

The mission of the Salamanca City Central School District is to ensure learning and growth for all students. We pledge to provide a safe, supportive environment where all students will be prepared for life's challenges and grow into responsible citizens.

The POWWOW

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Seneca Students Exhibit at Regina Quick Art Center

Seneca Elementary school students participated in an art contest sponsored by the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. There were over 750 entries from 14 area schools and six Salamanca students came away with winning artwork: Romeo Jimerson, Hayden Hoag, Kamilya Ivey, Tristen Gillette, Lauren Lowe and Jazlynn Snyder. The jurors were very impressed with the students' work. One of the jurors, an artist from New York City, felt the children had a lot to say in their artwork which affirms his belief in how im-

portant it is to have K-5 art in our schools. The winning artists each received two free tickets to the performance of the Hudson Vagabond Puppets "The Snow Queen" and were honored guests at the Art Center opening reception. The students' artwork will be on display through the month of December at the Regina A. Quick Center Gallery on the St. Bonaventure Campus.

Pictured here, some of the winning artists: Romeo Jimerson, Hayden Hoag, Kamilya Ivey (back), Tristen Gillette (front). Missing from photo: Lauren Lowe and Jazlynn Snyder



Salamanca HS Mid-Term/January 2012 Regents Exam Schedule

Monday and Tuesday all students attend school.

Wednesday, January 25, Thursday, January 26, and Friday, January 27 students only come to school if they have a test.

Tues. 1/24 A.M. Session	Wed. 1/25 A.M. Session	Thurs. 1/26 A.M. Session	Fri. 1/27 A.M. Session
	RCT- US History	R- US History	
R- Integrated Algebra	History 9 Midterm	PIG / Economics Final	R- Global History
RCT- Global Studies	R- Living Environment	RCT- Science	RCT- Writing
		R- Geometry	

Tues. 1/24 P.M. Session	Wed. 1/25 P.M. Session	Thurs. 1/26 P.M. Session	Fri. 1/27 P.M. Session
R- ELA	RCT- Math	R- Earth Science	Grading
	R- Algebra 2/Trig	RCT- Reading	
	History 10 Midterm	History 11 Midterm	

A.M. Exams Start: 8:15 a.m. – 10:15 (2 Hr. minimum) or 11:15 (3 Hr. Max.)

P.M. Exams Start: 12: 10 p.m. – 2:15 (2 Hr. minimum) or 3:15 (3 Hr. Max.)

January Events:

January 2:
School Closed,
Last Day of Winter Break

January 6:
Red Cross Blood Drive

January 7:
Five Hour Pre-Licensing Course,
8 a.m.

January 10:
Board of Education Meeting,
6:30 p.m. LGI room

January 12:
Community Budget Forum,
4:30 p.m. LGI room

January 16:
Martin Luther King Day,
School Closed

January 24:
Board of Education Meeting/
Workshop, 6:30 p.m. LGI room

January 24- 27:
High School Regents and
Mid Term Exams
- see detailed schedule

January 27:
Half Day

Superintendent's Message:

Dear Salamanca Community,

With the holiday season upon us, and the imminent threat of snow, this is one of my favorite times of the year. Living in Western New York and experiencing the changing of the seasons reminds us of the beauty of nature and how blessed we are to have all four seasons (sometimes in the same week) as part of our natural landscape.

The District is well into our budget preparations for the 2012-2013 school year. Unlike the weather, which can and often does change at a moments notice, our budget forecast does not suggest a positive change without outside forces compelling our elected officials. Decreases in state aid have hit rural districts like Salamanca very hard over the past two years. Increases in the simple cost of funding our basic programming and crushing mandates from Albany with little real mandate relief is a cause for great concern. Salamanca is confronted with a \$2 million budget gap just to maintain what we currently have in place.

All expenditures made by the District will be reviewed with great care and attention. My sincere hope is that by working to improve our operational efficiencies, we can preserve programs, protect staff and provide a beneficial educational program for our children. To make this a reality I must ask for each community member to reach out to our elected New York State officials. We need their advocacy now more than ever. We need our elected officials to carry our pleas to the legislative and executive chambers in our state capital. We need fiscal equity for small, rural districts, with dwindling resources, like Salamanca. We recognize the need to do more with less, but we have far fewer resources or community assets from which to draw upon.

Our elected officials need to hear from each and every community member. Please take a moment and contact our elected officials. Through the voices of many, we can achieve our singular goal of driving real change, real mandate relief and real accountability of our elected officials to represent us. Inaction will mean that Albany and the wealthier parts of the state will make those decisions for us. Contact our elected officials and share with them how important it is to support our rural school districts.

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Happy Holidays and best wishes for a joyous and safe New Year!

Robert J. Breidenstein
Superintendent

So Long, Farewell



Randy Gilman has retired from his position in the department of buildings and grounds after 20 years with the school district. He was treated to a cake on his last day. Best wishes for your retirement Randy!

HS January Exam Schedule, see page 1.

Beginning Beadworkers



Shown here are Marissa Booth, Leigh Fisher, and Emily Griffin enjoying time doing beadwork on a loom. Students learned this art form during Native American Heritage month (November) and have already completed several projects. These new bead artists will continue beading during free time and would welcome other skilled beaders to teach them new and old loom and beadwork techniques. Please contact Ms. Carrie Brown (cbrown@salamancany.org) if you are interested in sharing your beading skills.

