

# SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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## SPELLING BEE RESULTS



*L to R: Dakota Francis – 3rd place,  
James Sacket – 1st place,  
Jarrett Mickle – 2nd place*

On Tuesday, February 3 a spelling bee was held at Schoharie Central School to determine who will represent our school in the Capital Region Spelling Bee. Contestants qualified for the spelling bee by scoring the highest on a written spelling test at their grade levels.

The contestants were: Fourth Grade: Savannah Brown, Alyssa Nay, Bethany Kerr, Dakota Schaffer; Fifth Grade: Dustin Kalisz, Johnny Krohn, Lukas Manz, Jordan

Vincent; Sixth Grade: Dakota Francis, Steven King, Jarrett Mickle, Rachel Randazzo; Seventh Grade: Richie Martino, James Sacket, Sarah Senecal; Eighth Grade: Connor Brown, Grace Caza, Sarah Kruzinski, Kevin Wainwright.

The pronouncer was Wendy Molle, Elementary Librarian. The Judges were Maryellen Gillis (Elementary Principal), Sue Sacket (Elementary Teacher) and Lorraine Stevens (EPTSO representative).

This year's contest was a difficult one with students successfully spelling the words goatee, falsetto, pragmatic and poi. James Sacket (7th grade) was this year's winner with his correct spelling of the words panzer and rouge. Second place winner was Jarrett Mickle (6th grade) and third place winner was Dakota Francis (6th grade).

As winner James receives a Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary provided by the EPTSO. His name will be engraved on a plaque in the Elementary School. He will represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee at Proctor's Theater on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

## ENCOURAGE READING

Experts say that encouraging children to read may be the most important thing parents can do to ensure children's school success. When it's fun and interesting and everybody's doing it, reading is more enticing. Here are some helpful tips:

- Get the whole family involved in reading books aloud to each other.
- Be a reading role model by making sure your child sees you reading.
- Have lots of reading materials around (magazines, books, newspapers, catalogs, etc.)
- Visit the library and check out their huge selection of books.
- Read in unusual places such as under a tree, in the park, in a tent, or on the floor. Do something different!



*Resource: The Parent Institute*



# A QUICK UPDATE ON THE EXCEL CAPITAL PROJECT

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Many in our community are aware of the previous bids for the EXCEL capital project coming in much higher than anticipated. The Board, the administration, our construction management firm, and our architects worked very closely together to create new specifications and cut back on the scope of the original project. The amended project includes safety upgrades (including emergency lighting, infrastructure improvements, and fire alarm work) and renovations to the theater. The fitness center and some ventilation renovations had to be removed from the original project due to the previous bid amounts.

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We are now scheduled to open bids on March 5th, 2009 with acceptance by the Board taking place on March 9th at a special Board meeting. If all goes as planned and the bid ranges come in as expected, work could begin as early as March 23rd. We will keep you apprised of the progress as renovations take place.

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On another note, we are currently working with the architects on an energy performance con-

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tract proposal. This is another capital project that makes energy improvements such as replacing our outmoded elementary school boilers, retrofitting the high school boilers to hot water rather than steam, and installing computer controlled sensors and valves to more efficiently control heating and reduce energy costs. We are also looking at a solar array for energy production and other improvements. An energy performance contract is a capital project that uses energy saved to pay for the project (the contractor must guarantee this or they pay the difference). **It is designed not to cost the taxpayer anything additional and is currently eligible for state aid to offset any associated debt service costs.** If we are able to develop this project, it would be of tremendous value to the District and would be done without placing an additional tax burden on our community. Such a project can be Board approved and does not require a public voting process. Information on this work in progress will be shared in the very near future.

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## YOUTH AS LEADERS GROUP DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

The Schoharie County Youth as Leaders program, developed by the Schoharie County Youth Bureau, put on a fantastic puppet show for our First, Second, and Third Graders, last month. SCS Juniors participating in the show were Jackie Hausmann, Tyler Scofield, Josh Loden, and Jeff Chilton. The show was created by the Youth as Leader's Junior Class and was based on a book by Sean Covey, *The Seven Habits of Happy Kids*. The Youth as Leaders program consists of five Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, from each of the Schoharie County Schools. The group focuses on community service projects, such as: trail clean-ups, food donation drives, community holiday event preparations, pre-school carnivals, community garden tree-planting, intergenerational programs with senior citizens, and more.

