



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Analiese Babbitt



Devin Beckwith

Words of Advice From Our Seniors

Our seniors were asked, "What advice do you have for incoming SCS freshmen? They were also asked, "Who has given you the best advice? What did they say?"

Here's a sampling of their replies . . .

Analiese Babbitt said, "For incoming freshmen: It is better to attempt work than to not do it at all. Teachers will see the effort, and sometimes that's all they're looking for.

She added, "I think the best advice I've received has come from all my teachers through the years. They have helped me appreciate my education and have helped me to produce the best work that I can. Almost all of my teachers took extra time to help me, even with things not directly involved with class. For example, Mr. Pavlock and Ms. Davis helped me study for my SATs."

Devin Beckwith offered, "Failure is the key to success, each mistake teaches us something." (*Morihei Ueshiba*)

"My Older Brother gave me advice and it was, "Always work hard. Don't ever think things will be handed to you because I promise that is not how things work."

Nichole Bosma volunteered, "Do your homework and study."

"My Mom also told me to be true to yourself."

Kirsten Budinger observed, "Stop taking up all the space in the hallway by the lockers."

She added, "Mr. Canfield taught me that we don't always get choices, but we have to do it."



Nichole Bosma



Kirsten Budinger



Tuesday, June 9th,
by Absentee Ballot only.
All ballots must be
received by 5:00 p.m.

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Public Hearing on Proposed 2020-2021 Budget
Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Live Stream link on www.scio.wnyric.org



Annual District Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
5 p.m. in Elementary Auditorium
All voting cast by absentee ballots



Voter Qualifications

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

1. a citizen of the United States;
2. at least 18 years of age by 6/9/2020;
3. a resident of the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote.

Absentee Ballot Qualifications

As per the New York State Governor's Executive Order 202.26, all qualified voters will be casting their votes this year by an Absentee Ballot via mail. This will alleviate voters traveling to polling places. Please watch for your mailing soon.

Our District will be utilizing the Allegany County Board of Elections Registration List. If you are not a registered voter and you possess the voting qualifications listed above, please contact the District Clerk to obtain an absentee ballot no later than 6/2/20.

Catherine M. Law, District Clerk,
Scio CSD, 3968 Washington St.,
Scio, NY 14880
585-593-5510, ext. 1190



How to Complete Your Absentee Ballot

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

- Mark the ballot, fold it, enclose it in official ballot envelope, seal it, sign and date the oath;
- Place the official ballot envelope in the postage paid envelope provided and mail it to the District Clerk. It must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

Propositions

The propositions you will be voting on for the June 9th Annual District Meeting are as follows:

Proposition 1 - General Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the proposed 2020-21 budget in the amount of \$10,995,335?

Proposition 2 - Purchase of One School Bus

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to purchase one 64-passenger diesel school bus, at a total purchase price not to exceed one hundred twenty-four thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars (\$124,815), less any trade-in allowance, the balance to be financed by bonding over five (5) years, and to levy the necessary taxes?

Proposition 3 - Establish Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of Education Law §3651(1)? The purpose of the fund is for construction, repair and reconstruction of capital improvements and the acquisition of equipment. The ultimate amount of the fund shall be \$800,000. The probable term shall be 10 years. The source from which funds will be obtained can include any or all of the following: funds remaining from the 2010 Capital Reserve Fund; non-appropriated fund balances from the general fund as determined by the Board of Education, from time to time; State aid related to expenditures from the capital reserve fund; interest income related to investments of money in the fund and any other additional monies thereafter authorized by the voters of the District.

Proposition 4 - Scio Memorial Library

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be permitted to increase the tax levy for the Scio Memorial Library from \$24,700 to \$25,450?

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

Vote for one (1) - One (1) five (5)-year term to expire 6/30/25. Incumbant Jon Nickerson is running unopposed. All vacancies are filled "at large". The candidate with the most number of votes will be elected to the board.

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Capital Reserve Fund (*Proposition 3*) Q & A

A proposition to create a Capital Reserve Fund should not be confused with the approving of a capital project. Capital Reserves for a school district would be the equivalent of an individual setting aside money for expensive home repair projects. Having the ability to set aside money over time for home improvements eliminates the financial strain that can result from having to come up with funds all at once.

We have provided the answers to many questions commonly asked about Capital Reserves.

What is the purpose of a Capital Reserve?

A Capital Reserve allows the school district to set aside funds for future construction projects or major equipment purchases. Education Law §3651 authorizes the existence of Capital Reserves.

