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November 2021

## Welcome back students!

### SES Character Ed Parade

SES held an in-person parade to kick off their annual Character Ed program. Classrooms proceeded to parade around the field near the playground. They were joined by cheerleaders and captains of the football team. Students enjoyed the cheers and the football players.



## Superintendent's Perspective by Jay Tinklepaugh

We were excited to see all the students and staff back in buildings as well as the fall athletic teams being able to compete and cheering them on. During the summer, we hired many new staff members to support our students. For a complete list of new staff see

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Administrators and staff worked very hard on the reopening plan so that all students could attend in-person. A complete list of COVID-19 resources, information, and communications can be found on our website at [www.solvayschools.org](http://www.solvayschools.org). We appreciate your support as we continue to navigate through COVID-19.

Solvay's BEST (Building Education Success Together) program is once again offering a variety of enrichment opportunities for students in all grade levels. These programs are available before and after school. If your student wishes to participate, please be sure to enroll them.

Congratulations to the freshmen accepted into this year's Solvay Success Academy. This academy allows students to earn 60 college credits, which equals a two-year college associate degree while earning their high school diploma.

We had anticipated the high school auditorium to be finalized this past summer but have had some delays. The flooring, seats, sound system, and other improvements should be complete very soon. At the elementary school, the installation of air conditioning is complete and building temperatures are being monitored. The main office now has a single point of entry. The renovations are in the final stages with an anticipated completion this spring.

Please be sure to visit our website for ongoing updates and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Thank you for making Solvay special for our students and community. I look forward to our continued successes from the start of the year through the end.



## Solvay honors, Nicole Halloran, Athletic Trainer

September 24-October 4 was NYSATA Recognition Week. We recognized and expressed our appreciation for all the hard work Nicole Halloran, athletic trainer, does for our students, schools, and

community. She is entering her 18<sup>th</sup> year. Nicole graduated from Ithaca College. She and her husband, Shawn, daughters, Ryann and Addie live in Syracuse. Nicole is always ready to "roll up her sleeves" to help in any way she can whether it's supporting the athletic office, assessing students' injuries, or COVID testing. Thank you Nicole! (Picture is Nicole and daughter, Addie, at a recent varsity football game.)





## Athletic Department

### Winter 2021-2022 Sports:

Start dates for winter 2021-2022 sports are:

- 10/27 - Modified Boys Basketball and Modified Volleyball
- 11/15 - JV and Varsity Sports
- 1/5 - Modified Girls Basketball

Please be sure to sign up on FamilyID for these sports.

### Senior Citizen Passes:

Below you will find information regarding the Senior Citizen Passes that the Solvay High School Athletic Department will be issuing this year. This pass will allow Solvay and Lyncourt residents free admission to all of Solvay's home athletic contests.

- The individual must be 65 year of age.
- Passes must be picked up in the Solvay High School Athletic Office.
- Passes are good for all home contests.
- Passes are not transferable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 315-484-1400.

### 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. For directions to other schools, please be sure to visit [www.schedulegalaxy.com](http://www.schedulegalaxy.com).

### Twitter:

Solvay Athletics is NOW on Twitter! Please be sure to check daily for contests, score updates, and other Athletic Office news! Follow us @SolvayAthletics!

## Emergency Closings

In the event of a closure or delay, notices will go out via Parent Square, email, appear on the district's web site, and media outlets.

## Kindness Challenge

Ms. Kathleen Klier's class participated in the Great Kindness Challenge 2021.

The class designed and created paper chains with messages of kindness and encouragement for Kids For Peace located in Carlsbad, CA. The paper chains were completed on September 23, with the help from Mrs. Ellen Sheehan, director of special education, Ms. Diane Hagemann, principal, and Mr. Rory Malone, assistant principal. The paper "flats" were postmarked no later than October 8, 2021, so that they can be added to a paper chain trying for a Guinness World Record. The results will be published November 13. After the results, the paper chain will be dissected and distributed to hospitals and nursing homes to build unity and encourage patience during this time of the pandemic.