Our Schoharie Central Youth as Leaders include:

### Sophomores

Sky Aulita  
Cooper Bowersox  
Beth Cleveland  
Brooklyn Griffin  
Nick Toborg  
Perette Godin

### Juniors

Jeff Chilton  
Jacqueline Hausmann  
Josh Loden  
Emily Potter  
Tyler Scofield

### Seniors

Marianna Dow  
Justin Nieminski  
Andrew Schultz  
Jasmine Therrien  
Cassie Warbach

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## GUIDANCE NEWS

Mrs. Kenyon Grades 6 – 8  
Mrs. Czerpak Grades 9 – 12 (A-K)  
Mrs. Stewart Grades 9 – 12 (L-Z)

### Interim Reports and Report Cards

#### 3rd Quarter

**Mid-Marking Period Ends - 03/06/09 (Fri.)**

Interim Reports **Home With Students** - 03/11/09 (Wed.)

**Marking Period Ends - 04/03/09 (Thurs.)**

Report Cards **Home With Students** - 04/08/09 (Wed.)

Make up work for "Incomplete" Grades Due - 04/23/09 (Thurs.)

#### 4th Quarter

**Mid-Marking Period Ends - 05/15/09 (Fri.)**

Interim Reports **Home With Students** - 05/20/09 (Wed.)

**Marking Period Ends - 06/15/09 (Mon.)**

Report Cards Mailed – On or about July 10th

### **HOMEWORK HOTLINE** for Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9

**SCHEDULING** – Scheduling will begin in March for 10th graders and 9th graders will begin in late April. Individual appointments will be set with parents to discuss plans and options for the 2009/2010 school year. Please look for your letter regarding your student's appointment.

**ASVAB** – The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test will be given to any interested 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students on Tuesday, March 10th. The ASVAB is used by the military to place students in various military careers. The test also provides valuable information on students' interests and aptitudes to help them better make decisions for their future. Students need to sign up to take the test with their guidance counselor.

**9th Annual Career Day** – On Friday, May 15, 2009, our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will be exploring many exciting careers when local business leaders volunteer their time and career talents. More information will be provided closer to this event.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND SCREENING



Registration and Screening for children eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2009 will be held on Tuesday, March 31st and Wednesday, April 1st. A Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Cafeteria.

Eligible children must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2009. Packets will be mailed to parents of children who are on our registration list the first week in March.. If you have not received a packet, please call Mrs. Rose Wilber in the Elementary School Office at 295-6652 so we can add your child's name to our list, and a registration packet with an appointment time can be mailed to you.



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## PETITIONS AVAILABLE – SCHOHARIE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Petition forms for candidates for the Board of Education of Schoharie Central School District are now available. Two of the seven seats on the Board are up for election for the ballot on May 19th. The three-year terms of Bill Schlieder and Carol Ann Wilber will expire on June 30, 2009.

Candidates must be residents of the Schoharie Central School District for at least one year, be 18 years of age or older, and a U.S. Citizen. To obtain a petition either stop in to see Rose Wilber, the District Clerk, in the Elementary School Office, or request one by mail by calling Mrs. Wilber at 295-6652. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Petitions must be signed by at least 25 eligible school district residents and they must be returned to the District Clerk by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 20th.



## SCHOHARIE BOARD TO HOLD BUDGET FORUM ON MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

The Schoharie Central School District Board of Education has scheduled a public forum regarding the tentative 2009-10 school budget. The forum will be conducted prior to the board meeting on Wednesday, March 18h.

This public session will be held in the High School Cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m.

“The forum will be an opportunity for the residents of the district to express their opinions regarding the school district budget for next year,” said Mr. Brian Sherman, Superintendent of Schools. “The Board is very interested in listening to members of the public with regard to the financial plan of the district.”

During the forum on March 18th, Mr. Sherman and Board members will make a presentation on the budget and then there will be an opportunity for citizens to make comments or ask questions.

## HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY OPEN FOR COMMUNITY USE



The High School Library is open for public use Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Feel free to come 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 donations which make 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, 2008 - May 19, 2009 when school is in session. Come check out what the Schoharie Jr./Sr. High School Library has to offer!

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# “LES MISERABLES” WELL UNDER WAY AT SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL



The Schoharie Central School Performing Arts will be staging the Broadway smash hit, “Les Miserables” as this year’s annual musical. This stage version of “Les Miserables” is specifically written for high school production and is referred to as “Les Miserables” School Edition. “Les Miserables” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019. The musical will be presented in the Schoharie High School Auditorium on Friday March 20 and Saturday March 21, 2009 at 7:30pm and Sunday March 22, 2009 at 2:00pm.

Production is well underway with both students and staff rehearsing, designing sets, building sets, and painting sets. As is always the case at Schoharie Central School many teachers, students, and community members have pitched in to make this tremendously challenging show a success. The cast members as well as the staff members are looking forward to bringing this show to life on the Schoharie Central School stage.

