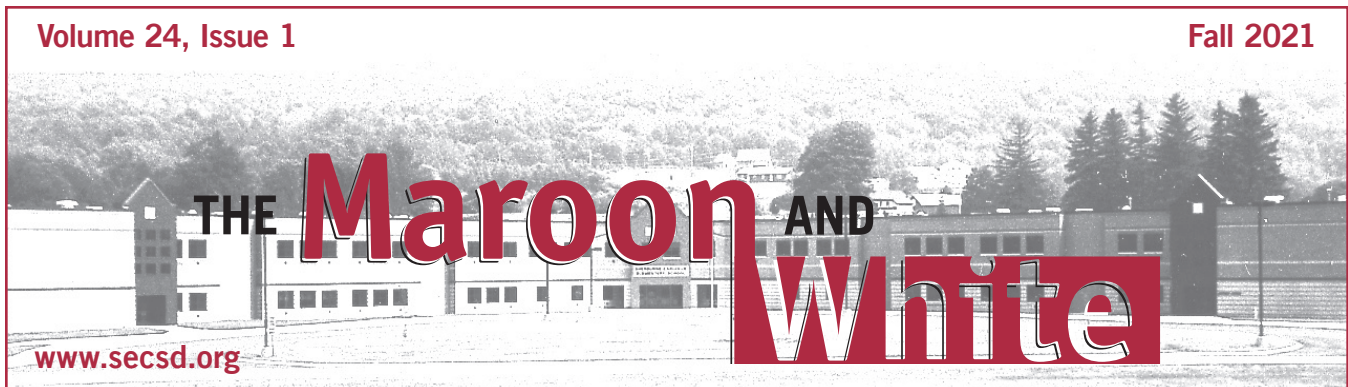


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## **S-E CELEBRATES RETURN TO SCHOOL!**



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# Superintendent's Message

## SECSO Is Stronger When We Work Together

*"Unity is strength ... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."*

—Mattie Stepanek



Greetings!

As we celebrate the season of unity and togetherness, it is important to pause and take a moment to remember the importance of our own social-emotional wellness needs. This is the time to reflect upon the purpose and meaning that drives each of us.

As I reflect on our school year so far, I am grateful for the efforts of all students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, and the Board of Education. It is also essential we collectively remember what is true. The truth is, as a school community, we aspire to achieve in an environment that supports all learners, both students and adults alike.

We all have faced a variety of challenges over the last 20 months. It is important that we continue to treat all school community members with compassion, dignity, and respect. A unified approach will empower all learners within our school community to emerge from this difficult period with new appreciation, understanding, skills, and enthusiasm to make a positive impact in the lives of our community of learners now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Robert G. Berson, Superintendent of Schools  
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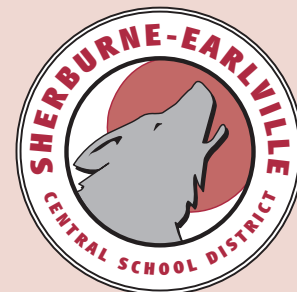
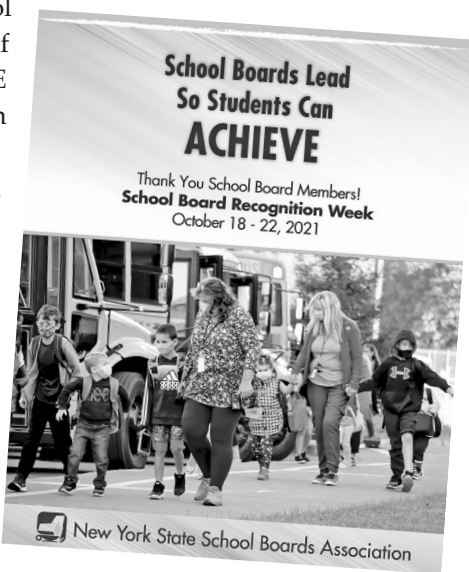
## Thank You, Board Members!

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District thanks all of our Board of Education members for serving our S-E Family during School Board Recognition Week, which ran October 18-22.

Our Board of Education is composed of President Debra Kurtz, Vice President Susan Osborne, Rachel Amann-Burns, Christina Baker, Ryan Hess, Harmon Hoff and Peter Karaman.

Thank you for everything you do to support SECSO's mission to inspire and empower each learner to reach their full potential.

Sherburne-Earlville joined the New York State School Boards Association and public schools across the state in celebrating School Board Recognition in October 2021.



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# Welcome To Sherburne-Earlville!

Say hello to the 17 newcomers to our Sherburne-Earlville Central School District staff for the 2021-2022 school year!

## SAMANTHA ALGER

**Position:** Middle School Grade 7 Math Teacher

**Residence:** Greene

**Hometown:** Greene

**High School:** Greene (Class of 1992)

**College(s):** Alfred University, BS in Mathematics; Binghamton University, MsED in Education with concentration in Math

**You Should Know:** I was proud to be a volunteer AEMT-I for 12 years, and I try to maintain CPR and First Aid certifications. I volunteer with the Impact Project to help area people in need. My yellow Lab often accompanies me, to most everywhere, and I enjoy cooking, baking, photography, and hiking.

