



# SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### Ski Club Enjoys Another Season

Another ski season is quickly coming to a close for our ski club members and advisors. They had a great time skiing on Saturdays at Swain Ski Resort since early January. Thank you to our club advisors Jessica Nickerson and Carmen Vegder for chaperoning our students this season.



### No One has More FUN than Tigers at Funland



# News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

Greeting Scio Families,

We will be having an early release day on Monday, April 8. I have been anxiously anticipating this day for several years! Our community is almost in the path of totality for the total solar eclipse happening that afternoon. If it is a clear day, the view from Scio will be an amazing one but a short drive in Allegany County will take you to locations that will experience full totality. Please see the chart on this page for locations in Allegany County.



Over the next few weeks, students will be learning more about the science behind the eclipse including hands-on activities in the elementary STEM classes. **We will be sending home family packs of information prior to the eclipse that will include a few pairs of glasses.** We are thankful to Allegany County for providing a portion of our glasses. The early release will ensure that no student is on the bus during the event as this is happening in our area around 3:20 p.m. We hope that families will be able to enjoy this event together.

## Why be Excited About this Eclipse?

The excitement over the eclipse stems from the view that can be seen and how rare we get to view it. There will not be another total solar eclipse in New York State until May 1, 2079, and there will not be another total solar eclipse in our immediate area until October 26, 2144.

Where can I see the total eclipse?	When will totality begin?	How long will it last?
Allen	3:20:12 PM	1 minute 58 seconds
Angelica	3:20:36 PM	1 minute
Belfast	3:20:05 PM	1 minute 48 seconds
Birdsall	3:20:29 PM	1 minute 34 seconds
Burns	3:20:57 PM	1 minute 4 seconds
Canaseraga	3:20:38 PM	1 minute 40 seconds
Caneadea	3:19:51 PM	2 minutes 13 seconds
Centerville	3:19:27 PM	2 minutes 47 seconds
Cuba	3:20:07 PM	1 minute 11 seconds
Fillmore	3:19:46 PM	2 minutes 31 seconds
Granger	3:20 PM	2 minutes 23 seconds

During a Total Solar Eclipse, even though the sun is much larger than the moon, the two bodies are at just the right distances to make them appear to be the same size in our sky and the moon passes directly in front of the sun. When this happens, a beautiful ring of light appears, the stars are visible in the middle of the day, birds stop chirping because they think it is nighttime, and people experience a few minutes of eerie darkness - "totality" - in the middle of the day.

## Viewing the Eclipse Safely

Using caution when viewing the eclipse is essential. The only safe way to view the partially or uneclipsed sun is through specialized solar filters, like those found in eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers. The only exception to this is during totality. For that brief period, it is safe to view the eclipse with your naked eye. Scio will not experience totality making it unsafe to view with the naked eye at all. For more information on viewing solar eclipses safely, visit <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/safety/>.

Here is to hoping that April 8 is a cloud-free day and many of you can enjoy this rare, natural wonder.

With Scio Pride,

*Jen Cappelletti*

### Eclipse Safety Precautions

- View the sun through eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer during the partial eclipse phases before and after totality. If they are torn, scratched, or otherwise damaged, throw them away.
- DO NOT look at the sun through a camera lens, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer. The concentrated solar rays will burn through the filter and cause serious eye injury.
- You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection only when the Moon completely obscures the sun's bright face - during the brief and spectacular period known as totality. (You'll know it's safe when you can no longer see any part of the sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.)
- As soon as you see even a little bit of the bright sun reappear after totality, immediately put your eclipse glasses back on.

(Safety tips borrowed from [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov).)

Where can I see the total eclipse?	When will totality begin?	How long will it last?
Grove	3:20:27 PM	1 minutes 48 seconds
Houghton	3:19:45 PM	2 minutes 24 seconds
Hume	3:19:42 PM	2 minutes 35 seconds
New Hudson	3:19:43 PM	2 minutes 7 seconds
Rushford	3:19:36 PM	2 minutes 26 seconds
Swain	3:20:22 PM	2 minutes 4 seconds
Wiscoy	3:19:47 PM	2 minutes 36 seconds



# Principal's Corner

The third quarter is upon us – where has the time gone?!