Second Grade Performs “We All Celebrate”



The second grade class performed their annual holiday concert, titled “We All Celebrate,” in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, December 7, at 7 p.m. This concert was full of songs of celebration from many cultures and traditions: “Gashe:wě’da’, Gashe:wě’da’” is a Seneca songbook song, “Hanukkah is Here” is from the Jewish faith, a Chinese song, “Shi Shang Zhi You Mama Hao,” is sung for Mother’s Day, and three Christmas songs completed the concert.

Many students had speaking lines to introduce the various songs. These students in order of their lines were: Gabriel Breazeale, Jonathan Wiltsie, Elijah George, Annika Pagett, Erica Wilber, Taylor Fuller, Elijah Hawkins, Chloe Holleran, Justin Nickerson, Kaylynn Williams, Ivy Li, Morgan Maybee, Janette Calkins, Kaylee Sibley, Tristan Duhan, Emily Ruiz, Kierstyn Klahn, Myra Breazeale, Emma Brown, Austin Maybee, Hayden Hoag, Dylan Mazzone, Alicia Fiske, Malaki Reveal, Jacee White, Laila Zolner.

Special thanks go to all the parents of the second grade students; second grade Teachers, Mrs. DePew, Mrs. Herrick, Mrs. Maxon, Mrs. Mohr, Mrs. Quigley, and Mrs. Ross; also to Seneca Culture Teacher Miss Cogley for her help teaching and conducting the Seneca song; Chinese teachers Xiang Bin Ye and Ivy Li; and Mrs. Hill and the high school AV Club for taping the concert.



Artist of the Month: Kaylie Kennedy

This month’s artist of the month was Kaylie Kennedy from Mrs. Maxon’s class. Kaylie did an exceptional job on her penguin painting and paid close attention to detail. She used watercolor crayons and made sure to include a horizon line in her painting. We are all very proud of Kaylie here at Prospect and are eager to see what she will create next.

Community Budget Forums:

An opportunity for community members to come and provide input and commentary into the development of the 2012-2013 school budget. Budget questions can be submitted in advance to the superintendent at rbreidenstein@salamancany.org.

January 12, 2012

at 4:30-5:30

in the high school LGI Room

February 16, 2012

at 4:40-5:30

in the high school LGI Room

SAVE THE DATE:

HS Drama Club Musical:

Little Shop of Horrors

March 2 & 3



Job Prospects

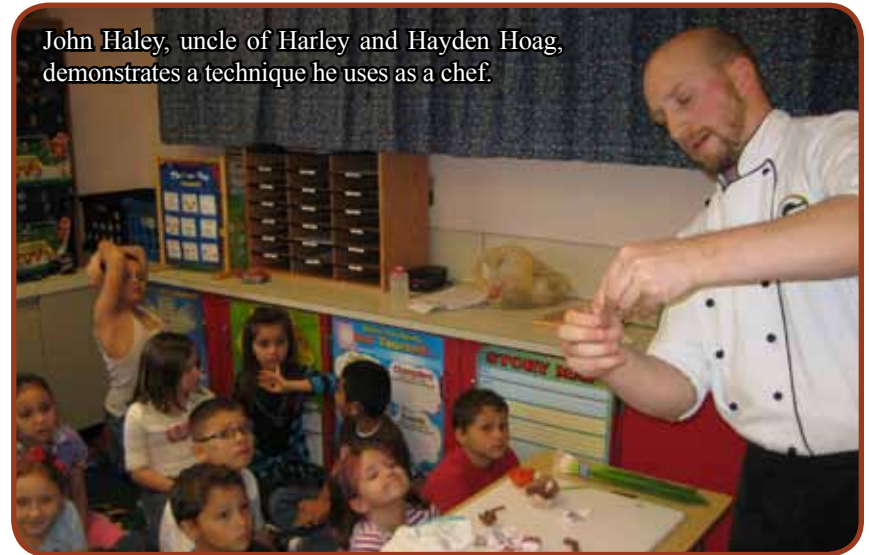
The boys and girls at Prospect Elementary have been hearing firsthand about all the different types of jobs that people in our community perform.

Many parents and relatives have volunteered to come into their children's classrooms to share what a day is like in their job. They are also talking about the kinds of skills one needs to be successful in their career. Parents are encouraged to describe jobs they hold and how school helped them to prepare for their career. In sharing job experiences, parents spur students' interests and give them better insight into what they actually do. It is hoped that students will begin to see the connection between school and work at an early age, helping raise career awareness among our youngest students.



Santa's Workshop

Once again the Prospect PTO and staff put on another magical Santa's Workshop evening the first Friday in December. It was a jam-packed gymnasium full of eager children doing their craft gifts for family and friends. Santa was there to take the children's requests for their own Christmas presents, and gift baskets galore were on hand for the annual holiday raffle. First Grade Teacher and Workshop Coordinator, Mrs. Kelly Calarco, did a wonderful job again this year and had many "Santa's Helpers" to thank as well: the incredibly supportive PTO, the entire staff at Prospect, those who donated gift baskets, and special thanks to Lisa, Kathy, Ellie, Ann and Casey. Everyone's cooperation and support made it possible to give the children this holiday tradition once again.



John Haley, uncle of Harley and Hayden Hoag, demonstrates a technique he uses as a chef.

During the first week of December, the students in Kindergarten, First, and Second grades made annual entries in their Career Folders. This is a requirement of the New York State Education Department and the yearly entries continue until students reach their Senior year in high school. At that point, the folder becomes quite thick and provides documentation of the student's career development. Upon entry into college, many students have found the folder helpful in completing reflective essays about their choice of major.

