



Message from the Board of Education

Hello,

As many of you well know, the highest responsibility we have as a school is the health and safety of our students and staff. Given the multitude of different activities and environments that our students are involved with from transportation to athletics it is no easy task to accomplish. The administrators, teachers, and staff of the School District do an excellent job for our children. On occasion we get concerns expressed by parents, citizens, staff members and our own school board members that, as they are brought to our attention, need to be addressed with either a reminder to staff, an announcement to parents, or a change in policy or procedure. You will see in at least two locations in this newsletter reminders and procedure changes to address a recent concern for the safety of students exiting our dances in the cafeteria. This circumstance, brought to our attention by a parent, involved parents in cars arriving to pick up students exiting a middle school dance that formed two lanes of cars headed down the hill at the bridge entrance picking up kids. The mixture of running, moving vehicles, darting kids and impatience, is a recipe for disaster. I hope that the remedy being suggested by the Middle/High School Principals will be accepted and followed. As many of you know I have been a staunch advocate of safety and prevention behaviors for our students and staff for over 30 years. Sometimes it is worthwhile to take the opportunity to remind ourselves of some of the areas we are all responsible for relative to the safety of our School District. Please keep in mind this list is not all-inclusive and is simply meant as a reminder of things we may forget or take for granted.

- You cannot pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights and may only proceed after the lights have turned off and the bus begins moving.

- There is no smoking on the School Campus.
- The school has a marked fire lane that follows the sidewalk around the Elementary School, and the Middle/High School. It is against the law to park, stop, or stand in a fire lane.
- Handicapped parking spots are for vehicles with legally acquired handicapped identifiers. This law applies at all hours including extracurricular activities.
- The fire alarm systems in our school building are for early warning and your safety. It is critical that they be taken seriously and that everyone exit the building when they sound.
- Just as we have fire alarms and fire drills at school we also need to have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and a practiced fire escape plan at home.
- The best way to address drug and alcohol abuse is to set a responsible adult example and to be willing and open to have honest conversations with our students and children.
- The School District has provided significant parking areas to accommodate employees, parents and visitors and it is amazing to me how many people avoid using the parking lots and will park in driveways, fire lanes and handicapped zones. This behavior is not only a bad practice should an emergency vehicle need access to an area of the school but sets a poor example for our students.

Lastly, let me emphasize that the students of the District are all our children and their safety and well being is all of our responsibility, so if we notice an activity or a behavior that is unsafe we all need to be willing to step up and say something or if necessary do something to assure that each of them has the opportunity to graduate and be successful in life.

Thank you for having wonderful kids,

Douglas Shattuck, Board of Education President

S-E Presents

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

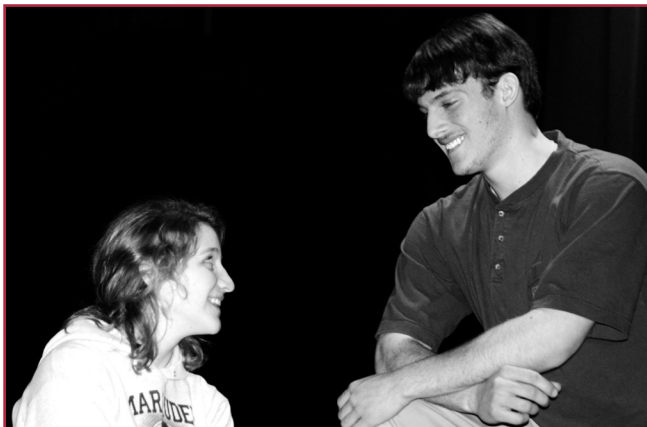
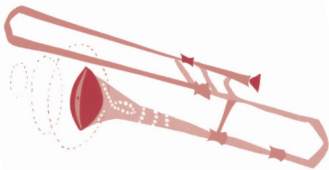


March 12-13, 2010

7:30 PM

MS/HS Auditorium

For 50 years *The Sound of Music* has filled the hearts of theatre goers around the world. In honor of its Golden Anniversary audiences will once again enjoy the inspiring story and glorious melodies which have made Rodgers and Hammerstein's great Broadway musical a theatrical legend!



Autism Spectrum Support Group

Please join us Monday, March 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our Elementary Library Classroom to engage in an overview of the book *Ten Things Every Child With Autism Wishes You Knew* by Ellen Notbohm. This initial meeting will cover ten challenges that students on the spectrum can face and provide suggestions, ideas, and resources that may help support your child/children in school, home and the community. This Support Group is intended for any family who resides in the Sherburne-Earlville School District, with a child in pre-school through 12th grade.