What is the benefit of establishing a Capital Reserve fund?

Funds from a Capital Reserve are used to help fund the purchase of expensive items or construction projects without an

increase in the tax levy. It acts as a savings account and is only funded when the district has available surplus funds at the end of a fiscal year.

What is required to create and use funds from a Capital Reserve?

Creation and use of a Capital Reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of voters. The proposition placed before voters must include a set term for the life the reserve, the maximum dollar amount that can be placed into the reserve, and the purpose of the reserve.

Has the district had a Capital Reserve in the past?

District voters approved the creation of a Capital Reserve in May 2010. This reserve was approved for a period of 10 years with the district authorized to fund the reserve up to \$800,000. The reserve is set to expire in May 2020 and has \$131,336 of remaining unused funds.

Three-Part Budget Summary

PROGRAM COMPONENT	2019-20	2020-21
Personnel Services	\$ 7,548	\$ 7,866
Administration and Improvement	149,765	145,257
Teaching Regular School	2,473,853	2,641,734
Programs for Students with Disabilities	1,450,664	1,398,982
Occupational Education	513,264	524,820
Summer School	7,350	20,120
Instructional Media	339,528	344,923
Pupil Services	268,986	246,430
Interscholastic Athletics	132,565	138,993
Pupil Transportation	585,354	579,350
Census	1,000	-
Employee Benefits	1,514,681	1,705,487
TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT	\$ 7,444,558	\$ 7,753,962
CAPITAL COMPONENT		
Operation of Plant	\$ 433,121	\$ 453,059
Maintenance of Plant	138,001	137,675
Central Data Processing	255,414	264,131
Miscellaneous Items	-	-
Pupil Transportation	-	-
Employee Benefits	153,502	172,748
Debt Service	1,291,070	1,091,000
Transfer to Capital Fund from Reserves	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT	\$ 2,271,108	\$ 2,118,613
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT		
General Support	\$ 13,300	\$ 13,350
Central Administration	182,587	193,945
Finance	162,072	166,746
Staff	169,766	197,921
BOCES Administrative & Capital	83,937	94,851
Miscellaneous Items	35,000	36,000
Administration and Improvement	120,334	123,482
Employee Benefits	295,617	296,465
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	\$ 1,062,613	\$ 1,122,760
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 10,778,279	\$ 10,995,335

2.01% increase

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

Program	Amount	% of budget
2019-20	\$ 7,444,558	69.08%
2020-21	\$ 7,753,962	70.52%

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

Administrative	Amount	% of budget
2019-20	\$ 1,062,613	9.85%
2020-21	\$ 1,122,760	10.21%

Includes: salaries and benefits of administrators who spend most of their time performing supervisory duties; insurance costs; legal expenses; public information; business office operations; and Board of Education expenses.

