

Sentinel

Solvay Union Free School District

This Issue:

Solvay assists flooded Barry library 2

Middle school musical donates proceeds 3

Perspective..... 5

PreK application 7

Yearbook staff recognized 8

Guest author speaks at literacy night 9

Athletic updates 12

Scholarships..... 14-15

June 2016 Volume XXXI
No. 4.

The "Sentinel" is published four times a year by the Solvay Union Free School District, 103 Third Street, Solvay, NY 13209.

Questions and comments are welcomed by the superintendent's office at (315) 468-1111.

Artists on display at art show



Fourth and fifth graders participated in the Beaver Lake Nature Center Art Show on April 10. Pictured from top: Hannah Haase, fourth grade, was recognized for her piece, continuous line owl; Mercedeze Lightenfield, fourth grade, was recognized for her piece, Russian birch tree forest; Delaney Kaszubinski, fourth grade, was recognized for her piece, red rose; Joshua Makarchuk, fourth grade, was recognized for his piece, red rose; and aboriginal-inspired art by Maria Brusa, fifth grade

Biology students study Galapagos birds

Regents biology students are participating in an investigation of what Galapagos finches can tell us about natural selection. To begin the exercise, students arranged 13 different bird species into groups based on their outward physical characteristics. Then, students completed a gallery walk to critique the other groups' arrangements. "The newer furniture provided a nice environment for the students to work and have the gallery walk," commented Solvay High teacher Travis Hall.



Pictured at top: Maraliz Grady, Tori Hryciw and Tiffany Peters; **center:** Angelina Biles-Johnson, Cheyenne Compagni and Erin Roche; **bottom:** Sabrina Garnett, Seth Lumb and DeeDee McGriff.

School library rescue

Students collect books for flooded Barry library

When a water leak destroyed all of the books in a nearby school library, Solvay Middle School's librarian led the charge to help.

Barry Elementary School's library in Cortland was partially flooded when a heating pipe leaked over February break. By the time the leak was discovered, the entire intermediate side of the library was in hot water — so hot, in fact, that the entire library collection was destroyed by the warm, humid environment.

"When I told the library helpers — iStaff — this news the students wanted to help," said middle school librarian Heather Turner. The iStaff students organized a book drive, sending flyers to all school buildings to request book for grades K-6. "The response was overwhelming," said Ms. Turner. "In conjunction with Cazenovia Middle School, we collected over 1,000 books for Barry. We sorted all the books and boxed them up." On May 9, a group of iStaff loaded a Solvay school bus with the boxes of

books and drove them to Barry Elementary in Cortland. "The librarian, Kim Hayden, was overjoyed to have new books for the library," Ms. Turner said. Prior to the drive, they had been subsisting on those books that were checked out during February break and any books sent through Interlibrary Loan. "Although not an ideal time for a renovation, the librarian has a great attitude for the impromptu renovation," added Ms. Turner. "The students had a blast collecting and delivering the books to Barry. It is truly better to give than to receive."



In front: Mackenzie Crossett, Hailey O'Neil, Luke Dwyer, Sarah Wells, Kristyn Skellington and Esther Germakovski. **In back:** Heather Turner, SMS librarian, Nate Neyhart, Katie Haskins and Kimberly Hayden, Barry Elementary librarian.



Pictured above left: Solvay students Sarah Wells, Luke Dwyer, Hailey O'Neil, Mackenzie Crossett, Kristyn Skellington, Katie Haskins, Nate Neyhart, and Esther Germakovski (hiding in the boxes). **Above right,** Mackenzie Crossett, Esther Germakovski, Sarah Wells and Nate Neyhart.



Teachers share co-teaching advice with SU

On April 19, Solvay High School teachers Margaux Deverin and Annette Barry had the pleasure of visiting Syracuse University Assistant Professor Julia White's SPE412 class at Syracuse University and giving a presentation on co-teaching. "The class was mainly populated with art and music majors who are seniors (with a few grad elementary students sprinkled in)," said Ms. Barry. "They were an amazing crew and it was so fabulous for them to hear from a team, since they have been stressing collaboration and working with special education teachers and related services

folks all semester." Two of the students in the class are currently working in Solvay classrooms observing and student teaching.

