



# Southern Cayuga CSD Newsletter

November 2022

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# WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



**Patrick Jensen,**  
*Superintendent*

First of all, I want to express my appreciation to the Southern Cayuga community for their continued support of our students and schools. I'm optimistic about our future as we leave the pandemic behind and prepare for another great year at Southern Cayuga. Optimism is key to the start of a great school year. Noted educator and diplomat Nicholas Butler once said "Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress."

I am pleased to report Southern Cayuga CSD ranks #1 in Cayuga County with an average Regents passing rate of 94%. I am also pleased to report that Southern Cayuga had the best overall results in the New York State Assessments in third grade through eighth grade in mathematics and ELA. Student results placed Southern Cayuga in either first or second place in the county on nine of the twelve state assessments given in grades 3-8 in 2022.

I thank the faculty, staff, students, and parents for making the past year a success for our students. Despite the past years' challenges of the pandemic, staffing shortages, construction, learning loss, and everything else thrown at us, you've all demonstrated mental toughness, compassion, along with a remarkable ability to adapt. I truly appreciate the faculty's focus on the positives of our collective efforts to support students. You've all proven that we're stronger when we act together.

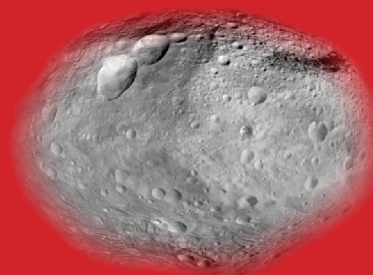
Thank You,  
Patrick Jensen  
Southern Cayuga CSD

## Family Planetarium Shows

We began our evening family planetarium shows this month. Families that attended enjoyed the show "*Asteroid: Mission Extreme*", learned about asteroids and viewed several constellations. Each family also took home more information about asteroids, and some family activities that they could enjoy together, including directions and materials to make their own model asteroid!

Beginning November 1st, all information on future show times, dates and sign ups will be available on the SCCS school website's Planetarium page. (Please be patient as we work to update this page!) Here you will find information about future shows and links to reserve your seats. Be sure to visit this page often as we will be sharing links and other information for families to explore space!

Upcoming shows are planned for Monday, November 14th, Monday, December 5th and Monday, January 23rd. As a reminder, all shows are free to attend! We hope you can join us for future show dates!





**Loretta Van Horn,**  
*Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations*

The school year is well underway, and it sure seems nice to walk down the halls and not see students wearing masks or being separated by barriers or social distancing signs, which signals we are getting back to normalcy!

The District Office has been very busy with the external financial audit for the 2021-22 school year. I am pleased to report that all went well and you can find the completed audit on our website under the Business Office page. Many thanks to our Treasurer, Gloria Sherman, Account Clerk, Kim Bergen, and Secretary to the Superintendent, Marcy Hand for their efforts throughout this process.

In transportation this year, our bus routes remain pretty consistent with last year. We do have a couple of new faces who have joined our crew, Mr. David Barnes is our new Transportation Supervisor. He joins us from Lansing School District where he served several years as both a mechanic and bus driver. We also welcome Mr. Kenneth Cobb, who joins us from First Student in Auburn where he spent several years as a bus driver and CDL trainer. Congratulations to Matthew Krebs for being promoted to Head Bus Driver. He continues to do the routing for the district and training of new employees. Although our need still exists for more bus drivers, we are so thankful for our staff we currently have and appreciate all of their efforts and dedication.

In the cafeteria this year, I am sad to report that our partnership with the USDA to provide free meals to all students regardless of income status for the 2021-2022 school year, has ended. Therefore, for the 2022-23 year, if families do not qual

ify for free/reduced meals via income, full price will be charged for breakfast and lunch meals. Please fill out an application to see if your family qualifies for help from this program! As always, any snacks, extra meals or ala carte items must be purchased with cash or funds on the student's account. No charging is allowed. In facilities, our custodial crew continues to work hard to keep the buildings clean and sanitized to keep illness to a minimum. The latest capital project is wrapping up and those who have visited Emily Howland Elementary School have noticed the new security office and secure entrance that was part of the project. Anyone who has driven into our parking lots from State Route 34B will have noticed there are no longer those large pot holes! The contractors did a great job with replacing our sidewalks, roadways and parking lots. On the exterior of the building, there are new canopies that have been built and many of the exterior bricks on the front of the building have been repointed to keep the building infrastructure secure for many more years.

Thank you all for the community and parent support of our students and school and we look forward to another successful school year!

Take Care & Be Well,

Loretta Van Horn  
Assistant Superintendent for  
Business and Operations





## **Junior/Senior High School**

Luke Carnicelli, *Jr/Sr HS Principal*

Greetings from the Jr/Sr High School!

I hope you and your families are well. Our school year continues to go well as students and teachers are settling into their courses. We ended our first marking period on October 14 and I am so pleased to report that students are performing at an amazingly level. We are thankful for our school community efforts to assist our students' successes. While there may be academic challenges ahead, below I outlined our educational strategies to assist students to success this school year.

### **Educational Initiative #1: Jr HS Math Interventions**

Project RTR (Real-Time Response) is an intensive intervention model that responds immediately to student skill deficits. Students will be assessed each week to ascertain their level of mastery with priority skills taught by the classroom teacher. The primary goal of the initiative is to ensure the mastery of foundational/priority skills. The coach and teacher will provide direct instruction on lagging skills to students in grades 7 & 8 Math.

### **Educational Initiative #2: Multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS)**

Last year teachers revised courses to focus on power standards and collected data to monitor student progress in individual courses. This year we will continue to define our MTSS system and supports associated with the system. Teachers will collect individual student data on progress towards the power standards weekly. Teachers will meet monthly in grade level teams to discuss student academic, behavioral, and attendance progress. Students would move through the tier 1-2-3 system as needed based on the data. Students who move up in the tier system would receive additional support and interventions

based on the data. Progress for these students would be monitored and adjusted every 2-3 weeks. The MTSS system will be used to analyze overall student progress and reported to student families every 6 weeks to ensure each student is showing growth.

### **Educational Initiative #3: Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Practices**

We will implement a social emotional learning curriculum for all students which incorporates culturally responsive practices, inclusion, and diverse perspectives during the 2022-23 school year. Teachers will continue to receive monthly professional development on welcoming and affirming environments, inclusive curriculum and assessments, and high expectations and rigorous instruction. Teachers will implement a character education program, Second Step at the 7-8 grade level, and Character Strong at the 9-12 grade levels one to two times per month. Students will also participate in character education activities during advisory to continue building skills.

For additional and current information from the Jr/Sr High School please reference the following...

SC Jr/Sr HS webpage: [www.southerncayuga.org/648](http://www.southerncayuga.org/648)

SCCS Twitter feed: [http://twitter.com/Southern\\_Cayuga](http://twitter.com/Southern_Cayuga)

Take care. Stay Safe. Go Chiefs!