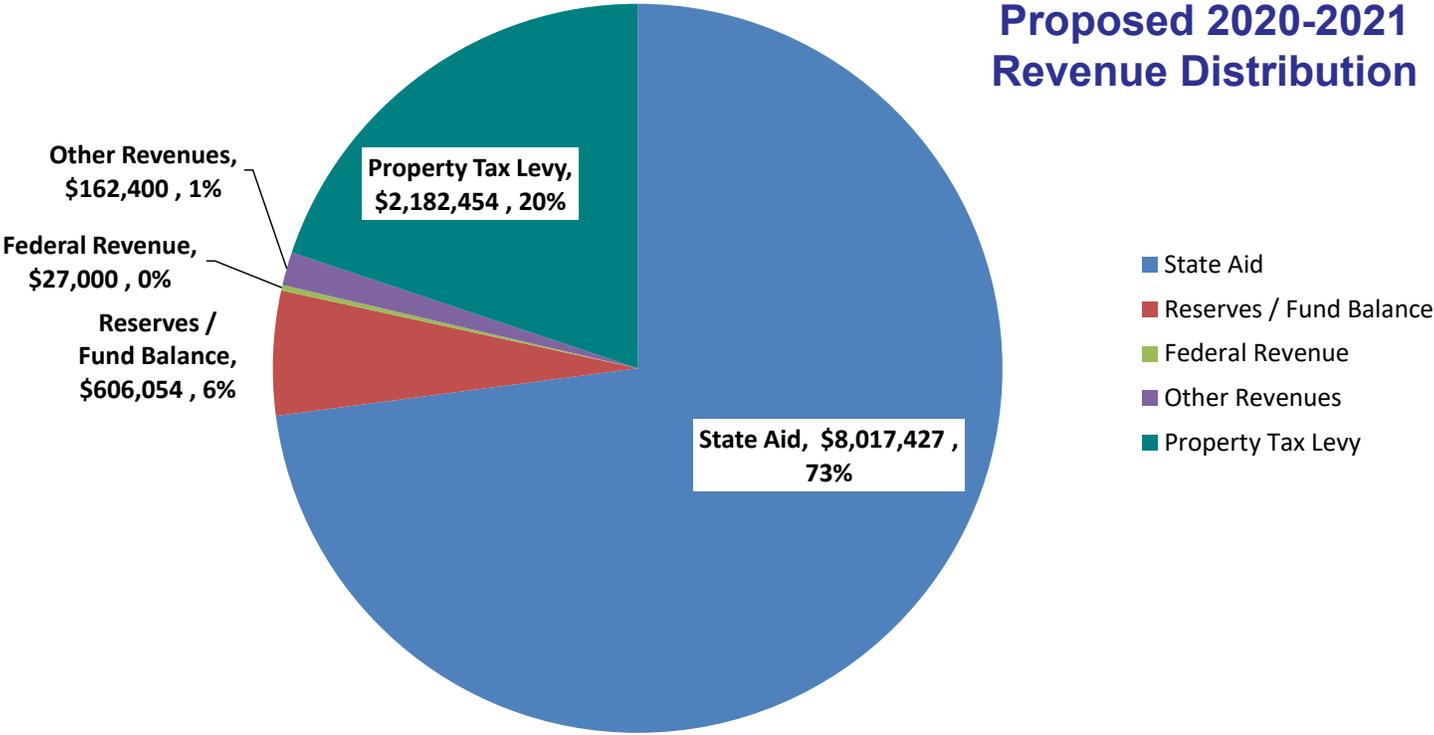
Capital	Amount	% of budget
2019-20	\$ 2,271,108	21.07%
2020-21	\$ 2,118,613	19.27%

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

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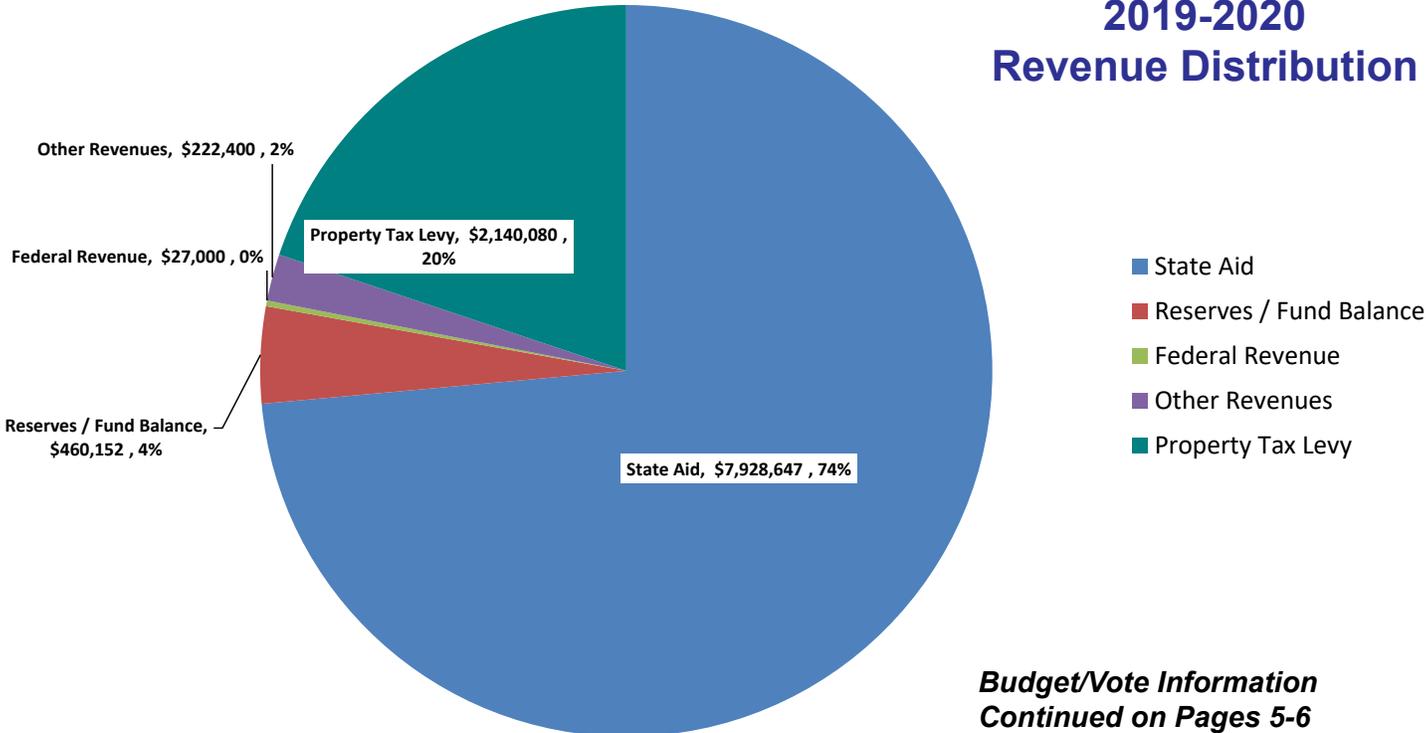
Proposed 2020-2021 Revenue Distribution



