



# SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### ***The Bizarre Bazaar Brings Holiday Cheer!***

This year, the FBLA Club proudly hosted the Bizarre Bazaar, a cherished tradition that brings joy to our school community. Students in grades Pre-K through 6 visited the elementary gym, where they selected special gifts for each member of their family.

FBLA members dedicated their day to wrapping and labeling the gifts, ensuring the students could take home thoughtful

presents to share. This heartwarming event was made possible thanks to the generous donations from the Scio community and our school staff.

A special thank-you goes to Mrs. Wight and the FBLA students for their hard work and to everyone who contributed to making the Bizarre Bazaar a success!



# News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti



Dear Scio Families,

It is hard to believe we are entering the year 2025. The first thing that comes to my mind is a writing assignment that was given to me in elementary school. We had to write an essay on what we thought the world would be like in 2025. Asking us to think ahead to decades in the future was a challenge and a fun chance to be creative. If you are anywhere near my age, you would have started in the same place me and all my classmates started. We imagined the world of the Jetsons.

Automobiles have definitely changed but we are not all driving flying “cars”. Robots like Rosie don’t clean our entire home but having robot vacuums are common. We could not envision computers let alone the advance technology we use in our everyday lives including the incredible power of AI (artificial intelligence). So much has changed but as we enter 2025, there are many things that matter just as much as they did decades ago when I got this assignment.

Accountability and respect matters. Hard work and pride in a job well done matters. Family and community matters. Happiness and joy matters. Kindness matters.

May your 2025 be full of all that matters the most to you.

With Scio Pride,

*Jen Cappelletti*



## Physical Education Fun on Halloween



# News from the Principal:

*By Mr. Nathan Kewley, PK-12 Principal*

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we have already turned the calendar to 2025, and we are nearing the mid-point of the school year. Much has been going on at school over the past few months. November and December are always busy with lots of activities and excitement. A few of the highlights are below:

- Parent/Teacher conferences were held following the end of the first marking period
- Our students were out of school for both Thanksgiving and Winter vacation
- The winter sports season kicked off and all our athletes are doing an outstanding job
- Winter concerts were held for our elementary students and MS/HS band and choir members

As we enter 2025, I encourage families to talk with their students about their goals for the remainder of the school year. These conversations tend to be a little easier at this time of the year because so many people are making resolutions. Ask them what they hope to achieve academically, socially, or in extracurricular activities. Hopefully, your child will give you a thoughtful answer and you will learn a little more about them.

There are some important dates coming up in the next few months.

- The January Regents Exams will take place the week of January 20th. We have students taking several exams. The biggest group is our Juniors, who will all be taking the ELA Regents.
- Students will not have school on January 20th (President's Day), January 29th (Lunar New Year), and February 17-21 (February Break).
- The second quarter ends for MS/HS on January 24th.

As always, we are here to support you and your students. Please reach out if there is anything we can do to help you!



# Welcome to the Scio Tiger Family!



**Mrs. Jennifer Callahan**

Welcome to Mrs. Jennifer Callahan, our new Speech Pathologist. She brings over 20 years of experience in various abilities in many different settings. Mrs. Callahan enjoys spending time with her husband and children when she is not in school. She enjoys traveling and scrapbooking to keep the memories.



**Mr. Ethen Marble**

Join us in welcoming our newest Bus Driver/Attendant, Mr. Ethen Marble. Mr. Marble and his wife, Kaitlyn, are both Scio CSD Alumni. When he's not at work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter.



## 2025: New Chapters, New Stories & New Hours!

Tuesday | 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday | 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us in even more events this year. Year-round programs allow our small community to gather and cherish in moments while providing opportunities to be creative and learn.

We are proud to be partners with our local teachers and home educators. In 2025 we will be bolstering our children's and youth collections. We will also be building loanable educational kits that can help your children at home. This is all because of a grant from the John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation. Which supports rural public libraries in communities with limited resources. Inspired by a commitment to invest in initiatives that strengthen families and the communities in which they live, work and play, the Foundation provides meaningful assistance to libraries that serve as vital centers of learning for children and families.

Things to look forward to in 2025: Our photography area is still growing. Set up a time for family photos or individual photos for birthdays, celebrations and more. We now provide a machine and safe setting for all your Telehealth needs as well.

New programs for 2025 will include: Murder Mystery Game nights, Puzzle nights, Trivia nights and a variety of crafts will be provided throughout the year.