## DEAN BARNEY

**Position:** High School Special Education Teacher

**Residence:** Jamesville

**Hometown:** Brockport

**High School:** Brockport (Class of 2004)

**College(s):** Monroe Community College, AA in Liberal Arts; SUNY Brockport, BS in History and MA in History

**Relevant Work Experience:** Teacher's Assistant and Substitute Teacher for 3 years; teacher for 5 years

**Special Awards/Achievements:** Triota Honor Society (Women and Gender Studies); Dean's List

**You Should Know:** I have hiked 29 out of the 46 High Peaks in the Adirondacks. In addition to hiking, I like hockey, painting, and photography.

## CHELSEA CALHOUN

**Position:** Intermediate School Counselor

**Residence:** New Hartford

**Hometown:** New Hartford

**High School:** New York Mills (Class of 2009)

**College(s):** College of Saint Rose, BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders; University at Buffalo, M.Ed in School Counseling and CAS in School Counseling

**Relevant Work Experience:** Five years as a counselor in grades ranging from



K-9 (1 year in New York and 4 years in Colorado Springs)

**Special Awards/Achievements:** 2020-2021 District 49 (Colorado Springs) Service Star of the Year

**You Should Know:** I am very excited to be working at S-E with students in grades 3-5 this year! Outside of school, I love to watch sports and spend time with my dog, Otto.

## MCKAY FRENCH

**Position:** Middle School Special Education Teacher

**Residence:** Greene

**Hometown:** Greene

**High School:** Greene (Class of 2004)

**College(s):** SUNY Broome, AS in Liberal Arts and Sciences; SUNY Cortland, BS in Childhood Education and Master's in Science in Education

**Relevant Work Experience:** Home-based visitor for 1 year; Special Education Itinerant Teacher for preschool-age students for 4 years; elementary Special Education Teacher for grades 1 and 2 for 5½ years

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# SECSO Welcomes New Staff

**You Should Know:** My husband and I have two daughters, Piper (8) and Perri (2). We enjoy spending time with our family and friends. I love cooking, baking, being creative, puzzles and reading.

## MARILYN HESS

**Position:** High School Special Education Teacher

**Residence:** Earlville

**Hometown:** Hamilton

**High School:** Hamilton (Class of 2004)

**College(s):** SUNY Cortland, Bachelor's in Health Education and Master's in Community Health

**Relevant Work Experience:** Started teaching career at S-E; taught with a non-profit agency for the last 8 years

**You Should Know:** I love to be in my garden in the summer. I have three children all that attend S-E, and we have a favorite vacation spot in Florida that we can't wait to visit.

## KRISTIE INGERTO

**Position:** Primary School Counselor

**Residence:** Smyrna

**Hometown:** Smyrna

**High School:** Sherburne-Earlville (Class of 2001)

**College(s):** Liberty University, Bachelor's in Psychology; Seton Hall University, Master's in School Counseling

**Relevant Work Experience:** Children's Home employee for 17 years (2 as direct-care worker; 15 as social worker), a community preventive program for Chenango County children and families

**You Should Know:** I am excited to be working at my alma mater. I enjoy watching my kids participate in sports, taking pictures, and family time - especially playing board games.

## RACHEL JACKSON

**Position:** Elementary School Special Education Teacher

**Residence:** Hubbardsville

**Hometown:** Covington, Kentucky

**High School:** Calvary Christian (Class of 1997)

**College(s):** Tennessee Temple University,

BA in Psychology; Liberty University, MAT in Elementary Education and Special Education K-12

**Relevant Work Experience:** Educational therapist (2 years); Paraprofessional (4 years); Middle School Integrated Co-Teacher (1 year)

**You Should Know:** My family and I moved to Central New York 5 years ago, and we love it! We like to go hiking and camping in the Adirondacks. I enjoy singing, gardening, volleyball, and spending time with my family. Because I love to learn new things, I tried cross-country skiing this winter and enjoyed it.

## AMY JONES

**Position:** Intermediate School Grade 4 Teacher

**Residence:** Sherburne

**Hometown:** Earlville

**High School:** Sherburne-Earlville (Class of 2001)

**College(s):** SUNY Oneonta, BS in Childhood Education; SUNY Cortland, MS in Literacy

**Relevant Work Experience:** Taught at Edward R. Andrews Elementary in Morrisville for the past 15 years, spending 2 years teaching AIS, 1 year in 5th/6th grade, and the rest in 2nd grade

**You Should Know:** I am a proud S-E graduate and I am excited to return home to teach! I live with my family in Sherburne, and my three kids attend S-E. My favorite things are reading, chocolate, naps, traveling, teaching, learning, and spending time with my family.