Ms. Barry and Ms. Margaux prepared an activity for students to complete in groups to demonstrate and model how co-teaching works. They also gave an overview of the different types of co-teaching models. Students were able to ask questions at the end of the presentation as time allowed. "The class had much insight and enthusiasm regarding inclusion," said Ms. Barry. "It



Margaux Deverin (left) and Annette Barry (right) gave a co-teaching presentation to Syracuse University students.

was great!" The pair hope to have the opportunity to share once again next year.

Middle school musical fills house for a cause

April 1 and 2 marked the 10th musical production under the direction of Kristen Powers and Lorraine Reddinger.

An extraordinary cast and crew of over 130 students performed Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* Jr. in front of a sold out crowd Friday evening and two packed houses on Saturday. The cast added a very special third performance this year for the first time ever and found a way to make the additional show meaningful to both the cast and community: A donation in the amount of \$426 (\$2 from each admission to the Saturday evening performance) will be sent to the Central New York Food Pantry at The Vineyard on behalf of the Solvay Middle School musical cast and crew.



From our plate to yours

News from the Nutrition and Food Program Department

Food Happenings

During the 2015–16 school year, the food service manager and school dietitian met with students at Solvay High School during their principal's cabinet gathering. They discussed the students' likes and dislikes regarding school meals and were able to gain constructive feedback using anonymous surveys and roundtable dialogue. Using this input, the staff was able to make alterations to better serve students. In the coming school year, the food service program will implement multiple surveys and sampling events. Try a delicious school meal today!

Did you know ... Solvay offers several homemade, home style recipes, including macaroni and cheese, chicken divan, pasta with meat sauce, chili, turkey tetrazzini, and many more?

Nutrition Guidelines

The district complies with all USDA federal nutrition guidelines for school meals and snacks. All grains must now meet whole grain rich criteria. There are specific requirements for colored vegetables per week, as well as amounts per day. Students must take a fruit or veggie with their meal. In addition, the weekly menu must achieve calorie, fat, saturated fat, and sodium limits. Snacks and beverages sold in schools must meet Smart Snacks guidelines, including specific item requirements and calorie, fat,

and sodium guidelines. Using the Smart Snacks calculator and NutriKids nutrient analysis software, the district's food service department is able to ensure compliance and offer healthy and tasty meal options for students.

Tips

Use "MyPlate" as your guide when building a healthy meal. For more information, visit choosemyplate.gov.

- Fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables, one quarter with lean protein, and one quarter with grains.
- Aim to make half of the grains you eat in a day *whole* grains. These contain the entire part of the grain and include more fiber and nutrients than refined grains like white bread. Whole grains include items like brown rice, whole wheat bread, quinoa, and popcorn, and will keep you feeling fuller for longer. When shopping for bread, check the label and make sure the first ingredient reads "whole." Sometimes, wheat bread includes food dye to make it look healthier — the key is to find the word "whole."
- Don't forget the dairy! If you are lactose intolerant, choose milk alternatives such as almond milk or lactaid milk. Calcium is extremely important for

growing children, so be sure to promote low-fat dairy each day, including yogurt, cheese, and milk. Non-dairy sources include items such as broccoli and calcium-fortified orange juice.

Thinking about "MyPlate" can help you plan healthy family dinners for the week. If your child eats meals at school, all of the "MyPlate" food groups are offered on a daily basis. Encourage them to try new fruits and vegetables and aim for a variety of colors on their tray. At home, foster healthy lifestyles by being a good role model and allowing your children to help choose new fruits and veggies while shopping at the grocery store.

Perspective

A successful year

By **LAWRENCE WRIGHT**
Superintendent of Schools

With another year coming to a close, I am proud to say that Solvay continues to graduate close to 90 percent of students — nearly 88 percent with college credits. We offer 34 college courses on site from Onondaga Community College, Syracuse University and the SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry. This opportunity may not only help reduce students' college costs, but could also steer them toward a career.

These successes at the high school level are the direct result of community partnerships and hardworking teachers throughout the district. We are well aware that a strong curriculum throughout the district is needed to create such high-achieving graduates. With that in mind, we are working toward improvements in our elementary and middle schools. We expect to see improvements on the 3–8 English language arts and math assessments thanks to innovative changes to our instructional program. Science achievement on the fourth and eighth grade exams has consistently been at or above the regional and state average, which we expect to continue. Our efforts also included general improvements to literacy



with attention to the fundamental subjects of speaking, writing, reading and listening skills.

