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Tom Strain Earns State-wide Recognition

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There are approximately 700 school districts in New York State. Tom Strain, Sherburne-Earlville's Assistant Superintendent for Business, is one of only 56 in New York to obtain this designation! Congratulations, Tom, for this achievement.



Donnison a Hero Over February Break



Sophomore **Brad Donnison** traveled to Florida over February break. He went with a few friends as well as his diving instructor, Bob Mickler. One night they all decided to go for a night dive. Bob found a catfish hole about 400 yards into the river and everyone proceeded to dive down to it. Suddenly, Bob started breathing heavily, and he swam to the surface. Brad went up to help him when he noticed that Bob was coughing up blood and foam. Brad instinctively pulled Bob out of the water and into their boat. Then he took him to shore and brought him to his hotel room. Brad took off Bob's wet suit so that he could breathe better. An ambulance was called and Bob was taken to a hospital in Tampa. Bob received triple bypass surgery a few days later. Brad knew what to do because he had taken Bob's stress and rescue course as well as the life-guarding class here at S-E. He has been taking courses from Bob for the past two years. If it had not been for Brad, Bob may not have recovered. The Sherburne-Earlville school and community are proud of you, Brad!

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Elementary Spring Concert Change of Date

May 18, 2004

MS/HS Auditorium

6:30 p.m.

Third Grade Chorus

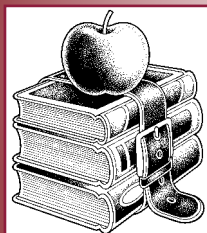
7:30 p.m.

Four/Five Chorus followed
by Four/Five Band



— Megan McDowell

Reminder



Signed excuses must be submitted to the Attendance Office as soon as possible after a student returns to school from an absence, as per State Education Law.

Sherburne-Earlville Central School

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Elementary Music Department

Saturday, March 20, 19 fifth grade band students traveled to Cortland to participate in a New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo and Small Ensemble Festival. These young musicians have been practicing their solos and duets, memorizing scales and drum rudiments, and learning how to sight read for this competition. Our musicians all scored very well receiving an "Excellent" (Exceptional level of accomplishment), "Outstanding" (Distinguished level of accomplishment) rating, or "Good" (Above Average). Congratulations to all of our elementary musicians.

The Elementary Spring Concert date has been changed to Tuesday, May 18, 2004. This is the same day as the school district budget vote. The concert will be in the auditorium at the MS/HS school. The Third Grade Chorus will perform at 6:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m. is the starting time for the Four/Five Chorus presentation followed directly by the Four/Five Band. Our elementary musicians are looking forward to their upcoming concert.

— Jonna Bartlett

Guest Readers in Kindergarten



Guest readers in Nancy Heck's Kindergarten class this week were four members of the Colgate Hockey Team. Daryll McKinnon, Adam Mitchell, Dave Thomas and Steve Silverthorn, read Canadian author Robert Munsch stories to the class. After singing and dancing together with the kids, the team members gave each student an autographed program from the Hockey Team. Go Gate!

— Nancy Heck





PARP Castle



The innovative Mr. Rich Gale helped Mrs. Brunick's class create a fantastic castle for PARP. The castle walls were formed with blocks made of painted cardboard and the children made kings, queens, "Jack" with his beanstalk, and dragons to complete the scene. Favorite fairy tales such as *Rapunzel*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *The Frog Prince*, *Cinderella* and others were read to the children during the PARP experience. Mr. Gale deserves a round of applause for his contribution!

— Susan Brunick

Attention Parents!

There are still many sixth graders who have not yet completed the Hepatitis B immunizations. This must be done PRIOR to the start of seventh grade! If the student is enrolled in the School Based Health Center they may receive the immunizations at no cost to the parent, when written permission has been obtained.

Many students have still NOT returned their signed Health History forms to the Health Office. The sports physical CANNOT be done without this permission. Those students planning to play a fall sport must have a physical ON FILE in the Health Office by the end of this school year to participate in preseason in August. Physical exams are not done at school over the summer months. Therefore, students without physical exams on file by June must get a physical with their OWN doctor, at the parent's expense. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please call the Health Office with any questions at 674-7310.

— Kathy Steward, R.N. and Helen Moore, R.N.

Health and Wellness in the Middle School

A "Did You Know" board has arrived in the 6th grade wing. This board represents health and wellness tips for students and staff focusing on making choices of proper foods and staying fit. The focus is to help people draw connections with food and environment and encourage hygiene and healthy lifestyles for all ages. Mrs. Gillette hopes that all can view and take something from the board and apply it to their life. Any questions, input, or ideas you would like to see in the future are welcome.