We are so grateful for the support of each community member. Please stop in to see all the opportunities we can offer you. The Scio Memorial Library is much more than just books!



# Halloween Parade Magic

The Halloween spirit was alive at our annual parade this year! Students, teachers, and families gathered on a beautiful and sunny Halloween day to celebrate the festive occasion with laughter and a touch of spooky fun.



# Elementary Physical Education



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Friday, January 31, 2025  
SCS Alumni Basketball Game  
Scio -VS- Friendship

Come out and show your Scio Pride!



# IT'S WINTER SPORTS SEASON!

WE HOPE YOU WILL COME OUT TO CHECK OUT THE ACTION AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!



## Playing Nine Square in PE Class is Always a BIG HIT!



## Mrs. Woodard's Class Reading



Miss Jen reading *The Cafeteria Lady* from the Black Lagoon to Mrs. Woodard's class.



Mrs. Walsh reading *The School Secretary* from the Black Lagoon to Mrs. Woodard's class.



# School-Wide Game of **CLUE** at Scio

The week before Halloween was full puzzles, clues and mystery. Mr. Kewley had the entire school engage in a mystery to be solved by the end of the week. Classes solved clues to eliminate persons, locations and items involved to figure out just what exactly happened one night in our school. No foul play, just good natured fun, prizes and candy.



*Behind the scenes with Mr. Kewley, Mr. Wadsworth the Butler (aka Mr. Wales) and Professor Plum (aka Mr. Charles) as they read one of the skits giving out clues over the announcements.*



## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD!

Ms. Washburn's second-grade class went on a virtual journey to explore Christmas traditions from around the globe! Over two weeks, the students "visited" a new country each day, learning about unique holiday customs and how to say "Merry Christmas" in different languages. This experience gave students a fun and meaningful way to appreciate the diversity of holiday celebrations worldwide.



## A Successful Scholastic Book Fair

In November, we hosted the Scholastic Book Fair to encourage our students to explore the joy of reading. Thanks to the dedication of Mrs. Beaton, our Elementary Librarian, and the generosity of the Scio staff, all students had the chance to experience the magic of the fair.

This year, 191 students from Kindergarten through sixth grade were able to take home books, ensuring that every child could enjoy a new story. Our staff hold dress down days, and parents round-up on their kid's purchases to help raise money to ensure that every student is able to take home their very own book from the book fair.

Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success!

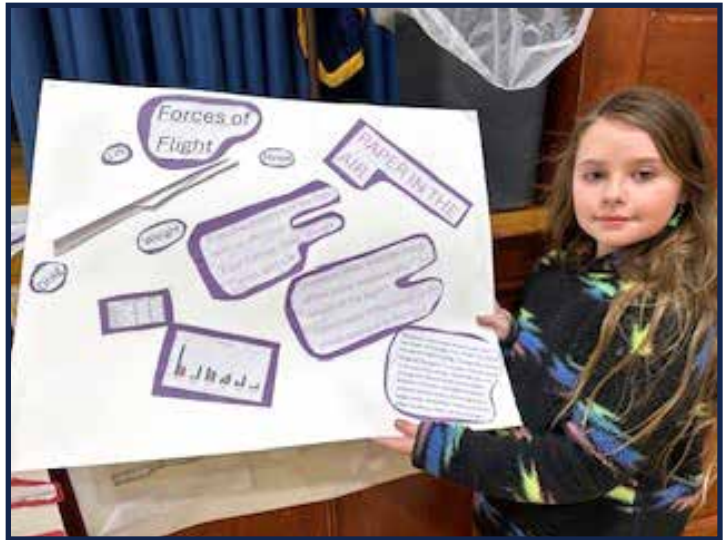
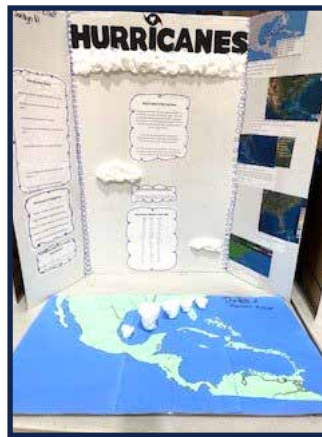
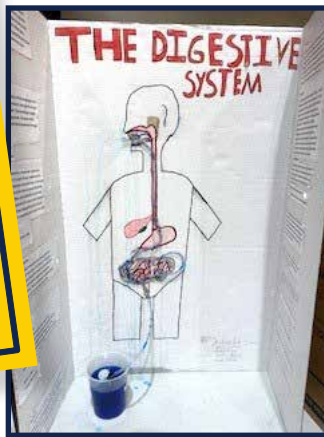


# Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The Scio Lions Club and Scio Memorial Library held their annual Christmas tree lighting on Friday, December 6th. Many of our elementary classes had decorated trees during the week. They were able to come watch Santa turn on the trees, visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Such a fun night for the Scio community.







