

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Valedictorian - Emma Rutkowski



Name: Emma Rutkowski
Parents Name: Christine and Dave Rutkowski
College Choice: Hamilton College
Career Plans: Neurology
Extracurricular Activities: Over the years, I have enjoyed making memories with friends and creating new connections with teachers, peers, and teammates.

Salutatorian - Samantha Sacco



Name: Samantha Sacco
Parents Name: Nicole and TJ Sacco
College Choice: University at Buffalo
Career Plans: Lawyer
Extracurricular Activities: My favorite part of high school was joining new clubs and sports, especially volleyball.

\$146,113 in Scholarships Awarded

On May 22, \$146,113 in college scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2025. Solvay is very fortunate to have generous community groups and their members, local businesses, and alumni. Thank you to our very special faculty and staff that work together to make the awards program a success, and Kevin C. Riley, who spearheads the Dollars for Scholars program each year. A list of those students receiving scholarships appears on pages 7-9 of this issue.

Register for Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration is now open for the upcoming school year.

If your child turns 5 by December 1, 2025, they are eligible to attend Kindergarten. To begin the process, or for more information, please visit the registration page at www.solvayschools.org.

Please complete the registration process as soon as possible to help with enrollment projections for the upcoming school year.

We look forward to your child attending Solvay Elementary School.

SES Students Visit Zoo



Third and Fourth grade students went on a field trip to the zoo after learning about animal habitats in class with teachers Sue Collins and Amy Diel and teaching assistant, Phyllis Stonecipher.

Thank you to the Solvay community for your continued support and passing the 2025-2026 budget.

Gr. 4 Students Visit Library



Recently, Theresa Goehle's grade 4 class traveled to the central library, located in The Galleries of Syracuse. Students learned about Autism Awareness Month and explored the library space.

Students Compete in Math League

Several SMS students attended the annual Onondaga Junior High Math League competition hosted at Gillette Road Middle School. Students practiced and competed the past several months leading up to this final event with 20 other local middle schools. These young mathletes did a great job representing Solvay this year! Math League is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.



Pictured L/R: Dominic LaDuke (7th), Slavik Drozdovskyi (8th), Braylon Mitchell (8th), Shane Patterson (6th). Not Pictured: Zakhar Maiba (8th)

"Hospital Land" Visit

First grade students travel to Crouse Hospital's "Hospital Land". Students participated in a simulated hospital visit, where they learned about things they might see if they had to go to the hospital. The field trip was to try to ease their fears about a possible hospital stay. Students actively participated and enjoyed the experience.



Where Are They Now?

Nathan Carr, a 2011 graduate of SHS, is the Associate Director of Physical Plant and Sustainability Coordinator for SUNY Potsdam. The relationships Nathan formed with his Solvay teachers and coaches contributed to his success.



Chris Jabot Receives Award

Congratulations to Chris Jabot, high school band teacher, for receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the New York State Band Directors Association for his outstanding efforts in the music educator community.



2024-2025 Retirees

Congratulations to the following retirees:

- Heidi Dennison, Gr. 1 Teacher
- Cheryl Fox, Special Education Teacher
- Diane Hagemann, Principal
- Carol Hammon, Special Education Teacher
- Sue Rivito, AIS Teacher

Thank you for all you did for our students, staff, and community. Enjoy retirement!



Staff participated in Sticks & Stones: Understanding Implicit Bias, Microaggressions, & Stereotypes workshop.