## STACEY KLINE-MCDERMOTT

**Position:** Intermediate School Special Education Teacher

**Residence:** Sherburne

**Hometown:** North Norwich

**High School:** Sherburne-Earlville (Class of 2004)

**College(s):** SUNY Cortland, Bachelor's in Early Childhood and Childhood Education, Master's in Special Education with an annotation in Severe and Multiple Disabilities, and Certificate

in Advanced Study in Educational Leadership

**Relevant Work Experience:** Previously worked at Unadilla Valley, Norwich and Holy Family Schools

**Special Awards/Achievements:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Academic Tutor, Varsity Volleyball Coach, YMCA Summer Day Camp Director, LINKS Facilitator, Dream Team member, College Ambassador

**You Should Know:** My husband, also a 2004 S-E graduate, and I have two beautiful girls (ages 2 and 3) and two dogs. We enjoy camping on the weekends, boating, jet-skiing, swimming in lakes, walking the trails and feeding the fish at Rogers Environmental Education Center, reading children's books, and attending community events. I am very excited to return to my home district and look forward to meeting students, staff and community members.

## BETHANY MALONEY

**Position:** High School French Teacher

**Residence:** Norwich

**Hometown:** Niskayuna

**High School:** Niskayuna (Class of 2016)

**College(s):** Binghamton University, BA in French Language and Linguistics, BA in German Language and Literature 2020, MAT in French Adolescent Education

**Relevant Work Experience:** Substitute teacher at Susquehanna Valley; archival assistant at Binghamton University Libraries Special Collections

**Special Awards/Achievements:** Claudia L. Bernardo Award for Excellence in the Humanities and Keith Nintzel Award for Excellence and Commitment in German Studies (from Binghamton University)

**You Should Know:** I've also taught ballroom and Latin dance lessons in the Binghamton area for 5 years! I love dancing, cooking, roller-skating, and playing board and video games.

## TERRY MCCUMISKEY

**Position:** High School Social Worker

**Residence:** Greene



**Hometown:** Norwich

**High School:** Norwich (Class of 1988)

**College(s):** Glassboro State College; SUNY Cortland, BA in Sociology with concentration of Criminology and minor in African American Studies; Binghamton University, MSW

**Relevant Work Experience:** School social worker in the Norwich City School District and DCMO BOCES; children and family advocate and Director of the Morrisville State College's Liberty Partnerships Program; consultant/facilitator in the LPP summer program

**You Should Know:** Although I continue to passively support the NY Jets, a team that hasn't made a Super Bowl in my lifetime, I am a passionate fan of the other futbol, support all players American and am tied to no club. I have three terrific boys, River (SUNY Binghamton junior), Scout (HS senior) and Paxson (7th grade), with my wife of 23 years, Jennifer. You may see me here and there with a service facility dog, SSD Flurry, that enjoys people's affection and kindness, but please ask to pet; we have been a working team for the last five years. I am really excited to begin working with students, families, and staff at S-E.

#### INDY NEIDHART

**Position:** Intermediate School Special Education Teacher

**Residence:** Waterville

**Hometown:** Waterville

**High School:** Waterville (Class of 2017)

**College(s):** Morrisville State, Associate's in Childhood Education with a concentration in English; Cazenovia College, BS in Inclusive Elementary Education; SUNY Cortland, working on Master's in B-12 Literacy (2022)

**Relevant Work Experience:** Substitute for the last 4 years in multiple districts in Central New York; 1:1 aide in a 12:1:1 special education room (K-2) in the Oneida school district; Toddler Teacher at Cazenovia Children's House; Special Education Teacher at Upstate Cerebral Palsy; long-term sub for MS/HS Health and Family and Consumer Science in Waterville school district; taught hands-on activities and STEAM-inspired crafts

during Grade 3 Summer School; teach adult education courses in the evening to help people earn HS equivalency diplomas

**Special Awards/Achievements:** Undergraduate of the Year at Morrisville after finishing Associate's degree in one academic year (instead of two); President's List with 4.0 GPA and a place in Phi Theta Kappa; National Society for Leadership and Success, Sigma Tau Delta, and Alpha Chi at Cazenovia; won Huntington Family Center Award in Childhood Education

**You Should Know:** I have always loved teaching as it gives me joy to see my students light up when they learn something new. Outside of teaching, I love being outside, exploring new places and seeing amazing views. I spend lots of time with my family and look forward to becoming part of the school community at S-E. I am excited for the year ahead and all of the new adventures it holds.

#### LIBBY NORTON

**Position:** Intermediate School Grade 4 Teacher

**Residence:** Norwich

**Hometown:** Greene

**High School:** Greene (Class of 2011)

**College(s):** SUNY Broome, AS in Early Childhood Education; Binghamton University, BS in Human Development, MS in Early Childhood, Childhood, Literacy Education Birth-6

**Relevant Work Experience:** Worked with children of all ages at the Whitney Point Preschool and Daycare; taught at Johnson City Elementary School; long-term subbed at Sherburne-Earlville in grades 2-3 (2018-2019); Reading Teacher K-6 at Otselic Valley (2019-2021)

**You Should Know:** I am thrilled to be a part of S-E this year. I have a 2-year-old chocolate lab named Nala. I love camping and hiking, being outdoors, reading and spending time with my family.