During November, many parents shared their stories. They included: Aeden LaFontaine's grandmother, Sally Fluent, read a book to students and shared what she liked about her job at the public library; Karsen Schoening's parents both came in to spend time talking about their work with computers, carpentry, and in law enforcement; Vincent Vitale's mom, Jada, talked about the importance of knowing math in her accounting position; Sabrina Goode, Abigail's mom, showed students what she looks for on an x-ray; Thunder Isaac's mom, Sarah, shared her experience as an Administrative Assistant and read a book to students about the many types of work in a community; Hannah Poling's father talked about his job repairing bridges for our community; Hana Halterman-Gerstenzang's father talked about his job as a state trooper and the importance of safety rules. Leslie McComber, Karen Hintz, and Donna Brown also visited in their children's classrooms.

We are thankful to these parents for sharing and hope that they enjoyed finding out what the classrooms feel like too!



Patricia Blakeslee, Adam's mom, told students what it was like to be in the Air Force and what she likes about her job as a phlebotomist.

First Quarter: MS Honor Roll

Mr. Laurence D. Whitcomb, Principal, has announced that the following students in grade 6, 7, and 8 have been named to the honor roll for Marking Period 1 at Salamanca Middle School. Students named to the high honor roll maintained an average of 89.5 or above; those on the honor roll have averaged 84.5 or above.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 6:

Taye Beeles
 Rochelle Bish
 Hannah Black
 Marissa Booth
 Elliot Bowen
 Tomara
 Bowen-Collateta
 Adjaza Brown
 Dessa Dowdy
 Kalle Eggleston
 Kendelle Fisher
 Jaycelyn George
 Emily Griffin
 Ariel Harder
 Robert Hoag
 Maria Howard
 Madison Jaspersen
 Kwanita Jimerson
 Leland John
 Emily Koniak
 Sophie McKenzie
 Caryn Miller
 Drewellen Miller
 Wayne Mooney
 Kayla Oakes
 Michelle Pierce
 Amy Reynolds
 Nicholas Ricketts
 McKenzie Rider
 Bailey Rottenberger
 Sarah Sawicki
 Marijayne Schwartz
 Serena Scott
 Briana Sherwood
 Braden Siebert
 Ashley Siperek
 Allysen Steckman
 Audrianna Taylor
 Christi Vaughn
 Keion Whitcomb
 Savannah Wujastyk

Grade 7:

Parker Butler
 Marc Canella

Sophia Colley
 Michael Collins
 Bailey Dineen
 Alexander Edstrom
 Cierra Gray
 Madalyn Harrington
 Dylan Harris
 Lauren Harvey
 Emma Isaac
 Orianna Jimerson
 April Klusek
 Kayla Kovacs
 Kristopher Kranock
 Jay Magara
 Brianna Marsh
 Meagan Martin
 Ryan Minner
 Nathan Morris
 Tiffany Nary
 Marquee Peters
 Andee Pierce
 Courtney Sherwood
 Hunter Skye
 Stephenie Smith
 Thomas Southwick
 Tatum White

Grade 8:

Nathan Abrams
 Jenna Ball
 Raven Bennett
 Emma Bocharski
 Alexandra Caputi
 Rebecca Dulanski
 Crystal Feneran
 Siana Fernandez
 Alyssa Forness
 Maria Grimes
 Jack Haley
 Tara Halterman
 Andrea Hess
 Andrea
 Hibbler Joseph
 Andie Hill
 Kristen Imhoff
 Kayla Jackson
 Cali James
 Jillian Lamberson

Abigail Magara
 Todd Moore
 Colter Oldshield
 Kyler Printup
 Cole Quigley
 Samantha Ray
 Creedence Redeye
 Gabrielle Reeder
 Kylan Schwartz
 Jules Steckman
 Amber Taylor
 Madelynn Turano
 Ismail Williams
 RYanne Yehl
 Lucas Zurat

HONOR ROLL

Grade 6:

Alexis Barrett
 Anna Marie
 Collingwood
 Kamryn Cook
 Ethan Curley
 Zachary Doner
 Dennis Feldbauer
 Brandon Gardner
 Brittney Gonzalez
 Jade Green
 Austin Hughes
 Jada Jimerson
 Kimberlie Kennedy
 Summer Kettle
 Timothy Lamberson
 Domonic Lowe
 Arianna Magness
 Autumn Maybee
 Elizabeth Mitchell
 Torriano Morris
 Brian Pierce
 Mitchell Richardson
 Ashlee Ruiz
 Jeremiah Shoup
 Payton Skinner
 Lexi Swick
 Jordyn Wheeler

Grade 7:

Jessica Booth

Mark Coban
 Felicia Covert
 Jacob Dekay
 Justice Doner
 Ashley Drain
 Madelyn Haley
 Brynn Harrington
 George Hudson
 Lauren Hunt
 Sarina Jadowski
 Kylie Jaspersen
 Kaitlyn Kennedy
 Angeliyah Lazore
 Kirsten Lounsbury
 Mickenzie McAuley
 Derek McClure
 Kierra Miller
 Brennen Nolet
 Jenna Pierce
 Darcey Redeye
 Zachary Simsick
 Desiree Slater
 Lorenza Spruce
 Sarah Strawder
 Tyler Woodard

Grade 8:

Mason Bosley
 Brendon Chapman
 Kyler Edwards
 Jenna Fisher
 Shazz Gillette
 Brianna Gonzalez
 Alyssa Harrison
 Patrick Hathaway
 Kristen Hawaj
 Andrew Howard
 George Hudson
 Samuel John
 Hoya'daiwat John
 Jordan Johnson
 Ty Jones
 Dakota Lamberson
 Chasitiy Manning
 Ramsey Nelson
 Caren Raahauge
 Lorena Rivera-Colon
 Brianna Sawyer

Joshua Spruce
 Bradley Stahlman Jr.
 Bryce Williams

TOP TEN STUDENTS:

Grade 6:

McKenzie Rider
 *Madison Jaspersen
 *Savannah Wujastyk
 Marissa Booth
 Ashley Siperek
 Caryn Miller
 Nicholas Ricketts
 Bailey Rottenberger
 Marijayne Schwartz
 Sophie McKenzie
 *DENOTES TIE

Grade 7:

April Klusek
 Lauren Harvey
 Kayla Kovacs
 Hunter Skye
 *Parker Butler
 *Tiffany Nary
 Nathan Morris
 *Courtney Sherwood
 *Stephenie Smith
 Meagan Martin
 *DENOTES TIE

Grade 8:

Andie Hill
 Abigail Magara
 Andrea
 Hibbler Joseph
 Lucas Zurat
 RYanne Yehl
 Nathan Abrams
 Gabrielle Reeder
 Tara Halterman
 Colter Oldshield
 Samantha Ray



Seneca Language Students of the Month



By Ja: no's Janine Bowen,
Seneca Language Teacher, 6-8

DECEMBER 2011:

The following students speak Seneca willingly in class, even if though it is difficult to read and pronounce at times. They have also used it outside of the classroom! Ja:göh!

Gr. 8: Chase Halftown enjoys Seneca class and going on walks. Someday, he would like "to be a chef".

Gr. 7: Dylan Roode's favorite class is Seneca. He enjoys hanging out with friends. He dreams of becoming "a professional basketball player"

Good Nutrition Tastes Good



Katelyn Quick, a nutrition student at the University of Buffalo, joined the 6th grade Home and Careers classes in November. She is studying to become a dietician and is working in conjunction with Sodexo to educate students on the importance of good nutrition. Students participated in hands-on lessons, measuring and comparing how many grams of sugar are in common foods and beverages. Katelyn also had manipulatives which helped students learn about proportion sizes. After students finished the lesson they were allowed to try new snacks such as pomegranate seeds, sweet red bell peppers and whole grain crackers. The website <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/> has more information on how to keep your diet healthy and nutritious.

Math In Bloom for Algebra Students

Students in Mrs. Ingerson's Algebra classes experienced hands-on learning by charting the growth of Amaryllis plants. Each Algebra class grew a plant. Students measured the growth, completed a table and graphed the growth on a coordinate plane.

The Amaryllis plant can grow about 24 inches tall. After the first week of growth it can grow as much as two to three inches overnight. Students mark the growth on a measuring stick. The students then plot the points on a graph until the plant reaches its full height and blooms. This activity re-enforces the concepts of collecting data and graphing ordered pairs.

In another hands-on project students created geometric snowflakes. Designs used either a hexagonal or an octagonal layout.

Students get more reinforced learning on graphing ordered pairs by graphing points and creating pictures. This month's extra credit project was a graph picture of a snowman or a winter scene. Picture graphing allows students to immediately see if they are putting the ordered pairs on the coordinate plane correctly.



David Lee, left, and Dominique Rivera-Colon hold Amaryllis flowers the classes have grown. In the background, geometric snowflakes adorn the bulletin board.

Helping Others In Their Time of Need

Before Thanksgiving Break, the school district employees had a canned food drive for the Cattaraugus Community Action Food Pantry. The bed of a pickup truck was filled and delivered the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

In the Middle School, another food drive was held for the first 2 weeks of December. Each classroom tallied their daily donation totals with the goal being the opportunity to win a pizza party for their homeroom before winter break. The winning homerooms were: Grade 6, Mrs. Yehl; Grade 7, Mrs. Keefe; Grade 8, Mrs. Stendahl. Great Job! Thank you to all that participated in all the food drives.



First Quarter: HS Honor Roll

The first marking period of the 2011-12 school year's High Honor and Honor Rolls have been announced by Ann Marie Anderson, Principal. To make the high honor roll, students must have an average grade of 89.5 or higher. To make the honor roll, students must have an average grade of 84.5 to 89.4.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 9:

Mercedes Campbell-Marsh
Katie Chamberlain
Andrew Crandall
Sabrina DeBoy
Jared Fish
Bryant Johnson
Paige Papa
Leandra Sarver
Haleigh Siebert
Tyler Siperek
Shelby Stephan
Mckenzie Whitmore
Alissa Williams

Grade 10:

Leeora Capron
Tristyn Carpenter
Matthew Crandall
Michael Coolidge
Kaitlyne Darts
Derek Dux
Jessica Fish
Bryan Harrison
Joseph Hinman
Melanie Hudson
Haylei John
Amber Klusek
Rachael Lange
Kelly Lawrence
Paul Luce
Alicia Meek
Markie Mohr
Alex Salter
Hannah Shurilla
Courtney Yehl

Grade 11:

Samantha Case
Kaylei DuPont
Therese Friedhaber
Tanner John
Evan Harrington

Seneca Hofbauer
Marisa Huffman
Megan Koniak
Jill Magara
Tyler Martin
Geena Maybee
Allison Revetti
Jordan Simpson
McKayla Sluga
Shaelyn Smith
Kalyssa Tome
Nicholas Walker
Kyler Whitcomb

Grade 12:

Jackie Bennett
Jaysen Bias
Brina Butler
Quinn DePonceau
Kameron Dry
Samantha Dry
Abbey DuPont
Tess Follman
Gregory Gilbert
Benjamin Haas
Ryann Hoard
William Hunt
Jessica Kurtis
Lindsay Langworthy
Megan O'Donnell
Jessica Piscitelli
Charles Redeye
Cole Slevinski
Ronald Smith
Kasey Steckman
Alicia Timblin
Kenneth Webster

HONOR ROLL

Grade 9:

Calob Beyea
Matthew Brahaney
Allissa Breazeale
Jacob Dowdy
Hannah Dry

Joshua Forthman
Luke George
Mitchell Gilbert
Jordan Green
Wade Hofbauer
Matthew James
Caleb Kettle
Kashauna Learn
David Lee
Jeffrey Lounsbury
Lauren Pennell
Joshua Sherlock
Leah Swick
Andrew Weber
Marcus Zaprowski

Grade 10:

Jarron Ball
Tadd Beattie
Brandon Braker
Nolan Edwards
Miranda Felt
Christine Fenti
Starr Harrington
Austin Hill
Cheyenne Jackson
Logan John
Colleen McClure
Mackenzie Riggs
Preston Spry
Alyssa Stahlman
Nathaniel Stuve
Mackenzie Tucker
Autumn White

Grade 11:

Caitlin Droney
Lindsay Forthman
Dylan Hackett
Andrew Horning
Arnold Hubbard
Christopher Jackson
Courtney James
Harley Kettle
Deanna Klusek
Jacob Lane

Patrick Lounsbury
Pattie Mighells
Mae Montine
Charles Morris
Gabriele Papa
Molly Pennell
Courtney Owens
Dana Ray
Cory Rockwell
Morgan Rozler
Kerstin Shinnors
Michael Showers
Salvatore Tavarez
Carly Tucker
Dustan Whitcomb

Grade 12:

Sydney Beattie
Justin Conaway
Savannah Greene
William Hackett
Zachary Harrington
Matthew Harrower
Victoria Hofbauer
Audrah John
Jackson John
Kaitlin Kilbourn
Teisha McElfresh
Aaron Miller
William Mohr
Kisun Peters
Shawnee Printup
Brian Onuffer
Stephanie Reed
Ellen Siperek
Katelynn Smith
Paris Sturdevant
Holly Turano

TOP TEN

STUDENTS:

Grade 9:
Alissa Williams
Haleigh Siebert
Leandra Sarver
McKenzie Whitmore

Shelby Stephan
Andrew Crandall
Sabrina DeBoy
Amber Klusek
Mercedes
Campbell-Marsh
Tyler Siperek

Grade 10:

Matthew Crandall
Alicia Meek
Courtney Yehl
Bryan Harrison
Paul Luce
Rachael Lange
Bryant Johnson
Joseph Hinman
Markie Mohr
Halei John

Grade 11:

Kyler Whitcomb
McKayla Sluga
Shaelyn Smith
Tyler Martin
Jill Magara
Nicholas Walker
Kalyssa Tome
Marissa Huffman
Kaylei DuPont
Seneca Hofbauer

Grade 12:

Jackie Bennett
Jessica Piscitelli
Benjamin Haas
Ryann Hoard
Quinn DePonceau
Kasey Steckman
Lindsay Langworthy
Alicia Timblin
Abbey DuPont
Jessica Curtis

School Will Be Closed on January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



The Ultimate Survivors



The Middle School girls' Physical Education classes just completed a Wilderness Survival Unit that intertwined trust and cooperative game activities. The students were introduced to skills such as: how to use a compass and how to tie useful knots for shelters and food bags. They also discussed the importance of being prepared before entering the woods and how they can use minimal resources for survival situations. The unit culminated with an Adventure Obstacle Course in which each group competed for the title of the "Ultimate Survivor." The course had 8 stations in which unique scenarios were explained using an instruction card. The groups were asked to complete scenarios like crossing a raging river, applying first aid splints and transporting injured group members, catching food, building shelter and a fire, as well as climbing mountains and creating an S.O.S. signal in order to be saved. It was rewarding to watch how each group approached the challenges using different techniques while communicating and working together to accomplish the common goal. The students gained new skills that they will use for a lifetime.



November Rotary Club Student of the Month

The Salamanca chapter of the Rotary Club is sponsoring a program to recognize senior students who are exemplary in the following areas: service to school and/or community; academics; citizenship in school and out; and extracurricular activities in school and/or the community. Each month during the coming school year, a student will be chosen by vote of the faculty to be the Rotary Club Senior Student of the Month. A celebratory breakfast is then hosted by the school with the student, their parents, teachers, principal, guidance counselor, and members of the Rotary Club to review their accomplishments. The student is then presented with a plaque and a \$100 savings bond, which are donated by local business and community organizations. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the efforts, successes, and contributions of our young people.

The Rotary Club Senior Student of the Month for November is **Ryann Hoard**. She is the daughter of Stephanie Mongold and Michael Hoard. Her bond is provided by Mary Plonka in memory of her mother Josephine Plonka.

