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### From the artist's studio

Junior speaks to the creative process in 'mug series'



'Mug series' by Arthur Germakovski

#### By Arthur Germakovski 11th Grade

Art is one of my greatest passions. gave me project opportunity to practice and finetune my skills. The inspiration for my series of mugs extended from the challenge to take an everyday object and explore the many possibilities of its form and function. I wanted to create something simple yet useful. So I thought of one of the most utilitarian forms: the mug. While making the mugs I explored many different forms and styles. I tried to make as many variations as possible. My mug series is

wheel thrown and has trimmed feet (bottoms). I utilized pulled handles; the handles are elegant and stylized for each mug.

While considering surface design and glazing (the final step in the ceramic process), I tried to use different combinations and techniques: Everything from sprinkling the glaze on the mug to brushing the glaze in multiple layers for varied outcomes. Finally, I finished with the whole process. Multiple variations of form, handles and glaze applications resulted in no two pieces being the same.

### Libraries win grant for robots

The Solvay Middle School Library Learning Commons and the high school Library Learning Commons won a yearlong loan of 12 Finch Robots. They were awarded by the creators of Hummingbird (a kit for building customized robots with craft materials) from Birdbrain Technologies. These robots will be used in many different classes, from technology to science and math, to give students

the opportunity and experience in coding and troubleshooting real robots rather than coding strictly virtually. It gives students authentic situations that could and will be part of future job opportunities.

You can view a video about the Finch Robot and its use in computer science education at https://youtu.be/8Imq5lo3HuE. The Finch was designed to allow students to write interactive programs which include: light, temperature,

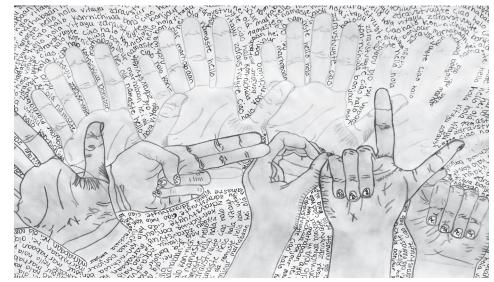




obstacle sensors, accelerometers, motors, a buzzer, bull-color beak LED, pen mount for drawing, and USB charger. "We are very excited to have this opportunity for all of our middle and high school students," said middle school library media specialist Heather Turner.

### Eighth grader earns placement in art show

The central New York region has conducted the annual Scholastic Art Awards program for more than 70 years to recognize the accomplishments artistic students within a wide region of local districts. The Scholastic Art Awards program is a very competitive show representing artwork from grades 7-12. Each year the show brings in close to 5,000 pieces of art from a variety of districts in the surrounding Syracuse area. More than 70 professional artists, educators, photographers recently selected award winners during the judging process to create an exhibit of over 1,300 pieces of art work. "Congratulations to Abigail Lee (eighth grade) for receiving an honorable mention for her drawing 'Hola,'" said middle school art teacher Bridget



'Hola' by Abigail Lee

Nadzan, speaking on behalf of the department and the school art district. Abby's artwork was included in the Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit displayed in the

Whitney Applied Technology Center at Onondaga Community College.

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#### Application for FREE Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Solvay School District offers a pre-kindergarten program for four-year olds <u>residing in the Solvay School District</u> for the 2016-2017 school year. There is <u>no charge to families regardless of family income</u>. 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).

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

<u>Children will be selected randomly from applicants who have applied</u> 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 **by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016**. 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 <u>District</u>. Residency information is available at <a href="https://www.solvayschools.org">www.solvayschools.org</a> 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: Ass

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 prov	ride both names)	
Parent Address:			
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:Father / Male guardian	_ Work Phone:	
	Cell Phone: Mother / Female guardian	_ Work Phone:	
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## Minecraft teaches through technology

The Minecraft phenomenon has arrived at the middle school Library Learning Commons.

Because of tremendous interest in a club in fourth and fifth grade, the SMS Library Learning Commons (LLC) purchased a hosted server to give teachers and student leaders unique controls. "We hope to bring use of Minecraft into the the classroom for upcoming projects," said middle school library media specialist Heather Turner. "Imagine becoming a member of Plymouth and having to survive with very little food ... [or] building The Great Pyramid using the math you learned in class." English language arts can also be incorporated, as can online assessments.

