

Rambling Reporter

December 2015

Got Book? Let's Talk

by Elaine Myers

From the first time your child holds a book, a parent has the perfect time to talk with their child. Talk about what is on the cover of the book. Ask what the child thinks the story might be about. Look at the pictures and ask the child if they know the names of the objects pictured. Look at the faces pictured and ask how the person or animal feels. Pick up a book about tractors and talk about all the parts of the tractor and compare to the tractors you see around your home. Even the most simple baby board book provides so many ways to give your child new words and new understanding of how the world works.

Why would you talk and not just read? For a child to be a successful learner and reader, they need to have a big vocabulary and must know how to process the information around them. Understanding how things work and relate to each other is called comprehension. The bigger a child's vocabulary and deeper her comprehension will predict success in reading and in school.

Frequently the books your child is reading have a very limited vocabulary and the pictures imply a much richer story



than the words the child is reading. Books are given to your child at their reading level, so they will learn to read. Reading can be thought of as de-coding. English is a 26 letter alphabetic code and by learning the names and sounds of letters, your child eventually learns how to look at words on a page and decode them. However, if your child does not know the word or understand what might be implied in the pictures and words, reading will become a frustrating chore.

If reading is seen as another way to learn about the world, it becomes fun. Who better than mom, dad, grandma, grandpa or an older sibling to make reading fun? When your child comes home with a book to read, take some time to talk and relate the story and information to what the child already knows. Reading and talking are both ways to understand the world, think more clearly and enjoy the ups and downs of both growing up and the history of the world.

Take a minute — talk.

Merry Christmas!



Attention Parents /Guardians of Pre-School-Age Children

by Sharon Botsford, Elementary School Nurse



We are updating our list of the pre-school-age children living in our district. If you have pre-school-age children at home, please call the elementary school nurse to see if they are on the list. If you have already filled out the paper that was attached to your school-age child's data sheet, thank you.

We generate our mailing list for the incoming kindergarten class and pre-school class from the data we have in our computer system. Please help us make the list complete by calling 315-364-7284 or emailing at botsfords@southerncayuga.org with information about your pre-school-age child. Thank you for helping with this matter!

"Four!"

by Greg Otis

As the culmination of the three-week golf unit for juniors and seniors, we took a trip to the King Ferry Golf Course to give students the opportunity to play a few holes on a real course. One of our main topics was safety in a real setting. Students learned about equipment, order of play, how to navigate a golf course, how to keep score and about care of the course. Students were given a small set, including a 3 wood, 5 and 9 irons, and a putter; they had time to play three to five holes with a partner. Ms. Haight was able to join some of the classes; she and I moved to the different groups to assist students with club selection, rules and hitting form. Thank you for the carts!!



Students had a great time, learning about the challenges of golf while discovering a fabulous resource that exists within our own community! Many thanks to the Kopps for opening their course to us, providing us with tees and for their assistance. We hope this experience has fostered the start of a lifelong activity!

The Class of 2017 will be hosting two fundraisers.

- ♦ Doug's Fish Fry to Go at the Poplar Ridge Fire House, Friday, January 29, 11:00 to 6:00
- ♦ Applebee's Pancake Breakfast at the Grant Avenue, Auburn, location, Sunday, February 7, 8:00 to 10:00 am

The New SAT

by Jane Manning

There is a lot of hubbub about the new SAT. For many high school juniors and their parents, the biggest question is what has really changed? The new SAT will be given for the first time on March 5, 2016. Below is a chart comparing the old SAT format with the new.

For additional information head to: www.collegeboard.org

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/01/education/edlife/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-new-sat.html>

	OLD SAT	NEW SAT
Perfect Score	2400	1600
Average Score	1520	1050
Subject Areas	Reading and Math	Reading, Math and Writing
Math Question Format	Multiple Choice Student-Produced Response Quantitative Comparison	Multiple Choice Student-Produced Response
Math Content	Arithmetic Geometry Algebra 1	Arithmetic Geometry Algebra 1 Algebra 2
Reading Questions Format	Sentence Completion Long Reading Passages Analogies	Sentence Completion Short Reading Passages Long Reading Passages
Writing Question Format	Writing Section; required essay	Essay (optional) Improving Sentences Identifying Sentence Errors Improving Paragraphs
Calculator Use	On All Math Sections	Prohibited on One Section
Time	3 hours 45 minutes	3 hours (plus 50 minutes for writing) Reading Section = 65 Minutes Writing & Language = 35 Minutes Math = 25 Minutes with No Calculator Math = 55 Minutes with Calculator
Guessing Penalty	¼ Guessing Penalty	No guessing Penalty