## 3-8 NYS Assessments

- Grades 5 and 8 will take all assessments (ELA, math, science) on the computer-based platform.
- Grades 6 and 7 will take the ELA assessment on the computer-based platform.
- All others will take paper-based tests.

The 3-8 NYS will be given as follows:

TEST	ADMINISTRATION DATES	MAKE-UP DATES
ELA	April 10 & 11, 2024	April 15-17, 2024
Math	May 7 & 8, 2024	May 10-14, 2024
Science	May 15, 2024	May 22-24, 2024

For our technology department to ensure that devices are ready for testing, students will be asked to bring their laptop, charger, and bag to school on April 8, 2024.

Additional information about the required computer-based testing and full timeline for implementation across all grades/content can be found by scanning the QR code to the right:



## Holiday/Student Recess

- There will be no school on Monday, February 19th due to President’s Day. Student recess is February 20-24.
- There will be no school on March 29 due to the Good Friday holiday. Student recess is April 1-5.
- Superintendent Day: March 14 will be a Superintendent Day - no school for students.
- Early Dismissal: Students will be dismissed at 12:30 (PK-4) and 12:45 (5-12) on April 8.

## Transportation

Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of phone calls requesting a change in regular transportation for students, primarily in grades PK-4, after 1:30pm. The office does their best to ensure that requests are met. Please remember that the office should be notified in emergency situations prior to 1:30pm of any change in the regular drop-off schedule. If possible, please send a written note in the morning of the requested change.



# National Junior Honor Society Inducts New Members

Congratulations to our six newest members of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) who were inducted during a ceremony on Feb. 1. They are: Cohen Claire, Elinor Cook, Kaylee Davenport, Avery Lunn, Jaxon Nickerson, and Addyson Sekoll.



# Scio's New Business Administrator



Let’s give a big Tiger welcome to our new Business Administrator Jonathan Cucchiaro. He comes to Scio with many years of experience working for the Hinsdale Central School District, Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, BDS Marketing, The Connection and GameStop.

He holds an MBA from St. Bonaventure University and a certificate of advanced study from St. Rose.

Mr. Cucchiaro’s hobbies include playing games of all kinds as well as watching football.



# Tigers End the Year with FUN for School Wide FUN DAY!



# Scionian 2024

*Junior High & High School Yearbook*

Memories all in 1 FULL color, hard cover book.



All orders due by April 19th!

Yearbook (price through Dec. 31st) \$50.00  
 Name (Seniors Only) \$ 5.00  
 Protective Plastic Book Cover \$ 2.00

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Books are sold on a Pre-Sale basis ONLY!!**

## SCIONIAN 2024 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

# Scionian 2024

*Elementary (PreK-6) Yearbook*

Soft Cover with 24 color pages of school memories!



May 5th NO LATER!!!

Yearbook \$ 15.00  
 World Pages \$ 2.00

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

**Books are sold on a Pre-Sale basis ONLY!!**

## SCIONIAN 2024 ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF BOOKS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_ X TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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-----To be filled out by yearbook staff-----

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: cash Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 2024-25 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 2024 and prior to the first day of April of 2025, 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.

## 4th Graders Proud of their Weaving Skills



## Important Reminders



### Staff Development Day

There will be no school for students on Thursday, March 14, for a staff development day.

### Go Home Early Drill

Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early on Friday, March 8, while the district practices a lock-out drill.

### Transportation requests

Transportation requests for resident students to be transported to non-public schools for the 2024-25 school year are due April 1.

### School Board positions

There are two 5-year positions open. Please contact District Clerk Cathy Law for a petition. All petitions are due to the district office no later than April 22. The annual district vote is May 21.

### Request for proposals

Scio Central School is accepting proposals for UPK (Universal Pre-

Kindergarten) for the 2024-25 school year. To obtain a Request for Proposal, please contact the District Office at (585) 593-5510 ext. 1190. All proposals are due by April 1.

### 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 2024-25 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than April 30.

### Home-instructed students

Parents who home instruct their children must 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 1 of each school year.

### We need yearbook photos

The Yearbook Club is at work finalizing the 2024 Scionian and elementary yearbooks. If anyone has any pictures that they would like to share, we would appreciate it. Pictures can be sent to Ms. Martin at: [dmartin@sciocsd.org](mailto:dmartin@sciocsd.org). The yearbooks are also

still on sale. You will see order forms in this newsletter or on our website.

