

MESSAGES FROM THE MIDDLE

South Seneca Middle School



August 15, 2011

Special points of interest:

Sept. 1 — 6th Gr. / New Student Orientation @ 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 12 — SDMT Meeting @ 4 p.m.
Sept. 14 — Board of Education Meeting in Interlaken @ 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 — M.S. Open House @ 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20— 1/2 Day of School for Students PK-12
Oct. 7 — End of 5 weeks
Oct. 13—Board of Education Meeting in Interlaken @ 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 7 — First Day of School
Sept. 13-16—Gr. 6-8 GATES Testing
Sept.15 — M.S. Title I Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 — MS/HS Picture Day
Sept. 28 — Board of Education Meeting in Ovid @ 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 — NO SCHOOL— Columbus Day

First Day of School (For Students) Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Please note students should wear comfortable clothing and sneakers for the first 2 days of school as they will be participating in Falcon Camp.

New Building Security for 2011-12

Please remember that all school doors will be locked throughout the day beginning on August 15. On school days, the front entrance and side door where the buses drop off will be unlocked from 7:15-7:45 AM only. Any other time, students and community members will need to be "buzzed in" at the front entrance. The only other exception is when the building is hosting a public event (like a home sports game, board meeting, or performance)—on those days, there will be unlocked doors around the event to allow the public to enter.

Important Message About Emergency Phone Services

If the district's regular, land-line phone system is not functioning in one or more buildings, you may reach us at the following emergency-only cell-phone numbers:

Elementary School: 607-229-8336

Middle/High School: 607-229-6774

These emergency phones will ONLY be turned on when our regular, land-line phones are not working. These numbers will be posted on our website during such times.

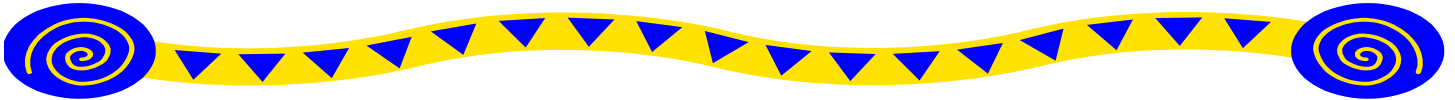



Reminder of School Day Hours:

The school day begins at 7:45 a.m.

(There is no supervision for your child prior to 7:20 a.m. please keep this in mind for when your child arrives at the building.)

The school day ends at 2:15 p.m.



2010-2011 4th Quarter High Honor / Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

6th grade

Jordan Albrecht, Sarah Albro, Connor Austin, Tria Backman-Lowe, Mary-Kate Badalamenti, Mariah Bond, Jenna Darling, Kiarah David, Skyler Garrison, Andrew Griffin, Scott Hawley, Lucas Huff, MacKenzie Kenyon, Emily Lavarney, Adrianna Mander, Claire McPherson, Bailey Minges, Brett Robinson, Kelsey Shaulis, Brent Smith, Cameron Vanselow, Alexandra VanHorn, Adam Wagner, Holden Waid, Mackenzie Welch, Kelly Williamson, Aleisha Woodard

7th grade

Eli Corning, Emily Dey, Kiersten DeMarco, Kathryn Hubbard, Marlea Jones, Nicholas Lane, Jack Langley, Lincoln Lowe, Cullen Marrella, Morgan McGonigal, Nga Ruckdeschel, Victoria Sturdivant, Elijah Trim, Lilly Wick, Anna Mae Williams, Katie Winkleblack, Emma Worrell

8th grade

Erika Albro, Pamela Bower, Nicole Bromka, Brittani Bub, Emily Diamond, Eric Dresser, Nicholas Granger, Brianna Halsey, Hannah McCheyne, Kalyn Moore, Meghan Perry, Sara Povero, Heather Reynolds, Holly Reynolds, Monique Sheldon, Ivan Shorts, Nicole Sturdivant, Grace Webster

Honor Roll

6th grade

Zebediah Alvarado, John Avcisoy, Timothy Borden, Tony Bower, Caroline Cabot, Destiny Freitas-Valderrama, Jacob Granger, Felix Jordan, Eleccis Kohut, Isaiah Lateer, Cole Porter, Alexandro Rea, Caleb Smith

7th grade

Jami Alexander, Jesse Alexander, Joseph Bowers, Ariel Felice, Matthew Frey, Caylin Murray, Jonathan Reff, Cassandra Russell, Ryan Shields, Kevin Straub, Dylan Swanson, Laura Wyckoff