The Fourth grade students have studied the Iroquois or Haudenosaunee. During their research they learned about how wampum belts were created and how each image symbolized an important message or event. The students designed beaded "belts" to show what was important to them. They wrote about how each symbol represented them and was connected to the history of the Haudenosaunee (while crafting informational paragraphs). Working with Mrs. Webster, they wove the belts. Ask your student what his or her symbols stand for!

Local Elected Officials Speak to SCCS Seniors

by Justin Frisbie

Southern Cayuga's Syracuse University Project Advance Public Affairs class recently welcomed local elected officials Keith Batman (Cayuga County Legislator) and Jon Budelmann (Cayuga County District Attorney).

On Wednesday, November 18, Keith Batman joined the SUPA Public Affairs class to share a wealth of information and answer questions helpful to the students in the class on the County Legislators' current projects. Mr. Batman currently serves as Cayuga County's District 7 legislator and was formerly Dean Emeritus of Cayuga Community College. Specifically, students in the class are tasked with defining a societal problem within the community and creating policies aimed towards solving the problem. Legislator Batman provided the class with information on local water quality and broadband internet availability.

On Friday, November 20, Cayuga County District Attorney Jon Budelmann visited the class. As District Attorney, he was able to share his knowledge about the juvenile court system and discuss the heroin epidemic in Cayuga County. He also discussed crime rates and intervention programs to reduce criminal activity in our county.

The class greatly appreciated the time, assistance and expertise of both of our elected officials.

*Cayuga County DA Jon Budelmann
speaks with SCCS students.*

THE SCCS BOOSTERS CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

dinner and a game

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Friday, January 15, 2016

DINNER SERVED FROM 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M. **OR UNTIL SOLD OUT** IN THE SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Featuring a buffet dinner of peppercorn roast beef with creamy dijon sauce; roasted garlic & sage turkey breast; fried hotdog octopus; winter greens & beans; cheddar ranch mashed potatoes; roasted root vegetables; maple butter dinner rolls and meringue cookies!

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SCCS GIRLS AND BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL GAMES
VERSUS MORAVIA STARTING AT 6:00 P.M.



tickets:

\$8 PER ADULT OR
\$4 PER CHILDREN 8 YEARS & YOUNGER

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Southern Cayuga Youth Basketball League

By Carin Kopp

The Southern Cayuga Youth Basketball League (“SCYBL”) has officially kicked off its 2015-2016 season! For six weeks in October and November, early morning basketball was held with Emily Howland junior athletes learning the fundamentals while practicing good sportsmanship. Under the leadership of Ed Heslop, coach of the Girls’ Varsity Basketball team, along with Greg Otis, coach of the Boys’ Varsity Basketball team, over 60 students attended in grades K - 6, learning the basics of the game. Thank you Coach Heslop and Coach Otis for your tremendous support of SCYBL!

On Saturday, October 31, SCYBL hosted a free basketball clinic for girls and boys with the support of the JV and Varsity Basketball coaches and players. Lots of fun was had by all the kids who attended – including the high school athletes who volunteered their time! Simultaneously, we held the first annual basketball sneaker exchange. Upwards to 50 sneakers in various sizes were donated to our program, allowing SCCS families to find new sneakers for a nominal donation! Meantime, out in the parking lot, Doug’s Fish Fry was busy serving fish fry to local community members looking for a delicious meal. SCYBL appreciates the support of everyone who participated in the basketball clinic, sneaker exchange or Doug’s Fish Fry! Thank you!!

Thank you to the 14 local companies that signed up to be team sponsors or made a donation to SCYBL. Given the challenging economic times we continue to face, we are grateful to our local businesses that donate so generously to help defray overhead expenses, keeping the program affordable for local children.

Sign-ups for students playing in CCYO this winter have been strong, with approximately 80 kids joining in the fun! Games start in December for our athletes in grades 2 to 6 and are played on Saturdays at SCCS along with schools in the surrounding areas.

