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Solvay Union Free School District

We develop confident, continual learners who are caring community members.

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Congratulations to the 2017 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Ruan Chubaruk

Valedictorian: Ruan Chubaruk

Parents Name(s): Leonid and Nelya Chubaruk

College Choice: Le Moyne College

What have you enjoyed most about high school: I enjoyed my senior year the most.

Salutatorian: Alina Zdebska

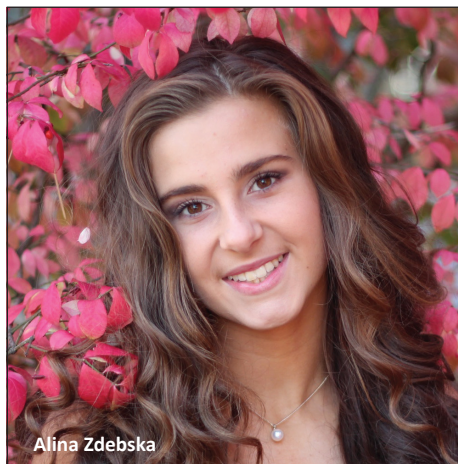
Parents Name(s): Oksana Zdebska, Andriy Zdebskyy

College Choice: Syracuse University

Career Plans: Biomedical Engineering

What have you enjoyed most about high school: The memories made with friends and teachers, especially during the spirit week of homecoming. I also loved participating in a broad range of activities such as DECA, yearbook, and soccer.

Favorite Quote: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory" -Dr. Seuss



Alina Zdebska

Updates to the 2016-2017 Calendar

June 9, 2017 from a full day of attendance to a half day of attendance for grades 9-12 - Local Exams

June 12, 2017 from a full day of attendance to a half day of attendance for grades 9-12 - Local Exams

June 15, 2017 from a full day of attendance to a half day of attendance for grades PreK-8 - Staff Development Day

June 22, 2017 from a full day of attendance to a half day of attendance for grades PreK-8 - Staff Development Day

Superintendent's Perspective



As the school year comes to a close, I am proud to say that we've had many accomplishments. Solvay's graduation rate remains one of the highest in the region at 91.6 percent — nearly 90 percent of our graduates go on to college. We continue to offer more than 30 college courses on site from Onondaga Community College (OCC), Syracuse University (SU) and the College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (SUNY ESF). Additionally, we were selected to be a part of the OCC Advantage pilot, which will allow Solvay graduates the opportunity to attend OCC tuition-free (beginning with this year's freshman class).

Our achievements at the high school level are the direct result of community partnerships and hardworking teachers throughout the district. Strong practice and high-quality curriculum throughout the district allow us, ultimately, to support high-achieving graduates. With that in mind, we are continuing to work toward improvements in our elementary and middle schools. Our elementary school (now serving grades PreK – 4) is in the process of building one of the best early childhood programs in the region and our middle school (now serving grades 5 – 8) will be a Syracuse University Partnership School next year, with the primary focus centering on student programs and professional development for teachers. We expect to see improvements on the 3–8 English language arts and math assessments thanks to these innovative organizational and instructional changes. Science achievement on the fourth and eighth grade exams has consistently been at or above the regional and state average, which we expect to continue. Our efforts also included general improvements to literacy with attention to the fundamental subjects of speaking, writing, reading and listening skills.

We have continued to upgrade our facilities at no additional cost to tax payers. Those physical improvements include our "green" initiatives, which involve solar energy, LED lighting, water bottle filling stations and use of recycled and reclaimed materials.

Capital project work also involved a new roof and resurfacing of the gym floor at Solvay Elementary School, new turf and resurfacing the track at the stadium, dugouts and water at the ball fields, some site work at Solvay High School and the relocation of district offices to Solvay Middle School. Many of these improvements will help us realize efficiencies that will save tens of thousands of dollars annually.

Thank you for supporting the budget for the 2017-18 school year. Certainly challenges will persist, but so does the continued overwhelming support of our community.

Have a good summer!



Seats Still Available for Solvay UFSD PreK Program

Seats are still available for the Solvay Union Free School District (UFSD) pre-kindergarten (PreK) program.

Solvay UFSD offers a PreK program for four-year-old children residing in the Solvay UFSD for the 2017-2018 school year. There is no charge to families, regardless of family income. This program is funded by special grants from the New York State Education Department.



Space is still available in this program and all children who are four years old on or before December 1, 2017 are welcome to apply. 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. For more information on pre-kindergarten at Solvay UFSD, please contact the Solvay Central Registrar at 315-468-1111, extension 3020.

Breakfast & Lunch Prices Update for 2017-2018

Breakfast

PreK-12 from \$1.10 to \$1.25

Lunch

PreK-8 from \$2.10 to \$2.25

9-12 from \$2.20 to \$2.35

Solvay Union Free School District Wins 21st Century Learning Center Grant Aimed at Boosting Student Achievement

The Solvay UFSD was recently awarded \$5.3 million from a federal 21st Century Learning Center grant, aimed at boosting student achievement. The award, which will span over five years, will add a substantial source of income for the district. Solvay UFSD currently has about 1,500 students and a budget of \$32.4 million for the current 2016-17 school year.

