



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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FUN FILLED SUMMER

We had an incredible three weeks of fun and learning during this year's summer program, with over 50 students participating. Our students enjoyed a wide range of activities, from swimming at Rushford Lake and the Wellsville pool to skating adventures at Funland. They also had a blast visiting the new Splash Pad, pool, and inflatable obstacle course at the Olean YMCA, and bouncing around on the inflatable castle and water slide here on campus from Wixson Rentals.

This summer, we were excited to partner with the Scio Memorial Library. Each week, Library Director Raeanne Smith inspired our students with creative craft projects. We were also fortunate to have Michael Nelson, a nutritionist from Cornell Cooperative Extension, join us. She taught the kids about healthy snack options and guided them in making their own delicious yogurt parfaits.

It was a memorable experience for all our students, filled with fun, creativity, and learning!



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News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti



Greetings Scio Families,

The start of a new school year is always such a wonderful time for me. I love the excitement of a new beginning, with the advantage of so much also remaining the same. I look forward to the joy and excitement that awaits us in the 2024-2025 school year. Our theme this year revolves around having COURAGE. We will talk throughout the school year about what it means to have courage and challenge one another to act courageously to make our lives, our school, and our world a better place.

As always, the end of summer means that we have so many people to thank. A huge shout out to our maintenance department, food service, transportation, summer program, office, and Extended School Day (YMCA) program staff who continued to work throughout the summer to prepare our building for a new school year, as well as provide summer meals and opportunities for our students. All of this, combined with building project renovations, made our school being a busy place this summer! We are anxious for our opening days to have our full Scio Family back together!

Our Back-to-School Celebration is on September 3rd. This event will be held from 4pm-6pm. This year, we extended the event to be a district-wide PreK-12 event with activities and

items of interest appropriate for all grade levels. Come join us to meet your child's new teachers, reconnect with staff and friends, and enjoy a picnic dinner. I hope to see you there!

With Scio Pride,

Jen Cappelletti



Welcome Back



Scio Family!

#ScioPride



Looking Forward to Meeting You All

By Mr. Nathan Kewley, PK-12 Principal

Greetings Scio Community,

I am thrilled to be writing this message to introduce myself to you! My name is Nate Kewley (pronounced "Q-lee"), and earlier this summer I started my new role as PK-12 Principal. My first month in the position has already exceeded all the great things people told me about the school and community.

I would like to share a little about myself. Just over seventeen years ago, I married my amazing wife, Jessica. We have two sons, Landon (11) and Max (8). We also have a two-year old golden retriever named Lacey. I spend a lot of time with my family. We love to travel and see new things. My boys are involved in lots of youth sports, so I frequently find myself along the sidelines of an athletic field. In my other free time, I like to woodwork, cook, and root for the Bills!

All but the first year and a half of my life has been spent in communities within sixty minutes of Scio. My early childhood was spent between Olean and Portville. When I was in middle school, my family moved to Belmont, where I graduated from Genesee Valley Central School. Following college, I was hired as an elementary teacher in Wellsville. My family has been living in Wellsville for the past fourteen years.

As we gear up for the new school year, there are a few dates that I want you to keep in mind. Our Back-to-School Celebration will be on September 3rd from 4-6 in the evening. This event is for all students in grades PK-12. I hope you will come to meet your teachers, gather important information/materials, and have a blast! Also, our first day of school is Thursday, September 5th.

I look forward to the excited noises of students in the building. I can't wait to get to know all the students. If we cross paths at school, athletic events, or in the community, please say "Hello!" Also, if you have any questions or need to contact me, you can call (585) 593-5510 or email nkewley@sciocsd.org.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!



2024 Service Award

Doreen Martin was recently recognized at the Allegany County Athletic Association Banquet winning the 2024 Service Award.



Welcome to the Tiger Family

Hannah Andersen

We would like to introduce our newest teacher, Ms. Hannah Andersen. Ms. Andersen recently graduated from Houghton University with a bachelor's in Adolescent Education and English Literature. She will be teaching 10 – 12 English and Journalism. Ms. Andersen is an avid reader and enjoyed being the editor of The Lantern, Houghton's Literary Magazine. She has a wide variety of hobbies, including hiking, singing, horticulture, and visiting cafes. She is an avid downhill skier and was President of the Houghton University Ski Club. Ms. Andersen is excited to start her teaching career here and join the Tiger community.



Scio Central School

TRUNK or TREAT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

SCS North Parking Lot

Join the fun from 5:30 - 6:30 on Halloween night for this Tiger Tradition!

Please contact Val Wight to reserve your spot, vwight@sciocsd.org.

All Trick-or-Treaters Welcome!