Finally, we would like to thank Karen Smith and Joanne Cartner, secretaries in the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School, respectively, for their tremendous help. Behind the scenes, these two ladies quietly make an enormous difference as they distribute paperwork and collect registration forms for our program, making it all happen! Thank you Karen and Joanne!



Southern Cayuga Youth participate in SCYBL Basketball Clinic: October 31, 2015



Bully Prevention Day

by SOS Advisors- Tanya Thompson and Lindsay Osborne

In recognition of Bully Prevention Day, members of our SOS Leadership group joined by other students released orange balloons into the air. Each balloon carried the following message.

*Southern Cayuga Central School in Aurora, NY, has released these balloons into the air in showing our support for Bully Prevention. We hope our message of kindness and support reaches people far and wide. If you should find a balloon, please let us know by visiting our **Southern Cayuga Sources of Strength** Facebook page. Please tell us what number balloon you found and where you found it. UNITED WE STAND AGAINST BULLYING BECAUSE TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.*

So far two balloons have been located and logged on our Facebook page. Students also participated in Show of Support banner signing and other activities throughout the week.

SOS Leaders also sponsored a fundraiser throughout the month of November in recognition of citizenship month called Change for A Cure. These funds will be donated to Carissa Mosher and her family to help offset the cost of her medical expenses. We are all rallying our support for Carissa and her family.

Southern Cayuga Youth Basketball League
thanks its Financial Supporters for Funding CCYO for the 2015-2016 Season

Ag Trac LLC	Osterhoudt Farms LLC
Allen Farms	Ridgecrest
Ashland Farm LLC	Sunnyside Farms
Aurora Ridge Dairy	Tyrrell Construction Inc.
CLNB	Valley Hill
Duthie Orthodontics	Walter Excavation
Gush Orthodontics	Wayne E. Bowman
Willett Dairy, LLC	

NYSAPERD

by Cathy Haight

Four staff members attended the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAPERD) Annual State conference at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY. As well as seeing many sessions and workshops, all four presented. Greg Otis presented “Maximize Your Students’ Movement and Success – Everyone Engaged.” Cathy Murray and Mary Green presented “Aquatic Tabata” which gives a great workout in the pool. Cathy Haight was a member of the “Sensational Secondary Session” where she presented the game swatball.

Cathy, Mary and Cathy ran in the NYSAPERD 3rd Annual 5K race held at the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill cross country course located a mile from the resort.

On Friday evening Cathy Haight received the Distinguished Service Award for her long-term involvement in NYSAPERD. Cathy also started her term as secretary for the Council of Administrators.



National Honor Society

by Olivia Lounsbury

National Honor Society, by official definition, is a national organization established to applaud high school students who excel. NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. In Southern Cayuga, we take this recognition to another level by participating in community service projects in the area. This year’s officers are President Monica Groth, Vice-President Emily Kopp, Treasurer Mitchell Fessenden, Secretary Sarah VanDeValk, and Historian Caleb Roman.

So far this year, NHS has organized an Adopt-A-Highway clean-up and a Red Cross blood drive, with the help of the group’s adviser, Victoria Newton. The NHS members recruited 30 donors for the blood drive on November 6. In the future, the group hopes to collaborate in giving Christmas gifts to the Cayuga-Seneca

Community Action Agency, volunteer for the Salvation Army’s bell-ringing event, and create birthday kits in collaboration with the King Ferry Food Pantry.

In addition to these winter activities, the team is working on additional projects to benefit those who are homeless and to assist veterans of the war. NHS will also sponsor a second blood drive, planned for March 2. NHS will be selling flowers at the March school musical as a fundraiser for their many service projects. In the spring, to wrap up the rigorous year, the group will welcome upcoming Juniors and Seniors on April 11 with an induction ceremony. Southern Cayuga appreciates your hard work and dedication.



Winter Sports

by Cathy Haight

The winter sports season is underway. Please come support the girls' and boys' basketball teams on Tuesday and Friday nights, and the boys' swim team on Thursday nights. The boys' modified basketball and girls' volleyball teams are also in action through December on most Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Boys' modified swim and girls' modified basketball start right after holiday break. Come cheer the Chiefs to victory!

