

# Rambling Reporter

October 2017

## *Technology and Instruction*

As the debate over the inclusion of technology in the classroom continues at a national level, Southern Cayuga CSD moves forward with an ambitious plan to provide all grade 3-12 students with an individual electronic device. I firmly believe there's still nothing more important than a good book, the power of debate, and getting knee deep into a challenging problem; yet we do recognize the need to prepare students for an ever-changing world and the role of technology in their lives.

In simplest terms, technology is a tool, a bit more advanced than paper, pencil, and textbook, but simply a tool to enhance learning. In a world where textbooks are quickly outdated, technology provides valuable current information, perspective, and even tutorials on how to solve a quadratic equation. Technology allows students to learn at their own pace and the opportunity for them to review information with a critical eye. Our current technology course offerings at the secondary level include robotics and computer programming,

both of which improve problem-solving skills and learning through trial and error. As William Faulkner once stated, "The young man or the young woman must possess or teach himself, train himself, in infinite patience, which is to try and to try and to try until it comes right." Teaching persistence and grit is a critical component to an effective education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The one-to-one technology initiative marks the successful end to a multi-year effort to build an expansive and reliable network, increase access to online resources, and provide devices to all students. As we look to the future, the district will continue to pilot new opportunities for students, such as drone and virtual reality technologies, and ensure our technology assets are refreshed in a timely manner. The district's technology plan outlines our plans for the next three years and can be found on our webpage under the district tab for Smart Schools Bond.

*by Superintendent Jensen*



SCCS celebrated its first home night game under the lights on Friday, October 6. Thank you to the Sports Boosters, maintenance crew and Harold Van Horn for making it happen!

## ***Students are Taking on Coding and They're Succeeding!***

*by Mariel Schneggenburger*

For the first time ever, Computer Coding is being offered at Southern Cayuga High School and ten brave students have embraced the challenge of learning an entirely new language! Being one marking period into the course, the students have been learning about some of the basic functionalities of Python, the computer language they are using this year. Ultimately, they will be exploring the different uses for computer science, such as applications in mathematics, applications in science, software programs, and hardware connections. They will be able to see how the technology they use every day actually works!

Beyond the technology, students are really settling into a collaborative and growth mindset. Students are working together to come up with solutions to difficult problems and can even be heard discussing the projects after the bell rings or outside during the fire drills. Some have even been motivated to take on "Challenge Assignments," which are optional extensions of the projects that everyone must complete. These problems truly live up to their name and challenge the students to think in different ways and understand that a computer program will almost never work correctly on the first try and instead must be figured out by breaking down steps, testing code, and using trial-and-error.

As their teacher, I am excited to see both how the students' knowledge, ability, and creativity grow throughout the year and to see how the computer science program grows in the future! As long as student interest is there, I can keep developing elective courses that push students to learn more about the exciting world of computer science, which opens many future opportunities for them!

## ***SCCS Masterminds***

*by Carl Scheffler*

The Southern Cayuga Masterminds team will begin its season with a qualifying round at WCNY studios in Syracuse on Saturday, October 21. The Double Down academic competition program has become so popular with area schools that the studio now holds a qualifying contest where only the top 16 schools in the Syracuse area are chosen for the televised series that begins taping on October 24. The actual viewing dates will be released at a later time.

Southern Cayuga's team will be limited to a five player roster and only three of our team members will actually play during a given contest. This year our group consists of Fredrik Pearson, Brett Jillson, Conrad Murphy, Kylie Rejman and Keith Wasleff. They will answer questions about English literature, history, math, science, art, music, sports and current events. The show is similar in format to the game show Jeopardy, and often the winner is determined in the final phase of the contest. Our team has fared well in the past, so wish us luck as we begin our current season.

### ***Save the Date!***

The annual Senior Citizen Luncheon and Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, beginning at 12:15. The snow date is Thursday, December 7. A complimentary turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, cabbage casserole, dinner roll & dessert, coffee, milk and water will be provided. Come enjoy music and the food!

## Emily Howland Elementary

by Principal Chris Clapper

In early September the Elementary Cafeteria experienced an upgrade. Four cafeteria tables were removed and improved seating was introduced. New tables now have a whiteboard surface, allowing students to draw with dry-erase markers while enjoying their lunch. Students have the option of sitting in a wobble-stool or brightly colored, soft swivel chairs. Both chairs allow students to be in constant motion while in the cafeteria, a vast improvement over the hard plastic seating that was removed!!

