



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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MAPLE TREE TAPPING

Our 2nd graders were treated to a special experience tapping maples on campus with school employee Jeff Baker. Mr. Baker explained the process, demonstrated, and even allowed a taste test.



News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

Dear Scio Families,

February and March have been busy months for Scio Central. Our Math/STEM and Art Show night was a great success. It was a great family night playing games, learning, and art appreciation. Thank you to all who attended. We also had NHS and NJHS inductions, multiple field trips for students to experience the arts and culture, our first school-wide Student Wellness Day, student leadership field trip events, Bingo for Books family night, All-County music concerts, Dr. Seuss week, the senior class trip, and more. We may be a small school, but we work to provide opportunities for our students that engage them in our school community and allow them to grow and learn beyond the classroom.

This time of year we are also busy preparing for the 2025-2026 year and the budget that makes it all happen. In the budget process, we work to take a thoughtful approach to crafting a budget that is responsible and sustainable. This issue of the newsletter includes detailed information about the budget for next school year. I invite you to attend the budget hearing that will be held during the Board meeting on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend this meeting and have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our Business Administrator, Jon Cucchiaro.

It is hard to believe that we are already moving into the last quarter of this school year. We hope to see you at the upcoming events.

With Scio Pride,

Jen Cappelletti



American Red Cross

Scio Community Blood Drive

NHS is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday May 6th, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., community members are encouraged to make an appointment!



Scan the QR Code to make an appointment.



News from the Principal:

By Mr. Nathan Kewley, PK-12 Principal

Spring is here! We are on the final stretch of the school year! There are a ton of exciting learning opportunities between now and graduation! This really is a fantastic time of the year.

As you receive this newsletter, our 3-8 grade students are about to take their State Exams. All testing in these grades will be completed by May 15th. Our high school students will be taking their Regents exams between June 10th-25th.

Spring sports are in full swing. This year, we have students participating in varsity baseball, softball, and track. These same sports are offered at the modified level as well. Our partnership with Friendship for athletics continues to be a positive experience for our students.

There are many events coming up in the next few months. Most important is our graduation ceremony, which takes place on June 27th. Spring concerts will take place on May 8th (5-12) and May 21st (PK-4). The high school prom will take place at the end of May. There are numerous other field trips planned as well. It will be a busy few months, but lots of amazing memories will be made!

As we near the end of the school year, it is important to acknowledge all the hard work and growth of our students. But we also need to finish strong. Encourage the students in your life to give their best effort, stay focused, and continue to push themselves toward success. Our word for the year has been "courage," and I hope that everyone has the courage to make the most of the final months of this school year!



Welcome to the Scio Tiger Family!

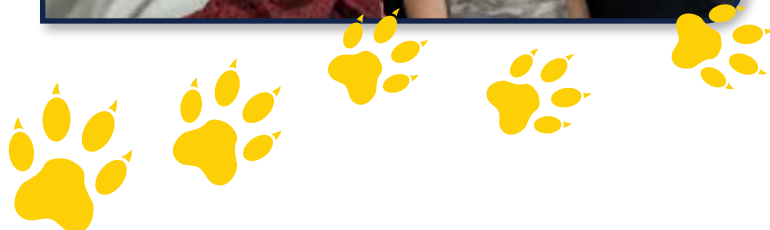


Mr. Nickolas Horton

Recently, we welcomed Nickolas Horton to the Scio family as a new Bus Driver. Mr. Horton lives in Belmont with his wife and six children. He has been a member of the Belmont Fire Company and Amity Rescue Squad for the past 17 years. In addition to driving a bus, he also owns and operates Nailed It Construction. When not working or volunteering his time to local emergency services agency he enjoys hunting. Welcome to the Scio family we are happy to have you.

High School
Academic
Awards Night

Thursday, June 12, 2025
In the Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.



