

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED December 23 - January 3  
for the Christmas/New Year Recess



# SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### *Soccer Team Wins Sectional Title*



Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Soccer team for winning the Section V Class D2 Sectional Championship. As the number 1 seed in the Class D2 Sectionals, the team defeated Mt. Morris 3-1 in the quarter-finals, Prattsburgh 2-1 in the semi-finals and then Belfast 4-1 in the Championship game. The team (*shown ABOVE*) finished their season with a 17-3 record. This was the first time in 40 years that the boys team has won this title.

The team's captains along with Coach McFall accepted the #1 Seed plaque at the Section V Boys Soccer Banquet (*see photo AT RIGHT*). Coach McFall was also recognized at the banquet as Class D2 Coach of the Year. *The Scio Community is very proud of the accomplishments of this year's team!*



# Superintendent Message:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. I wish you a joy-filled 2020! It is hard to believe that we are now two decades into the 21st century. Let's work together to make this our best decade yet!

As a district, we are continually working to meet the needs of our students and families. Two recent additions are our Dental Program and Lego Robotics opportunity.

We realize that many families do not have dental insurance. One of our more recent additions is our collaboration with

Olean General Hospital/Kaleida Health to provide dental care. Enrollment forms were handed out with first quarter report cards. Additional copies can be secured by contacting the main office. **With this program, dental care will be provided to your child at no cost to you.** If your child has dental insurance, the insurance company will be billed. If your child does not have dental insurance, grant funding will cover the cost of an exam, fluoride treatment and in some cases, sealants. If interested, please complete the form and return it to your child's teacher.

In November, our first Lego Robotics



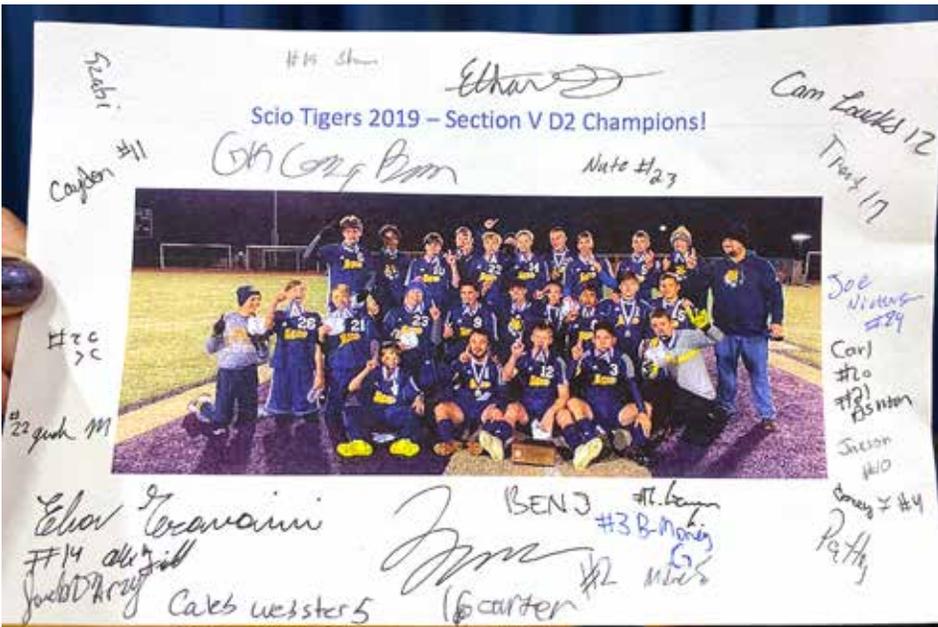
team competed in a tournament at Houghton College. Mrs. Root and Mrs. Hardy coached our teams of fourth and fifth graders. As some of the youngest competitors at their first competition, they made us proud and represented our school well. As you may recall, we added a VEX Robotics class for seventh grade students last year, and this year, we have expanded it to eighth graders. These activities provide students with opportunities to stretch their problem solving, collaboration and coding skills. If you have a middle school child who is interested in STEM activities, watch for a flyer coming home soon about a Summer Steam & Innovation Camp being held in August in Cuba.