Luke Carnicelli, Principal  
Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School







## Emily Howland Elementary

Boyan Mnahoncak, *Elementary*

*Principal*

### Fire Prevention

On October 14, 2022 the Southern Cayuga Ambulance, and the following Fire Departments visited our Emily Howland school: Aurora, Genoa, King Ferry, Long Hill, Poplar Ridge, and Scipio. For grades 3-6, the presentation focused on exit drills in the home (EDITH). Students also explored thermal imaging and fire technology tools. Prek- 2 had in class firefighter presentations on fire safety awareness. Glow in the dark bags and glow sticks were donated to ensure student safety for Halloween. Students also participated in coloring and essay contests. Our staff provided lunch and treats for our amazing Fire Fighters! A huge thanks to the fire departments and ambulance!

### Halloween Spooktacular

On Halloween day, Emily Howland held our annual Spooktacular! Our students rocked their outfits, played music, danced and paraded around the gym. We had over 230 students leave with families who attended our Spooktacular event. This doesn't include the additional friends and family members who attended! Emily Howland is so grateful for its supportive family partnership! A huge thanks to our students for all their participation, our families for their amazing involvement, our staff who prepared our students and who assisted with the event, and to our officers who ensured safety during the event.



### Veteran's Day Celebration- November 10, 2022

We will be celebrating our veterans on Thursday, November 10. We invite Veterans and their families to join our celebration. Additional information will be shared by November 2, 2022. If you are interested in participating, please contact our school counselor Mark Johnson at [johnsonm@southerncayuga.org](mailto:johnsonm@southerncayuga.org).

**Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held on November 21st (12:30- 8:00 pm). This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and to have conversations about your child's learning and progress. Our family participation on this day is very critical. Our main office will continue to communicate directly with families to schedule conferences.





## SCCS Athletics

Caitlin Wasielewski, AP/AD

The 2022-2023 Athletics program is off to a great start. Our fall sports teams began practicing in late August. Students made huge gains and improvements since then. They are in better condition, they are more skilled and disciplined, they work together even better as a team, and support each other even more than they did when they began. Our teams are having a phenomenal season, and we cannot wait for them to continue to build upon their success.

Our girls' varsity soccer team had the best season in several years. They won many games, their best win being a 7-0 win against Whitney Point! They also tied Marathon, a perennial powerhouse of the Interstate Athletic Conference small school north, 1-1 in their last home game of the season.

Our boys' varsity soccer team is the Interstate Athletic Conference small school north division champion, and the Interstate Athletic Conference small school champion! They received the #1 seed in class D for sectionals. We are looking forward to a deep postseason run! Bryce David was also selected by ESPN Ithaca as one of their Athletes of the Week!

Our girls' varsity volleyball team is off to a strong start. They beat Moravia and Groton twice already. It is highly likely they will qualify for sectionals by the end of the season.

Our varsity cross country team is having a great season. Many of the boys set personal best records so far this year. The boys already competed in their Interstate Athletic Conference division meet, where they placed 5th! Tyler Figueroa came in 10th place overall, which put him on the Interstate Athletic Conference small school 2nd team! We are excited to see how they do at Interstate Athletic Conference and sectionals.

Our varsity girls swim team is strong this fall. Many of the girls set personal bests, and continue to improve as the season progresses. They have several strong relays that put on impressive shows at meets. We are looking forward to seeing how they place at Interstate Athletic Conference and sectionals.

The first modified winter sports season is now in full swing. Our athletes started practice and are doing great with learning fundamentals and how to play together as a team. JV and Varsity winter sports will begin on November 14. The second season of modified winter sports, which includes girls' basketball and boys swimming, will begin on January 3. We are looking forward to seeing our athletes compete this winter!

Finally, remember to follow us on Twitter, @SCAthletics2, to stay up to date with all the latest information, and see pictures of our athletes competing!







Fall 2022 Scholar Athlete Teams:

Boys Varsity Cross Country 96.46

Girls Varsity Swim 95.04

Girls Varsity Soccer 95.01

Boys Varsity Soccer 92.17

Girls Varsity Volleyball 90.91

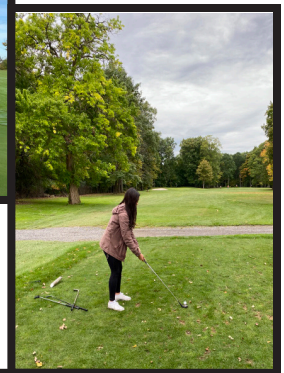
Fall 2022 Scholar Athlete Individuals:

Peter Angotti	Willow Marsh
Charli Bennett	Cennedi McCarthy
Cate Burroughs	Nora McCarthy
Ellie Burroughs	Skyler Morales White
Hailey Campbell	Alycia Orona
Kyler Colton	Circe Perez
Makayla Danser	Isabel Rossbach
Bryce David	Kylah Rossbach
Tyler Figueroa	Ryne Shelton
Ian Gentry	Kaya Shelton
Luke Gentry	Natalee Sims
Leif Gunderson	Elisa Soch
JD Hauptfleisch	Collin Sweet
Paul Hayden	Lauren Thompson
David Hayden	Lilianna Van De Water
Aidan Jillson	Brandon Vanacore
Ben Kermidas	Mary Kate Vitale
Emerald Lonsky	Claire Walter
Reny Macias Romero	Fred Weber
Ana Marsh	Abigail White

## “Fore!”

After three weeks of golf in Physical Education for juniors and seniors, the unit ended with a field trip to Wells College Golf Course where students had the opportunity to play a few holes of this lifetime activity on a real course. Students learned about safety in a real setting, order of play, how to navigate a golf course, how to keep score and about care of the course. Each student received a small set of clubs, were paired up with a partner and sent to a designated hole to begin playing. As the pair navigated each green, they were able to practice the golf skills learned at school such as stance, grip, putting and chipping.

Students had a great time learning about the challenges of golf while discovering a fabulous resource that exists right here in our own community! Many thanks to the Wells College Golf Course for opening your doors to our students and making it a successful and memorable experience. We hope this opportunity is the start of a lifelong activity for many!



## Small School Division IAC Champions



The Southern Cayuga Boys Varsity Soccer team won the Small School Division IAC Championship (hasn't happened in 20 years).

Saturday October 15th, as the team won the IAC small school division Championship defeating Trumansburg 1-0. With just over ten minutes off the clock in the first half, #15 Ben Kermidas hit a laser in the upper right corner of the net with the assist from Parker Cullen. Goalkeeper Brandon Vanacore was able to secure his ninth shut out of the season, with nine saves throughout the game.

As the crowd lifted to their feet, it fueled the boys and their steadfast defense to hold Trumansburg scoreless for the remaining seventy minutes.

The last time the Chiefs were at the IAC was 2016, and the last time they had won it was 2002.

This is not the only accomplishment they have going into sectional play. The boys have earned the #1 seed in the Class D sectional bracket for Section IV and hosted the first round of sectionals at Southern Cayuga on Saturday, October 22, 2022.