SPRING FUN IN PREK

MAKING OOBLECK FOR DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY AND PLAYGROUND TIME

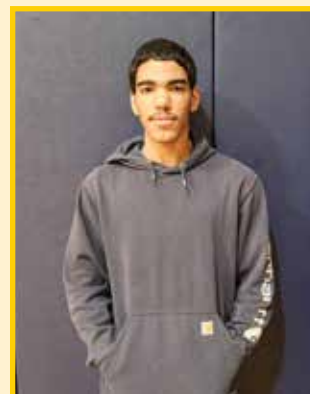


EXCELLING IN

BOCES CTE

February was National Career and Technical Education Month. On Friday, February 28, the Belmont BOCES CTE Center held assemblies to celebrate students' achievements.

Congratulations to Sawyer Williams, Carson Wonderling, Hannah Childs, Jadya Wonderling, Jocelyn Nickerson, Daelyn Willetts, Andrew Horning, Halle Shutt, Caleb Cline, Mercedes Fanton, Cooper Greenman, Heather Gates, Lawson Ector, Jordan Hamer, Eliza Lewis, and Michael Wade.



summer program!

Sign Up Now for the Summer Program

Enrichment activities, physical activity, and a whole bunch of fun is on the schedule for the annual Summer Program this year. Open to students entering Kindergarten through sixth grade in the fall, the program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 7 through July 24. The program is free and includes daily breakfast and lunch. Multiple weekly trips will be planned for all students attending the program. For more information, please contact Mrs. Wight at vwight@sciocsd.org.

MRS. WOODARD'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS



MEMORIAL DAY REMINDER

SCHOOL CLOSED ON MAY 23 & MAY 26 FOR THE HOLIDAY.



Message Regarding Our 2025-2026 District Budget

Greetings from Jon Cucchiaro, the business administrator here at Scio. I invite you to attend the annual budget presentation on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary auditorium. There will be three propositions that we're asking you to vote on. The first is to support students through our proposed budget and the second is the purchase of one school bus. The third is from the Scio Memorial Library for their budget request.

The increases in our budget this year are mainly in salaries for our professional and support staff. We believe investment in our staff is the key to providing an excellent education for our students. You may also notice an increase in the capital section of the budget. This increase is balanced by an increase in state aid, as the district receives a 97% aid rate on capital improvements.

Development of the budget occurs over several months beginning in early January. The administrative team has carefully considered how to best allocate limited resources to achieve our educational goals. This involves assessing academic and special education programming, the social and emotional needs of our students, and transportation requirements. We believe our budget reflects our commitment to students and the community.

The team and I appreciate your time and consideration of our 2025-2026 budget.

Board Member Vacancies

One (1) - Five (5) Year Term

To fill the expired term of office of Mr. Jon Nickerson

All vacancies are filled "at large."
The candidate with the greatest number of votes will be elected to the board.



Scio Central School District
Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025-26 Budget
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 • 6:30 p.m.
Elementary Auditorium

Annual District Meeting/Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
12:00 Noon – 8:00 p.m.
Foyer of Rigby Gymnasium

Voting and Early Mail Ballot Qualifications

A resident of the Scio Central School District shall be entitled to vote who is:

1. a citizen of the United States;
2. at least 18 years of age by May 20, 2025;
3. a resident of the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote.

Absentee Ballot Qualifications

A resident of the Scio Central School District shall be entitled an absentee ballot who is:

1. a qualified voter of the district;
2. a patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally at the polling place on the day of the vote due to illness, or physical disability;
3. unable to appear because of duties, occupation, business or studies that require him/her to be outside the county or city of residence on the day of the vote;
4. incarceration other than for conviction of a felony.

