

SHS Hosted the DECA Region 9 Competition

Solvay High School recently hosted the Region 9 DECA Competition. Approximately 200 students from nine local high schools came together to apply their academic knowledge to business cases, create solutions, and present them to volunteer business professionals.

Solvay DECA had 19 students participate in the competition. Each of the students had been preparing throughout the fall, to learn business content and to develop their presentation skills. Before the competition they had taken a DECA exam testing their business knowledge. All of the students spent time after school to be ready for competition.

Their hard work was rewarded and nine students won awards at the event. Winning 1st place awards were Maria Brusa - Accounting Applications, Jacob Barndollar - Business Finance, and Brianna Williams - Human Resources. Earning 2nd place awards were Justine Stanejko - Quickserve Restaurant, Xianna Sierotnik - Apparel & Accessories, Jack Haskell - Food Marketing, and Pyu Aye - Accounting Applications. Third place winners were Emily Rolince - Sports Marketing and Mekhi Johnson - Restaurant Management. Winners are pictured on pg. 2.

During the competition, Region 9 DECA conducts a "Penny War" fund raiser to support the NY DECA selected charity. The charity this year is the Child Foundation, an international organization that supports underprivileged children to keep them in school. Region 9 raised over \$200 for the charity and Solvay DECA won this year, taking home the Penny War plaque.

Congratulations to all of the students who worked hard to prepare for competition and demonstrated their knowledge and skill at this year's regional event.



Pictured above front row from left to right: Mekhi Johnson, Zainab Hadi, Olesya Konopatskiy, Nikolette Michalkow, Kaylah Kowalczyk, Maria Brusa, Xianna Sierotnik, Jacob Barndollar, and Pyu Aye. Back row left to right: Rich Gratien, (advisor), Josiah Caci, Justine Stanejko, Emily Rolince, Nick Emmi, Brianna Williams, Aidan Tyler, Stephen Bagozzi, Jack Haskell, Carissa Stachurski, and Rylee Piedmonte.

Science Teacher Selected

Congratulations to Travis Hall, science teacher and content specialist. Travis has been selected to participate in the instructionally-embedded, Portable Science Assessment project. This project is funded through a competitive grant from the US Department of Education and included a partnership through seven state departments of education. He will work with others from New York State as well as the six other states side by side with distinguished researchers and leaders in science education to develop standards-aligned three-dimensional embedded science assessments. This work will facilitate meaning and applicable changes to support seven states in the transition to the Next Generation Science Standards.



Students Celebrate Gratitude

To celebrate the month of gratitude Christine Miczan, SES principal, had lunch with nominees from each classroom. Shown in the picture are fourth graders eating lunch and receiving a special treat



SHS DECA Region 9 Winners *(see article on front cover)*



Pictured left from left to right are: Justine Stanejko, Mekhi Johnson, Emily Rolince, Maria Brusa, Jack Haskell, Pyu Aye, Rich Gratien (advisor), Brianna Williams, Jacob Barndollar, and Xianna Sierotnik.

Superintendent's Perspective



**Solvay Superintendent,
Jay Tinklepaugh**

This time of year is an exciting one for our district; spring semester begins, concerts, musicals, athletics, and several other events all

occur. This year the pandemic continues to play a role in the district's daily routines. Some fall and winter events were rescheduled or held virtually. Students and staff are in-person yet social distancing and wearing masks. Thank you to the parents, teachers, staff, and community for your patience as we continue to navigate our way through COVID-19.

