

SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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Schoharie Elementary 4th Graders

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TERRIFIC RESPONSE TO THE BLOOD DRIVE



On September 5th, there was a Red Cross Blood Drive held at Schoharie Central.

Normally blood drives are not conducted this early in the year, but this year the need was very high. We were concerned that conducting the drive over the Labor Day weekend would be a problem, both in terms of staffing by volunteers and in the number of donors available. However, the community support was tremendous, as were the efforts of volunteers in the Key Club. There were 28 individuals signed up before the drive and the goal was to have 47 donations. The actual number of donations collected was 54, which equates to helping 162 patients.

Special "thanks" to Students: Dehlia Piechnik, Grace Bullis, Sonia Shepard, and Dorothea Kuntze, as well as Teachers: Fran Kugler (Key Club President and Club Advisor) and Jennifer McClure (FBLA Advisor). They came to school in the weeks before the drive to help organize it with the Red Cross and to work with club volunteers, students, and Kiwanians. We would like to also express our gratitude to Maintenance Staff Member Floyd Lamont for working during the weekend to help out the cause, and a very large THANK YOU goes out to all of the individuals who continue to make a positive difference in the lives of others by donating blood!

EPTSO EVENTS

- Nov. 9th EPTSO meeting at 7pm in the Elementary Cafeteria
- Nov. 19th Fundraiser pickup in the Elementary 1952 gym
- Dec. 9th EPTSO meeting at 7pm in the Elementary Cafeteria

Tools for Schools - Don't forget to use your AdvantEdge card at Price Chopper and sign up Schoharie Elementary as the school you would like to sponsor.



THE AGRICULTURAL ARENA

2009 SCS Graduates, Elizabeth Goblet and James J. Goblet, were recently notified that they were among the top four finalists in the Nation for their Proficiency Awards. Elizabeth and James had taken top honors at the New York State FFA Convention and qualified for National Competition. Elizabeth's award area is in Sheep Production and James's award area is Diversified Agricultural Production. Elizabeth and James will be attending the National Convention where they will be interviewed on their accomplishments and Supervised Agricultural Experience Program. Based on the results of this interview, a National Winner will be chosen.

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards program, like the FFA motto, helps students set goals and learn practical skills. The program rewards FFA members at the local, state and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. The SAE program is a planned practical agricultural activity, which supports skill and competency development, career success, and application of specific agricultural and academic skills a student has learned through classroom instruction in agricultural education. It is the actual, hands-on application of concepts and principles learned in the agricultural education classroom. Students are supervised by Agricultural Education Teacher, Mr. Julia Bogardus - 8th Placed Individual (Rosette)

Marbot, in cooperation with parents, employers, and other adults who assist them in the development and achievement of their educational and career goals. The New York State and National FFA Organization reward student winners with motivational activities and award incentives, available through funds raised by the National FFA Foundation.

The three components of Agricultural Education, working in combination, are: Supervised Agricultural Experience, Agricultural Education, and FFA - each providing members with an advantage in the job market by attaining scholarships and college enrollments, assistance in starting their own businesses, and developing a plan for success in life.



First Day of School

FFA STUDENTS EXCEL AT LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL CONTESTS

Poultry Judging Team – 1st Place

Won the New York State Contest competing at National Convention (Team Plaque)

Charly Bender – High Individual in New York State (Plaque)

Damian Loucks – 6th Placed Individual in New York State (Rosette)

Cora Woods – Team Member

Garrett Marbot – Team Member

Horse Judging Team – 2nd Team in NYS

Team will be going on to Eastern States Expo in Massachusetts to compete regionally

Sean Bailey – 2nd Placed Individual in New York State (Plaque)

Katelyn Jaqueway – 12th Placed Individual in New York State (Rosette)

Cassandra Marshall – Team Member

Shanelle Wilms – Team Member

Curtis Smida – Participant

Jacob Martratt – Participant

Livestock Judging Team – 5th Team in NYS

Shannon Spargo – 7th Placed Individual in New York State (Rosette)

Shanelle Wilms – 8th Placed Individual in New York State (Rosette)

Tyler Chase – Team Member

Zach Borst – Team Member

Travis Youngs – Team Member

Dairy Handlers Individual Contest

Greg Lloyd - 2nd Placed in New York State (Plaque) - Will be going on to the Eastern States Expo in Massachusetts to compete regionally

Julia Bogardus – 8th Placed Individual (Rosette)





GUIDANCE NEWS

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

Interim Reports Go Home with Students – Wednesday, October 7
Report Cards Go Home with Students – Thursday, November 12

PSAT – The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (a practice test for the SAT) is being offered to all juniors and accelerated sophomores on Wednesday, October 14, Periods 1-4. The Cost is \$13.00. Checks should be made payable to Schoharie Central School and are due in Guidance by Friday, Oct. 2.