Childcare will be available. A special activity and a snack will be provided for all children.

Please RSVP by March 1, if you would like to receive a copy of *Ten Things Every Child With Autism Wishes You Knew* by Ellen Notbohm by calling 674-7347.

We look forward to your attendance, your input, and your time.

Granny Awards

On Thursday, January 21, the third grade chorus performed the musical, *The Granny Awards* for family and friends. It was a comical story line with a fairy tale spin on The Grammys. There were special *nominees* who had their moment of fame as well as some soloists and solo groups and there were even commercials! A total of 82 students were on the stage dressed-up and ready to be part of a show that will hopefully remain a fond memory of their elementary years.

—Kylie Davis



Elementary Band Room

2010 has started on a high note in the Elementary School. We are in the new Elementary Band room. Following a very successful holiday concert, the Elementary Band prepared to move into the new addition at our school.

The spring of 2009 was exciting as digging, cement trucks, and block walls going up signaled the band room addition was underway. At the beginning of the new school year, December became the target month for completion of construction. We watched very closely as our new space was built. *All we want for Christmas is the new band room* was the song for our holiday season.

The move happened during Christmas break. Instruments were moved into new cabinets. Chairs and stands for 150 students were rolled into the room. January 4, the band room opened for making music and our Elementary Musicians are doing just that.

From the first lesson with Renea Palmer Monday morning, to band rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon with 100 chairs and students followed by jazz band after school, our student musicians are making beautiful music. No more band rehearsals in the Elementary Cafeteria on lunch benches or chorus rehearsals sitting on the floor.

The state of the art technology available to our students is greatly appreciated. We have the capability of recording our ensembles in a snap to provide instant feedback and to analyze progress. The room has carefully designed acoustics for listening to music and making music a pleasure. Large windows bring plenty of natural light into the room.

Sherburne-Earlville Central School District has a rich music heritage. This addition to the Elementary School will help to continue the tradition of excellence in music education at S-E in the years to come.

—Jonna Bartlett



Before — in the Cafeteria.



After — in our new Band Room.

Parking Areas

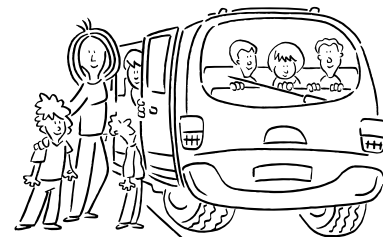
When visiting the school, attending an evening activity or an athletic event, please park in the designated areas. Cars should not be parked in the unmarked driveway areas especially at the Auditorium and Middle School.

The Chenango County Sheriff's Department and the Sherburne Village Police patrol the grounds for purposes of insuring compliance with the District's parking and fire lane regulations.

If you are parked illegally, you could receive a ticket, have your car towed, or both.

Student Pick-up from Events

Several safety concerns have come to our attention regarding dismissal of students at the end of middle school dances. These safety concerns include parked/standing cars that are blocking driveways and fire lanes, as well as concerns about students crossing the road or driveway to get to a parent's vehicle. In order to address these safety issues, all middle school dances and fun nights will now dismiss at the High School flagpole entrance. All parents are asked to park their vehicle in a designated parking spot in the High School parking lot when picking up a child. Please walk to the door to pick up your child. In this way, children will not be walking around the parking lot looking for you. Please do not park/stand curbside, as it is a designated fire lane. As always, adult chaperones will be outside during dance dismissal, to help ensure student safety. We appreciate your help with this matter and look forward to seeing your child at the next dance.



French Club/Class Happenings

FALL '09

The HS French Club began the year with the annual "Fete d'Automne" in October. Traditionally the harvest season is celebrated in France; in particular the grape harvest is imminent in many parts of Europe. During this gathering students enjoyed decadent Chocolate Mousse cake and a Strawberry Shortcake purchased at the French bakery in Norwich, La Maison Blanche. Students played a French version of lotto and prizes were distributed to the winners.

In November, HS French 4 students, together with Mr. Vaughn and the HS Art Club, traveled to the Everson Museum. The Everson was offering an exhibit from a collection of Impressionistic Artwork titled "From Turner to Cezanne." Students witnessed a range of artistic styles from this period, while remarkably viewing the masterpieces within a distance of a few inches. French and Art Club members concluded their trip with a brief but delicious lunch at the nearby Italian restaurant, Pastabilities.

