



# SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### ALL COUNTY

Congratulations to Eian Brainard and Aidon White on representing SCS last month in the All County Band. The All County concert was held on January 18, 2025 at Cuba-Rushford High School.



### Child Find - If You Suspect That Your Child Has A Disability Ages 3-21

The Board of Education of every school district must locate and identify all children with disabilities from birth to 21 years of age who reside in the school district. If you live in the Scio School District and you suspect that your son or daughter (birth through 21 years of age) may have a disability that negatively impacts his or her education, please contact Kelly Morehouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, at 593-5510, ext. 1140 to learn more about the special education referral process. We offer special education services and related services for all children with disabilities who are homeless or wards of the State, and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability.



# News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti



Dear Scio Families,

As I am writing this letter in early February, we are coming out of the long month of January. It has been a snow filled season with a hard Buffalo Bills loss and too little daylight. Today, the sun will set today at 5:34 p.m. By the end of March, the sun will set a full two hours later! The shift of additional sunlight in our days gets us thinking about spring, summer and warmer weather. For most people, it lifts their spirits.

This can be a time of renewed energy. We would love for you to partner with us in encouraging your middle and high school children to feel renewed as well by being involved and trying new things. Please encourage your 7th-12th grade children to sign up for track, baseball, or softball this spring. The YMCA program continues to sponsor teen nights and great summer field trips. As their class does fundraisers, encourage them to participate so that they can go on their senior class trip. The more your child engages in school activities, the more connected they will be to our school community. Some students need more encouragement than others to participate in activities. Together let us help them to have the courage to get involved.

With Scio Pride,

*Jen Cappelletti*



## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

**IN MRS. GAMBINO'S KINDERGARTEN THE STUDENTS HAD FUN MAKING DOUGH ORNAMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS! THEY PRACTICED MEASURING AND COUNTING AS THEY MIXED.**



# News from the Principal:

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

As we progress into spring, our focus at school shifts to the upcoming state testing. In some ways, this is an exciting time because we get to see how much our students have learned and grown throughout the school year. I anticipate our students will show great progress and achievement!

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the NYS ELA and Math tests in the coming months. Each of these tests are two days. Additionally, fifth and eighth grades students will also take the NYS Science exam, which is a one-day test. The exact dates are listed below.

NYS ELA Exam (3-8) - April 30-May 1  
NYS Math Exam (3-8) - May 7-8  
NYS Science Exam (5 & 8) - May 15

As we get closer to the tests, our teachers will be working closely with students to prepare them to do their best. Students will have as much time as they need during the school day to complete the exams.

These tests do not impact our students' grades or their advancement to the next grade level. However, they do provide our school and teachers with important information on the skills and topics we need to make a priority focus.

I ask that you have some conversations with your child as the test dates get closer. Talk with them about how they are feeling and encourage them to do the best they can. It is also important for students to get a good night's sleep before test days and eat a satisfying breakfast.

Thank you for your support!



## 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.

As times have changed the library has started to integrate QR codes into library life.

Starting in 2025 the library is proud to offer a digital way to pay for copies, fines, and make donations to the library.



We have started the process of building program resource kits with the John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation grant. Some of these kits include: (4) Botley 2.0 coding robots, an Interactive Map of the U.S.A., Microscope, Human Skeleton, Life Cycle animal figurines, Circuit Maker Kit, Stem Maker Kit, Simple Machines, Money Activity Set, Equivalence Dominoes, Telling Time, Speech Therapy and Sight Word Kits, just to name a few. We are hoping in the next month we will have everything ready for checkout.



Our first purchase of 100 new juvenile books has arrived and we are excited to make them available to the community.

The Scio Memorial Library website has also undergone some updating for A.D.A compliance and to become more visually appealing to the community. Check us out by scanning this QR code:



The library is very proud of offering three new resources for the community as well.

- **Ground News:** Compare sources and break free from algorithms, see news headlines with bias ratings.
- **Kanopy:** Unlimited access to stream thousands of documentaries, movies and series.
- **Mango Languages:** Language learning for over 70 languages, plus access to modules for American Sign Language.

### Other digital resources:

- **JobNow:** Career resources, resume and interview help, adult learning center and more.
- **Libby:** Access to eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines.
- **NovelNY:** Access to eResources including Peterson's Test Prep, Gale Legal Forms and small business resources.



**PRE-KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION  
2025-2026**



**PRE-KINDERGARTEN:**

If you live in the Scio Central School District and you have a child whose **fourth** birthday falls on or before December 1, 2025, your child is eligible to enter Pre-Kindergarten in the fall of 2025.

**KINDERGARTEN:**

If you live in the Scio Central School District and you have a child whose **fifth** birthday falls on or before December 1, 2025, your child is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2025.

If your child meets one of the above qualifications, please notify us by phone at 593-5510 or by completing the form below and mailing or dropping it off to the school no later than **Monday, March 31, 2025**; registration packets will be mailed out shortly thereafter.

