



## Superintendent's Message

We are so fortunate at Sherburne-Earlville that the spirit of giving is part of our culture and not a one time per year event at the holidays.

There are many projects and activities that support our students each day and for that we are grateful.

We are also thankful to receive scholarships to support our students after graduation.

This year, I will be extremely proud to present a new scholarship in memory of Dr. Harry Grabstald.

This scholarship is established with the purpose of benefiting a graduating senior of Sherburne-Earlville who has the intention of entering a profession in fields of medicine or medical research.

The scholarship is inspired by the life history of Dr. Grabstald. As a boy growing up in Dallas, Texas, he had the dream to go to medical school. Upon high school graduation he won a city-wide scholarship based on good grades. He went on to medical school, and maintained an illustrious academic and clinical career as an oncological surgeon at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He was Professor of Urology at Cornell Weill Medical Center in New York. He was past president of the New York section of the American Urological Section. He was widely recognized as an authority in the field of urological cancer, and he published many articles based on his experience. As a surgeon, he was especially loved by his patients for his kindness and understanding. For thirty-four years, Dr. Grabstald and his family spent their summers in Sherburne.

It is the hope of Mrs. Grabstald, that her husband's memory be perpetuated by this scholarship, that the description of the scholarship be made available to students, and that Dr. Grabstald's name be remembered in this vicinity.

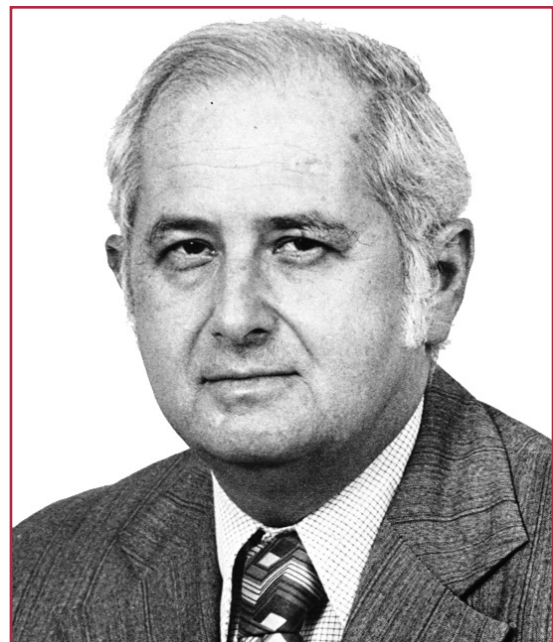
The purpose of this scholarship is to help defray the cost of the student's first year of college, in order

to permit the student to study full time without the need to work, or at least with less need to work while carrying a full course load.

The initial grant for this scholarship will be \$25,000. The fund will be placed in an interest bearing account and disbursed at a rate of 10% annually, until the fund is depleted.

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who has been accepted at a college offering basic studies preparatory to a career in a medical field, has shown credible interest in and intention to enter a medical field, has acquired a B+ cumulative average or better in high school, and has financial need such that scholarship funds would make some difference in the student's circumstances in the first year of college.

Applications will be available at the Guidance Office in January.



*Dr. Harry Grabstald*

## School Based Health Center

The providers and staff of the Bassett School Based Health Center would like to extend our thanks to Sherburne-Earlville for the wonderful new space provided for our Elementary Clinic! Everyone is encouraged to stop by and visit us at our new location next to the library, where we plan to begin seeing patients in January. For an appointment, you can still reach us at 674-8417.

—Barbara Bachman, MS, RN, FNP

## Sherburne-Earlville Central School

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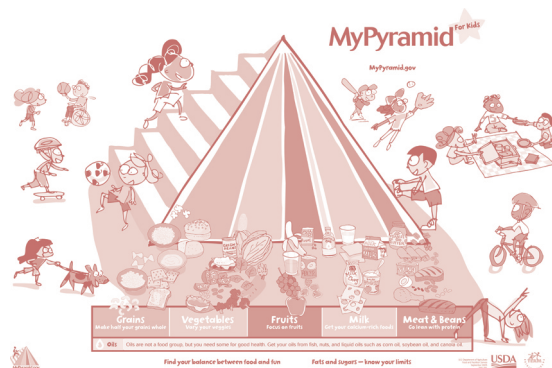
## Mini-Grant Project Completed

During last school year, S-E was awarded a service-learning mini grant through the DCMO BOCES Learn and Serve America Program. The purpose of the grant is “to support the efforts of Pre-K–12 educators with practical learning opportunities for student participants.”

