



Southern Cayuga CSD Newsletter

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SOUTHERN CAYUGA MASCOT COMMITTEES CHOOSE THREE FINALISTS



The images above are example drawings.
More details about the final selection and school
community voting process are on pages 2 and 3.



SOUTHERN CAYUGA MASCOT

Southern Cayuga Mascot

In April of 2023 the New York State Department of Education directed all schools with Native American mascots or imagery to change their mascots and imagery to a non-native mascot and image. Southern Cayuga's mascot, "Chiefs," were included in this regulation. For more information on this regulation and Southern Cayuga's process to implement this change, please visit <https://www.southerncayuga.org/1041>

Southern Cayuga formed a mascot committee composed of students, staff, coaches, and community members to determine a new mascot to represent Southern Cayuga with pride. Over the past several months, the committee worked incredibly hard on this process. The committee began by selecting a few characteristics to help guide nominations. Once they had characteristics, the Southern Cayuga community provided nominations for our new mascot. There were many thoughtful nominations made during this time. The committee then went back to work. They considered how others would view the mascot, potential pros of nominations, potential drawbacks, and how the new mascot could fit in with Southern Cayuga. The committee narrowed the list to eleven. The committee then took additional time to think through the nominations, add additional thoughts, and brought the list down to a final three: Cougars, Knights, and Red Dragons.

The committee considered many factors in choosing the final three mascots, including:

Cougars

- The school could have a cool costume to make the Cougar mascot come to life.
- Southern Cayuga Cougars is a nice alliteration, similar to the Southern Cayuga Chiefs.
- Cougars are strong and powerful.
- There are no high schools in our area with a Cougar mascot.

Some items to consider with the Cougars include:

- It could be misinterpreted.
- Cougars are not naturally red, and they do not live in the Southern Cayuga area.

Knights

- The mascot would work well with our current logo, the shield, which would bring a piece of history to the new mascot.
- The one syllable name is easy to chant and cheer.
- Southern Cayuga has always been a district which protects the community, students, staff, and faculty. SC is a school that is proud of its history and the students who graduate. The knight represents the path of fighting the school does to protect the community.
- Knights will fight for what is right and everything they love.

Some items to consider with the Knights include:

- This is a more common mascot among colleges.
- This is a more Euro-centric mascot, which may be less inclusive.



Red Dragons

- The Red Dragons are strong and powerful and work well with our school colors.
- The fiery, fierce dragon is connected with the appearance of comets, which could be connected to the Planetarium.
- The Red Dragons are unique to our league and section.
- Southern Cayuga could have a cool Red Dragon costume to make the mascot come to life.

Some items to consider with the Red Dragons include:

- SUNY Cortland is the Red Dragons.
- A Red Dragon does not have much connection to the community.

A sample logo was also created for each by our Southern Cayuga students. The final logo will be based on student ideas.

The committee is now asking the community for their help and input again. Every resident of Southern Cayuga is welcome to vote on their favorite choice for our new mascot.

All residents may vote using one of the following options:

Option 1: bit.ly/SCMascot (case sensitive)

Option 2: residents can use the below ballot and mail the ballot back to:

**Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School
Attn: Mascot Committee Chair
2384 State Route 34B
Aurora, NY 13026**

Option 3: ballots can be dropped off at Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am-3pm.

Voting will close on November 27 at 3:00 pm.

Please circle your top choice for Southern Cayuga Mascot.

Cougars

Knights

Red Dragons



Patrick Jensen,
Superintendent

Dear Southern Cayuga Friends and Families,

Southern Cayuga prides itself on small class sizes, a nurturing learning environment, and an academic team devoted to the success of our students. Our goal is to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities that will enable them to be successful in life.

We were busy this summer preparing for the next major capital project. Following voter approval in May 2023, the district entered the design phase of the project. We're working with RSA Architects and C&S Construction Management. The two-year project is slated to begin in the summer of 2024 and includes roof replacement, the installation of a new playground, upgrades to major mechanical systems, and new seating in the auditorium and high school gymnasium.