2020-2021 Budget & Revenue Estimates

State Aid	\$ 8,017,427
Reserves / Fund Balance	\$ 606,054
Federal Revenue	\$ 27,000
Other Revenues	\$ 162,400
Property Tax Levy	\$ 2,182,454

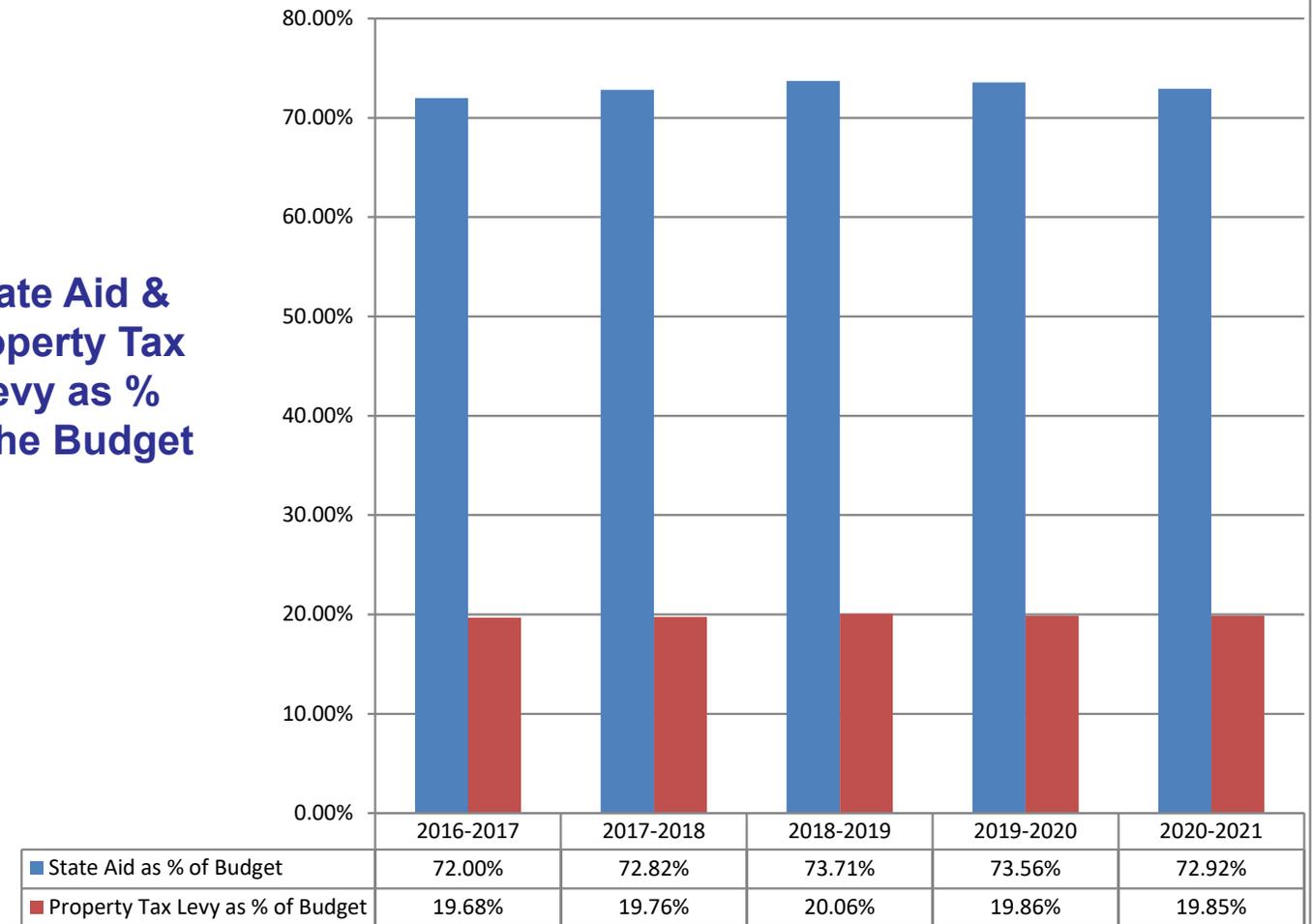
2019-2020 Revenue Distribution



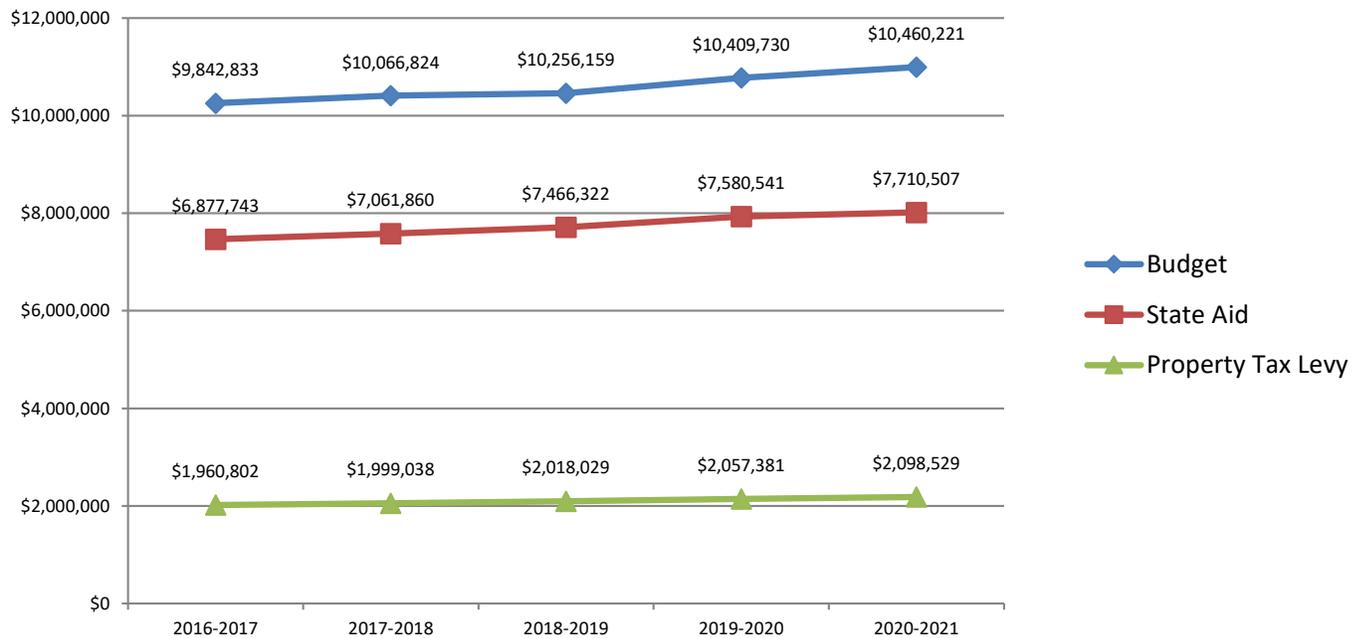
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State Aid & Property Tax Levy as % of the Budget



Five-Year Budget History



The budget has increased an average of 1.76% per year over the last five years.



Developing a school district budget is a lengthy process that typically begins in early January each year. District officials work diligently to prepare annual budgets that support student programming while remaining fiscally responsible to district taxpayers.

The recent COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented scenario for all of us. New York State is facing a multi-billion-dollar budget shortfall which, by nature, has a trickle-down effect on all aspects of state spending. Foundation aid levels have been frozen and the threat of mid-year aid cuts are looming. This has made the budgeting process for school districts even more challenging.