— Wendy Gillette

Buildings & Grounds

As we move into the month of April, I'd like to say goodbye to a fine employee, Rolland Fox. Rolland retired from Sherburne-Earlville as of March 29. After being hired in 1997, Rolland began cleaning the third grade wing in the Elementary Building. Rolland soon became a beloved fixture in this area with staff as well as the After School Plus program. Rolland will be missed by both staff and co-workers, as they came to appreciate his dedication, work ethic and his always constant sense of humor. When asked what his plans are for retirement, he stated "To take it easy and enjoy the family." Rolland will be missed. Best wishes to him as he embarks on this new chapter in his life.

— Timothy Furner



Roger Pancost helps cut French toast for Katelynn Davis when Mrs. Heck's Kindergarten class had breakfast to celebrate F week. They also made frogs and wrote "Funny Fantasy Fish" stories.

High School Life Skills Trip to Golden Artist Colors

Students enjoyed seeing artwork displayed in the gallery. Thank you Nancy Root, Human Resource Director, for this fascinating tour. All agreed that this was the best field trip ever!

— Patricia Kowalski



Students watched as paint was being made on large rollers.



Life Skills Class at Golden Artist



Tubes or bottles are then filled with paint.



Everyone got the chance to make their own Golden Artist box.



We learned that Golden Artist paints are marketed worldwide.





Caught in the Middle

In March, the S-E CSO introduced a new award called the “Caught in the Middle” award for students in the Middle School. This award is chosen by the teachers and given to students who have strived to be their best in either academics or character for each quarter. There will be eight awards given from each Middle School grade (24 awards) per quarter. Each student who is chosen is recognized during their assembly and receives a gift certificate to a local business. This new award has taken the place of our previous award called the “Academic Hustle Award.” We are in hopes that the “Caught in the Middle” award will bring even more positive recognition to the students in the Middle School. Congratulations to our first “Caught in the Middle” award winners:

6th grade

- Language Arts — Dalton Matott,
Dan Cleveland
- Social Studies — Alyson Hicks,
Caleb Gager
- Math — Hope Brown, Jeff Natoli
- Science — Bobbie Marvin, Jessica Crane

7th grade

- Language Arts — Stephen Buddenhagen,
Dustin Dunagan
- Social Studies — Whitney Graham,
Karli Harris
- Math — August Marcy, Daryn DeLee
- Science — Robin Steiner, Tom King

8th Grade:

- Language Arts — Sarah Alishauskas,
Kelly Clark
- Social Studies — Alex Orellano,
Dustin Brooks
- Math — Elizabeth Foster,
Katelin Fitzpatrick
- Science — Kourtney Panzo, Kim Young
— Marni Manwarren,
CSO President

High Honor Academic Awards Second Quarter



Sixth Grade



Seventh Grade



Eighth Grade

Middle School Music Awards



All-County Band



*Area All-State
Student Award
Winner*

Paper - Maker



June Tyler comes to Mrs. Thomas' High School Art Room

I was awarded a grant through the Catskill Regional Teacher Center to have June Tyler come to my classroom and teach my students how to make hand-made paper. Students researched the history

of papermaking in the world which dates back to 3,000 BC in Egypt. Students learned how to use a blender to make pulp from recycled materials and plant fibers such as artemesia and iris leaves. The base for all of the pulps we used was abaca, which is made from a banana like plant (*Musa textilis*) native to the Philippines. They learned how to laminate, which means to press layers of pulp together to make a thicker piece of paper. Students were able to embed flat objects such as plants and feathers and bits of photographs. They learned the lace paper technique, which involves dropping water on the paper molds to create the look of lace. Students really enjoyed pulp painting with different colors of pulp to create colorful shapes and designs in their paper. Finally, students learned how to press the paper. The sheets dried overnight on flat surfaces and were ready the next day. The room got a little wet, but with smocks, everyone stayed mostly dry.

The students created at least six sheets of hand-made paper and many made a simple portfolio in which to keep their paper. They were able to use their handmade paper to create small accordion books. For the previous art project in class, the students had carved rubber blocks into self-portraits for printmaking. Students were able to use the blocks to print their faces onto their handmade paper. They came out really beautiful. Please come to the Barbara Rabig Gallery which is in the area outside of the auditorium in the High School. You'll see examples of the handmade paper and block print self-portraits!

— Tamara Thomas

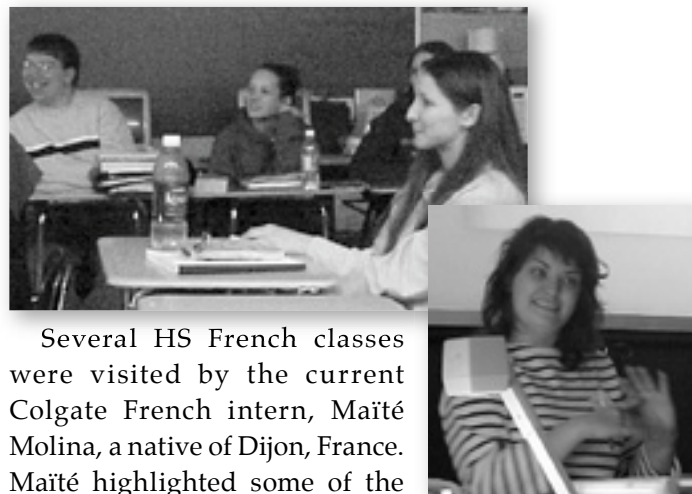
French Club Dinner

On the evening of March 11, HS French Club members gathered together for the second time this school year to prepare and feast on traditional French cuisine. Sweet and savory crêpes were the main course, followed by a decadent chocolate fondue.