# SECTION IV CHAMPIONS

## 2022 Section IV Class D Champions



It wasn't fast and it wasn't easy. The Southern Cayuga boy's varsity soccer team took 80 minutes of regulation play, two overtime periods and eight penalty kicks to defeat South Kortright on Saturday, October 29, 2022, to earn the Section IV Class D Championship at Oneonta's Wright National Soccer Complex.



It's Southern Cayuga's first section Championship since 2004.

Ben Kermidas scored the first goal after 14 minutes of the second half and Wilson Mejia scored the second goal for the Chiefs, causing regulation to end in a 2-2 tie against the Rams.

Southern Cayuga, currently the fifth-ranked Class D team in New York state, improves to 16-1-1 on the season. The chiefs will next play Section III Class D champion in the New York state regionals at Fayetteville Manlius High School. On Saturday, November 5, Fabius Pompey.



# GO CHIEFS!





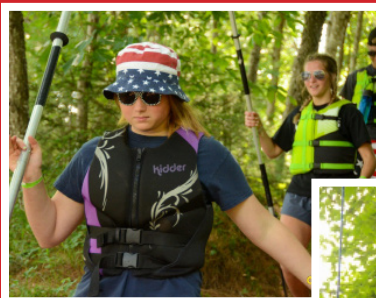
## Camp Oswegatchie

From July 10th – July 15th, five members from the Southern Cayuga FFA Chapter were hosted at Oswegatchie Educational Center in Croghan, NY for a week of summer leadership camp. During their stay in the Adirondacks, FFA members participated in leadership workshops hosted by New York FFA State Officers and District Presidents. Campers worked in teams to complete a series of puzzles, all centered on developing their communication and strategic-thinking skills. Low ropes activities brought campsite groups together to work towards a shared task, giving members an opportunity to collaborate and bond as a group.

In addition to their leadership building activities, campers engaged in environmental education classes, outdoor recreation activities, and challenged themselves on the TEAM Challenge High Ropes Course. Nature art classes, led by camp's environmental educator, largely focused on examining the flora and fauna of Oswegatchie and the Adirondacks.

Water activities like kayaking and stand-up paddle board trips allowed campers to experience the Land of the Dark Waters and explore Oswegatchie's four ponds. Whether it was making it to the top of a climbing element or taking a ride on the 400-foot zip line, the high ropes course gave campers a chance to push their limits and offered a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Other activities included horse trail rides, archery, mountain biking, and hikes – all giving campers the chance to connect with their peers and create life-long memories in the outdoors.





## New York FFA State Officers Tour

On October 4th, the Southern Cayuga FFA Officer Teams hosted the New York FFA State Officers during the State Officer Tour. Throughout the week of October 3rd-8th, the six New York FFA State Officers traveled across state to kick off the school year with as many members as possible. This week-long trip engages members at the beginning of the year, encouraging them through workshops, leadership activities, and interaction with new leaders in the organization.

Thank you to Denkavit USA and Cayuga Marketing/CMI for helping the Southern Cayuga FFA welcome the New York FFA State Officers to Cayuga County. As well as, provide experiences for them and our members to learn about how each agriculture business impacts our community, state, country and world.



## National FFA Convention

Ten of our FFA members had the opportunity to represent our chapter at the 95th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members included Ellen Burroughs, Katie Turek, Norah McCarthy, Circe Perez, Aiden Saville, Mary Kate Vitale, Deirdre Hastings, Brooke Nasholts, and Ava Harvatine. Among 65,000 members, advisors, and guests present, members participated in a variety of opportunities throughout the week. Between workshops, sessions, tours, concerts, rodeos, an expo hall and a FFA shopping mall our members were busy throughout this 5 day experience.

Having fun while learning about the diversity of agriculture and the opportunities for members to participate in through the National FFA Organization was the overall objective for the trip. Overall, our members met FFA members and agricultural industry professionals from across the country. From Alaska to Puerto Rico and from Maine to Hawaii. They will take these new friendships and connect with them throughout their future.

Thank you to everyone in our community who supports the FFA, you help provide our members with opportunities to participate in many amazing experiences! Also, a huge thank you to NY FFA Alumni Association for coordinating the bus trip that our members participated in.



## Agricultural Experiences

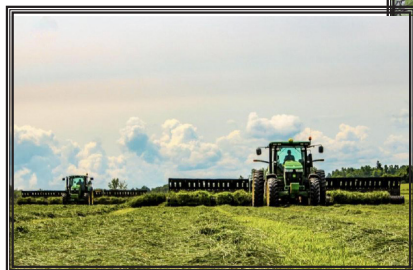
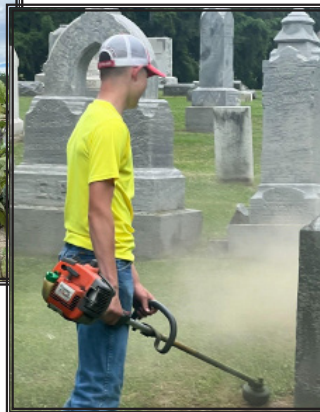
Throughout the summer, members of the Southern Cayuga FFA chapter immersed themselves into Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE).

A Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program involves practical agricultural activities performed by students outside of scheduled classroom and laboratory time. SAEs provide a method in agricultural education for students to receive real-world career experiences in an area of agriculture that they are most interested in. Therefore, the programs are student-lead and instructor/advisor-supervised. Every year, members create goals and strive to achieve them to further grow their knowledge and skills in the selected agriculture activity.

Ms. Wasson has worked with members to develop their SAE's. At this time, there are 30 members with developing and active programs. The programs range from paid placements on farms to school-based research to service learning projects. These members will have the opportunity to gain recognition from the New York FFA Association and National FFA Association through proficiency awards and degrees.

Members with developing and active SAE's include the following:

Emma Bailey	Cennedi McCarthy	Tyler Sheils
Charli Bennett	Norah McCarthy	Jake Sellen
Cate Burroughs	Eleanor Miller	Jamie Stuttle
Ellen Burroughs	Brooke Nasholts	Jacob Turek
Bryce David	Talia Pallokat	Mary Kate Vitale
Ava Harvatine	Taylor Pallokat	Brianna White
Deirdre Hastings	Circe Perez	Zach White
Lindsay Kennedy	Monica Rejman	Mackenzie Whitten
Benjamin Kulis	Preston Reynolds	Damian Wood
Audrey Larsen	Chase Sheils	Payton Youngers





## International Club and FFA Traveling Together

The International Club is joining FFA to plan a trip for spring of 2024. FFA Advisor, Halee Wasson, International Club Advisor, Becky Davis and Science Teacher, Caitlin Rejman will chaperone Southern Cayuga students on a trip that includes both exposure to a new culture as well as more opportunities to learn about science and agriculture.

The destination is *top secret* for now but high school students may start fundraising with the International Club in November.

Students who will be in grades 9-12 in 2024 are eligible to go on the trip. Please contact Mrs. Davis at [davisb@southerncayuga.org](mailto:davisb@southerncayuga.org) or 315-364-7111 ext 2080 with any questions or fundraising ideas.