#### CHUCK O'BRYAN

**Position:** Middle School/High School Library Media Specialist

**Residence:** Cooperstown

**Hometown:** Phoenix, Arizona

**High School:** Thunderbird (Class of 1976)

**College(s):** Brigham Young University, BS in Recreation Management; Southern Connecticut University, MS in Environmental Education; SUNY Albany, MLS in Library Science, SDA in School Administration; Simmons College, Ph.D. in Managerial Leadership in the Information Profession

**Relevant Work Experience:** K-5 Media Specialist; SUNY Oneonta Library Director; SUNY Binghamton Executive Director of Research

**Special Awards/Achievements:** Emerging Leader, American Library Association (2013)

**You Should Know:** I have biked with the Israel Ride for 5 years from Jerusalem to Eilat, including fundraising for the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies and Hazon (sustainable agriculture).

#### JILL O'HARA

**Position:** Intermediate School Grade 5 Writing and Social Studies Teacher

**Residence:** Sherburne

**Hometown:** Sherburne

**High School:** South Seneca (Class of 1999)

**College(s):** SUNY Cortland, Bachelor's; Western Governors University, Bachelor's and Master's (in progress)

**Relevant Work Experience:** Kindergarten and First Grade Teacher at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton

**You Should Know:** I live in Sherburne with my amazing husband and our two wonderful children, who keep us busy with football, basketball and friends. We have two dogs that are a huge part of our family. I am so excited to be part of the S-E family!

#### ALEX SPRAGUE-GETSY

**Position:** Middle School Technology Teacher

**Residence:** Earlville

**Hometown:** Johnson City

**High School:** Johnson City (Class of 2016)

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## SECSO welcomes new staff (continued)

**College(s):** SUNY Oswego, Bachelor of Science in Technology Education

**Relevant Work Experience:** Substitute teacher; JV boys lacrosse assistant coach

**Special Awards/Achievements:** Member of Epsilon Pi Tau (Honor Society in Technology); Kappa Delta PI (Honor Society in Education); 2016 U.S. Lacrosse All-American

**You Should Know:** I enjoy sports, construction, thrifting, and the outdoors. This summer, I traveled to Acadia National Park in Maine, spending most of my time there hiking and exploring the small towns/shops. I really enjoyed a sea kayak tour, where I saw eagles, seals, jellyfish, porpoises, and starfish.

### ALEXI TARANTO

**Position:** School Psychologist Intern

**Residence:** Clinton

**Hometown:** Earlville

**High School:** Sherburne-Earlville (Class of 2014)

**College(s):** SUNY Morrisville, BS in Applied Psychology; The College of Saint Rose, MSed in Educational/School Psychology

**Relevant Work Experience:** Direct Support Assistant for OPWDD for 4 years; Care Manager for 2½ years

**Special Awards/Achievements:** Treasurer for School Psychology Association at Saint Rose

**You Should Know:** I am very family-oriented and love spending time with my family and friends. I am a proud owner of a Yorkipoo. I love to read, travel and hike.



## S-E Remembers Gina Muhlfeld



The Sherburne-Earlville school community mourns the loss of Gina Muhlfeld. Gina retired from the district in 2014, after serving the district for 45 years.

Gina began her career at S-E as a typist in the high school in 1969. For 15 years, she was the building secretary at the Earlville Elementary School. In 1986, she became secretary to the superintendent and assisted five superintendents until her retirement. Gina also served as district clerk for many years.

Gina will always be remembered for her calm demeanor, her constant smile, and as a model of true professionalism. We are grateful for her many years of faithful service to the entire S-E community.



## Keeping It Real!

Thanks to our School Resource Officer, Ted Ellingson, for visiting Jonathan Sherry's Civics class in early October! His discussion with students centered on real-world applications of the Bill of Rights.



# Let The Fun Begin!

Our playground construction is complete!

In July of 2019, Sherburne-Earlville Elementary was awarded a Let's Play Community Construction Grant to improve the playspace on the Grades 3-5 playground. Let's Play, an initiative of Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP) and KaBOOM!, provides funding to help kids make active play a daily priority.

Many thanks to the Class of 2026 for producing the winning video and to our fifth-grade teachers, who worked diligently to complete this project this past August. This team went above and beyond to make sure current and future students would have an amazing recess experience.

We also thank Assistant Superintendent for Business Todd Griffin, Head Custodian Jeff Genter, and the S-E Buildings and Grounds team for their support of the project, as well as all of the volunteers who worked so hard to put the playground together. Parkitects provided expert design, too, and made our students' ideas and wishes a reality.

While the grant was a start, the space was enhanced by the generous contributions of our community partners. Time, effort, energy, supplies and excavation was provided by Buckley's Excavating and Landscaping. Without their tireless support, this project would not have been completed.