Our goals this year focused not only on educational outcomes, but also on learning environments. We have taken steps to enhance the overarching culture — creating safe, nurturing climates — as well as the physical space in our buildings and classrooms. Those physical improvements include our “green” initiatives, which involve solar energy, LED lighting, water bottle filling stations and recycled and reclaimed materials.

Our capital project will be complete by summer's end. The work includes a new roof and resurfacing of the gym floor at Solvay Elementary School, new turf and resurfacing the track at the stadium, dugouts and water at the ball fields, some site work at Solvay High School, and the relocation of district offices to Solvay Middle School (by June 17).

We were also able to balance a difficult budget this year. Challenges persist, but so does the overwhelming support of our community, demonstrated not least of all through \$140,000 in Dollars for Scholars donations.

Teen Book Fest popular with students

Sixty-seven students in grades 4–12 joined the almost 4,000 teens who attended the 11th annual Teen Book Festival at Nazareth College on May 14, 2016. The Teen Book Festival is a gathering of 10 well-known young adult authors and thousands of teens. This year Terry Trueman (author of *Stuck in Neutral*), Tamora Pierce (author of *Song of the Lioness*), Scott Westerfeld (author of *Uglies*), and Laurie Halse Anderson (author of *Chains*) were a few of the authors who attended. Students are able to interact with authors in sessions and panels at this popular event.

School board member Kristin Sunser-King, fourth grade teacher Julie Cousineau, seventh grade teacher Julie Saltisiak, elementary librarian Kate Shanahan, middle school librarian Heather Turner, high school librarian Katie St. Laurent, and parents Amy Maloney, Jeannine Kuhles, and Cheryl Crossett attended. “It is a wonderful event and next year we hope to bring even more students from both the middle school and high school,” said Ms. Turner.



Pictured are Solvay students at Teen Book Festival. Nearly 70 students attended.



High school students Joe Miczan and Jacob Hook built a fully working 3D printer. They are now using it on other engineering projects.

BUS SCHEDULE TESTING – JUNE 13-22, 2016

FROM HOME TO SOLVAY HS:

Morning Regular pick-up times
Afternoon You must call 315-487-5842 to arrange pick-up

FROM SOLVAY HS TO HOME:

11:45 AM
 2:05 PM
 3:15 PM



Solvay High School Examination Schedule – June 2016

| June 1 WEDNESDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 9 THURSDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 10 FRIDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 13 MONDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 14 TUESDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 15 WEDNESDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 16 THURSDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 17 FRIDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 20 MONDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 21 TUESDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 22 WEDNESDAY 8:15 a.m. | June 23 THURSDAY |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Algebra II (Common Core)* | Grade 12: Government Economics Local Exams (NOTE: Seniors will be dismissed upon completion of exam unless attending review classes) | Grade 12: English Local Exam | Grade 9: Global History & Geography Local Exam | RE in Global History & Geography | Living Environment | Algebra I (Common Core) | Physical Setting/ Earth Science | RCT in Mathematics* | Physical Setting/Chemistry | RCT in Writing | RATING DAY |
| 12:15 p.m. | Special Administration: Integrated Algebra | 11:30 a.m. | 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | |
| | Grades 9-11: Regular Classes All Day | EFB-103 Biology Local Exam | Grade 10: English Local Exam | RE in English Language Arts (Common Core) | RE in U.S. History & Government | Comprehensive English | Geometry (Common Core) | RCT in U.S. History & Government | Physical Setting/ Physics | RCT in Science* | Uniform Admission Deadlines |
| | | Grades 9-11: Regular Class All Day | NO Regular Classes | | | Grade 9: English Local Exam | | | RCT in Reading* | | Morning Examinations 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations 2:00 p.m. |

June 8: Senior Picnic
 June 9 & 10: Regular Classes – (grades 9-11)
 June 13-22: Report only if scheduled to take an exam
 NOTES:

- Earth Science Part D will be given on Tuesday, June 7th – (Make up June 8th)
- Electronic device/phone drop-off location will be in Main Lobby Conference Room (room 120)
- Room assignments will be posted in both the Cafeteria and Main Lobby of the building

Revised April 21, 2016 9:34 a.m.