Additionally, we've added a television and speakers to the cafeteria. The Sprout channel has been used almost exclusively to show educational programming (<http://www.sproutonline.com/about>) although students have requested NASA programming to investigate the international space station!

The television addition was initially intended to help lower stress and foster an environment of relaxation and belonging. We quickly noticed that larger groups of students ignored the television entirely while both single and small groups of students tend to be more engaged. After listening to student wishes, we are now moving the programming to a schedule that incorporates more music and weekly contests.



- Monday - Mozart Monday (music only)
- Tuesday - Terrestrial Tuesday (NASA)
- Wednesday - Quiet Wednesday (seasonal coloring contest)
- Thursday - Sprout Thursday (UPK-2)
- Friday - Food Network Friday (3-6)

Finally, we've added a stoplight that gives students both an auditory and visual indication of how loud the cafeteria is at any given point. As the stoplight changes from green to yellow and then yellow to red, students can self-monitor and adjust to stay "in the green."

Thank you for your support as we try to create a better living and learning environment for our kids!

The Southern Cayuga Music Department is proud to announce the students who have been selected for Area All-State. It is a great honor to be chosen for a group that includes high-achieving students from Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, and Onondaga Counties. The students have been selected and ranked based on Solo Festival scores from last spring.

They will work with students from other districts as well as a guest conductor to perform at 3:00 on November 4 in Cortland Junior-Senior High School Auditorium.



The 2017 Southern Cayuga Jr. High Area All-State students are:  
 Mixed Chorus: Riley Binns, Jackson Otis, Sean Kennedy, John Lewis  
 Treble Chorus: Anna VanAmburgh, Emma Gentry, Julia Gloss, Marissa Wiemann, Kadrian Rossbach, Bridget Hastings  
 Absent from the picture: Riley Binns and Anna VanAmburgh

# Welcome!

*Southern Cayuga welcomes new staff for the 2017/18 school year.*



My name is **Katie Tonzi**, the new third grade teacher in the district. I am from Auburn and enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, doing anything outdoors and cooking. I graduated from Oswego with my bachelor's degree in childhood education and my master's degree in special education. I look forward to getting to know all members of the Southern Cayuga family and cannot wait to see how much my third grade students grow.



My name is **Mike Perry**, the new second grade teacher at Emily Howland! I grew up in Rochester and I enjoy cooking, hiking and spending time with friends and family. I graduated from SUNY Potsdam with my bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and then pursued my master's in childhood education at Ithaca College. I am excited to be a part of the Southern Cayuga community, and I'm excited to see my students learn!



My name is **Dan Olsen**, the new physics, earth science and robotics teacher at SCCS. I currently live in Ithaca but am originally from Hoffman Estates (suburbs of Chicago). I attended Western Illinois University, receiving a degree in physics and my license to teach. In my free time I like to play video games, play outdoors, and watch sports... Go Bears! I am excited for the opportunity to do some science with the students at Southern Cayuga and getting to know everyone!



My name is **Joseph Gessler** (a.k.a. Ricky); I was raised in Hendersonville, NC, where I worked as a painting contractor. The second oldest of a homeschooled family of 12, I decided to pursue a career in music at the age of 28. I received a bachelor's degree in music composition and education from Nyack College, and a master's degree in composition from the Greatbatch School of Music at Houghton College. Many of my compositions can be found on YouTube under "Ricky Gessler." Besides singing and composing, I also enjoy playing guitar & drums, running, and sharing a meal with friends. I recently moved to Brooktondale and look forward to life in the Finger Lakes region.

Welcome back to school from the Physical Education staff! Everyone is sharpening their body control skills and reviewing the rules for safe play, reviewing playground rules and stunts that you can perform on each piece of equipment. Another day was spent on playground games that can be fun and help keep us active during recess. The five general rules are posted on the sign by the playground. Everyone who uses the playground is encouraged to follow these rules after school hours as well.

After reviewing the basics, fourth through sixth graders completed their cross country or soccer units. Skills such as dribbling, throw-ins, pacing yourself and conditioning were practiced. Fourth graders should have brought home their I CAN sheets already. Football and field hockey units will be coming soon.

K-3 students have worked on their movement knowledge and skills, moving their bodies at different levels, directions, speeds and in different ways when stopping. Using hoops, noodles, bean bags and juggling scarves, they are learning and practicing movement words like under, between, down, left and right. We have also been able to practice good body control by learning new games.