As we look to the year ahead, we anticipate a recommendation from our mascot committee for a new symbol of Southern Cayuga pride. The committee has heard community and student suggestions, and the list of contenders currently has three. The district hopes to make a decision by the end of this year because Southern Cayuga will soon retire the name Chiefs.

As many of you already know, the district now qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for 2023-2024. All students will be served breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

As we enter the new school year, I wish everyone the best.

Thank You,
Patrick Jensen
Southern Cayuga CSD

Bus Safety Reminder

As school buses navigate their routes, it is imperative for all drivers to exercise caution and mindfulness to ensure the safety of the children aboard and promote a secure environment for all road users.

- ◇ Please respect stop signs and extended arms of the school buses. School buses now have 7+ cameras and can easily capture an image of cars passing them when stopped, which can result in huge fines and loss of driving privileges.
- ◇ Please exercise patience as our youngest riders need help buckling into seatbelts. Waiting for the bus to resume motion before proceeding ensures the safety of all involved.
- ◇ Please be careful passing farm trucks and machinery as there may be a school bus coming from the opposite direction. Patience is the key to keeping everyone safe.





Junior/Senior High School

Luke Carnicelli, *Jr/Sr HS Principal*

Greetings from the Jr/Sr High School!

I hope you and your families are well. Our school year continues to go well as students and teachers in grades 6-12 are settling into their courses. We ended our first marking period on October 13, 2023 and I am so pleased to report that overall, students are performing amazingly well. We are thankful for our school community efforts to assist our students' successes. While there may be academic challenges ahead, below I outlined our educational strategies to assist students to success this school year.

2023-24 School Improvement Planning (Year 3 of 3)

Educational Initiative #1: MTSS (Multi-Tier Student Support) Programming

- ◇ Teachers will collect individual student data on progress towards the NYS power/priority standards in each content area.
- ◇ Academic, behavioral, and attendance data will be reviewed and analyzed every 2-3 weeks in all classes. Academic interventions will then be determined to assist students.
- ◇ The MTSS system will be used to analyze overall student progress every 2-3 weeks and reported to student families every 6 weeks to ensure each student is showing growth.

Interventions will be collected and analyzed (each marking period) to determine if the supports at each Tier level are meeting student needs.

Our goal is to move all students to proficiency on the power/priority standards through weekly data collection, differentiation, and interventions as needed monitored via the MTSS data collection process.

Educational Initiative #2: Character Ed Programming

- ◇ Teachers will implement a SEL/character education program, Second Step at the 7-8 grade level, and Character Strong at the 9-12 grade levels one to two times per month. Students will also participate in character education activities during advisory to continue building skills.

US News- World Report -- Best High Schools

- ◇ I am very pleased to report that SC Sr HS students continue to perform at the top level in Cayuga County. Southern Cayuga 7-12 Secondary School earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2023-2024 Best High Schools, which U.S. News released on Aug 29, 2023. SC Sr HS ranked #1 in the Cayuga County region and in the top 20% of all High Schools in NYS. Congrats SC! For additional details on the rankings please go to...<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>
- ◇ For additional and current information from the Jr/Sr High School please reference the following...

SC Jr/Sr HS webpage:

www.southerncayuga.org/648

SCCS Twitter feed:

http://twitter.com/Southern_Cayuga

Take care. Stay Safe. Go Chiefs!





Emily Howland Elementary
Michael Naylor, *Elementary Principal*

Hello, Community
Members and Families,

We are off to a great start at Emily Howland Elementary School, and I appreciate the warm welcome and support I have received as the new principal. The dedication, enthusiasm, and flexibility of our staff has made my transition into this role much smoother.

From day one, I have emphasized the importance of teamwork, and I firmly believe in the mantra that “Together-Everyone-Achieves-More.” I have always been taught that true leadership is not about giving commands, but about leading by example. One of my trusted advisors once told me that a strong leader brings people together and shows that they are willing to help in ALL areas of a school.

With this in mind, I have made it a priority to work closely with all the different positions and departments that contribute to creating a safe, welcoming, and positive atmosphere in our school. In my first week, I had the opportunity to ride the bus with our amazing bus driver, Laurie Minde. It was a wonderful experience that allowed me to truly see the community we serve. The children on the bus were fantastic!