Application for FREE Pre-Kindergarten Program

****Space still available****

The Solvay School District offers a pre-kindergarten program for four-year olds **residing in the Solvay School District** 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. We have funding for only 72 students total at Solvay Elementary School (full day Monday – Friday). **Space is still available.**

To be eligible and considered for the program a child **must be four years old on or before December 1, 2016**, be a resident of the Solvay School District, and must have all required immunizations. Transportation is provided for students attending Solvay Elementary School once they are 4 years old. Until then, parents are responsible for transportation.

Children will be selected randomly from applicants who have applied if the number of applications exceed the seats available. If you are interested in having your child participate in the Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2016-2017 school year, please fill out and return this application **as soon as possible**. In addition, include a copy of your child’s birth certificate, a copy of your child’s immunization and health records, and proof of residency in the Solvay School District. Residency information is available at www.solvayschools.org under the District tab - Parent Resources, then click on “Residency & Age Determination List.” Please note: Cancelled mail is not acceptable proof of residency.

Send all materials, including this application to: **Assistant Superintendent for Instruction**
Attention: Pre-Kindergarten Program
103 Third Street
Solvay, NY 13209-1532

Once we receive all of the above required materials, we will review your application for your child’s inclusion in the Pre-Kindergarten random selection process for the 2016-2017 school year. We will notify you if anything is missing. Participation in the selection process does not guarantee a spot in the program as seats are limited to 72. If your child is not selected, they will be placed on a waiting list.

Child’s Name: _____ Child’s Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____
(If the child is residing with both parents, please provide both names)

Parent Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Father / Male guardian

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Mother / Female guardian

| |
|------------------------|
| OFFICE USE ONLY |
|------------------------|

Yearbook staff recognized

For the third year in a row, the high school yearbook staff has received national recognition by being included in Balfour's Yearbook Yearbook publication of exemplars, which recognizes superior student work.

Schools must be nominated and then win specific categories in order to be published in this book. The 2015 yearbook was nominated in the categories of theme development, layout design, photo content, and cover design — the only category they were not nominated for is secondary packages, which Solvay doesn't have.

This was the first year Solvay was nominated in all applicable categories. The yearbook staff received Honorable Mention and are listed in the Yearbook Yearbook Publication for their accomplishments.

Each year they have been

nominated in an increasing number of categories, says Kelly Monaghan, the yearbook advisor and a teacher at the high school.

"The 2013 book was nominated for cover design, the 2014 book was nominated for cover design and layout design, and now our 2015 book was nominated for cover design, layout design, plus theme development and photo content," said Ms. Monaghan.

"Our 2015 theme revolved around Hollywood and movies, and we titled it "Solvay Productions." The cover was designed by Steve Devendorf. The staff included: Jackie Allen, Nicole Antonacci, John Brusa, AJ Cimino, Kathleen DeMong, Jake Dippold, Yuliya Garkot, Dan Hatch, Christiana Marotti, Emma McLatchie, Hailey McNamara, Samantha Morehouse, Carissa Moleski, Jonathan Thompson, and Alina Zdebska.

Golf tournament

The Bearcat Pride, an organization that provides scholarships and financial support to Solvay's football program invites golfers and sponsors to get involved in its annual golf tournament, Saturday, July 23, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Foxfire Golf Course, Baldwinsville. The cost for golf, dinner, prizes, and gift is \$100. Levels of sponsorship (with visible recognition) range from \$50-\$500. For more information, contact Tom Venturini at (315) 391-1605 or email tomventurini10@gmail.com.

Solvay Youth Volleyball Camp

Who: Any Solvay or Lyncourt boy or girl entering grades 4–7

Dates: Aug. 22–25

Time: 8–10 a.m.

Location: Solvay High School

Cost: \$30 (includes a T-shirt if registered by Aug. 1)

Solvay's Youth Volleyball Camp will be coached by varsity coach Liz Geist-Lobczowski, junior varsity coach Eric Wojtalewski, and current Solvay volleyball players. Both coach Geist and Wojtalewski have extensive experience coaching beginning volleyball players at the modified volleyball level and coaching the Club SyrV Youth Volleyball program. Campers will learn the basic skills of volleyball, including serving, passing, setting, attacking, defense, the rules of the game, and more. The focus will be on having fun while learning the game. No prior experience with volleyball is required.

