



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Lions Club Donates to Toy Drive

Representatives from the Scio Lions Club stopped by the school recently to present a donation to the Toys for Tigers program to our FBLA. Pictured here are FBLA officers Cassidy Scholla president, Nathan Griffiths vice president, Sophie Bolzan treasurer, Curt Burdick, John Santora, and Alexis Crossley secretary. We are grateful for our friends in the community like the Scio Lions Club!



Winter Recess - December 20 through January 1

News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

Greeting Scio Families,

As I write this article, we are just beginning December, the peak of the holiday season. As students, I hope you are anticipating fun school activities. As parents, I hope this season brings back memories of wonderful holiday experiences at school. In the upcoming weeks, we will be enjoying our holiday concerts. December can be magical.

As we enter the new school year, my wish is for our students to expand their participation and experience the joy of connecting more with their school. Saturday morning basketball is in full swing. There will be additional after-school enrichment offerings brought to you by Scio teachers. Keep an eye out for primary after-school programs, middle/high school video and photography, and bee keeping. The drama club recently put on Scio's Got Talent and will be continuing to meet. Our YMCA extended school day program continues to offer after school programming but also wonderful family and teen events. Spring athletics will be starting soon as well. These programs offer a structured setting where students can receive additional academic enrichment and physical activity.

We may be a small district, but good things are happening here at Scio Central. We firmly believe that active engagement in school life contributes significantly to a child's growth, fostering skills that extend well beyond academics. Participating in extracurricular activities and after-school programs not only enhances social skills but also nurtures creativity, leadership, time management, and teamwork —skills that are fundamental for success in today's world.

As parents and guardians, your encouragement and support play a pivotal role in nurturing your child's participation. I encourage you to have open conversations with your children about the diverse opportunities available and help them explore their interests. Your active involvement and enthusiasm can inspire and motivate your child to take that step towards discovering new passions and talents.

Remember, the benefits of involvement in school activities extend far beyond the immediate moment — they help students build positive connections with their school, shape character, build confidence, and lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning and growth.

May we all learn, grow and experience great joy in 2024!

With Scio Pride,

Jen Cappelletti



Science Fair

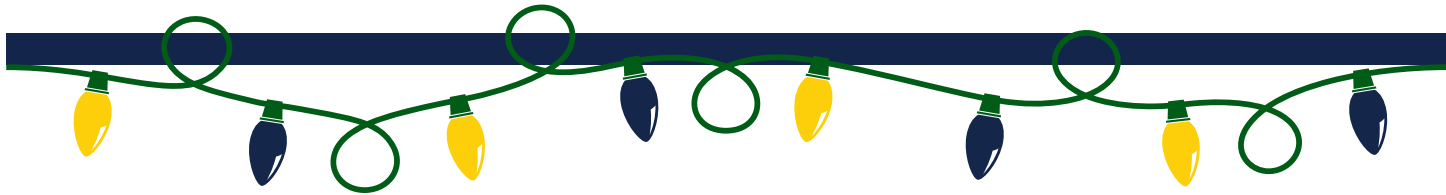


Alumni Gather for Annual Basketball Game



4th Grade Visits Letchworth





SCIO TREE LIGHTING

As always, there was a big turnout for the annual Scio Christmas Tree Lighting at the Scio Memorial Library earlier this month. Many of the beautiful trees were decorated by our students. Thank you to the Scio Lion's Club for their generous donation of trees for our students to decorate. The evening also included a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, caroling, family photos, and more. According to folks at the library, over 200 people attended the event. Wow!



3rd Grade Class Tree



Senior Class Tree



Scio Memorial Library

This year is ending and it's time for new beginnings – Happy New Year! The top books of 2023 were.



Don't miss out on capturing memories, with the new photography area in the library. There are plenty of backdrops to choose from, including: holidays, family pictures, senior portraits, and birthdays. Learn more by calling (585) 593-4816.



Here are some upcoming events:

December

- 12/12: Royal Icing Cookie Class
6-8 p.m., must sign up
- 12/13: Cell phone photography class,
6-7:30 p.m.
- 12/14: Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 12/19: Cookie Swap, 5-6:30 p.m.
- 12/21: Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m.