Ryann is currently ranked 1st in her class with a grade point average of 94.35.



Ryann Hoard:

Career Interest Area: Nursing/Military

Plans After Graduation: College then join Navy as an officer.

Colleges of Interest: Edinboro University

Special Interests and Abilities: Computer savvy, work with people well and physically fit.

School Activities: Varsity Swim (Captain), Softball, and Model UN

Special Honors or Awards: National Honor Society (VP), French Honor Society (Pres.) Student Council (Pres.) Class Officer – Treas. (11th), Student of the Month, American Legion Girls State Rep.

Work Experience: Tony's Tastee Freeze

Volunteer Activities: Cystic Fibrosis Walk, blood donations, Special Olympics and Public Library

Who/What Has Been Your Inspiration: James Dean.

What he symbolizes, which is freedom and experiencing life. He once said "Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today". That inspires me to enjoy living in the present moment and to leave stress of the future behind. My family is also an inspiration to me. Try to support my hopes and dreams yet still push me to achieve something better.



Congratulations to the National Honor Society Inductees

In October, juniors and seniors whose cumulative average is above 87% are notified that they meet the initial scholarship requirement for NHS membership. Then each qualifying candidate is given an activity sheet to fill out with details of their extra-curricular activities, community service work, and leadership activities. Members are expected to demonstrate not only high academic standards, but also leadership, service and

good character.

The next component of the selection process is the faculty rating. All members of the faculty with knowledge of the candidates rate them on participation, responsibility, leadership capabilities, character and attitude towards their peers and teachers.

Finally, a faculty selection committee reviews the activity sheets, the faculty rating scores, and the first marking period

report cards and determines the final selection of students to be “tapped” for membership.

The students that were “tapped” for National Honor Society during a student assembly on November 22 and participated in the Induction Ceremony on December 12 were: Quinn DePonceau, Caitlin Droney, Kaylei DuPont, Seneca Hofbauer, Marisa Huffman, Courtney James, Dakota John, Deanna Klusek, Jessica Kurtis,

Jill Magara, Tyler Martin, Courtney Owens, Allison Revetti, Jordan Simpson, McKayla Sluga, Gabrielle Smith, Kasey Steckman, Kalyssa Tome, Nicholas Walker, Kyler Whitcomb.

Congratulations to these students and their parents. These are fine young men and women demonstrating scholarship, character, leadership and service to their community.

Students Serving Students



Continuing a long tradition, the high school Business/Marketing Honor Society and National Honor Society students volunteered their time to help serve Thanksgiving Dinner at Seneca Elementary. The students enjoyed their time re-visiting their old school and teachers, and realize that every little part helps when we work together. The students and staff at Seneca Schools served over 300 meals in less than 30 minutes. It was a wonderful dinner for all!

SCHOOL BREAKFAST FACTS

A great breakfast program is offered at school every day!

Here are some fun facts about school breakfast:

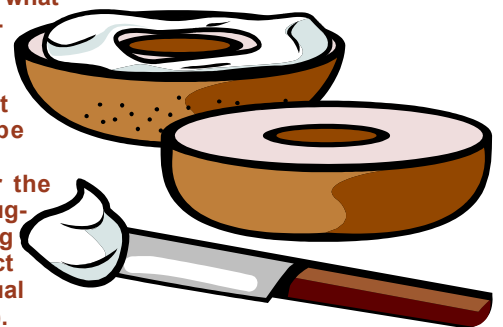
- It's easy! Instead of running around in the morning trying to make sure your children eat a healthy meal, let us do the work. They can get a great breakfast at school, and there will be no dishes for you to wash!

- It's affordable! If qualified, your child may be able to get breakfast at a reduced price or for free. If your child already eats a free or reduced price lunch, they automatically qualify for a free or reduced price breakfast.

- It's tasty! Schools now have more variety to choose from when deciding what

to offer your children for breakfast. Request a menu so you can view what your child may be eating at school.

- It's good for the brain! Research suggests that not having breakfast can affect children's intellectual performance (CDC).





Kissing Cancer Good Bye!

By Paula LaCroix

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, I presented our “dress down day” check to Kathleen Hogan at her “Benebration” at the Great Valley Fire Hall. Kathleen asked me to relay to everyone who made the generous contribution how appreciative she is and the great things that she has been able to do for newly detected cancer patients. For those of you who were not here when Kathleen went through our school system, she is an amazingly dynamic young lady who always went over and above to “do for others.” When she was diagnosed in her early twenties with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia, everyone who knew her and loved her (and to know her is to love her) were devastated. She has once again proven her strength and determination by beating the “cancer demon” and created this foundation to continue to help others. She is an amazing young lady that I wish all of you could meet. From her lips to mine “kissing cancer goodbye” is extremely grateful for the love and support of her alma mater. It means more to her than she can ever express.

Gotta Kiss Cancer Goodbye is a not-for-profit, independent, community organization that serves as a way to raise awareness of Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) and other cancers. GKCG will also act as an agent for education through collaboration with other organizations to help identify and address cancer issues through education, patient support service, research, and advocacy programs. Funds raised by the organization through an array of events will go toward life-saving research, improving the quality-of-life of cancer patients and their families, and reducing the stress associated with treatment, by providing emotional support and financial assistance to patients and their families who are battling the disease.

Business Department Wins Again!



(L to R): Eric Suhr from NYSED, Mrs. Middaugh, Mr. Zeznick, Mrs. Dry.