The original idea was to erect outdoor fitness stations on campus. Through the efforts of the High School CAD (Computer-Aided Design) and DDP (Drawing and Design for Production) classes, taught by Scott Bugbee, the project has recently been completed. Four stations have been installed: pull-up bars, parallel bars, a balance beam and two push-up bars. The stations are located in the rear of the school. Final touches will include signage for each station. We encourage safe and proper use of this equipment by students, staff and community members alike.

Special thanks go out to Broedel Energy for additional donated materials.

—Anne Geary





## Drama Club Receives State Merit Awards

The Drama Club received notification that they are recipients of nine Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS) Roving Adjudicator Merit Awards following adjudication of their production of *Déjà vu: An Evening of One Act Plays*, performed on November 6 and 7 at the S-E High School Auditorium. Meritorious Achievement in Acting awards were given to **Claire Khoury** as she in *Men are from Milwaukee, Women are from Phoenix*; to **Rachel Walters** as Sarah in *Bed and Breakfast*; to **Haley Muth** as Dianne in *Broken Hearts*; to **Liza Taylor** as Margaret in *Broken Hearts*; and to **Mick Khoury** as Mark in *The Philadelphia*. Meritorious Achievement in Ensemble went to **Matt Smith, Mick Khoury** and **Kandace Barrows** in *The Philadelphia* and to **Tammie Crane, Joelle Clark** and **Kyle Tenney** in *After*. **Taylor Morris** received a Meritorious Achievement in Directing for *Men are from Milwaukee, Women are from Phoenix*; and **Isaac Mettler** received a Meritorious Achievement in Concept for *Day Eight: Snow Globe*.

Formal presentations of the TANYS awards were held on Saturday, November 21, during the TANYS Festival Awards Banquet in Batavia, as part of the 2009 TANYS Festival, which ran Friday through Sunday, November 20-22. For further details on the festival or the TANYS organization, go to [www.tanys.org](http://www.tanys.org).

This is a great start to the year for the Sherburne-Earlville Drama Club. Upcoming events include a fund raiser at Gilligan's on January 6. Also in January, nine drama club students **Margaret Dushko, Geana Giglio, Mary Longman, Taylor Morris, Kayla Osterndorff, Lulu Riley, Emilee Smith, Lucy Taylor** and **Hannah Weinell** will attend the NYSTEA (New York State Theatre Education Association) Student Conference. In April, the Drama Club will travel to the Michael Harms Theatre Festival in Syracuse, where they will perform two one-act plays from their fall production. Finally they will end the year with their spring production on April 30 and May 1.



**Tammie Crane and Joelle Clark** in "After"



**Mike Khoury and Matt Smith** in "The Philadelphia"



**Liza Taylor and Haley Muth** in "Broken Hearts"



**Ethan Cameron, Alyson Hicks and Eric Muth** in "Day Eight: Snow Globe"



**Claire Khoury and Eric Muth** in "Men are from Milwaukee, Women are from Phoenix"

## Marauder Cross-Country 2009

The 2009 Cross-Country program is *in the house!* Indeed they set out and proved themselves to be a powerhouse in the Center State Conference. The 27th Annual Sherburne-Earlville Invitational was successful with 14 schools in attendance. It was certainly one highlight of our season; to be on our home course and have both our #1 runners place 1st overall in the Varsity races!

Our Modified runners proved to themselves and to all that the future of our team is a positive one! They worked well with the Varsity athletes and each helped the other in terms of enthusiasm and intensity. Ultimate Frisbee has found its mark in our overall cross training and team success. We appreciate the Modified individual efforts and look forward to their return in the fall. The Girls' team members include: **Sierra Ulrich**, grade 8 and **Miranda Williams**, grade 8. The Boys' team members are: **Ian Benedict**, grade 7 and **Ryan Palmiter**, grade 8.