Concrete was donated by Cossitt Concrete. Other contributors were American Legion Post 876, Clippinger Law Offices, Gilligan's, Golden Artist Colors, Mountain View Estates, New York Central Mutual Insurance, Pinsky & Skandalis, Preferred Mutual Insurance, Ray Brothers, S-E PTO, S-E Teachers' Association, Sherburne Fire Department Auxiliary and White House Cabinets.





# So Happy Together . . . Again!

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District welcomed students of all ages back to school for in-person instruction on September 7!

Visit our website at [www.secsd.org](http://www.secsd.org) to find everything you need to know for the 2021-2022 school year and be sure to regularly check our Facebook and Twitter pages for updates, photos, videos and more!





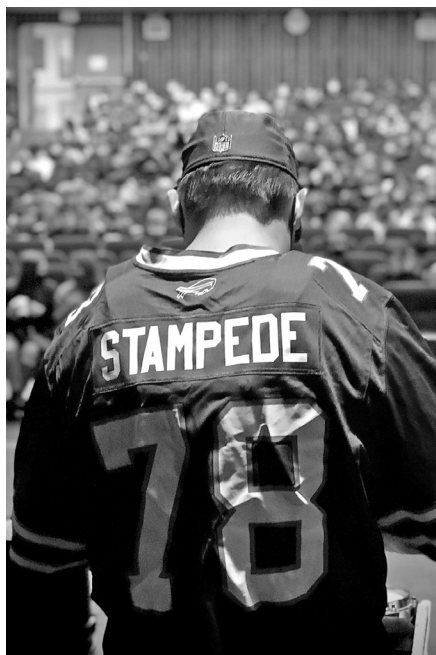
# Stampede Drumline Performs At S-E!

The Stampede Drumline is the official drumline of the Buffalo Bills, and it performed live at Sherburne-Earlville's Marauder Stadium on October 1!

Also known as DownBeat Percussion, the Stampede Drumline has played at every Bills' home game since Christmas 2013. On October 1, these talented musicians spent the day at SECSO instructing and performing for students, staff and community members.

The Stampede Drumline worked with our MS/HS students in the Band Room and performed assemblies for them at the MS/HS Auditorium during the school day. At night, Maraaders football fans were treated to performances, including a special halftime show, during S-E's varsity game against visiting Canastota.

Want to learn more about the Stampede Drumline? Visit <http://downbeatpercussion.squarespace.com/sportsentertainmentonline>.





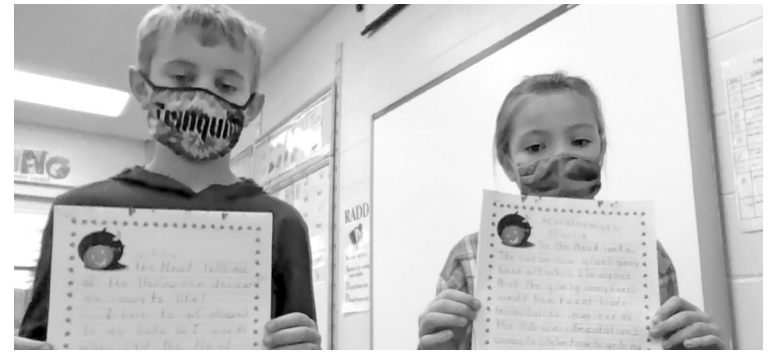


## Sherburne-Earlville To Form 'Marauder Drumline'

Sherburne-Earlville students in grades 6-12 who have an interest in drumming are invited to become part of a new drumline at school.

Led by S-E Band Director Joe Roche, the "Marauder Drumline" will hold its initial meeting from 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, in the HS Band Room. A guest teacher from New Hartford will work with the Marauder Drumline, which will be similar to the Buffalo Bills' Stampede Drumline that performed on campus in early October.

For more information, email Mr. Roche at [rochej@seonline.org](mailto:rochej@seonline.org).



## A Cut Above!

Thanks to Kristian Newman for sharing a photo of Sherburne-Earlville's Art Club Jack-O-Lantern carvings for Halloween! Our Art Club would like to personally thank the Kent family for generously donating the pumpkins for this project.

Additionally, Mrs. Greer's fifth-graders in Art Club enjoyed the spooky season by making festive light-up lanterns. Students decorated the sides with drawings of dragons, bats, pumpkins, and other imaginative designs. Electric candles were the final touch!

## Third-Grade Writers Honored

Congratulations to Sherburne-Earlville third-graders *Jackson Sherwood* and *Alivia Nemeth* for earning honorable mentions in the *Syracuse.com* Writing Contest!

Students who enter this annual contest are tasked with finishing a spooky Halloween story started by children's author Bruce Coville. This year's story, titled "Two Heads are Better Than One?," opened with a child and grandfather exploring a creepy mansion owned by the late Old Man Monroe. The child stumbles upon an ornate wooden box. Inside is a talking head that warns the child about a mysterious curse.

Amanda Dawson's third-graders entered the contest in October, and the endings written by Jackson and Alivia placed in the top 10 of the grades K-3 category. More than 400 children in grades K-7 participated in the contest, which was judged by a group of reporters, editors and photographers at *syracuse.com*.