The powerful story spans the years 1815-1832 and is based on the Victor Hugo novel of the same name. This story chronicles the life of Jean Valjean imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread for his sister’s starving children. He is released from the chain gang and suffers the hard realities of life as an ex-con. Jean Valjean jumps parole and resurfaces years later as an upstanding citizen befriending Fantine and becoming foster parent to her daughter after Fantine’s death. Faced with many of life’s most difficult choices along the way Jean Valjean maintains his integrity. The complex and dramatic story includes the famous student uprising at a barricade in Paris during 1832. The story closes bringing a stirring message in the hope of a better future for all.

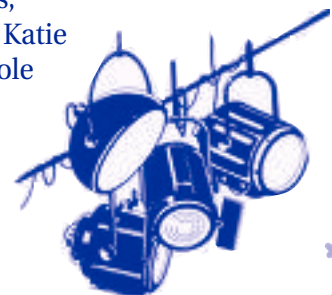
The most challenging aspect of this show is the fact that it is performed entirely in song. This non-stop performance design has created numerous other challenges for the cast and staff of this show. The stirring musical score includes “I Dreamed a Dream”, “The Innkeeper’s Song (Master of the House)”, “Do You Hear the People Sing”, and “Bring Him Home”. These are just a few of the many lasting songs of this moving score.

The production staff consists of Directors Mark Pracher & Betsy Macomber, Vocal Advisor Paul Lomax, Set Construction by Jerome Snyder, Scenery and Set Design by Eric Calvino & Leah Schaefer, and Costuming by Debbie Schaffer. The rehearsal accompanist is Mary-Jane Bianchine.

The students who make up the cast of this very challenging show are: Jeffrey Chilton as Jean Valjean, Emily Bryant as Fantine, Karen Butler as Cosette, Tyler Scofield as Marius, Casey Robinson-Bullock as Eponine, Samuel Tavenner as Javert, Emily Slurff as Madame Thenardier, Mark deRoziere as Thenardier. This year we are pleased to announce the addition of three elementary students performing in “Les Miserables”. They are Theresa Cater & Lily Caza as Young Cosette & Young Eponine and Elizabeth DeGross as Gavroche.

Rounding out this talented cast are Lucas Baumann, Andrew Schultz, Cody Robinson-Bullock, Will Simone, Noah Kosloske, Michael Snyder, Sky Aulita, Beth Cleveland, Abigayle Piechnik, Jessica Jones, Hannah Spies, Gus McGiver, Jacob Monsees, Mark Roberts, Byron Meadows, Terence Bevins, Tyler Plyem, Cassandra Marshall, Morgan Archer, Julia Weiss, Gabby Toborg, Emily Potter, Mark Roberts, Katelyn Jaqueway, Kate Berdan, Hannah Motschmann, Tyler Schultz, Douglas Monsees, Kailey Loucks, Rylee Francis, Deanna Loucks, Megan Thorington, Audrey Slezak, Jon Monsees, Jami Haynes, Jena Haynes, Eileen Quandt, Dehlia Piechnik, Stephanie Polukort, Melanie Junge, Becky Snyder, Katie Farineau, Jackie Hausmann, Marcy Price, Emma Slezak, Tanwarat Nualmanee, Nicole Mooney, Sarah Sprague, Megan Hagadone, and Irmaris Bushnell.

Tickets may be purchased beginning Monday March 9, 2009 by calling Schoharie Central School @ 295-6601 or by contacting any cast member. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices will be Adults/Seniors \$6 and Students \$5.



# UPCOMING EPTSO EVENTS

MEETING – MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM

ELEMENTARY ROLLERSKATING – APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> 7:00PM

MEETING – APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE – APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM - 9:00PM

MEETING – MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM

## SAVE THE DATE

ZITI DINNER FUNDRAISER  
TO BENEFIT THE

SCHOHARIE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

APRIL 3, 2009

4:00 – 6:30 PM

SCHOHARIE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



### Prepaid Lunch Ticket Prices for 2008-09

#### Elementary

1 Week \$8.75

2 Weeks \$17.50



#### Jr/Sr High

5 day ticket \$10.00

4 day ticket \$8.00

3 day ticket \$6.00

2 day ticket \$4.00



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#### S.C.S. LUNCH MENU

##### 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: \$.45  
1% chocolate, 1% strawberry,  
white: whole, sklm & lowfat

Elementary Breakfast . . . . . \$1.00  
Jr./Sr. High School Breakfast . \$1.25  
Elementary Lunch . . . . . \$1.75  
High School Lunch . . . . . \$2.00  
Second Entree . . . . . \$1.00  
Snacks . . . . . \$.60

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