### Stay fit through the winter

The after-hours Weight Room and Walking Program are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. through the end of March. Please enter at the back of the school by the concession stand. We ask that you carry your workout shoes in and put them on once in the building to help keep the equipment and floors clean.

### Are you interested in becoming a substitute?

We are 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).

## 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.

## 6th Grade STEM

Mrs. Simmons' STEM class won 12 Hess trucks and cruisers. Sixth grade has been loving playing with them as they learn. The first challenge was using the police cruiser and a pendulum to simulate how police officers have to drive in various challenging situations.





# PRE-KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN

## 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, 2024, your child is eligible to enter Pre-Kindergarten in the fall of 2024.

Please note: Pre-Kindergarten enrollment is limited. If enrollment prior to March 29th exceeds the number of seats, a lottery will determine those to be enrolled.

## KINDERGARTEN:

If you live in the Scio Central School District and you have a child whose **fifth** birthday falls on or before December 1, 2024, your child is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2024.

If your child meets one of the qualifications to the left, 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 **Friday, March 29, 2024**; 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. If there is sufficient space in the program, application acceptance will be based on Board Policy 7132.

## Scio Central School Request for Registration Packet

Complete and return to Scio Central School Main Office on or before March 29, 2024

(Circle One):      Pre-Kindergarten Packet      Kindergarten Packet

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Child's Name (Print first and last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print first and last) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

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Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address (Please include House Number) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ School District



## There's a Science to High School Art

Mrs. Straight's ninth-grade Studio Art Class were faced with a STEAM challenge recently. Armed with paint sample cards and staplers, they were given a few challenges - creating a sculpture as tall

or wide as they could without it falling, creating a variety of hearts, building a triangle-shaped structure or coming up with their own challenge. The results were inventive and beautiful. Great work!



## Middle Schoolers Perform at All-County

Congratulations to our middle school musicians Abi Watson, Avery Lunn, Conner Robbins, Addy Sekoll, and Cohen Claire on their performance at the All-County Band concert at Cuba-Rushford Central School in January.

Our chorus and high school bands will represent Scio at All-County concerts in March. The senior high choir, senior high jazz band and junior high band will perform at 2 p.m. on March 2 at Houghton University. The junior high choir, sixth grade choir and senior high band will perform on March 16 at Alfred University in the Miller Theater. Due to limited seating capacity, there will be separate times for the concerts – the sixth graders will perform at noon and the junior high choir and senior high band will go on at 2 p.m. Good luck, Tigers!



## Awesomeness Awards



*Alaska-Jade Johnson - for being a good friend to a peer.*



*Addyson Sekoll & Bryson Williams - for helping clean up in Home & Career class without being asked to.*



*Callie Simmon for helping a new student with her school work.*

## Saturday Basketball was a Slam Dunk!



## 4th Grade Math Group



## Scio Memorial Library Update

### Photography Area

In need of Easter photos? Check out the library photography area! This program is open to anyone. There are 16 different backgrounds to choose from: birthday, spring, holidays, and neutral backgrounds. Call the library for more information 585-593-4816.

### New books

Our collection is expanding. We are happy to purchase books for everyone in the community. Let us know what you are interested in.

### Budget for 2024

The library budget is available on the website [sciolibrary.org](http://sciolibrary.org) and available at the library anytime.

### 2021 - 2023

How far has the library come? Each year the library reports to the New York State Education Department to account for all services we offer and how we spend taxpayer dollars.