You can see the winning endings and the list of honorable mentions online at <https://www.syracuse.com/entertainment/2021/10/meet-the-winners-read-the-stories-from-the-2021-bruce-coville-halloween-contest.html>.

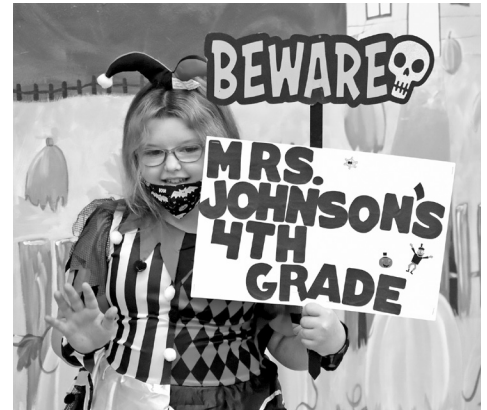


# SECS D Celebrates Halloween!

Thanks to everyone who tuned in to our Facebook Live presentation of the annual Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School Halloween Parade on October 29!

Our live stream featuring our “Boo Band” and costumed kids in grades K-5 was viewed more than 3,200 times by S-E’s Facebook faithful and was complemented by a photo gallery with close to 200 pictures from the big event! You can see both right now by visiting our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SherburneEarlvilleCSD>.

Special thanks to SEES Art Teacher Nadine Addison for creating the perfect Halloween Parade backdrop in our main lobby!







## Fighting Fire With The Pros!

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District thanks the Sherburne, Earlville, Smyrna and North Norwich fire departments for visiting campus on October 7 for our annual Fire Prevention Day! Check out some of the “hot” pics from this unique, hands-on educational experience right on campus!





# FFA Students Explore National Convention

Sherburne-Earlville FFA members recently traveled to Indianapolis to attend the 94th annual National FFA Convention, which gives students the chance to explore leadership opportunities and to get involved with the agriculture industry and FFA.

Chaperoned by advisor Nicole Chiapetta, seniors *Jacob Baker*, *Garrett Fleming*, *Amelia Moyer* and sophomore *Emilee Bennett*



interacted with FFA members from all over the United States during this unique experience.

The trip included a tour of Fair Oaks Farm, the #1 Agritourism destination in the Midwest, which operates a rotary dairy parlor and hog breeding. Students also explored the various agricultural vendors and colleges at the Convention Center, watched four national finalists in the Prepared Public Speaking event, and attended general sessions led by National FFA Officers. These general sessions included keynote speaker Courtenay DeHoff, retiring addresses from National Officers, CDE/LDE Award recognition, and performances by the National FFA Chorus and Band.

Additionally, *Amelia* participated in a day of service with Hamilton FFA members and helped build a “free library” featuring books and personal hygiene items for Indianapolis.



samples of the winning recipe were recently served at lunch. Additionally, each student in Ms. Callea's class received a card for a free ice cream cone from Gilligan's.

Great job, kids!

## A Little Taste Of Success!

Congratulations to Christine Callea's Kindergarten class for winning our One School, One Book ice cream recipe contest!

Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School students were tasked with creating an ice cream flavor last week for a head-to-head competition of class recipes. Gilligan's in Sherburne judged the contest and declared the submission from Ms. Callea's Kindergarten kiddos as the best of all of the super-yummy entries.

Named after this school year's One School, One Book “*The Littles*” by John Peterso, the winning “*Littles' Ice Cream*” recipe of chocolate ice cream, cookie-dough pieces, chocolate chips and caramel swirls is as delicious as it sounds.

Every SEES student had a chance to taste victory as

# RED LIGHTS MEAN STOP!



## **DID YOU KNOW:**

An estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses every day.

## **THE LAW SAYS:**

- It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing. Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students.
- You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.
- You must always stop for flashing red lights, even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.
- The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 to \$400 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail.
- Worse yet, the memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life!

**Yellow lights mean the bus is going to stop. Slow down!  
Red lights mean students are getting on or off the bus.**

*Courtesy  
of Norwich  
Pennysaver*





## Stay Tuned For More Music!

The Sherburne-Earlville Music Department is planning to hold live, in-person events this school year!

Third-graders are preparing for a Holiday concert in the near future, as are chorus and band members in grades 4 and 5. More details are forthcoming, but questions may be directed to Jeff Lyons ([lyonsj@seonline.org](mailto:lyonsj@seonline.org)), Kylie Davis ([davisk@seonline.org](mailto:davisk@seonline.org)), or Jenna Stango ([stangoj@seonline.org](mailto:stangoj@seonline.org)).

Rehearsals for the Junior Musical – Mary Poppins Jr. – started November 1. Students in grades 6-9 have been cast to star in the production, which will feature students in grades 10-12 as mentors/assistant stage managers. The Junior Musical is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, January 7, and 2 p.m. Saturday, January 8. For more information, email Julie Burns at [burnsj@seonline.org](mailto:burnsj@seonline.org).

Please note that events, dates and in-person attendance are subject to change should health and safety concerns warrant such.