"This is a huge boost and a big win for us," said Solvay UFSD Superintendent Lawrence Wright. "We will be able to do some really creative and innovative things to connect with families and help students be successful."

The money will be used for a multitude of programs, including the restoration of a summer "smart" camp that focuses on math and literacy; before- and after-school childcare; after-school academic support for struggling students; a variety of sports, music, and other recreational activities; mental-health services for those in need; and continued training for teachers to make better connections between school and home.

"This grant moves us in the direction of being a true community school," said Wright.

School-community partnerships represent a cornerstone of the grant, which is aimed at improving academic achievement while also helping students become career- and college-ready. As part of the grant process, the district will partner with community organizations and local schools to collaborate in planning and delivering programs funded by the grant. The organizations the district has already partnered with include:

- Before and After School Child Care on Location
- Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center
- Syracuse University (SU)
- Onondaga Community College (OCC)
- Onondaga County Department of Children and Family Services
- Manufacturers Association of Central New York
- ACMG Federal Credit Union
- Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (OCM BOCES)
- Laura Payne-Bourcy Consulting Services

It was a partnership with OCM BOCES that started the grant-application process in the first place. Solvay UFSD school officials took advantage of a grant-writing service at OCM BOCES that links districts to resources and writers. In this case, the district worked with grant writer Chris Semler. Semler and the Solvay UFSD leadership team worked on the 150-page document for nearly two years, but really buckled down on their efforts in July of last year.

"It was personally satisfying to see such a great school district get this," said Semler.

Another partner, SU, will collaborate with Solvay teachers on a summer literacy course for middle school students.

"The School of Education has partnered with the Solvay district over the last four years," said Joanna O. Masingila, Dean of the Syracuse University School of Education. "We have collaborated in a number of ways around Solvay student learning experiences, professional development for Solvay teachers, and mentoring SU prospective teachers."

OCC, a longtime partner of the Solvay UFSD, will also work with the district to use the grant to further help students prepare for college, with the implementation of a summer program for all students enrolled in the OCC Advantage program, called "Summer Success Academy." The OCC Advantage program is a college readiness program that begins in the ninth grade. The program allows students in the Solvay UFSD the opportunity to earn a full tuition scholarship through the OCC Foundation.

"We are thrilled to be a partner with the Solvay UFSD for the 21st Century Learning Center grant," said Amy Kremenek, Vice President of Enrollment Development & Communications at OCC. "We are excited to further partner with the Solvay UFSD to implement a high quality summer program and to engage students and parents throughout their high school years, enabling students to graduate high school having established career and educational goals and well-prepared for college success."

Funding for the grant begins with the upcoming fiscal year on July. As part of the grant requirements, the district will hire an in-house program director. The New York State Education Department, which administers the funds from the U.S. Education Department, will use an independent evaluator to measure the grant's outcomes and effectiveness. About 70 percent of the funding for the grant went to the needs of financially struggling cities, making it difficult for rural or suburban districts to successfully compete for the grant – but also making the award to Solvay UFSD even more gratifying.

"We were really proud to be one of the districts selected for this grant," said Wright. "We are excited for all the possibilities it will afford us."

Solvay Teachers Receive Teachers of Excellence Award



Each year State Senator John A. DeFrancisco seeks nominations for the New York State Senate Teachers of Excellence award program. Senator DeFrancisco asks school administrators, faculty, and staff to nominate an educator who they think has gone above and beyond each day to help students learn during the 2016-17 school year. In recognition of their professional accomplishments, Senator DeFrancisco presented all of the honorees with a New York State Senate Teachers of Excellence certificate and a "Golden Apple" pin.

This year, three teachers from the Solvay UFSD received the Teachers of Excellence awards: Cindy Altman (5th Grade Teacher), Bonnie Borowiec (8th Grade Science and Living Environment Teacher), and John Owens (Chemistry and Calculus Teacher).

We are so proud of all of our Solvay teachers, but a special congratulations goes out to these three teachers for this recognition!

Solvay UFSD Rocks the Bald – Raises \$24,697 for St. Baldrick's

Go Bald or Go Home. Rock the Bald. Brave the Shave.

These mottos were seen and heard throughout the day at the second annual St. Baldrick's event on March 17, 2017 held at Solvay High School. And go bald they did. The event raised an outstanding \$24,697.42 for St. Baldrick's and exceeded last year's total.

Walking in to Solvay High School for the St. Baldrick's event, attendees were immediately greeted with a sea of green and white, along with plenty of fun and wacky hairstyles. Shavees were invited to dye their hair fun colors, add glitter, and shape it into fun styles before they braved the shave. Volunteers, attendees, and participants also took part in the hair style station with a small donation. Along with this station, attendees were invited to try the other various stations set up throughout the event, including face painting, pie in the face, gift basket raffles, a bake sale, cereal eating contents, badminton tournament, fast fishing content, and a hula hoop contest. All proceeds from these stations went towards the fund raising totals for the event.

