

# SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL



*Schoharie, New York*



*Melodies Of The Holidays*

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## ROBERT C. BYRD HONORS SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES

Jeffrey Chilton and Samuel Tavenner have been selected to participate in the 2010 Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Program Competition. This competitive scholarship, which is given out to each county in New York State, is worth \$1500 per year of college, to students who have demonstrated high academic achievement and show promise of continued excellence. In order to be nominated, a student must have a minimum GPA of 95, based on a Byrd score, and a minimum combined math, critical reading and writing SAT score of 1875 or higher in one sitting. Congratulations to Jeff and Sam on their high academic achievement and best wishes in the competition.

## PEER MEDIATION TRAINING



The following students were trained as peer mediators on Tuesday, December 15: Sky Aulita, Cooper Bowersox, Jeff Chilton, Eric Croote, Dorothea Kuntze, Josh Loden, Abigayle Piechnik, Emily Potter, Casey Robinson-Bullock, Marianne Slater-Hurd, Emily Slurff, Katherine Teeter, Nick Toborg. The students spent the morning learning appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication techniques and learned about the mediation process. In the afternoon, they fine-tuned their skills using mock mediations. The students will present the program to all 7th & 8th grade students the first week of January. The mediation process will be used to resolve minor conflicts amongst students, help build better communication and prevent issues from escalating. The Mediators help students come up with ideas to resolve their problem and in the end an agreement is signed. Teachers, staff, parents, administrators, counselors or students can request peer mediation.





# Schoharie Valley FFA

Schoharie Valley FFA took 28 students to compete at the annual High School Days contest held at Cobleskill College, where 23 different schools competed. Schoharie students placed very high in many of the contests and brought back thirteen plaques to the school. Listed below are the students who placed in the top ten for their respective contest.

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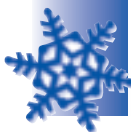
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## Dairy Cattle Judging

1st & Plaque – Katelyn Jaqueway  
3rd & Plaque – Will Laraway  
10th - Barbi Keyser

## Dairy Cattle Judging Team

5th – Katelyn Jaqueway, Sean Bailey, Charly Bender, Stephanie Henzler  
6th – Barbi Keyser, Curtis Smida, & Will Laraway

## Dairy Cattle Showmanship

4th – Joelene Mercer (MCS)

## Equine Judging

3rd & Plaque – Sean Bailey  
6th – Katelyn Jaqueway  
8th – Stephanie Henzler

## Equine Competition Team

4th – Sean Bailey, Charly Bender  
4th – Katelyn Jaqueway & Stephanie Henzler

## Feed Stuff Identification

1st & Plaque – Gregory Lloyd

## Livestock Judging

3rd & Plaque – Victoria Borst

## Livestock Judging Team

5th – Victoria Borst, Zach Borst, Shanelle Wilms, Paul Briggs

## Fisheries & Wildlife

6th – Cody Beninati

## Fisheries & Wildlife Team

1st & Plaque – Tyler Chase, Katherine Teeter

## Insect Identification

5th – Tom Weis  
7th – Shanelle Wilms

## Forage and Seed Identification

3rd & Plaque – Thomas Jaqueway  
6th – Ashley Foland  
7th – Emily Gaige  
8th – Kaillee Vangasbeck  
8th – Garrett Marbot  
9th – Robert Gaige

## Cut Flower Identification

3rd & Plaque – Katherine Teeter  
5th – Ashley Liddle

## Two-Wheel Tractor Driving

2nd & Plaque – Thomas Jaqueway  
3rd & Plaque – David Boreali

## Four-Wheel Tractor Driving

1st & Plaque – Travis Youngs  
7th – Lenny Cook

## Small Gas Engines

2rd & Plaque – Jacob Martratt  
3rd & Plaque – Travis Youngs  
6th – Cassandra Marshall  
8th – David Boreali





# GUIDANCE NEWS

**Mrs. Kenyon Grades 6 – 8**  
**Ms. Gates Grades 9 – 12 (A-K)**  
**Mrs. Stewart Grades 9 – 12 (L-Z)**



## Interim Reports and Report Cards

### 2nd Quarter

Marking Period Ends - 01/29/10 (Fri.)  
Report Cards Home With Students - 02/03/10 (Wed.)  
 Make up work for ***“INCcomplete” Grades Due - 02/11/10 (Thurs.)***

### 3rd Quarter

Mid-Marking Period Ends - 03/05/10 (Fri.)  
Interim Reports Home With Students - 03/10/10 (Wed.)

Marking Period Ends - 04/01/10 (Thurs.)  
Report Cards Home With Students - 04/14/10 (Wed.)  
 Make up work for ***“INComplete” Grades Due - 04/22/10 (Thurs.)***

### 4th Quarter

Mid-Marking Period Ends - 05/14/10 (Fri.)  
Interim Reports Home With Students - 05/19/10 (Wed.)

