



Superintendent's Message

As many of you know, this is my last year as superintendent of the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District. It has been my privilege to serve this great community in this capacity for the past six years. Your Board of Education is currently engaged in a search process to find my replacement. They have started the search earlier than most districts to insure a smooth transition of leadership and to reopen the search if they do not find a suitable candidate. I encourage you to keep yourselves informed of the process. Alan Pole, BOCES District Superintendent, is assisting the Board of Education in the search process. There are two committees comprised of community members, teachers, support staff, administrators, Board members, and students. These two committees will interview the candidates and provide input to the Board of Education who will make the final selection. I believe this is the most important decision that we will have to make this year. This new superintendent will be charged with continuing to move the district forward in the areas of academics and interscholastic athletics. We have been engaged in many new initiatives over the past six years such as heterogeneous grouping, raising our teaching and instructional standards, differentiated instruction, learner-focused classrooms, curriculum mapping, and a new block schedule at the Middle School. This is our third year in the Section III sports league, which has brought us new competition and rekindled some old rivalries that went back to the 1970's.

While the past has taken us a long way on our journey to prepare our students for the challenges of the future, the future needs of this district have to be assessed. Plans need to be developed on how to meet these needs, and there has to be an assessment of the effectiveness of our plans. This will be the challenge for the new Superintendent of Schools. While my retirement doesn't take effect until July 1, 2005, I want to take this time to say thank you for your support of me, but more importantly, thank you for supporting the

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Board Report

As I begin this school year, my second on your school board, we face some significant challenges. This school board, with the valuable assistance of our administrators, teachers, staff, students, and community members, begins the process of selecting a new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Steven Szatko will finish his educational career with us in June of 2005. There are two primary responsibilities that a school board has: developing school district policies and hiring a Superintendent of Schools. The school board has decided to follow the process used for the last superintendent search. We have retained the services of Mr. Alan Pole, Superintendent of DCMO BOCES, to help facilitate the process. The school board decided in May that we would be seeking a superintendent with emphasis on academic excellence who was sensitive to the community and dedicated to continuing our desire to provide the best possible education for our children.

The school board met on September 27, and finalized the candidates to be interviewed. Those candidates were interviewed by two committees of twelve members during the first round of interviews. The committees each were made up as follows.

5 board members	4 board members
1 administrator	2 administrators
2 teachers	2 teachers
1 support staff rep.	1 support staff rep.
1 student	1 student
2 community members	2 community members

These committees conducted first round interviews on October 4, 5, and 6. Second round interviews for the finalist candidates

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children of this school district. You have been there when we needed your support for our young people. I encourage you to continue to support our children so that we can make this a premier school district in the State of New York. I have been proud and privileged to serve as your Superintendent of Schools.

— *Steve Szatko*, Superintendent

Sherburne-Earlville Central School

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is scheduled for November 1 through 4, 2004. These interviews will follow an all day format with each candidate being interviewed by larger committees representing each of the groups from the first round for approximately one hour per group with the final meeting of each day taking place with the school board as a group. We expect that the feedback from this process will result in a consensus recommendation to the school board with the Board of Education making the final decision. Our hope is to have the selection of a new superintendent before year's end. I would like to thank all those who participate in this process for their interest and help.

As I begin this school year as the president of your school board I make a commitment to each of you that your school board will be sensitive to your views and opinions as the owners of the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District, even though we may not always agree. We will be fair in our assessments and decisions. We will make every effort to treat each employee, administrator, teacher and support staff as we would like to be treated if we were that employee. We will maintain our focus on our product, the students of this fine school district, and make every decision based on what is best for our children. We expect to be held accountable by our customer, society as a whole and each of you, the parents, residents, and taxpayers of the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District.

This school board has stated that we want to step forward and expose ourselves to the same evaluation and assessment that we feel is important for our administrators, teachers, and staff. We will be undertaking methods to accomplish this over the next twelve months. I encourage each of you to participate. We have a wonderful school district full of great people. Let us all work together.

Thank you.