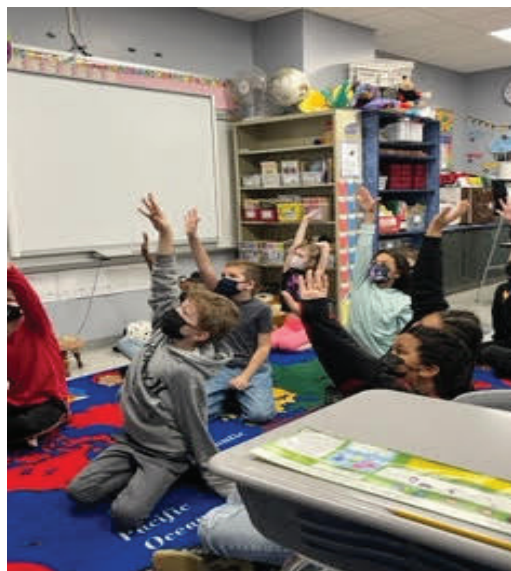
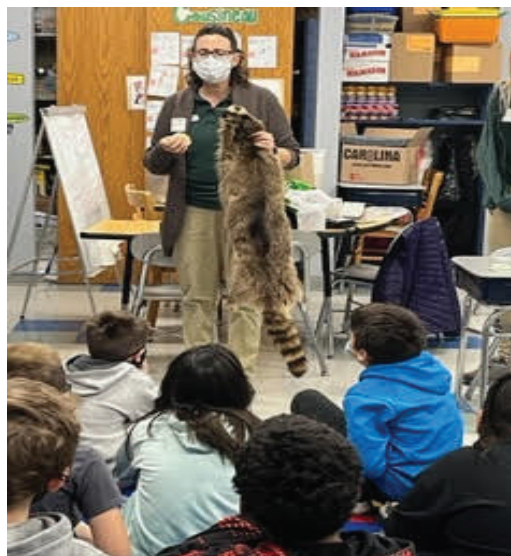
As the second half of the school year continues, our district will continue a full list of activities. Spring athletics will begin soon and preparations are underway with our school musicals. The BEST program's before and after school activities have been ongoing with expanded offerings.

Our capital project work in the high school and elementary school is complete with some minor finishing work being completed. We hope in the near future to unveil to the community the transportation facility and high school auditorium.

As we begin the second half of the school year, we look forward to the work ahead of us. The Board of Education and administration has begun preparing the 2022-2023 budget. Please encourage your students to work hard, be involved with school activities, and share with us how we can help support our students and school community.

NYS Parks Visits SES

Kate and Cara from the NYS Parks Department recently visited Julie Cousineau's fourth grade class. They presented a program on animal adaptations and how animals use their senses to communicate. The students were completely engaged and loved it!

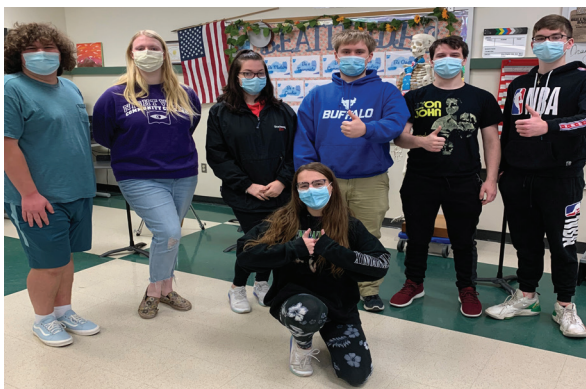


Students Selected to Choirs

Congratulations students!

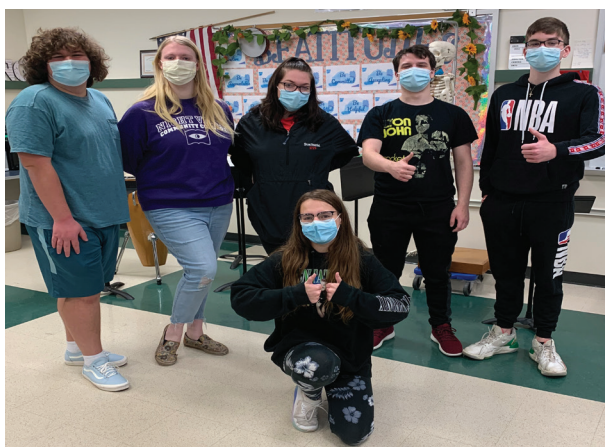
Pictured below left to right - Zone 3 Area All State Students Honor Choir:

- Matthew Hayden
- Brianna Williams
- Carissa Stachurski
- Zachery Balduzzi
- Jacob Barndollar
- Jack Haskell
- Alyssa Long



Pictured below left to right - OCMEA All County Choir:

- Matthew Hayden
- Brianna Williams
- Carissa Stachurski
- Jacob Barndollar
- Jack Haskell
- Alyssa Long



Acts of Kindness

For the month of December, Kathleen Klier's class celebrated acts of kindness. Each day the students performed a new kind act. The students spread cheer to everyone at SHS.



Kindergarten & PreK Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year is Now Open

Kindergarten and PreKindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. If your child turns 4 by December 1, 2022, they are eligible for the district's free PreK program. If your child turns 5 by December 1, 2022, they are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2022-2023 school year. To begin the process, 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.

To apply, children must be residents of the Solvay UFSD and must have all required immunizations. Transportation is provided for students once they are four years old. Until then, parents are responsible for transportation. Please register by May 27, 2022.