Students Participate in National History Day Contest

In March, Nick Costa's 7th and 8th National History Day (NHD) students participated in the Central New York History Day Contest held at OCM BOCES in Liverpool. Students in grade 7: Tatiana Furness, Adam Altaj, and Adryana Milton and grade 8: Sydney Broton, Gianna LoBello, Tirzah Reyes, Evangeline Roebig, Andrew Webster, Mason DeBerjeois, and Olivia Rockwell. Our Bearcats were very successful and received the following awards:

- 1st Place - Junior Group Exhibit: Harriet Tubman – Sydney Broton, Tatiana Furness, and Gianna LoBello
- 1st Place - Junior Group Performance: Newsies Strike of 1899 – Tirzah Reyes and Evangeline Roebig
- 1st Place - Junior Individual Exhibit: Eisenhower and D-Day – Andrew Webster
- 2nd Place - Junior Individual Exhibit: Chernobyl – Adam Altaj

Seven students qualified for the state contest held in April at SUNY Oneonta. They were: Adam Altaj, Sydney Broton, Tatiana Furness, Gianna LoBello, Tirzah Reyes, Evangeline Roebig and Andrew Webster.

A huge thank you to principal Russ Stanton for supporting and cheering on the students, teachers, Adam Sgroi and Anna Rolince, who chaperoned, and teachers - Rick Kulibert, Sue Jacobson, and Adam Sgroi for helping students with their projects.

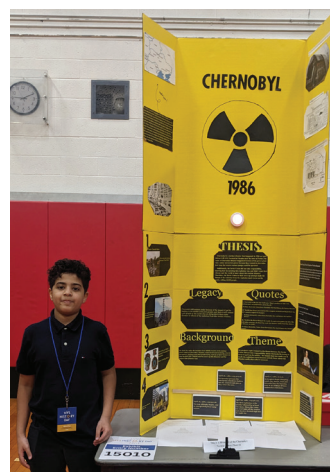
We are proud of the work they put into their NHD projects and how they proudly represented Solvay at these contests.



AJ Webster



Pictured L/R: Sydney Broton, Gianna LoBello, and Tatiana Furness.



Adam Altaj



Kindergarteners Have Been Busy

A Native American storyteller shared stories of the Onondaga tribe and showed students artifacts to demonstrate how Native Americans lived long ago.

Kate Thornton from News Channel 9 explained what a meteorologist does, showed how clouds are made, and what a thunderstorm is.



Students visited the MOST to explore the museum on weather. They participated in a program to learn how to prepare in case of severe weather. They had a lot of fun exploring the museum!



SHS Choral Students Excel

Twelve choral students participated in this year's New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo Festival, hosted by ESM High School. Each student's audition consisted of preparing a solo piece for adjudication; students were also assessed on their ability to sight-read a short passage of music. All twelve students earned "Excellent" or "A" ratings on their performance. Congratulations!

Pictured right back row L/R: Alex Grant, James Webber, Jack Burke, Bryce Stanton, Zach Butler, Arielle Kennedy, Chris Schlosser; front row L/R: Quinn O'Neill, Vince Fragola, Andi Van Slyke, Angelina Ciciarelli, Blake Pino-Espino.



Alex Grant and James Webber represented SHS at this year's Onondaga County Music Educators Association (OCMEA) Jazz Festival, hosted by Christian Brothers Academy. Pictured left L/R: Alex and James sang in the Vocal Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Carol Jacobe, a jazz legend in New York State. James also had a featured Portuguese solo on a piece called "Tristeza". Congratulations!

Scholar Athlete Teams

At the end of each sport season, the New York State Athletic Association honors those teams that excel in the classroom. To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition with a certificate, the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater or equal to 90%. The boys basketball, boys bowling and boys and girls indoor track teams achieved this award. Well done!

Feed My Starving Children

Members of the JV and Varsity spring sport teams took part in Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event at the Syracuse Vineyard Church. FMSC is a non-profit organization that asks volunteers to pack meals for under privileged countries. These meals are specifically formulated for malnourished children and have reached nearly 70 countries around the world!



Myrtle Beach

The Varsity baseball and softball teams participated in The Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, SC over April break. The facilities at The Ripken Experience are some of the best in the country. Our athletes were able to play on turf fields that mimicked former MLB parks, giving them an experience of a lifetime. Our Bearcats will forever remember the memories they made while in Myrtle Beach.