## Honor Society

by Meghan Picciano

The Southern Cayuga chapter of National Junior Honor Society has kicked off its fifth year by electing new officers.

Congratulations to President Kylie Rejman, Vice President Daniel Groth and Secretary Bridget Davis! Members will be working hard to keep their grades high as well as performing two hours of volunteer service each month. Look for them out and about in the community, working to make a difference!



## FFA News

by Catie Kopp

Greetings Southern Cayuga Community Members!

Due to the wonderful support we were fortunate enough to receive from the community and surrounding businesses, the FFA garden project has been very successful! We raised enough money to build nine new raised bed gardens in addition to our initial number of six. Mr. Tim Amory along with numerous Ag & FFA students helped to build the raised beds. Ms. Lucia Baumbach helped tremendously by premixing our soils and scooping them into the beds with the tractor. Finally, students planted the gardens with a variety of vegetables and herbs, ranging from tomatoes to squash to three different types of basil. When the last school year came to an end, Mrs. Davidson and I applied for a Living To Serve Grant through National FFA. We received \$3,000 from the grant, supplying us with more support to work with the gardens and poultry flock. The primary reason for receiving the grant



was to supply the food pantry and the SCCS cafeteria with the vegetables and eggs we collected. We look forward to expanding the work we do with these new resources, with the intention of building a produce stand from which to serve vegetables, herbs, eggs and fruit, as well as teaching the community healthy ways to make delicious, fresh vegetable based meals!

Although the task of caring for the beds and chickens over the summer wasn't an easy task, we received wonderful support from students, parents and community members! By organizing a schedule for people to volunteer one hour every two weeks, we were able to care for the beds efficiently and effectively. The jobs included watering the plants, weeding the beds, picking and weighing the produce on Fridays; additionally, students cared for the chickens by feeding and watering them daily! The chickens have gotten quite large and we even have a few roosters! Best news? The chickens have started laying their eggs!

My favorite part of the summer work was interacting with the elementary students who participated in the summer Adventure Program. For three Fridays they helped care for the gardens, greenhouse and chickens. Their enthusiasm and excitement was incredible and showed that this project not only benefits people by providing necessary food protein, but also enjoyment for learning about agriculture in a hands-on way. We hope next year's group offers a similar outcome! The gardens are still producing many vegetables and may continue into the fall. We are still working on getting the plaques ready to put on the garden beds to show our support for the sponsors who so generously donated money, time or materials; more to come soon! Thank you to all who supported this initiative; we hope the gardens and chickens are successful in their mission to help our school and community!

## Travel Opportunity!

by Becky Davis

The International Club, formerly known as the Foreign Language Club, is traveling to Europe! Students will first travel to Paris where they will see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Les Invalides, Notre Dame, Louvre Museum and the Eiffel Tower. From there, the club will venture to Barcelona to see the Parc Guell, Olympic Stadium, Sagrada Família and Barri Gòtic. The last leg of the trip brings the group to Madrid to visit the Plaza de España, the Plaza Colón, Prado and the Royal Palace. Students will also go to El Escorial and the Reina Sofía Museum. Club members participate in additional learning opportunities such as cooking tapas during the Cocina Española. Enrollment is still open for students in grades 9-12. Any student who is interested should see Mrs. Becky Davis in the Jr/Sr High School. Parents and guardians may contact Mrs. Davis at [davisb@southern cayuga.org](mailto:davisb@southern cayuga.org) or 315-364-7111 ext. 2315.



## SCCS Drama Club

by Peter Bakija



The Southern Cayuga Drama Club presents the mysterious horror comedy *The Creature Creeps*, by Jack Sharkey, through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. on Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in the High School auditorium. This light-hearted, Frankenstein-esque comedy follows a mad scientist and his gruesome assistant Mord as they attempt to assemble the "Perfect Man." They are hindered at every turn by the scientist's daffy daughter, her well intentioned fiancé, and numerous absurd characters. *The Creature Creeps* stars students Michael Redmond as the mad scientist, Baron Von Blitzen, and Abby Sweet as his daughter Daisy. Tickets are only \$5.00.