Salamanca City Central Schools are very pleased to announce that the Salamanca Business Department has won the New York State Department of the Year Award for Region 10 – once again. The SCCSD business department has won this prestigious award SIX times - which is the most often that any department in any of the New York State regions has ever won the award. Salamanca’s business department was selected by a committee consisting of representatives from the New York State Education Department and the Business Teachers Association of New York State.

The Business Department at Salamanca was selected as the Department of the Year for the following reasons: the department offers an innovative and rigorous curriculum that students find both interesting and challenging; and members of the department have created instructional programs, work experiences, and learning opportunities that will help students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for success in post-secondary study and in the world of work. The teachers at SHS were commended for the quality work they have done in business and marketing education and their collective dedication to the students in their programs. The SHS business department was cited as “providing an exemplary model for other school districts to follow.”

The SCCSD Business Department received this hard-earned award at the Annual Business Teachers Association Conference in Albany on October 14, 2011. The department’s teachers not only received their award at this conference, but they were also guest speakers. Their topic: how the department has won this award so many times. Mrs. Middaugh, Mrs. Dry and Mr. Zeznick would like to thank Mary Elizabeth Koch, Director of Curriculum and Planning and Acting Principal at Seneca School, who also was part of the presentation; she spoke to the audience about the VATEA grant money and about the Career & Technical Education endorsements that our school offers its students.

The Business Department would like to thank the Administration and the Board of Education for their continued support and for allowing them to take the curriculum in a direction that teaches students skills and knowledge that make them competitive in the “real world.”



All the Warrior athletes are doing a great job this fall season, so come support the teams - find games at the weekly sports schedule on the school website and updates on game results from Coaches under Coach Reports.

Business Students Tour Fredonia State College

In November, business/marketing students who were interested in Fredonia State College toured the campus. This was an especially informational field trip because Mrs. Dry could provide insight on the school because she attended this college. The group arrived ahead of schedule, so Mrs. Dry gave the students a tour of the athletic facilities and the outside of the dorms before their official campus tour began.

At the start of the tour Ms. Jessica Gatto from Admissions spoke with students about the college application process. She suggested to students that they should complete their application process by November. On the college application a student should list his/her work experience, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities; colleges are looking for not only academically bright students, but also a well-rounded individual. Fredonia looks at the SAT & ACT scores the same; the average of

a student entering into Fredonia is generally an 89% unweighted average. Ms. Gatto told students, "It is extremely important to keep your grades up during your senior year."

Dr. Moj Seyedian, Chairperson of the Department of Business Administration, met with the group to discuss Business as a major at Fredonia. Dr. Seyedian spoke of the two accounting programs offered; one is a four year program and the other is five. To make money quickly Dr. Seyedian suggested pursuing the five year program in accounting. He stated, "Accountants are in high need." Dr. Seyedian told students an entry level salary for a five year accounting degree graduate is \$50,000. Dr. Seyedian told students they can become a CPA later, after the 5 year program; but you cannot do this with the 4-year program. Dr. Seyedian also spoke in great detail about the other business majors offered at Fredonia which are



Management, Finance, Marketing, and Music.

After speaking with Dr. Seyedian, our students were given a campus tour. The guide told students that about 7,000 people attend Fredonia. There are 14 residential halls, and students must live on campus for the first two years. The dorm rooms are suite or corridor style, and students had the chance to see each type. When

doing laundry in the dorms at Fredonia, you will receive a text when your laundry is done, via an automated system. Ninety-six percent of the dorm rooms on campus have at least one computer in the room. Each student gets an allotment for printing so students don't need to bring a printer from home. While were touring the campus, the group saw several Salamanca alumni which was very exciting.

Guest Speaker: Investigator Owens

By Jordan Simpson, Business Student

In early December, Investigator Tina Owens took time out of her hectic schedule to talk to a select group of students at Salamanca High School. As a result of the recent spike in crimes, Investigator Owens explained to us that the violence is caused by desperate times—people become desperate during such times. She explained to us that in New York State, one cannot become a police officer until the age of 21; however one can enter the Police Academy under age 21. In order to get into the Police Academy, one must have 60 college credits or an Associate's Degree. Police Departments look for degrees in criminal justice, political science and psychology. The

Police Academy is a six month program, which hones the physical skills. One must meet the requirement to run a mile and a half in under 12 minutes and 30 seconds. Passing an agility test is also required in order to be an upholder of the law. In order to obtain the job, a civil service test must be passed as well. After 20 years, one can collect full retirement and live a comfortable life.

Investigator Owens has been full time with the Salamanca Police Force for eight years, and she was very eager to have the opportunity to work with kids. Along with recently being placed on patrol, Investigator Owens also handles sex abuse cases, evidence tagging, and she is the school resource officer for our school. She also stressed that being an officer isn't just about



arresting people; it's about upholding the law and protecting the community. In order to be successful working in the local Police Department, Investigator Owens mentioned that being compassionate is an important trait to possess; without it the job cannot be performed. Although the position that she holds has a lot of long hours, there is still time for family. Everyone has to

pull the night shift at one point, and being scheduled 40 hours a week, many times she works 45 to 50 hours per week.

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Jessica Piscitelli: December Business/Marketing Student of the Month

Jessica Piscitelli has been selected as the December Business/Marketing Student of the Month because she is a student who values her business classes. As quoted by Jessica, "Business classes have always seemed to interest me. Business classes just seem to really click with me." The Business department is proud to have Jessica as one of their most outstanding students. She has been or is enrolled in the following business classes: Keyboarding, Entrepreneur-

ship, Ecommerce, MOUS I/ JCC CS1560, Career Planning, Personal Finance, JCC Accounting, and she will be taking BEEP in the second semester.