## Southern Cayuga's Annual FFA Fruit and Cheesecake sale

October 14 - November 18

The Southern Cayuga FFA works hard to raise funds to ensure each member has the opportunity to participate in valuable local, state, and national agriculture leadership experiences. Although these experiences may look different this year, we want to continue to provide these opportunities to our members. Our chapter appreciates the support from our local community.

Our annual fruit and cheesecake sale is October 14-November 18. This year you can purchase online or from an FFA member. By purchasing some fresh and delicious fruit, you will support our FFA chapter members. To navigate our online website for fruit and cheesecake, visit <http://freshfruitorder.org/Southern-CayugaFFA>. Click on the Products tab or the button to the right that says "Place Your Order Here" and choose the items you would like to purchase. Orders are tentatively scheduled to be delivered the week of December 12. If you have any questions about any of the items online, your options for pick-up or delivery of your order, please contact Ms. Wasson at [wassonh@southerncayuga.org](mailto:wassonh@southerncayuga.org) or (315) 364 - 7111 x 1111.



## STEAM 7

### Pioneering Mars Mission

During the 2022 school year, the **STEM 7** course, has merged to become the **STEAM 7** course. The “A” not only stands for Arts, but we have modified it to also mean Agriculture. That’s right, the STEM 7 and Ag Science classes merged their curriculum to teach both concepts through the inspiring idea of Pioneering Mars.

In the first Marking Period of the 2022 school year, students took on roles in Mission Teams, where they tackle real-world scientific questions and the one we have all wondered, “Can life be sustainable on Mars and has there ever been life on Mars before?”

Through the study of states of matter, water cycle, learning about photosynthetic organisms and the environments it can endure, students were able to draw their own conclusions. Additionally, students were able to use Virtual Reality from nearpod.com to take, what felt like, their first steps on Mars.

Students engaged the documentary: One Day on the Red Planet to witness that these studies they did are actually aligned to everything happening in the space program today, and identify all the work NASA is doing with the HiRISE camera and Martian Rovers.

In the next couple Marking Periods, students will dig into what it takes to plan a mission to mars and the science behind it. In the month of October, students will watch Hidden Figures as a celebration of Women in Space month, and also do a collective study on what went into the Apollo 11 mission to the moon.





## Early Morning STEM Club

Our STEM club is off to a fantastic start. We just finished our first unit on Hydraulics. Members have participated in three challenges where they have had to solve a real world problem through creating a mechanism using hydraulics. Here are some pictures of the products!



## Eight Grade STEM Classes

The eighth grade STEM students have been working hard to learn beginning coding. They will be learning how to code through many different programs. We are most excited to begin coding through Minecraft for Education. These students have also been learning to use all of the features in Google products through many different lessons in the Applied Digital Skills curriculum. They are just beginning to learn how GPS systems work so that they can search for Geocaches that our high school Emerging Technologies students have hidden for them!

## Emerging Technologies

Students in the Emerging Technologies class have worked through two units in the first marking period. They first researched the history of several different pieces of technology and presented slide shows to their classmates. Next, they learned all about GPS and Geocaching. As a conclusion to this unit, teams created geocaches for the 8th grade STEM classes to find. What a great way to learn how to read and follow GPS coordinates!

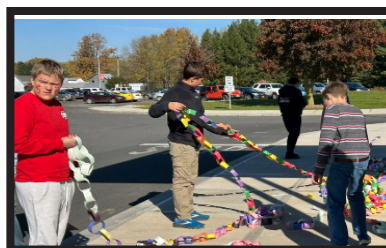


## First Amendment First Vote

The First Amendment First Vote students had the opportunity to attend the 2022 Inauguration ceremony for the National Women's Hall of Fame, at the Smith Opera House in Geneva. The girls listened to speakers like Hillary Clinton and Kathy Hochul. They also witnessed first hand the inauguration of Emily Howland, along with Michelle Obama, Katherine Johnson and many more.



## Student Academic Success



Supporting student's academic success, we are moving forward with social and emotional or character education activities to assist

our students to navigate their educational career.

Each month, students will participate in different learning activities to explore a monthly theme. The theme for the month of October was Commitment - deciding to do something and following through!

Jr High advisory students committed to making a paper chain to wrap around the school.

Each advisory competed against each other to create the longest chain. Students worked together towards the goal to wrap around the school. The total distance around the school turned out to be 3115.2 Feet. Our students committed to the challenge and created a paper chain 3,244.8 Feet, surpassing their goal!

## SCCS MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2022-2023 Performance Dates

### November

November 18, Fall All County at SCCS, 1-6pm

November 19, Fall All County at SCCS, 2pm

### December

December 7, Senior Citizen Concert and luncheon

December 14, Winter Band Concert, 6pm

December 15, Winter Choral Concert, 6pm

December 20, Winter Concert snow date

### Februray

February 4, Musical, 2pm & 7pm

February 5, Musical, 2pm

February 11 or February 12, Musical snow dates

### March

March 8, Band Music Showcase, 6pm

(Jr/Sr HS band & Emily Howland)

### May

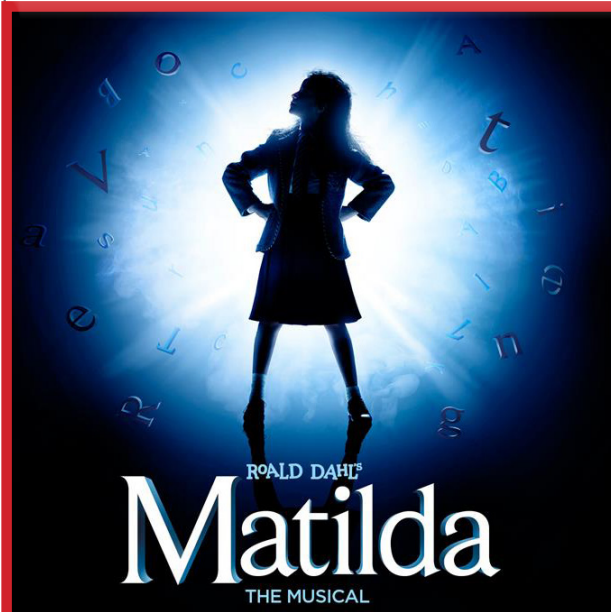
May 17, Spring Band Concert, 6pm

### June

June 1, Spring Choral Concert, 6pm



## Mark your Calendar SCCS Drama Club Presents



Saturday, February 4, at 2pm and 7pm

Sunday, February 5, at 2pm

Tickets will be available in January





## What in the World?

by Becky Davis

The World Language department has expanded both in programming and staff! The department offers English as a New Language (ENL) and Spanish classes to Southern Cayuga students. ENL is provided to students who speak another language at home and qualify for services via testing. Spanish classes now start in UPK and continue all the way through the twelfth grade. Students in the class of 2025 will be the first group of students to be able to take three Spanish courses through Cayuga Community College while at Southern Cayuga.