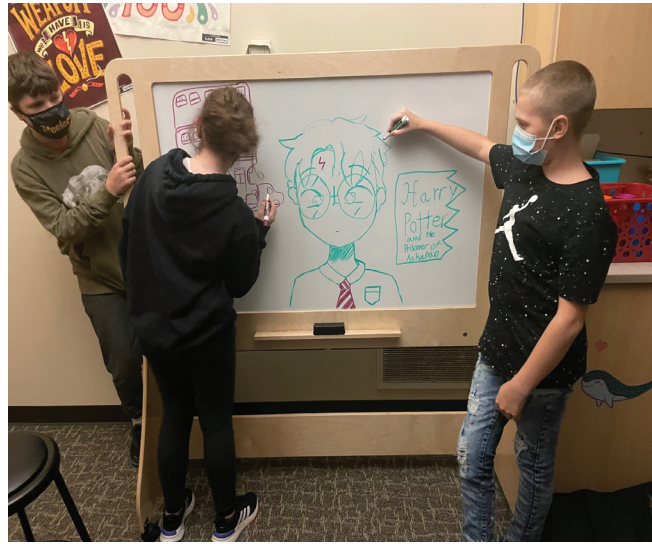
For more information about Kindergarten and PreK registration at Solvay UFSD, please visit the Solvay Registration page on our website.

Harry Potter BEST Program in the SMS Library

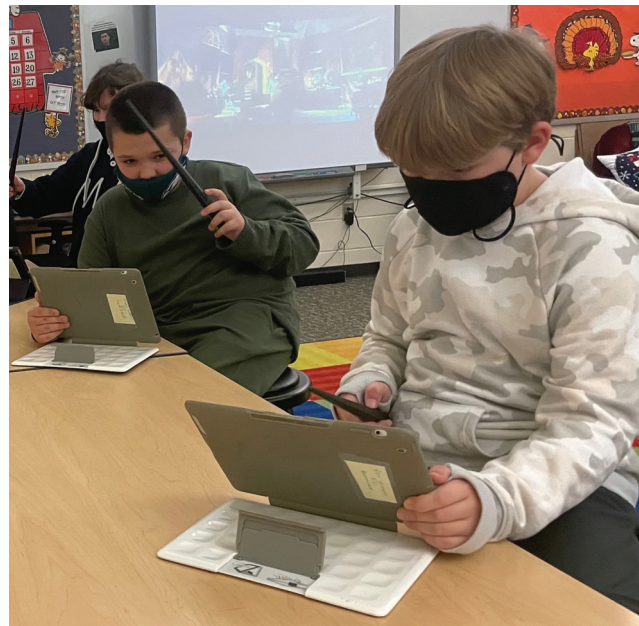
Students in the Harry Potter BEST program (21st Century) not only watched and discussed the movies but had fun being creative as well. Students use perler beads, draw, and create their own games. By following the rules to the games and creating their own, they worked on critical thinking and problem solving skills. In addition, students enjoyed using the coding wands, a fun way for them to be exposed to early aspects of coding. Since coding is so prevalent in the workforce today, this experience will help them in future classes and careers.



Pictured left to right are Vincent Fragola and Katie Brusa proudly showing off their perler bead project that took them several weeks to complete.



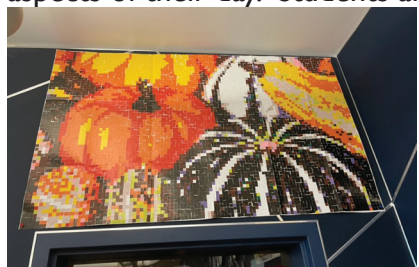
Pictured left to right are Skyler Harding, Katie Brusa and Connor Johnston drawing Harry Potter themed pictures.



Pictured front to back are Vincent Fragola and Noah Mendez working with the Harry Potter coding wands.

Students Create Sticker

Students at SMS have fun creating artistic holiday sticker mosaics while in the library. Art can be a helpful form of stress relief and help students to decompress from more challenging aspects of their day. Students also loved helping



to decorate the library and felt as though it is "their" library. The art work they created was displayed in

the library for all to see.

