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Sentinel

Solvay Union Free School District

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



SHS Senior paints mural to honor football player
Toe Morris

All-Time Leading Busines 1298

Over the summer, Solvay High School Senior Marissa Ramos worked to paint a mural of football player Joe Morris. Mr. Morris played football for the New York Giants and

Syracuse University. On Sept. 22, 2018, SU retired the number 47 in honor of Mr. Morris. The day before, a party was held in Mr. Morris's honor, where the mural was revealed. Marissa Ramos was commissioned by Mr. Denti from Alfred Denti Insurance to paint the mural in honor of Mr. Morris. Great job, Marissa!



Homecoming 2018

For
Homecoming
2018, the
entire Solvay
UFSD showed
us what makes
Solvay special,
with plenty
of Solvay
pride across
the district,
including a
pep rally at
Solvay Middle
School.









Perspective Jay Tinklepaugh

This September marked another successful start to the school year for Solvay. I hope that the start has been a successful one for you, and that you and your family have enjoyed getting back into your school routines. Thank you to all of our students, staff, and families who helped make our opening day a success and helped our students have a smooth transition into their new classrooms. We are always appreciative for the continued support that we receive from our community.

Over the summer, we worked on plans to strengthen our curriculum and school environment across all grade levels, while also working to ensure that our teaching continues to align with more rigorous learning standards. I'm proud to say that we've had success implementing these updates so far, and look forward to your continued support as we grow.

Thanks to the 21st Century Learning Grant Program, more diverse after-school program offerings and enrichment activities are offered in our district. This year also marks the start of the Early College High School Learning Grant, also known as Solvay Success Academy. The program is open to students entering ninth grade and will allow them to earn 24-60 college credits during their four years of high school. With a full 60 credits, students will be able to earn an Associate's Degree in Computer Science, Engineering Science, or Math/Science from Onondaga Community College. After reviewing all applications, 34 students have been accepted into the program for this year. For more information, please visit our website. In addition to this opportunity, we welcomed the third cohort of the OCC Advantage Program. These are just a few examples of the many opportunities available to our students, thanks to our community support.

Our capital project will soon be underway, as we work to make improvements throughout the district, including our new bus garage. Please visit our site at www.solvayschools.org to stay up to date and learn more about upcoming events. As always, I invite you to share your summer adventures with us on Facebook and Twitter using @SolvaySchools, by using #SolvayBearcats, or by emailing sentinel@solvayschools.org. For our Solvay UFSD alumni, we would like to hear from you. Please share with us what you have been up to by emailing sentinel@ solvayschools.org. And thank you to everyone who has shared their alumni news with us so far!

Thank you for making Solvay special for our students and community. I look forward to our continued success from the start of the year through the end.

Capital Project summer updates complete

this past summer, **SMS** added an additional row of parking







spaces, interior wallpaper was removed and walls painted, and a basketball court was added near the playground.

Solvay raises \$2,200 for Regan's Acts of Kindness!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Community Serve-Ace game such a success! The game raised over \$2,200 for Regan's Acts of Kindness. With this game, Community Serve-Ace reached their \$15,000 goal. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event!





SHS students take the classroom outside

SHS students enrolled in SUNY-ESF's Global Environment and Biology classes visited the METRO Wastewater Treatment Facility and Onondaga Lake Visitor's Center on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Students explored the complex system that cleans our wastewater and learned about the ecology and biology of the lake cleanup.











Old SHS Yearbooks Available

SHS has been in the process of organizing and cataloging its yearbook archive collection. In doing so, we have discovered several extra yearbooks that we would like to give away to those who might be interested in them. We have a limited number of books available from the following years: 1992, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011.

If you are interested in acquiring a yearbook from the above listed years, please contact the SHS Main Office at 315-468-2551 or SHSOffice@solvayschools.org.

We are also looking for yearbooks from a few years to complete our archive collection. We are missing books from 1955, 1957, 1958, 1961. If you are interested in donating books from any of those years, please contact the main office as well.

Calling all Solvay Alumni! We want to hear from you!

Have a story to share? Good news or an exciting accomplishment? Share it with us! Email us at sentinel@solvayschools.org. Interested in hearing about what fellow Solvay alumni are up to? Visit www.solvayschools.org/alumni.