The General Budget proposition that will be appearing on the June 9, 2020 ballot was developed and adopted by the Board of Education prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes from the prior year budget were primarily driven by contractual salary and minimum wage increases, an increase in health insurance premiums and the number of plan participants, and a decrease in debt service payments. The proposed tax levy increase is 1.98%, which is below our permissible tax cap increase of 2.94%. We recognize that the anticipated revenue levels used in developing the budget will be less. Expenditures will need to be carefully monitored. District administrators are already analyzing various State aid scenarios and identifying areas where spending levels could be decreased if needed.

Although we anticipate a decrease in revenue we have made the decision to not request a larger tax increase from our residents. We love our school and our community. This has been a challenging time for all of us and we are in this together.

Sincerely,

Scio Central School Board of Education

News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

A few years ago, I came across this quote from Mister Rogers, “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.”

We are at a point in history where “scary things in the news” have become a daily reality. But just like Mister Roger’s mom promised, when I look around, I see plenty of people that are helping.

Cindy Winchell and our cafeteria staff are making over 2,700 meals per week for children in our district, most of which are delivered by members of our transportation department. There were days that messages of hope were written on bags, a closer look revealed an Easter egg surprise, and stickers made a statement. They were asked to provide meals, but their ultimate result was so much bigger, they were providing LOVE. The response to this dedication was an outpouring of GRATITUDE from community Facebook posts to our staff for their thoughtfulness.

At the beginning of all this, on a Sunday night we made a plan to come in on Monday to prepare, and on Tuesday we would be able to touch base with our students and say goodbye. Then without any warning, school was closed. Teachers were asked to

reach out to families and deliver content in a way that had never been asked to do before. There were more questions than answers. In Zoom meetings I looked into the exhausted faces of teachers and administrators whose biggest concern was how to connect with families and students, how to let them know we care, and how to make sure they are alright. They strived to find ways to bring HOPE to our families.

The community rallied around helping with internet connection in Allentown. Internet connection was added at the Allentown Volunteer Fire Department with equipment loaned to us from Salamanca City Schools. We are also grateful to the Scio Lions Club and Allentown United Methodist Church who were also offering assistance. You all wrapped us in the warmth of COMMUNITY.

A Facebook group was started to Adopt a Senior, meaning adopters would send a care package to one of our graduating seniors. Staff members and community members responded so quickly a second wave and third wave were added just a few hours after the site went up. All these people volunteered to deliver JOY.

Next, Dr. McKinley set up a parade to deliver signs to put in the lawns of our seniors. Over 26 cars went from house to house in Scio, Allentown, Bolivar, Wellsville and

Belmont to spread JOY to our seniors and their families. Our transportation supervisor, Jay Chandler, led the parade for nearly three and a half hours. Thank you to the Scio Fire Department for escorting us for some of the parade.

Our librarian communicated with The Teacher's Desk to arrange for the donation of books through their “booksnbites” program and we thank them for their KINDNESS that enabled us to deliver books with lunches.

This pandemic has put you, our families, in a unique position of communicating with teachers in order to provide assistance at home with education. We are sorry this was thrust upon you with no warning or preparation at a time when most of us have other new unique personal challenges. It is difficult. We recognize that you have risen to the challenge to the best of your ability, and that INSPIRES us!

I could go on with more examples to illustrate how we are HELPING each other during this challenging time. These actions signify a community assisting each other through this incredibly challenging time, a community that has chosen to provide LOVE, GRATITUDE, HOPE, COMMUNITY, JOY, KINDNESS and INSPIRATION, even in times of their own hardship. If I had to choose a community to go through this pandemic with, Scio is on the top of the list!



Advice -- From Page 1

Dakota Claypool advised, "No matter how hard it gets, don't give up. Ultimately, in the end, it will all be worth it"

"Mr. Pettenati told me, You're your own worst enemy, you are capable of more than you know. And if you take the time to apply yourself to something you enjoy, I think you will do really well in life."

Chandler Cobb said, "Always find ways to let yourself shine brighter than others. We can live in the night's darkness, but we can't live without the sun's brightness."

He added, "Ms. Davis has given the best advice to me and that was when we were working on the Scio Talent Show 2020. She said 'Chandler, don't focus on being better than everyone else. Focus on making yourself the best singer and songwriter you can be.' This really helped me start to become more confident of my voice and to be in front of a crowd and/or camera. Thanks so much, Ms. Davis!"

Jacob D'Arcy advised, "Load up on classes (in grades) 9th-11th, so your senior year can be more enjoyable."