To provide all of these learning opportunities, additional staff joined the World Language department. Andrea Gregg is our newest Spanish teacher and currently works with students in grades eight and nine. Last year, former elementary teacher, Kalyn Deans, became an ENL teacher at Emily Holland. To take on the new role of elementary Spanish teacher, Kathy Perez moved from the Jr/Sr High School to Emily Howland. Mary Ferro came back from retirement to assist English Language Learners in grades 9-12. Sarah Allen continues to teach ENL at Emily Howland and now in Jr High School. Sarah is also teaching seventh grade Spanish this year. Back full time this year, Becky Davis is reprising her role as Department Coordinator and High School ENL/Spanish teacher.



## Battle of the Books Comes to SCCS

Southern Cayuga students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to participate in an exciting, Jeopardy-style tournament against other schools in our BOCES region. This competition requires students to work together, think creatively and critically, and become experts in the books they read.

Cayuga Onondaga BOCES is partnering with OCM BOCES to bring Battle of the Books to the Finger Lakes. Battle of the Books is a trivia contest in which students in teams of 2-4 work together to read pre-selected books over the course of several months. Students demonstrate their knowledge of the books, first at the building level, followed by finalists moving on to the regional levels, and finally to the Super Regional Battle. The program helps students develop a love of reading by exposing them to acclaimed authors and titles, as well as critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Working together, students must formulate a plan for reading, read and “master” each book, and plan for each phase of the competition.

Teams will be divided into grade bands, with 5/6 teams and 7/8 teams both reading a total of 8 books. So far, 28 Emily Howland 5th and 6th graders and Southern Cayuga 7th and 8th graders have signed up. If the interest and enthusiasm among the upper elementary and middle school students is any indication, there is definite potential for growth of the program. The possibility of a 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th/, or 9th-12th team for next year is exciting. With Battle of the Books gaining popularity in the state, we may someday see a state-wide battle!

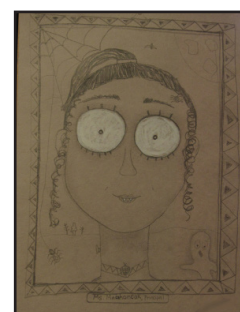
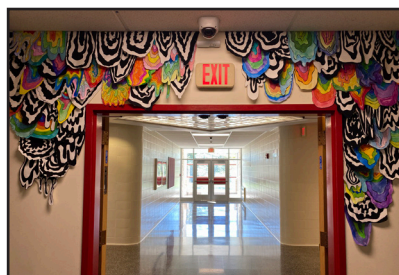
If you are interested in joining the fun, there is still time to sign up! Email [smithcarissa@southern-cayuga.org](mailto:smithcarissa@southern-cayuga.org) for more information. This is a great chance for students to grow as readers while having fun and developing life-long skills.

## Fire Prevention Day

Emily Howland Elementary, PK-6 graders participated in discussions with firefighters about fire safety. One important thing students learned from the firefighters is don't be afraid. Call out, let them know you are there, if close enough grab on to their coat or gear so they can help. Thank you to all of our firefighters for keeping us safe and protecting us all year long!



## Project In Emily Howland Art Room



“The Dot” Tree by first grade artists

Mrs. Mnahoncak showing off the beautiful wings created by third and fourth grade artists.  
“The Drip” mural in the style of the artist Jen Stark created by fifth and sixth grade artists.  
and Self Portraits







# NEW STAFF WELCOME

*Southern Cayuga  
Welcomes new staff for the 2022/23 school year.*



David Barnes  
Transportation  
Supervisor



Jayda Calhoun  
Licensed Mental  
Health Counselor



Lindsay Carpenter  
English Teacher



Kenneth Cobb  
Bus Driver



Danielle Collier  
Physical Education



Rachel Franklin  
Teaching Assistant



Andrea Gregg  
Foreign Language



Greg Hurd  
Network  
Administrator



Jobeth Huskey  
Teaching Assistant



Hannah Jewell  
Special Education



Brett Jillson  
Teaching Assistant



Jacquelyn Jones  
English Teacher



Bobbie Lansdowne  
Sixth Grade  
Teacher



Amy Lansbury  
Special Education



Raymond Lupo  
Security Officer



Chelsea Munson  
Second Grade  
Teacher



Jeanette Owens  
Reading Coach



Michele Robin  
UPK Teacher



Ashley Schneider  
Speech Pathologist



Stephen Shepherd  
Science Teacher



Samantha Tratt  
Third Grade  
Teacher



Molly Thurston  
Guidance  
Secretary



Stacy Wilder  
Reading Coach



Kim Bergen  
Account Clerk





# NEW STAFF WELCOME

## LEAP into 2022-23

On August 30, the Southern Cayuga Central School District welcomed 18 new teachers and staff into its community. Emily Howland has 11 new teachers, assistants and a security officer and the High School adds 7 teachers and a counselor. I was privileged to meet them during their lunch break at the new teachers' orientation and have a conversation during lunch break. I remembered my early years of teaching and was not surprised that these teachers were willing to do more than just eat from noon to one.

As I moved from lunch table to table, I asked four standard questions: why you became a teacher; what brought you to our school; what are your goals; and how will you know you have succeeded. I was so impressed with their answers and did not meet anyone that I would not have loved in my classroom if I were a student. Southern Cayuga is a positive exception, documented in the national news, to the crisis facing many schools not able to attract or keep quality teachers.

As I reviewed my notes and began to write, a word LEAP appeared in the margins--L for literacy, E for environment, A for activity, and P for passion. The words of our new teachers will hearten students, staff, and our community as we LEAP into our new 2022-23 school year.

L is for literacy. Literacy emerged as a new high school science teacher stated that "literacy is the key to learning.... kids need to be able to read." "Yes," agreed a new English teacher. "A school's literacy rate is a critical indicator of how children will progress. When they love to read, they will be learners throughout their lives." Immediately an ESL teacher, remarked that we were so fortunate to be able to foster literacy in more than one language. "We are so lucky to have students who bring fluency in Spanish to our educational com

munity and families that support all efforts for their children to be literate in both English and Spanish." A new Spanish teacher continued the theme with her excitement in learning that students could have 4 years of Spanish instruction at Southern Cayuga. Many teachers talked about being in other countries where the population realized that fluency in more than one language would enhance both their employment and educational opportunities.

E is for environment. "We have a real community in our school. The classroom numbers allow students to have the individualized attention than everyone needs. I know because I was a student here." Among the new teachers, some have been former students, some parents of students attending the school, and some related to former or current teachers. Others had done their research before applying. "I grew up in a rural county and had one on one attention. I also have heard nothing but good things about Southern Cayuga." "Everyone for miles around comes to see your theatrical products—fall play and spring musical. You have a way of creating stars on the stage and their abilities grow with each performance." "I had an internship here and was sold!" Several teachers talked about their positive reaction to their interviews. Again, and again the new teachers referred to the positive environment of community support, excellent opportunities in the classroom as well as in sports and other extracurricular activities. "My participation in sports gave me a strong group of friends. We traveled and I made friends on other teams. Sports kept me going in a way that academics didn't. Sometimes, sports were what kept some of friends coming to school when they had hard times at home. We have great teams and coaches."