I also had the privilege of shadowing one of our incredible teaching assistants, Ashley Sandstrom, as she managed the afternoon car pick-up line. It is not an easy job, but Ashley patiently trained me and guided me through the process. The dismissal process takes the effort of many people. Our PreK teachers communicate with Ashley in the line, while Jo Beth Husky and our SRO officers manage the traffic and buses. We have multiple teachers and aides ensuring the safety of our children, and behind the scenes, Michelle Howe, my adminis-

trative assistant, coordinates it all. The teamwork I witnessed was truly impressive.

To add to my understanding of our school, I also requested a tour of the campus from our Director of Operations, Harold Van Horn. Despite his very busy schedule, Harold graciously took the time to personally show me around. His hardworking staff keeps our school functioning smoothly, the campus clean, and the grounds well-groomed. They have been quick to respond to any requests and always do so with a smile.

Finally, I wanted to experience firsthand the important work done by our kitchen staff. Jenice Jones, our Cook Manager, allowed me to work alongside her team for an entire lunch session. They were incredibly patient with me as we served pizza to the students from each grade. The students themselves were polite and engaging, and one third grader even stopped to give me a puzzled glance, turned to his friend, then looked back at me and said, “I’ll have the principal special, please.”

It was heartwarming to see for myself the efforts of all the wonderful individuals at Emily Howland who care for, keep safe, and love your children. I am truly honored and privileged to lead this incredible team, and excited to see what the rest of the year brings for our school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours truly,
Mr. Naylor





SCCS Athletics

Caitlin Wasielewski, *AP/AD*

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start. It is great to have our students in the building again, learning and growing.

The start of the fall season also brought our athletes back to the fields and the pool. Our teams are off to a great start this year! Our boys soccer team had many impressive wins thus far, including one against a very tough Lansing team. They are looking forward to competing in sectionals again this year. Our girls varsity soccer team made huge improvements and gains and has several wins so far. They too are looking forward to sectionals this year. Our girls varsity swim team started the season with girls already beating their personal best times in several events. They will look to get even stronger as the season progresses. Our boys and girls varsity cross country teams are making huge strides from last year. They are looking forward to a strong showing at several upcoming invitationals.

We will be using Final Forms for athletics beginning in the winter season. Families of student athletes who are interested in playing a sport will create an account through Final Forms. Families will then be able to complete all pre-season paperwork for athletics through Final Forms instead of Google Forms. Final Forms offers several advantages over our current system. The biggest advantage is Final Forms will save student information, such as phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contacts from season to season. Families will only need to go in and look over information and make any needed updates, instead of retyping all information each season. This will be a huge time saver for families. Final Forms also offers coaches easier access to emergency contact information should an athlete get injured during a practice or a game. More information regarding this new platform will be sent to families with athletes interested in playing a winter sport when we get closer to the winter season.

For pictures and videos of our athletes, follow us on X, formerly Twitter, @SCAthletics2



CROSS COUNTRY



PEP RALLY



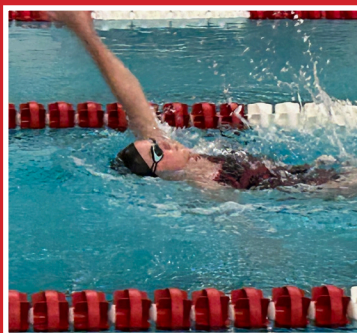
GIRLS SOCCER



MODIFIED SOCCER



SWIM





IAC CHAMPIONS



Boys Varsity Soccer Small School Division IAC Champion

Southern Cayuga's Boys Varsity Soccer team picked up right where they left off last season. The regular season concluded on October 7, finishing with 13 wins and 1 loss for the year. The team has climbed the state rankings for Class C, starting out week three at number six, and being published at second place as of October 10. For the second year in a row, the boys team is the IAC small school champion. The Chiefs earned the second seed in Class C and a first round BYE. The sectional and state tournaments will occur at the end of October and beginning of November. Please see the athletic home page to see dates, times and purchasing of tickets during sectional away games. Thank you to players, parents, the school and community for the endless support!!