## Congratulations to SCCS Staff Members!



Employees were honored on opening day for their years of service with SCCS! Luke Carnicelli & Elishia Hoatland (10 years), Nynette Adams, Jocelyn Allen, Tim Amory, Martha Laboon, Michele Shaw & Jackie Webster (20 years), Barb Casper, Paula Colton, Diane Banner, Sue Radcliff & Pam Signor (30 years).



### *Greetings from the Health Offices*

Ann Marie Brown RN  
Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School  
(315) 364-7111 x2172

Sharon Botsford RN  
Emily Howland Elementary  
(315) 364-7098 x2519

We are so happy to be back and to see all these beautiful faces! It's amazing to see how your children grow and change over a few short months.

Last September began the new requirements for the Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccine. Students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have this vaccine. Our 12<sup>th</sup> graders are required to have a booster and/or their initial vaccine. Compliance with this is not optional, it is a state mandate. Thank you to all our SCCS families for your time and attention to this matter. We do have a current list of Cayuga County Health Department immunization clinics. Feel free to call for a copy and we will send one home with your child/student.

We began our school health screenings in October. Students entering kindergarten, grades 2, 4, 7 and 10 require a health appraisal (this includes hearing and vision testing as well as scoliosis screening). This exam is done here at school when we do not have a current physical on file (within the past year). We understand if you or your child would prefer this to be done by your own personal physician. Simply supply the Health Office with a copy of your child's most recent physical and updated immunizations. (For questions please refer to page 15 of the Jr/Sr Handbook in the student agenda.)

As we move into the colder weather, please consider the flu vaccine to help prevent the spread of illness. Our younger students may need your help choosing the appropriate weather related clothing. We do have a supply of mittens/gloves at school for emergency use. We also have applications for "Warm the Children" and encourage this to any/all of our families who may need some assistance. Your request will remain confidential.

We look forward to another happy and healthy school year; thank you for your trust in us!

### *"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 and I assisted groups of students with club selection, rules and hitting form.

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.





SOUTHERN CAYUGA  
**Anne Frank**  
 TREE PROJECT

***Safe Haven:  
 What Difference  
 Will I Make?***

**2017 - 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**2017-2018: Center for Dispute Resolution**

Conflict resolution curriculum for grades 5, 7 and 8 in conjunction with the Ithaca Dispute Resolution Center

**December 2017: Community Project**

One Ton of Food, fundraiser and donation to King Ferry Food Pantry and SCCS Backpack Program

**March 9, 2018: Community Movie Night & FREE PIZZA**

“Lion” A 5 year old boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. Surviving many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia, he sets out to find his family.

**April 16-20, 2018: Holocaust Remembrance Week**

A school wide week of educational activities around Holocaust remembrance, programming TBD

**May 2, 2018: Community Read Discussion**

Annual community book read and discussion. Details TBD

**May 11, 2018: Annual Community Presentation**

6:00 PM - Dinner Catered and Anne Frank Tree Site Tours  
 7:00 PM - Awards Ceremony

**May 25, 2018 High School Field Trip**

Field trip to Safe Haven Museum in Oswego, NY for SCCS 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**June 12, 2018: Anne Frank Tree Birthday Celebration**

Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project birthday party at Emily Howland Elementary School

[www.sccsannefrank.org](http://www.sccsannefrank.org) | [facebook.com/scfranktree](https://facebook.com/scfranktree) | [scfranktree@gmail.com](mailto:scfranktree@gmail.com)

***Box Tops for Education***

Unfortunately the **Labels for Education** program is ending, with January 2, 2018, as the deadline to send them in; we can redeem merchandise until May 31.

The Box Tops for Education program continues; please be aware of the expiration dates on them! This is an easy way to earn cash for our school. Cut out the symbol on participating products and send them to Emily Howland. Each one is worth 10 cents for our school!



## Technology Classes

by Carl Scheffler

The eight grade tech students have completed their safety tests for the four machines they may operate in the classroom. Students had to identify the critical parts of each machine and recall the general and specific safety rules that are used during operation. Next up is a supervised skills test on the band saw, the sander, the jig saw, and the drill press where students will have to cut, sand, and drill a hole to specifications. Of course hand tools are always available if a student is uncomfortable using the power equipment.

In addition to learning safety in the tech room, students have held egg drop competitions while designing “landing pads” to absorb the energy of the falling egg and prevent it from breaking. We also held balloon races along a fish line, created to see whose design could travel the furthest. The tech room may have to undergo some expansion because several designs travelled the entire 39 feet with just one balloon!