January

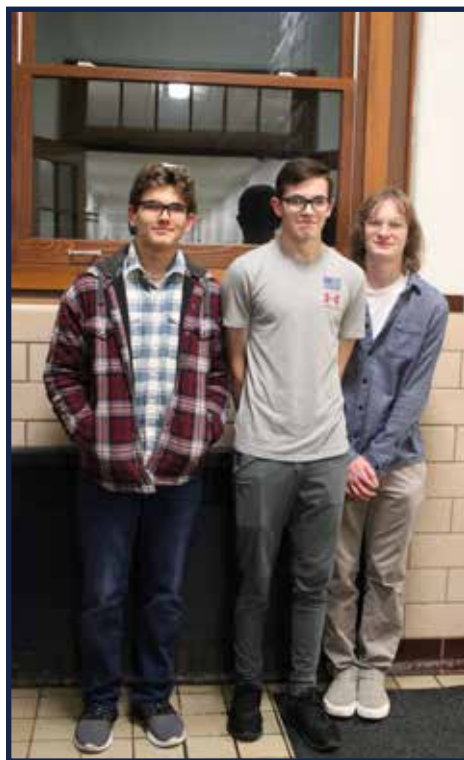
- 1/10: After-school Movie, 3:30 p.m.
- 1/11: Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 1/12 & 1/26: Story Time, 10 a.m.
- 1/16: Bird Seed Craft, 5 p.m.
- 1/17: Silent Book Club, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
- 1/23: Aged to Perfection Group Craft,
1 p.m.
- 1/24: Crayola Creativity Night, 5:30 p.m.

February

- 2/6: Valentine's Day Craft, 5:30 p.m.
- 2/8: Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 2/9 & 2/23: Story Time, 10 a.m.
- 2/14: Valentines Day Pizza, Crafts and
Movies 4-6:45 p.m., reservation required
- 2/21: Silent Book Club, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
- 2/27: Aged to Perfection Group Craft,
1 p.m.

Annual Veterans Dinner Held in November

The Scio Central School History Club hosted the annual Veterans Dinner at the school in November. Veterans in the community and their guests were invited to eat in or pick up dinner to take home. Those who joined us in the school were treated to a mini concert by our middle school chorus, directed by Mrs. Berardi, and were served a delicious meal by our History Club members.



Drama Club Hosts Scio's Got Talent

The school was buzzing with talent during the Drama Club Scio's Got Talent Show in early December.

Students of all ages – and even some of our teachers – demonstrated their talents with singing, guitar playing, magic and more.

The winners were: first place, Jeremiah Brown for his song "Ain't No Sunshine;" second place, Madison Kamrowski for her song "Ho Hey," and third place, Elinor Cook for her song "Dead Mom." All our performers did an outstanding job sharing their talents with us!



FACS Classes Show Off Talents

In late November, Mrs. Dodson's Family and Consumer Science (FACS) eighth graders presented our second graders with a brood of reading buddies that they sewed and stuffed just for them.

The FACS students spent about a month working on the project that started with the second graders being given monster templates to use as a pattern for their buddies. Then, after some sewing and stuffing, they turned those into cute reading monsters and delivered them to their excited new owners. Happy reading, second graders!

In mid-November, her high school class whipped up a few of their favorite holiday sides for a Thanksgiving lab. Yum!



Tigers Enjoy a Visit from WNY Children's Entertainer Glenn Colton



Biggest Vendor Show Yet Kicks Off Holidays

The holidays in Scio officially kicked off the weekend of Dec. 1 with the Christmas tree lighting at the library and the annual Holiday Vendor Show and Basket Raffle at the school on Saturday.

Mrs. Wight said this year's vendor show was the biggest one yet with nearly 50 vendors selling their goodies and four school clubs – Class of 2025, Class of 2027, History Club, and Softball team – hosting various fundraisers. Also adding to the fun was Santa and Mrs.

Claus, the Scio Lion's Club with their pancake breakfast, Paint and Hang's painting activities, and the YMCA Extended School Day program Polar Express themed fun.

This was the fourth year of the fundraiser that raised \$3,613 for the senior class trip to Pigeon Forge, TN. Thank you to everyone who made the day special for the entire Scio community!



Language Club Learns About Hispanic Culture

The Foreign Language Club enjoyed a trip to Nazareth University in Rochester for a day filled with Hispanic culture.

Students made Carnival masks and learned the history of them and their name from Puerto Rico. They also learned different dances from different Hispanic countries such as la salsa, la merengue, and la cumbia.

They finished the day by trying different Hispanic drinks and snacks such as passion fruit juice, malta soda, coconut water, yuca chips, chicharrones, and platano chips.



