



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Summer Program



Additional Photos from the Program on Pages 4-5.

ATTENTION TAXPAYERS: Scio will be having in-person tax collections this year. This will be available on Wednesday evenings, 5pm to 7pm beginning 9/7.

News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

Greeting Scio Families,

Our summer program was a big success! The students had such a variety of learning experiences and fun both at school and on field trips. We thank Mrs. Val Wight for her excellent organization and creative planning that made the program exciting for our students. We are also grateful for the many summer program teachers who worked with our students. During our August Board of Education meeting, several students came to present their summer program experiences. It was wonderful to hear the students' perspective.

A shout out to Mrs. Cindy Winchell and her team for providing the summer school meals. There were also many families that picked up meals in Scio and Allentown during the summer. We love that so many took advantage of the free summer meal program.

It has also been a busy summer getting ready for the new school year. Our cleaning staff has been working hard throughout the summer. We had a sensory hallway installed that shows off our Scio Pride! Our administration and office staff have been preparing for the return of our students. We have some staffing changes and new faces at Scio Central that will be included in our next newsletter.

I look forward to the 2022-2023 school year and hope that you are as well! Each new school year brings fresh starts and new possibilities combined with a familiar reconnecting as the school family comes back together. Let us make this our best year yet!

Take Care!

Jen Cappelletti



Alex Ryan presenting to the Board his experiences during the summer program.



Alton, Vella and Callie Simmons talking to the Board about their summer program experiences.



Principal's Corner:

By Dr. McKinley

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone is doing well, had a great summer, and is as excited as I am for faculty/staff and students to return in a couple of weeks. Some important information for the start of the 2022-2023 school year:

SAVE THE DATE:

- August 30th: PK and K Meet & Greet.
- September 1st and 2nd: Superintendent Days. Faculty and staff will be in the building receiving professional development and preparing for the return of students.
- September 6th: first day of student attendance. The 2022-2023 school calendar was in the student folder that was available for pick up in August. If you did not receive one, please call the main office.
- September 21st: Meet the Teacher Night for grades 1-6.

SCHOOL MEALS:

- The Scio CSD will again be able to provide all students with a free breakfast and lunch. Ala carte items are available for purchase. We hope that all students will take advantage of this opportunity and start their day with a good, healthy breakfast. Please complete and return the CEP form on page 9.
- We are planning to return to our normal routine/location for meals for students. PK-4 will eat breakfast in the cafeteria; 5-8 in the picnic table area/halls on the second floor or in homerooms; 9-12 in the HS wing/halls or in homerooms. All students will eat lunch in the cafeteria.

DROP OFF/PICK UP INFORMATION:

- Drop off and pick up locations and times will remain the same. Students should be dropped off using the dedicated lane on Washington St. beginning at 7:30am. Dismissal for primary grades (grades PK-3) who are picked up will begin at 2:45pm using the dedicated lane on Washington St. Students in grades 4-12 will be dismissed at 3:00pm.

ABSENCES:

Per the Student Handbook: Parents are asked to call the nurse at 593-0886 by 8:30am to report a student absence. A written note from home stating the reason for the absence must be turned in the day following an absence. Legal absences include illness with doctor's note, illness or death in the family, impassable roads or weather, religious observances, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, liminary obligations, school authorized functions, or such other reason as may be approved by the Commissioner of Education. In cases of either an excused or unexcused absence, all class work is expected to be made up or turned in following the student's return. Students will have the same number of days to make up work for excused absences.

EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please be sure to verify the demographic page that was given in the student folder and send any changes to the main office so we can ensure accurate contact information when using the automated phone system.

As always, please feel free to contact me at school if you have questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year!

Dress Code Reminder

As we prepare to start the 2022-2023 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. Ladies should wear tops that do not expose the midriff, are not revealing, and do not have spaghetti straps. 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 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.

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.

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@scioesd.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Doreen Martin, Custodial Supervisor at 585-593-5510, ext 1241.

