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Solvay Union Free School District

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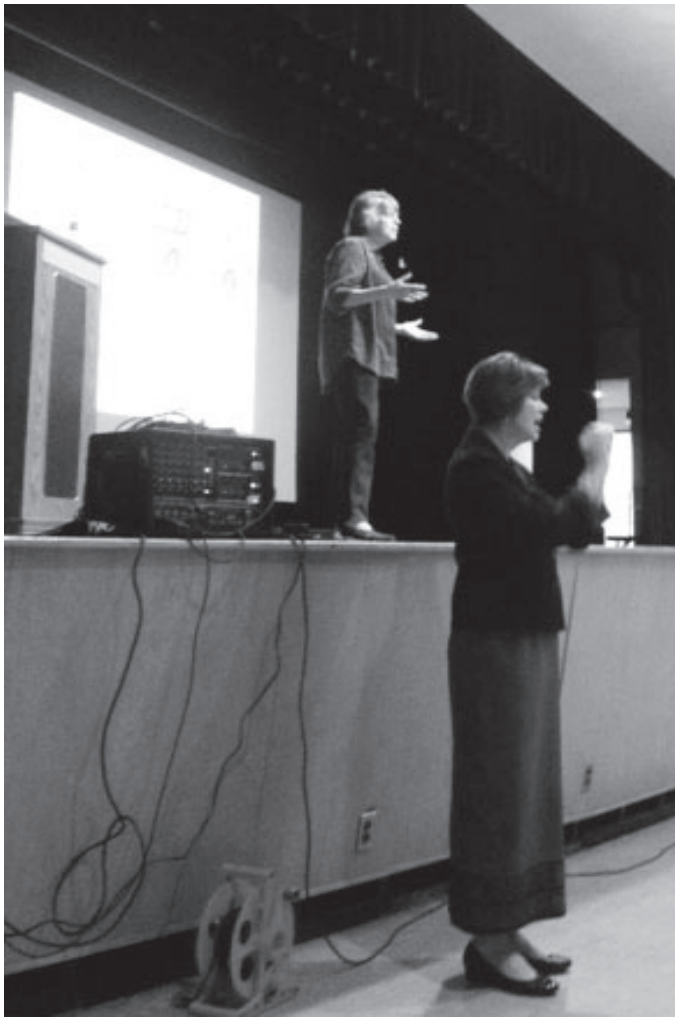
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Submitted by Bridget Nadzan, art teacher

Congratulations to Marissa Ramos whose artwork was selected to be included in the UNIQUE 2015 Exhibit. Marissa submitted an oil pastel drawing that she created while attending art at Solvay Middle School. This drawing will also be published in this year's UNIQUE magazine. Marissa's artwork was featured in the Unique 2015 Exhibit at the Everson Museum of Art from August 21st -September 20th and then traveled to be hosted by CNY Arts Center from September 22nd-October 12th. For more information about UNIQUE you may visit <http://www.ariseinc.org/recreation-art/unique-magazine/>.





Submitted by Gerald FitzGerald, band teacher at SHS

Calling all Solvay Band and Chorus Alumni

The Solvay High School Band and Chorus are inviting alumni to join us at our Winter Concerts. The Chorus Concert is Thursday November 19 at 7:00 pm and the Band Concert is Thursday December 10 at 7:00 pm. Alumni are invited to perform on Carol of The Bells with the Chorus and Sleigh Ride with the Band.

Alumni interested in performing should contact Ms. Dougherty (mdougherty@solvayschools.org) for Chorus and Mr. FitzGerald (gfitzgerald@solvayschools.org) for Band. Please let us know ahead of time if you would like music or need an instrument.

We hope to see many alumni at our concerts as we start this new tradition.

Submitted by Katie St. Laurent, Library Media Specialist

Pictured on the stage, Mary Beth Tinker, plaintiff in the landmark 1968 Supreme Court case *Tinker v Des Moines Independent School District*, visited Solvay High School on September 30 to talk about the first amendment, free speech and the background of her case. She met with the junior class and encouraged them to think critically about the world and to take action to bring the world closer to ideals of fairness, justice and equality. Pictured on the floor interpreter Joyce Bulow.

DECA Remodels the School Store

Submitted by Rich Gratien, Business Teacher/
DECA Advisor

DECA students along with their advisor, Rich Gratien, were busy over the summer upgrading the Solvay Cafe. Alina Zdebska, Katie Harrington, Colby Skrupa, and Sara LaDuke took on the task of giving the store a new, professional look during the summer. They painted the store using colors and design ideas they had developed. Rich Gratien refinished some cabinets and a counter found at Habitat for Humanity to complete the look.

