behavior/ethics includes:

- I. Direct all energies to encouraging your team.
- 2. Avoid actions that offend visiting teams or individual players.
- 3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
- 4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a more intelligent spectator.
- 5. Treat all visiting teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated. Respectfully accept the judgment of coaches and officials.
- 6. Encourage other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- 7. Be positive and support your team.
- 8. Be respectful of and comply with the directives of all stadium event staff.
- 9. All portions of the Solvay High School Code of Conduct are in effect and will apply to infractions.

#### Respect

The Solvay Union Free School District expects all spectators and participants to behave respectfully and conduct themselves in a positive manner. We will not tolerate the use of profanity, abusive language, taunting of athletes, officials, spectators, or event staff. The Dress Code will be enforced. There will be no indecent exposure. Spectators will comply with our Code of Conduct that prohibits inappropriate displays of public affection. Violators will comply with event staff directives, or they will be asked to leave the stadium and school grounds.

#### Stadium Rules

Spectators will leave all pets at home. The only animals allowed in the stadium are assisted living or seeing eye dogs. New York State Law prohibits the possession or use of tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol anywhere on school grounds at any time. Spectators will not possess or throw recreational objects, such as beach balls, Frisbees, balls, etc. All student spectators will be seated in the bleachers. All spectators may be seated at the discretion of event staff for health and safety reasons. Spectators will not stand in the "No Loitering Zones".

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#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGES**

#### Attendance

Legal reasons for absences or tardiness include: college visit, cooperative work program, court appearance, disciplinary action, family emergency, field trips, funeral, health appointments, illness, impassable roads or weather, late bus, military obligations, quarantine, religions observance, road test, or sanctioned academic or athletic event. Absence or tardiness for any other reason is considered illegal. Parents are required to write a signed excuse to the school when a student returns after being absent or tardy. New York State requires the district to maintain a file of written excuses for at least one year.

At the high school, the Board of Education has established a minimum attendance rate of 85% as a requirement for successful completion of each course. Whenever a student's attendance falls below 85% in any course, for any reason, his/her grade is automatically carried as an incomplete.

#### Anonymous Reporting of Bullying/Cyberbullying, Discrimination and/or Harassment

Any student who believes that he/she is being subjected to bullying/cyberbullying, discrimination and/or harassing behavior, as well as any other person who has knowledge of or witnesses any possible occurrence of such, may report the behavior anonymously utilizing the "BULLY BUTTON" located on the District webpage at www.solvayschools.org

#### **Tobacco-Free Schools**

Smoking/tobacco use, including e-cigarettes/e-cigs/vaporizers, are prohibited within and on all district owned, rented, or leased buildings, property, and vehicles. This prohibition applies to public, staff, and students, and extends to private vehicles when on school property. The penalty for smoking on school property may be as high as \$2,000 for each violation.

#### Permission Slip Requirement

Permission slips are required for the following: all field trips and special transportation requests. A physician's note and other requirements are necessary for medications administered in school.

#### Academic Eligibility for Sports and Co-curricular Activities

Students in grades 7-12 who wish to exercise their privilege to participate in sports and school-sponsored clubs must carry at least five (5) classes plus physical education, maintain an overall average of 65 and be failing no more than one (1) subject to remain eligible. Eligibility must be maintained each marking period for participation to continue. A complete copy of the eligibility policy is available in the main office of the middle and high schools.

#### Use of District Facilities (Brief Summary)

Community organizations wishing to make occasional use of school district facilities are directed to contact the main office of the building where the specific facility (e.g., classroom, gymnasium, or athletic field) is located to request a Facility Use Request form. Once the form is completed, the request must go to the Board of Education for approval. To ensure that there is sufficient time for the board to consider a request, such requests should be submitted to the Superintendent at least five (5) weeks before the planned event for which the facility is needed.

#### Visitors to our Schools

District residents are always welcome in our place of learning. However, we ask that all visitors report immediately to the building's main office to signin and receive a visitor's pass. It is more important than ever before to ensure the proper identification of everyone who enters and moves about in our buildings so that we may ensure the security of the buildings and the safety of students, staff, and guests.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			I SMS Open House 6:30- 7:30 p.m.	2 SES Open House 6:30 p.m.	3	4
5	6 Early Dismissal Staff Development Day SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Spring Sports Begin	7	8	9 SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	10 SHS Spring Musical	II SHS Spring Musical SAT not at Solvay
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2:00 a.m. Remember to move clocks ahead one hour.	13	4 All District Band Concert @ SHS 7:00 p.m.	15	6 All District Band Concert @ SHS 7:00 p.m. (Snow Date)	17 SHS St. Baldrick Event St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24 SMS Musical 7:00 p.m.	25 SMS Musical 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
26	27	28 Gr. 3-8 N	29 YS ELA Assessments March	30 28-March 30	31	



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	November 2016		January 2017			
November 2	SES Family Book Night at Book Fair 5:30 p.m.	January 2	District Closed - New Year's Day Observed			
November 3	PreK-1: SES Book & Blanket & Literacy Night 5:30- 7:30 p.m.	January 5	SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.			
November 7	SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	January 9	SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.			
November 10	No School - Staff Development Day	January 12	SMS Gr. 4 Winter Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.			
November 11	District Closed - Veterans Day	January 16	District Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day			
November 17	SES & SMS Picture Retake Day	January 19	Gr. 2/3 SES Craft & Snack Night 6:30 p.m.			
November 17	SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	January 20	SHS Baby Picture Ads Due for Yearbook			
November 19	SHS Fall Play		Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.			
November 18	November 18 SHS Senior Pictures Due for Yearbook		NYS Regents Exams at SHS			
November 19	SHS Fall Play	January 07	Early Dismissal - Staff Development Day			
November 21	Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	January 27	SMS NJHS Semi-Formal 7:00 p.m.			
November 22	SMS Variety Showcase	February 2017				
November 23	No School - Thanksgiving Recess	February 6	SES PTO Mtg. 6:30			
November 24-25	District Closed - Thanksgiving Recess	February 9	SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.			
December 2016		February 13	Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.			
December 5	SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	February 16	Celebrate with Song @ SMS 9:45 a.m.			
December 13	SMS Gr. 5/6 Winter Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	February 20	District Closed - Presidents' Day			
December 14-15	SES Holiday Shoppes	February 2124	No School - Winter Recess			
December 14-22	SMS Holiday Shop					
December 14	SES Gr. 3 Winter Chorus Concert @ SMS 7:00 p.m.	**Please note the Combined Chorus Concert planned for April 5, 2017 has been cancelled.				
December 15	SMS Gr. 7/8 Winter Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.					
December 19	Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	plained for April 9, 2017 has been cancelled.				
December 20	SHS Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.					
December 26	District Closed - Christmas Day Observed	If school events change, they can be found on our web site at www.solvayschools SES = Solvay Elementary School				
December 27-30	No School - Holiday Recess	SMS = Solvay Middle School SHS = Solvay High School				