Golf Course Field Trip



With the unbelievable warm weather in October, Junior/Senior Physical Education classes took a field trip to Wells College Golf Course where students had the opportunity to play a few holes of golf on a real course. Students learned about safety, order of play, how to navigate a golf course, how to keep score and the care of the course.

Students were paired with a partner, each with a set of golf clubs and assigned a designated hole to begin playing. As they navigated each green, they were able to practice skills learned in class such as stance, grip, and chipping.

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

The Physical Education department would welcome any donations of used golf balls. It is with high level of certainty that they will be put to good use for golf field trips next year.



STEAM 7

The STEAM 7 students are taking off to a new adventure out of this world. This engineering-based class comes from NASA's JPL space program. The activities that students dive into are everyday main subject areas, with a bit of a wonder in what's beyond our world.

Students have completed a number of projects, understanding the relative distance between planets using beads and yarn, as they scaled down the aeronautical units in a way they can understand. They created their own craters with flour and cocoa, to see what it's like when a real meteorite hits the surface. They studied the anatomy of the craters as well as applied measuring tools to make inferences between the size of the objects, the size of the crater, and the velocity at impact. Students have shown their creativity by writing their very own Planetary Poetry and inspirational pastel drawings from scenes in space taken by the Hubble telescope.

Students will be transitioning to their engineering minds as they apply their learning about the Mars Rover to a series of projects.



Fire Prevention Day

On October 13, Firefighters from local fire departments spent the day with Emily Howland Elementary School students and staff. Firefighters visited classrooms, informing students about fire safety and prevention. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

Students in grades 3-6 attended hands-on stations learning about specific firefighting tools, CPR and household fire alarms. The firefighters did an excellent job describing the importance of each firefighting vehicle, and the tools and technology that save lives. Students were given a junior firefighter hat and materials to make a safety plan for home.

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home escape plan and working smoke alarms give an early warning, so you get outside quickly. Smoke alarms should be outside each sleeping area, and large homes need extra. They should be mounted on the ceiling or high on a wall. Special alarms can be purchased for the hard of hearing, which have a strobe light and bed shakers. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and replaced every ten years.

Thank you to all of the local departments for making this day special and reinforcing safety concepts. We really appreciate what you do for our school community each and every day. Thank you for making a difference!



Introduction to the 2023 - 2024 FFA Chapter Leadership Team

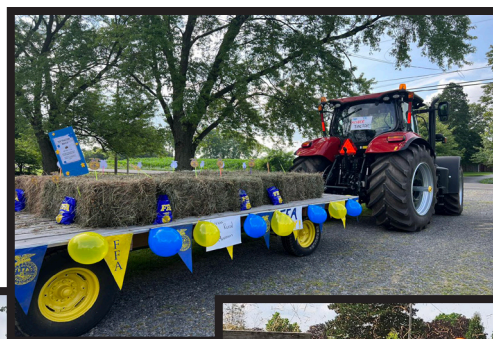
Congratulations to all the individuals who stepped up to lead the Southern Cayuga FFA chapter and their members this school year. Chapter officers and committee chairs serve a vital function in FFA. By taking a major leadership role, these students grow from the experience and benefit the chapter.



President:	Mary Kate Vitale
Vice President:	Monica Rejman
Secretary:	Mackenzie Whitten
Treasurer:	Norah McCarthy
Reporter:	Bryce David
Sentinel:	Benjamin Kulis
Historian:	Ava Harvatine
Parliamentarian:	Cate Burroughs
Student Advisor:	Circe Perez
Leadership Chair:	Emma Bailey
Finance Chair:	Eleanor Miller
Communication Chair:	Deirdre Hastings

Wheat Harvest Festival

The Wheat Harvest Festival is a 20 plus year tradition for the Genoa Historical Association. The festival features wheat harvesting demonstrations of handling, bundling and thrashing as done in the past. This year, the Wheat Harvest Festival was held August 4 & 5. Three of our members assisted in the demonstrations of threshing wheat. Additionally, the festival concluded with a parade full of farm equipment, local agri-businesses, community businesses, and organizations. Southern Cayuga FFA WON the award of “Best of Parade.”