End of the Year Awards

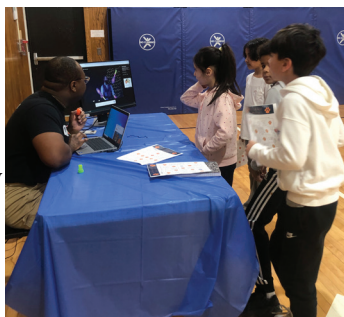
- Varsity Athletic Awards Night – May 29
- Modified Athletic Awards Night – June 11

Website

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, visit www.schedulegalaxy.com.

Fouth Grade Career Fair

Students had the opportunity to explore a variety of careers they might want to be when they are grown ups.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CLASS OF 2025

June 2025

Scholarship Name	Recipient
Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship	Shyla Cox
Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship	Lucas Kuriatnyk
Barnello Family Memorial Scholarship	Shaylei Haynes
Benjamin and Claudia Capella and Solvay Tyrol Club Scholarship	Vincent Togni
Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship	Xavier Hardy
Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship	Dylan Mumford
Crossroads Lodge #520 Solvay Masonic Temple Scholarship Award	Taleah Torres
Dave Pirro Memorial Scholarship	Jamison Sass
David Baichi Law Enforcement Scholarship	Samantha Sacco
David Baichi Law Enforcement Scholarship	Dylan Mumford
Andrew DeFlorio Bowling Scholarship - Female	Dallas Steinbrecher
Andrew DeFlorio Bowling Scholarship - Male	Carson Tyler
Diantha A. Dixon Sports Award	Cameron Cappetta
Dolores White Memorial Scholarship Award	Lila Acosta
Erik S. Kohler Memorial Scholarship	Luke Dickinson
Friends of Marc Ball Memorial Scholarship	Ashlyn Smorol
Gary J. Dixon Jr. Trade Scholarship	Maxwell Overend
Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award	Andrew Pitcher
Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award	Madison Watkins
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Emma Rutkowski
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Samantha Sacco
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Zeke Sensenich
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Daryna Zinchenko
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Gianna D'Eredita
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Jamison Sass
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Sienna Doring
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Xavier Hardy
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Natalie Adams
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Zim Par
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Hannah Cintron
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust Award	Robert Reynolds
Jeff Proietti Wellness Scholarship	Kyira Davis
Jeff Proietti Wellness Scholarship	Ethan Mason
Jeff Proietti Wellness Scholarship	Gianna D'Eredita
John O. Pepe Memorial Scholarship	Sylvia Whalen Sgroi
Joseph F. O'Neill, Jr. Memorial Award	Natalie Adams
Julie Bray (DeFurio) Memorial Scholarship	Alexander Michalkow
Kim Kirkpatrick Track-n-Field Scholarship	Dylan Mumford
Lakeside VFD Angelo "Babe" Fernandez Memorial Scholarship	Arianna Schell
Lakeside VFD Angelo "Babe" Fernandez Memorial Scholarship	Heaven Schuessler
Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship	Aurora Rombach
Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship	Dong (Henry) Shin
Lise Katherine Henrickson Memorial Scholarship	Riley Gosha
Luciano F. Bogaz Memorial Scholarship	Mykola Fabian
Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Vangloek Thang
Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Dallas Steinbrecher