— *Douglas Shattuck*, President
SECS Board of Education





Binghamton Mets Game

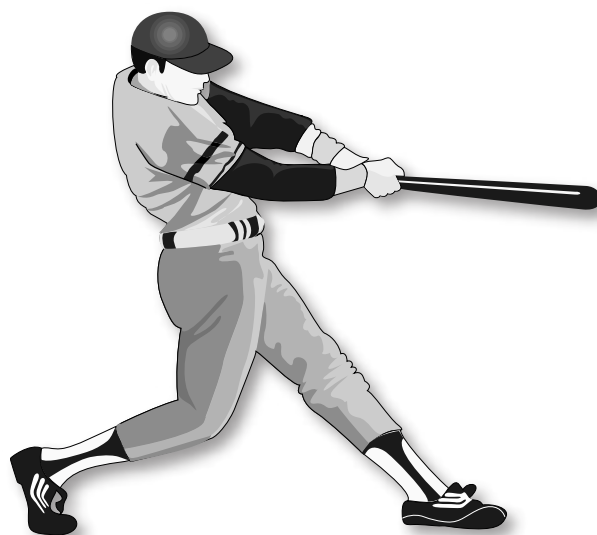
On May 7, a group of 28 fifth grade students and 36 adults went to Binghamton to watch a Mets Game. These students were invited by the Binghamton Mets and were chosen for their demonstration of good character qualities. These qualities include tolerance, citizenship, honesty, respect, caring, fairness, responsibility, teamwork, and cooperation.

The students received free admission as well as a free hot dog and soda. As far as I know, all students took advantage of the free food!

Students from ten other schools were invited. All the students were allowed to take a lap around the inside of the ball field. They were treated to a fireworks display after that.

A wonderful time was had by all. It was so nice that we will continue to send students to the games as long as the Mets invite us.

— John Douchinsky



Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!



Stars and Stripes Week



The Character Education Committee designated the week of May 24 "Stars and Stripes Week" at the Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School. The children wore patriotic colors throughout the week and took part in many classroom activities in honor of our flag and country. Students and faculty brought in pictures of friends and family members in uniform which were then placed on a large bulletin board in the lobby. Students invited family members who were veterans to eat lunch with them on Thursday. On the morning of the 27th, the entire school gathered at the main flagpole in front of the school. There, everyone joined in to recite the *Pledge of Allegiance*, the School Pledge, and sing a number of patriotic songs. **Josh Stewart**, a student from the High School, played the National Anthem on his trumpet during the festivities.

— Marge Depta



Yearbook News

The *Archivon* staff has begun work on the 2005 edition of the yearbook. Here is some information that may be helpful to you.

Senior pictures are due on Monday, November 1. Pictures should be submitted on disk (from you or from the photographer) to Mrs. Blenis in room 218 on or before that date. The mailing that you should have received over the summer specified that the pose submitted for the yearbook is to be head and shoulders ONLY, NO hats or hands. The background color should be gray (this is a change, the letter specified black).

All students will have the opportunity to pre-order a yearbook from October 4 - 15, and again from November 15 - 19 during lunch mods in the cafeteria. Holiday gift certificates for yearbooks will be available again this year as well (which is considered pre-ordering). Only students who PRE-ORDER a book are guaranteed to receive one at the end of the year. The yearbook order is submitted to the publishing company in December and the covers are printed. The number of books ordered cannot be changed once the order has been submitted to the company. Don't miss out on the memories—place your order!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please call Joanne Blenis at 674-8424 during school hours.

— Joanne Blenis





S-E Field Hockey Summer Action

Coming off a very successful fall season, the S-E Field Hockey Team was not content to rest on its laurels in the off season. Many players participated in Indoor Hockey throughout the winter months. This is a fast and furious game usually played with seven players on a small indoor field. Players practiced on Sundays in the gym and then traveled to Binghamton, Ithaca, and Colgate for games and tournaments against other area teams. We always had a great mix of players, from very young to experienced varsity players. S-E's teams were always in the top in the tournaments.

The indoor season gives way to summer hockey. S-E has participated in the Canastota Summer League for the past three years. This summer we got off to a slow start, but by the end of the summer we really began to put things together. The summer league ends with a mini-tournament. S-E rallied from earlier losses in the summer and was declared Champions of their bracket! What a great way to prepare for the upcoming season.