Over 60 have signed up to be a part of Minecraft Club. The students have a variety of skill levels and learn from each other. The club is run entirely by students in sixth through eighth grade. Nathan Neyhart is the head, with help from Alexander Fenton, Ryan DePalma and Logan Ashby. The students create an environment of learning for the MinecraftEDU users. Student administrators hold meetings to decide what will be taught. Currently they are working on a replica of the middle school. "It is amazing to see students rise up and become leaders to their fellow students," said Ms. Turner. "The LLC lab is a hub of activity after school almost every day." Follow the LLC on Twitter @ SolvayMSLLC.

## Perspective



#### **Spring Challenges**

By LAWRENCE WRIGHT Superintendent of Schools

Spring is often a difficult time for school districts. Although it brings a reprieve from lake effect snow, it means number crunching for almost everyone here — administrators must prepare the district budget for a vote in May, while our students and teachers must prepare for state testing.

In Solvay, we have been fortunate to have stronger budgets than some of our neighbors. Despite that, we expect it to be a difficult process this year. Our fixed and mandated costs continue to rise, while state aid remains insufficient and our tax levy increase is limited by law. We will keep you informed as the process unfolds, but I can promise you that we will do our utmost to provide a quality education at minimal cost to taxpayers.

At the elementary level, state testing results have shown gains. Our third graders improved greatly in both English and math last year. Seventh grade also showed progress in those subjects, while eighth grade did so in English. We would like these improvements to be more consistent, though. Additionally, the high volume of students who opt out of testing in grades 3–8 continues to be a challenge. While all of our

educators sympathize with the testing exhaustion we know many feel, the decision not to take tests has real and serious implications for our teachers and schools.

I am certain that Solvay is up to these challenges, and it doesn't hurt that we are still buoved by our numerous successes. College Pathways continues to help our students prepare for higher education, with four out of five graduating with college credits, and 89 percent enrolling in college. Technology innovations and hands-on and project-based learning continue to expand. Our 91 percent graduation rate remains a huge point of pride, and this year fully 90 percent of our varsity sports teams were designated 'Scholar Athlete' for their high academic scores. The expanded universalprekindergarten grant we received has allowed us to offer a total of four classes — this focus on early childhood should allow our high scores and graduation rates to continue long into the future.

## From athletic rivals to sports fans

Solvay students choose cooperation over competition

Solvay Middle School students set athletic rivalries aside to cheer on the Westhill Warriors in the state volleyball tournament.

Fourth grade teacher Theresa Cole coaches junior varsity volleyball at Westhill Central Schools and this year assisted varsity coach Carrie Butler at the state tournament. Though disappointed Solvay's players failed to qualify for states this year, Ms. Cole's students nonetheless celebrated Westhill's success. The students cheered Westhill players when the athletes stopped at Solvay to pick up Ms. Cole before proceeding to states. students recognized Solvay and

Westhill as "part of our larger community," said Ms. Cole, "and they insisted on showing their support for the team."

Her students made posters for each athlete. "The [Westhill] team could not have been more excited as the bus rolled up to the middle school and 20 students were waiting for them, waving posters," said Ms. Cole. "That day, rivals Westhill and Solvay came together to celebrate a huge accomplishment in this community!"



### Fifth graders study at Syracuse University

On Feb. 5, fifth grade students spent the day at Syracuse University participating in a lesson study. The purpose of this visit was to provide students with an opportunity to visit campus, experience cuttingedge lessons, and deepen the partnership between the Solvay Union Free School District and Syracuse University. This is the first time students and staff have had an opportunity to participate in this type of activity.

The students attended three of five classes (English, math, science, art, music) throughout the day. "The lesson study benefited a variety of different parties," commented Principal Diane Hagemann. "The Solvay

students had an opportunity to learn more about a topic while being on a college campus, and



Solvay students Al-Walid Sharaf Addin, Iaroslov Kolos, Rylan Tarbell and Austin Kendrick work with Syracuse University

they were instructed by college professors. The Syracuse University education students observed their instructors teaching and observed how the students processed the The information. Solvay teachers took the opportunity to observe their students working processing information. For each group the information gained was valuable."