New York State Fair

FFA members had the opportunity to compete at the New York State Fair for FFA Career Development Events (CDEs). On August 31, Norah McCarthy placed fifth in the NYS FFA Dairy Handlers CDE at the New York State Fair!

Great job representing our chapter with your skills and ability to set up your assigned animal to its best advantage, exhibit effective restraint, and move the animal as requested by the event ringmaster.



Chicken BBQ

Thank you to everyone who made the first chicken BBQ for FFA a success.

Without the support of the community, members, volunteers, and administration, this would not have been possible.

A special thank you to Stephen Fedrizzi, Paul Wheeler, and Dave Earl for preparing the delicious meals. It was the perfect savory combination for a beautiful fall afternoon.

Thank you to Genoa Fire Department also for providing additional chicken halves to support the demand of our fundraiser and to Poplar Ridge Fire Department for providing a location to prepare and cook the chicken.

Southern Cayuga's Annual FFA Fruit and Cheesecake sale

October 13 - November 17

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

Our annual fruit and cheesecake sale is October 13-November 17. This year you can purchase online or from an FFA member. By purchasing fresh and delicious fruit, you will support our FFA chapter members. To navigate our online website for fruit and cheesecake, visit <http://freshfruitorder.org/Southern-Cayuga-FFA>. Click on the Products tab or the button to the right that says "Place Your Order Here" and choose the items you would like to purchase. Orders are tentatively scheduled to be delivered the week of December 11. If you have any questions about any of the items online, your options for pick-up or delivery of your order, please contact Ms. Wasson at wassonh@southerncayuga.org or (315) 364 - 7111 x 1111 or Mrs. Kulis at kuliss@southerncayuga.org or (315) 364 - 7111 x 2535.



FLOATING CLASSROOM FIELD TRIP

Mr. Amory and Mrs. Lanning were excited to take seventh grade students to the Wells College Dock for the Floating Classroom field trip on the MV Teal Boat. The Floating Classroom was designed for meaningful education experiences on the water. Points of interest include environmental science, watershed systems and NYS history, but ELA and local geography can also be incorporated into the program.

Students were divided into three groups that rotated through three stations. Mr. Amory taught an art lesson on the dock about how the world can be seen in different perspectives. Labs were set up in Zabriskie Hall for students to learn all about the water, and the final group rotation was to the Floating Classroom, where students used scientific equipment to collect data on Cayuga Lake and the watershed system.

Student reflections of the Floating Classroom:

On the boat, I learned how small plankton are. There are two types of plankton: zooplankton and phytoplankton. They control how transparent the water is and, in some samples, you can see dozens of them. Plankton go to the surface for energy, but when too many are there, they release dangerous toxins, creating algae blooms. ~Griffin Knopp

In the science lab, I learned that some body washes and shampoos aren't very healthy. We also learned about watersheds. My favorite part of the field trip was the science lab because there was water and cookies. ~Alexandria Morgan

Mr. Amory's station was how you can look at the world in different perspectives. My favorite station was Mr. Amory's because I love to draw. ~Daniel Beebee

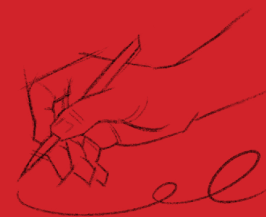
I learned how light hits the water and how to reflect it in art form. ~Noah Harrell

My favorite station would be going on the boat since it was cool out there and we were able to use cool instruments. ~Randy Vasquez

Thank you PTO for funding this trip each year! The students love the experience and Mr. Amory and Ms. Lanning are able to reference this learning throughout the year.



MV TEAL FLOATING CLASSROOM BOAT



CONSERVATION FIELD DAYS

Sixth grade students had a fun-filled field trip at Emerson Park for Conservation Field Days. Conservation Field Days gave students the opportunity to become better acquainted with natural resources and the environment.

Moving from station to station, students learned from various professionals about efforts that are being made to conserve natural resources, such as wildlife, watershed pollution, renewable energy, invasive species, and how the actions of humans affect the environment.

This was a great introduction to the sixth grade science curriculum.