Registration information at SolvayVolleyball.weebly.com

Celebrating books

Literacy Night hosts guest author

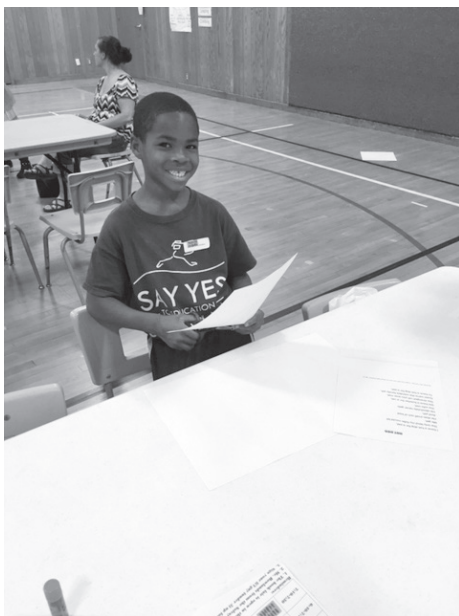
May 12 was the Second and Third Grade Literacy Night at Solvay Elementary.

Nearly 50 students and their families came to the event. Members of Solvay Elementary School's PBIS team, along with the help of kitchen staff, cooked a pasta dinner. Guest author Judith La Manna Rivette spoke with the families about her books, the process she went through to write them, and her memories of growing up in Solvay. Mrs. La Manna donated a copy of her book *Two Kids* at the Fair to the students and later offered autographs.

After dinner, families traveled to three different literacy centers. They were able to listen to the story *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* read by the elementary school principal,

Matthew Carpenter. After the story, students participated in a book swap. In addition, families played games of "Juicy Word Bingo" and illustrated poems. Thanks to the PTO volunteers, students and families were able to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair.

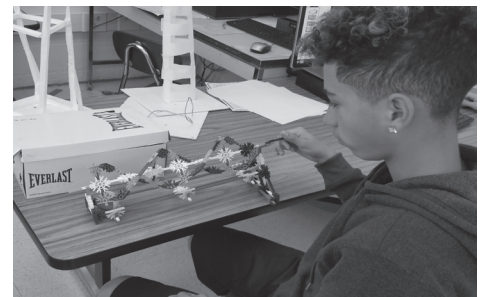
For families with younger children, the computer lab was open to sign up for free books from Onondaga County Literacy Coalition (onliteracy.org). "A special thank you to the Solvay Public Library, which had a table in the lobby with giveaways and library information for students and their families," said Amanda Simmons, K-3 literacy coordinator. "It was an amazing night. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff who volunteered. Thank you to the families who attended!"



Science collaboration connects students

After the conclusion of their science unit on simple machines, fourth grade teacher Susan Alton and teaching assistant Fran Santoferrara brought their classes to David Baden's eighth grade world of technology class.

Mr. Baden's class presented their KEX projects that they had created along with a slideshow on simple machines. "This field trip was a collaborative effort that connected fourth graders with eighth graders and linked their learning on the same subject area," said Mrs. Alton.



Pictured at top: eighth grader Trea Williams. Beneath: Annie Darling and Angelina Fromaget.

Spring performances keep music students busy

Spring is a very busy time for district music students. In addition to their in-school concerts and performances, many students have been involved in All County and NYSSMA Solo festivals.

Students selected to perform at the Onondaga County Music Educators All County Festivals were chosen based upon an audition or the recommendation of their band and chorus directors. Students who are participating in the NYSSMA Solo Festival have worked with their teachers to select and prepare a solo which they will perform for a judge at the festival. "We congratulate these students on their musical accomplishments and commend them for the hard work and dedication they bring to their music each day," said Solvay Middle School teacher Lorraine Reddinger.