**THE BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM autographed a team picture (shown below) for our elementary students who cheered them on before their last game of the season.**



I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Boys Varsity Soccer Team (see photos) on their first sectional title in 40 years. This group of young men should be commended not only for their success but also sportsmanship. *You've made us proud!*



## #ScioPride

We are proud of our school and our students! We request permission to use your child(ren)'s photograph in publications, on the school website, and/or on social media for the purpose of acknowledging your child(ren)'s accomplishments or promoting Scio Central School. Please notify the office in writing if you do not want your child(ren)'s image used.



# SADD News

By Mrs. McClain-Canfield, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Advisor

SADD Club Members have been busy for the start of the school year!

We held our SOCKtober event again this year and took in sock donations. SADD Club Members Melana Davenport and Alyshia Chandler are pictured (**AT NEAR RIGHT**) giving the donated socks to School Nurse Deborah Fuller for students who come to the nurse's office and need a pair of socks.

SADD also hosted their second Halloween Dance for the middle schoolers. Shown (**AT FAR RIGHT**) are the first, second, and third place winners of the costume contest.

Members attended the Annual SADD Conference held at Genesee Valley Central School. Students listened to a guest speaker, learned about seatbelt safety, and participated in games and activities dealing with distracted driving and the importance of seatbelt safety (*see photos on Page 5*). They also learned of the immense dangers of vaping and the growing epidemic amongst high school kids. SADD Club Members would like to spread the message to "Buckle Up! And Save A Life!"

The Class of 2022 along with the Foreign Language Club had another successful apple sale, selling more apples than ever



before! Some of the Foreign Language Club members used their profit to order T-shirts and Hoodies. Pictured (**BELOW**) are Tyler Nickerson, Ayden Faulkner, Eli Wade, and Nora Thompson sporting their new "AMI-GOS" design.

National Honor Society Members hosted their first Blood Drive of the year on Thursday, November 14. A total of 16 units were donated, which is twice as much as any drive we held last year. Thanks to everyone who donated! Look for signs and announcements for our next drive in February.



Both NHS and NJHS hosted a reverse advent calendar to collect non-perishable food items for families over Christmas break. Each week had a different theme. Week 1 was breakfast foods, Week 2 lunch and dinner foods and Week 3 was desserts. Thank you for all donations. Our community is thankful!

National Junior Honor Society has started the year off with a successful pop socket and coozie sale alongside the History Club. NJHS will be using their funds for their upcoming activities this year such as: goody bags for the nursing homes, SPCA collection, and raising money for Parkinson's disease.

We will be accepting applications for new NHS and NJHS members. Applications will be handed out the week before Christmas break and due back to Ms. Phalon or Mrs. Canfield no later than January 22nd. Stay tuned for more from NJHS.



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# News From Student Services

By Mrs. Amber Hardy, School Counselor

**We had two successful Instant Decision days with JCC and Alfred State.** And 100% of our seniors who applied were accepted into these colleges!

**Mrs. Hardy will start meeting with underclassmen to begin scheduling for next year.** Parents/guardians are invited to attend these appointments: either in person or by phone (whichever is most convenient for you). Be on the lookout for a notice regarding your student's assigned time.

## Important Upcoming Dates

**January 6** - Juniors will receive their ASVAB results and attend a presentation about how to interpret their results.

**January 14** - Sophomores will attend a presentation about the programs offered at the Career and Technical Education Center at Belmont.

**February 3** - This is the deadline for applying for scholarships through the Allegheny County Area Foundation. Remember to give your recommenders sufficient time to be able to write letters of recommendation. Seniors, be sure to complete this process because there are a number of opportunities available to you!

**February 7** - Sophomores will tour the Belmont CTE Center and visit three programs of their choice. The Center currently has 14 programs to choose from: *Animal Science, Automotive Technology, Carpentry and Construction, Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood, Media Communications, Medical Assisting, Natural Resources, New Visions – Health Professions, Pre-Engineering and CADD, and Welding.*

## Exam Strategies

**Educationcorner.com recommends the following strategies when preparing for and taking an exam:**

**1. Be prepared.** There is no substitute for preparation. If you haven't studied throughout the semester, if you haven't reviewed prior to test day, if you don't know the test material, all the test taking strategies in the world won't save you. Preparation is

key. Spend as many hours as necessary to understand the material to be covered on the test well enough to achieve a high score.

**2. Always arrive early and take a moment to relax.** You'll increase your confidence if you take time to relax. You'll be able to narrow your focus for the upcoming test.