8th grade

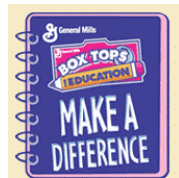
Jacob Albrecht, Cheyenne Coney, Lianne Eberts, Thomas Hawley, Brandon Herndon, Edward Hildreth, Andrew Johndrew, Jordan Morgan, Renee Morris, Briana Williams, Kayla Williamson, Nicholas Wyckoff

Recycling Programs



South Seneca School is participating in the FundingFactory® Recycling Program! This fundraiser is FREE and simple because there's nothing to sell, no paperwork to fill out and no deadline. The program runs year-round, accumulating constant income for our efforts. But we won't get very far without your support. Please donate your empty printer cartridges and used cell phones to our school and we'll take it from there! We will recycle the cartridges and cell phones through FundingFactory to earn new technology and/or recreational equipment or cash. Just send them to school with your kids.

SSCS has also participated in the "BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION" program (General Mills products) for several years as well as the "CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION" program. Please continue to save these items and send these to school with your kids.



We at South Seneca Middle School are excitedly awaiting the arrival of the new school year and welcoming the class of 2018!

We will be hosting an orientation for all sixth grade students and parents / guardians, as well as new students on Thursday,

September 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Students will receive information regarding the upcoming school year at orientation. Also any paperwork that was mailed out prior to this can be turned in then.



Student Accident Insurance:

If an accident occurs in school, initially all students are covered by their parents' health insurance. South Seneca Central School does provide a Student Accident Policy through Pupil Benefits Plan Inc. as a secondary payee or primary if there is no insurance through the parents.

Reimbursement for medical services is based upon the usual customary cost of these services as determined by the area in which we live. If you have questions directly related to coverage please contact the School Business Administrator. All other questions should be directed to the school nurse.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Notification of Availability of Asbestos Documents

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, if due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). AHERA requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). Suspected ACBM were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years since that initial inspection, the South Seneca Central School District has conducted a reinspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed ACBM has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last reinspection conducted during the spring of 2010, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos containing) were inspected and found to be in satisfactory condition. Any ACBM which deteriorates in condition to the point where it becomes unsatisfactory will be abated, or removed.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. The South Seneca Central School District developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the ACBM; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of ACBM; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to make sure that they remain in good condition. This notification, in part, fulfills some of these requirements.

It is the intention of the South Seneca Central School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to provide students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plans which are located in each school building's main office and the office of the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, during regular business hours. All inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to Paul Brown, the AHERA Designated Person, at 607-869-9636 ext. 4107.

South Seneca School District

Pesticide Application Neighbor Notification for Schools

Dear Parent, Guardian and School Staff:

Pursuant to New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, South Seneca School District is required to provide written notification regarding the potential use of pesticides throughout the school year and to maintain a list of parents, guardians, faculty and staff who wish to receive a 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are exempt from the prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for 72 hours following an application
- Anti-microbial products
- Non-volatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations inaccessible to children
- Non-volatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations inaccessible to children
- Non-volatile ready to use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetra hydrate
- EPA designated biopesticides
- EPA designated exempt materials under 40 CFR 152.25

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 to protect against a threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

For further information or if you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please feel free to contact the South Seneca School District pesticide representative:

Paul Brown

South Seneca School District, 7263 Main Street, Ovid, N.Y. 14521

Telephone #: (607) 869-9636 ext. 4107 / Fax #: (607) 869-2529

E-mail address: pbrown@southseneca.k12.ny.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2011 of the school buildings of South Seneca Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, employees therein, has been completed and the reports thereof are available at the office of Director of Facilities at the Bus Garage at 7623 Main Street, Ovid, NY for inspection by all interested persons."

We Need Your Help

We are always looking for parents and community members to serve on various committees. If you would like to offer your input, please fill out the form below and return it to the District Office, 7263 Main Street, Ovid, NY 14521, or call the District Office at 869-9636, Extension 4147.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Email Address: _____

I would be interested in sitting on interview committees (circle one): Yes No

Area (s) of interest (circle all that apply):

Professional Development Plan

Shared Decision-Making Team

District Website/Technology

Title I

Soccer (Boys)

Golf

Athletics

Soccer (Girls)

Bowling

Strategic Planning

Baseball

Football

Curriculum

Softball

Volleyball

Cheerleading

Wrestling

Track

Other: _____

Basketball (Girls)

Basketball (Boys)

Availability (Circle all that apply.):

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Other Comments: _____

THANK YOU!



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