Process to Obtain/Cast an Absentee Ballot or Early Mail Ballot

A qualified voter of the Scio Central School District voting by absentee or early mail ballot must:

1. Contact the school by phone or mail and request that an application be sent to them;
2. Complete the application and return it to the District; the District Clerk must receive this application at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.
3. Complete the ballot, fold it and enclose it in a special marked envelope, seal it, sign and date the oath;
4. Place the official ballot envelope in another envelope and mail it to the District Clerk. It must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Process to Obtain/Cast a Military Ballot

A qualified "Military voter" means a qualified voter of the state of New York who is in actual military service, as defined in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, and by reason of such military service is absent from his or her district on the day of election, OR a voter who is discharged from such military service within thirty days of an election AND the spouse, parent, child or dependent of such voter accompanying or being with him or her, if a qualified voter and a resident of the same school district. Education Law Section 2018-d (1)(b)

1. Contact the school by mail, e-mail, or fax to request that an application be sent to them;
2. A valid application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2025.
3. Complete the ballot, fold it and enclose it in a special marked envelope, seal it, sign and date the oath;
4. Place the official ballot envelope in another envelope and mail it to the District Clerk. It must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.



On May 20, you will be voting on the following:

Proposition 1 - General Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the proposed 2025-26 budget in the amount of \$12,579,026?

Proposition 2 - Purchase of One School Bus

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to purchase one 66-passenger diesel school bus, at a total purchase price not to exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand six hundred dollars (\$175,600), the balance to be financed by bonding over five (5) years, and to levy the necessary taxes?

Proposition 3 – Scio Memorial Library

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be permitted to increase the tax levy for the Scio Memorial Library from \$41,593 to \$44,920?

Election of One (1) Candidate to the Board of Education

Vote for one (1):

One (1) five (5)-year term to expire 6/30/30

All vacancies are filled "at large."

The candidate with the greatest number of votes will be elected to the board.

Three-Part Budget Summary

New York State law requires all school districts to present their budgets divided into three expenditure categories: program, administrative, and capital.

Includes: salaries and benefits of teachers, guidance counselor, aides, nurses, etc.; teaching supplies, equipment and textbooks; library and instructional computer funds; athletics; and transportation costs (except bus purchases).

Program	Amount	% of budget
2024-25	\$ 8,292,514	70.54%
2025-26	\$ 8,533,049	67.83%

Includes: salaries and benefits of administrators who spend most of their time performing supervisory duties and related support staff; salary and benefits of school security staff; insurance costs; legal

expenses; public information; business office operations; and Board of Education expenses.

Administrative	Amount	% of budget
2024-25	\$ 1,293,193	11.00%
2025-26	\$ 1,369,320	10.88%

Includes: debt service on buildings; bus purchases; custodial costs including salaries and benefits of maintenance workers; and all facilities costs, including supplies, utilities, and repairs.

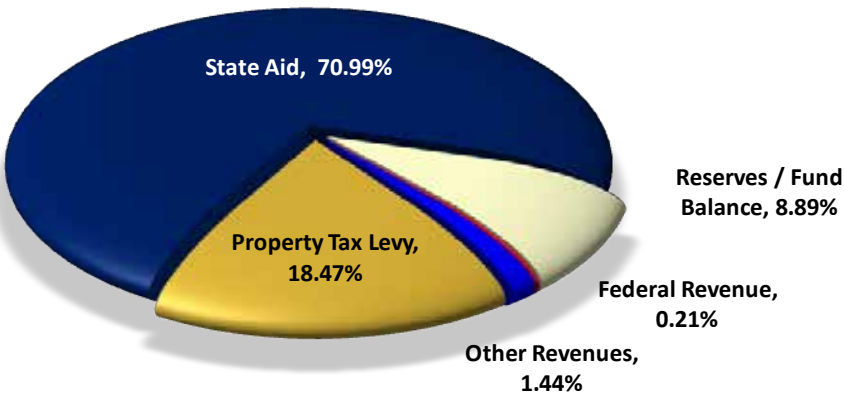
Capital	Amount	% of budget
2024-25	\$ 2,170,238	18.46%
2025-26	\$ 2,676,657	21.27%