Attendees at the St. Baldrick's event were also invited to purchase T-shirts for \$10, with proceeds from the T-shirt sales going to St. Baldrick's. The shirt design was created by Solvay High School senior Arthur Germakowski and featured "Rock the Bald" on the back. Shirts quickly sold out at the event and could be spotted in Solvay High School throughout the day.

The main event for the day occurred in the Solvay High School auditorium, where a total of 41 shavees braved the shave. Shavees were invited to take the stage in groups to have their heads shaved in front of the crowd. As each group was called, they were greeted with a round of applause and cheers from the audience, as friends, family,

and Solvay teachers and staff all supported the shavees.

As each shave began, so did the chants and camera flashes. There was never a quiet moment in the auditorium, as music played through the speakers and onlookers were constantly cheering on the shavees. Friends and family members circled around the front of the stage to get a closer look and document the action as well, taking pictures, videos, and – at one point – live streaming the shave of a shavee.

After everyone had braved the shave, the event continued outside the auditorium in the Solvay High School lobby. The gift basket raffle station was especially busy, as event attendees rushed to enter for a chance to win the many gift basket and raffle items. After the gift basket raffle winners were announced, the event came to a close. But even though the St. Baldrick's event had ended, the donations continued for many days following the event, proving just how dedicated the Solvay community was to the cause.

In total, the second St. Baldrick's event at Solvay UFSD raised \$24,697.42. There were 41 shavees who braved the shave and over 30 volunteers who helped to make the event a success, along with all of the friends, family, and Solvay teachers and staff who came out to show their support.

For those interested in donating, the Solvay High School event site for St. Baldrick's will remain open until the end of the year. To make a donation to help cure childhood cancer, please visit the website at www.stbaldricks.org/events/SolvayHS.

Thank you to everyone involved in this extraordinary event. This is what makes Solvay special!

Solvay Middle School Students Perform at OCMEA Elementary All-County Music Festival

Eight students from the Solvay UFSD recently had the honor of participating in this year's OCMEA Elementary All-County Music Festival. The student singers and musicians – all sixth-graders from Solvay Middle School (SMS) – participated with more than 30 other elementary and junior high schools in Onondaga County, marking their participation in the festival as a great accomplishment. All students were selected by the All-County committee based on the recommendations of their teachers.

"We appreciate the continued support of our music program," said Middle School Band Director Chris Jabot. "It allows us to provide more students the opportunities to attend events such as this."

The following students participated in the festival: All County Band: Jayde Coyne, Meilynne DeGroat. All County Chorus: Athena Clark, Cameron Giannone, Jack Haskell, Kaylah Kowalczyk, Leannette Rivera, and Sophia Westcott.

Congratulations to our Elementary All-County Music Festival participants!



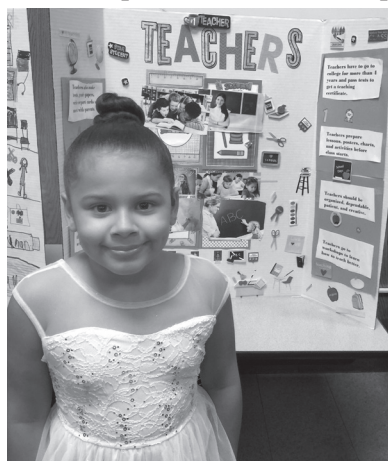
From left: Jack Haskell, MeiLynne DeGroat, Athena Clark, Kaylah Kowalczyk, Jayde Coyne, Leannette Rivera, Sophia Westcott, Cameron Giannone

Solvay Elementary School Celebrates Career Night

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A group of Solvay Elementary School (SES) second-graders recently learned more about the careers available to them. Career Night was part of an innovation project at SES this year. Students from Mrs. Porter, Mr. Grattan, and Mrs. Boileau's classrooms all participated in the event.

Thank you to Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Raynor, Mrs. Lysiuk, and Mrs. Shannahan for assisting with the art, music, and research portion of the students' projects!



Solvay Middle School's "The Lion King Jr." - Making a Difference in Our Community



On Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25, over 100 students from SMS worked together to help the musical "The Lion King Jr." roar to life. All three shows of "The Lion King Jr." were performed in front of full audiences. Students from fourth to eighth grade participated in the production, which featured beloved songs such as "Hakuna Matata" and "I Just Can't Wait to be King!"

This year, the cast and crew of "The Lion King Jr." continued the yearly tradition of donating a portion of ticket sales from the evening show on Saturday, March 25. The tradition helps the students to act upon the Solvay mission statement to "develop caring community members," allowing them to give back to the community while doing something they love. This year, the cast and crew are proud to announce that they made a \$600 donation to Francis House, in memory of beloved Solvay teacher and friend, Mrs. Andrea Dowling.

Great job, SMS! Thank you for an excellent show, your generous donation, and for being great kids doing great things!