Superintendent Patrick Jensen and Director of Technology Michael Fall demonstrated the newest drone technology that our students will have the opportunity to operate come spring. Not only can the drones take off and land, but they can hover, fly

vertically and horizontally, and pinpoint spots using GPS. With a camera attached, the drone can “look” over a large area of the landscape at any given time. Along with Heather Snyder, we plan to put the eighth grade through “flight school” and then assign them a task to complete using the drones.

The energy applications students have been researching different types of energy and how they are used in society. Student presentations focus on the history, availability, the advantages and disadvantages, and the environmental impacts of the energy source. We have also investigated energy transformations and the energy students and the principles of engineering students are currently designing and building projectile devices that will demonstrate energy conversions from potential energy into kinetic energy.

The advanced production systems class has just finished assembling and painting three new benches to be placed along the school’s Nature Trail. Completing the project started by Mr. Holden and last year’s class, the park-style benches should provide a place to rest while walking or running the trail. We hope to complete some tree identification signs in the near future.



*Robotics class hard at work in the Innovation Lab.*



*Students make apple cider as part of their 7th grade agri-math*

## Art Studio

by *Tim Amory*

Seventh graders are working on circular drawings, exploring the creation of a feeling of depth through the use of overlapping shape, value and contrast.

In Drawing & Design for Production class, students are exploring the Sketchup Design Software and creating cube shapes that they copy and transform in a series of objects, learning keyboard shortcuts and the many different applications of the tools in Sketchup.

In studio art, students have created small drawings exploring the use of value, contrast and composition. They have now applied these concepts using pencil and charcoal to the creation of drawings based on geometric forms.



*Rainee Thayer Grade 9*



*Maddie Hamel Grade 10*

## SCCS Boosters Club Starting the Year Off Strong

by *Joseph Angotti*

Southern Cayuga's Booster Club hit the ground running this year.

The Boosters sponsored the second annual homecoming student tee shirt design competition. Students were invited to submit designs for the school's homecoming tee shirt in the spring of 2017. Freshman Kaley Driscoll's design (pictured) was chosen and the Boosters funded the production of the shirts and subsidized the cost of them for students. The Boosters made the shirts available to all students in grades seven through 12.



Along with the tee shirt design, the Boosters Club also purchased a new scoring table for use at home volleyball and basketball games.



## ***Kids' Night Out at Wells College***

*by Trish George*

Hosted by the Wells College Swim Team

November 17, 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Your kids and their friends will play in the pool and gym

American Red Cross certified lifeguards on duty during pool session

Snacks will be provided.

Ages 5-12

Cost \$15 first child and \$5 each additional sibling

Pre-Registration preferred

Contact Trish George, Head Swim Coach

315-364-3413 or [pgeorge@wells.edu](mailto:pgeorge@wells.edu)

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## ***Winter Concerts***

Friday & Saturday, November 18 & 19 - Fall All-County @ Port Byron

Wednesday, December 6 @ 12:15 – Senior Citizen Luncheon and Concert

Snow date Thursday, December 7

Wednesday, December 6 @ 6:30 – Winter Choral Concert

Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:30 – Winter Instrumental Concert

Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 -- Winter Concerts Snow Date

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## ***Genoa Historical Association***

### **Talkin' about Quilts with Marion Tobey and Friends**

*by Marilyn Mann*

Are you interested in quilts and want to share what you know...or don't know?

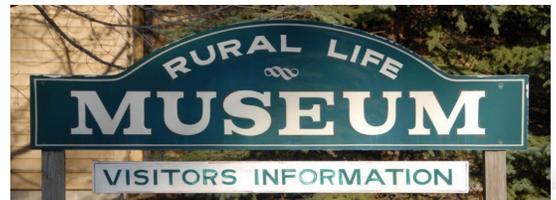
Join us on **Saturday, November 4** to share your favorite quilt or admire the work of others. Marion Tobey and friends from the quilt guild in Lansing will share some of their favorite quilts and you are welcome to bring one of yours...vintage or contemporary. If you can share some history of the quilt, even better!

Stop by the Rural Life Museum to see our display of quilts (**and tickets for door prizes**) from 11:30-12:30. Then mosey on over to the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on Route 90 in King Ferry from 1-3 to listen to quilters discuss their quilt, the history and the pattern of their treasure (over 20 patterns will be discussed).