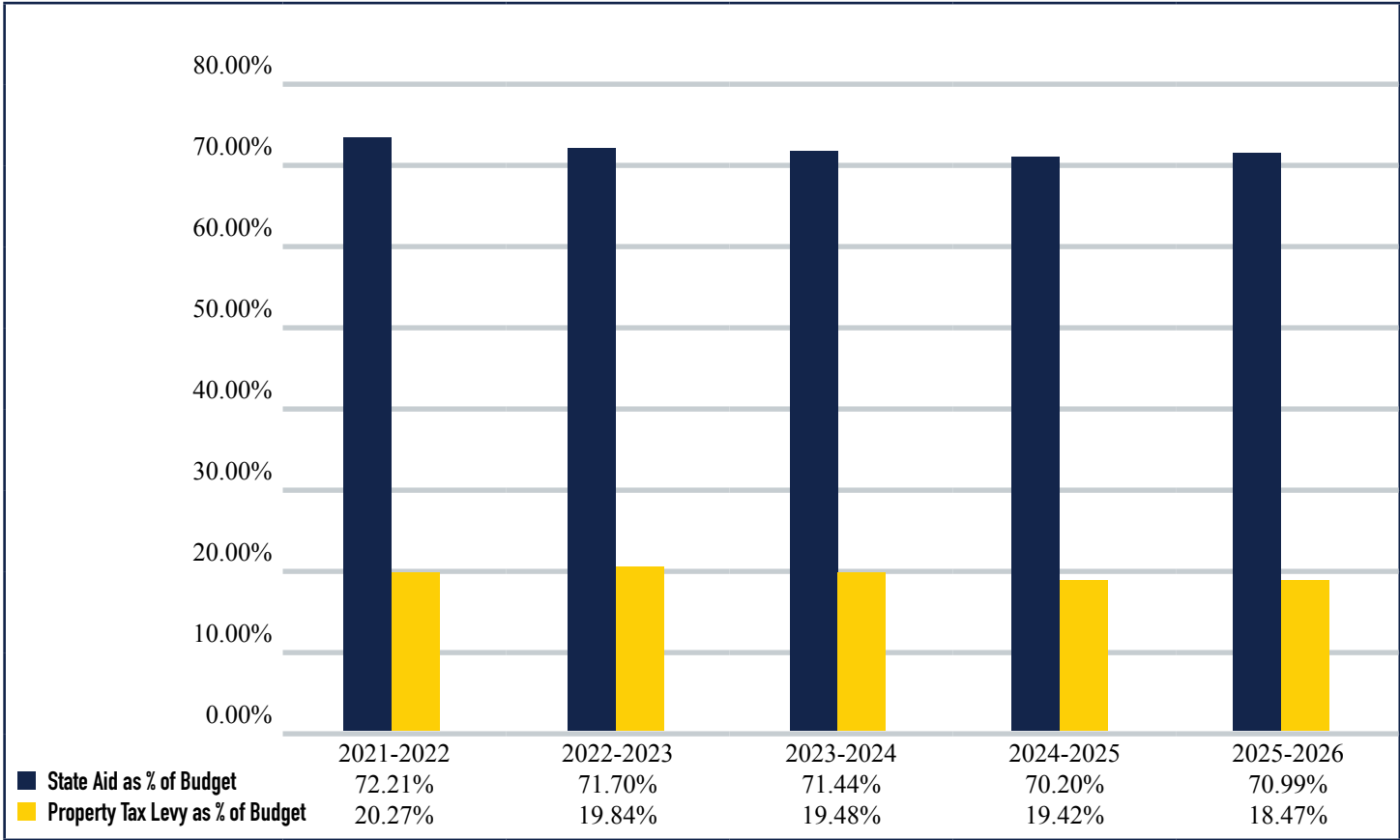
2025-2026 Budget & Revenue Estimates

State Aid	\$8,929,269
Reserves / Fund Balance	\$1,118,477
Federal Revenue	\$27,000
Other Revenues	\$181,400
Property Tax Levy	\$2,322,880
	\$12,579,026