Marking Period Ends - 06/14/10 (Mon.)  
Report Cards Mailed – On or about July 9th

**HOMEWORK HOTLINE** for Grades 6, 7 , 8 and 9  
<http://www.schoharieschools.org/JrSrHS/JrSrHSHome.html>

## SAT & ACT DATES

*SAT Test Dates*  
 May 1  
 June 5

*Registration Deadline*  
 March 25  
 April 29

*LATE Registration Deadline*  
 April 8  
 May 13

*ACT Test Dates*  
 April 10  
 June 12

*Registration Deadline*  
 March 5  
 May 7

*LATE Registration Deadline*  
 March 19  
 May 21

**CAREER & TECH** – On Tuesday, February 9th, students will have an opportunity to visit selected programs at the Schoharie Career and Technical Center, followed by a meeting with their counselor to confirm enrollment for the 2010/2011 school year. Any 10th or 11th grader who is interested in attending Career and Technical school next year should make an appointment with their guidance counselor. The Albany Care and Technical Center visit will occur the week of February 22nd (actual date to be announced)

**NEW VISIONS** – On January 22, 2010, Happy Sherer, a New Visions instructor, will introduce the New Visions Program in Public Communications, Law and Government, Business and Financial Management, Health Careers and Human Services/Special Education. Those juniors wishing to be considered for New Visions must have three years of Regents Math and Science, a grade point average of 85 or higher, excellent attendance, maturity and the ability to work both independently and in teams, as well as strong communication skills. Any junior interested in New Visions should make an appointment with their guidance counselor and attend a New Visions open house.

**SCHEDULING** – Scheduling will begin in February for all current 11th graders and in March for 10th graders. Individual appointments will be set with parents to discuss post-secondary plans and options for the 2010/2011 school year. Please look for your letter regarding your student’s appointment.

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# AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM



Walk through the elementary building on a Tuesday after school and you will see 40 seventh through twelfth grade students spread all over the building working one-on-one with first through sixth grade students. These "tutors" do everything from listen to first graders read to quizzing fifth graders for an upcoming Science test. The After School Tutoring is in its eleventh year and going strong. After five Tuesdays of hard work (and a little fun) the tutors and students were treated to a Holiday Party where they played BINGO, made Christmas cards and enjoyed ice cream and cake. The party and weekly snacks are made possible through WGY's Christmas Wish and Stewarts' Holiday Match program.

Thank you to the following teachers who supervise the tutoring: Mrs. Baptiste, Mr. Calvino, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Hallenbeck, Mrs. Rutland, Mrs. Blain, Ms. McCarthy, Mrs. Bogardus, Mrs. Ruland, Mrs. Schaffer, Miss Smith, Mrs. Yager, Mrs. Castle, and Mrs. Stowell.

And thank you to the following students who regularly showed up to tutor:

Emma Wegner

Zack Bailey

Megan Gauvreau

Jessica Zinssar

Savannah Bell

Allyson Liddle

Carolyn Caza

Rachel Randazzo

Kevin Jeffers

Justin Camilleri

James Sacket

Brendan Kelley

James Pierce

Dylan Price

Kathleen Colby

Grace Caza

Kristen Jeffers

Jessica Cornwell

Marissa Hadsee

Sierra Diamond

Jessica Gauvreau

Cory Haynes

Mattia Cornell

Katie Farineau

Cooper Bowersox

Peter Quandt

Chris Kelley

Jessica Jones

Mac Desmond

Dawn Ladayne

Aaron Scofield

Tim Beninati

Byron Meadows

Dylan LaBadia

Josh Loden

Becky Snyder

Dorothea Kuntze

Ericka Stark

Jeff Chilton

Audrey Slezak

Charly Bender

## GUIDANCE NEWS Continued

**FINANCIAL AID** – The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) should be filed immediately. If you need any assistance with the FAFSA, please contact your guidance counselor. Log on at [FAFSA.ed.gov](http://FAFSA.ed.gov) General information on what you need to have can also be found on our school website.

**8th GRADE PARENTS** – High school planning has begun for your 8th grader. If you did not attend the 8th to 9th Grade Parents Night, please expect to receive a letter from the Guidance Office with your appointment (date & time). At this meeting we set up your soon to be 9th grader's course requests. If you have any questions please call 295-6611.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT** – Hey, I'm Evelin Siegel from Germany. I am staying with the Weber family this year. Back in Germany, I dance a lot so I'm glad I could join the cheerleading team here. I also played volleyball and I'm going to try to be in the play. I love that American high schools have so many afterschool activities like clubs and sports teams. I am not used to that in Germany, but I think that's what I'm here for, to experience something new. I've already met a lot of very friendly people, but the beginning of my stay wasn't easy. Now, after almost four months here, I feel like I'm at home. My stay in America is ten months long. I would love to stay here longer. Until then I'm going to enjoy every day here in Schoharie and I'm so excited for all the things that are going to happen during the rest of my exchange year here.