Middle school participants were: (*NYSSMA Solo: Instrumental*) Erica Bagozzi, Zachery Balduzzi, Jacob Barndollar, Ryleigh Bidwell, Emily Britton, Maria Brusa, Jayde Coyne, Larissa DeJesus, Luke Dwyer, Rylie Dwyer, Jennifer Klix, Brianna Kuhles, Nicholas Lopez, Anna Love, Tobias Love, Matthew Muehl, Myah Platler, Emily Rolince, Brendan Smith, Alexis Trendell, Ryan Trendell, A'shawanna Turk, Jessica Vale, Cadence Young, and Gabriel Young; (*NYSSMA Festival: Vocal*) Rhiannon Ackerman, Eric Cameron, Raeana Catalano, Mackenzie Crossett, Adam DeLucia, Reaghan Donigan, Rylie Dwyer, Sara Emilo, Jennifer Klix, Anastasia La Flair, Summer Lewis, Nick Lopez, Toby Love, Rachel Maloney, Tyler McCarthy, Dominick Montreal, Jelena Scalzo, Jordan Scheirer, Jianna Speach, and Alexis Trendell; (*OCMEA Junior High All County Jazz*) Larissa DeJesus, and Nicholas Lopez; (*OCMEA Elementary All County*) Zachery Balduzzi, Jacob Barndollar, Michael Blakeman, Emma Fenton, Kahmani Irons, Ava Kosecki, Ty Martineau, Abby Sensenich, Carissa Stachurski, and Robert Tarolli; (*NYSSMA Majors Festival*) SMS seventh and eighth grade band.

High school participants were: (*OCMEA Sr. High All County Jazz*) Eddie Nanno; (*NYSSMA Festival: Instrumental*) Jacob Fitzmaurice, Mary Catherine Lopez, and Ed Nanno; (*NYSSMA Festival: Vocal*) Sidney Chafee, Cassie Cook, Chelsea Cook, John Dillon, Dylon Ewers, Brandon Falcone, Mary Catherine Lopez, Ed Nanno, Marissa Presutto, and Zachary Sensenich; (*NYSSMA Majors Festival*) SHS concert band.

Nearly 60 students participated in spring musical festivals. Pictured clockwise from top right: seventh and eighth grade chorus students who attended the NYSSMA Solo Festival; seventh and eighth graders; fifth and sixth graders; and Elementary All County participants.



Science apprentices

Students exposed to cutting-edge technology

On the afternoon of April 21, students from Solvay High and Middle School enrolled in Regents biology, joined by teachers Bonnie Borowiec, Jill Myers and Travis Hall, took part in the Solvay Science Apprenticeship program at SU.

The students received first-hand experience with some of the cutting-edge work going on studying model organisms (zebrafish) to understand human development. They spent time touring the labs, using high-tech microscopes to observe fish in many stages of development (including glowing fish!), and chatted with undergraduate and graduate students over a pizza dinner about their career interests. "It was an enjoyable time for all," said Mr. Hall.



Local author engages SMS students

Solvay Middle School welcomed local author Tamora Pierce in May. Mrs. Pierce used student questions to drive the presentation. She is an accomplished author of over 28 published novels for juvenile and young adult readers. In preparation for the visit, students read books *Sandry's Book*, *First Test*, and a collection of short stories, all by Mrs. Pierce. Sixth grade English classes completed an author study that gave a deeper connection to the author. In addition, students participated in author lunches and a special writer's workshop. Students brought original work and talked about their writing challenges. Mrs. Pierce gave very insightful tips, including how to combat writer's block by changing the medium — for example, by swapping a short story for a script. "Tamora was full of insight into her long career as a writer," said middle school librarian Heather Turner. "In fact, she will be returning at the end of May to sign more of the students' books. She is a true gem of an author."



Author Tamora Pierce speaks to Solvay students.

Athletic updates

Scholar Athlete

At the end of each sport season, the New York State Athletic Association honors those teams that excel in the classroom. Each team must have an average of 90 percent or higher with the required amount of team members eligible. This winter the boys and girls basketball and boys indoor track teams achieved this award. Well done!

More Than A Game

Both varsity baseball and softball played More Than A Game Foundation games at Onondaga Community College on May 2. The More Than A Game Foundation works to spread awareness while raising money to stamp out cancer. Way to go Bearcats!

Feed My Starving Children

Members of the junior varsity and varsity spring sport teams took part in the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event at the Syracuse Vineyard Church on April 14. FMSC is



Athletes at the Feed My Starving Children event

a nonprofit organization that asks volunteers to pack meals for people in economically struggling countries. These meals are specifically formulated for malnourished children and have reached nearly 70 countries around the world. The Bearcats packed a record-breaking number of meals!

Highway Cleanup

On April 29, all of our spring athletic teams participated in our semi-annual Highway Cleanup with help from WestRock. The student athletes collected many bags of garbage. WestRock has been a great neighbor and partner to Solvay athletics for

many years. We thank you for your continuous support and donations to Solvay athletics.