District Hires Security Officer

In November, we welcomed Craig Cornell to our school community. Officer Cornell is an experienced law enforcement officer and serving as our School Security Officer. His role is to make our school a safer place not only by his presence but also by improving our security protocols, monitoring building-wide security, assisting with attendance and truancy issues, and other special projects. When you see him at events, please welcome him to Scio Central.



SSO vs. SRO

What is the difference between a School Resource Officer (SRO) and School Security Officer (SSO)? School Security Officers are employees of the school district. School Resource Officers are employed by a law enforcement agency and the school has a contract with the law enforcement agency. The roles, training and qualifications are very similar for both positions. One key difference is that SROs have the ability to arrest while SSOs do not.

Scio Attends All-State

Scio seniors Jamie Foster and Tyler Nickerson were chosen to represent Scio at the Area All-State Choir performance at Elmira High School in November. Unfortunately, Jamie was sick and couldn't attend. Congratulations to both of our musicians. We are so proud of you!



<h2 style="text-align: center;">Scionian 2024</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Junior High & High School Yearbook</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memories all in FULL color, hard cover book.</p>  <p>Yearbook (price through Dec. 31st) \$50.00 Name (Seniors Only) \$ 5.00 Protective Plastic Book Cover \$ 2.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Books are sold on a Pre-Sale basis ONLY!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCIONIAN 2024 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM</p> <p>STUDENT NAME: _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____</p> <p>PHONE # _____ GRADE: _____</p> <p>NUMBER OF BOOKS ORDERED _____ X TOTAL = \$ _____</p> <p>CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL To be filled out by yearbook staff</p> <p>Date received: _____</p> <p>Payment: cash Check # _____</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Scionian 2024</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Elementary (PreK-6) Yearbook</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Soft Cover with 24 color pages of school memories!</p>  <p>Yearbook \$ 15.00 World Pages \$ 2.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Cost _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Books are sold on a Pre-Sale basis ONLY!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCIONIAN 2024 ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK ORDER FORM</p> <p>STUDENT NAME: _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____</p> <p>PHONE # _____ GRADE: _____</p> <p>NUMBER OF BOOKS ORDERED _____ X TOTAL = \$ _____</p> <p>CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL To be filled out by yearbook staff</p> <p>Date received: _____</p> <p>Payment: cash Check # _____</p>
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Pushup Challenge in Phys-Ed

This fall in Mr. Bowers' phys-ed class, the students put their strength to the test to see how many pushups they could complete in one minute! Here are the boy and girl winners for each grade level:

- 5th Grade** – Nash Davenport (46) / JoHanna Talvi (7)
- 6th Grade** – Tristen Nendza (55) / Chase Saxton (30)
- 7th Grade** – SJ Wade (46) / Addy Sekoll (37)
- 8th Grade** – Ronan Ayres (32) / Kalvary Davenport & Kristina Curry-Morris (26)
- 9th Grade** – Noah Roberts (23) / Alivia Crossley (26)
- 10th Grade** – Nate Griffiths (35) / Lilly Killingbeck (18)
- 11th Grade** – Lawson Ector (30) / Hailey Illerbun (20)
- 12th Grade** – Greg Wesche (41) / Lexi Crossley (30 – one legged)



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Student Recess Offices Closed	2 Class of 2024 Calendar Days Donations Begins	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	11	12	13
14 Class of 2024 Calendar Days Donations End	15 Martin Luther King Day Offices Closed	16	17	18	19 All County I Beginner Band @ C-R	20 All County I Beginner Band @ C-R
21	22	23	24 Regents Exams	25 Regents Exams	26 Regents Exams	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Early Dismissal Professional Development Day	7	8	9 Allegany County Solo Fest, SR High Auditions @ Fillmore	10 Allegany County Solo Fest, SR High Auditions @ Fillmore
11	12	13	14 BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day Offices Closed Student Recess	20 Student Recess	21 Student Recess	22 Student Recess	23 Student Recess	24
25	26	27	28	29		





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Scio's Spooky Halloween Celebration



ARMSTRONG COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

Our elementary students were in a coloring contest for Armstrong this past October. One student was chosen from each grade level. The winners were (from left to right), Austin Claire, 4th gr., Kylie Muntz, 2nd gr., Grace Merriam, 1st gr., Abigail Yanda, K, and Matthew Lewis, 3rd gr. Absent: Ashlyn Lunn, 1st. gr. Congratulations to all of you!