Important Future Dates:

Start of JV and varsity spring sports – March 7

Start of modified spring sports – March 21

Start of JV and varsity fall sports – August 15

Start of modified fall sports – September 1

Elementary Physical Education

by Ms. Furness and Ms. Green

Fall has come to an end and PE is looking forward to winter activities. Students in grades 4-6 will be working on volleyball and basketball, while the students in grades K-3 continue to work on locomotor skills, body control and manipulating objects. Students in 4th grade can look forward to a special Minute to Win It Holiday Style game day and/or Reindeer Games just before the holiday break. .

Halloween Fun

by Tammy Perkins



On Halloween, the 5th grade students enjoyed a day at The Rink in Lansing. Many skated for the first time and were thrilled to be able to connect with their classmates outside of school. We were very proud of their behavior and respect. Our students represented Emily Howland extremely well. When we returned, the students joined the Halloween festivities.

IAC All-Stars

for the fall 2015 season

Boys' Varsity Soccer

1st Team IAC

Sam Schneider
Jon Dean
Antonio Valdez
Abdias Puac-Perez



2nd Team IAC

Dylon Conklin
Mitch Fessenden
Cody Butzer

Honorable Mention IAC

Zach Barreto
Sam Nolan

Girls' Varsity Soccer

1st Team IAC

Emily Kopp

Varsity Volleyball

1st Team IAC

Hannah Rosekrans
Lindsey Hobart
Tatiana Raymundo



2nd Team IAC

Erica VanNostrand
Olivia Lounsbury

Girls' Varsity Swim

IAC All-Stars

Julia Angotti
Lauryn Mattoon
Claire Rejman
Catherine Reynolds



Boys' Varsity

Cross Country

2nd Team IAC:

Conner Bennett
Ben Davis



Technology in Action!

by Daniel Holden

As mentioned in the last issue of the *Rambling Reporter*, my Productions Systems classes will be rekindling our "Toys for Tots" program.

Well, I must admit they have done more than just "rekindle." The students are beginning to resemble Christmas elves, (does that make me Santa?) and each day finds them a little closer to the December 10 deadline. As you can see in the photo, the size of the toy is of no concern and the variety this year is amazing. I could not be more proud of what an outstanding job these students have done thus far, and I am sure that this life lesson of giving will stay with them for years to come.



Photo by Aimee Kreydatus

Elder Care Questions?

by Mary Ellen Ormiston



The United Ministry of Aurora is sponsoring a series of meetings addressing questions older citizens may have about their legal, medical and spiritual options concerning "End of Life." The first meeting will address legal aspects and is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, at 6:30 pm in the church social room.

Representatives of the Auburn law firm Karpinski, Stapleton & Tehan PC, members of the Elder Law Section of the NYS Bar Association and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, will speak from their great knowledge and answer questions on the Health Care Proxy, Power of Attorney, etc. They have presented together locally but not in Southern Cayuga County and we wish to remedy that. If you need transportation, call

364-7231. All ages are welcome and light refreshments will be served. RSVP's appreciated to the church number. United Ministry of Aurora, 337 Main Street Aurora, NY 315 364 8543.

Facebook

Emily Howland Elementary School now has its own Facebook page! Please like us and add us to your friends list so you'll never miss our news and announcements!

Winter Concerts

Wednesday, December 9 @ 6:30 –
Winter Chorus Concert

Wednesday, December 16 @ 6:30 –
Winter Band Concert



by Dana Mandel

As the year winds down, we are eager to share some exciting news about our Anne Frank tree site! We are one step closer to realizing the community's vision that resulted in the selec-

tion of Southern Cayuga as one of eleven prestigious sites around the country to receive an Anne Frank tree sapling.

During the week of Thanksgiving, eleven granite boulders were placed at the site. The number eleven represents the number of Anne Frank tree saplings given to sites in the United States, including the World Trade Center site, Little Rock Central High School and the U.S. Capitol. Four of the placed boulders are nearly identical in size and shape. These are reflective of Marion Blumenthal Lazan's metaphor of four perfect pebbles represented in the book *Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story*. Four is also the



number of members in Anne's family hiding in the secret annex and the number of people who helped them. Appropriately, we must pause to give thanks to Dean Winspear, Bruce Kopp and Beth Robins for donating the boulders, and to Glen Miller for the use of his heavy equipment and assistance.

The Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project partnered this year with The Harriet Tubman Center for Justice & Peace, Inc. in Auburn to secure grant funding through the Cayuga Community Fund for additional site improvements. Rob Davidson of Exhibits & More recently completed the design of signage to direct visitors from Route 34B to the tree located behind the school. The signs will be printed at a discounted rate and installed next spring, at the school entrance and along the driveway.

Funding is still needed to install reflection benches and a cobblestone walkway that will connect the tree to the nearby school playground, as well as to continue the rich school and community programming supported by the Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project. We are also actively seeking new committee members, nominations for our annual Make a Difference Awards and ideas for new programming that explores the themes of social justice, equality and tolerance. To learn more, please visit us online at <http://sccsannefranktree.org> and follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SCFrankTree>. To sign up for our e-newsletter, please send an email to bill-zimpfer@netscape.net with the subject line Anne Frank News.

SCCS Hall of Fame

by Cathy Haight

The SCCS Hall of Fame will have its augural class inducted in January of 2017. The purpose of the Hall is to recognize the accomplishments of former athletes, teams, coaches and other contributors to the Chiefs program. These role models should exhibit the qualities of athletic excellence, leadership and sportsmanship. Please help us by nominating a deserving former athlete, team, coach or outstanding contributor. Go to the SCCS athletic website page for further details and the nomination form. If you have any questions, please contact Catharine Haight at (315) 364-5924.



PTO Corner

by Brenda Meade, President

Let me take this opportunity to fill you in on the fundraising events with which the PTO has been or is involved. Thank you to all who participated in our fall fundraiser. Your efforts allow us to continue to fund teachers' requests to enhance the education of our students. The clothing shed continues to be a great fundraiser for us. Please continue to use the shed located near the greenhouse to get rid of any unwanted clothing items. Lastly, how about showing your Southern Cayuga pride? The PTO currently has window clings and decals available for purchase. They are \$3 each or two for \$5, pictured here. Please contact me at (315) 364-6727 or brit2log@yahoo.com to order a few for your family.



The PTO recently sent home a questionnaire with students. Please fill in the questionnaire and return it to the main office. We would like your input to help direct the PTO efforts. If you didn't get a questionnaire and are willing to fill one out, please use the above contact information.



Monsanto Grant check is received! Congratulations!

The SC Masterminds team won their first two games of the season, soundly defeating Skaneateles by the score of 170 to 95 and crushing Cato-Meridian 230 to 50. In both games, Southern Cayuga took an early lead and never looked back. We saw excellent teamwork by Monica Groth, Sam Nolan, Tanner Marshall and Mitch Fessenden, with support from our bench of Hunter Kermidas, Matt Signor and Brett Jillson. Our next meet is right here at SCCS on December 15. Spectators are welcome!



First graders thank the volunteer firefighters who came and talked with us about fire safety in October! We loved seeing the trucks and having the firefighters show us all of their special gear!

Sixteenth Annual Family Science Night at Southern Cayuga

Prepare Now!

Thursday, March 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Emily Howland Cafeteria

by Frank Benenati

Students in grades K-8 are encouraged to participate. Projects can include, but are not limited to, energy demonstrations, chemistry experiments, model building, long-term plant experiments, physical science demonstrations, hands-on activities, and much more. The projects don't have to be big, elaborate or time consuming. The purpose of Science Night is promoting interest in science related topics. Start thinking about a possible topic or project. Registration forms will be ready in early January and will be due back near the end of February.

Let's make this Science Night bigger than last year's. Let the ideas start formulating!! More information to follow. If school is cancelled on the 17th, the date will be Thursday, March 24.



Mrs. Young's Second Grade students work hard on holiday cards for our troops! These cards will be sent overseas to troops working in Afghanistan to spread some holiday cheer.

Greetings from the Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation

by Kathie Owens

Since the inception of the *Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation* in 1992, we have been successful, with your help, in achieving the goals of raising scholarship funds to support the desire of young people in our community to further their education. We are pleased to announce that this year we were able to award \$1,000 Scholarships to 13 of our deserving Southern Cayuga Central School graduates.