Though only four strong, the Varsity Girls were able to attract undeniable attention with their season performances. Coming up against some season-ending injuries, members succeeded in posting personal best times. **Sofeia Eddy** was our Varsity standout, placing 4th out of 77 at the Center State Conference League Championships, followed by 26th out of 89 at the Section III, Class C Championships! Likewise, she was named a CSC League All-Star. Varsity team members include: **Amanda Clark**, grade 9; **Sofeia Eddy**, grade 11; **Gabby Huff**, grade 9 (dual sport—Varsity Swimming); and **Erin Mahardy**, grade 10.



The Varsity Boys showed strength and determination to post a winning season. They finished 14-3 for the Center State Conference in season meets. At the CSC League Championships, they placed 6th out of 18 schools. Individual honors go to **Noah Huff**, who placed 5th out of 100 Varsity boys! Both Noah and **Dan Palmiter** were named CSC League All-Stars. Competing at the Section III Championships at Jamesville Beach County Park, Syracuse, our team finished 14th of 16 teams, with Huff placing 27th of 124 competitors. This Boys' team has formed a solid competitive foundation for next year. The Varsity team includes: **Dan Bagnall**, grade 11; **James Bennett**, grade 12; **Brian Campbell**, grade 9; **Michael Combes**, grade 11; **Ryan Downey**, grade 12 (dual sport—Varsity Soccer); **Brady Foster**, grade 9; **Noah Huff**, grade 11 (dual sport—Varsity Soccer); **Dan Palmiter**, grade 11 (Co-Captain); **Dan Stanton**, grade 11 (dual sport—Varsity Soccer) and **Jeff Verry**, grade 10 (Co-Captain).

As always, a special thanks goes out to the Board of Education, the District Administration, the Athletic Department, fellow coaches, the S-E Sports Boosters, the Building and Grounds crew, the Audiovisual Department, Cross-Country parents and faculty and staff volunteers. We appreciate the support of our faithful volunteers. We look forward to next season. Teamwork makes the dream work. Way to go S-E Cross-Country!

—Anne Geary and Melanie May, Head Coaches



## S-E Communications

To help parents and community members know the best way to communicate with the school, we have created a chain of command guideline that should be a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the order listed, your questions and concerns can be dealt with more efficiently.

For Questions About	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
<i>Academics</i>	Teacher	School Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
<i>Athletics</i>	Coach	Athletic Director	Superintendent	
<i>Behavior</i>	Teacher	Asst. Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
<i>BOE Policies</i>	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
<i>Budget</i>	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent		
<i>Building Use</i>	Supt. Bldgs. & Grounds	Building Principal	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent
<i>Cafeteria</i>	Cafeteria Manager	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	
<i>Classroom Procedures</i>	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<i>Co-Curricular</i>	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<i>Facilities</i>	Supv. Bldgs. & Grounds	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	
<i>Health Office</i>	Building Nurse	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<i>Scheduling</i>	Teacher	School Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
<i>Special Education</i>	Teacher	Building Principal	CSE Chairperson	Superintendent
<i>Transportation</i>	Bus Driver	Transportation Supv.	Building Principal	Superintendent

Superintendent .....	674-7343	Middle School Office.....	674-7350
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District Clerk.....	674-7330	Middle School Asst. Principal.....	674-7350
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Transportation Supervisor .....	674-7353	MS/HS Attendance.....	674-7325
Food Service Director.....	674-7323	Elementary Office.....	674-7336
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High School Principal.....	674-7380	Elementary Nurse .....	674-7389
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		Special Education Office.....	674-7347

## Donation

On September 21, **Bobby Marvin** donated 15 cedar benches with back supports, to the District. Bobby completed this project as a partial fulfillment of his Eagle Scout project. He was required to build a prototype, estimate materials, manage time constraints and orchestrate his troop in developing a production schedule from beginning to end. If you see Bobby, please compliment him on his workmanship and tenacity that went into the creation of these benches. Great job Bobby!





## Author Visits S-E

Dustin Warburton was our guest at the MS/HS Library. He had classes and individual students very interested in his work, as well as his life story, throughout the day.