December was a busy month, beginning with the annual visit of the French 4 class to Ms. O'Connor's third grade. The French 4 class introduced Ms. O'Connor's third grade class to French language and culture during the holiday season. The HS students first explained the events that traditionally occur in France during this season. The younger students learned French vocabulary, and created a French ornament. The session concluded with a French vocabulary lotto game. Best of all, students were treated to the traditional French Christmas log cake baked by **Lulu Riley**, a student in the French 4 class.

Prior to the December Break, some members of the HS French Club participated in an after school celebration and viewing of the award winning 2005 French film, *Joyeux Noël*. This film is a true story about the World War I truce of December 1914 between French and Scottish troops and their German adversaries.

In the classroom, French 3 classes added some humor to their learning. Class teams created and performed skits about the impending holiday. On the final day of classes French 3 and 4 classes were fortunate to be visited by two former S-E students, who recently spent a college semester abroad. Caty Pfohl completed an Internship in Grenoble and then Paris, France. Alex Erath completed her semester internship in Scotland. Both girls spent time together traveling and spending memorable moments in France. In particular, they were most impressed by their visit to Normandy. Caty and Alex have developed outstanding fluency with the French language, as well as an appreciation and understanding of other cultures. The presentation, replete with photos and humorous anecdotes, was designed to interest and inspire French 3 and 4 students to consider a study abroad experience.

There was one *sour* note. French 3 students in Mod 9 staged a sit-down strike, when they were unable to eat *gaufres* (waffles in English) as the previous class had done. It added some more humor to learning and concurrently, students learned the French word *grève* (strike) through personal experience.

The year 2010 will hopefully provide other opportunities for French language and culture enrichment for HS French club members, and classes.

—Janice Bays

Letters from Santa

On December 23, a special call came in for the students of Mrs. Lindoerfer's pre-first telling them that they had a special delivery from the North Pole in the office. Excitement filled the air as the children awaited the delivery. The students cheered with delight when the envelope finally arrived. The students each received a personal letter from Santa. A partner from Miss Davis' 5th grade class helped them read their letters. After the letters were read, the group enjoyed homemade gingerbread cookies and had time to interact with their partners. This was a great experience for all and a great way to share the holiday spirit with others.

—Stacey Davis,
Peg Lindoerfer



CSO Holiday Bazaar

The annual Elementary Holiday Bazaar was a huge success again this year. The children so enjoy the whole experience. It's always very exciting to be a part of this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their assistance:

The S-E Middle School Life Skills Class and **Tobie Hess** for assisting with collecting all the donations and working the event.

Carrie Davis, MS Art Teacher and Marissa Doing for the beautiful holiday murals they drew.

Maggie Fitzpatrick for all of her assistance with the informational flyers to the families.

The Elementary School Cafeteria Staff and Custodial Staff for all of their assistance. Their hospitality is always immeasurable.

The entire S-E community and staff for again donating such beautiful items.

I would also like to thank the following individuals for working and/or providing assistance: Majel Alishauskas, Katie Baker, Valerie Bradley, Gloria Britton, Annie Campbell, Carolyn Clark, Susan Cross, Ruth Davis, Sheila Davis, Marge Depta, Lisa Doughty, Brittney Gale, Gabby Gale, Danielle Goedel, Christie Hanyon, Aimee Howard, Molly Khoury, Brenda Lagoe, Peg Lindoerfer, Patty Lynch, Lindsay Manwarren, Marni Manwarren, Thomas Marvin, Carmela Minckler, Heather Oley, Sonya Parry, Lee Perrin, Cade Shea, Jake Wansor, Johanna Wansor and Suzanne Winton.

In closing, if you have never participated in this extremely rewarding event, please consider joining us next year! To find out more about our Holiday Bazaar, or to assist us throughout the school year with any of our other programs, you can visit our website at <http://community.secsd.org/cso>, or e-mail me at, doingt@secsd.org. We always welcome new faces and ideas.

—Terri Doing



Wicked, A New Musical



Seventy S-E Middle and High School music students and their chaperones experienced the Broadway Musical *Wicked* on Saturday, January 16, when they traveled to the Mulroy Civic Center in Syracuse. *Wicked*, which features music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell*, *Pippin*, Academy Award winner for *Pocahontas* and *The Prince of Egypt*) tells the story of how “long before Dorothy dropped in, two other girls meet in the Land of Oz. One, born with emerald green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. How these two unlikely friends end up as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch makes for the most spellbinding new musical in years.” This production featured superb performances, a live orchestra and fantastic sets.

Many thanks to the S-E School District for supporting this unique musical event.