However, we could not do it without you! We appreciate your continuing support and contributions to the *Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation*. So, keep an ear open for a phone call in February! We will again be conducting a fundraising Phone-a-thon on Wednesday, February 3 and Thursday, February 4 with a Southern Cayuga student calling on behalf of the *Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation*.



Our affiliation with the Central New York Community Foundation continues to be an excellent one. If you have missed our call, you may still contribute by going to www.cnycf.org/southerncayuga on the internet and fill in the appropriate blanks to input your information, knowing that it will be secure.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and support!



Aurora Free Library

by Sandy Groth

The Aurora Free Library has been planning for the future by constructing its Five Year Plan. We look forward to sharing it with you soon. Thanks to all who have helped us gather information to serve you better.

We offer a weekly Storytime on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and have added a Third Thursday Storytime at 6 pm each month. Doors open a half hour prior to the story time. Storytime coincides with the open days on the SCCS calendar. Please help us spread the word.

We are thrilled that so many of you are downloading books to your computers, ereaders or phones from the online catalog through Overdrive. Some of you have even been using the new Zinio downloadable magazine service. There are lots of magazines available FREE with your card. Click on the icon on our website for more information and make an account. It is all FREE and all you need is a library card. If you do not have a card, you can get one by visiting us or by registering online! Go to flls.org and click on Search the Catalog and choose Aurora Free Library. Please let us know if we can help you learn how to use any of these services available 24/7 from your home computer.

Check our website aurorafreelibrary.org and Facebook regularly for up-to-date events.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Hazard Library

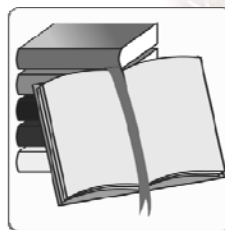
by Lisa Semenza

Hazard Library wishes you Season's Greetings and all the best to you & your family in 2016.

During December and January, Hazard Library is collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets and cocoa for the King Ferry Food Pantry. Warming the Hearts, Bodies and Minds of our Neighbors is a chance for us all to help the Food Pantry share the warmth of the season.

Hazard Library was chartered as a library in 1895. In December, the Hazard Library Board is conducting its Annual Appeal. You should be receiving a letter asking for your support. A financial donation of any amount helps us continue to serve our community. A donation of your time as a library volunteer would also help. If you do not get a letter, please stop at the library to get a copy.

Ongoing programs include Story Hour on Tuesdays at 9:30 and Southern Cayuga Book Club on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm.



Hazard Library will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Thursday, December 31.

Local Libraries

Hazard Library

2487 State Route 34B
Poplar Ridge NY 13139
Phone 315-364-7975
www.HazardLibrary.org
librarian@hazardlibrary.org
Facebook Hazard Library Association
Tuesday 9 to noon and 2 to 8
Thursday 1 to 8
Saturday 9 to 2

Aurora Free Library

370 Main Street
Aurora NY 13026
Phone 315 364-8074
www.aurorafreelibrary.org
Monday & Friday 3 to 8
Wednesday 10 to noon and 3 to 6
Saturday 10 to 3

Holiday Share Reminder

Beginning this year, 2015, the Southern Cayuga school district will no longer be hosting a Holiday Share project.

Families can reach out to Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency, the *Citizen* (Christmas Elves), the Warm the Children project and their local food pantry for assistance during the holidays.

Support SCCS Booster Club

Frosted Nickel Redemption Center
28 Clark Street, Auburn
#315-253-0347

Bring your Bottles & Cans to Frosted Nickel and mention SC Boosters Club so we receive the credit for your donation of bottles/cans.

Thank you!!!



COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE at the Genoa Town Hall
AND the Rural Life Museum, King Ferry
Sunday, January 31, 1:00 to 3:00

- ♦ *Connect* with us so we can *Connect* with you!
- ♦ *Connect* with your neighbors
- ♦ *Connect* with local businesses
- ♦ *Connect* with town representatives
- ♦ *Connect* with our fire departments
- ♦ *Connect* with those who make a difference in the town of Genoa

Tour the Rural Life Museum and Connect with your town history, observe winter exhibits and displays and visit the school house.

Refreshments at both locations! Door prizes! More details to follow!

The SCCS Pool is Open!