Jessica has been in the Top Ten of her class since 7th grade. She is a scholar athlete who enjoys playing soccer; she has played for four years. She has also played JV softball and was a member of the varsity track team. Jessica is President of National Honor Society, she is also a member of: Math Honor

Society, Science Honor Society, and the Business/Marketing Honor Society. She is the treasurer of DECA and the treasurer of Student Council. Last year she was the school newspaper editor, and this year Jessica is the yearbook editor-in-chief. Jessica is also involved in the International Club, and travelled to Italy last spring with the other International Club members.

After graduating from Salamanca, Jessica plans to attend college and major in Entrepre-



neurship and/or Business Management. Her dream is to open a small town diner.

"Talking Sports" Management

In November Dr. Rhema Fuller, the head of the Sports Management program at Alfred State College, spoke to all of our business classes. The majority of his discussion was on the sports management program offered at Alfred, which is the management of sport--any business related aspect of sports such as: law, management, marketing, etc. The goal of the program is "to provide students with a concentration of courses aimed at preparing them for a career in the management and administration of the sport and fitness industry." While majoring in Sports Management at Alfred, a student takes courses in marketing, promotions, fi-

nance, and law. The program is looking for more females—there are more and more doors opening up for women in this field. The job placement rate in Sports Management at Alfred is excellent. Alfred State has just started a Bachelors program in this. Alfred State's business department also offers the following majors: Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Accounting, Financial Services, Financial Planning, Court Reporting and Captioning, and Sports Management two and four year degrees.

Dr. Fuller discussed time management skills with our students. He told them, "Make sure you leave college with something to show for it—I was an athlete



but a student first." Dr. Fuller stressed the importance of academics coming first at college, but if a student manages his/her time wisely then he/she will have time for sports and clubs during college. Dr. Fuller also believes

that taking field trips get students out experiencing the world. Students enrolled in the Sports Management program at Alfred have gone on field trips to the Cleveland's Progressive Field, IMG, and others.

Guest Speaker: Karen Watt, SCCSD Business Manager

Ms. Karen Watt, Salamanca City Central Schools Business Manager, and Technology Director, and 1981 graduate of Salamanca High School, took the time to come into the Business Department's "Business Lunch" to talk to interested students about the accounting field and what it takes to be successful.

Ms. Watt made a wonderful impression on the students as she explained her career

choices and options. As a high school student, she was not entirely sure which direction she wanted to go out of high school and was greatly influenced by her high school guidance counselor and accounting teacher to pursue the accounting field. Ms. Watt stated that it is a wonderful field if you love numbers and the opportunities in this field range from anywhere from a public school setting to corporate America.

The accounting options within these venues are also very diverse as one could be in many different areas including payroll, audit, taxes, etc. The students found this to be an informative presentation as Ms. Watt opened the students' eyes to an array of accounting career options. She stressed whether you want a two-year degree or PhD in accounting, there are accounting fields at every level. She also stated that the more schooling

you receive, the more you can potentially earn financially. As noted, Ms. Watt was a graduate from Salamanca High School and was very involved in many extracurricular activities such as Marching Band and Color Guard. She still travels in the summers to judge color guard competitions around the country. Thank you for your time and expertise, Ms. Watt!

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Giving Back Is One Reason For The Season



There is a High School club called the FOREVER ACDC Club. The letters stand for Friends of Rachel – Embraces Voices & Encourages Respect; Anyone Can Demonstrate Change. This is a group of students who want to make a posi-

tive difference in their school and their community. They have raised money for a scholarship honoring a student that passed away last year, sponsored a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, and created a public service announcement against bullying.

Most recently, they put their creative juices to work creating hand-made Christmas wreaths to raffle off, to raise money for the local food pantry. These students really care about their school and their community. Some of the members were able to volunteer

their time to set up a table at the craft shows at Seneca School on Dec. 10 and, with the help of some very caring women at the United Congregational Church (especially Mrs. Scanlan), they were able to set up a table at the UCC craft show on Sun. Dec. 11. A gift basket (thank you Mary & Mr. P.) and an Avon gift basket (thank you Mrs. Burger) were also donated to the club to raffle off. The club raised about \$145 to be submitted soon to the food pantry.

Photo: Students in picture L to R: Teisha McElfresh, Mae Montine, Melanie Hudson, Holly Turano, Molly Pennell and Jordan Simpson. Absent from photo: Lauren Pennell, Justin Lafferty, Miranda Felt.

A Strong Showing for SCCSD Calculus Students

November 18 Mrs. Singer and Mrs. Wardner accompanied ten of their extremely talented Pre-Calculus and Calculus students to a Jamestown Community College Math Competition in Olean, New York. These juniors and seniors took a test which consisted of twenty-five difficult multiple choice math problems; without the use of a calculator. Salamanca City Central High School placed third out of ten schools in Western New York. Also, Ben Haas was named a “Top Scorer” in the competition. Congratulations for a job well done goes out to the team: McKayla Sluga, Shae Smith, Tyler Martin, Ally Revetti, Kyler Whitcomb, Ben Haas, Kam Dry, Quinn Deponceau, Jessica Kurtis, and Jaysen Bias!