College Information Day at SUNY Cobleskill – Over 100 colleges will be represented on Monday, October 19. College Admission staff will be available to hand out information, discuss options with students, and answer questions. All juniors and interested seniors will be attending. Bus leaves at 11:55 AM and will return at 2:00 PM. All permission slips are due in Guidance by Friday, October 2. Parents who would like to meet their students at the information day can come to SUNY Cobleskill Bouck Hall at approximately 12:30 PM.

Senior Conferences – All seniors will be meeting individually with their counselor to discuss future plans, college admissions, and review graduation requirements for senior year starting the first week of October. Parents will be invited and encouraged to attend these important meetings with their senior.

10th Annual 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Academic to Career Day – On Tuesday, November 10, we will have many interesting career speakers, college representatives and hands-on activities for all our participants. Many of our Schoharie County businesses donate their time to educate our future leaders and in advance, we thank you. If you would like to assist, please call Mrs. Kenyon at 295-6611 or e-mail at tkenyon@schoharie.k12.ny.us.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

SAT I & II Test Dates

- Oct. 10, 2009
- Nov. 7, 2009
- Dec. 5, 2009
- Jan. 23, 2010
- May 1, 2010
- June 5, 2010

ACT Test Dates

- Sept. 12, 2009
- Oct. 24, 2009
- Dec. 12, 2009
- Apr. 10, 2010
- June 12, 2010

Registration

- Sept. 9, 2009
- Oct. 1, 2009
- Oct. 30, 2009
- Dec. 15, 2009
- Mar. 25, 2010
- Apr. 29, 2010

Registration

- Aug. 7, 2009
- Sept. 18, 2009
- Nov. 6, 2009
- Mar. 5, 2010
- May 7, 2010

Late Registration

- Sept. 10 – Sept. 23
- Oct. 1 – Oct. 15
- Oct. 31 – Nov. 12
- Dec. 16 – Dec. 30
- Mar. 26 – Apr. 8
- Apr. 30 – May 13

Late Registration

- Aug. 8 – Aug. 21
- Sept. 19 – Oct. 2
- Nov. 7 – Nov. 20
- Mar. 6 – Mar. 19
- May 8 – May 21

Registration packets and practice tests are available in the Guidance Office or you can apply online at collegeboard.com for SAT and actstudent.org for ACT.

COLLEGE/MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

College of St. Rose	Mon. September 28, 2009	9:00 A.M.
SUNY Brockport	Wed. September 30, 2009	10:00 A.M.
Canisius College	Wed. October 21, 2009	9:45 A.M.
**SUNY Canton	Thurs. October 22, 2009	1:00 P.M.
Mass College of Liberal Arts	Tues. October 27, 2009	11:30 A.M.
Maria College	Tues. October 27, 2009	12:00 P.M.
Sage Colleges	Thurs. October 29, 2009	11:30 A.M.
SUNY Oneonta	Tues. November 3, 2009	10:30 A.M.
Utica College	Wed. November 4, 2009	1:00 P.M.
SUNY Albany	Thurs. November 5, 2009	8:30 A.M.
Keuka College	Thurs. November 5, 2009	11:00 A.M.

**** Instant Admission Day. Please see your guidance counselor to sign up.**
 Sign-up with Mrs. Burgett in the Guidance Office if you wish to meet with any of these representatives.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship information and applications are available in the Guidance Office. The scholarships are listed by number and correspond with numbered files in the scholarship file box. For more scholarship opportunities, please visit www.fastweb.com or www.scholarship.com.

Upcoming Deadline Dates:

- 1A) Silverman Law Scholarship – September 30th
- 14) Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship – November 2nd
- 14A) Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards – January 8th (on-line application only)
- 41.) AES Engineers Scholarship – October 6, 2009



SCS STUDENT PERFORMS IN EUROPE

This past summer, Schoharie Central School senior, Jeffrey Chilton, was given the opportunity to travel and perform abroad with American Music Abroad (AMA). This tour took Jeffrey through Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Belgium, and France. AMA boasts thirty years of experience and a variety of tours that travel through all of Europe. Each tour is unique; however, all give students the opportunity to see and interact with new places and multiple cultures.