He was born in McDonough, and graduated from Oxford Academy in 1999. While in high school, he was accepted to the New England Young Writer's Conference in Middlebury, Vermont. It is regarded as the most prestigious writing conference in the country. In 2002, Dustin won a horror-writing contest for *The Evening Sun* newspaper in Norwich. He enrolled in college in Vermont, studying writing and literature. In his third year of College his first book, *Taste*, was released. During his final semester of his senior year his 2nd book, *Strange Things*, was released. Dustin graduated College in January 2008 and is currently enrolled in Graduate School. He also works as a counselor for troubled teenage boys that are in State custody. Dustin's 3rd book, *Hill House Horror* debuted in October 2009. Our teens seemed to connect to his personal life as well as professional life, which has included competitive boxing and snowboarding. Lastly, he can be found online at [www.dustinwarburton.com](http://www.dustinwarburton.com). Dustin offered copies of his books to our library, so be sure to check out his work soon!

—Anne Geary



## Pumpkin Seeds!

Miss Pudney's kindergarten class participated in the Pumpkin Seed Count Internet project. Our goal was to guess the number of seeds in our pumpkin. After we made our guesses, we opened the pumpkin up and took out all the *goeey* insides. Thank you Mr. Pearce! We put the seeds into groups of 10 and counted them all. Our grand total was 680 seeds! To check out our project, go to: <http://ess.secsd.org/teachers/pudneyp/pumpkinseed2/>.



## Constitution Day

On September 17, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. McDowell's fifth grade class celebrated Constitution Day by learning about the U.S. Constitution and signing our class constitution with a quill pen. The U.S. Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787.



*Pictured is Robert Osborne signing his name.*

## Grade 6 Activities



*No more burn barrels bulletin board—  
Environmental Studies*



*Studying population size/  
Counting Turtles Lab—Grade 6 Science*



*Hat Day in the Middle School*

## Reading Buddies

Mrs. Lindridge's class recently visited the Sherburne Cooperative Nursery School to be the children's reading buddies. Upon arrival, the nursery school class shared a snack with their new reading buddies. Afterward one of the nursery school students gave an impromptu concert when she broke out into *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*. She was the star of the moment and everyone gave her a round of applause. The children then broke into small reading groups with the 3rd graders reading to the nursery school students. They assisted the children in completing an activity sheet. There was enough time left for the children to play together for a few minutes before the reading buddies and their teacher had to head back to school. The nursery school children had a wonderful time with their reading buddies and are looking forward to having them visit again.

—Eric Turner





## Chenango Chargers Soccer

Congratulations to the S-E Chenango Chargers U-12 co-ed soccer team for their outstanding achievements this fall season! The U-12 soccer team started the season in perfect fashion as they won their first three games leading up to the Chenango Cup Soccer Tournament in Oxford. During the tournament, the S-E Chargers soccer team won its first three games and was seeded first in the playoff round. In an exciting final game, the team came from behind after being down a goal and won the Chenango Cup in overtime! Following their Chenango Cup Tournament success, the team finished the season undefeated sweeping their final three games. Congratulations to the S-E U-12 Chenango Chargers soccer players for their outstanding season!

Special congratulations and thank you to the U-12 coaches Duane Britton and Peter Karaman for their time, energy, encouragement, sacrifice and success. Another special thank you to Rich Lathrop for organizing and running the Chenango Chargers Program. The last special thank you goes out to all our coaches who make our S-E Chenango Chargers soccer program for all age levels a success! The overall success of our S-E soccer program from SAYSO, to the Fall Chenango Chargers program, to our Modified through Varsity programs begins with you! Thanks to all!

—Mike Rodriguez



**CONGRATULATIONS  
EVERYONE ON A  
JOB WELL DONE!**

## All-Star Honorees

Congratulations are in order for **Eric Muth**, **Kerry Van Althuis** and **Carter Cole** for being selected to the Center State Conference Division II All-Star Soccer Team. In meetings held on November 19 in Frankfort, the CSC Division II coaches recognized these three Marauder soccer players for their excellence. Senior Forward **Eric Muth** led the S-E soccer program in scoring with six goals and four assists. Senior Defender **Kerry Van Althuis** led all S-E defenders in points with two goals and three assists. Freshmen Midfielder **Carter Cole** led the team with five assists and added three goals. Honorable Mentions were also given to Senior Defender **Ryan Downey** and Freshmen goalkeeper **Sam Caton** (two shutouts).

More good news came out of the Frankfort CSC Soccer meetings! Due to a miscommunication from the League Representative to the CSC Coaches, it was believed that league crossover games would be counted as part of the 2009 league record. In the league meeting this miscommunication was corrected. Only division league games would count toward the league record. Therefore, the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team improved their division league standings and finished in Second Place with a 3-2-1 record. Congratulations to the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team for their second place finish within league/division play!