Scio Central School District – Parent Bill of Rights

Parents (includes legal guardians or persons in parental relationships) and Eligible Students (students 18 years and older) can expect the following:

1. A student's personally identifiable information (PII) cannot be sold or released for any commercial purpose. PII, as defined by Education Law § 2-d and FERPA, includes direct identifiers such as a student's name or identification number, parent's name, or address; and indirect identifiers such as a student's date of birth, which when linked to or combined with other information can be used to distinguish or trace a student's identity. Please see FERPA's regulations at 34 CFR 99.3 for a more complete definition.
2. The right to inspect and review the complete contents of the student's education record stored or maintained by an educational agency. This right may not apply to parents of an Eligible Student.
3. State and federal laws such as Education Law § 2-d; the Commissioner of Education's Regulations at 8 NYCRR Part 121, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") at 12 U.S.C. 1232g (34 CFR Part 99); Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA") at 15 U.S.C. 6501-6502 (16 CFR Part 312); Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment ("PPRA") at 20 U.S.C. 1232h (34 CFR Part 98); the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") at 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq. (34 CFR Part 300); protect the confidentiality of a student's identifiable information.
4. Safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices including but not limited to encryption, firewalls and password protection must be in place when student PII is stored or transferred.

5. A complete list of all student data elements collected by NYSED is available at www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security, and by writing to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
6. The right to have complaints about possible breaches and unauthorized disclosures of PII addressed.

Complaints of Improper Disclosure may be submitted to Scio Central School District online at <http://www.scio.wnyric.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=793> or by mail to: Scio Central School, Data Protection Officer, 3968 Washington Street, Scio NY, 14880. Copies of the complaint form can be obtained on-line or at the Superintendent's Office.

Complaints may also be submitted to NYSED at www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security; by mail to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; by email to privacy@nysed.gov; or by telephone at 518-474-0937.

7. To be notified in accordance with applicable laws and regulations if a breach or unauthorized release of PII occurs.
8. Educational agency workers that handle PII will receive training on applicable state and federal laws, policies, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices that protect PII.
9. Educational agency contracts with vendors that receive PII will address statutory and regulatory data privacy and security requirements.

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 585-593-5510, 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.

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

**Wednesdays
beginning Sept. 4
from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**



Transportation Information

At Scio Central School, we work hard making sure that necessary steps are followed to ensure the safety of all our students. We have established procedures that will assist us in this goal. We encourage you to review the following information and discuss each item with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Transportation Department at 585-593-0987. The Board of Education Policy states that students in grades PreK-3 will not be dropped off unless the bus driver is certain that someone is there for the student. We need you to do one of the following:

- **Stand in a window or doorway**
- **Come outside**
- **Stand in the driveway**
- **Please wave to the driver so he or she can see you.**

If it seems that no one is available, the student will be brought back to the school and their emergency contact person will be called to pick the student up. It is our wish to avoid any inconvenience for parents. PreK students need to be escorted to and from the bus stop. PK students will be seated toward the front of the bus at all times.

Make sure your child/children are at the bus stop at the appropriate time! There will be three scheduled bus safety drills for all students during the school year. Please remind your child/children of our school bus safety rules:

- **Stay seated — facing forward**
- **No eating or drinking**
- **Talk quietly using appropriate language**
- **No hitting, kicking, or bullying**
- **No glass containers or aerosol spray cans of any type**
- **No tobacco products of any kind, including electronic devices**

According to the Commissioner of Education, a school district is NOT responsible for transporting students to more than one location (even when that student's parents are divorced). There is no statutory or regulatory requirement that states a district must transport a student to different places on different days of the week.

Each student may have only ONE designated pick-up point and ONE designated drop-off point.

The morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off may be different, but they must be the same locations DAILY.

Students will **NOT** be transported to other students' homes, except in the event of an EMERGENCY.

In the event of an emergency or any other bus change, please contact the Main Office at 585-593-5510 Ext. 1161 **BEFORE 1:30 p.m. in order for the transportation department**

and your child's teacher to receive notification of the change in a timely manner.

All students being dropped off must be dropped off in the front of the school building. Please remember there is a 5-mph speed limit on school grounds. There is always the possibility of students in the driveway or parking lot.

We thank you in advance for your continued support in making our school the safest it can be for our children. If we can help to clarify any items in this letter, please do not hesitate to call.



Pesticides Notification

The Scio Central School District utilizes non-chemical solutions when pest removal from the district buildings and grounds is necessary. Traps, environmental modifications, and/or mechanical means are used to eliminate pests.