Jeff was recommended by his music teacher, Mark Pracher, and represented Schoharie on the trombone during his two and a half weeks abroad. Before the trip across the sea, Jeff was joined by the other 85 students who would be performing in either the concert band or the mixed chorus. The initial grueling three days were spent practicing the concert material in East Strausburg College (Pennsylvania) for the tour, as well as the farewell concert before departure. Students roomed at the college and on the trip, with the other participants from upstate New York and New Jersey. When asked, Jeff stated that the diversity of musicians provided for a great mix of people, in addition to an excellent musical blend.

He went on to describe his time in Europe further:

“The tour began in Paris, France, where we spent three days seeing everything from the River Seine to the top of the Eiffel Tower. From there we explored the French countryside, while continuing to play concerts, notably at the Beaches of Normandy. Here, in particular, the music led us to a moving performance that really added perspective to the entire trip. Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany followed, all interesting in their own way, be it language, history, chocolate, or perhaps even gelato (a tasty dessert we enjoyed whenever possible). Finally, we visited the Austrian Alps, my favorite section of the tour. I mean come on, who doesn't want snowboarding year round! It was sad to leave, but I don't think I'll ever forget it. I would recommend this tour to anyone with all my heart.”

Each year, different students are given the opportunity to experience what this young musician did. Hopefully, all will have as good a time as Jeff. Congratulations on the trip and the experiences it brought.

INSTRUMENT DONATIONS WANTED

Do you have a used instrument stored away in a closet that hasn't been played in years? If so, please consider donating it to the SCS Band program. Needy students who cannot afford the rental fees are allowed to borrow donated instruments for as long as they are actively involved in SCS band. If you would like to give to the program or have questions please contact: Mrs. Gould or Mr. Pracher at 295-6601, or Mrs. Quandt at 295-6663. Thank you for your consideration.





FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

On October 8th and 9th, the Central

Bridge, Esperance, Gallupville, and Schoharie Fire Departments will be teaming up with the National Fire Prevention Association to urge Schoharie Elementary Students to "Stay Fire Smart" during Fire Prevention Week. While students visit the Gallupville Fire Station on these days, local volunteer firefighters will be teaching students how to properly plan and practice for an escape from their home in case a fire ever occurs. They will also demonstrate some of the basic "tools of the trade" for a firefighter and discuss fire safety. Smokey the Bear will even make an appearance and speak about outdoor fire safety. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in an essay and coloring contest. You and your family can practice fire prevention strategies by practicing the following activities:

- Create a home escape plan and practice a home fire drill to ensure that your family knows what to do in the event of a fire
- Make sure your home is safe by performing a home hazard inspection, looking for fire risks
- Create a safety information card, which contains your student's basic contact information to be used in an emergency and have them carry a copy in their book bag

For more information about Fire Prevention Week or for materials and information on how you and your family can learn together about how to "Stay Fire Smart", visit www.firepreventionweek.org or contact your local fire department.



**The Schoharie
WRESTLERS**
will be working at the

**Cobleskill McDonald's on
Wednesday,
October 21st from 5 – 7 p.m.**

**The team will earn a percentage
of the sales made during these
hours. Please come help support
the team with this fundraiser!**

**The Wrestling Booster Club also
has some SCS umbrellas (\$20)
and gym bags (\$12) left from our
sale last year.**

**If you are interested in
purchasing, please email Kellie
at cre8memorees@aol.com.**





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RURAL ROUTE/STAR ROUTE BOXHOLDER



Harrison Smith and his fellow 4th grade classmates recently harvested squash that they had planted at the Carrot Barn last spring.

SCS LIBRARY OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY



The Schoharie High School Library will be open for public use on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, beginning October 1st and continuing through May 18th, whenever school is in session. Students and community members are welcome to use the computers, read books, magazines or newspapers.

Prepaid Lunch Ticket Prices for 2009-10

Elementary		Jr/Sr High	
1 Week	\$8.75	5 day ticket	\$10.00
2 Weeks	\$17.50	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

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

Elementary Breakfast	\$1.00
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Jr./Sr. High School Breakfast . .	\$1.25
Elementary Lunch	\$1.75
High School Lunch	\$2.00
Second Entree	\$1.00
Snacks	\$.60