



# Home-School Connection

## October 2024



### Dates to Remember

October 1st EPTSO meeting  
October 9th Bike/Walk to School  
October 11 Emergency Release Drill-10 minutes early  
October 14 **Columbus Day-No School**  
October 21 Boosterthon Kickoff  
October 31 Halloween Parade 9am  
November 1 FUN Run

### Absence Excuse

In the event your child is absent from school, please send in a written note on the day he/she returns to school to excuse him/her, as required by NYS law. If you have communicated the absence(s) to the nurse, it is **NOT** an excused absence, a written excuse is still needed. Please include in the note the date(s) of absence(s) and the reason for the absence(s). It is school policy that if an excuse is not received within three days of absence, it will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

### EPTSO Corner

**E**lementary-October means our 5th Annual Pumpkin Carving contest for students and staff. There will be prizes by grade and some special categories this year. Submissions can be emailed to [schoharieeptso@gmail.com](mailto:schoharieeptso@gmail.com) by October 30th. Happy creating!

**P**arents-we are partnering with First New York Bank to renew our commitment to financial literacy. Student banking is making a comeback at Schoharie! Watch for fliers to come home toward the end of the month to get your child signed up.

**T**eachers-fall is a hectic, sugar fueled time! Thank you for your hard work and patience, you are amazing. Please reach out to the EPTSO if we can be of assistance. Funding requests are in the office and feel free to email us anytime.

**S**tudents-the Little Free Library continues to have new books and prizes in it all the time. Check it out! We hope to have you ride or walk to school with us on October 9th, leaving from the Schoharie Free Library for National Bike to School Day. And of course Boosterthon is just a couple weeks away! Make sure to join in the school spirit that is planned.

**O**rganization-our general body meeting is October 1st 6pm at the Schoharie Free Library. Join us to learn more about the fun things to come. You can have a say in the programs we help support and offer for our students.

### FROM MRS. POLIKOSKI, THE PRINCIPAL

We are so grateful to have our students back at school with us. September was a busy month of learning routines and developing classroom communities where children can be taught at their instructional level. We appreciate the efforts all members of our community have made to make the start of school a great one!

Our Capital Project is in full swing. The '76 gym, cafeteria, and library are well into the demolition phase. The construction workers have done an excellent job of working in a way that doesn't create a lot of disruption to our school.

Please remember that students must arrive at school by 8:00 in the morning. We appreciate your timeliness, which allows us to ensure everyone can learn and do their jobs to the best of their ability.

After school programs have started up for students in grades 3-5. Students are enjoying a variety of opportunities including Just Run, Adventure Club, choir, and intramurals.

October is National Bully Prevention Month. At the elementary age, there is a lot of learning to be done on how to prevent and stop bullying. The most important thing you can ask your child if they talk to you about bullying is, "Who did you tell?" If we don't know, we can't stop it. Together, we can.

### Message from Your School Nurse:

If your student had an annual physical over the summer, please request that a copy is sent to the School Nurse. It can be faxed to 518-295-9506, or sent in with your student to bring to the School Nurse.

The Schoharie County Health Department will be offering a Free Flu Clinic on Wednesday, 10/23/24, from 3-5 pm at SCS. Anyone 6 months and older are eligible to receive a vaccine. Call the SCDOH at 518-295-8474, with any questions.

SCS has a Community Clothing Closet located in both school buildings. If your family has a need, please reach out to the School Nurse or Social Worker for assistance.

The colder weather will soon be upon us and the kiddos will be playing outside! If your child has a need for winter outerwear, please reach out to the School Nurse or Social Worker for assistance.

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