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Mabboni and Roznowski Annual Scholarship	Maia Wilkinson
Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship	Lila Acosta
Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship	Rylend Bligh
Mary & Eddie Giemza and Richard Balduzzi Scholarship	Victoria Zappala
Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award	Rylend Bligh
Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award	Riley Gosha
Planned Results Scholarship	Sienna Doring
Planned Results Scholarship	Mykola Fabian
Planned Results Scholarship	Caleb Steinbrecher
Ralph E. Scutt Memorial Scholarship	Maxwell Overend
Rob Sposato Scholarship	Aaron Trendell
Robert O'Donnell Citizenship Award	Mykola Fabian
Ronald W. Cole Memorial Scholarship	Sylvia Whalen Sgroi
Solvay Bank Scholarship Award	Carson Tyler
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Hannah Cintron
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Samson Scalzo
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Kaylin Revette
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Haylee Richardson
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Jaedyn Godbolt
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Mohammed Arif Shamsi
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Aiden Butterfield
Solvay High School Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship	Gabriella Brillante
Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award	Rylend Bligh
Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award	Sylvia Whalen Sgroi
Solvay High School Class of 1968 Scholarship Award	Ethan Lowe
Solvay High School Class of 1969 Scholarship Award	Cameron Cappetta
Solvay High School Class of 1998 "Hearts of Kindness" Memorial Scholarship	Dong (Henry) Shin
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Rylend Bligh
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Luke Dickinson
Solvay Per Diem Substitutes	Gabriel Barndollar
Solvay Police Department Award	Gabriella Brillante
Solvay Police Department Award	Dylan Mumford
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Shaylei Haynes
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Adrian Alvarez
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Anthony Ciciarelli
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Taleah Torres
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Nicholas Richardson
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Emma Rutkowski
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Samantha Sacco
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Zeke Sensenich
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Daryna Zinchenko
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Gianna D'Eredita
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Rylend Bligh
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Jamison Sass
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Robert Reynolds
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Aaron Trendell

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Solvay-Geddes CYC Service Org./Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship	Anthony Ciciarelli
Solvay-Geddes CYC Service Org./Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship	Angel Milazzo
Solvay Tigers Little League Award	Maxwell Overend
Solvay Tigers Little League Award	Gianna D'Eredita
Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship	Gabriella Brillante
Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship	Samson Scalzo
Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Lions Club/Louis Valerino Jr. Award	Dallas Steinbrecher
Stanley and Ursula Kishman Scholar Athlete Award	Ashlyn Smorol
The Acoustic Mega Jam & TJ Sacco Class of 1990	Carson Tyler
Tony Lombardo Music Scholarship	Sylvia Whalen Sgroi
Tony Lombardo Music Scholarship	Riley Gosha
Tyrol Club of Solvay Scholarship	Riley Coleman
Vincent and Helen Mascette Scholarship	Rylend Bligh

LIMITED SPOTS REMAINING!

2025-2026
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Remaining spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis after completing registration.

MORE INFORMATION
Solvay Middle School
(315) 487-7061, option 1
www.solvayschools.org

SOLVAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Senior Dallas Steinbrecher of Lyncourt was selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Union Local One Benefits Fund. Diane Hagemann, principal, presented her with this award on May 8. Congratulations Dallas!

SHS Junior Prom - April 26, 2025

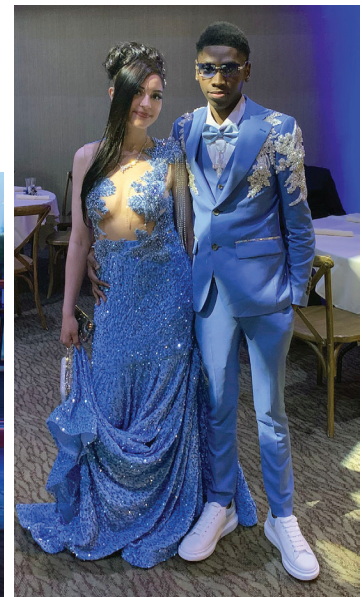


SHS Junior Prom - April 26, 2025



SHS Senior Ball - May 9, 2025

June 2025





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Second Graders Team Up to Clean Their Schoolyard on Earth Day

On Earth Day, students from Rich Grattan and Melissa Boileau's classes came together to make a difference in their school community. Armed with gloves, trash bags, and big smiles, the students picked up litter and sticks they found all over the school property. The classes worked in teams and cheered each other on, proud of how much they could accomplish together. "We wanted to help the Earth and make our school look beautiful," said one student. Another added, "It was fun working with friends in a different class!" Teachers praised the students for their teamwork and positive attitude. "This was more than a cleanup," said Mr. Grattan "It was a chance to teach kids about responsibility, pride in their environment, and the power of working together." By the end of the day, the schoolyard looked cleaner and greener and the second graders felt proud of their Earth Day impact.