A is for activity. The preschool teachers and support staff talked about the activities that would prepare their young students for success in the



early grades. “As a child, I used to play school. My dolls were the students, and I was the teacher.

I understand the value of play not only in learning, but in establishing unique personal learning goals.” The high school science teacher added, “I want my students to think like a scientist and see science in the world around them. Science is doing as well as reading.” An early grade teacher continued, “Activities promote learning and let students know that if they set their mind to a task, and keep working hard, they will meet their goal and learn a lot along the way.”

P is for passion. Students meeting their goals in the classroom, on the stage or sport field, and in any arena, they choose was the spark of passion for all the new teachers. I will never forget the speech therapist holding my gaze as she announced, “My students will be able to say what they want, when they want, to whoever they want.” A preschool teacher smiled and said that success with her students was often expressed in spontaneous hugs. “I love seeing the spark in their eyes when they learn something and want to share their new understanding.” “I have so much hope for our future. I know that we can spark their passion for learning—the way our teachers sparked ours. We are lighting the path that we learned from our own inspiring teachers.”

Elaine Meyers



Jr./Sr. High (p) 315-365-7111 ext. 1440  
Emily Howland (p) 315-364-7098 ext. 3070

COLD, FLU and COVID season is approaching  
Cold, Flu and Covid share many similar symptoms, it can be difficult (even impossible) to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone.

*Please keep your student home if they are not feeling well.*

Be prepared for Fall and Winter Weather.

As the weather is starting to turn cooler, please remember to have your students bring appropriate cool weather gear with them to school:

- ◇ Coat
- ◇ Fleece Jackets
- ◇ Gloves and Hats

We want to ensure all students stay warm, get plenty of fresh air and enjoy the outdoors!

### School Physicals

School Physicals will take place on the following dates:

#### Emily Howland

Thursday December 2, 9am to 12pm

Wednesday December 15, 1pm to 3pm

***\*\*If you have not received an updated physical and we do not have one on file, your student will be set up for an in school physical.\*\****

# LUNCH INFORMATION

## E L E M E N T A R Y



The 2022-2023 school year meal prices for Elementary students are as follows for those who do not qualify for free/reduced meals:

Breakfast - \$1.75

Lunch - \$2.60

Milk only - .50 cents

\*If your student qualifies for free/reduced meals but only wants to get a milk, they must pay .50 cents

- Students **must** have cash or money on their account in order to purchase snacks or ice cream. If your student may purchase snacks/ice cream on certain days, please send in a note with instructions.
- If you qualify for free/reduced meals but have not filled out an application, please do so ASAP.

REMINDER: There is **NO** charging of meals allowed. You may use MySchoolBucks or send in cash/check.

Thank you!



## H I G H S C H O O L



The 2022-2023 school year meal prices for High School students are as follows for those who do not qualify for free/reduced meals:

Breakfast - \$1.75

Lunch - \$2.70

Milk only - .50 cents

\*If your student qualifies for free/reduced meals but only wants to get a milk, they must pay .50 cents

Extra main dish - \$2.50

- If you qualify for free or reduced meals but have not filled out an application, please do so ASAP.

REMINDER: There is **NO** charging of meals allowed. You may use MySchoolBucks or send in cash/check.

Thank you!







**Michael Fall,**  
*Director of Technology*

*"I am a great believer that any tool that enhances communication has profound effects in terms of how people can learn*

*from each other, and how they can achieve the kind of freedoms that they are interested in."*  
*Bill Gates*

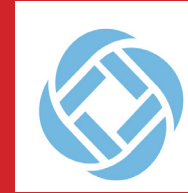
The Southern Cayuga SchoolMessenger communication campaign continues to garner support among administrators, teachers, and guardians alike. SchoolMessenger serves as a mass communication tool at the district level while simultaneously allowing interaction between **classrooms and guardians**. Teachers can easily send home classroom assignments, permission slips, and other files through SchoolMessenger app. Using one-to-one messaging, teachers and parents can privately and securely discuss individual students. The SchoolMessenger **mobile-application** adoption rate is on the rise. With your help, the district goal of full participation will provide a single-source for all district stakeholders to communicate in a safe and secure manner.

This app is in attention to the email or robo calls you already receive through the district. This app allows direct communication to the teacher in your child's classroom.



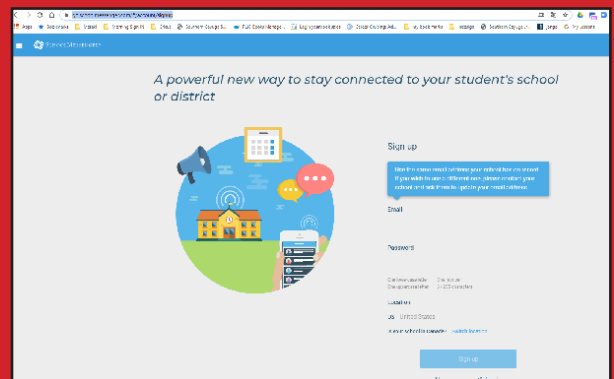
SchoolMessenger app for your phone or tablet. You can also access the app through your web browser at <https://goschoolmessenger.com>

## School Messenger APP



On your Browser go to :

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/account/signup>



**Important:** If you already have an email address that the school has on record, use this email address when you sign up.

Enter your email address, your location and a password. Your password must have at least:

- ◇ 1 lowercase letter
- ◇ 1 uppercase letter
- ◇ 1 number
- ◇ 6 characters

You will be sent a message to the email address provided. Click the link in the email to verify your account. A new page will open in your browser.

NOTE: the link in the email is only valid for 24 hours. If you don't click on it and log into SchoolMessenger app within that time period, it will expire and be of no further use. You will have to restart the registration process and have a new email sent to you with a renewed link.

## Thank You!

At this time we would like recognize Bruce Kopp and Susan Gloss for the hard work and dedication to the school board.

Susan Gloss has served on the SCCS Board of Education for the past twelve years. She has served as the Board President and Vice-President and volunteered her time on numerous committees including: Athletics, Audit, Budget/Finance, Directions/Long-Range Education, Facilities, Policy, Safety/Wellness, and Transportation. We'd like to thank Susan for her commitment to the school district through the years and we'd also like to thank her family for sharing her time with us.

Bruce Kopp has also served on the SCCS Board of Education for twelve years. He has served as the Board President and Vice-President and volunteered his time on the Athletics, Audit, and Budget/Finance committees. We'd like to thank him for his dedication to the school district through the years and we'd like to thank his family for sharing his time with us.

## Thank You!



## *Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon and Concert*

Is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7  
beginning at 12: 15 pm.

The snow date is Thursday, December 8.

Come enjoy wonderful music from our students and a delicious complimentary turkey dinner prepared by our food service staff!

Please RSVP to Marcy Hand at 315-364-7211 on or before December 3rd.