Call the museum at [315.364.8202](tel:315.364.8202) or stop by to pick up information. We will let you know the details\* of this museum gathering of people with a shared interest. GHA members free. Donations by non-members welcomed and appreciated.

Two Crazy Quilts recently donated to GHA by Marilyn Lamereau and Meri Geri will also be discussed. We value your thoughts about these 100 year old beauties! ***RSVPs are not necessary, but are appreciated.***

**\*\*Don't forget to check out the annual Scipioville Craft Fair first at the SCCS junior-senior high school!\*\***



## *What's New at the Pool?*

Community/Family Swim is now Monday, Wednesday **and** Friday!  
 Beginning October 6; when school is in session  
 5:00 to 7:00 pm  
 Water exercise 5:30 to 6:30 pm  
 \$3 per person or \$5 per family

**AND** we are introducing Saturday swim lessons -- 9:00 to 10:00 am!  
 Contact Cathy Murray for dates and registration information



### **POOL RENTALS**

The SCCS Pool is available for rent! \$125 for two hours includes use of a party room!  
 Schedule your child's event here!! Birthdays, family gatherings, just for fun!

Contact: Cathy Murray for information on any of these options  
 murrayc@southern cayuga.org      **315-730-7087**

The fifth graders have learned about Monarch butterfly migrations in a combined math/science unit. The students learned a few facts about butterflies and the country of Mexico through reading articles. They then measured the distance the butterflies travel for their migration from Emily Howland to Mexico. Students finished the mini-unit by coloring accurate Monarch butterflies and will send those colored butterflies to school districts near the winter preserves for Monarch Butterflies in Mexico. If you're interested, check out Journey North Symbolic Migration for more information.



### *Varsity Girls' Soccer Team's Community Service*

On September 9 the girls soccer team worked the Frontenac Park water stop for the AIDS Ride for Life bicycle ride. The girls made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cut oranges, directed cyclists, handed out food and drink and cheered on all the riders, including our own Board of Education member Dave Wiemann. Thank you!



## Aurora Free Library

Thanks to all who visited us this summer, attended programs and supported our book sale or the Book Lovers' Ball fundraisers!

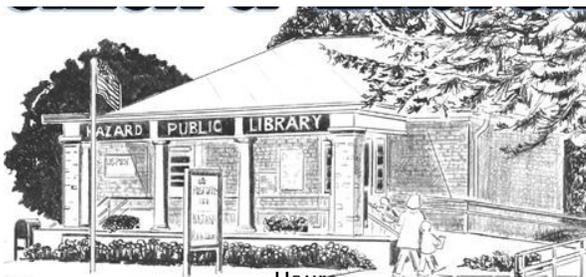
Preschool Storytime has begun; Wednesdays at 9:30 am (doors open at 9:00); when SCCS is in session. Bring your child (age birth-5) to listen to stories, enjoy other activities and meet other families with young children. Come on Halloween from 5-8pm for "Spooky Library." We will have a Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest that evening. Stop by and vote for your favorite! Bring your pumpkin to the library the Friday, Saturday or Monday before Halloween! Fun prizes will be awarded! Southern Cayuga Book Club meets November 1 at 7:15 pm. We are reading *I am Malala* and special guest Barb Blom will give an Islam 101 talk. Please join us whether you read the book or not.

REMINDER about what you can do with your library card:

- Visit and take out materials at all of the 33 libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS).
- Interlibrary loan materials from all FLLS libraries and access to databases and career help.
- Stream Videos and more with Hoopla, download Ebooks and Audiobooks with Overdrive and use RBDigital to download your favorite magazines! ALL FOR FREE with your library card!

Don't have a library card? Stop in when we are open and get one!

Would you like to volunteer to help when we are open, at programs or movie nights, or could you offer a program for the community? Contact Sandy at [auro-rali@rochester.rr.com](mailto:auro-rali@rochester.rr.com) or call the library to discuss opportunities.



## Hazard Library

Thanks for making it a great summer!

We hope you enjoyed all the programs and activities at Hazard Library!!!

Story Hour with Miss Lisa meets on Tuesday at 9:30 am at the library. Come join us to listen to stories, sing songs and do a craft. All are welcome!!

Southern Cayuga Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Call the library for more information on the monthly read and/or meeting place.

Planning a fall visit to the Museum of the Earth and/or Cayuga Nature Center? Check out a Day Pass for your family at the Library. This pass admits your family to these venues for FREE!