STEAM GAMING CLUB

Starting in November, students in grades seven and eight will have the opportunity to join a new gaming club. Students will require parental permission to attend the after school club (2:15 - 3:30 pm) on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays to play their favorite Nintendo Switch games with classmates. Nintendo Switches will be projected on the planetarium dome to provide large screen competitions.

Gaming computers will be available for members at a later date this winter. We are excited for this new adventure for our middle school students. Students who are interested in participating will need to obtain a permission form from Mrs. Snyder.



SCCS MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2023-2024 Performance Dates



The music department is off to a great start. Students are rehearsing for December concerts. Select band members are preparing for All County, as are members in the 7 and 8 chorus. Sixth graders have joined the middle school chorus and will be joining the band in January.

The concert schedule is as follows:

December 7, Senior Citizen Concert/Luncheon
12:15pm

December 7, Elementary Ensembles 6pm

December 12, Junior High Ensembles 6pm

December 13, Senior High Ensembles 6pm

May 7, Senior High Ensembles 6pm

May 8, Junior High Ensembles 6pm

May 9, Elementary Ensembles 6pm



March 8, Band Music Showcase, 6pm
(Junior/Senior HS Band & Elementary)

DRAMA CLUB

Drama Club is looking forward to a great season, including the fall showcase, on Saturday November 4, at 7pm,

Spring musical production to be announced at a later date.

The spring play will be performed by high school theatre skills class in March.

Updates are on our Facebook page, for news, show announcements and ticket information.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100034450106917>



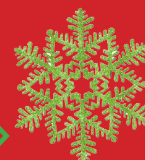
Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon and Concert

is scheduled for Thursday, December 7,
beginning at 12:15 pm.

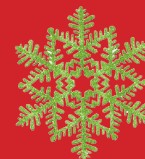
The snow date is Friday, December 8.

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

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



Luncheon Menu
Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing Balls
Turkey Gravy
Cabbage Casserole
Dessert and Drinks



Emily Howland Music Room

Mondays after school a growing number of fifth grade students are participating in the Guitar and Ukulele Club. It's the most recent chapter of the *Perform 4 Purpose* program.

Perform 4 Purpose is a not-for-profit organization that introduces students to a musical experience by teaching them how to play guitar or ukulele.

Principal Mike Naylor's elementary music teacher Ricky Gessler and *Perform 4 Purpose* director Jim VanArsdale launched the first meeting September 25. Participating students received a brand new ukulele, with the promise that they may trade it in for a guitar when they have reached a given check-point in their performance skills. In time, these students will have the option to join performance groups that organize benefit concerts to help charitable causes within the community. Students will have a large part in choosing which needs the club will attempt to meet.

Along with Guitar and Ukulele Club, the music program has seen encouraging growth in ensemble participation. Fifth grade chorus began on September 26 with 16 students. Fourth and fifth grade recorder band ensemble has 22 students enrolled. The music department is expecting pBones and pTrumpets, plastic instruments that will help prepare students in the general music classroom for success in middle school band.

More information can be found at www.perform-4purpose.org.

Perform4Purpose
 Helping the community one performance at a time...



JENNIFER'S DANCE COMPANY

Jennifer's Dance Company is offering tap, ballet, and jazz/hip hop classes for students in grades PreK-12 at Southern Cayuga.

Jennifer Murphy, owner of the company and 4th grade teacher at Emily Howland Elementary School, is very excited to share her love of dance with students! Classes are held every Wednesday after school in the Emily Howland Cafeteria.

Students will perform in their annual recital on April 12, 2024. Looking forward to seeing you at the recital.



JR/SR High (p) 315-364-7111 ext 1440
Emily Howland (p) 315-364-7098 ext 3070

Cold, flu, and COVID season is approaching. It may be difficult (even impossible) to tell the difference between them, since on the symptoms are similar.

Please keep your student home if they are not feeling well! Please stay home with the following symptoms.