SCCS Family Swim Nights
Mondays and Wednesdays
when school is in session

5:00 to 7:00 pm through May 27
\$3 per person or \$5 per family

POOL RENTALS

The SCCS Pool is available for rent!
Schedule your child's birthday party here!!

Contact Cathy Murray for information
murrayc@southerncayuga.org

Thanks for your continued support of **Labels for Education** and **Box Tops for Education**. Please include the entire portion of the label and send these items to the elementary school office.



The SCCS Backpack Program Thanks for your continued support!



The SCCS Backpack program thanks all who have helped support us this year. We have received contributions and help from so many in the community! We are reluctant to name names and leave anyone out, but a special thanks goes to the TON of FOOD DRIVE that raised considerable cash for our program, all of the private donors and the Genoa Pit Stop and Cayuga Lake National Bank, both of which had drives this year during Holiday Season time to raise funds for us.

Happy Holidays to all and thank you for your continued support from the SCCS Backpack Program volunteers.



Swimming Lessons

WHO: All SCCS students in grades kindergarten to six
WHAT: American Red Cross Swimming Lessons, Levels I-VII
WHEN: Session I Monday, February 22 to March 28
Wednesday, February 24 to March 30
WHERE: SCCS Pool, Poplar Ridge Building
COST: \$30 per student per session or \$60 for both days

TRANSPORTATION: Students at Emily Howland will be met in the cafeteria and escorted to the pool and locker rooms where they will prepare for lessons. At 4:45 all students MUST be signed out and picked up by a parent or guardian. If students are to be signed out by someone other than the person on the registration form, a note must accompany that student. Students are welcome to stay for community swim with a permission slip and an adult present by 5:00 pm.

BRING: Swimsuit, towel, hair tie/cap for long hair; goggles are also helpful to many

DO NOT BRING: toys, food/gum, band aids or glass

QUESTIONS: Contact Cathy Murray, 364-7111 ext 2256, 730-7087(cell) or murrayc@southerncayuga.org

Registration: Send completed registration form with exact payment to student's teacher. Checks made out to SCCS Swim. No late registrations will be accepted!! Space is limited to 40 for each day.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: January 15 OR 40 REGISTRANTS

NAME OF CHILD _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Phone # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

Phone # _____

TEACHER'S NAME _____

BUS # _____

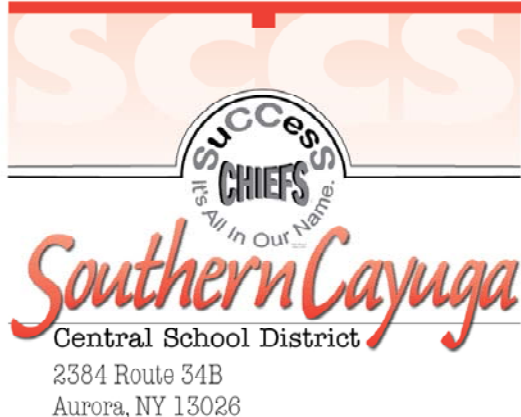
SWIMMING LEVEL IF KNOWN (circle one) non 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Program Choice: MONDAYS WEDNESDAYS BOTH

Date: _____

I give permission for my child _____ to stay for Swimming Lessons
from _____ (dates).

Signed _____



**Box Holder or
Rural Route**

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Permit No. 1
Poplar Ridge, NY
13139



Rambling Reporter

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Dean Winspear

District Phone Numbers

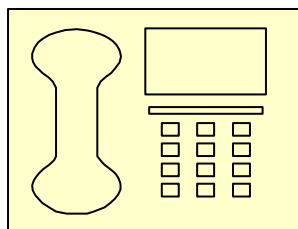
District Office	364-7211
Business Office	364-8711
Director of Special Education	364-5570
Jr/Sr High School Office	364-7111
Emily Howland Office	364-7098
Athletic Office	364-5924
Bus Garage	364-8652

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Public Notification

Pursuant to Part 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code, Southern Cayuga Central School is required to perform monitoring every three years for lead and copper. This public notification is to inform you that Southern Cayuga Central School has failed to collect such samples during the year 2015 and therefore is now in violation of Part 5-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code. Please be advised that this does not constitute a public health concern as previous monitoring for lead and copper indicates the results are below the maximum contaminant level set by Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code.

Dated December 2015; by Patrick Jensen, School Superintendent



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.