Information regarding the dates for registration and screening will be included in the packets. Non-residents may also request packets but preference will be given to in-district students. *Please note: Pre-Kindergarten enrollment is limited. If enrollment prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> exceeds the number of seats, a lottery will determine those to be enrolled. (Subject to change with pending a possible legislative change.)*

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**Scio Central School  
Request for Registration Packet**

*Complete and return to Scio Central School Main Office on or before **March 31, 2025***



<b>(Circle One):</b> <u>Pre-Kindergarten Packet</u>		<u>New Kindergarten Packet</u>	
Child's Name (Print first and last)		Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Parent/Guardian Name (Print first and last)		Relationship to Child	
Postal Address	City	State	Zip Code
Street Address (Please include House Number)	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
School District			



# SCIO ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME BRINGS TIGERS BACK TO THE COURT

On Friday, February 1st, the SCS Class of 2025 hosted an Alumni Basketball Game, bringing together former players, cheerleaders, and supporters for a night of friendly competition and school spirit. A remarkable 26 Scio alumni returned to the court to play, cheer, and support the event, proving that once a Tiger, always a Tiger!

The game featured a

matchup between the Scio Tigers and the Friendship Eagles, with the Tigers securing a 51-27 victory. The energy in the gym was electric as generations of athletes reunited, showcasing their skills and reminiscing about their time in the program.

Representing the Tigers on the court were Skip Torpey (1965), Michael Numeracki (1983), Brian Meyers (1983),

Jonas Willson (2008), Andrew Empson (2008), Casey James (2009), Chris Lounsberry (2009), Kyle Elliott (2013), Kyle Robbins (2013), Anthony Warboys (2016), Ethan Graves (2018), Ethen Marble (2019), Carter Scholla (2019), Dalton Green (2019), Jake D'Arcy (2020), Carl Finnemore (2020), Brendan Graves (2020), Cameron Loucks (2021), and Brenden Loucks

(2023). Brendan Graves is also a member of the 1,000-point club, while Cameron Loucks holds the record as Scio's all-time leading scorer with over 2,000 points.

Tiger cheerleaders included Brittany Shutt (2009) and Ashley Carter-Foster (2002).

The Tigers were led by coaches Pete Farwell (1979) and Jon Nickerson (1995).

Providing game support at the score table were Irv Newton (1986) and Tim Smith (1986), while Cathy Farwell (1983) served as the on-site medic.

The alumni game not only brought former students together but also reinforced the pride and tradition that make Scio a special place. Thanks to everyone who participated, attended, and supported the event.



# SENIOR SPORTS NIGHT

As the winter sports season comes to a close, some of our senior athletes are taking the court for the final time representing SCS. Recently, we had the privilege of honoring three outstanding seniors for their dedication and contributions to their teams.

Lawson Ector was recognized during his Varsity Boy's Volleyball game, Cooper Greenman has been a key player for the Varsity Boy's Basketball team, and Mercedez Fanton has showcased her spirit and leadership as a senior on the Varsity Cheerleading Squad.

Congratulations to all our senior athletes. We are so proud of you!



COOPER



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# HESS TRUCK GRANT

Thanks to a recent grant, our students have been exploring with 12 brand-new Hess Toy Fire Trucks during STEM classes! These trucks have sparked creativity, curiosity, and collaboration among our students. All ages are enjoying these toy trucks as some of our 5th and 6th grade students created stop-motion animations featuring the fire trucks.

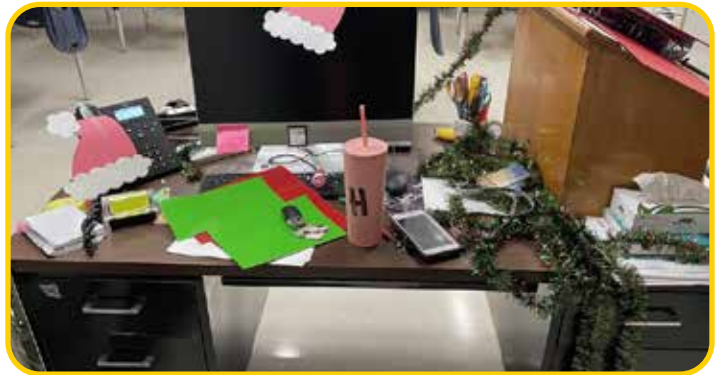
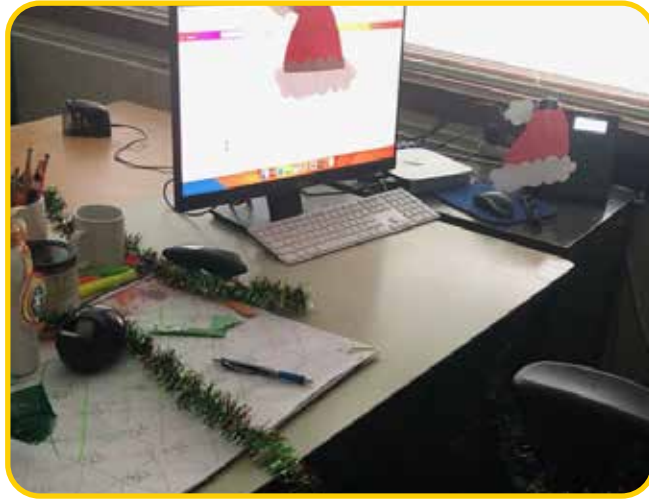


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# HOLIDAY "GAMESHOW" FUN

Leading up to the December holiday break, staff joined in on the fun and festivities with Principal Kewley's Holiday Road Gameshow! From dares and challenges to riddles and various activities, laughter and holiday cheer filled the air. Our staff embraced all the challenges, making the gameshow a huge success!