Weather Cancellations/Emergency Closings Procedures

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 dismissed early (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 (including email) 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 (www.solvayschools.org). The following local media outlets are also used to notify our school community:

Television:

- NBC 3 WSTM-TV (channel 3)
- CBS 5 WTVH-TV (channel 5)
- ABC 9 WSYR (channel 9)
- Spectrum News (channel 200)

Radio:

- 570 WSYR-AM/106.9 FM
- 91.3 WCNY-FM
- 92.1 WSEN-FM
- Y94FM 94.5 WYYY-FM
- TK99 99.5/105.5 WTKW-FM

Welcome to Our New Staff!

Walter Benedict

School Counselor at SES M.S./CAS from Syracuse University

Mr. Benedict currently lives in Liverpool. He is excited to return to Solvay, as he did his practicum and internship at SMS and SHS.



Terrence Case

Kindergarten Teacher at SES M.S. from Syracuse University in Early childhood and special education

Mr. Case is excited to begin to teach at SES as a kindergarten teacher. He has spent the last three years as a

special education teacher in the city of Syracuse and looks forward to his next challenge.



Liana Fitt

Music Teacher at SMS B.A. and B.A. in Music Education from Syracuse University

Ms. Fitt moved to Syracuse from Long Island in 2012. During the summer and weekends, she works at the Syracuse

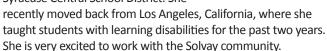
Children's Theatre directing shows. She loves to sing, read, and cook.



Brittany Gorelick

Fifth Grade Teacher at SMS B.S./M.S. in Education/Special Education from Manhattan College

Ms. Gorelick grew up in North Syracuse and graduated from North Syracuse Central School District. She





Katie Muller

Eighth Grade Math Teacher at SMS M.S. in Teaching: Adolescent Mathematics from SUNY Cortland

Ms. Muller attended Geneseo for her undergraduate mathematics degree. She grew up in the Fayetteville-Manlius

district, with family all over the Syracuse area. She enjoys playing tennis and swimming, and coaching in her free time.



Olivia Ohlmever

Speech Teacher at SMS/SHS B.S. and M.S. in Speech Language Pathology from Nazareth College

Ms. Ohlmeyer is excited to work with the Solvay community. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with

her two-year-old cockapoo, Lola, who loves to give high fives.



Cheri Panek School Psychologist at SMS

M.S.W. from Syracuse University and CAS from SUNY Oswego



Katie Rivito

First Grade Teacher at SES B.S. in Childhood/ Special Education from SUNY Geneseo

Ms. Rivito comes from a family of teachers. She lives in Onondaga Hill. When she is not teaching, she is

playing with her dog, Fred, singing show tunes, or scooping ice cream at Gannon's.



Katie Stamm

Special Education Teacher at SES B.S. in Education 1-6 from Medaille College

M.S. in Special Education 1-6 from **SUNY Cortland**

Ms. Stamm lives in the Strathmore



area. She has two miniature schnauzers, Brady and Bailey. She named Brady after her favorite quarterback, Tom Brady. In her free time, Ms. Stamm can be found cheering on the New England Patriots.

Allison Teachout

SHS Physical Education Teacher B.S. from SUNY Cortland

Ms. Teachout is married with three kids. In her free time, she enjoys the outdoors, spending time with her family and friends, and ice hockey.



Welcome to Our New Staff!

NEW HIRES:

Solvay Elementary School

Brianna Bacic Marybeth Makhlouf Karen Moore-Guillaume Tami Posnick Kelley Russo Elena Sewall

Solvay High School

Alyson Pygon Jason Richardson Shannon Stein

Solvay Middle School

Susan Bellows-Crandall Gina DiFlorio Paula Guyder Angela Kadlubowski Andrew Kukuski Marge Roberts Suzanne Shanahan Rachel VanNort



Calling all Solvay Band and Chorus Alumni

The SHS Band and Chorus are inviting alumni to join them at the Winter Concert. The Combined Chorus and Band Concert is Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the SHS auditorium. 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 Mr. Oliver (coliver@ 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 concert as we continue this new tradition.

Fourth-graders explore energy resources

Students in Mrs. Cousineau's fourth grade science class recently prepared presentations on various energy resources, such as petroleum, solar, wind, nuclear and geothermal. See their work below.













SMS sixth-graders attend a new kind of summer program

Sixth-graders from SMS have spent part of their summer with their peers, filling their days with reading, writing, reflection, and plenty of great snacks. Mrs. Alton and Ms. D'Eredita recently wrapped up a successful sixth grade summer program, thanks to the 21st Century Learning Grant.