How Solvay Middle School Helped Brave the Shave

"Go bald or go home" was the motto for the second annual St. Baldrick's event held at Solvay High School on March 17, 2017. And go bald they did, as 41 shavees braved the shave at the event, taking the stage in the Solvay High School auditorium to have their heads shaved in front of the crowd. This year, 29 of those shavees were students at SMS.

The idea for having SMS students participate in braving the shave came from SMS teacher Mr. Collin Thompson. Mr. Thompson's father has participated in the event for the last ten years, so when Patricia Campbell-Kochanek and Katie St. Denis brought the event to Solvay last year, Mr. Thompson was on board. He recruited three SMS students – including two girls and a boy – to brave the shave with him, helping Solvay raise over \$22,000 in its first year of the event.

This year, Mr. Thompson decided to start a SMS team to try and help generate more interest in the event throughout the school. He showed all of his classes a slide show to explain what St. Baldrick's is and what the money raised at all of the events is put towards. This helped increase interest in the event and students soon began to sign up and fund raise.

"Even though I encouraged them and talked about it almost every day, they are the ones that really took the initiative," said Mr. Thompson. "Most of the fund raising came from them!"

The SMS students involvement in the event was impressive, with students trying to talk their friends into it and often checking in on who had signed up and how much had been raised. The interest grew so much that Mr. Thompson began to keep track of the total funds raised, as well as how many students had signed up to brave the shave.

"I was able to update the totals on my whiteboard in the classroom every morning," said Mr. Thompson. "All of the students really got into it and enjoyed watching the progress."

And make progress they did. SMS alone raised over \$8,500 for the event, with 29 students from sixth to eighth grade braving the shave. From fund raising to participation, the involvement from SMS helped Solvay not only meet, but exceed their goal for the 2017 St. Baldrick's event, which raised an outstanding \$24,697.42.

"I've already had several students tell me they want to shave their heads next year," said Mr. Thompson. "I am beyond proud of them."

The Solvay Union Free School District Gives Back

The entire Solvay UFSD recently worked together to give back to the Solvay community in a very special way. Students, teachers, and staff from the district spent two days volunteering at the Vineyard Church for the Feed My Starving Children event.

The Feed My Starving Children event works to help those children who are in need, by providing them with nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children around the world. While donations are given from people through the community, volunteers are crucial to the cause, as they help to hand-pack each of the meals. The meals are then donated to food partners around the world, helping to feed children in need.

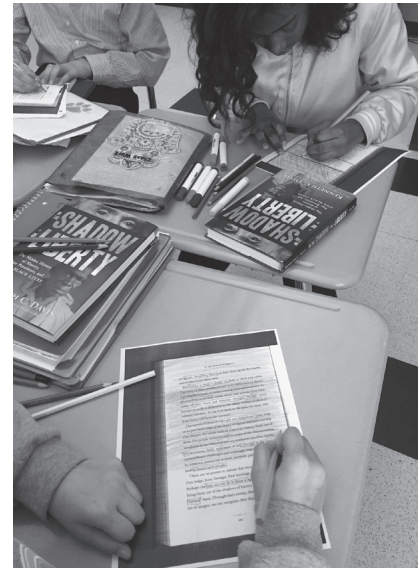
Answering the call to help, eighth-graders from Solvay Middle School spent the day working the event, quickly filling up boxes. In total, the eighth grade team filled an outstanding 147 boxes, made 31,017 meals, and fed 86 kids a day for an entire year!

Inspired by the success of the Solvay UFSD eighth grade team, other members of the Solvay UFSD community stepped up to the plate to help, including members of various Solvay UFSD athletic teams. Their work, combined with the work of the eighth-graders, raised the total packed boxes to 209 boxes of food – feeding over 350 children a year. For just two days of work, the Solvay UFSD community was able to have a positive impact on children in need from around the world.

Great work, Solvay! Thank you for taking the time to volunteer!

ELA Students Interact with Authors

Students in Mrs. Medsger's seventh grade ELA class recently completed reading and working with the non-fiction text, "In the Shadow of Liberty" by Kenneth C. Davis. The students worked in groups to explore the lives of five people who were enslaved by some of our country's most prominent founding fathers.



As a culminating activity, students wrote a literary analysis essay using textual evidence, and also created blackout poetry. Blackout poetry is a poem in which a piece of text is taken from an original work and certain words are colored over, leaving behind words that bring a new meaning to the text. The blackout poetry was inspired by the work of Kwame Alexander's poetry novel "Booked."

The students were very excited to hear that both Kwame Alexander and Kenneth C. Davis acknowledged their hard work by liking the tweet that Mrs. Medsger posted on Twitter. Kenneth C. Davis also sent a message that read, "I am honored Thanks so much."

Solvay Student Art on Display at Everson Museum



"Surrounded By Color"
by Reagan Donigan, Silver Key Recipient

SMS eighth-grader Reagan Donigan recently had one of her paintings, titled "Surrounded By Color," on display as part of an exhibit at the Everson Museum of Art. The exhibit took place from March 11 to April 2.