**3. Listen attentively to last minute instructions given by the instructor.** If you miss test instructions, test taking anxiety will increase.

**4. Do a memory dump.** Doing so can be a particularly useful strategy for improving performance on certain types of tests. As soon as you begin the test, write down information that you will likely need to know for the test and you fear you may forget (ie., formulas, equations, dates, lists, etc.).

**5. Read the test directions very carefully and watch for details.** Test questions and directions often contain valuable information. Always read all directions carefully to ensure you understand what is being asked. It is not uncommon to have two correct answers on a multiple choice question. Pay attention to details.

**6. Plan how you will use the allotted time.** Take a moment to estimate how much time you'll have for each section of the test and each question. Allow enough time for more difficult sections or sections that are weighted more heavily in the final test grade. Pace yourself so you can complete the test in the allotted time frame. Complete the questions you know first, then come back to the problems you're not sure about after.

**7. Maintain a positive attitude.** Do not lose confidence or waste time if you encounter confusing or difficult questions. Answer the questions you know first. If you have no clue about the correct answer, make an educated guess if it will not count against your score. Disregard patterns. It is probably coincidence if a string of multiple choice answers you know are correct are all "a."

**8. Rely on your first impressions.** The first answer that pops in your mind is usually the correct answer. Don't change answers unless you're sure the answer you've chosen is wrong. It may be counterproductive to review answers and make changes – especially if you're struggling to get through the test.

**9. Plan to finish early and have time for review.** Go back and answer difficult questions after answering easy ones. If you are required to complete an essay, review it for spelling and grammatical errors.

## January Regents Exams

January Regents are coming up. Mrs. Hardy has met with the students who have expressed interested in re-taking Regents exams as well as those who need to do so for graduation (a letter went home with Report Cards in November for those specific students). Should you have any questions or concerns about this, please call Mrs. Hardy at 593-5510. **The January Regents schedule is shown BELOW.**

## Regents Exam Schedule -- January 2020

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

JANUARY 21 TUESDAY 9:15 a.m.	JANUARY 22 WEDNESDAY 9:15 a.m.	JANUARY 23 THURSDAY 9:15 a.m.	JANUARY 24 FRIDAY 9:15 a.m.
English Language Arts	U.S. History & Government Geometry	Transition Exam in Global History & Geography Global History & Geography II (Framework)	Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry
1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	<u>Uniform Admission Deadlines</u>
Living Environment	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra II	Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

\* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.



A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all of our anonymous local donors who support our school's backpack food program.

Your generosity does not go unnoticed!

*Student Services Department*

**Please join us in congratulating Dr. McKinley and Dr. Ryan.**

SCS Superintendent Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti would like to congratulate two staff members who recently obtained their doctoral degrees.

*SCS Principal Cristy McKinley has earned her doctoral degree in Curriculum Instruction and Assessment.*

*SCS Board of Education member Melanie Ryan has earned her doctoral degree in Education Leadership and Management.*



**IN PHOTOS BELOW - Some members of the SCS SADD Chapter are shown at the Annual SADD Conference held on Friday, November 8, at Genesee Valley School. Students listened to a guest speaker and learned about the importance of seatbelt safety. SADD members also participated in games and activities dealing with distracted driving and the importance of seatbelt safety.**

### A Note from Principal McKinley:

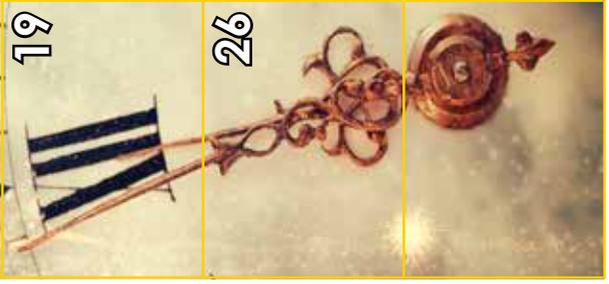
The main office staff has been working very hard to track student attendance as this information is required by the New York State Education Department. We ask that you send a written note any time that your student is late to school, absent from school, or is leaving school early.