S-E Band Director Joe Roche has been busy, too, forming a Pep Band of students in grades 5-12 at the start of the school year and setting up a general interest meeting to start a Marauder Drumline. The two are connected as his 30-student Pep Band performed at two varsity football games, including one that welcomed the Stampede Drumline – the official drumline of the Buffalo Bills! Special thanks to Ms. Stango and Rebecca Sabin for helping this come together.

Our littles in K-2 are learning animal/farm songs, a variety of seasonal and folk songs, and how to play instruments. Musical rhythms, melodies and notes on the five-line staff are part of a more-focused curriculum for students in grades 3-5, who are prepping for instruments in the general music classroom, as well as band and chorus.

## Happy Return!

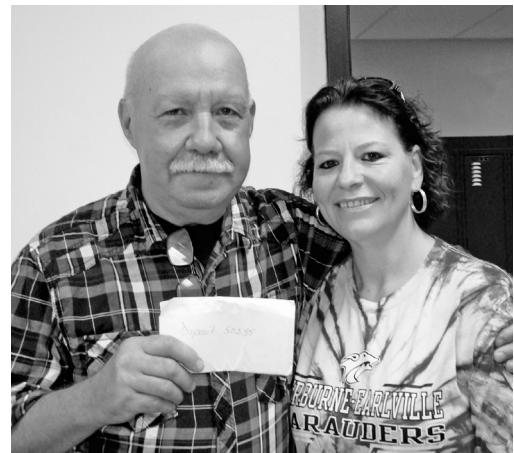
Chastity Norton is a great example of the terrific people we are proud to have in the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District!

Middle-High School monitor Bob Browning recently misplaced a sizable bank deposit on campus and thought all was lost. Enter Chastity, who found the money-filled envelope during her custodial rounds, then tracked down the owner and returned it to Bob as soon as possible.

"I am very grateful that we have such good people here in our S-E Family," Bob said.

We couldn't have said it any better!

Thanks to Tammi Van Wagner for sharing this little story with a big heart.





## Character Counts!

Sherburne-Earlville Middle School has a new approach to character education, introducing a new character trait to students each month.

SEMS counselors Stacey Snogles and Jennifer Ford visit classrooms monthly to help students develop skills that demonstrate the trait both inside and outside of school. Meanwhile, teachers keep an eye out for students who exhibit the character trait and nominate them to be recognized at the Leadership Luncheon. Nominees attend a special lunch with SEMS Principal Jamie Maistros.

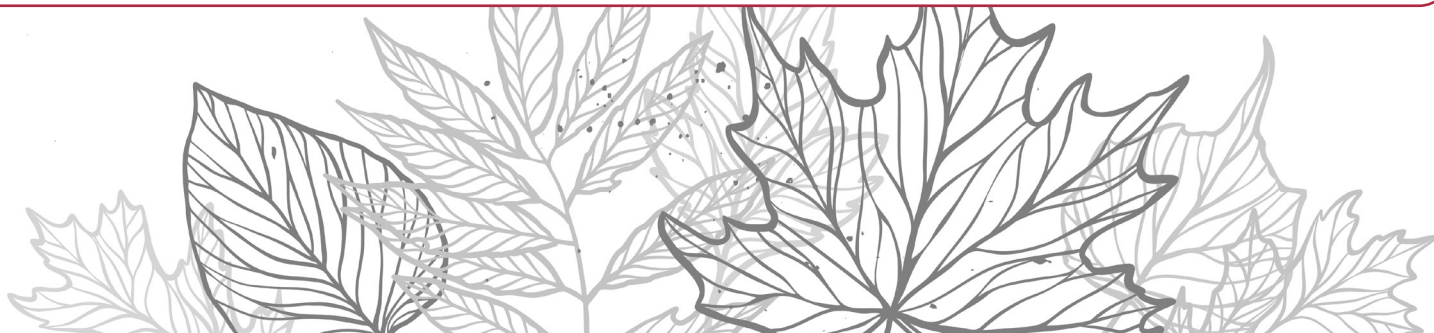
October represented bullying prevention. The following students were nominated and recognized for contributing to a safe and peaceful middle school environment: *Aidan Baker, Eskinado Carvell, Noah Costantini, Ava Nower, Nolan Sigman, and Abigail Pierce.*

## IMPORTANT CHILD NUTRITION UPDATE!

Food shortages are nationwide, and our district is also experiencing unavailable items or last-minute replacements. Menus are subject to change, but we will do our best to notify you via social media if there are any changes.

We appreciate your patience and understanding! We look forward to serving free breakfast and lunch to all of our students this school year.

For the most current menus, be sure to visit our online Cafeteria page at <https://www.secsd.org/LunchMenu.aspx>.







## Field Hockey Team Looks Ahead

Sherburne-Earlville's field hockey team recently completed a fall season that produced a 2-5 league record, falling one win shy of a sectional berth.

"We played some very skilled varsity teams," said coach Michelle Parker, whose team welcomed two Norwich athletes this season. "We worked very hard and the returning 12 want to improve and work on skill development in the offseason. We were not shy about shooting on goal this season. We had 85 attempts and continued to work hard to find the back of the goal!"