Reagan was honored with a silver key for "Surrounded By Color" and a gold key for her print "Charlie," at the 2017 CNY Scholastic Art Awards held in early January at OCC. Reagan's painting "Surrounded By Color" was selected by judges to be on display at the Everson. Judges of the 2017 CNY Scholastic Art Awards selected only 32 pieces from the thousands of pieces featured at the awards.

Reagan describes the process of creating the portrait, as well as receiving the award, as an enjoyable one. And while she was pleasantly "surprised" to receive the award, her talent and careful consideration shine through in her work.

"I decided to make myself gray scale to create contrast against the colorful background," said Reagan. "I wanted to emphasize the portrait more."

In addition to Reagan, 11 other students from SMS and Solvay High School were recognized at the awards ceremony, taking home a total of 14 awards.

Congratulations to Reagan and the rest of the award recipients!

Solvay High School Band Earns NYSSMA Gold Rating

Congratulations to the Solvay High School (SHS) Concert Band for earning a NYSSMA Gold Rating at the NYSSMA Major Organizational Evaluation Festival held at Fabius-Pompey High School on April 13.

The SHS Concert Band performed at Level Five, which NYSSMA defines as "Difficult: Recommended for more advanced high school ensembles of experience and proficiency." This is the first time the SHS Concert Band has received a Gold Rating at Level Five. Gold Ratings are awarded to ensembles "that have demonstrated an outstanding level of technical and artistic skill...for all three selections performed." Congratulations, SHS Concert Band!



Solvay High School Recognized for Yearbook Excellence

The SHS yearbook staff has been recognized by Balfour Yearbooks with an Honorable Mention Certificate of Recognition for its outstanding contribution to scholastic journalism. The SHS yearbook is featured in the 2017 Yearbook publication of exemplars.

Yearbooks published by Balfour for the 2015-2016 school year were evaluated in one or more of the following areas: theme development, layout design, photo content, secondary packages, and cover design. The 2017 Yearbook publication of exemplars showcases 2016 yearbooks. SHS's outstanding work earned an

Honorable Mention Recognition in the publication. Balfour honors approximately 12 percent of its yearbook staffs with this distinction.

SHS's yearbook adviser is Kelly Monaghan and its 2016 staff included:

Jacqueline Allen

John Brusa III

Kathleen DeMong

Jacob Dippold

Colton Francemone

Phoebe Guadagnolo

Christiana Marotti

Hailey McNamara

Samantha Morehouse

Taylor Preble

Erin Shuba

Zachary Suchomski

Jonathan Thompson

Alina Zdebska

Congratulations to the SHS yearbook staff on four consecutive years of recognition!



Solvay High School Career Presentations

Students at SHS were given an opportunity to learn more about the physical therapy and criminal justice fields during career seminars held in February and March.

For the seminars, Cathy Keough, a physical therapist with Hear2Learn, spoke with students about the rigor of a physical therapy program and the job itself. Students were divided into groups,

given an object, and challenged to find ways it could be used in a therapeutic setting.

Solvay alumnus Mitch Anthony ('10), a police officer for Syracuse City, talked about the process and training involved in becoming an officer. Students were given examples of a typical day and situations officers encounter on a day to day basis.



Solvay High School Brings Art and Joy to Children in the Ukraine



Students in Kim McGraw's Advanced Drawing and Painting class at SHS recently completed a school project they are sure to remember. As a part of the Memory Project, students painted and drew portraits of children from the Ukraine. The portraits were then delivered to the children and captured in a video. To view the video, visit solvayschools.org.

The Memory Project engages art students from schools throughout the United States in creating realistic portraits for children around the world who have become orphans, been neglected, or are disadvantaged. With the latest project for children from the Ukraine, SHS students are

working to help these children feel valued by providing them with meaningful pieces of personal history.

"Every year my students love this project," said Mrs. McGraw. "This is my seventh year doing this and we've done portraits for children in countries across the globe."

Since 2004, the Memory Project has created more than 100,000 portraits for children in 43 countries. Each child receives multiple unique portraits, as several photos are taken of each child in different poses. For more information on the Memory Project, visit the website at www.memoryproject.org.

Solvay Drama Club's "Cinderella" Wins Special Achievement Award from the Syracuse HS Theatre Awards



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Congratulations to the Solvay Drama Club's production of "Cinderella!"

The production has been awarded the Special Achievement Award from the Syracuse High School Theatre Awards. This award was given in recognition for the students introducing theatre to new audiences. Solvay Drama Club had over 1,000 people attend this year's musical, "Cinderella."

The Syracuse High School Theatre Awards celebrates and recognizes local student achievements in the production and performance of theater. Solvay Drama Club is extremely honored and humbled to be recognized for their hard work, dedication, and professionalism to the show.

The Syracuse High School Theatre Awards will take place on June 4, 2017 at 5 p.m. The evening will feature students from 26 Central New York schools. A total of 14



awards will be presented throughout the evening, with some theatrical performances by several schools being performed in between awards.