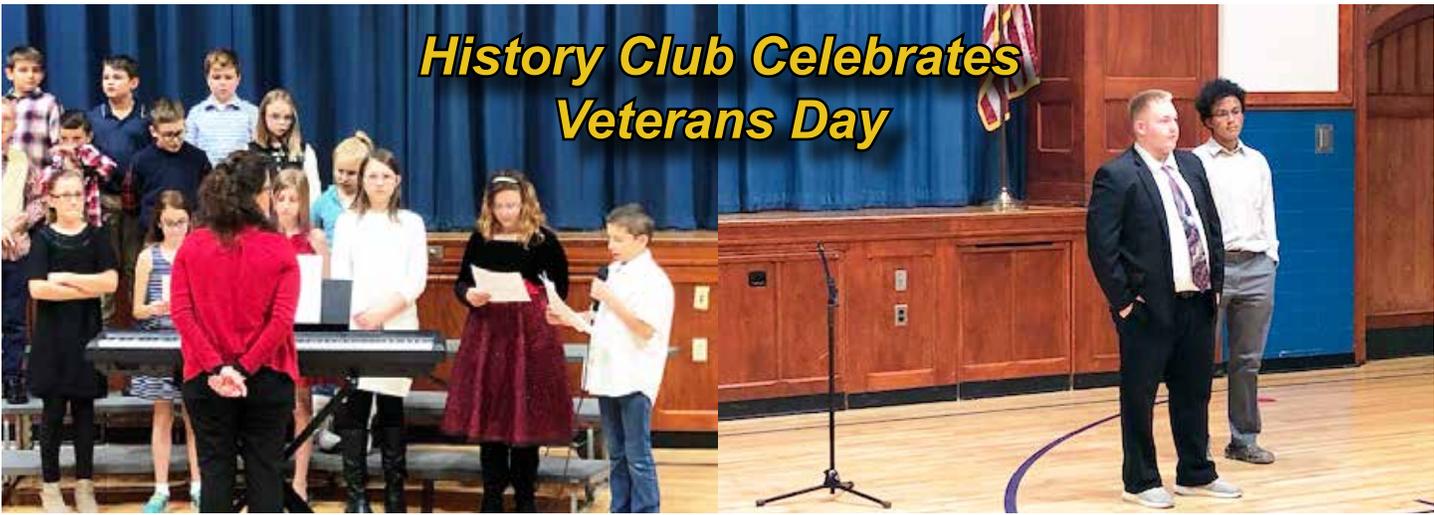
# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day No School Building Closed	2 No School	3 No School	4 Cheer Clinic
5	6	7	8 Kids Heart Challenge Kick-off Assembly, 9:30am	9	10	11 Softball Open Gym 11am-12pm
12	13	14	15 VEX Competition @Cuba-Rushford Board of Education Mtg. 6:30pm	16	17	18 All-County Concert, Cuba Rushford, 2pm
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School Building Closed	21 Regents	22 Regents	23 Regents	24 Regents	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ACT Test Snowball Dance, 8pm Solo Fest, Genesee Valley
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Spirit Week	Spirit Week	Spirit Week Board of Education Mtg, 6:30pm	Spirit Week Kids Heart Challenge, 5th-8th Grade, 9-11am	Spirit Week Pep Rally, 2:15pm	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Presidents Day No School Building Closed	No School - Student Recess	No School - Student Recess	No School - Student Recess	No School - Student Recess	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Project Know, 5th grade Parent Orientation 6pm			
<b>Sectional Play Begins</b>						



## History Club Celebrates Veterans Day

**Yearbook Order Forms Below and on Opposite Page.**

# Scionian 2020

**Junior High & High School Yearbook**

Memories all in 1 FULL color, hard cover book.

April 10th!!  
NO LATER!!!



Yearbook (1/1/20-4/10/20, after 4/10/20)	<b>\$55/\$60</b>
Name (Seniors Only)	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
World Pages	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
Protective Plastic Book Cover	<b><u>\$ 2.00</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	_____