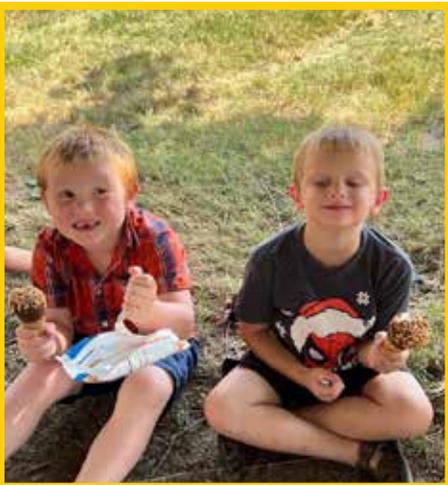
Annual Title I Parent Meeting

October 19, 2022
Elementary Gymnasium
6:00pm

All parents are encouraged to attend and learn about the Title I Program at SCS and ways that you can help your child succeed academically.



Summer Program (Continued)



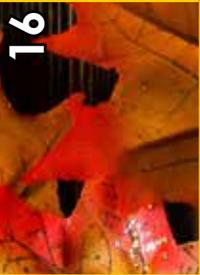
Summer Program (Continued)



September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Superintendent's Day	2 Superintendent's Day	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 First day for Students	7	8	9 Senior Class trip to Leitchworth State Park	10
11	12	13	14 BOE meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Meet the Teacher Grades 1st - 6th. 6:00pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Homecoming Weekend	

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1						SAT
 2	3	4	5 Operation Safe Child	6 Faculty meeting	7 End of 5 week marking period	8
 9	10 Columbus Day	11	12 BOE meeting 6:30 PSAT/NMSQT	13	14	15
 16	17	18 Fall picture day	19 Title I Annual Parent Information Night 6:00pm	20 Early dismissal/PD Day	21	22
 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
 30	31					

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.



Community Eligibility Provision

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Scio Central School will be implementing a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for School Year 2022-2023.

What does this mean for you and your children attending the school(s) identified above?

Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of Scio Central School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2022-2023 school year. **To ensure we continue to be eligible for grants and other funding, please complete the lunch application included in this newsletter.** Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact Cindy Winchell at 585-593-5510 ext.1500.



**2022-2023 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)/Provision 2 non-base year
Household Income Eligibility Form**

SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 in a non-base year. All children in the school will receive meals/milk at no charge regardless of household income or completion of this form. This form is to determine eligibility for additional State and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. Read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the school named above. Call Cindy Winchell 585/593-5510 ext 1500, if you need help.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	No Income
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 5, and sign the application.

Name: _____ CASE # _____

3. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). Do not leave income blank. If no income, check box. If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school may receive federal funds. The school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY	
Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application) Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12	
<input type="checkbox"/> SNAP/TANF/Foster	
<input type="checkbox"/> Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____	Household Size: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Signature of Reviewing Official _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied Eligibility Date Notice Sent: _____

CEP/Provision 2 Non-Base Year Household Income Form INSTRUCTIONS

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE FORM FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one form.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the form in PART 4. **SKIP PART 3** - Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number.

PARTS 3 & 4 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF PARTS 3 AND 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are completing the form for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people living in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online

at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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.

FERPA also requires that the Scio Central School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to 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, 2022.**

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. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the nation's armed forces.





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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 1:30p.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.

Updated Backpack / Bell Schedule Information

Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to carry backpacks from class to class this year. To address the issue shared with us that students do not have enough time to go to lockers in between classes, we have adjusted the bell/period schedule, increasing passing time to four (4) minutes between classes. The new bell schedule will be as follows:

HOMEROOM	7:55 – 8:00
1ST	8:03 – 8:42
2ND	8:46 – 9:25
3RD	9:29 – 10:08
4TH	10:12 – 10:51
5AB (9-12)	10:55 – 11:25
5AB (5-8)	10:55 – 11:34
5BC (9-12)	11:28 – 12:07
5BC (5-8)	11:37 – 12:07
6TH	12:11 – 12:50
7TH	12:54 – 1:33
8TH	1:37 – 2:16
9TH	2:20 – 3:00