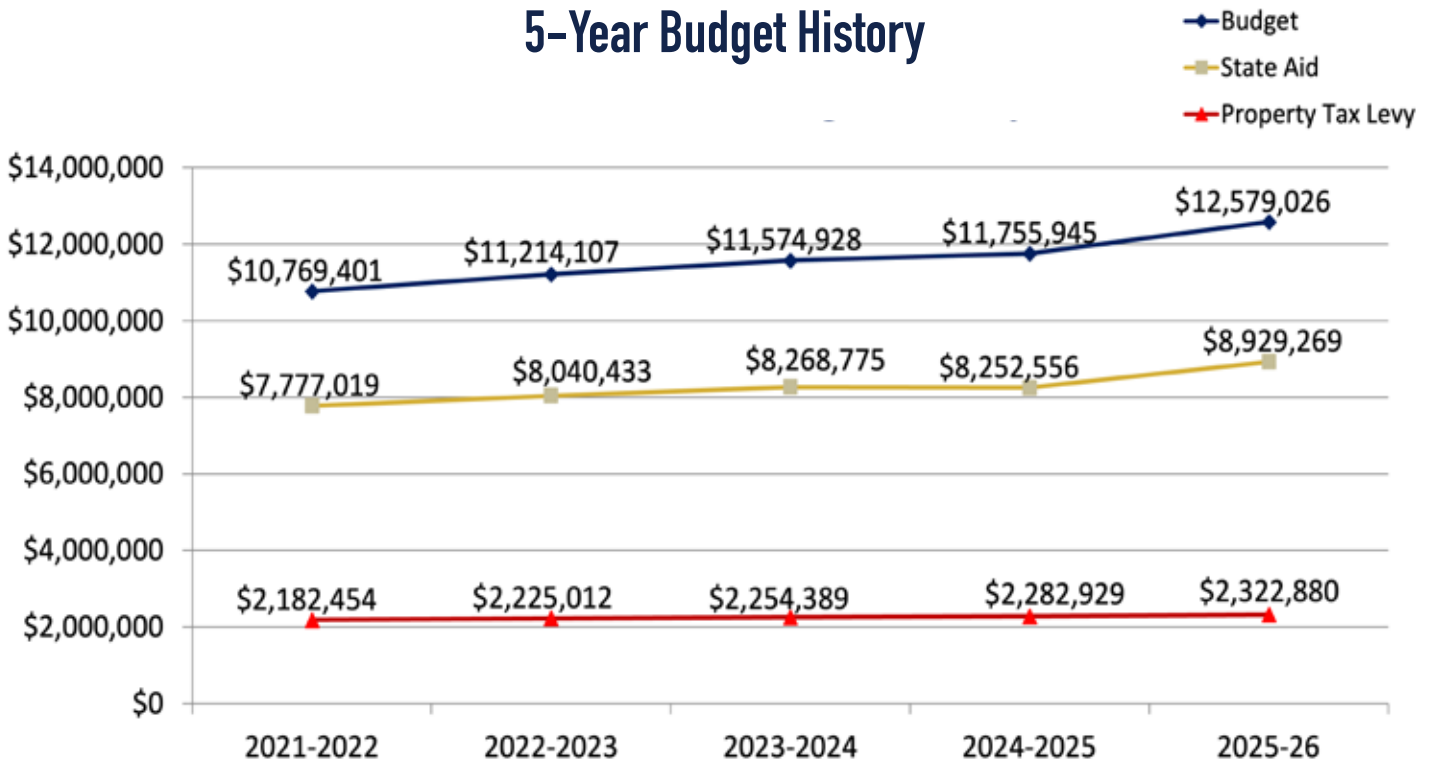
Proposed 2025-2026 Revenue Distribution



State Aid & Property Tax Levy as a Percentage of the Budget



5-Year Budget History



Funds Spent to Help Each Student Succeed



72¢

Spent on teaching, transporting, supervising and counseling students.