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

#### SCIONIAN 2020 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

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

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

~~~~~To be filled out by yearbook staff~~~~~

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

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

The Scio History Club successfully hosted dozens of local veterans on Thursday, November 7 kicking off the Veterans Day weekend. The Club honored local veterans and their guests. The visitors were treated to a wonderful choral performance by the fifth & sixth grade choir directed by SCS Vocal Music Teacher Amy Berardi (*see photo at top left*). The veterans and their guests also enjoyed a delicious dinner and dessert prepared by Mrs. Farwell, Mrs. Habberfield, and Mrs. Printup. Mr. Steven Appleby from the World War II Museum in Eldred, PA, served as guest speaker for the event. History Club members were also on hand to set up, clean up, and serve the food and drinks to the veterans and guests.

The next day, Club members took a field trip to the WWII Museum in Eldred, PA. Students were given a guided tour by Mr. Appleby, an retired Green Beret who leads the museum. The visitors spent several hours viewing artifacts from World War II and learning about the war. The students also learned about the heroism and sacrifice of millions of veterans.

Artifacts included a German motorcycle with a built-in MG42 in the sidecar, as well as many medals and pins given to soldiers from that era from both Axis and Allied troops. The museum also houses scaled models of various battles -- such as the storming of Omaha Beach on D-Day -- a multitude of WWII era uniforms from several regiments, and a vast collection of weapons used in the war.

While we were there, a WWII veteran came to the museum with his family. As we were leaving, every student and chaperone stopped to shake his hand and thank him for his service. It was awe inspiring. Overall, the trip was a very interesting and informative venture, and the rich history of the museum was very worthwhile to explore.



## Dalmatians Fill Halls at SCS for Halloween



On Halloween, SCS staff filled the halls with Dalmatians led by their very own Cruella de Vil (at center).

## Scio Memorial Library News

### Winter Hours

Tuesday & Thursday -- 1-5 p.m.  
 Wednesday -- 3-7 p.m.  
 Friday & Saturday -- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### January/February Events

- Dungeons & Dragons group meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturdays
- Painting Class with Sue Preston - TBA
- Keto/Paleo informational group - TBA
- Wii Tournaments

### New Books

The following new books are now in circulation: Smokescreen (Eve Duncan) by Iris Johansen; Contraband (A Stone Barrington Novel) by Stuart Woods; The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware; The Abominable Snowman/Journey Under the Sea/Space and Beyond/The Lost Jewels of Nabooti (Choose Your Own Adventure 1-4) by R. A. Montgomery.



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## Scionian 2020

**April 10th!!  
NO LATER!!!**

### Elementary (PreK-6) Yearbook

Soft Cover with 24 color pages of school memories!



Yearbook  
World Pages

\$15.00  
\$ 2.00

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

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

#### SCIONIAN 2020 ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

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

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

~~~~~To be filled out by yearbook staff~~~~~

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

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



# When to Keep a Child Home with Illness During Cold and Flu Season

Sometimes it can be difficult for a parent to decide whether to send children to school when they wake up with symptoms of an illness or complaints that they do not feel well. In general, during cold and flu season, unless your child is significantly ill, the best place for them is in school. Remind your children to discard used tissues promptly, not to share personal items, to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, to keep their hands away from their face, and to wash hands thoroughly and often with soap and warm water. However, there are some situations in which it is best to plan on keeping your child home for a day to rest or to arrange for an appointment with your health care provider.

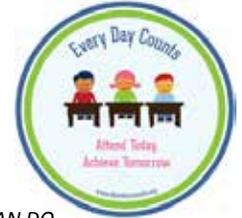
The following are a few situations that warrant watching and possibly calling your health care provider:

- Persistent fever greater than 100.4° orally, including a fever that requires control with medication such as Tylenol
- Child is too sleepy or ill from an illness, like vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Cough that makes a child feel uncomfortable or disrupts the class
- Sore throat that is severe along with fever and feeling ill for more than 48 hours, OR after known exposure to a confirmed case of Strep throat infection

- Honey-crusted sores around the nose/mouth or rash on other body parts; OR a rash in various stages including boils, sores and bumps that may be chicken pox; OR a significant rash accompanied by other symptoms of illness (fever, etc.)
- Red, runny eyes that distract the child from learning
- Large amount of discolored nasal discharge, especially, if accompanied by facial pain or headache
- Severe ear pain or drainage from the ear
- Severe headache, especially if accompanied by fever
- Any condition you think may be serious or contagious.

If symptoms warrant your child to be treated by their doctor, be sure to ask the doctor when it's safe for your child to return to school and have them supply a note stating your child may return at a specified date.