DECA is a Business and Marketing club at Solvay High School. The school store is run by DECA students and provides food and drinks to all students before and after school. The proceeds from the store support DECA activities. The DECA students applied marketing concepts, learned in the classroom, to the store redesign. In addition to the new look, the store has an expanded product line this year. Student response to the new store has been very positive and sales have increased. The DECA students are proud of their store and have seen, first-hand, marketing in action.



Juniors Sara LaDuke, Katie Harrington, and senior, Colby Skrupa



Juniors Sara LaDuke and Katie Harrington

Submitted by Gerald FitzGerald, band teacher at SHS

Solvay Band student performs in State Honor Band

Jacob DePalma (Alto Saxophone) has been selected to perform with the New York State Band Directors Association School Band.

of seven selected York State the Honor there were applicants those 117 the band. High School



2016 High Honor Concert Jacob is one Alto Saxophones from across New to perform with Band. Overall more than 350 submitted; from were selected for The 2016 NYSBDA Honor Concert

Band will rehearse and perform during the Symposium to be held March 4, 5, and 6, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Liverpool, NY.

Perspective

Planning for the
future



By LAWRENCE WRIGHT
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by the daughter of John Savo, Cathy Savo.

On August 1, 2015, members of the Solvay High School's January and June Class of 1950, who were able to attend, attended their 65th year reunion. The gathering took place at Twin Trees Too in Syracuse, but Solvayites call this local landmark a Solvay location.

It was a day filled with great talks, laughter, good friendships, and fond memories of the days they roamed the hall of "dear old Solvay" (which for them as the old Hazard Street Middle School).

The committee planned a nice event. Pictured below are those alumni who shared new memories at the festive occasion.



Pictured left to right front row: Marion Salvagno Miller, Norma Sartor Goodman, Jo Piedmonte Kwranga, Ines Venturini Savo, Betty Perry Gruggiel. Row 2: Ruth Himpler Howard, Barbara Casler Richer, Peg Dwyer, Joan Musengo Powlick, John Savo, Doc Lalla, Anthony Bianchi. Row 3: Rev. Robert Bradbury, Eleanor Coe Sorbello, Eleanor Forth McDermott, Dorothy Swedowski Czamecki, Jo D'Alessandro Thomas, Frank Sampson. Back row: Richard Neufang, Dan Fragnito, Jane Vincent Klaben, Lorenzo "Cheech" Lopez, John Santaferra.



John Savo (right) presented Lawrence Wright, superintendent (left), with the poster from the Class of 1950 reunion to place in the historical display case at Solvay High School.

Submitted by Mary Perun, SMS music teacher

Junior High Area All-State Chorus

Six Chorus students from both the 8th and 9th grades were selected to participate in the 2015 Junior High Area All-State Music Festival at Cortland High School on November 6th and 7th, 2015. Jianna Speach performed with the Treble Choir. Brandon Falcone, Nick Lopez, Jennifer Klix, Anastasia La Flair, and Destyni McVey performed with the Mixed Chorus. These students were selected based on their 2015 N.Y.S.S.M.A. solo festival scores and their directors' recommendations. Solvay students are among the highest ranking students from Zone 3 of the New York State School Music Association which includes Onondaga, Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tompkins, and Tioga Counties. Their selection is a result of their hard work and dedication to music. Congratulations to all of these fine young musicians!



Pictured above left/right: Jianna Speach, Anastasia La Flair, Jennifer Klix, and Nick Lopez. Pictured below left/right: Brandon Falcone and Destyni McVey.



New faces of Solvay

Amy Street, Kindergarten teacher at SES



Bachelors of Science Degree in Childhood/Special Education from St. John Fisher College, Masters Degree in Literacy Education also from St. John Fisher College

I am so excited to be a part of the Solvay Union Free School District as a Kindergarten teacher! I have been substitute teaching for the past three years and have had five long term assignments within that time frame. I knew when I was younger that I wanted to have a career that helped others and teaching does that and so much more! There is no greater feeling then when you are teaching a student and the information they are learning just clicks in his/her brain. When I am not teaching, I like to spend time with my family and friends and do activities like yoga and baking. I cannot thank the staff at SES enough for showing me kindness and support as a new member to their team!