Scholarship	Recipient First	Recipient Last
Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship	Jordan	Devereaux
Bagozzi Twins Student Athlete Scholarship	Camille	Devereaux
Clara Hill-Murphy Scholarship	John	Brusa III
Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship	Michael	Cimino
Coach Al Merola's Bearcat Pride Scholarship	Jonathan	Thompson
Crossroads Lodge #520 Solvay Masonic Temple Scholarship Award	Samantha	Scutt
Dave Pirro Memorial Scholarship	Joseph	Sardo III
Dave Pirro Memorial Scholarship	Jonathan	Smolen
Dolores White Memorial Scholarship Award	Mackenzie	McCarthy
Dr. Joseph F. Sebesta Memorial Scholarship Award	Jeremy	Florczyk
Erik S. Kohler Memorial Scholarship	Rita	Ramsden
Friends of Lucian Garzia Memorial Scholarship	Connor	Bechard
Friends of Marc Ball Memorial Scholarship	Jacob	Dippold
Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award	Emily	D'Eredita
Geddes Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Award	Christina	Stoltz
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Ruan	Chubaruk
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Alina	Zdebska
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	El'Mira	Silyuk
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Joseph	Guadagnolo
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Taylor	Preble
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Michael	Cimino
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Jonathan	Thompson
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Michael	Tomoroksa
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Arthur	Germakovski
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Viktoriya	Piso
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Alexis	Salamino
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	James	Mather
Hodnicki Family Scholarship Trust	Angela	Romanchuk
Iannicello Family Community Award	Jacob	Dippold
Iannicello Family Community Award	Leda	Jaquin
John O. Pepe Memorial Scholarship	Althea	Davies
Joseph F. O'Neill, Jr. Memorial Award	Zachary	Chrysler
Julie Bray (DeFurio) Memorial Scholarship	Max	Lewis
Lakeside VFD Angelo "Babe" Fernandez Memorial Scholarship	Joseph	Santoro
Leon and Kathryn Mountain Hildenbrand Scholarship	Loretta	DeCook
Lise Katherine Henrickson Memorial Scholarship	Jacob	Fitzmaurice
Luciano F. Bogaz Memorial Scholarship	Joshua	Posnick
Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Michael	Cimino
Lyncourt Volunteer Fire Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Leda	Jaquin
Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship	Alexandra	Sokolowski
Margaret Duda Kingson Teaching Scholarship	Cassandra	Cook
Maria C. Maestri Teaching Assistance Award	Leda	Jaquin
Mary & Eddie Giemza and Richard Balduzzi Scholarship	John	Brusa III
Nilo and Rose Miori Memorial Scholarship Award	Rusty	Howe
Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award	Kathleen	DeMong
Peter Baichi Memorial Scholarship Award	Jacob	Fitzmaurice
Planned Results Scholarship	Emily	D'Eredita
Planned Results Scholarship	Lauren	Nichols
Planned Results Scholarship	Ashley	Lioto
Ralph E. Scutt Memorial Scholarship	Diana	Osiv
Rob Sposato Scholarship	Max	Lewis
Robert O'Donnell Citizenship Award	Samantha	Morehouse
Ronald W. Cole Memorial Scholarship	Julia	Donigan

Scholarship	Recipient First	Recipient Last
Solvay Bank Scholarship Award	Samantha	Farruggio
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Katherine	Harrington
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Alexa	Bagozzi
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Camille	Devereaux
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Ulyana	Konopatskiy
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Shawn	Edwards
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Brennen	McCann
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Mackenzie	Lee
Solvay Dollars For Scholars Tuition Assistance Award	Vincent	Longo
Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Lions Club/Louis Valerino Jr. Award	Julia	VanWie
Solvay Geddes Veterans Nursing Scholarship Award	Sara	LaDuke
Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award	Hailey	McNamara
Solvay High School Class of 1964 Scholarship Award	Jonah	Cavallo
Solvay High School Class of 1966 Scholarship	Ashley	Lioto
Solvay Music Boosters Award	Jacob	Fitzmaurice
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Jasmin	Ibrahim
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Savannah	St. Andrew
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Kally	Petrocci
Solvay School Employee's Union Scholarship	Celena	Bowen
Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award	Samantha	Morehouse
Solvay Substitute Teachers Scholarship Award	James	Lumb
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Jacob	Dippold
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Leda	Jaquin
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Christina	Stoltz
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Lauren	Nichols
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Jordan	Devereaux
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Todd	Gessini
Solvay Teachers Association Award	Brett	Pidkaminy
Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship	Marisa	Maroney
Solvay Tigers Auxiliary Scholarship	Nathan	Kosecki
Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship	Ashley	Lioto
Solvay Tigers Memorial Scholarship	James	Lumb
Stanley and Ursula Kishman Scholar Athlete Award	Jacob	Dippold
Tyrol Club of Solvay Scholarship	Alexa	Bagozzi
Village of Solvay Electric Dept./FORTISTAR Scholarship	Brooke	Guanciale
Vincent and Helen Mascette Scholarship	Julia	VanWie
Junior Awards		
Lemoyne College Heights Award	Timothy	Wheeler
Clarkson University High School Leadership Award	Noah	Capella
Clarkson University High School Achievement Award	Tessa	Fritzen
University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Award	Erica	Wilsch
University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award	Mary Catherine	Lopez
University of Rochester Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award	Sonya	Stanejko
University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology	Michael	Cantrell
RIT Computing Award - Male	Jacob	Taclof
RIT Computing Award - Female	Phoebe	Guadagnolo
RIT Innovation Award - Female	Megan	Vale
RIT Innovation Award - Male	Edward	Nanno
Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award	Lillian	Spencer
Elmira Key Award - Female	Jillian	Carter
Sage College	Sarah	Burns
Keuka College - The George H. Ball Community Achievement Award	Marina	Syssoyev