Finally, if you know your child is still running a fever, it is not a good idea simply to give them Tylenol or Ibuprofen and send them to school because as soon as the medicine wears off, you are apt to get a call from the school nurse to leave work and come to pick up your feverish child. It is better to let them stay home in bed with a fever and take their medications at home until they are off all medicines and fever free for 24 hours. If you find a pattern of your child asking to stay home from school, especially if they are falling behind or appear anxious by the thought of attending school, or if there does not appear to be any obvious physical symptoms, it may be a good idea to contact your school nurse and your health care provider to discuss your concerns. Remember, whenever you keep your child home from school, please call the school nurse office at (585) 593-0886 in advance of the start of the school day and leave a message that your child will be absent and the illness he/she is suffering.



## ENCOURAGING GOOD ATTENDANCE: WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

*Why should we focus on attendance?*

**Children can't learn if they aren't in school,**

- ✓ Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause some children to fall behind in school.
- ✓ How many absences are too many? *Chronic absence is defined as 18 days a year—or just 2 days a month.*
- ✓ Missing 10 percent or about 18 days of the school year in kindergarten can lower achievement in 1st grade and, for some students, through 5th grade. Students can still fall behind if they keep missing just a day or two every few weeks.

**As parents, we can influence attendance and poor attendance can be prevented.**

- ✓ Parents – especially in the early years – are the best ones to make sure that children attend school and to build the expectation around attendance.
- ✓ Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- ✓ Monitor teen screen time at bedtime.
- ✓ Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- ✓ Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of stress or anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- ✓ If your child seems stressed about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other school staff for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- ✓ Develop some backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- ✓ As much as possible, try to avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

## School Closing Notification

In the event we need to close school, delay opening or dismiss early, the following radio/TV stations will be notified:

- WLSV - 790 AM
- WJQZ - 103.5 FM
- WZKZ - 101.9 FM
- WBEN - 930 AM
- WPIG - 95.7 FM
- WKPQ - 105.3 FM
- WHDL - 1450 AM
- WKBW - Channel 7
- WIVB - Channel 4
- WGRZ - Channel 2

Drive Safely!



# Athletic News

## Walking and Fitness Room Program

The school is open for walkers and those who wish to use the Fitness Room. The building is open for these activities on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. We ask that you enter the building at the concession stand door. Please carry in your workout shoes and change into them once you enter the building.

## Tab Collection

The Yearbook Club will continue to collect "pop" tabs for the 2019-2020 school year. Proceeds will once again be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.

## Sports Schedules

All sports schedules can be viewed at the following web address: [www.sectionvny.org](http://www.sectionvny.org). Click on Scio on the right and you will be able to view our schedules. Log in to set up an account to get reminders of games and any game changes.

## Scio Memorial Library News -- From Page 9

## Memorials & Donations

We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations of Memorials: Anonymous in memory of Virginia Macauley; Friends of Lyle Perkins; Janet Lambert in memory of Paul Cozzi; Anonymous in memory of Steve and Marion Towner. Norma Guinupp and Dale & Ruth Coats; and Cindy Potter for Paul Cozzi.

Thanks also for the following Donations: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hollis; Thomas & Laura Moogan Family Foundation, LTD, INC; Mr. John Santora; and Dave's Printing for posters and tickets.

## Odds & Ends

The library is selling earbuds for \$1 and small bags of chips for \$.50. Come in and

The Scio Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America FBLA Club attended the Broadway play, "Come From Away" in Rochester on 11/ 23/19.



The play taught the teens, who weren't born yet, about the significance of the 9/11/2001 attack and how it brought out the best in others.

"Come From Away"

## Are You Interested in Being a Substitute?

**SUBSTITUTES are needed in all areas:**

- Substitute Teachers (Certified & 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.scio.wnyric.org](http://www.scio.wnyric.org)

**The Kids Heart Challenge Kick-off Assembly for Grades 5-7 will be held Wednesday, January 8, from 9:30 - 10:10 a.m. in the High School Gym.**  
**The Kids Heart Challenge for Grades 5 - 8 will be held Thursday, February 13, from 9-11 a.m., in the High School Gym.**

try your hand at Wii bowling and check out our books!

## Trivia

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doors, choices, beginnings and endings.



**OUR LEGO LEAGUE TEAM did a great job at the Regional Qualifier held at Houghton College on Saturday, November 16. The students learned a lot, and it was a great experience!**



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**Third Graders Visit  
Museum of Glass  
in Corning**



SCS third graders had a great time on their field trip to the Corning Museum of Glass on Tuesday, November 19. They enjoyed the tour and making their own ornament, (see photo at top left), drinking glass (see photo at bottom left) and sun catcher.