He added, "My parents told me to do what you love."

Alex Field told incoming freshmen to "Develop a good work ethic."

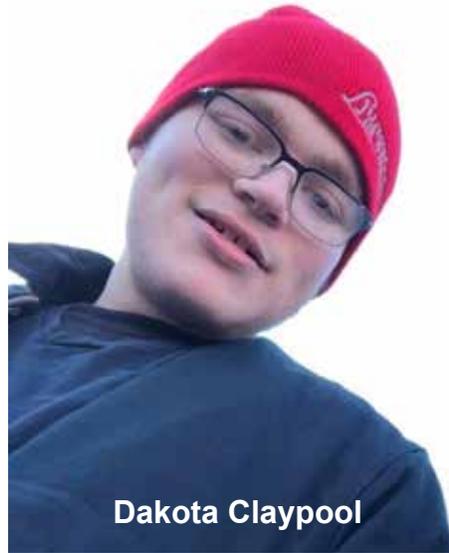
He added, "Mr. Pavlock taught me how to develop a good work ethic."

According to **Carl Finnemore**, "Always do your best. No matter what, make as many memories as you can. And always respect your teachers and friends."

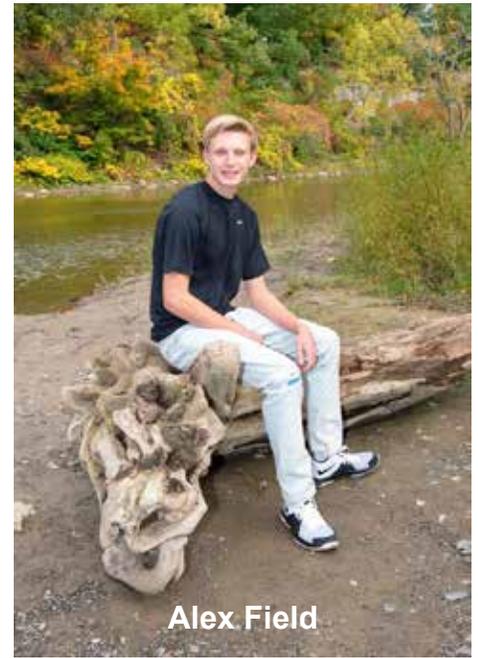
Ms. Straight told Carl, "You're awesome and don't worry or let the negative things that people say bother you."

Meghan Force volunteered, "Don't take life for granted. Go to school, get your work done, play sports and have the time of your life, because right now, being a senior, I'm missing out on the rest of my senior year because of a pandemic. I have so many regrets. So many things I wish I could have done and now I can't make up for that. Also, the friends that you have now probably won't be your friends when senior year comes. But don't let the drama get to you because it's not worth it!"

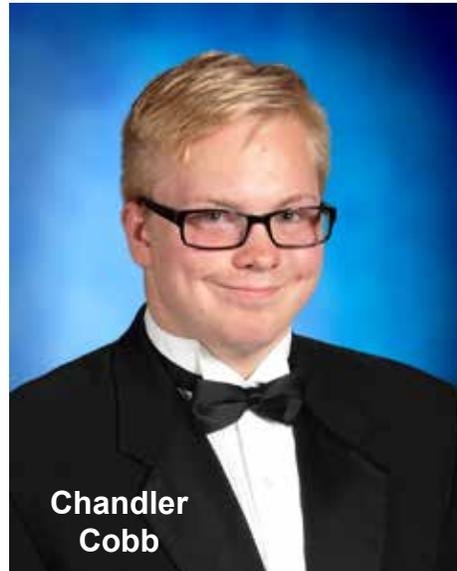
"During my time at Scio, I had a lot of people give me great advice. Three people have always stuck with me and it's impos-