### 'Brave the Shave' supports cancer studies

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-powered organization dedicated to raising money for children's cancer research, will host one of its signature head-shaving events at Solvay High School on Thursday, March 17. More than 15 volunteers will "Brave the Shave" in solidarity with kids with cancer.

The Solvay High School event will include a bake sale, student badminton tournament, raffle prizes donated by local businesses and school staff, a photo booth, face painting, henna tattoos, and more.

As the largest private fundraiser of childhood cancer research grants, the St. Baldrick's Foundation believes that kids are special and deserve to be treated that way. St. Baldrick's funds are granted to some of the most

brilliant childhood cancer research experts in the world and to innovative explorers who bring with them the promise of a future free from childhood cancers. Kids need treatments as unique as they are — and that starts with funding research just for them. Join StBaldricks.org to help support the best cancer treatments for kids.

To "Brave the Shave" in Solvav High School's St. Baldrick's event, contact Nicole Halloran (nhalloran@solvayschools. org) or Matt Shutts (mshutts@ solvayschools.org) at (315) Donations 468-2551. be made by clicking on the St. Baldrick's link at www.solvayschools.org contacting Katie St. Denis at kstdenis@solvayschools.org for a donation form to send directly to the St. Baldrick's Foundation.



Volunteers for 'Brave the Shave' include, in front from left: Matt Shutts and Nicole Halloran; center: Jenn Chrysler, Carol Hammon, Katie St. Denis, Maria Fenton, Erin Tily and Gabby Dattellas; back: Sandy Sutherland, Pat Campbell-Kochanek, Bailey Colvin, Maggie Dougherty and Jillian Myers.

## Educators collaborate on writing lessons

English teacher Enzo Carr and literacy coach Jim Rolince recently fine-tuned a peer revision and editing process for students.

The two devised a series of revision and editing sessions with Mr. Carr's ninth grade honors English class. Based upon past experiences, the pair set out to design a series of small group revision sessions. One of the primary desired outcomes was for students to provide each other with specific, relevant, and helpful feedback on their writing.

After preliminary meetings, they identified specific areas feedback and common writing errors students would focus on in revision and editing conversations, adapting Critical Friends collaboration protocol: https://www. teachingchannel.org/videos/ student-writing-peer-reviewnea.

"The collaboration was a model of two professionals bringing together their respective areas of expertise to create a greater student learning experience," said Mr. Rolince. "Several colleagues in the high school English department expressed interest in learning more about our collaboration and this approach to peer revision and editing."



Enzo Carr is pictured with some of the ninth grade honors English students.

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### Jazz ensemble opens for Civic Morning Musicals

The Solvay High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble performed as the opening act for the Civic Morning Musicals' 125th Anniversary Concert.

The concert took place on Jan. 16 at the Coyne Performing Arts Center at Le Moyne College. Solvay singers performed with former Onondaga County High School musicians who went on to pursue music careers. included conductor Debra Barsha (Jersey Boys) and jazz pianist Chris Grasso. Civic Morning Musicals (CMM) exists to support classically trained musicians throughout the central New York region. It is a non-profit, volunteerrun organization,



Solvay High jazz musicians opened for Civic Morning Musicals' anniversary. Pictured from left in back: Jacob DePalma, Eddie Nanno, Casey Mauro, Igor Cherkashyn, Zac Mashaw, John Dillon, Jimmy Lumb, Jacob Fitzmaurice, Bryce Cameron, and Dylon Ewers; in front: Lauren Greco-LeBlanc, Marisa Presutto, Kathleen DeMong, Tessa Fritzen, Sidney Chafee, Mary Catherine Lopez, Chelsea Cook, and Zoe Francemone.

produces more than 30 concerts a year and sponsors activities for young musicians. "Congratulations to all of the

students who performed," said Maggie Dougherty, Solvay High School's vocal music teacher.

### Students shine at music festival

Seven chorus students participated in the 2016 Junior High All-County Music Festival held at Skaneateles High School. The festival took place on Jan. 22 –23.

