SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

<u>SCCS mission statement:</u> Southern Cayuga Central School is committed to every student's intellectual and emotional growth and to promote effective citizenship.

We will offer a diversity of curriculum and cultural experiences which meet the individual needs of our students.

We encourage self-motivation, self-esteem, and positive values through a school-wide and community effort.



Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School

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March 15, 2019

Dear Jr/Sr HS Families,

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we want to ensure students are focusing on their personal and academic best. As in the past few years we will continue our end of year theme 'Finish Strong' which correlates with our four pillars of excellence which are being safe, respectful, responsible and kind. To solidify our theme, we have partnered with a few surrounding schools to bring two speakers to SCCS, one for Jr HS students and one for Sr HS students. Before and after each speaker we will spend advisory time discussing key points and how we can use their messages for positive and results oriented action among students and staff.

On Tuesday, March 26, Marc Mero https://thinkpoz.org/, national school presenter, will be here to speak with Sr HS students on his CHAMPIONS MAKE CHOICES, CHOICES MAKE CHAMPIONS presentation. Marc Mero's "Make It Stop!" Tour addresses the issues of bullying, suicide prevention, substance abuse, goal setting, dreaming big, making positive choices and achieving your highest potential. A former WWC and WWE Wrestling Champion, Marc has an extraordinary ability to connect with students and people of all ages and walks of life. In addition, Marc presented to more than 2,000 schools; reaching more than 1 million students, parents and educators.

On Thursday, March 28, Brooks Gibbs https://www.brooksgibbs.com/, an award winning Author, Speaker, and Educator will be here to speak with Jr HS students on how to build emotional resilience and live by the Golden Rule. He is the author of Raise Them Strong and featured speaker for the 2018/19 Global School Assembly. Over 2,500 schools have hired him to speak allowing him to reach 2 million students face-to-face. His viral videos have amassed more than 200 million views worldwide.

It is my hope with our 'Finish Strong' theme that students will continue to stay focused for the remainder of the year as we prepare for last few marking periods, end of year state & Regents exam assessments as well as final exams. Our last full day of school this year at the Jr/Sr HS level is June 14, 2019. After this date only students reviewing or taking select exams (mostly Regents exams) will be expected to return to school.

Best Regards,

Luke

Luke Carnicelli, Principal Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School