Spent on administration, including salaries, benefits, conferences, supplies, and BOCES admin costs.

3¢

8¢

Spent on custodial support, maintenance, school security personnel and utilities.

Spent on support, including accounting, payroll, HR and community relations.

Spent on debt service and capital improvements.

5¢

12¢



ALLEGANY COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTS MARK MOYER

At their 21st Annual HOF Ceremony, the ACAA welcomes Scio's newest member Mark Moyer. Mark has been a basketball and softball official and a rules interpreter and member of the STSOA from 1993-2015. Mark was also involved in Scio's softball program while his girls were playing. Recently he has worked as a coach and member of the board of directors for the Southern Tier Lightning softball organization.



FEATURED ARTIST

This is our talented artist Kate Curry-Morris' picture of Dr. Seuss' "If I Ran the Zoo".



Inducting New NHS and NJHS Members

In February, our school welcomed new members into the National Honor Society (NHS) and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at the annual induction ceremonies.

During the NHS ceremony, advisor Mrs. Hardy, along with current members, officially inducted eight new scholars. Current NHS members; Hailey Illerbrun, Aubrey (Mought) Toth, Nathan Griffiths, Landon Davenport, Jocelyn Nickerson, Cassidy Scholla, and Liam Smith warmly welcomed the newest inductees: Mia Gesek, Ella Perry, Ethan Robbins, Noah Roberts, Rilea Wenslow, Daelyn Willetts, Brea Williams, and Madison Wulf.

The following day, the NJHS held its own induction ceremony. NJHS advisor Mrs. McClain-Canfield and current members Cohen Claire, Elinor Cook, Kaylee Davenport, Avery Lunn, Jaxson Nickerson, and Addyson Sekoll welcomed seven new members: Ronan Ayres, Myah Billings, Emma Hammonds, Madison Kamrowski, Rhiley Kruger, Ayrianna Mathews, and Chase Saxton.

Congratulations to all our new inductees! Their leadership, service, and character exemplify the core values of the NHS and NJHS.



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	1	2	3
4	5	6	NYS ELA Exam 3-8 NYS Math Exam 3-8 BOE Mtg./Public Hearing. 6:30pm	NYS ELA Exam 3-8 NYS Math Exam 3-8 5-12 Spring Concert 6:00pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day				NYS Science Exam 5 & 8		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Annual District Mtg./Budget Vote 12:00-8:00pm BOE Mtg. 7:00pm	PK-4 Spring Concert 6:00pm		No School Building Closed	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day					

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Biology Regents Exam Sports Awards 6:00pm	Geometry Regents Exam BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	High School Awards Night 6:00pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day	Last Day for Students 7-12	ELA Regents Exam PreK and Kindergarten Celebrations	Global II & Algebra I Regents Exam	Juneteenth No School Building Closed	US History & Earth Science Regents Exam	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Chemistry & Physics Regents Exam 1/2 Day Elementary Last Day for Elementary Students	Algebra II Regents Exam	Rating Day	GRADUATION	
29	30					



Scio's Spanish and Creative Writing Classes

Scio's Spanish and Creative Writing classes went to El Sabroso in Bolivar. The Spanish class interacted with the wait staff in Spanish, ordering their meals in Spanish. The Creative Writing class was there to be a "food critic". Here's what they have to say:

Mexican Restaurant Review, Mayson Walsh

Let's start this off strong and fast. When I first walked in, I noticed something, it smelled amazing and I could smell cooked meat and other foods, along with an overall clean smell. When I ordered, the waitress was very patient, and kind and I thought that was very respectable of her; and I appreciated it very much. Once I muttered out what I wanted, it only took a few minutes to receive all our drinks. The drinks were amazing, and some people even got the special sodas that they sold called "Jarrito's". Once we got our food, I was startled by how large my burrito was. It was beautiful, it was cheesy, it was meaty, it was full of peppers, and it looked like Heaven. Once I bit into it, that was when I fell in love with it. I ate everything in sight. It was some of the best food I've had in forever. One thing I forgot to mention was the appetizer (chips and salsa) was amazing. It was sweet, spicy, and a little tangy, and it was just awesome! Personally, the only downfall of this restaurant, in my opinion, was that the bathroom was out of commission, so nobody could use it if they had to use the restroom.

El Sabroso, Rilea A. Wenslow

Recently, the Foreign Language Club went to a Mexican restaurant in Bolivar; a place called El Sabroso. I am certain we all had an amazing experience there! We started off with chips and salsa. The salsa was exceptional, and the salt and cilantro ratio was perfect. We were all extremely glad that they kept coming back with more chips. The workers put the salsa in bright red and blue colored bowls which really added a splash of color to the atmosphere. The food was great, especially my main course, Enchiladas Suiza. These were an enchilada filled with queso, chicken and a Suiza sauce made with tomatillos, peppers, cream, and seasonings and/or herbs. These had a perfect amount of spice and a yummy cheese topping. It also came with rice on the side which was heavenly. They had very cheery Mexican music on, and the restaurant itself was very colorful. The service was amazing! Although they



did not have lime Jarrito's, which was almost detrimental on my part, overall, the restaurant was amazing, the service was great, the food was spectacular, and the drinks were very tasty.

El Sabroso, Anonymous

On the 13th of February, the Creative Writing class joined the Spanish class on a trip to El Sabroso in Bolivar. The restaurant was quiet, but the workers there were kind. A few minutes after arriving, we received our drinks as well as salsa and chips. The salsa was nice, with hints of cilantro, and just the right amount of salt. The chips were freshly baked, and they were quickly eaten by everyone. A second serving of chips was quickly delivered to the table. When it was time to order, there was a small language barrier, but things seemed to go smoothly. When the food was brought out was when a few issues arrived. Some people were having to trade plates, one person didn't receive what they ordered at all, there was miscommunication on side dish substitutions, and there was an extra dish that no one had ordered. Despite the few hiccups, it was still a good place to eat. Although the food was quite delicious overall, the steak was overdone, and they failed to replace the beans with rice on my order. Most enjoyed their food, and some even went out of their comfort zone and tried new foods. The place serves great food, and the Spanish rice is by far the best quality I've had in a while.

El Sabroso, Mought Toth

My experience at El Sabroso was pretty good! They came out with a strong first impression, greeting us at the door and seating us immediately, even though we were a large, and probably overwhelming group. While there was a bit of a language barrier between my peers and the waitress,

she handled the situation very well by being patient and understanding. Overall, the environment was great — good decor, kind staff, adequate lighting; besides the fact that the floors and ceiling tiles were a little dirty. In addition to the environment, the food was AMAZING! The appetizer corn chips were very crunchy and not overwhelming with spices and the salsa was just right. I ordered the ACP, which comes with chicken, veggies, and rice; I had absolutely no complaints. The vegetables were the right texture (not too soft, not too hard), and the seasoning on the chicken was phenomenal. The rice was a good color and absolutely no grains were hard — trust me, it was perfect. I ended up ordering a side of it to go. :) All in all, I had a great time, and I'm looking forward to my next visit!

Allegany County SPCA Donations

In February, middle school students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Since then, they have been working diligently. The students collected many donations for the Allegany County SPCA and delivered them. They were able to visit the dogs and play with the cats while there.



NJHS Lunch Bunch



Ski Club

Ski club shaped up to be an exciting season! We had 8 trips planned with 24 enthusiastic students. With the perfect ski weather this year, we had some fantastic skiing adventures and lots of fun! Ms. Vegder and Mrs. Nickerson.