**Save
the
Date**

June 7, 2017 – Varsity Athletic Celebration

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Solvay High School • Reception at 6:00 p.m. • Awards at 6:30 p.m.

June 12, 2017 – Modified Athletic Celebration

June 12, 2017 – Middle School Athletic Banquet

Scholar Athletes

At the end of each sport season, the New York State Athletic Association honors those teams that excel in the classroom. To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition with a certificate, the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater or equal to 90%. This winter the Solvay UFSD had the girls basketball and girls bowling teams achieve this award.

Alumni Corner

Matt Battaglia '14-Senior Nazareth College cross country/track and field student athlete received the Robert A. Kidera Scholar-Athlete Award. To be eligible for the Kidera award, student-athletes must hold a GPA of 3.0 or better while exhibiting positive character and leadership skills in campus activities. Matt was recently accepted into Nazareth's Speech Pathology graduate program for the fall.

Great job, Matt!



Highway Cleanup



On April 22, all of our Spring athletic teams participated in our semi-annual Highway Cleanup with help from WestRock. The student-athletes collected many bags of garbage. WestRock has been a great neighbor and partner to Solvay Athletics for many years. We thank you for your continuous support and donations to Solvay Athletics.

Feed My Starving Children



Members of the Varsity Spring sport teams took part in the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event at the Syracuse Vineyard Church on April 6. FMSC is a non-profit organization that asks volunteers to pack meals for less fortunate countries. These meals are specifically formulated for malnourished children and have reached nearly 70 countries around the world! The Bearcats packed a record breaking number of meals!

More Than A Game Foundation

Both the Varsity Baseball and Softball teams played More Than A Game Foundation games up at OCC this season. The More Than A Game Foundation helps spread awareness while raising money to stamp out cancer. Way to go Bearcats!

Website

Please be sure to visit our Athletic Department website at 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.

Twitter

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

2017-2018 Solvay Union Free School District Calendar – REVISED – Adopted: 5/15/17

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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 Day
 November 9 – Staff Development Day/PreK-5 Parent Conferences
 November 10 – Veterans Day
 November 22-24 – Thanksgiving Recess
 December 25-January 1 – Holiday Recess
 January 15 – Martin Luther King Day
 January 22-25 – Regents
 January 26 – Staff Development Half Day*

February 19-23 – Presidents' Day/Winter Recess
 March 12 – Staff Development Half Day*
 March 30 – Good Friday
 April 11-13 – ELA Testing (paper)
 April 23-27 – Spring Recess
 May 1-3 – Math Testing (paper)
 May 24 – Staff Development Day
 May 28 – Memorial Day
 June 5, 12-22 – Regents
 June 15 & 22 – Regents Rating Day
 June 21 – Last Day for Students
 June 22 – Staff Development Day/Last Day for Staff

Solvay Alumni Bring Beatlecuse Back

Solvay alumni recently worked together to show that you can always get by with just a little help from your friends.

The Palace Theater on April 8 was the setting for the 2017 Beatlecuse celebration of the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album.

Over 70 Central NY musicians gathered together to perform music by the Beatles, followed by a note-for-note performance of the Sgt. Pepper album. Included in the "Summer of Love" orchestra were four musicians with ties to SHS. From left to right in the photo are Joe Frateschi, baritone sax (2007); Pete Pecora, Jr., tenor sax (1973); Dunham Hall, alto sax (2015); and Connor Davie, trumpet (attended SHS for 9th and 10th grade).



June is National Dairy Month

How will you celebrate? Get creative with yogurt and make a smoothie with your favorite fruit, or freeze yogurt for a nice cold summer treat. Choose low fat cottage cheese with peaches for a refreshing snack. Including low fat and fat free dairy products throughout the day helps us meet nutrient goals and can keep us satisfied between and after meals. Milk is a powerhouse beverage containing protein, calcium, carbohydrates, Vitamin D, and more. Chocolate milk is a topic of great debate, containing added sugars. However, a plain 8 ounce glass of milk contains 12 grams of natural sugar in the form of lactose. Drinking chocolate milk is certainly a better choice than soda and still contains the nutrients mentioned above. It is also an excellent choice after a workout, aiding in muscle recovery and rebuilding glycogen stores. So drink up and show off that milk mustache to help promote a healthy weight status, strong bones, and sparkling smile!