School law requires the district maintain, on an annual basis, parents have the opportunity to be notified in advance prior to pesticide application use at the school their child attends. Persons on this list would be notified at least 48-hours in advance of the application. If you want to be on this contact list, please contact Cathy Law at 585-593-5076 or claw@sciocsd.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our Custodial Supervisor at 585-593-5510, ext 1241.



FUN FILLED SUMMER (continued)



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Splash Pad



Swimming Like Fish



DRESS CODE REMINDER

As we prepare to start the 2024-2025 school year, we would like to remind students about our dress code. When students dress for success, it reflects the quality of our school, and the way students view themselves and their work.

Tops should not expose the midriff or be revealing. Tops with spaghetti straps are not permissible. Shorts, skorts, and/or skirts should reach midway down the thigh. Clothing should not advertise any type of controlled substance such as alcohol and/or tobacco or commend violence. Pajamas should only be worn to school for special occasions and with prior approval from the administration. Blankets are not allowed under any circumstance.

If clothing is deemed to be inappropriate, obscene, or in bad taste, the student will be asked to change, and instances may result in a consequence laid out in the student handbook and Code of Conduct.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation with ensuring student attire is appropriate.



Money Experiments



Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

Notice to Parents and Eligible Students (students over 18 years of age) of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). **You are notified that you have the following rights in relation to student records:**

- The right to inspect and review students' education records within a reasonable time but not more than 45 days from the day the Scio Central School District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. Parents or eligible students may ask the Scio Central School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. If the Scio Central School District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. This includes:
 - o School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - o Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - o Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - o Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - o Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - o Accrediting organizations;
 - o To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - o Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - o State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Scio Central School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures. Directory information is used in a variety of Scio Central School publications. Here are a few examples:

- a playbill showing student's role in a drama production;
- the annual yearbook;
- honor roll or other recognition lists;
- graduation programs; and
- sports activity sheets, such as for soccer, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent. **(1) If you do not want the Scio Central School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 30, 2024.**

The Scio Central School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's Name
- Address
- Telephone Listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade Level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight & height of athletic team members
- Degrees, honors, & awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

(1) These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (P.L. 107-10), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* (P.L. 107-1071), the legislation that provides funding for the nation's armed forces.

FERPA also requires that the Scio Central School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to





Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Scio Central School

3968 Washington St, Scio, NY 14880



Vendor Application Form

- There are no refunds for cancellations.
- All vendors are responsible for providing their own tables and chairs.
- Vendors must be set up from 9 am till 4 pm. (NO EARLY TEAR DOWN)
- Registration is on a first received basis. We try to avoid duplicate vendors.
- We reserve the right to refuse any exhibitor.
- All applications must be received by Friday, November 22, 2024.
- Each vendor is required to donate 1 item/basket to the Basket Raffle.
- Scio Central School is not responsible for any items, property loss or damage. The vendor releases the show committee from all responsibility for installing, protecting, selling, storing, and removing exhibits and merchandise.

For questions, contact Valerie Wight at vwight@sciocsd.org (585-610-0010) or Tammy Straight at tstraight@sciocsd.org (505-610-5193)

Show Sponsored by the SCS Classes of 2025 & 2026



Vendor Contact Information

Please print CLEARLY and return this form to Attn: Val Wight to the address above.

Contact Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Description of items you will be selling: _____

Number of Spaces Needed: _____ Place an X in circles below for your request.

10 x 10 (in Gym) 6 x 15 (In Hallway) Electric Needed Electric NOT Needed

Vendor Cost – \$25 per space and 1 donation to the Basket Raffle.

Method of Payment: Cash Check (Make Checks Payable to the Scio Class of 2025)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Applications & Payment Deadline is November 22, 2024



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Superintendent's Day Back to School Celebration 4:00-6:00pm	4 Superintendent's Day	5 First Day of School	6	7
8	9 1st Day of after school YMCA Program	10	11 BOE mtg. 6:30pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Fall Picture Day	9 BOE mtg. 6:30pm	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day Offices Closed	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Class of 2025 & 2026 Beef Stick sales	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Parade Class of 2025-2026 Beef Stick sale ends Trunk or Treat, 5:30-6:30pm		





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

POSTAL PATRON

SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

4:00 - 6:00 PM

ENJOY A PICNIC DINNER & AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE
 PICK UP INFORMATION FOLDERS
 YMCA EXTENDED DAY SIGN-UPS

GRADES PREK - 6

- Meet Your Teacher
- Bring Your Supplies to the Classroom
- Face Painting, Inflatable & Other Fun Activities

GRADES 7 - 12

- Fun Teen Activities & Enter the Scio Gear Raffle
- Information About Clubs & Activities
- Put Supplies in Your Locker

1ST DAY OF CLASS IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.