## Students Celebrate Patriots' Day



Ms. Kathleen Klier's class (above) celebrated Patriots' Day with a reading of *30,000 Stitches* by Amanda Davis. She brings to life the story of the Ground Zero Flag, which traveled throughout the USA, to bring hope and encouragement. The flag was "stitched" and repaired by a variety of citizens and now is located in the Ground Zero Museum in NYC. Pictured below are the students' flag drawings.



## Welcome to Our New Staff!

### Solvay Elementary School

- Suzanne Catalano, Teaching Assistant
- Ashley Daniul, Food Service Helper
- Emily Hayes, Kindergarten Teacher
- Janna Kozloski, Library Media Specialist
- Cindy Lannie, Teaching Assistant
- Lauren Lostumbo, School Counselor
- Gerette Nicotra, Teaching Assistant
- Ejiofor Nwokedi, Teaching Assistant
- Sarah Paquette, Psychologist
- Amanda Potter, Special Education Teacher
- Jonathan Schoonmaker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

### Solvay High School

- Michael Biesiada, Teaching Assistant
- Elisabeth Holmes, Long-term Science Teacher
- Amy Fernandez, Teaching assistant
- David Mihill, Teaching Assistant

### Solvay Middle School

- Amanda Anthony, Teacher Aide
- Lauren Briggs, AIS Teacher
- Michelle Butler, Food Service Helper
- Nicholas Costa, Social Studies Teacher
- Elizabeth DeSantis, Teaching Assistant
- Ashley (Mia) DiBello, Social Studies Teacher
- David Elmer, Math Teacher
- Andrea Martin, Special Education Teacher
- Caitlin McHugh, Long-term 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- Jessica Oliveira, Long-term Spanish Teacher
- Paul (Russ) Stanton, Principal

### District-Wide

- Michael Cavender, Technology Teacher

### Transportation

- Michelle Butler, Bus Attendant
- David Gardner, Bus Driver
- Cole LaPine, Mechanic
- Melissa Villnave, Bus Driver

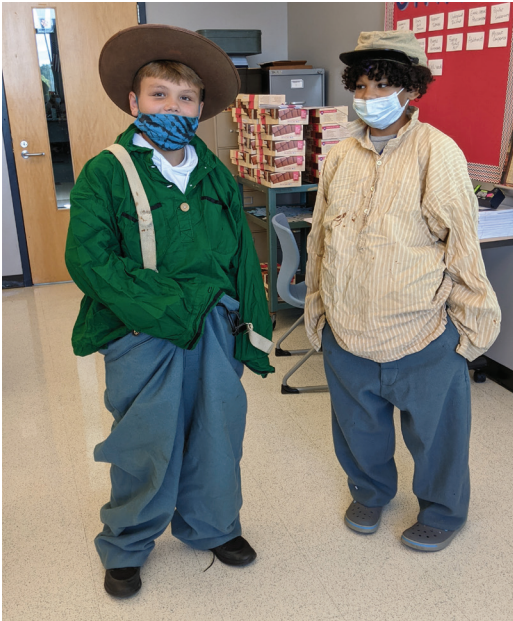
### District Office

- Bam Reome, Treasurer
- Rebecca Novak, Account Clerk II
- Kristen Purcell, Coordinator of Social Emotional Learning, Community Partnerships & Family Engagement
- Annemarie Scott, Typist II
- Jennifer Wall, Director of Instructional Systems & Technology Support