Kristen Joseph, math teacher at SHS



Master of Science in Education, SUNY Fredonia; Bachelor of Science in Adolescence Mathematics Education, SUNY Fredonia

I am originally from Rochester, NY where I attended a very small school district and grew up with my parents and my two younger sisters. I work at Seabreeze Amusement park in Rochester and I moved to Liverpool this summer. This is my first official year as a teacher and I am excited to be a part of the Solvay Bearcats family. I look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Kayleigh Ackerman, gr. 4 teacher at SMS



BS in Psychology and Childhood Education/Special Education (1-6) MS in Childhood Education (1-6)/Special Education (1-12) from LeMoyne College

I am excited to be a part of the Solvay community as a 4th grade teacher. I have previously taught 3rd and 4th grade. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy staying active whether it is going to the gym regularly, attending yoga classes, or hiking in the Adirondacks! In addition, I love spending time with my family. I also enjoy spending time with my two lively pet chinchillas.

Sandra Shibley, term substitute special education teacher at SMS



SUNY Brockport, BA English; Le Moyne College, MEd in Literacy graduation date (May 2016)

I have over two years of combined experience teaching special education from at the early elementary level. I have been a literacy tutor at Gigi's Playhouse for 3 years, as well as a mentor for Advocates for one. I am currently finishing my masters and will be graduating in May 2016. I was engaged in December 2014, and my fiancé and I are planning a summer 2017 wedding. I am currently coaching my second year for JV Girls Volleyball at Marcellus CSD.

Bailey Colvin, Italian teacher at SHS



Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science in Teaching from Cornell University

I live in Auburn but am originally from the Ithaca area. I like to keep busy with outdoor activities including but not limited to running around with my three-year-old. I am very excited to be with Solvay beginning this year and I look forward to getting my feet wet!

Allison Medsger, reading intervention teacher at SMS



SUNY Oswego BS Adolescent Education, English 7-12, MSED Literacy 5-12

I am originally from Baldwinsville. After college, I moved to South Carolina and taught 7th grade ELA for 5 years. I moved back

to the area in 2012 with my husband to raise out two children, Alivia, 5 and Nolan, 2. When I am not teaching, I love to be with my family, outside, or reading a good book. I am eager to bring my passion for developing literacy rich students to Solvay.

Julie Saltisiak, 7th grade ELA teacher at SMS
BA in Secondary English Education, Syracuse University



This is my first year of teaching, but I am not new to the Solvay Union Free School District. I actually completed my full-time student teaching placement with Cecelia Kulak,

the previous 7th grade ELA teacher in the Middle School. Also, at the end of last school year, I filled in as the 7th grade Teaching Assistant.

I am originally from near Scranton, Pennsylvania. I came to New York and the Syracuse area for college, but I ended up liking it so much that I decided to make it my new home! In my spare time, I love to explore areas of Upstate New York and learn about the area. I am also an avid reader; I love to relax with a good book!

I am already enjoying my time in the classroom with my students, and I look forward to an awesome rest of the year! I cannot wait to get to know the Solvay community better!

Teaching Assistants

Solvay Elementary School

- Tracy Dellow
- Solvay Middle School
- Julie Gerver
- Solvay High School
- Kayleigh Modugno

Teacher Aides

Solvay High School

- Melissa Ellingworth
- Cathy Warren

Transportation

School Bus Drivers

- Cory Coakley
- Gail Koegel
- Alan Manning
- Amanda Norton
- Robert Sgarlata

Food Service

Solvay Elementary School

- Terry Magee

Custodial/Maintenance

- Nicholas Bragan
- Todd Drapola

Typist I

Solvay Middle School

- Jennifer Revette
- Solvay High School
- Linda Lyons

Districtwide

Treasurer

- Jennifer Schultz

Submitted by Diane Hagemann and Paula Kopp,
principals at SMS

Last spring Mr. Collin Thompson, 6th grade math teacher, piloted an innovative new adaptive math program with his seventh graders called Mathspace. It is an amazing app (or website) that allows students to get the practice they need and earn points as they do it (it is so much more than that but that's not the point of the story). He also set up a student account for himself so I could do the problems with my students, not in a competitive way, just to be able to see things from their perspective.

At the end of last year, knowing he was going to do a year long pilot program of Mathspace with the to-be-seventh-graders, Mr. Collin Thompson went in to all sixth grade classes to introduce it to them so they would be familiar with it this year. A student immediately fell in love with the program and proceeded to do a lot of practice on it. She earned as much as three times as many points as the other students in her class. Mr. Collin Thompson didn't really know her at the time until Mathspace representatives sent him an email with a screenshot of something Leslie posted on Instagram (which I've attached). Unbeknownst to him, she had been trying to beat his score in Mathspace! And she posted about it on Instagram to all her friends with the hashtag #mathspace. (You can see in the picture I'm now number two.) Leslie thought it was the coolest thing for a big company to take notice of her post and email me about it!

