

SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL



Schoharie, New York



GRADES 4-6 CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

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Message from **THE SUPERINTENDENT**

We hope that everyone has experienced a positive start to the new school year. Our elementary and secondary Open House programs were well attended and the expected little glitches with transportation the first few days of school were absolutely minimal. Thank you to all our parents and your children for assisting in making that endeavor as successful as it was.

This past year the Board of Education worked very closely with the administration and staff to improve communication with our parents and the community, worked tirelessly on a comprehensive and responsible budget, supported major revisions in curriculum, helped improve technology used by our students, and started extensive work on improving the facilities where your children spend most of their day. As we move through the month of October, the Board will be tackling decisions on the EXCEL proposal, and will also begin working with the administration to develop a "vision" for where the District should be in five years and, short and long term goals to guide the implementation of that vision.

The obvious items to include are improving student performance and supporting those efforts, and taking care of the physical facilities. Beyond the obvious, the Board and administration continue to seek input on how we as a District can better serve the community at large. With that in mind, the e-mail addresses for the Board members are published on our website and links are provided to send e-mail suggestions to them. During this month, if you have some suggestions for long term goals, please consider sharing them with your Board members. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Brian Sherman
Superintendent

Message from **THE SCHOOL BOARD**

EXCEL Project

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the District is busy developing a building project under the EXCEL aid program, which provides additional state funds for building projects. The project currently being considered is expected to provide health and safety improvements (such as upgraded ventilation and fire alarm system repairs), as well as programmatic improvements. Currently under consideration are improvements in the high school auditorium and the gymnasium locker rooms.

As of press time for this newsletter, the Board has not determined which elements will be included in this project. The process of defining the project continues, and public input is welcome. After the Board adopts a resolution to offer the project to the voters, a public hearing will be conducted and a vote will take place.

The Board remains committed to undertaking this project completely within the District's allotted state aid, at no additional cost to local real property taxpayers.

New York State Testing Program

New York State standardized tests generally rate individual student results at one of the following four levels: Level 1, Not Meeting Learning Standards; Level 2, Partially Meeting Learning Standards; Level 3, Meeting Learning Standards; and Level 4, Meeting Learning Standards With Distinction. The District has just received results of the Mathematics and English Language Arts tests administered to students in grades 3 through 8 during the last school year, and our results are mixed: though there are gains in some areas, we have other areas in need of improvement. Overall in grades 3 - 8, 65% of the 468 students tested in English Language Arts achieved Level 3 or Level 4, as did 72% of the 466 students tested in Mathematics. Though we have made improvements over prior years= test results, we will continue to strive to improve our results, and to maximize the number of students who meet and exceed state standards.

Respectfully yours,

Chris Spies
President



BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All Board of Education meetings are open to the public, except during executive sessions. Board meetings are convened for the purpose of conducting public business relating to the school. Individuals or groups wishing to bring a matter to the attention of the Board are encouraged to contact the Superintendent prior to a meeting. The Superintendent shall present such information to the Board. Interested community members are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings. Generally, Board meetings are held in the Jr./Sr. High School Library Classroom twice each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

2007-08 Meeting Dates

- October – 3rd and 17th
- November – 7th and 20th
- December – 5th and 19th
- January – 2nd and 16th
- February – 6th and 27th
- March – 5th and 19th
- April – 9th - Budget Adoption and 21st - BOCES Vote
- May – 7th - Budget Hearing and 20th - Public Budget Vote
- June – 4th and 18th



THE SCHOOL BOARD

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TAX COLLECTION

School tax payments are accepted at NBT Bank in Schoharie. Collection hours are 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday. School tax payments may also be paid by mailing to:

Schoharie CSD Tax Collector
c/o NBT Bank
P. O. Box 688
Schoharie, NY 12157

For further information, contact: Robert Bonaker, Business Administrator at 295-6600 ext. 73.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event that schools must be closed or delayed due to emergency situations - such as severe weather conditions or problems in one of our schools, announcements will be listed on:

WGY 810AM
 FLY 92.3FM
 B 95.5FM
 RIVER 99.5FM
 CBS Channel 6
 ABC Channel 10
 NBC Channel 13
 Capital News 9
 The Times Union
 The Post Star
www.wten.com
www.wrgb.com
www.wgy.com
www.schoolclosingnetwork.com
www.schoharieschools.org



In general, when school is closed during the day, all afternoon and evening functions are also canceled.

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High School Library Open for Community Use



The High School Library is again open for public use. We are open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Visit our fully computerized facility and browse through our collection of books, or read magazines and newspapers. We continue to receive current best-selling books and are grateful for the generous donation which makes this possible. Students can finish schoolwork and research that they were not able to do during the school day. Adults can use our materials and computers for research and personal interests. We will be open October 2, 2007 - May 22, 2008 when school is in session. Come check out what the Schoharie Jr./Sr. High School Library has to offer!



