

## SHS Seniors Attend PR/HYLI

Gabriel Rodriguez (left) and Luis Cebasco Chibas



(right), both seniors at SHS have been chosen to participate in the 2022-23 Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute (PR/HYLI). This institute is an innovative collaboration with the NYS Assembly and the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force. The students will attend eight sessions throughout the school year culminating with a trip to Albany to learn more about the NYS Assembly. PR/HYLI consists of three main phases:

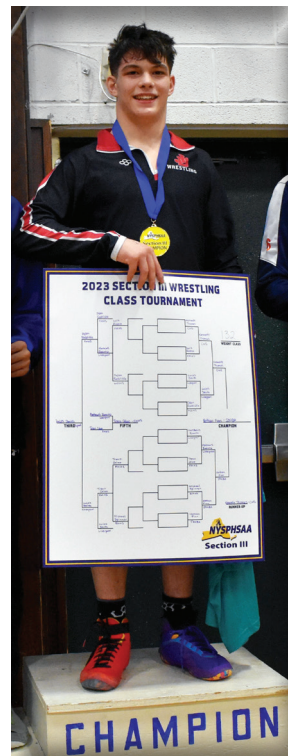
- Student delegates focus on the identification and research of local issues, the study of the NYS legislative process, parliamentary procedure, and selected bills.
- Student delegates participate in the 3-day Institute. Approximately 200 students from eight delegations statewide take part in key activities which included team-building exercises, a mock assembly session, and a variety of other activities.
- Refinement of leadership skills.

Congratulations to both Gabe and Luis for participating in this program!

## Congratulations to James Webber

James Webber, freshman, participated in the NYSSMA Zone 3 Junior High Area All-State Chorus held at Fayetteville Manlius High School. James was recommended for this honors ensemble based on his NYSSMA solo score from 2021.

Junior high choristers and instrumentalists from across New York State performed for their families and friends Congratulations on this accomplishment, James!



## Section III Wrestling Champ

Congratulations to senior, Nate Finn, who is Section III Wrestling Champ for the 132 weight class. The wrestling team is made up of student athletes from JD, Solvay, and CBA! Way to go, Nate! See more athletic news on pages 2, 6, & 7.

## Follow the Yellow Brick Road

The SMS musical this year is *Wizard of Oz*.



Performances are scheduled for Friday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for each show. A portion of Saturday night's performance will be donated to the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Contact [dhelinger@solvayschools.org](mailto:dhelinger@solvayschools.org) for presale ticket information.

## Unique Recognition

For a long period of time, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates of the Lyncourt School District have had the option to attend Solvay High School for grades 9-12. This year's varsity basketball team has three seniors on the roster: Nick Commisso, Jordan Dippold, and Jaylen King, who are all graduates of Lyncourt School.

In honor of these three young men and their contributions to the basketball program, we invited all Lyncourt staff and students to come out and cheer as we competed for one night on February 11 - not as Solvay Bearcats - but as Lyncourt Tigers. They wore the Lyncourt white and royal blue uniform in the matchup against Hannibal High School. Pictured below L/R: Jordan Dippold, Jaylen King, Mike Butikima (11<sup>th</sup> grade), and Nick Commisso.



## SMS Students Spread Holiday Cheer

Mrs. Gina LaPlant's students served holiday cheer building-wide including: cookies, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate. The students were super excited and staff really enjoyed. Great job!



## Band Students Perform with Central Winds

Five SHS instrumentalists performed with the Central Winds Music Educators Wind Ensemble and other students from across the county on December 11 in a side-by-side concert. They were selected based on teacher recommendation. Congratulations to these students.



Pictured L/R are: Anthony Brusa (alto saxophone), Naomi Germakovksi (baritone saxophone), Jack Burke (trumpet), Kiera Hollis (percussion). Not pictured: Madelyn Van Epps (trumpet)



## Kindergarten & PreK Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year is Now Open

Kindergarten and PreKindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. If your child turns 4 by December 1, 2023, they are eligible for the district's free PreK program. If your child turns 5 by December 1, 2023, they are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year. To begin the process, please visit the registration page at [www.solvayschools.org](http://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 23, 2023.

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Become Engineers

Students recently learned how engineers design buildings making them earthquake resistance. The students built structures with strong foundations, cross bracing, a base isolator, a mass damper, and a center column used in pagodas.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Tour SHS

High school students (pictured below) provided building tours and answered questions for 150 incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders on January 26. The students were given a sneak peek into high school elective classes and learned about academic and extracurricular programs at the high school.