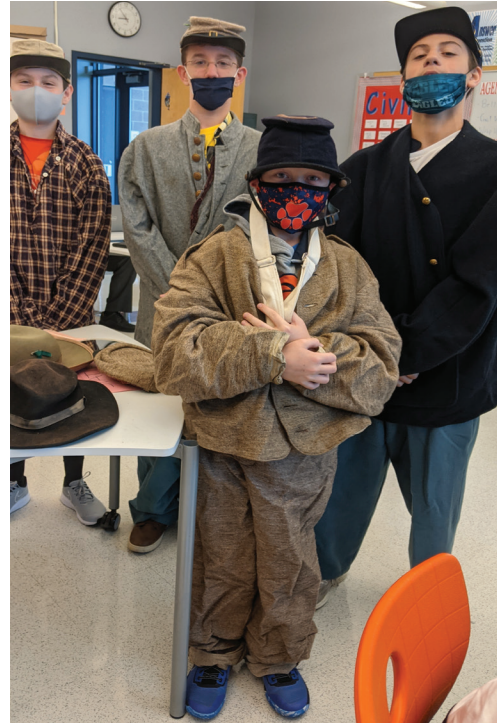


## Students Enjoy Hands-On Experience

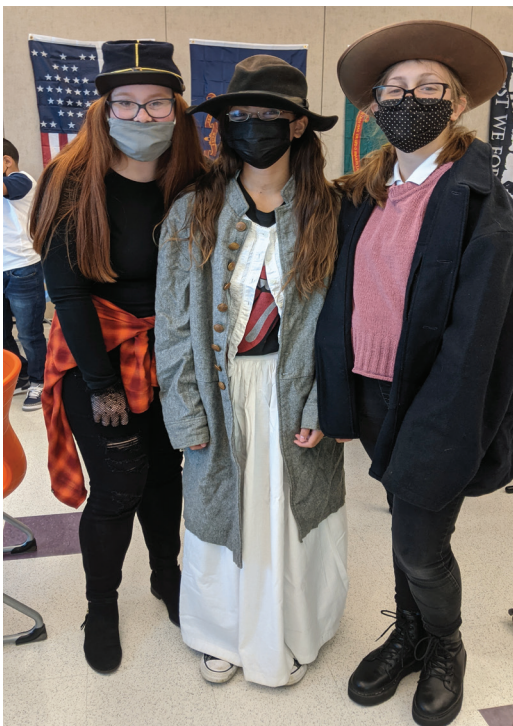
Mr. Nick Costa's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies classes learned about the Civil War and the different clothing and gear soldiers, women, and civilians wore. Students enjoyed the hands-on experience of being able to dress up as soldiers, women, and civilians during this time period by stepping into their shoes to try on some of the clothing and gear that these individuals would have worn. Students through this experience were able to learn first hand what it was like to live during this time period. Pictured below are students stepping back in time to the Civil War era.



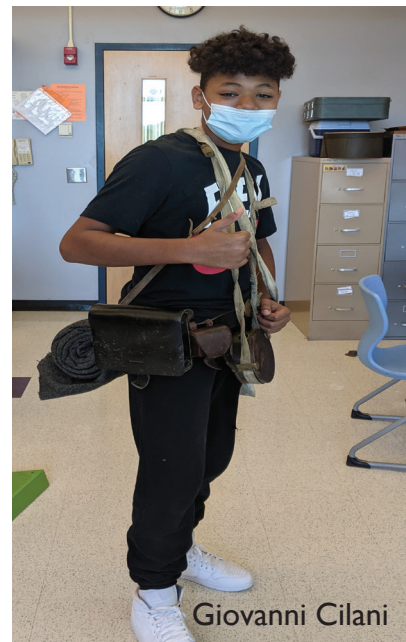
L/R: David Bush & Cameron Geigel



L/R: AJ Brusa, Jack Burke, Jason Davis & Justin Zimmerman



L/R: Annabelle Stewart, Ellie Maybee & Zoie Markowski



Giovanni Cilani



## Senior, Jacob Barndollar

Jacob has been named a Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Jacob is one of nearly 34,000 Commended Students



throughout the nation being recognized for their exceptional academic progress. Congratulations Jacob!