Hannah Motschmann and Megan Kalisz take advantage of the opportunity to use the new laptops to work on projects for their Global Studies class. SCS now has two laptop carts that get moved into different classrooms throughout the day. The carts are used as mobile labs, which have wireless access so students can be logged on to the school's network from just about anywhere in the school. They can even send documents to the printers that are also on the carts. This is a great new tool for our students!



Special Education Teacher, Nancy McGee, and Remedial Reading Teacher, Terri Blum, dedicated some time this summer to preparing the new Parent Resource Room in the Elementary School. Instructional materials will be available for parents to check out for a week at a time, so that they can use them with their children. This material will support the instructional items used in the classroom for reading and math, as well as other content areas.



BOGARDUS MAKES SCS PROUD



Julia Bogardus, a Junior at SCS, will be attending the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky November 1-5 this year. She will be attending as a member of the New York State 4-H Dairy Judging Team. Julia placed 12th in the state during a dairy cattle judging contest held at the New York State Fair on August 24th and 30th. This earned her a place on the team with three other teens from across the state. She is an active member of the Milkin' Maniacs 4-H Club and the Schoharie Valley FFA.



Schoharie Central School

2007-08 School Calendar

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JUNE 2008					Number of Days in Each Month: September 17 February 16 October 22 March 19 November 18 April 17 December 15 May 21 January 21 June 19					KEY: Classes Not In Session <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Development Days <input type="checkbox"/> Early Release Days <input type="checkbox"/> Regents Testing Days <input type="checkbox"/>				
M	T	W	T	F	Total # of Pupil Days: 185 Staff Development Days: 2 TOTAL DAYS: 187									
2	3	4	5	6	*The calendar indicates 187 days. However, school will be in session only 185 days. Adjustments will be made later in the year.									
9	10	11	12	13										
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EPTSO MEETING DATES 7:00 PM IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

- September 11, 2007
- October 13, 2007
- November 13, 2007
- December 11, 2007
- January 8, 2008
- February 12, 2008
- March 11, 2008
- April 8, 2008
- May 13, 2008
- June 10, 2008



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Varsity girls' team triumphed against Berne-Knox-Westerlo! SCS players: #8 Hannah Spies, #14 Melissa Stark, #6 Stephanie Lopez

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**SCS
Sports**

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Kyle Sharpe Memorial Soccer Tournament – Varsity boys' team beat Duaneburg! SCS players: #2 Aaron Gonzalez, #7 Chris Spies, #1 Andrew Zeh

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VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW
November 3, 2007
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
High school gymnasium

Sponsored by:
Schoharie Central Athletic Booster Club
to benefit all SCS Athletes

Featuring over 20 different local crafters
and vendors, with raffles,
and refreshments.

Start your holiday shopping early.
Free admission and plenty of parking.

For additional information please call
Barbara Sharpe at 868-2878
or e-mail lbsharpe@midtel.net

SAVE THE DATE



Ziti Dinner
Friday, October 26
4:30 – 7:00 PM
Schoharie High School
Cafeteria to benefit
Schoharie
Baseball & Softball
Association

(Take Outs Available)

Help our School Get Free Equipment!



Log on to www.pricechopper.com to register your Price Chopper AdvantEdge card for our school code **15847**

This will automatically earn credit for the school every time you use your *AdvantEdge* Card.

If you signed up for our school last year, you do not need to re-register.

No Internet?

Send your full card number to:

Bonnie Newberry at Schoharie High School.



As a result of your shopping last year, you earned us a total of 47,715 points, which were used to purchase stereo headphones, a book truck, mobile utility table and surge protector for our library media center. With your help, we can increase our total and purchase even more equipment. Thank you for your support and **KEEP SHOPPING!**

Prepaid Lunch Ticket Prices for 2007-08

Elementary

1 Week \$8.25
2 Weeks \$16.50



Jr/Sr High

5 day ticket \$9.50
4 day ticket \$7.60
3 day ticket \$5.70
2 day ticket \$3.80



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RURAL ROUTE

STAR ROUTE

BOXHOLDER

Served daily in the Elementary:

- Chicken Patty on Whole Wheat Roll
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich
- Chef Salad and Roll

Weekly Specials will be offered in the High School

Served daily:

- 4 choices of fruits and/or vegetables
- 5 choices of milk: \$.40
1% chocolate, 1% strawberry, white: whole, skim, lowfat & whole

Breakfast \$1.00
Elementary Lunch \$1.65
High School Lunch \$1.90
Second Entree \$1.00
Snacks \$.60

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