—Mike Rodriguez

## Yearbook News

Don't miss out on the memories—order a yearbook today! All of the information you need, including pricing and deadline dates, is at [www.secsd.org](http://www.secsd.org), click on high school or middle school, then click on yearbook. Downloadable order forms for yearbooks, holiday gift certificates and senior friends and family ads are all available on the website. If you need additional information, please feel free to call 674-8424 and leave a message.

Also, make time to check out the *Marauder Minute* online. Go to [www.secsd.org](http://www.secsd.org), click on news, then click on *The Marauder Minute*. Enjoy!



# Sherburne-Earlville Central School

## Wall of Fame Nomination Form

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School Wall of Fame is designed to honor the many S-E graduates and staff members who have made significant contributions to humanity, improved the quality of life, or achieved noteworthy recognition in their career or education.

The 2009 inaugural class of four honorees is just the first of many to come. The District's selection committee invites nominations for future honorees from all members of the Sherburne-Earlville community. We thank you in advance for your help in the selection process.

### Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Nominees need not currently reside in the District, but they must be . . .
  - graduates of Sherburne-Earlville (or its predecessors) from the class of 1999 or earlier
- or
- school personnel who has served the District for at least five years.

### Other guidelines:

- Nominees may be deceased.
- Individuals may not nominate themselves.
- A limited number of nominees will be honored each year. If a nominee is not chosen in a given year, he or she will be re-considered in subsequent years. The selection committee and the S-E administration reserve the right to decide which nominees will be honored.

**Deadline for 2009-2010 nominations: January 15, 2010**

**Before discussing the nominee on the back of this form, please give us information about yourself.**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee information:

Nominee name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation (if S-E alumnae): \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of employment in the District (if staff member): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please discuss in detail (on the back of this form) why this individual should be honored on the S-E Wall of Fame**  
(attach more sheets if necessary).





## FIRST Robotics Team Attends PBS *Gearing Up* Presentation

The Chenango County FIRST T-RX 145 Robotics Team recently attended a special free preview that chronicled the behind-the-scenes drama and excitement of the 2008 FIRST Robotics competition.

*Gearing Up* focuses on four teams heading for the 2008 FIRST Robotics Regional Competition: Miss Daisy, a seasoned team from Ambler, Pennsylvania; RoboDoves, a small, all-girl rookie team from Baltimore; Rambotics, a team of teenaged felons incarcerated at the Ridge View correctional facility for boys in Watkins, Colorado; and Ratchet Rockers, a group of suburban kids from Wentzville, Missouri. Each team raised money for a robot kit, issued by FIRST. Each kit has identical parts, but no real instructions. The idea is for each team to create a unique robot capable of performing the same, predetermined challenge.

The documentary details the triumphs and disasters teams encounter as they share ideas, discuss their designs and work out technical challenges while racing to complete their robots in time for the competition. One team celebrates finishing their robot two weeks early, while another gets a slow start complicated by three students who escape from school. Students on the Missouri team express doubts that their robot will even work, while the fourth team contends with a robot that must lose five pounds overnight to meet eligibility requirements.

Sponsored by WSKG-TV, Corning Science and Technology Division and the Corning Robotics Community, the screening was to reinforce the value of learning and the joy of competition and teamwork. The annual competition enjoys support from FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), as well as from the STEM project, a national initiative supporting science, technology, engineering, and math education.

The local T-RX 145 team was also featured in a brief 10-minute video that was shot during the 2009 build season and the Rochester competition, which is still in production for air at a later date.

Students from team 145 who attended the preview said, "It was awesome and fun. We learned problem solving skills, and that all types of organizations can put together a FIRST team, not just a school." They discovered that most teams were no different as far as problems they incur and engineering ideas that may or may not work when the robot actually begins the competition. One T-RX student said, "major malfunctions may arise prior or during a competition, and as a team you still need to find a way to repair it or temporarily fix it and move on."

If you are interested in learning more about the FIRST #145 team, and attend Norwich, Sherburne or Unadilla Valley schools, call Dave Sheldon at 226-2170 or visit the national website at [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org).



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