Varsity Athletic Celebration

This year's Varsity Athletic Awards Celebration will be held on Tuesday, June 7 at Solvay High School. The dessert reception will begin at 6 p.m. with the awards program at 6:45 p.m.

SMS Athletic Banquet

This year's Middle School Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Solvay Middle School. Be sure to visit our athletic department website at solvayschools.org/athletics for important announcements. For the most up-to-date schedules and directions to other schools, please visit schedulegalaxy.com.

Twitter

Solvay athletics is on Twitter! Check daily for contests, score updates and other athletic office news! Follow us @SolvayAthletics.

Other News

This spring, the stadium area and Hazard Street fields will be under repair. Please check our Twitter page to see the most up to-date pictures and status reports.



Athletes at Highway Cleanup

Award-winning author visits

Award-winning author A.S. King visited Solvay High School on May 13. Ms. King is the recipient of the Michael L. Printz Award, which annually honors the best book written for teens, based entirely on its literary merit. She shared a presentation entitled "Be Your Own Superhero: Repacking Your Personal Suitcase" and encouraged students to examine their strengths,

weaknesses and beliefs about themselves. She emphasized that all students can succeed in life and that we are not defined by our high school experiences. She also shared practical advice about how to cope with bullying and, in particular, how to help stop it. In addition to her talk, she chatted with students over lunch and taught a writing workshop to over 50 students.



Pictured above left, award-winning author A.S. King speaks to student Meghan Johnson about the promotional poster she designed to hang in the library. At right, Ms. King answers student questions.

Global studies students make community strength proposals

The ninth grade global studies honors class presented proposals to Mayor Ronald Benedetti about how to make Solvay a stronger community. "They all worked really hard and enjoyed having the mayor in to hear their presentations," said Solvay High teacher Sara Gaal.



Pictured from left: Arielle Patterson, Alexis Deverso and Brandon Falcone.

Breakfast and lunch prices to increase

The food service department will be increasing breakfast and lunch prices for the 2016–17 school year. A rise in prices is necessary to offset the cost increases of food and delivery fees as well as federal requirements. The application to apply for reduced price meals will be in the August issue.

| Breakfast and Lunch Price Increase | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | 2015–16 | 2016–17 |
| Breakfast | | |
| Grades K–3 | \$1.05 | \$1.10 |
| Grades 4–12 | \$1.05 | \$1.10 |
| Lunch | | |
| Grades K–8 | \$2.00 | \$2.10 |
| Grades 9–12 | \$2.10 | \$2.20 |



Mayor Ronald Benedetti speaks to students.

Congratulations to the 2016 Scholarship Recipients

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Arthur Salvetti Memorial Scholarship | Taylor Marcott |
| Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship | Jesse Call |
| Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship | Cienna Goldman |
| Clara Hill-Murphy Scholarship | Matthew Fernandez |
| Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship..... | Dustin Harris |
| Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship..... | Joseph Miczan |
| Crossroads Lodge #520 Solvay Masonic Temple Scholarship Award | Karissa Benz |
| Dave Pirro Memorial Scholarship..... | Colby Skrupa |
| Dave Pirro Memorial Scholarship..... | Conrad Skrupa |
| Dolores White Memorial Scholarship Award | Hanna Ibrahim |
| Dr. Joseph F. Sebesta Memorial Scholarship Award | Antonio Pallotta |
| Elaina Canestrare Memorial Award..... | Amanda Anthony |
| Erik S. Kohler Memorial Scholarship | Colton Francemone |
| Friends of Lucian Garzia Memorial Scholarship | Jesse Call |
| Friends of Marc Ball Memorial Scholarship | Samuel Kippen |
| Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award | Haylea Collura |
| Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award | Tyler Davis |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Jacqueline Allen |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Christiana Marotti |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Karina Silyuk |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Jacob DePalma |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Dustin Harris |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Samantha Waters |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Zaric Raymond |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Ashleigh Nicolini |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Noelle Natoli |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Lewis St. Andrew |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Alexis Gessini |
| Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust | Joseph Reale |
| Iannicello Family Community Award | Joseph Miczan |
| Iannicello Family Community Award | Colton Francemone |
| John O. Pepe Memorial Scholarship..... | Hanna Ibrahim |
| Joseph F. O'Neill, Jr. Memorial Award..... | Conrad Skrupa |
| Lakeside VFD Angelo "Babe" Fernandez Memorial Scholarship..... | Jerilyn Parkhurst |
| Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship..... | Lashaya Overton |
| Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship..... | Desiree Pecore |
| Lise Katherine Henrickson Memorial Scholarship | Madisyn Balamont |
| Luciano F. Bogaz Memorial Scholarship | Victoria Leonardo |
| Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award..... | Tyler Davis |
| Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award..... | Abigale Guinta |
| Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship | Jacob DePalma |
| Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship | Chelsea Cook |
| Maria C. Maestri Teaching Assistance Award | Jacob DePalma |
| Mary & Eddie Gienza and Richard Balduzzi Scholarship | Jacob Purce |
| Nilo and Rose Miori Memorial Scholarship Award | Desiree Pecore |
| Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award | Igor Cherkashyn |