Check out our recently updated Food Service Website! Visit solvayfoodservice.weebly.com to view menus, school meal information, nutrition resources, and more. Don't forget to complete our short survey. We value your feedback.

Have a healthy and enjoyable summer vacation!

*Lindsey LaDue, RD, CDN
School Dietitian, OCM BOCES*

Solvay High School Student Wins Award for Essay

SHS student Timothy Wheeler was recently named the winner of the "Bella Lingua Italian Essay Contest." Timothy will receive his award at the Progresso Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America meeting on June 5, 2017. The award is funded by the District Seven Presidents' Council of the Order.

Timothy was unanimously chosen by the Presidents of the District to receive this award. Congratulations, Timothy!



Check it out! SMS fourth-graders recently visited the Great Swamp Conservancy in Canastota

Learn More About: Extended Learning Day at Solvay UFSD

The learning doesn't always have to stop when the last bell rings. Thanks to the Extended School Day program, students in the Solvay UFSD have been given the option to participate in a variety of projects after school within each school in the district.

The Extended School Day program is in all three schools in Solvay UFSD. The program is funded through the Community Schools State Aid that Solvay UFSD receives from New York State. The Extended School Day program started out in SES and SMS, with 26 teachers working to provide after school programming to students. The program ran in SES and SMS from January to April.

Following the return from spring break, SHS began offering the Extended School Day program as well, providing preparation classes for SAT/ACT tests, as well as Regents test review.

Projects for SES and SMS varied from robotics to art projects to cursive. Teachers participating in the program were allowed to come up with their own ideas on what projects they could offer to students. All projects were well received by the students, with some spanning the entire length of the program and others changing each week. At the close of each project, students were invited to present their work to the group, allowing them to work to improve their social and presentation skills in a comfortable environment.

"It was a great program for our students," said Ellen Sheehan, SES Coordinator for the program. "They were all so eager to stay after school to learn more and complete these projects."



Solvay High School Examination Schedule, June 2017

<div>June 13 TUESDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>RE in U.S. History & Government</div> <div>1:15 p.m.</div> <div>Algebra I (Common Core)</div>	<div>June 14 WEDNESDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>English Language Arts (Common Core)</div> <div>1:15 p.m.</div> <div>Living Environment</div>	<div>June 15 THURSDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>RE in Global History & Geography</div> <div>1:15 p.m.</div> <div>Physical Setting/ Setting/ Physical Setting/ Physics</div>	<div>June 16 FRIDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>Geometry (Common Core)</div> <div>1:15 p.m.</div> <div>Algebra II (Common Core)</div>	<div>June 19 MONDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>RCT in Global Studies**</div> <div>1:15 p.m.</div> <div>RCT in Writing***</div>
<div>June 20 TUESDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>Physical Setting/ Chemistry</div> <div>1:15 p.m.</div> <div>RCT in Science*</div>	<div>June 21 WEDNESDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>RCT in U.S. History & Government*</div> <div>1:15 p.m.</div> <div>RCT in Mathematics*</div>	<div>June 22 THURSDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>RCT in Reading*</div> <div><div>Uniform Admission Deadlines</div><div><div>Morning Examinations 10:00 a.m.</div><div>Afternoon Examinations 2:00 p.m.</div></div></div>	<div>June 23 FRIDAY</div> <div>9:15 a.m.</div> <div>RATING DAY</div>	<div><div>* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.</div><div>**World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally Developed Checkpoint A Exam</div><div>***World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally Developed Checkpoint B Exam</div></div>



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DATES TO REMEMBER

June

June 1 - SMS PTO Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.
June 5 - SES PTO Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.; Gr. 4/8 NYS Science Written Assessment
June 6 - Gr. 5/6 Spring Band & Chorus Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
June 7 - SHS Athletic Celebration @ 6:30 p.m.
June 8 - SMS Gr. 4 Spring Band & Chorus Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
June 12 - SMS Athletic Celebration @ 6:00 p.m.
June 13 - SES Gr. 3 Chorus Concert held at SMS @ 7:00 p.m.
June 14 - SES Flag Day Celebration
June 14-22 - NYS Regents Exams
June 22 - Last Day for Students
June 23 - SHS Commencement Rehearsal @ 9:00 a.m.
June 24 - SHS Commencement @ 11:00 a.m.

2017-2018 Events Calendar

Again this year, in an effort to contain costs, the district's events calendar will be sent home with students on the first day of school on September 6.

The calendar will be available mid-August on our website at www.solvayschools.org. If you would like a copy, please stop by one of the schools' main offices or the district office after August 26 to pick one up.

Bus Schedule Testing

JUNE 13-23, 2017

From home to Solvay High School: **MORNING** routes will be running as regularly scheduled. **AFTERNOON** you will need to call 315-487-5842 to arrange pick up.

From Solvay High School to Home: Busses will be available at the following times: 11:45 a.m.; 2:05 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.