Then, this past summer Mr. Thompson was reading through Mathspace's weekly blog/newsletter that they post on their website, when I came across a familiar sight: <https://mathspace.co/blog/what-does-successful-math-pilot/>.

"Mathspace shows students a leader board that refreshes in real-time, so students can see how they compare to others in their classes. Points are awarded based on effort, so the more students work in Mathspace, the more points they can get! Teachers loved using the points to encourage their students to work -- since students were awarded based on effort, the "weekly" leader board always changed based on who was most engaged that week. See how this student was so motivated, she wanted to tell all of Instagram about beating her teacher in points below."

She is featured on their official website! Leslie is now internationally famous!



Submitted by Katie St. Laurent, library media specialist at SHS

On October 21 Solvay High School students Skyped with Carol Lynch Williams, author of over 30 novels. She shared some information about her life and her writing, then answered questions from our budding writers. Students received some great suggestions for staying motivated, choosing great topics and developing characters. Ms. Williams was very impressed with Solvay students!



Procedures for Weather Cancellations/Emergency closings

In an effort to keep families informed, the district uses an automated emergency calling system.

This system is used to contact parents and guardians in the event school will be delayed, closed, or early dismissal) after the start of the school day). It supplements the already-established procedures of contacting the local news media.

Families should ensure that all emergency contact information is updated with their child(ren)'s school(s) with any changes to phone numbers and addresses as soon as possible.

Not only is the district responsible for keeping this information in educational records, but current information is essential for any emergency notification.

Cancellations or delays are also posted on the district website (solvayschools.org).

Television:

- NBC 3 WSTM-TV (channel 3)
- CBS 5 WTVH-TV (channel 5)
- ABC 9 WSYR (channel 9)
- News 10 Now (channel 10 cable)

Radio:

- 570 WSYR-AM
- 91.3 WCNY-FM
- 92.1 WSEN-FM
- Y94FM - 94.5 WYYY-FM
- TK99 - 99.5/105.5 WTKW-FM

Submitted by Maggie Dougherty, vocal teacher at SHS

On November 9 the Solvay Select Vocal Ensemble will be collaborating with the Baker High School Chamber Choir for an evening of music. The concert will be held at the Cicero United Methodist Church at 7 pm. See you there!



Athletic updates

Senior citizen passes

Athletic Department senior citizen passes allow Solvay and Lyncourt senior residents free admission to all home athletic contests. Individuals must be 65. Passes must be picked up in the high school Athletic Office and are not transferable. If you have questions, contact John Dippold or Nicole Halloran at (315) 484-1400.

Winter 2015-16 sports

Start dates for winter 2015-2016 sports are:

10/26- Modified Volleyball

10/29- Modified Boys Basketball

11/9- JV and Varsity Sports

1/5- Modified Wrestling and Girls Basketball

Be sure to see the school nurse for appropriate paperwork.

Website

Visit the Athletic Department website at www.solvayschools.org/athletics for important announcements.

For up-to-date schedules and directions to schools, visit www.schedulegalaxy.com.

Twitter

Solvay Athletics is now on Twitter. Check daily for contests, score updates and other news @SolvayAthletics.

Highway cleanup

On Sept. 19, all fall athletic teams participated in the semi-annual highway cleanup with help from WestRock. Student athletes collected bags of garbage. WestRock has been a great neighbor and partner to Solvay Athletics for many years.

Homecoming

Thank you to the Callisto family and the countless other parent and community volunteers who made this year's Homecoming Week a great success.

Kudos

On Oct. 13, the Solvay Volleyball program participated in Community Serve-Ace Game. The event was a HUGE success and with the generosity and support of our staff, parents, community members and players, we were able to raise \$2501.31 for Griffin's Guardians, a non profit organization that provides support and financial assistance to children battling cancer in Central New York. We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who helped contribute to our Community Serve-Ace game, especially all our parents that helped make this event possible.



The Ride Arrives at Solvay Middle School

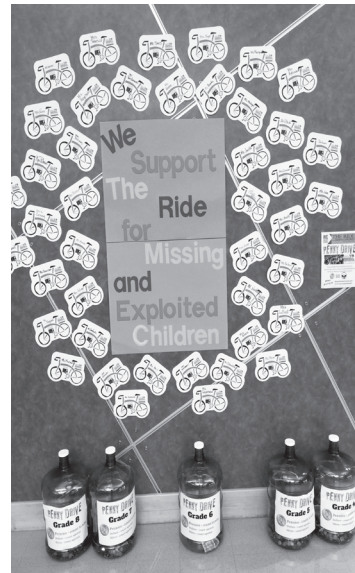
The Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has an annual event called The Ride which is a one-day, 100-mile bike ride that stops at schools along the route to bring a message of safety. All participating Riders make a vow to raise a minimum of \$500 and to support the mission and goals of The Ride and NCMEC-NY/MV. This year Solvay Middle School was lucky enough to be chosen as one of the stops.