During the summer school program, students were able to experience a variety of assignments and tasks throughout their days. At the start of each day, students worked on a responsive classroom chart and attended an engaging morning meeting. Students had plenty of interactions with their peers during the day, as the class would sit down and eat their breakfast and lunch together family style. Some of their favorite meals were chicken and waffles, sausage, egg, and cheese sandwich on a pretzel bun, chicken poppers, barbeque turkey sandwich, and French toast sticks. During the summer school program, students also enjoyed developing and writing their own recipes for popsicles. They then followed their recipe to make them in Mrs. Cole's kitchen – thank you to Mrs. Cole for letting us use your kitchen!

When not visiting and engaging with their peers, the sixth-graders read the novel "Flush" by Carl Hiaasen. As an extension of the novel, the students developed individualized projects to complete, which they then presented to the class. Some of the projects included creating a game board based on the novel, writing letters to the author, developing a poster on the Florida Keys (the setting of the novel), researching and creating a Google slideshow about marine animals, and creating a mural of a polluted ocean.

After reading "Flush," the students took their lessons from the book even further. In groups, students researched the effects of water pollution. As a culminating project, one group wrote a script about water pollution, rehearsed, recorded it, and presented it to the class. The other group wrote a talk show based on their research of the water pollution in Onondaga Lake. Both the talk show and presentation were a success.





At the end of each day, the students reflected on their day in writing, recapping what they enjoyed and sharing their thoughts on the events of the day. Mrs. Alton and Ms. D'Eredita responded to their reflections using Google Docs.

Great job to our sixth-graders on successfully completing their summer school program!

SHS Concert Chorus sings for peace with SU

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, the SHS Concert Chorus went to SU to sing with the Syracuse Women's Choir under the direction of Dr. Hillary Ridgley. The Solvay Chorus students have been learning the piece "Ukuthula" since the beginning of the school year, to be able to sing with the SU Women's Choir.

The two choirs teamed together to sing this piece in response to International Peace Day, held on Sept. 21. The piece, "Ukuthula," is sung by choirs throughout the world on this day, to signify their belief in peace. This massive event is put together by the organization A Voice 4 Peace. Solvay and SU are just one of them main choirs that share in this day, showcasing that students at Solvay are A Voice 4 Peace!





SHS Senior makes NYSSMA All-State Mixed Choir

Congratulations to SHS senior Marisa Presutto for making New York State School of Music Associations (NYSSMA) All-State Mixed Choir. She will represent Solvay and attend the 2018 NYSSMA Winter Conference at the end of November



to participate in a four day rehearsal under the direction of Dr. Janet Galvan, from Ithaca College, with students from all over New York State chosen for this honor. Each student is chosen based on their Level 6 All-State NYSSMA scores from the previous spring solo festival.

Way to go, Marisa!

Junior High Area All-State Chorus

Nine chorus students from both the eighth and ninth grades were selected to participate in the 2018 Junior High Area All-State Music Festival at Ithaca High School on Nov. 2 and 3, 2018. These students were selected based on their 2018 NYSSMA Solo Festival scores and their directors' recommendations. Solvay students are among the highest ranking students from Zone 3 of the NYSSMA which includes Onondaga, Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tompkins, and Tioga Counties. Their selection is a result of their hard work and dedication to music. Two students were accepted into the NYSSMA's



Pictured: Athena Clark and Jack Haskell

Jr. High Area All-State Music Festival. Both Jack Haskell and Athena Clark will be singing in the Mixed Chorus. This ensemble is made up of 130 students from nine counties in the Central New York region. The ensemble met at Ithaca H.S. on Nov. 2 and 3 to rehearse for the weekend under a guest conductor, with the concert taking place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018.

Congratulations to all of these fine young musicians!

DATES TO REMEMBER

SHS Fall Play "Clue" 7 n m

November

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Nov. 5	SES PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	No School - Staff Development Day
	PreK-5 Parent Conferences
Nov. 7	SMS Student Vault Deposit Day
Nov. 8	Chamber Choir Concert 7 p.m. @ SHS
Nov. 9	SMS Picture Retake Day
Nov. 12	District Closed - Veterans Day Observed
Nov. 13	SMS PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
Nov. 14	SES Picture Retake Day
Nov. 15	SMS Variety Showcase
Nov. 16	SHS Senior Picture due for yearbook
Nov. 19	Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m. @ DO
Nov. 21-23	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
	(District Closed Nov. 22-23)
Nov. 28	SMS Student Vault Deposit Day