Members of the French Club wish to thank Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Dunshee for helping their advisor, Mrs. Bays, to host this event.



Colgate French Intern Visits



Several HS French classes were visited by the current Colgate French intern, Maïté Molina, a native of Dijon, France. Maïté highlighted some of the similarities, as well as differences, between the French and American cultures. She also entertained questions from the classes. Maïté's presentation challenged the students to comprehend a native speaker and to communicate using French.

— Janice Bays





S-E Parents and Community



Due to unfortunate circumstances on their part, the Quality Foods of Utica will no longer be able to provide items for the CSO monthly Food Co-op. From this date forward there will be no additional order forms distributed or food pick-up dates. On behalf of Quality Foods of Utica and the CSO, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. However, we will be exploring other options to continue the monthly Food Co-op, but at this time will no longer be able to provide this service to you. Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to possibly continuing this service in the future.

— Marni R. Manwarren,
CSO President

Physics Classes go to Albany

On March 3, our Physics classes had the privilege of visiting the New York State Police Forensic Lab in Albany. This \$27 million state-of-the-art facility was built ten years ago and was totally funded by confiscated drug assets. Our School Resource Officer, Trooper Don Brown, arranged the trip for us. Students were able to talk with and witness forensic scientists at work. The scientists explained that their job is nothing like what is seen on television. They all have a degree in biology, chemistry or physics and are confined to one area of the building. Highlights of the trip included the weapons library and shooting range. Hundreds of weapon samples are kept for reference purposes. We also visited the forensic garage where cars can be disassembled to search for evidence in drive by shootings, hit and run accidents, etc. Some time was also spent on careers in law enforcement and forensics. Despite the long bus ride, we all learned a lot!

— Heather Dunshee

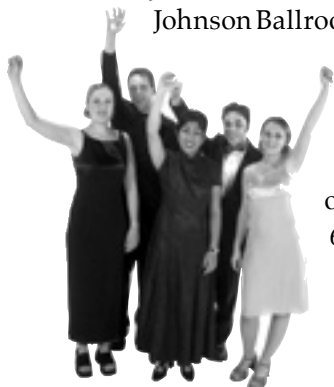
Fund Raising Event

After-Prom Event Committees from Sherburne-Earlville Central School and Norwich City School are joining forces with Studebakers for a fund raising event to support an After-Prom Event that our young people will never forget!

The fund raiser is a 70's & 80's retro night that includes dancing to the music of a DJ, hors d'oeuvres, a 50-50 raffle, dance, dress, and retro trivia contests throughout the night.

Join us for lots of fun and to support your area youth. The event will be held at the Howard Johnson Ballroom on Saturday, April 3, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. You can purchase tickets at Studebakers or by calling Shelly Harris at 607-674-2600. We hope to see you there!

— After-Prom Event
Committee



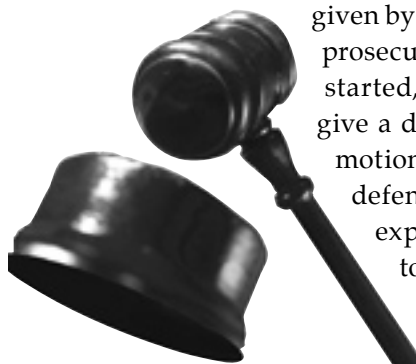
A Day at the Trial

On Wednesday, February 25, the Business Law classes went to see a trial at the Chenango County Courthouse. The day we attended, we had an opportunity to see a defense witness testify. The students also

observed the closing arguments given by the defense and the prosecution. Before the trial started, the judge had to give a decision regarding a motion requested by the defense. Judge Sullivan explained the motion to the students and explained how the law applied to the motion. After

the trial, we did our annual field trip to the Chenango County Jail. It is always an enlightening experience. The visits to the courthouse and the jail generated excellent classroom discussions when we returned to school.

— Marie Greenwood



Senior Citizen Breakfast

In late November, the High School Student Council invited local Senior Citizens to join them at breakfast. Whether the guests arrived alone or by bus, they were greeted at the door with smiling faces. The cafeteria ladies served a wide variety of food that pleased everyone. The students dispersed themselves throughout the crowd and talked about a wide range of topics. Some of the discussions included what it was like for everyone in high school, and bowling averages. All in all, this event was very successful. The Student Council would like to thank everyone involved in making this day a success.

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Photos by Linda Schmidt*



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