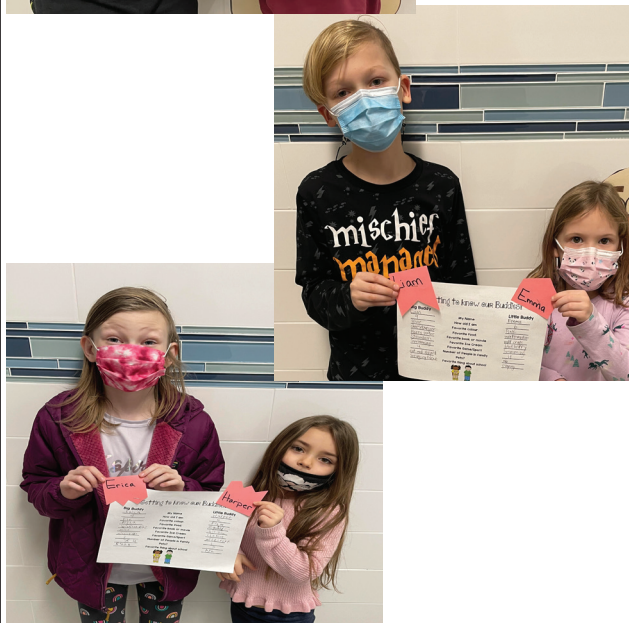
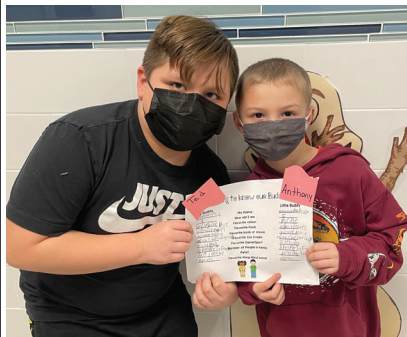
Changing Your Address

Have you moved? If you moved during the school year or if you are planning on moving during the summer, you are required to notify your school principal of that new address as soon as your move is complete. If your new address is not within the boundaries of the school district, then you will need to register with a school in the district where your new residence is located.

Also, remember to keep your student(s) school(s) informed of all changes especially the contact information including phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

SES Students Mentor

The BEST program (21st Century) offered students to be mentored after school, led by Sue Collins, teacher, and it was a success! Fourth grade buddies were partnered with a first grader that they looked up to. Together they had a fantastic time reading, writing, using Play-Doh to create letters, and making crafts.



BUDGET REMINDER:

Budget Hearing - May 9 - 7 p.m.

Budget Vote - May 17 - 12 p.m.- 9 p.m.

Drama Club Presents *The Addams Family: A New Musical*

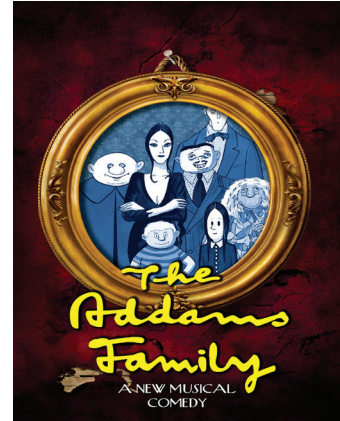
They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky. They're all together ooky, the Addams family! Join us on March 11 at 7:00 p.m. and March 12 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the SHS Drama Club's production of *The Addams Family: A New Musical*.

A comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

Tickets may be purchased online at ShowTix4U.com. Please scan the QR code to take you to the website to purchase tickets. Students and seniors are \$10 and adults are \$12.

Please call 315-468-2551 if you have any questions or email Mr. Oliver at coliver@solvayschools.org.

We can't wait to have our audience back in our brand new auditorium and having live musical theatre on the stage again!



Athletic News

Modified Boys Volleyball

Solvay had its very first ever boys modified volleyball team this past winter! It was a great success and we would like to thank Coach Costa for his hard work and dedication with the boys! GO BEARCATS!

Website

Please be sure to visit our Athletic Department website at <http://www.solvayschools.org/athletics> for important announcements and for the most up to date schedules and directions to other schools please be sure to visit www.schedulegalaxy.com.

Twitter

Please be sure to check daily for contests, score updates and other athletic office news! Follow us @SolvayAthletics!

Upcoming Athletic Dates

3/14/22 - JV/Varsity Sports Begin (baseball, softball, track and golf)

4/18/22 - Modified Sports Begin (baseball, softball and track)





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Scholastic Art Awards

Congratulations to students Alivia Orr, grade 8, for her Printmaking Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher pictured right and Annabelle West, senior, for her acrylic on canvass pictured above. Both students received Honorable Mention from the 2022 Scholastic Art Awards.