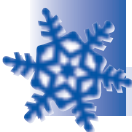
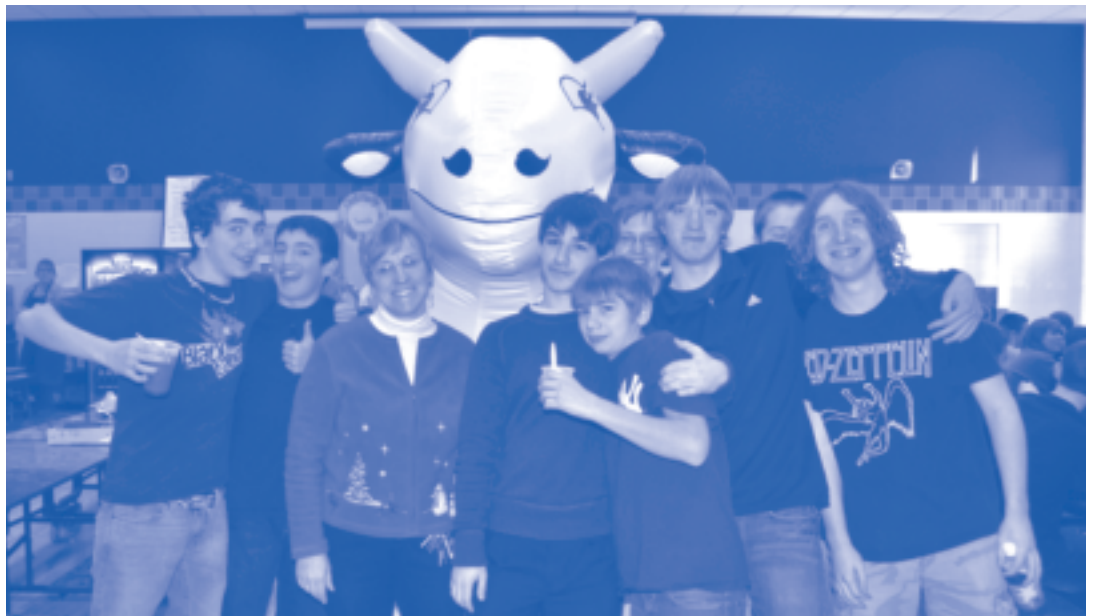


# SCS HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA WINS MILK COOLER FROM THE AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION & DAIRY COUNCIL

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On December 4, 2009 the HS cafeteria received a brand new milk cooler for the serving line FREE! This particular cooler is valued at over \$3,000. Each year the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. (ADADC) offers schools an opportunity to win a milk cooler by participating in a Milk Temperature Survey. The surveys are part of an effort to see that milk is served cold to students. This fall, our school's Milk Temperature Survey submission was selected to win the new milk cooler! Last spring, the milk cooler in the HS Cafeteria (which was about ten years old), had a compressor failure and could not be repaired. SCS Lunch Manager, Josie Ennist, was able to borrow milk bins, with freezable inserts, from another local school to serve milk until a new milk cooler could be purchased. Winning the milk cooler was terrific news for our food service staff!

To celebrate this wonderful gift from ADADC, the HS Cafeteria had special visitors on December 11th! Florence Selin, DTR, SNS, Consultant for Child Nutrition from ADADC came to SCS with a giant inflatable cow. Students enjoyed complimentary yogurt parfaits, served with lunch that day, and had an opportunity to sample new foods and complete a school meal survey. Feedback from the surveys will be used to plan future school meal menus!





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## RURAL ROUTE/STAR ROUTE BOXHOLDER

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### Prepaid Lunch Ticket Prices for 2009-10

#### Elementary

- 1 Week \$8.75
- 2 Weeks \$17.50



#### Jr/Sr High

- 5 day ticket \$10.00
- 4 day ticket \$8.00
- 3 day ticket \$6.00
- 2 day ticket \$4.00

### S.C.S. LUNCH MENU

Served daily in the  
Elementary:

- Chicken Patty on Whole  
Wheat Roll
- Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Sandwich
- Chef Salad and Roll

Elementary Breakfast .....	\$.100
Jr./Sr. High School Breakfast ..	\$.125
Elementary Lunch .....	\$.175
High School Lunch .....	\$.200
Second Entree .....	\$.100
Snacks .....	\$.60

Weekly Specials served daily in the High School :

- 4 choices of fruits and/or vegetables
- 5 choices of milk: \$.45  
1% chocolate, 1% strawberry,  
white: whole, skim & lowfat

### Athletics On the Web

For up-to-the-minute changes to game schedules,  
please visit our school website at  
[http://www.schoharieschools.org/  
district/athletics/sportsschedule.htm](http://www.schoharieschools.org/district/athletics/sportsschedule.htm). Our athletics  
page also contains photos and information on sports  
awards and events.

### Library Evening Hours

The High School Library is open for public use on  
Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to  
8:00pm, October through Mid-May, whenever school  
is in session. Students and community members are  
welcome.

## ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY SING-ALONG



*Please note: Byron Meadows was inadvertently not  
mentioned as a member of the soccer team in the  
December newsletter.*