*Luncheon Menu*  
*Mashed Potatoes*  
*Stuffing Balls*  
*Turkey Gravy*  
*Carrots with Peas*  
*and*  
*Dessert*







Dear Parents, Guardians and School Staff:

New York Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary schools to provide written notifications to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Southern Cayuga Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- ◇ A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application;
- ◇ Anti-microbial products;
- ◇ Non-volatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in area inaccessible to children;
- ◇ Non-volatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations inaccessible to children;
- ◇ Silica gels and other non-volatile ready-to-use pastes, forms or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- ◇ Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- ◇ The application of EPA designated bio pesticides;
- ◇ The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- ◇ The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in our schools, please complete the form below and return it to Loretta Van Horn, the Southern Cayuga Central School District pesticide representative at 2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, New York 13026; phone 315.364.8711, ext 1103; or fax 315.364.7863.

**SCCS District Request for Pesticide Application Notification  
(Please Print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Loretta Van Horn, the Southern Cayuga Central School District pesticide representative, if you have further questions on these requirements; 2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, New York 13026, 315.364.8711, ext 1103; or fax 315.364.7863.



# ATHLETICS COMMITTEE UPDATE

## SCCS Athletic Committee Update

I think most people would agree the Southern Cayuga / Union Springs athletic merger proved to be divisive within our community. The merger lasted more than a decade and ended in 2011 when Southern Cayuga withdrew from the agreement after lengthy study and discussion on the effects it had on the Southern Cayuga athletic program. Student, community, and parent opinions differed as to whether the partnership worked or failed for Southern Cayuga students. While it seems a long time ago, some folks remember the turmoil as if it were yesterday. As the committee has discussed recent parent requests, it's important for all of us to reflect on past decisions to understand pros and cons involved in these arrangements.

Understanding the uncertainty and obligations of creating merged sports teams is an important first step. Merging is a difficult decision. It is a challenge to decide which teams should merge, should it be all, or just some? If merging two teams would create a large team, would that prevent some students from seeing playing time, or even the ability to be part of the team? Twelve years ago, the decision was made to stop the merger based on several factors. One school needs to be selected as the host school for practices and competitions in a merged sport. The data showed students who attended the host school tended to make up the majority of the team. In several instances, the non-hosting school only sent one or two students which sometimes meant that one school might pay more than its fair share to support the team. Transportation also became an issue. Students who needed to be bused to Southern Cayuga for practice were not arriving until 3:15, which meant students at the host school had to wait for their teammates to arrive before practice could start. This then meant practices were shortened due to students needing to ride the 3:30 or 5:00 bus home. The level of competition also became more difficult, while the number of athletes participating remained similar. By merging schools, Southern Cayuga also moved up the class we competed in for sectionals because we had "more students." However, this was not usually the case, as the non-host school usually only added a small number of students to the team. This made it much harder for teams and individuals to compete.

Over the past 12 years, Southern Cayuga has supported the concept of 'Team of One' which is an opportunity Southern Cayuga can provide to students wishing to compete in individual sports Southern Cayuga does not offer. Southern Cayuga offered this opportunity for wrestling, as well as girls swim when we did not have a team ourselves. A 'Team of One' is different than a merger and provides the opportunity for students to compete in meets or matches as individuals, representing their home school. The athletic committee is committed to finding opportunities with neighboring districts where our students can compete.

Athletic team mergers require athletes from both schools to compete as one team and the district may have the obligation to provide transportation to practices, away games, and to cover expenses. The biggest impediment is the fact that the district simply cannot add bus routes or new locations as our transportation capacity is already maxed out.

The Southern Cayuga Athletic Committee is focused on building and supporting our athletics teams by providing opportunities in a fair and equitable manner. We recently denied merger requests for a few sports in order to support this vision. It is important to recognize as a school per grade level, we need to have the appropriate number of offerings.





We want to ensure each team has enough athletes on a team to be competitive all season. Merging spreads students out among more teams, which lowers roster numbers making teams less competitive. This causes teams to need to play shorthanded, forfeit, or Southern Cayuga to not be able to field teams. As a committee, we continue to support ‘team of one’ requests. If we merge, opportunities should be provided to all students. If we merged and students went to other schools in lieu of hosting our own teams, only students with their own transportation would be able to play, which creates inequality and inequities among our student population. It would also be in the best interest to look at one neighboring district to prevent perceptions of recruitment. This will create a partnership for all merged sports in order to create strong teams and relationships between the athletes, communities, and school personnel.

It is important to consider how we as a school can benefit the greatest number of students with each carefully thought out decision we make. Go Chiefs!

#### Athletic Committee’s Key Points

1. “Team of One”. The athletic committee continues to support requests for ‘Team of One’ for individual students. Students compete as athletes representing Southern Cayuga and the board has already approved a team of one request for the upcoming season. The board is not taking away an opportunity; we’ve actually granted it.
2. Recruitment. The athletic committee is concerned about recruitment. In past years we have partnered with Lansing for wrestling (2016-17, 2017-18, and 2019-20) with the exception of one year with Groton (2018-19) when Lansing did not have a team. Lansing is a neighboring district, closer to Southern Cayuga, which makes more sense for a potential partnership. If we partner with multiple different schools for different sports, or conversations between families and coaches occur insisting on a particular partnership, while denying another partnership that fits better overall, it could be flagged as recruitment. Recruitment violations have consequences.
3. Individual sports. Wrestling is an individual sport which lends itself to competing as a ‘Team of One’ with another district.
4. To be fair and equitable. If one of our objectives is to be fair and equitable, we need to consider how a merger without school transportation would discriminate against those who do not have the same privileges/opportunities as those who have come forward to date. This likely will pose the same problem with a ‘Team of One’ but we see fewer requests for this since it can only be for individual sports that we don’t currently have like wrestling. This is still an important point to consider.
5. Our Goal. A goal of Southern Cayuga athletics has been to right size our offerings to best support and strengthen the sports that we offer. The idea of merging to allow people to compete in sports that we do not offer conflicts with this goal.





# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## HAZARD LIBRARY

Phone: 315.364.7975

[www.HazardLibrary.org](http://www.HazardLibrary.org)

[librarian@hazardlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@hazardlibrary.org)

Facebook Hazard Library Association

Our fall has been busy at Hazard Library!

We visited Emily Howland to celebrate students who participated in summer reading with an ice cream party and book giveaway.

- Story Hour – We meet each Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM. We are currently meeting on the library lawn so bring a blanket along to sit on. This is free and open to all children (from babies on up) who have not yet entered kindergarten and their caregivers.
- Southern Cayuga Book Club – We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. We are currently meeting at Opendore (2978 State Route 34B, Sherwood). The read for November is “The Sentence” by Louise Erdrich. Please contact the library to be added to the e-mail list and to request a copy of the book. In December we will planning for 2023! Join us for an exchange of book ideas and cookies. New members are always welcome.

Thank you to everyone who supported the King Ferry Food Pantry through the *Great Give Back* of Pie Filling. Stay tuned for information on more ways to support our neighbors during the holidays.

We are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-12 and 2-7 each day and on Saturdays from 9-1. You can reach us at 315-364-7975, [librarian@hazardlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@hazardlibrary.org), or on Facebook at [@HazardLibraryAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/HazardLibraryAssociation).