## Local Libraries

### Hazard Library

2487 State Route 34B  
Poplar Ridge NY 13139  
Phone 315-364-7975  
[www.HazardLibrary.org](http://www.HazardLibrary.org)  
[librarian@hazardlibrary.org](mailto: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](http://www.aurorafreelibrary.org)  
Monday & Friday 3 to 8  
Wednesday 10 to noon and 3 to 6  
Saturday 10 to 3  
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## King Ferry Food Pantry: Donate a Holiday Meal Basket

by Elaine Meyers, King Ferry Food Pantry Advisory Board

When I am asked to describe our Southern Cayuga School District in one word, I always say “I really need two words --- kind and generous.” When folks ask about my work at the King Ferry Food Pantry, I explain “It is all about neighbors helping neighbors.” When I am asked what can I do to make the holidays memorable, I offer “You could buy a holiday meal for a family who would enjoy knowing their neighbors care.”



This holiday season the King Ferry Food Pantry is offering an opportunity to donate a holiday meal basket. A donation of \$25 would cover the cost of a holiday basket for families who need a little help setting the table for the November and December holidays. Baskets would include traditional ingredients for a family of four to prepare and enjoy a holiday meal. For Thanksgiving it would be Turkey, Stuffing Mix, Potatoes, Carrots, Squash, Apples, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Gravy. Similar meal basket contents would be developed for December, but with ham and other side dishes.

If you would like to donate a holiday basket, complete the form below. If your family needs a holiday food basket, please contact Debbie Patrick at (315) 497-2049, or PO Box 242, King Ferry, NY 13081. We are neighbors serving neighbors.

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Amount Enclosed:



The King Ferry Food Pantry acknowledges all donations. We are a 501c-3 agency and all donations are tax deductible. Send this form and your donation to Holiday Food Basket, PO Box 242, King Ferry NY 13081

### Holiday Share

by Ann Marie Brown RN  
315-364-7111 x2172

The holiday season will be here before you know it! SCCS plans to continue our Holiday Share Program, which is intended for students of our district and younger siblings. Priority will be given to families who qualify for free and reduced-price meals, serving as many families as reasonably possible. We will coordinate with Cayuga-Seneca Community Action Agency to minimize duplicate services and to increase our ability to assist families. Please feel free to call to be considered for our program. Your request will remain confidential. The deadline for consideration is Friday, November 17. This is a large undertaking and time is needed to coordinate our resources.



It is with great pride that the Southern Cayuga Music Department announces that Sarah Reynolds has been selected for the 2017 Conference All-State Symphonic Band. She performed a solo in front of a judge last spring that placed her in the top 30 High School clarinetists in the State of New York. All of the students selected for All-State have the opportunity to go to Rochester during the New York State School Music Association's annual winter conference November 30 - December 4 to perform as part of a large and exceptionally talented ensemble. Sarah will perform under the direction of Steven Davis of The University of Missouri on Sunday, December 4, at 10am in the Eastman Theater.



Dear Parents, Guardians and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary 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 areas inaccessible to children;
- § Non-volatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas 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 biopesticides;
- § 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**

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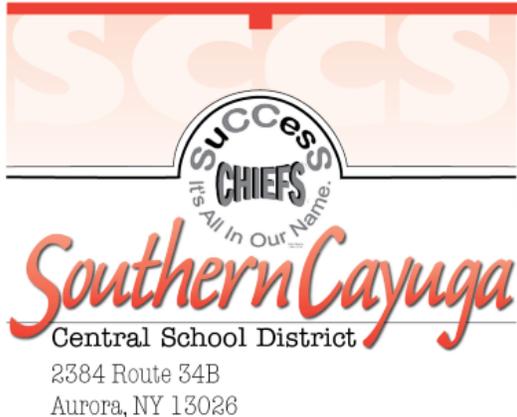
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Please contact Loretta Van Horn, the Southern Cayuga Central School District pesticide representative, if you have further questions on these requirements; 2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, New York 13026, 315.364.8711, ext 1103; or fax 315.364.7863 .



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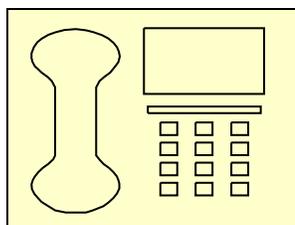
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### *School Messenger*

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.