

MESSAGES FROM THE MIDDLE

South Seneca Middle School



November 20, 2009

Special points of interest:

Nov. 18 — Board of Education Mtg. @ Int. 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 — 1/2 Day for Students PK-12

Dec. 17 — MS Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 24-Jan. 3 — No School — Holiday Recess

Nov. 25-27 — NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 9 — Board of Education Mtg. @ Ovid 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 — End of 5 weeks

PRINCIPAL NOTES:

Happy holiday season! Can you believe it's here already?

With the end of the first marking period in the middle school, we like to reflect a bit on how well the year is going so far. It's a great time for us to be thinking about how it feels in the building, how well the students are doing, and how much LEARNING is happening.

Just as we asked last month, please take some time to talk to your child about her or his classes. What's going well? What could be better? The most important question to ask is: what are you learning in that class this year? Can the student talk about the class, and say what is happening in there each day? We are very interested in connecting our classes to things we already know, because this is how the learning "sticks."

Every day we work on being nice to one another; on making good choices; on learning how to work out our conflicts and on communicating about all the action that's constantly going on between students and adults. This is extremely important for this age group to work out. But don't forget: in the middle of all this great action, there is LEARNING to be done!

As always, call us with input to help with our mission. If anyone is interested in joining our Shared Decision Making Team, which meets once a month on a Monday afternoon, please do call and sign up. We'd love to have you there.

Steve Parker Zielinski

Middle School Principal

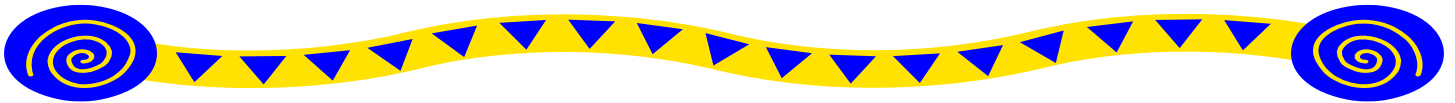
OID FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Local Words to Deeds Service Project

The Middle School student government is sponsoring our annual canned food drive for the Ovid Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Dinners Project. The National Junior Honor Society members presented the pantry with a \$300 check to be used for turkeys. The food bank desperately needs canned goods and fresh produce to round out the meals. Suggested items include canned gravy, veggies, cranberry sauce, stuffing, dessert mixes, and condiments. There is also a need for canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, and infant formula.

All donations can be delivered to Ms. Shaffer for delivery to the pantry by
Monday, November 23 @ 7AM.

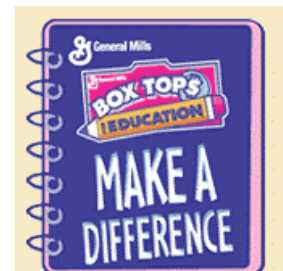
Thank You!



South Seneca School participates in a Recycling Program. Please donate your empty **printer cartridges, used cell phones, and used MP3 players** to our school. We will recycle them as a fundraiser. Just send them to school with your kids or drop them off in one of the offices.

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. There has been a **change** in the CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION program. We are now saving the **UPC code** instead of the front label.

Thanks to all for your continued support of these programs.



SOUTH SENECA MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE



South Seneca students are currently in rehearsals for John Patrick's comedy: *The Curious Savage*. Performances dates have changed from those originally published in the South Seneca District Calendar. The production will be held **at the South Seneca Middle-Senior High School Auditorium on December 4th, 5th , and 6th**. Curtain time is **7:30pm on Friday and Saturday and 2pm on Sunday**. Prices are \$4 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

The Curious Savage is a comedic play about Ethel P. Savage, a woman whose husband recently died and left her approximately ten million dollars. Ethel's three stepchildren are shocked to find out that their mother plans to set up a memorial fund with the money to fund the ridiculous dreams of people. They arrange to have her put into a sanatorium called *The Cloisters* where she meets several inmates, none of whom are completely insane, each having only one minor problem. She becomes friends with them and gains new insight into life during the play. Meanwhile, her children visit several times, flustered over the fact that she took all the money and hid it in a bundle of half-million dollar negotiable bonds. She deceives them and sends them on a wild goose chase, and they return only to meet up with the inmates and have the bonds stolen from right under their noses. Primarily a comedy, the play sets up a contrast between the inmates and Mrs. Savage's stepchildren. By the end of the play, the viewer wonders who the crazy ones really are.

The South Seneca Falcon Players production of *THE CURIOUS SAVAGE* is under the direction of Mark and Kathy Sinkiewicz and the cast includes the following students:

Cast List

(Alphabetically by Student Last Name)

Cynthia Becker—Miss Willy

Vivian Becker—Sam Savage

Kayla Eygnor—Dr. Emmett

Kevin Nickerson—Titus Savage

Amanda Phelps—Mrs. Paddy

Ava Russell—Ethel Savage

Noah Sinkiewicz—Jeffrey

Jacob Szymanski—Hannibal

Kylie Westervelt—Florence

Kayla Williamson—Nurse

Leah Wolff—Fairy May

Gemini Zajac—Lilly Belle Savage

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK pre-ORDER FORM

DUE: Friday, January 8, 2010

Student Name (please print clearly):

*Cash and Checks Accepted

*Cost: \$30.00

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