Seven S-E players were able to attend camp at Hartwick College this summer. Many of them were returning for the second time. They were joined by

Coach Cooman and had one goal in mind, to be camp Champions. The title eluded them the previous summer by the slimmest of margins. When the rain finally stopped and the dust settled, the goal was met. S-E proudly wore the camp champions shirt! What a great time we all had!

Indoor Hockey, Summer League, Camp . . . the players who took time out of their very busy schedules to participate in these activities are already reaping the benefits on the field this fall. They realize it would not be possible without the great support they receive from their parents, and both players and coaches thank them for their support! The coaches also would like to thank the players. Your dedication to field hockey is apparent. We appreciate that you take the time to fit it into your schedule. We know it is often quite a balancing act. Hopefully, you will agree it is well worth the time and a lot of fun too.

— Sheila Cooman

Next Sports Boosters meeting is Wednesday, October 13, 2004, 7:00 p.m. - H.S. Faculty room - hope to see you there!



S-E players - Hartwick College Camp Champions (l-r): Coach Cooman, Lindsay Kurtz, Liz Cappadonia, Leanna Brown, Karli Harris, Kelley Lindroth, Megan Lindorfer, Ryan Bergner

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

(l-r): Barb Colf, Gay Smith, Heather Pfohl and Bob Osowski



You helped us do it again! The Mad Hatter Teams were the top money-raisers for the second year in a row. We thank everyone who contributed to this amazing total—\$12,752.95!

— Gay Smith

Notification Regarding Use of Student Directory Information

- Student directory information includes: name, address, photographs, telephone listing, date, grade, place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height (if members of athletic teams), and degrees and awards received.
- For purposes of press releases / public relations, only name, photographs, grade, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height (if members of athletic teams) and degrees and awards received will be released in our local newspapers.
- Sherburne-Earlville Central School will use “student directory information” in its yearbooks, on school bulletin boards, internet web pages, educational channel, school newspapers, school newsletters, and media outlets (newspaper, radio, TV stations). Captions accompanying photographs on internet web pages will not identify students by name.
- As a parent, legal guardian, or student over the age of 18, you have the right to refuse the release of student directory information, otherwise known as “opting out.”
- If you wish to “opt out,” please sign where indicated below and return this form to the attention of: Gayle Hellert, Assistant Superintendent for Special Programs and Services, Sherburne-Earlville Central School, 15 School Street, Sherburne, New York 13460. If you consent to allow this information to be used, you do not need to return this form or take any further action.

We / I request that student directory information:

- not be used in any publication or media as defined above.
- will be released for the 2004-2005 Sherburne-Earlville yearbook.

Child/Children’s name(s)

Grade

Please return this form to Gayle Hellert only if you wish to “opt out.”





S-E Band in Philadelphia

The Marching Marauders performed on Sunday, July 4, at the Sunoco Welcome America Festival in Philadelphia. The parade route led the band up Benjamin Franklin Parkway to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The Band/Color Guard performed live on six ABC television stations in Philadelphia. The band was very well received by the estimated two million visitors to the city that day. Accommodations for the students was at West Chester University. On Monday, July 5, the Marching Marauders spent the day relaxing at Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania. For the past three marching seasons, the Band has been able to travel to the NFL Hall of Fame Parade in Canton, Ohio and celebrate the 150th birthday of Belfast, Maine. Through continued support of the school district, community members and families, the Music Boosters hope these trips will be able to continue.

— Terry Mastro



Pesticide Application Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticide periodically throughout the school year.

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive a 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements: a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application; anti-microbial products; nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children; nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children; silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children; boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate; the application of EPA designated biopesticides; the application of EPA

designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25; the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Timothy Furner, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, 13 School Street Sherburne, New York, 13460.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Furner by phone (607) 674-7329 or FAX (607) 674-7329 for further information on these requirements.

—Timothy Furner

Sherburne-Earlville Central School Request for Pesticide Application Notification

(Please Print)

Middle-Senior High School Building and Sherburne Elementary Building

Name _____

Address _____

Day Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

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