# Snowball Dance

On Saturday, February 1, the Scio/Friendship Cheerleading Squad hosted the annual Snowball Dance at Scio. It was a fantastic evening filled with laughter, great music, and plenty of dancing.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS & UPDATES!

### Transportation Requests

Transportation Requests for resident students to be transported to non-public schools for the 2025-26 school year are due April 1, 2025.



### School Board Position Open

One-5-year position

Please contact Cathy Law, District Clerk, for a petition.

All petitions are due to the district office no later than Monday, April 21, 2025.

Annual District Vote – Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

### Reminder to Parents of Out-Of-District Students

As per School Board policy, parents of out-of district students must request permission *in writing* for their child to attend Scio Central School every year. Letters of request to attend Scio Central School for the 2025-26 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than April 30, 2025.

### Reminder to Parents of Home Instructed Students

Just a reminder to submit quarterly reports for your children. Annual Assessments must be filed with fourth quarter reports.

Parents of students who intend to educate their children at home must provide a written notice to the superintendent annually by July 1st of each school year.

### Are You Interested In Being A Substitute?

Accepting Applications for Substitutes in all areas:

Substitute Teachers (Certified and Non-Certified),  
Substitute Nurses,  
Substitute Clerical Workers,  
Substitute Food Service Helpers,  
Substitute Cleaners/Custodians,  
Substitute Bus Drivers/Attendants

Applications are available in the Main Office and on our website:

[www.sciotigers.org](http://www.sciotigers.org)



# STEM Fun



# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					ACSMSA Festival II @ Houghton College	ACSMSA Festival II @ Houghton College
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Superintendent's Day - No Students Spring Sports Mtg. 6:00pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	St. Patrick's Day JV & V Spring Sports Begin		BOE Mtg. 6:00pm		ACSMSA Festival II @ Alfred University	ACSMSA Festival II @ Alfred University
23	Modified Sports Begin	24	25	26	27	28
30	31					29

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		April Fool's Day	Spring School Pictures		End of Marking Period 5-12	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Passover	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Good Friday Spring Recess	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Spring Recess	Earth Day BOE Mtg. 6:00pm	Admin. Asst. Day			
27	28	29	30			
			NYS ELA Exam 3-8			





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**Scio, NY 14880**  
<http://www.sciotigers.org>

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

or Current Resident

**POSTAL PATRON**



**Home-Schooled Notice**

I would like to take this opportunity to notify all parents of students with disabilities who are in home instruction programs pursuant to section 100.10 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education that:

- For home-schooled students who are students with disabilities, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) would develop an individualized education services program (IESP) for the student. The IESP would be developed in the same manner and have the same contents as an individualized education program (IEP). An IESP is developed in consideration of the parents' decision to home school their child.
- In order to receive services in the 2025-26 school year, **a parent must submit a written request for such services to the Board of Education no later than June 1 of this year.** For a student who is first identified as a student with a disability after the first day of June 2025 and prior to the first day of April of 2026, a parent must submit the written request for services within 30 days after the student is first identified. A request may also be submitted within 30 days of a change in the student's school district of residence.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Morehouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, at 585-593-5510 Ext-1140.



**Scionian 2025 Yearbooks**

**Elementary (PreK-6)**

Soft Cover with 24 Color Pages of School Memories  
**All Orders must be in no later than May 10th**  
 Yearbook = \$15.00 | World Pages = \$2.00 | TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

**Books are sold on a Pre-Sale basis ONLY!**  
 Scionion 2025 Elementary Yearbook Order Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HR Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Books Ordered: \_\_\_\_ x TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Checks Payable to Scio Central School**

~~~~~**To be filled out by yearbook staff**~~~~~  
 Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment: Cash Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior High & High School**

Memories all in Full Color, Hard Cover Book  
**All Orders must be in no later than May 10th**  
 Yearbook = \$55.00 | Name (Seniors Only) = \$5.00 |  
 Protective Plastic Book Cover = \$2.00 | TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

**Books are sold on a Pre-Sale basis ONLY!**  
 Scionion 2025 Junior High/High School Yearbook Order Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HR Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Books Ordered: \_\_\_\_ x TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Checks Payable to Scio Central School**

~~~~~**To be filled out by yearbook staff**~~~~~  
 Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment: Cash Check # \_\_\_\_\_