## History Club Hosts Veteran's Day Dinner

On Thursday November 7th, the Scio Central School History Club hosted another successful Veteran's Day Dinner. The students worked diligently to prepare the food and serve those in attendance.

Although the dine-in option was not possible this year, the students had a blast serving our local veterans. This year, History Club served 54 takeout meals to veterans and their families. The History Club would also like to give their

thanks to Cathy Farwell for planning the dinner and Cindy Winchell for providing the necessary resources to make the dinner a possibility. In addition, the Scio Central History Club would like to thank the Cuba American Legion, the Wellsville Elks Club, the Wellsville Moose Club, the Scio Volunteer Fire Department, and Giant Food Mart for their generous donations to the dinner! Your funds have gone toward a great cause!

If you or someone you know is a veteran and would like to attend the dinner next year, please reach out to Cathy Farwell for more details. You can email Cathy at [cfarwell@sciocsd.org](mailto:cfarwell@sciocsd.org) or call the main office at Scio Central School. Your call will be directed to Cathy's school phone. To RSVP or express interest for next year's dinner, please provide your name, phone number, and mailing address. We look forward to celebrating and honoring your service with you!



## The Craft Show with So Much More!

At the start of December, our School was bustling with holiday excitement! This year's Annual Holiday Craft Show featured over 60 vendors showcasing their unique goods throughout the school, creating a festive atmosphere for all.



The Classes of 2025 and 2026 also organized an impressive raffle with over 100 baskets and items this year. Our amazing community generously donated all of these items.



Whether you participated in the raffle, enjoyed the delicious chicken BBQ from Carlin's, or just came out to support this wonderful event, the classes deeply appreciate your support!

The holiday spirit didn't stop there. Thanks to the YMCA's extended school day program, Mr. and Mrs. Claus stopped by to spread cheer to everyone in attendance. Meanwhile, the Paint Party was a huge success, with many of our talented young artists proudly displaying their creativity.

Thank you to everyone who made this event a memorable start to the holiday season!



# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Student Recess Offices Closed	2 Class of 2025 Calendar Fundraiser begins	3	4
5	6	7	8 BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Class of 2025 Calendar Fundraiser ends	17 ACSMA Music Festival @ CRCS	18 ACSMA Music Festival @ CRCS
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Offices Closed	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Lunar New Year No School	30	31	

# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	13 Math Night and Art Show	14 Valentine's Day ACSMA Solo Festival @ Fillmore	15 ACSMA Solo Festival @ Fillmore
16	17 President's Day Offices Closed Winter Recess	18 Winter Recess	19 Winter Recess	20 Winter Recess	21 Winter Recess	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	





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- Daniel Fuller
- Robert Thompson
- Adam Wiech

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**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

- Jennifer Cappelletti, Superintendent of Schools
- Nathan Kewley, PK-12 Principal
- Kelly Morehouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- Jonathan Cucchiaro, Business Administrator

*Music All-State*

Two SCS students demonstrated their musical excellence in November by participating in the prestigious Area All-State events.

Freshman Elinor Cook was selected to represent Scio in the Junior High Area All-State Choir. She spent two days rehearsing alongside talented students from across the region, culminating in a spectacular concert hosted at Genesee Valley Central School.

A couple of weeks later, Scio Senior Hailey Illerbrun showcased her exceptional skills in the senior high Area All-State Band, which performed a spectacular concert at Bath Haverling High School. As part of the selection process for the elite band, Hailey performed a challenging Level V NYSSMA clarinet solo. This is a testament to her hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to Elinor and Hailey for their outstanding achievements and for proudly representing SCS!



*Elinor*



*Hailey*

*Thank You, Mr. Santora!*

Scio Central School would like to thank community member John Santora for always being willing to share his talents with our food service department. On a professional development day in November, he came in and worked with the cafeteria staff on making homemade pizza. Later in the month he returned to give lessons on how to properly carve a turkey. Thank you, Mr. Santora! We love learning from you.