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

## AURORA FREE LIBRARY

Phone: 315.364.8074

[www.aurorafreelibrary.org](http://www.aurorafreelibrary.org)

email: [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org)

What a lovely ocean-inspired summer we had with performances by The Bubbleman, Panloco Steel Drum Band, LilySilly Puppets and The Rev Theatre. We also had a Tiny House visit and held Cupcake Wars and a Tween Book Club. Patrons enjoyed several art workshops as well. A big Thank You to Jim Wilcox for supporting our readers with ice cream! We celebrated readers at Emily Howland at the end of September with an ice cream sundae party where readers also received a free book!

Storytime this year is on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Join Miss Sandy for stories and songs. All children are welcome with their caregivers.

Travel Talk Sunday, November 13, at 3pm Join us to hear about San Pedro, El Salvador.

On Monday November 14, at 6:30 pm come hear about Dinosaur Science and Stories.

Check our website for details on Christmas in Aurora activities on December 3rd, a December Robotics Night and the Southern Cayuga Book Club.

Reminder we have a bin where you can bring in nonperishable items during our open hours for donations to the King Ferry Food Pantry. We also have New York State Park Passes and a selection of board games and puzzles for checkout.

The library is open Monday and Friday 3-7 pm, Wednesday 10 am – 6 pm and Saturday 10 am – 2 pm. Check [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org) and Facebook for the latest events and information. Email [staff@aurorafreelibrary.org](mailto:staff@aurorafreelibrary.org) or call 315-364-8074 with questions or suggestions of what you would like to see at the library.





# COMMUNITY



**KING FERRY  
FOOD PANTRY**  
Neighbors helping neighbors.

Located in the Ag Wing at Southern Cayuga High School

Open from 9 am -12 noon on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Do you know of a neighbor in need of the services of King Ferry Food Pantry?

Contact us at (315) 497-2049 or email [kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com](mailto:kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com)

King Ferry Food Pantry, Inc. PO Box 242 King Ferry, NY 13081

## **King Ferry Food Pantry: Donate a Holiday Meal**

During November and December, the King Ferry Food Pantry is offering an opportunity to donate a holiday meal for our neighbors in need.

A donation of \$30 will cover the cost of special foods for families who need a little help setting the table for the holidays. Your donation will be used to purchase traditional ingredients for a family to prepare and enjoy a festive meal: choice of turkey or other main dish, stuffing mix, potatoes, carrots, peas, cranberry sauce, gravy, fresh fruits/vegetables and desserts.

No one in our Southern Cayuga community should be hungry. If you need food, come to the pantry conveniently located at Southern Cayuga High School on Route 34B in Poplar Ridge. The pantry is open for drive-thru service from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and you will have the opportunity to select the foods your family needs and likes. For more information contact Debbie Patrick at (315) 497-2049, or email [kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com](mailto:kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com).



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**We want to help our neighbors in need.**

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form and your donation to: King Ferry Food Pantry, PO Box 242,  
King Ferry, NY 13081**  
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## Southern Cayuga PTO

by Christine Ward

Cherrydale Fundraiser: our annual Cherrydale Fundraiser has moved back to the fall - just in time for the holidays. The sale starts on November 7th and runs through November 21st. Informational packets will be sent home with students in Pre K -6th grade. We are hoping the principal will also include the information in their emails to families.

\* All orders will be made online with direct delivery to the buyer (same as last year).

\* Anyone who would just like to make a donation can send cash or check (made payable to SCCS PTO) to the school and they will make sure we get the donation. There is a donation link on the website for Cherrydale - however they take a cut of every donation for processing.



Parent/Teacher Conferences November 21st: historically PTO has helped to provide dinner for the teachers and staff on the day of conferences. Last year we were not able to participate in this due to funding and low PTO members (dinner was provided last year by another group). This year we are hoping to partner with some other school organizations to be able to help provide dinner for our awesome teachers/staff. We will have more details on this as it gets closer and we may be asking for help on 11/21 to set up, etc. Stay tuned!



Did you know??

- ◇ Amazon Smile: Amazon Smile is a simple way to support PTO every time you shop, at no cost to you! Use smile.amazon.com when you order and make sure you add "Southern Cayuga Central School PTO" as the charity.



- ◇ Clothing Bin: PTO receives funds from the clothing donation bin located at the high school end of SCCS. A great, easy way to clean out your closets while supporting PTO at the same time.

We are hoping to create a new Facebook Page for PTO to keep the community up to date on what PTO is up to. We also have on our radar to create a website as well.

Some of the things that PTO helps to sponsor includes field trips, graduation signs, roller skating program, and we offer a scholarship to graduating seniors who apply and meet the criteria. Our group would not exist without the help of our SCCS Community.

Please don't hesitate to email us any ideas you might have -or attend a meeting!

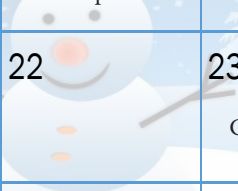






# UPCOMING EVENTS

## December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Second marking period ends grades 7-12	3 Food Pantry Open 9 - Noon
4	5	6	7 Senior Citizen Luncheon and Concert	8 Picture Retake Day EH School	9	10
11	12 BOE meeting	13	14 Band Concert 6pm	15 Choral Concert 6pm	16	17 Food Pantry Open 9 - Noon
18	19	20	21	22 	23 Go Home Early Drill	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Holiday Break December 26 - January 2					



### Now Hiring - Various Positions

*Competitive Wages & Benefits*

*Signing Bonus for Bus Driver Positions/Paid Bus Driver Training*

#### Full-Time Positions

- Food Service Helper 4 hours
- School Bus Driver
- Grounds keeper\Bus Driver

#### Substitutes Positions

- Food Service Helpers
- School Bus Attendants
- School Bus Drivers
- Nurse (RN/LPN)
- Cleaners
- Teachers
- Teacher Aides

#### Apply Online

Go to [southerncayuga.org/644](https://southerncayuga.org/644)

Click on the correct application in the right column

Teacher Applicants use the Professional Employment Application

Non-Teacher Applicants use the Support Staff Application

Southern Cayuga Central School

2384 State Route 34B, Aurora NY 13026

Southern Cayuga  
Central School District  
2384 State Route 34B  
Aurora NY 13026

Non-Profit  
Organization  
PAID  
Permit NO. 1  
Poplar Ridge, NY  
13139

Box Holder or  
Rural Route



### SCCS Board of Education

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Vice President Christine Brozon

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### Contact Information

District Office	364-7211
Business Office	364-8711
Special Education Office	364-5570
Jr/Sr High School Office	364-7111
Emily Howland Office	364-7098
Athletic Office	364-5924
Bus Garage	364-8652

*Board of Education agendas and minutes can be found on our website. [www.southerncayuga.org](http://www.southerncayuga.org)*



### **School Messenger**

Please be sure the district has your correct emergency contact information, including your phone number(s), email address and mailing address. You can add or revise your information from a link on our website, or by calling 315-364-7111, ext 2114