"Ms. Maggie Dougherty, the Solvay School community and I are very proud of their fine musical accomplishments," said SMS teacher Mary Perun.

These students were selected based on an extremely rigorous audition process, their exceptional scores, and hard work and dedication. Eighth grade students were: Jennifer Klix, Nicholas Lopez, and Jordan Scheirer. Ninth grade students were: Sidney Chafee, Brandon Falcone, Marisa Presutto, and Zachary Sensenich.



Choral students performed in the Junior High All-County Music Festival. Pictured from left: Sidney Chafee, Marisa Presutto, Jordan Scheirer, Zachary Sensenich, Nicholas Lopez, Jennifer Klix and Brandon Falcone.

## **Transportation Request Notice**

Requests for transportation to private, parochial, or charter schools for the 2016-17 school year must be in the Solvay Union School **District** Free Transportation Office, 399 Beach Road, Syracuse, NY 13209, by Monday, April 4, 2016. All requests must be made in writing. Even if your child is being transported to a private, parochial, or charter school this year, we must have a new request for next school year. If you have any questions, please call the transportation office at (315) 487-5842.

### DECA students score at regionals

Twenty-two Solvay High School DECA students traveled to Le Moyne College for a regional competition.

The Region 9 DECA Competition was held Jan. 6 for emerging leaders and entrepreneurs. The students had spent many hours after school studying business concepts and developing their presentation skills. The result of the hard work was two first place teams and one second place team in an individual event.

Katie Harrington and Alina Zdebska came in first place in the "Buying and Merchandising" event, while Joe Miczan and Colby Skrupa placed first in "Financial Analysis." Raina Shea placed second in "Restaurant Management." Additionally, Katie Harrington and Alina Zdebska were elected by DECA students in Region 9 to serve as Region Officers next year.





At left: DECA students won first and second place rankings at a recent regional competition. Pictured from left: Joe Miczan, Colby Skrupa, Katie Harrington, Alina Zdebska and Raina Shea.

At right: The DECA team. Pictured from left in the first row: Denis Mujcic, Clayton Backus, Eddie Nanno, and Colby Skrupa; second row: Zac Cornish, Rich Gratien (DECA advisor), Jake Dippold, Blake Bagozzi, Jesse Call, Mike Tomoroksa, Josh Posnick, Joe Miczan and Jadin Jackson; back row: Natalina Natoli, Raina Shea, Leda Jaquin, Debbie Young (FCS teacher), Alina Zdebska, Katie Harrington, Maya Martineau, Lauren Nichols, Delana Thomas and Jerilyn Parkhurst.

Next up is the New York DECA State Career Conference at the Rochester Convention Center in March. At the conference, these five students along with fellow DECA students Natalina Natoli, Leda Jaquin, Eddie Nanno, and Josh Posnick will compete against

DECA students from throughout New York State in business roleplays. They will also have an opportunity to attend various workshops designed to promote college and career readiness.

### **Tuba Christmas**



Students attended Tuba Christmas in Liverpool, an annual event for tuba/euphonium players of all ages worldwide on Dec. 19. Attendees, pictured from left, were: Mary Catherine Lopez (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Caitlin McCann (eighth grade), Chris Jabot (band teacher), Toby Love (seventh grade) and his father, Ted Love.

## Budget Hearing 2016–17

Monday, May 9 7 p.m. Solvay Elementary School

## Budget Vote 2016–17

Tuesday, May 17 Noon to 9 p.m. Solvay High School

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### Informational message from the New York State Department of Health

## Meningococcal Vaccine School Requirements for September 2016

The purpose of this informational message is to inform school superintendents, principals, nurses, administrators, and the public of new meningococcal vaccine school requirements that will take effect on Sept. 1, 2016.

On Oct. 26, 2015, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law Chapter 401 of the laws of 2015, which amended New York State (NYS) Public Health Law (PHL) section 2164 to require children entering or attending seventh and 12th grades on or after Sept. 1, 2016 to receive an adequate dose or doses of vaccine against meningococcal disease as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease which can lead to death within hours. Survivors may be left with severe disabilities, including the loss of limbs, cognitive deficits, paralysis, deafness, or seizures. In the coming year, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will work with the New York State Education Department and other partners to draft regulations and establish updated immunization requirements charts and other materials to help implement this new requirement.