December

Dec. 3	SES PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	SMS PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
Dec. 11	Gr. 5-6 Band & Chorus Concert 7 p.m. @ SMS
Dec. 12	SMS Student Vault Deposit Day
Dec. 12-13	SES Holiday Shoppes Open
Dec. 13	Gr. 7-8 Band & Chorus Concert 7 p.m. @ SMS
Dec. 17	Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m. @ SHS
Dec. 18	SHS Band & Chorus Concert 7 p.m.
Dec 2/1-21	No School - Holiday Recess

Dec. 24-31 No School - Holiday Recess (District Closed Dec. 25)

January

Jan. 1-2	No School - Holiday Recess
	(District Closed Jan. 1)
Jan. 7	SES PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	SMS Student Vault Deposit Day
	Gr. 4 Band & Chorus Concert 7 p.m. @ SMS
Jan. 14	Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m. @ DO
Jan. 15	SMS PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
Jan. 18	SHS Baby Picture Ads Due for Yearbook
Jan. 21	District Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 22-25	NYS Regents Exams @ SHS
Jan. 23	SMS Student Vault Deposit Day

February

Feb. 4	SES PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	SMS Student Vault Deposit Day
Feb. 11	Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m. @ DO
Feb. 12	SMS PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
Feb. 14	Celebrate with Song Choral Festival 9:45 a.m. SMS
Feb. 18-22	No School - Winter Recess (District Closed Feb. 18)
Feb. 27	SMS Student Vault Deposit Day

If school events change, they can be found on our web site at solvayschools.org.

SES = Solvay Elementary School

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DISTRICT NEWS

SHS students attend SU Summer Science Institute

Over the summer, students from SHS spent a week attending the 2018 Summer Science Institute at SU. During this time, students were able to participate in various investigations, working with their peers to draw up conclusions on various projects.

Throughout the week, students learned about animal development. This included many different project areas, such as looking at animals through dissecting microscopes, growing zebra fish embryos and exposing them to ethanol to see the effects, and looking at proteins and watching them change. Additionally, students learned how to use micropipettors, mass spectrophotometers, and centrifuges, and how it related to diseases like ALS. They also measured their own body proportions to see if they matched Leonardo da Vinci's original proportions in his "Virtruvian Man," while learning about their lung capacity before, during, and after exercise. Finally, students generated a poster documenting their research findings with the zebra fish and shared them to an audience of parents, researchers, and their peers in the program.

The week was a successful one of science exploration, filled with novel and exciting experiences for the students of the Solvay UFSD.

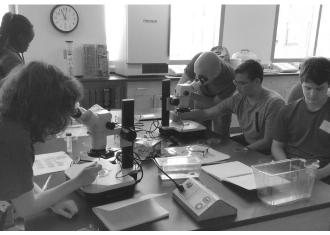














Learn about: **Deposit** Days and the Vault

The Solvay UFSD has partnered with **ACMG Federal Credit** Union to provide Youth Savings programs to assist parents in teaching money skills. The goal of the program is to help educate and encourage students to build savings habits.

The program runs throughout the school year. In each school, students are encouraged to make deposits into an ACMG credit union account. Additionally, ACMG visits each school throughout the year to offer financial education and teach students the importance of saving. Students are further motivated to participate in the program with the promise of a special prize at the end of the year and being able to turn their school principal into a human pizza. See the attached flyer to learn more about this program.



MONEY SKILLS:

ACMC Federal Credit Union provides Youth Savings programs to assist parents in teaching money skills. Financial education prepares our students for a stable financial future

SMS Principal Neil Gottlieb became a human ice cream sundae in June

School years are an opportunity to build savings habits, learn positive decision making skills, and gain confidence in money management.

FREE Assistance:

- ACMC will offer a community wide FREE TAX EVENT day for lower income families at Solvay High School in February.
- Our session on How to Prepare. Pay and Stay in College will be Tuesday, October 23 at 6pm at Solvay High School.
- ACMC offers financial guidance for adults on: budgeting, building credit, debt management, housing, and student loan counseling.

This credit union is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration.

BUILD SAVINGS & **HEALTHY MONEY HABITS.**

IT IS NEVER TO EARLY TO LEARN ABOUT SAVING. STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE THE SAVINGS GOAL TAKE PART IN A SPECIAL EVENT WITH THE PRINCIPAL. HOW GOOD WILL THEY LOOK AS A HUMAN PIZZA OR CAKE?

Elementary

Visit the Youth tab at www.acmgfcu.org and select the Solvay Elementary School page for more details.

Middle

Students in 5th - 8th grade are ready to learn:

setting SMART goals

making good spending choices

- making good spending choices

 budgeting using the Save/Spend/Share method

Visit the Youth tab at www.acmgfcu.org and select the Solvay Middle School page for more details.