Annual Math/STEM Fair & Art Show

On February 13, the district hosted our Annual Math/STEM Fair and Art Show. The entire school was buzzing with excitement as students proudly showcased their projects and artistic creations.

Adding to the evening's excitement, we had the privilege of welcoming local artist Eric Jones. With his amazing snow-carving skills, he created a beautiful "Love Scio" sculpture on the front lawn of our campus. The masterpiece was a hit with students, staff, and families alike, making for a unique photo op that night and the days to follow.

Thank you to everyone who participated and attended to show your support to our talented students.



Annual Math/STEM Fair & Art Show



STUDENT WELLNESS DAY

On Wednesday, March 12, the district came together for an exciting Student Wellness Day filled with fun, learning, and inspiration. The day was filled with activities designed to promote well-being and teamwork. Our elementary students enjoyed roller skating, STEM activities and a special show by Kevin McCarthy. McCarthy, a musician from Buffalo, put on a show featuring character education messages, a spectacular light show, and high-energy songs that made for a memorable experience. Our high school students enjoyed team-building activities, rock climbing, and so much more. In the afternoon, we welcome students from Friendship, who joined us for an inspiring message from motivational speaker Dunkin Kirkwood. Student Wellness Day was an opportunity for students to connect, learn, and grow together. With engaging activities, inspiring messages, and fun, the day left a lasting impression throughout the district.



STUDENT WELLNESS DAY



Scio Represented at Area All-County

March is always a busy and exciting month for our music department! Several of our talented student musicians showcased their skills at the All-County Concerts held at Houghton University and Alfred University. There were two spectacular weekends of music, during which select students from our Elementary

Choir, Jr. High Choir, Sr. High Band, and Jazz Band represented Scio in elite ensembles alongside students from across the county. We are incredibly proud of **Brea Williams, Carson Wonderling, Jeremiah Brown, Liam Smith, Addy Sekoll, Avery Lunn, Elinor Cook, Brielle Allen, Lacey Sherlock, Hailey Illerbrun,**

Eian Brainard, Maddison Kamrowski, Avery Lounsberry, and Emma Kruger for their hard work and dedication.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Stack and Mrs. Berardi for their continued support and guidance, which has helped our students shine!



Avery Lunn, Elinor Cook, Lacey Sherlock, Madison Kamrowski, Brielle Allen, Addyson Sekoll



Eian Brainard, Avery Lunn, Emma Kruger



Hailey Illerbrun



Liam Smith, Jeremiah Brown

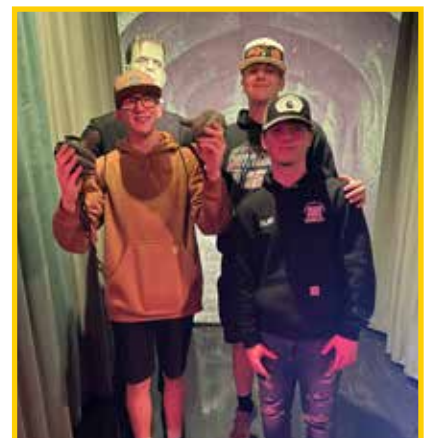
A TENNESSEE ADVENTURE!

In March, members of the Class of 2025 set out on an unforgettable senior trip to Tennessee, partnering with seniors from Bolivar-Richburg Central School to make memories of a lifetime.

The trip was packed with exciting stops, including Anakeesta and Ripley's

Aquarium in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Then, they ventured to Pigeon Forge, where students explored the Titanic Museum, the Wax Museum, and Dollywood. They even fit in a few shows, the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show, Microwrestling, and The Wheel at The Island, to name a few!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible by supporting student fundraisers! This was truly an amazing experience for the Class of 2025 that created lifelong memories.



Additional photos on last page.





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