## Annual Variety Showcase



In late fall, the annual SMS Variety Showcase was held. Thank you to Ms. Mary Perun, music teacher, for accompanying on piano and Mr. Collin Thompson, math teacher, for the sound and lighting in the auditorium. The students had a blast. Pictured above are students who participated.

## Transportation Request Notice

Requests for transportation to private, parochial, or charter schools for the 2023-24 school year must be in the Solvay Union Free School District Transportation Office, 399 Beach Road, Syracuse, NY 13209, by Monday, April 10, 2023. 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.

# 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 2023-2024 Solvay Union Free School District Calendar

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**BOXED** OR **SHADED** DAYS INDICATE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 4 – Labor Day  
 September 5 – Staff Development Day  
 September 6 – First Day for Students  
 October 9 – Columbus/Indigenous People Day  
 October 31 – Half Day for PreK-4\*  
 November 9 – Staff Development Day  
 November 10 – Veterans Day Observed  
 November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Recess

December 22 – School Closed  
 December 25-Jan. 1 – Holiday Recess  
 January 1 - New Year's Day Observed  
 January 15 - Martin Luther King Day  
 January 23-26 – Regents  
 January 29 – Begin 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

February 19-23 – Presidents' Day/Winter Recess  
 March 28 – Staff Development Day  
 March 29 – School Closed  
 April 22-26 –Spring Recess  
 May 10 – Staff Development Day  
 May 24 – School Closed  
 May 27 – Memorial Day  
 June 4 – New Algebra Regents  
 June 19 – Juneteenth  
 June 14-25 – Regents  
 June 26 – Regents Rating Day; Staff Development Day

NYS Assessment Dates:  
 Gr. 3-8 ELA – April 6-May 17  
 Gr. 3-8 Math – April 6-May 17  
 Gr. 5 & 8 Science – April 6-May 17  
 NYSESLAT Speaking – April 15-May 24  
 NYSESLAT Writing – May 13-May 24

Adopted: 2/13/23



## SHS DECA Students Compete

This past December DECA returned to LeMoyne College for the annual Region 9 Conference where they joined 300 students from ten schools who competed in business role-play events. Solvay was well represented by 24 exceptional students who all performed very well. The students spent two months working after school to gain knowledge of business concepts and to practice their presentation skills. Their hard work paid off and 12 students walked away with awards in their events.

- 4<sup>th</sup> place winners - Victoria Zappala, Rai Vang, Naomi Germakovski, and Emily Rolince
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners - Anthony Brusa and Jack Burke, Kaylah Kowalczyk, Mekhi Johnson, and Jack Haskell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners - Maria Brusa and Samson Scalzo
- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner - Stephen Bagozzi

All of the award winners, as well as other students who had outstanding performances at regionals qualify to compete in the New York DECA State Career Conference to be held March 8-10, 2023 in Rochester where they will compete with over 2,000 students from around the state.

Congratulations to all of these students and good luck as they move forward in the competition.



All DECA Students

All Award Winners



Senior Award Winners



## Annual Festival of Song

On February 2 choirs from all schools within Solvay came together to celebrate with a Festival of Song. They sang a variety of music. This festival is a tradition for the district and inspires students to pursue excellence in their study of the choral arts. Congratulations to all of the choral ensembles who performed during this festival. Keep singing!





### *Superintendent's Perspective*

Jay Tinklepaugh, Superintendent

It has been a very exciting first half of the school year. As you can see, our students have participated in several activities, volunteering, athletics, and have been recognized for their accomplishments. We are looking forward to the second half of the year with spring sports beginning soon and the various concerts, musicals, and celebrations to occur.

We continue to provide additional academic programs for students as well as supporting them with after school and weekend activities. Information sessions were held about our OCC Advantage program which provides an opportunity for our students to attend tuition free. Additionally, our Early College High School grant provides students with the opportunity to work towards a college diploma while earning their high school diploma. Last year we had eight students receive both their high school diploma and Associate's degree at graduation.

We are fortunate to have received grant funding for additional student supports from the Office of Mental Health. We have also received notification about funding for programming outside of the school day through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.

As we begin the second half of the school year, we look forward to the work ahead of us. The Board of Education, administration, teachers, and staff have begun preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. Please encourage your students to work hard, be involved with school activities, and share with us how we can help support them and our school community.

## Athletic News

### Giving Back

In December, the JV and Varsity student athletes spent the day at the Oncenter, helping set up the Salvation Army's Annual Christmas Bureau. Our Bearcats sorted and set up toys, were personal shoppers along with packing boxes of food! It was a great way for us to kick off the holiday season!