### Programs for March & April:

- 3/5: Leprechaun Craft 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 3/6: After School Movie 4-6 p.m.
- 3/6: Silent Book Club 5-6:30 p.m.
- 3/8: Storytime 10 a.m.
- 3/13: Energy Assistant Information 1-7 p.m.
- 3/13: Silent Book Club 5-6:30 p.m.
- 3/14: Board Meeting 11 a.m.
- 3/19: Easter Craft 4-6 p.m.
- 3/20: Silent Book Club 5-6:30 p.m.
- 3/22: Storytime 10 a.m.
- 3/22: Game night 5 p.m.
- 3/26: Senior Craft 1 p.m.
- 3/27: Silent Book Club 5-6:30 p.m.
- 4/3: After School Movie 4 p.m.
- 4/9: National Library Workers Day: Stop in for some treats
- 4/10: National Library outreach day: Read aloud tonight.
- 4/10: Silent Book Club 5-6:30 p.m.
- 4/11: Board Meeting 11 a.m.
- 4/11 National Library: Take action day Kids fun day 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 4/12: Storytime 10 a.m.
- 4/16: Abstract painting 5-6 p.m.
- 4/17: Silent Book Club 5-6:30 p.m.
- 4/24: Metal Stamping 5-6:00 p.m.
- 4/24: Silent Book Club 5-6:30 p.m.
- 4/25: Book Club 6:30 p.m.
- 4/26: Storytime 10 a.m.
- 4/30: Senior Craft 1 p.m.

## Cheer Team Makes Their Mark at Area Competition



The Friendship-Scio Cheer Team has had a busy winter schedule filled not only with games but with cheer competitions.

Coach Janelle Gaeta said the team did well in January and early February competitions:

- Wellsville Spirit Spectacular - 2nd place
- Battle at the Ridge- 4th place
- Arkport-Canaseraga Cheer Challenge - 2nd place
- Victor Cheer Classic - 1st place

As of press time, they had yet to compete at the Allegany County competition on Feb. 6 in Fillmore and the Section V Cheerleading sectionals at Gates High School near Rochester on Feb. 17.

Coach Gaeta said she is having a lot of fun coaching the team as she's a Scio alum (Class of 2002), former Scio cheerleader, and her children are students at Friendship. She's been coaching at Friendship since 2015 and became head coach of the combined team this year.

The Scio cheerleaders are seniors Jamie Foster and Nora Thompson; junior Mercedes Fanton; sophomores Daelyn Willetts and Jocelyn Nickerson; and freshman Jordyn Nickerson.

The Friendship cheerleaders are seniors Ashlyn Golden, Olivia Marks, Alina Sisson, Lillian Rehler and Jazmine Truax; and sophomore Leanne Pierce.

## Donors Needed for NHS Blood Drive



American  
Red Cross

GIVE  
BLOOD  
SAVE A LIFE

**SAVE THE DATE** for the National Honor Society (NHS) blood drive on May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the school. **REGISTER TODAY!** Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter Scio's zip code to find our drive.



# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All County 2- Houghton SR. High Choir, Jazz Band, JH band	2 All County 2- Houghton SR. High Choir, Jazz Band, JH band Concert at 2pm
3	4	5	6 Board Mtg. 6:30pm	7	8 Emergency Go Home Drill End of Marking period (5th-12th) End of Trimester (PK-4th)	9
10	11	12	13	14 Superintendent's Day	15 All County 3, 6th Choir, JR High Choir, SR. Band Alfred University	16 All County 3, JR High Choir, SR. band. 6th Grade Concert is at 11am, JR/SR High is at 2pm
17	18	19	20 BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday Offices Closed Student Recess	30
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# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Student Recess	2 Student Recess	3 Student Recess	4 Student Recess	5 Student Recess	6
7	8 Eclipse Day Early Dismissal	9	10 NYS 3rd-8th ELA Assessment	11 NYS 3rd-8th ELA Assessment	12	13
14	15	16 Board Mtg. 6:30pm	17	18	19 End of Q3 (5th-12th)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 DIAL 4 - Incoming PK	30				





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 Olean, NY  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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*or Current Resident*

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Jennifer Cappelletti, Superintendent of Schools  
 Dr. Cristy McKinley, PK-12 Principal  
 Kelly Morehouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
 Jonathan Cucchiaro, Business Administrator

**Volleyball Senior Night**



*Eli Wade*



*Ky Babiak*



*Lena Trost*



**Go Home Early Drill**

On Friday, March 8th, the district will conduct our annual required **GO HOME EARLY DRILL**. The district will hold a safety drill followed by releasing students. Students will be released **15-minutes early**.

**Students Learn Parenting Skills**

Last semester's parenting class students enjoyed getting hands-on experience with infant care in the classroom. The baby simulators are a great tool to allow them to practice and find out what the baby needs with each cry.