Seniors *Zsavelina Brown*, *Abby Kochman*, *Alexis James*, *Desirae Owen* and *Josie Parker* led the Marauders, who also featured two juniors, six sophomores, four freshmen and one equipment manager.

*Zsavelina* hopes to become a pediatric nurse. *Abby*, who averaged 10 saves as S-E's goalie, plans to major in Pro Golf/ Golf Management at SUNY Delhi. *Alexis* will study Business and hopes to continue field hockey at Cazenovia College. *Desirae* wants to study Criminology in college. Duke, Coastal Carolina and the University of Miami are among *Josie's* top choices to study Pre-Med Biology.

## Thank You For Your Support!

In early September, the Bullthistle Brewing Company and Gilligan's Ice Cream held their inaugural golf tournament at the Mountain Top Golf Course.

Many thanks to all of the golfers and sponsors who participated in this sold-out event, which raised \$6,000 to support the Sherburne-Earlville Consolidated Schools Backpack Program. The donation will be used to purchase food for families in need.

If you would like information on participating or sponsoring this event, please call the Bullthistle at 607-674-2337 or email [bullthistlebrewingcompany@gmail.com](mailto:bullthistlebrewingcompany@gmail.com).





# FRIENDS & FAMILY ADS CLASS OF 2022

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Complete and return the slip below. All submissions are due by **February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Blocks	Price	
1	\$50	
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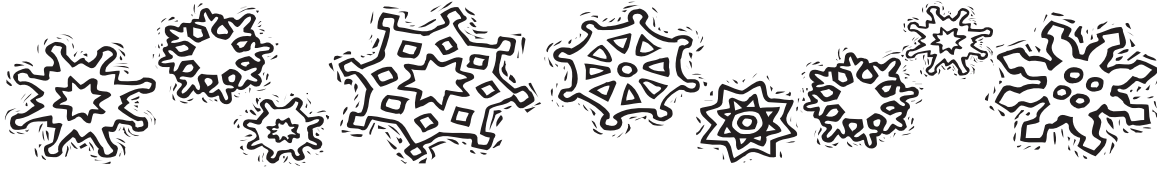
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*Questions? E-mail yearbook advisor Jessica Czachowski at [yearbook@seonline.org](mailto:yearbook@seonline.org)*





# Yearbook Gift Certificates

Need some holiday shopping ideas? Wouldn't the student in your life love a FULL COLOR yearbook to look back on for years to come? How about a Gift Certificate?

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**For seniors only:** If your student is a senior, name plates are available for \$5 (please write the student's name as you want it to appear on the plate).

When you have decided what you'd like, please complete and mail in the slip below along with a check or money order payable to **SE Yearbook**. If you prefer to use a credit card, you may do so online\* (**for HS ONLY**) and send the certificate request in with the order number. We must receive your request by December 15 in order to send the gift certificate before the holidays. If you would just like to purchase a yearbook and do not need a gift certificate, please check that box on the order form.

Questions? Contact advisor Jessica Czachowski HS & Melissa Krivit MS or email [yearbook@secsd.org](mailto:yearbook@secsd.org).

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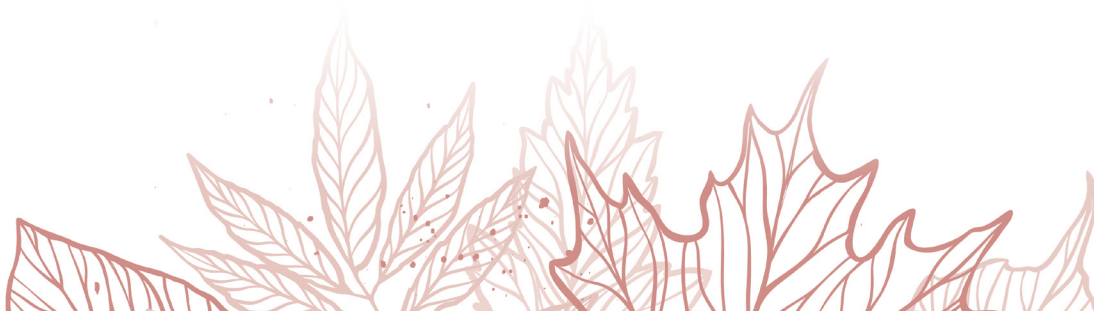


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## Sherburne-Earlville Central School District

### **Mission:**

Inspire and empower each learner to reach their full potential.

### **Vision:**

An innovative, high performing rural school district delivering educational excellence.

### **Core Beliefs:**

- Students are our number one priority.
- Everyone can learn and grow.
- We welcome and respect diversity.
- Everyone is treated with compassion, kindness and dignity.
- An engaging education includes rigorous academics, as well as relevant life skills.
- Creativity and innovation are key in a rapidly changing world.
- We promote integrity, trust, accountability, and hard work.
- Community, collaboration and partnerships are vital to our success.