The Solvay Middle School Student Council had a penny drive to support NCMEC. Each penny counted toward their goal and any other money denominations counted against their total. All students completed a week long penny drive for a total of \$226.00 raised to help the effort. The 4th graders won popcorn by raising \$32.42.

On September 25, the riders arrived with a full entourage of police cars and Clicky the mascot for the NetSmartz program. The arrival of the riders huge roar of excitement and cheering arose from the students. Clicky then gave some lessons to the 4th-grade and 5th-grade students about being safe online and out in the world. It was a great experience for all students to see the dedication of the riders and cheer them on for their success.



Excited to see the riders
Anna Love



SMS supports the riders through a penny drive



Meet the riders
Students (Back to Front, Left to Right)
Razan Alnuaimi, Ashleigh Kearns, Michelle Pavolvitz (rider), Nikita Yanushchik, Anthony McCormick, Adam Tarbell, Steven Gonzalez, Gianna Johnson, Marianna DeVaul, DeAndre Watson, Stacy Zahran, Rania Al Obaidi, Delaney Kaszubinski, Marcelia Martino



The riders coming onto campus



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Kevin Dwyer, *Member*

Lawrence Wright, *Superintendent of Schools*

| November 2014 | | January 2015 | |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| November 3-10 | SES Book Fair | January 8 | SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m. |
| November 3 | Capital Project Public Hearing @ SES 7:30 p.m. | January 9 | SHS Senior Yearbook Baby Ads Due |
| | SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. | January 12 | SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. |
| | SMS Picture Retake Day & Group Photos | | Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. DO 1 st Flr. Conf. Rm. |
| November 5 | SES Book Fair Family Night 5:30 p.m. | January 13 | SMS Gr. 4 Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m. |
| | SES Family Math Night 6:30 p.m. | January 15 | SES Gr. 2/3 Craft & Snack Night 6:30 p.m. |
| November 10 | No School - Staff Development Day/K-8 Parent Conference | January 19 | District Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| November 11 | Veterans Day Observed - District Closed | January 26-29 | NYS Regents Exams at SHS |
| November 12 | SES Picture Retake Day | January 29 | Early Dismissal PreK-8 - Staff Development Day |
| November 13 | Capital Project Vote noon-9:00 p.m. @ SHS | January 30 | SMS Gr. 8 Semi-Formal Dance 7:00 p.m. |
| | SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m. | February 2015 | |
| November 14 | SMS PTO Bingo 6:30 p.m. | February 2 | SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. |
| November 14 & 15 | SHS Fall Play 7:00 p.m. | February 4 | SMS Gr. 5 Science Showcase |
| November 17-21 | SHS Yearbooks On Sale in School | February 5 | SES Book & Blanket Night 6:30 p.m. |
| November 17 | Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. DO 1 st Flr. Conf. Rm. | February 9 | Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. DO 1 st Flr. Conf. Rm. |
| November 20 | SHS Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m. | February 11 | SHS Chorus Cabaret 7:00 p.m. |
| November 21 | SHS Senior Pictures Due for Yearbook | February 12 | <i>Celebrate with Song</i> @ SMS 9:45 a.m. |
| November 25 | SMS Variety Showcase | | SMS PTO Mtg. 7:00 p.m. |
| November 26-28 | Thanksgiving Recess - No School (November 27 & November 28 - District Closed) | February 16-20 | No School - Winter Recess (February 16 - District Closed) |
| December 2014 | | February 24 & 25 | SES Kindergarten Registration |
| December 1 | SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. | February 27 & 28 | SHS Spring Musical |
| December 10 | SES Gr. 3 Chorus Concert @ SMS 7:00 p.m. | <i>If school events change, they can be found on our web site at solvayschools.org.</i> SES = Solvay Elementary School SMS = Solvay Middle School SHS = Solvay High School | |
| December 11 | SHS Band Concert 7:00 p.m. | | |
| December 15 | Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m. DO 1 st Flr. Conf. Rm. | | |
| December 16 | SMS Gr. 5/6 Chorus & Band Concert 7:00 p.m. | | |
| December 17 | SMS Gr. 7/8 Chorus & Band Concert 7:00 p.m. | | |
| December 22-January 2 | No School - Holiday Recess (December 25 & January 1 - District Closed) | | |