The ACIP recommendations for meningococcal vaccine are:

- A single dose of vaccine against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W-135, and Y (MenACWY vaccine; brand names Menactra® or Menveo®) should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years.
- A second (booster) dose of MenACWY vaccine should be administered at age 16 years.
  - » The booster dose is not necessary for adolescents who receive the first dose of MenACWY at 16 years of age or older.
  - » The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is 8 weeks.
- A serogroup B meningococcal vaccine series (MenB vaccine) may be administered to adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years of age, at the discretion of the healthcare provider. The preferred age for MenB vaccine is 16 through 18 years of age.

For additional information, please see the websites below: NYSDOH Meningococcal Disease Fact Sheet at http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/fact\_sheet.htm and NYSDOH Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations web page at http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/childhood and adolescent.htm

## Sisters perform at Ithaca College

Chelsea and Cassie Cook played at the 2016 Senior High Area All State Music Festival held at Ithaca College.

The festival took place on Feb. 5 and 6. Both Cook sisters were selected to perform based on their NYSSMA solo scores performed in May 2015. "The Solvay High School Music Program would like to congratulate both Chelsea and Cassie on their musical accomplishments. They are wonderful students to have representing the Solvay School District," said Maggie Dougherty, high school vocal music teacher.



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#### Solvay Elementary School Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration was held on Feb. 23 and 24. If you missed these registration dates, please stop in to the Solvay Elementary School's main office for a registration packet. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (315) 468-5422. Your child must be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2016, to be eligible to start kindergarten this fall.

### Athletic updates

#### **Fall Scholar Athlete teams**

At the end of each sports season, the state Athletic Association honors varsity teams that excel in the classroom. Each team must have an average of 90 percent or higher with the required number of members eligible. This fall, varsity girls soccer, football, and volleyball teams qualified. Congratulations!

#### **Scholar Athlete dinner**

Senior football player Dustin Harris attended the 16th Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner presented by the Central New York Chapter of the National Football Federation and College Hall of Fame, held at the Turning Stone Casino and Resort on Jan. 30. Dustin was the senior with the highest grade point average on the varsity football team and received a \$500 scholarship. He will attend SUNY Cortland in the fall. Congratulations, Dustin!



Pictured from left: Josh Chrysler, Jeff Harris, Dustin Harris, Jennifer Chrysler and Zach Chrysler.

#### Website

Visit the athletic department website at

http://www.solvayschools. org/athletics for important announcements. For the most upto-date schedules and directions to other schools, visit www. schedulegalaxy.com.

#### **Baseball signing**

Congratulations to Sam Kippen, who signed his national letter of intent to play baseball in college. He will attend Olivet Nazarene University in Chicago. Good luck, Sam!



Pictured from left: Darren Lee, baseball coach and teacher, Russ Kippen, Sam Kippen, Linda Kippen and Jake Kippen.

#### Where are they now?

Solvay High alum Syd Cimini '14 signed her letter of intent to play D1 softball for Saint Rose. She is in her sophomore year at Herkimer, where she is the starting catcher. She was a four-year starting catcher for the Bearcats softball team.



Syd Cimini '14 is pictured seated with her parents.

If you have any Bearcat alumni news, please contact the Athletic Office at (315) 484-1400.

#### **Twitter**

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

# Overnight fundraiser scheduled June 11

Relay For Life of Solvay Geddes Westvale will hold a 12-hour fundraiser on June 11.

Unfortunately, everyone knows someone that has been touched by cancer. Relay is an experience — participants share in the joyous moments of survivorship, lean on each other while remembering those lost too soon and make a pledge to fight back to find a cure!

Since cancer never sleeps, neither do participants in the 12-hour, overnight fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. This year, Relay will be held at Solvay Middle School from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.

For more information or to register a team, please visit www.relayforlife.org/solvaygeddeswestvaleny or contact Katey Hart at Katey.hart@cancer.org or call (315) 433 5623.