Deposit Day Schedule for Solvay Elementary & Middle School:

- Oct. 3 & 17
- · Nov.7 & 28
- Dec. 12
- . Jan. 9 & 23
- Feh 6 & 27
- Mar. 13 & 27 · Apr. 10 & 24
- May 8 & 22
- June 5

Make at least 12 deposits to win the special prize!

High

Students in 9^{th} -12 $^{\text{th}}$ grade have a student-run credit union called The Vault located in the cafeteria. To learn more, visit our Solvay High page at www.acmgfcu.org/TheVault!

- make a deposit or withdrawal
- transfer funds between accounts purchase discount movie tickets
- receive financial coaching
 - achieve savings goals

Oct. 3 - June 5, this student-run branch is open during lunch every Wednesday and Friday.

Volunteers Can Apply to Run the Vault!

Volunteers gain job skills and referrals for college and job applications. Ask a school counselor today.

Call WENDY at 315-488-4433!

#SolvayBearcatsFirstDay











Solvay Drama Club presents the play "Clue: On Stage"

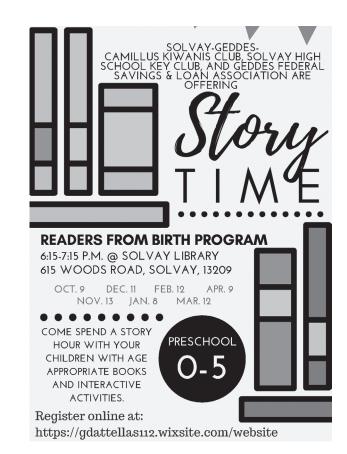
It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well . . . dead. So whodunnit? The iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up.

On Nov. 2 and 3, the Solvay community was invited to attend the Solvay Drama Club presentation of the play "Clue: On Stage." Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, "Clue" is a madcap comedy that keeps audiences guessing until the final twist - much to the audience members delight.

Met with plenty of laughs, "Clue" took place at SHS on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

The cast of "Clue" included: Wadsworth (Nick Lopez), Mr. Green (Mico Hayden), Professor Plum (Anthony Fritzen), Colonel Mustard (Nick Trinca), Mr. Boddy (Matt Hayden), Motorist (Lily Fenton), Miss Scarlet (Marisa Presutto), Mrs. Peacock (Jen Klix), Mrs. White (Jelena Scalzo), Yvette (Summer Lewis), Cook/Telegram Girl/Reporter (Jianna Speech), Cop (Rhiannon Ackerman).

Great job on another successful production, Solvay Drama Club!



Solvay Class of 1968 Reunion

In case you missed it - the Solvay Class of 1968 recently had their class reunion. A great time was had by all!





SMS students work on display at Solvay Public Library

Eighth-graders from SMS recently created 3D letters. These are on display at the Solvay Public Library. See some samples of student work pictured below!



Mackenzie McCarthy



Ariel Ash



Ashley Filicia



David Silyuk

Homecoming

Homecoming 2018 was a huge success. There was a pep rally, powder puff football game, varsity football game, student games night, and dance. Much fun was had by all!

The Bearcats were also the school of the week on News Channel 9 for Friday Morning Lights and the football game was game of the week on Spectrum News!

Other Bearcat News



On September 28, SHS Senior Angela DeMarchi was chosen to be the Scholar Athlete of the week and recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Spectrum News. Angela currently holds a 98 average, is a member of the girls soccer and track teams, Honor Society, Yearbook, Student Forum, and Senior Class. She plans to attend SUNY-ESF next year! Way to go Angela!

Winter 2018-2019 Sports:

Start dates for winter 2018-2019 sports are:

- 10/25- Modified Volleyball
- 11/1- Modified Boys Basketball
- 11/5- JV and Varsity Sports
- 1/3- Modified Wrestling and Girls Basketball

Please be sure to see the school nurse for the appropriate paperwork.



Senior Citizens Passes:

Below you will find information regarding the Senor Citizen Passes that the SHS 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 SHS Athletic Office
- Passes are good for all home contests
- Passes are not transferable

If you have any questions, please contact John Dippold or Nicole Halloran at 315-484-1400.

Website

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

Twitter

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

How two students are keeping the concession stands running

How do the concession stands stay so well stocked and ready for games? Thanks to William and Sean! Each week the students spend time restocking the concession stands as a independent living job task. Thank you, William and Sean!

Pictured: William (left); Sean and John Dippold (right)







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