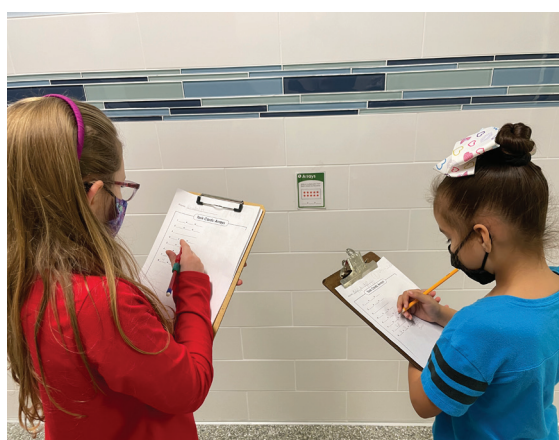
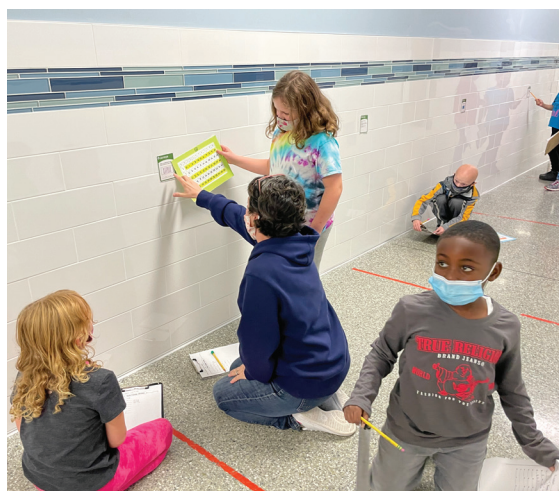
## Alyssa Long Selected to Jazz Ensemble

Congratulations to senior, Alley Long, on her selection to the 2021 NYSSMA All State Jazz Ensemble! Alley earned a score of 99 on her All State Jazz vibraphone solo this past spring. As a result she has been selected to perform with the All State Jazz Ensemble at this year's winter conference, December 2-5, 2021 in Rochester. The concert will be in the Eastman Theatre on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Only one jazz vibraphonist is selected from the entire state! The entire ensemble consists of only 21 student musicians!



## Third Graders Solve Multiplication

Mrs. Sue Rivito and Mrs. Amy Diel's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class enjoyed working with partners to practice solving multiplication equations using arrays and word problems. The students completed 8 stations.



## Solvay Success Academy Continues Its Accomplishments

Over the summer month of July, sophomores in the Solvay Success Academy participated in two educational programs as members of the academy. The first program was housed at SHS and led by educators from SUNY Oswego. The four-day STEM-based program provided students with hands-on experience in coding, problem-solving, experimentation, and group communication. The second program was the OCC Summer Bridge, where students obtained a first-hand look at the Onondaga Community College Campus and gained knowledge on the expectations of a college student. Students visited the college over a four-day period and took part in classroom sessions focusing on Math, Science, Engineering, and college preparation.

Both of these programs ran over the summer for a two-week period and were exclusive to Solvay Success Academy freshmen who became sophomores in September. While this group participated in these activities, Solvay Success Academy juniors and seniors took online synchronous college courses through OCC. Those summer classes are tuition-free and provided students with the opportunity to earn up to 13 college credits in two summers. Students currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at SMS will hear more about the Solvay Success Academy throughout the school year. If students or parents have any questions pertaining to the program or would like more information, please contact the coordinator, Keith Lasher at [klasher@solvayschools.org](mailto:klasher@solvayschools.org).



L/R are SHS students: Natalie Mather, Rosalind Sowan & Natalie Michalek. The students built and coded their robot to pick up and transport different objects from one place to another.

## Congrats to Zachery Balduzzi

Congratulations to Zachery Balduzzi for being chosen as an Alternate for NYSSMA's All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Last spring, students prepared a virtual NYSSMA Audition that required them to learn a jazz solo, improvise, and record their auditions for submission into the group. Congratulations to Zachery for all his hard work.



## "Almost Maine" - SHS Fall Play

The Solvay Drama Club will be performing "Almost Maine" on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. "Almost, Maine" is a play by John Cariani, made up of nine short plays that explore the themes of love and loss in a remote, mythical town called Almost, Maine. More information on purchasing tickets will be available soon. Any questions please reach out to Mr. Oliver at [coliver@solvayschools.org](mailto:coliver@solvayschools.org).



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