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### Dates to Remember

	March 2016		May 2016 (con't)	
March 3	SES Open House 6:30 p.m.		SES Kindergarten Screening	
March 7	SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	May 25	SMS Gr. 7/8 Chorus & Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	
March 8	All District Band Concert @ SHS 7:00 p.m. (Snow date March 10.)	Huy 25	Gr. 4 & 8 NYS Science Performance Assessments	
March 9	SMS AIS Parent Night 6:15 p.m.	May 26	Staff Development Day - Early Dismissal	
March 10	SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	May 30	Memorial Day - District Closed	
March 16	SHS Chorus Cabaret 7:00 p.m.		June 2016	
March 21	Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. DO 1st Flr. Conf. Rm.		SES PBIS Breakfast	
March 24	Staff Development Day - Early Dismissal	June 1	SMS NJHS Induction Ceremony 7:00 p.m.	
March 25	Good Friday - District Closed		NYS Regents Exam	
April 2016			SES Kindergarten Screening	
	SMS Musical 7:00 p.m.	June 2	SMS Gr. 5/6 Chorus & Band Concert	
April 1	Pre-K applications due @ DO (see pg. 3 for the application)	June 6	SMS Athletic Awards	
April 2	SMS Musical 2:00 p.m.		Gr. 4 & * NYS Science Written Assessments	
April 4	SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.		SES Kindergarten Screening	
April 5-7	Gr. 3-8 NYS ELA Assessments	June 7	SHS Athletic Celebration 6:00 p.m.	
April 13-15	Gr. 3-8 NYS Math Assessments	June 8	SMS Gr. 4 Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	
April 14	SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	June 9	SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	
April 16	SHS Junior Prom	June 10	SES Flag Day Celebration	
April 18	Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. DO 1st Flr. Conf. Rm.	June 14-22	NYS Regents Exams	
April 25-29	Spring Recess - No School	June 15	SES Gr. K/1 Field Day/Class Picnic	
May 2016		June 16	SES Gr. 2/3 Field Day/Class Picnic	
May 2	SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.		SES PBIS Celebration	
May 4	SMS Advanced/Accelerated Parent Night 7:00 p.m.	June 20	Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. DO 1st Flr. Conf. Rm.	
May 5	SHS Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	June 22	SMS Gr. 6-8 Awards Assembly	
May 6	SHS Senior Ball	June 23	Last Day for Students & Staff	
May 9	Budget Hearing @ SES 7:00 p.m.	June 24	SHS Commencement Rehearsal 9:00 a.m.	
May 10	SES Family Book Fair Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.	June 25	SHS Commencement 11:00 a.m.	
May 11	SES Gr. 3 Concert @ SMS 7:00 p.m.			
May 12	SES Gr. 2/3 Book Swap Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.			
	SHS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	If school events change, they can be found on our web site at solvayschools.org.  DO = District Office  SES = Solvay Elementary School  SMS = Solvay Middle School  SHS = Solvay High School		
May 16	Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. DO 1st Flr. Conf. Rm.			
May 17	Budget Vote @ SHS noon-9:00 p.m.			
	Full Plate Dinner @ SHS 5:00-7:00 p.m.			
May 19	SHS Awards Night 7:00 p.m.			
May 20	SES Kindergarten Screening			
May 24	SHS Academic Celebration 6:00 p.m.			



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Lawrence Wright, Superintendent of Schools

### Second graders help fundraise for PTO

At any given moment, you may observe students in Solvay Elementary enjoying school-wide celebratory events or browsing through books at the book fair. You might also see them loading a bus to see a show at the Landmark Theater or heading out on a field trip. These experiences are all made possible by the hard work and generosity of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Second grade students in Lillian Lawson's, Kim Smith's, and Phyllis Stonecipher's classes see this as an act of kindness and wondered how they could show their appreciation for all that the PTO does for their school. After much brainstorming, they decided to create gifts for the PTO to sell at their annual holiday shop. The event offered students the opportunity to purchase affordable gifts for family members and friends.



Second graders decided to thank the Parent Teacher Organization for all the opportunities they provide by helping them with a fundraiser. The students are pictured with affordable holiday gifts they created.

"Throughout the process, the students discovered the joy of giving and created the most amazing items with loving care," said Mrs. Lawson. "If you were a lucky recipient of their labors, they thank you for your support, and we hope that you enjoy your treasure!"