Congratulations to the 2016 Scholarship Recipients

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award..... | Rachael Smith |
| Planned Results Scholarship..... | Jenny Fantacone |
| Planned Results Scholarship..... | Ty Kaminski |
| Planned Results Scholarship..... | Isabella Tartaro |
| Ralph E. Scutt Memorial Scholarship..... | Rachel Haskell |
| Rob Sposato Scholarship..... | Michael Yaizzo |
| Robert O'Donnell Citizenship Award..... | Colin Lucio |
| Ronald W. Cole Memorial Scholarship..... | Rachael Smith |
| Solvay Bank Scholarship Award..... | Abigale Guinta |
| Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award..... | Rachael Smith |
| Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award..... | Amanda Anthony |
| Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award..... | Xanihya Bell |
| Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award..... | Joshua Chrysler |
| Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award..... | Bryce Cameron |
| Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award..... | Jordan Flansburg |
| Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award..... | Analisia Diana |
| Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award..... | Antonio Pallotta |
| Solvay Geddes Veterans Nursing Scholarship Award..... | Zaric Raymond |
| Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award..... | Chelsea Cook |
| Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award..... | Michael Perno |
| Solvay Music Boosters Award..... | Jacob DePalma |
| Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship..... | Tyler Davis |
| Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship..... | Tony Matsyuk |
| Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship..... | Yelena Buko |
| Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship..... | Erin Shuba |
| Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award..... | Blake Bagozzi |
| Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award..... | Andrew Ryan |
| Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award..... | Raina Shea |
| Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award..... | Victoria Leonardo |
| Solvay Teachers Association Award..... | Jacob Purce |
| Solvay Teachers Association Award..... | Joseph Miczan |
| Solvay Teachers Association Award..... | Colton Francemone |
| Solvay Teachers Association Award..... | Brett Peterson |
| Solvay Teachers Association Award..... | Joseph Reale |
| Solvay Teachers Association Award..... | Michael Yaizzo |
| Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship..... | Brett Peterson |
| Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship..... | Ashley Davies |
| Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship..... | Matthew Swanka |
| Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship..... | Raina Shea |
| Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Lions Club/Louis Valerino Jr. Award..... | Analisia Diana |
| Stanley and Ursula Kishman Scholar Athlete Award..... | Colton Francemone |
| Tyrol Club of Solvay Scholarship..... | Joseph Miczan |
| Village of Solvay Electric Dept./FORTISTAR Scholarship..... | Colby Skrupa |
| Vincent and Helen Mascette Scholarship..... | Joseph Miczan |



Solvay Union Free School District
Solvay, NY 13209

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
Syracuse, NY
13220
Permit # 799

Lena Rose Orlando, *President*
Ty Marshal, *Vice President*
Stephen Zalewski, *District Clerk*
Kristin Sunser-King, *Assistant Clerk*
Kevin Dwyer, *Member*

Lawrence Wright, *Superintendent of Schools*

District Office Move

In early June, the district office will be moving to its new location in Solvay Middle School. The phone numbers will remain the same. Our mailing address will be PO Box 980, Syracuse, NY 13209.

Salutatorian and Valedictorian

Due to the Memorial Holiday, the Salutatorian and Valedictorian will not appear in this issue of the *Sentinel*, but rather the August issue.

2016–17 Events Calendar

Again this year, in an effort to contain costs, the district's events calendar will be sent home with students on the first day of school: Sept. 7. The calendar will be available in mid-August on our website at solvayschools.org. If you would like a copy, please stop by one of the schools' main offices or the district office after Aug. 26 to pick one up.