- *Temperature of 100.4 or above (may return after they are fever free for 24 hours **without** the use of medication).
- *Green/yellow eye drainage
- *Vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours

PHYSICALS

School physicals are scheduled for:

Elementary

Tuesday October 24 9am - 12pm
Wednesday March 20 9am - 12pm

Jr/Sr High School

Tuesday October 17 8am - 12pm
Tuesday November 7 8am - 12pm

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

Please remember to have students bring appropriate cool weather gear with them to school; coats, fleece jackets, gloves/hats, and boots. We want to ensure all students stay warm, get plenty of fresh air and enjoy the outdoors!



NEW STAFF WELCOME

*Southern Cayuga
Welcomes new staff for the 2023/24 school year.*



Manda Allen
Teacher Aide



Michele Bajanen
Food Service
Helper



Jodi Baker
Substitute
Treasurer



Renee Barone
Sixth Grade
Teacher



Kim Bergen
Guidance
Secretary



Alexander Fox
English Teacher



Larissa Furness
Fifth Grade
Teacher



Marie Lakie
English Teacher



Emma Lutkins
Math Teacher



Judith Moody
Bus Driver



George Murphy
Social Studies
Teacher



Ian Murray
Teaching Assistant



Mike Naylor
Elementary
Principal



Justine Phillips
Heiner
Account Clerk/Typist



Kirsten Potter
Teacher Aide



Zach Purington
Groundskeeper



Maria Radcliff
Teacher Aide



Yasmine Smith
Teaching Assistant



Breanna Soutar
Special Education
Teacher



Michael Vandorn
Social Studies
Teacher



Lily Vernon
Music
Teacher



Christopher
Zappolo
Social Studies
Teacher





TAKE NOTE

Dear Parents, Guardians and School Staff:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCCS District Request for Pesticide Application Notification (Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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



Michael Fall,
Director of Technology

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

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

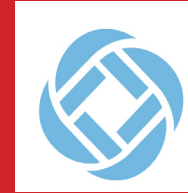
The Southern Cayuga SchoolMessenger communication campaign continues to garner support among administrators, teachers, and guardians. SchoolMessenger serves as a mass communication tool at the district level while simultaneously allowing interaction between **classrooms and guardians**. Teachers can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

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

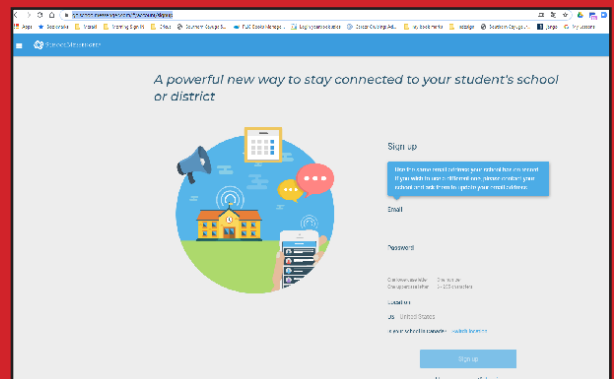


SchoolMessenger app for your phone or tablet. You can also access the app through your web browser at <https://goschoolmessenger.com>

School Messenger APP



On your Browser go to :
<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/account/signup>



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

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

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

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

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

Southern Cayuga PTO News

by Christine Ward

The SCCS PTO meets each month to plan activities and support for the students, staff and community of SCCS. Our fall fundraiser will be a Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 18 at 10am on the high school track. Students will collect donations (a flat donation or donation per lap) and will walk on November 18.

Forms will be going home with EH students soon - be on the lookout! If HS students would like to participate, please email scsnypto@gmail.com. PTO meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the EH Library at 6pm.



Did you know??

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



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

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

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

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





November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Food Pantry Open 9 - Noon
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 Picture Retake Day Jr/Sr HS School	7	8	9	10 Veterans' Day No School	11
12	13 BOE meeting	14	15	16	17	18 Food Pantry Open 9 - Noon
19	20 Parent Conference Day PreK-12 No School	21	22 - 23 Thanksgiving Recess		24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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BOOSTER CLOTHING SALE

SCCS apparel is available at The Printery in Auburn or through The Printery store online.

Go to <https://www.theprinteryny.com>, select the store tab, and then select the Southern Cayuga Chiefs. Individual teams have their own store set up with clothing for team members only.

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