### Spring Start Dates

- March 16 - JV/Varsity (baseball, softball, track & golf)
- April 12 - Modified (baseball, softball, & track)

*\*Please check with the school nurses if your child needs a physical for the upcoming season.\**

### End of the Year Awards

- May 31 - Varsity Athletic Awards Night
- June 21 - Modified Athletic Awards Night

### Family ID

Sign up today for sports via FamilyID.com.

### Website

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

### Twitter & Facebook

Solvay Athletics is on Twitter! Please be sure to check daily for contests, score updates and other athletic office news. Follow us @SolvayAthletics on both platforms!





## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Attend SU Basketball Game

Recently, SMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade students attended a Syracuse University's Womens Basketball game at the Dome on SU's annual "School Day" event.



## Student Branch Opening

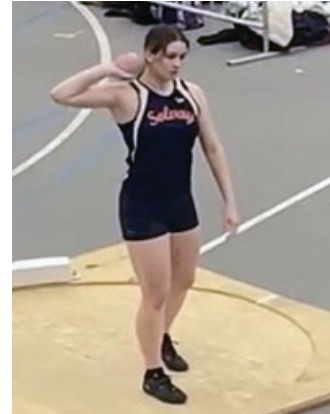
We are happy to announce that SECNY Federal Credit Union will be opening a branch at SHS beginning in early March. This branch will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch periods for students and staff to complete banking transactions. The credit union will be run by a SECNY employee and business students from SHS. Those students working at the credit union will have the opportunity to do many of the same tasks that a teller does. Students will: assist members or future members with account deposits/withdrawals; be responsible for cash management; communicate issues/concerns with the branch manager; and develop marketing and promotional opportunities.

Staff and students can open an account with SECNY with benefits such as free checking, online banking, bill pay, establish a saving account, etc.

In addition, SECNY Federal Credit Union has launched a program to assist our local schools for people opening certain loans with SECNY. By participating in the SEED (Schools Earn Extra Dollars) Program the Solvay Dollars for Scholars will benefit from every new loan at SECNY from Solvay families, staff, and community members. Please visit SECNY for more information.

## Congratulations to Emily Rolince

Emily Rolince, SHS senior, was crowned Section 3, Class B League Champion in shot put at the Onondaga High School Indoor Track League meet at SRC Arena at OCC on February 1. Emily had her personal best shot put of 2½ feet to defeat the #1 girl in Section III Class B. Congratulations Emily!



## Chorus Students Selected

Eight SMS chorus students were selected to participate in the Onondaga County Music Educators Association Jr. High All-County Music Festival. The festival was held at SHS January 28, 2023. The eight chorus students were selected based on a very rigorous audition process. They represented their school and community so well, and we are very proud of their fine accomplishments. Pictured below L/R are: Alex Grant, Jenna Rogala, Vincent Fragola, Sophia Galvin, Andi Van Slyke, Bethany Pino-Espino, Ella Oleson, and Christopher Schlosser.



## BUDGET REMINDER:

**Budget Hearing @ SES - May 8 - 7 p.m.**

**Budget Vote @ SHS - May 16 - 12-9 p.m.**



## **SOLVAY** *Sentinel*

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## **Music Department has been Busy**

Four SHS choral students participated in the OCMEA High School Festival at CNS High School on January 6 & 7. They were selected based on their November 2022 audition. In addition, Athena Clark and Natalie Mather were selected to participate in the OCMEA Jazz Festival. The festival will take place in April 2023 at Westhill High School.

Both vocal jazz and jazz band participated in Jazz Night, held at SHS on January 10. The concert featured a performance by the Central Winds Jazz Ensemble (featuring SHS instrumental director, Mr. Chris Jabot on saxophone). Jazz band also received a private clinic with Mr. Tony Mastrobattisto, retired instrumental director and a member of Central Music Educator Winds Ensemble.

The high school hosted the OCMEA Junior High All-County Festival on January 27 and 28.

Lastly, four students were selected to participate in the Zone 3 NYSSMA Area All-State Festival, hosted by Ithaca College on February 3 and 4. Athena Clark, Natalie Mather, Natalie Michalek, and Audra Tennant were selected based on their score from their 2022 NYSSMA solo. Due to inclement weather, rehearsals were canceled. However, students traveled to Ithaca on February 4 and rehearsed for only three hours before the the concert.

Congratulations to all of our student musicians!



Pictured L/R (1<sup>st</sup> pic): Ryland Bligh, Natalie Michalek, Natalie Mather, Audra Tennant; (2<sup>nd</sup> pic): Athena Clark, Audra Tennant, Natalie Mather, Natalie Michalek; and (3<sup>rd</sup> pic): Athena Clark, Natalie Michalek, Audra Tennant, Natalie Mather, Mr. Nicholas Godzak, vocal teacher.