School Tax Number

For Income Tax purposes, the Sherburne-Earlville Central School Tax Number is 582.

National Honor Society

Sherburne-Earlville High School National Honor Society held its Induction Ceremony for new members on January 12, 2010. Twenty-three new members were inducted.

Congratulations to all the new members!

—Heather Dunshee



Front row (l-r): Haley Paul, Victoria Robertson, Ashley Rundell, Cassandra Lathrop, Alexandra Riley, Wendy Wynn, Kayla Geier; middle row: Tammie Crane, Bridget Irwin, Daniel Bagnall, Zachery Martin, Daniel Palmiter, Rachel Bradley, Veronica Taylor; back row: Matthew Piazzi, Brian Martin, Joelle Clark, Sophia Eddy, Margaret Dushko, Emilee Smith, Claire Khoury
Missing from photo: Rhianna Morgan, Hannah Baker

Holiday Fun!



December was a busy and fun-filled month for the 1st grade! On December 16, the 1st grade participated in a Gingerbread Day. It was a day of rolling dough, cookie cutting, baking, decorating paper gingerbread houses, decorating the cookies and of course, eating our gingerbread cookies! This day incorporated many curriculum skills such as following directions/recipes, reading gingerbread books, and graphing which cookie parts were bitten first.

Then, on December 23, the 1st grade celebrated the holiday season with a full day dedicated to The Polar Express. This was part of our social studies unit on the Celebration of Lights. The first grade students and teachers wore their pajamas and had their very own Polar Express train tickets. We all enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies, while watching a private screening of the Tom Hanks' movie in our classrooms. It was an enjoyable and very comfortable day for all and we look forward to the next Polar Express Day!

—Stacy Jusaniec

FIRST Robotics Team #145 Kick's Off Season

The Chenango County FIRST TR-X 145 Robotics Team recently held their 2010 kick-off at the Norwich Senior High School. Through a live feed provided by NASA, originating from Manchester, NH, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9, the team learned of the new challenge for 2010 along with other teams nationwide.

The FIRST Robotics competition challenges teams of young people and their mentors to solve a problem in a six-week time frame and build a robot using a standard *kit of parts* and a common set of rules.

Team #145 has 23 students and 12 mentors that meet Monday through Saturday, during the six-week build season in an effort to build a robot that meets the specifications set by the National FIRST leaders. During the NASA sponsored feed, speakers such as FIRST Founder Dean Kamen, spoke of the future of these aspiring technology and science students while learning skills that will last a lifetime.

The local robotics team has won a number of honored awards such as: the Rockwell International Innovation in Controls Award, Best Sportsmanship, the GM Industrial Design Award and the Judges Award. The team will be traveling to Rochester Institute of Technology on March 5 and 6 for their regional competition. If you are interested in learning more about the FIRST #145 team, visit the website at www.trx145.net or www.usfirst.org.

To check out this year's game animation, go to <http://robotics.nasa.gov/first/2010/animation/BreakawayMed.wmv>.

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U Rock! Awards

Congratulations to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade U Rock! Award winners for the 10-week marking period at the Middle School.

These students were selected by the respective grade level teachers, for academic achievement and citizenship recognition. These awards are given out quarterly.

U Rock! Awards are sponsored by the Sherburne-Earlville Community Schools Organization. Each student receives an award certificate and a free ice cream treat from Gilligan's.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

—Valerie Bradley



Grade 6—front row (l-r): Tyler Rodriguez, Social Studies; Sofie Pinney, Math; Shanae Wright, Science; Brandon Lambert, Math; back row: Colleen Bradley, Social Studies; Annie Albertina, Science; Jack Buell, Language Arts; Dale Bolinger, Language Arts



Grade 7—front row (l-r): Mandi LaClair, Spanish; Madeline DuBois, Science; Marissa Geier, Social Studies; Erin Lawrence, Science; Derek Wright; back row: Ian Benedict, Spanish; Allie LoPresti, French; Abigail Bohnert, English; Kimberly Crane, French; Garrett DuVall, Math; Katelin Angle, English



Grade 8—front row (l-r): Ashley Aikens, Science; middle row: Dianne Roebuck, Spanish; Sylvia Gavett, English; Ethan Kurth, Math; Nathan Piazza, English; Allison Jenne, French; Kylee Moryl, French; back row: Mikayla Solloway, English; Dakota Layne, Math; Kyle Burgess, Spanish; Zachary Sampson, Social Studies; Hannah Westbrook, Science; Jeanette Milbert, Social Studies; missing from photo: Kimberly VanCourt, English