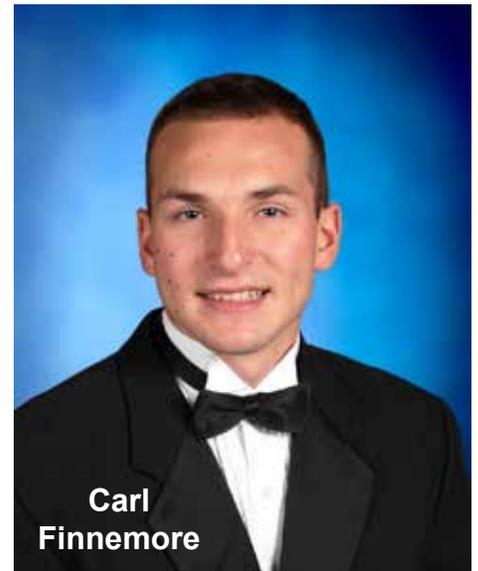
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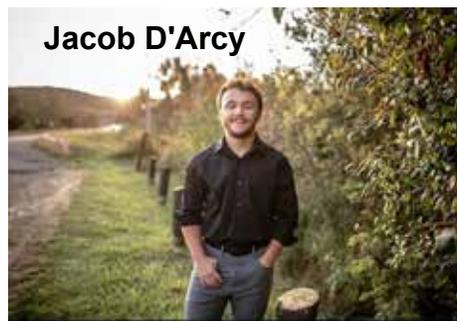
Alex Field



Chandler Cobb



Carl Finnemore



Jacob D'Arcy

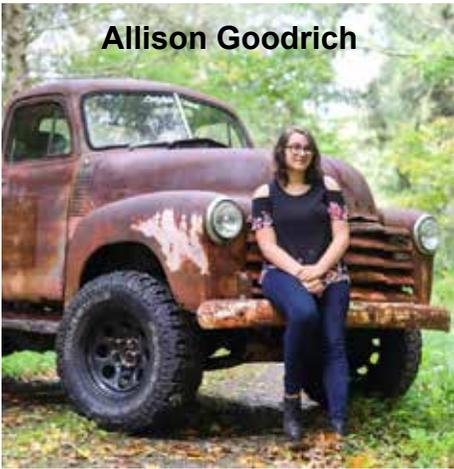


Meghan Force

sible to just chose one. Bethany Faulkner, Mrs. McKinley, and Mrs. Hardy. No matter what time of the day it was, I knew I could always count on them. Days where I would go to one of them or even all of them and just cry. And I had days where I went to

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Allison Goodrich



Brendan Graves



Leila LaJoie

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them and shared my exciting news. I could/ can go to them for anything. In school and even outside of school they are three of my biggest supporters. Every single one of them tell me all the time "Just take a deep breath, it will be okay!" They are what made high school better for me and I'm so thankful that I have every single one of them in my life!

Allison Goodrich stated, "Take advantage of your study halls, get close with your teachers, and know you aren't alone in this whole high school deal; there's always someone you can go to."

She explained, "I was once told that the only things about high school that will actually matter after high school are the grades and the friends that stay with you, so don't stress over the friendships that are toxic and won't last; focus on your true friends, yourself, and your grades."

Brendan Graves said, "Have as much fun as you can because it will be over soon."

He added, "All of my coaches, and I'm not sure what they said, but they've all had big impacts on me."

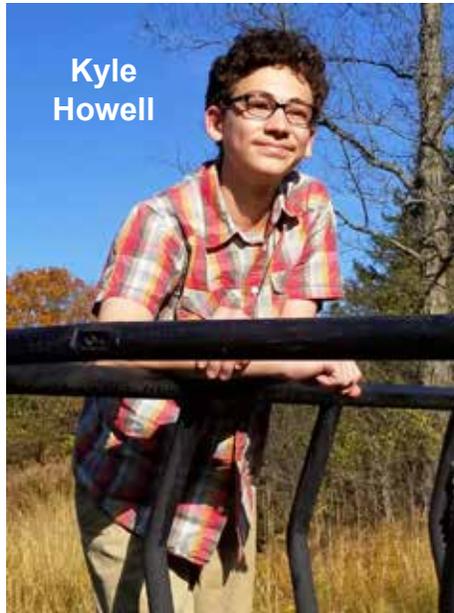
Kyle Howell advised, "Take it one step at a time."

"Mrs. Colley said so many things that have helped me, but I can't think of one specific thing. She's been a big help to me."

Cameron Kelsey tells incoming freshmen, "Always keep your head down and work hard; don't go for the temptation to slack off."

"Mr. Childs advised me to always use office hours."

Leila LaJoie suggested, "Take the classes you want for your future. I know I



Kyle Howell



Cameron Kelsey

had some friends who didn't and regret it. As well as take the ones you enjoy; I did choir almost all throughout my whole school experience, and it made me love singing even more."



Gwendolyn Lamphier

"Mrs. Grabow was my second-grade teacher, and even though she has retired from Scio, she has always been very close with me. She always would remind all of us to just strive through things even though they may be tough at times. I always remind myself of that, and will remember it after high school into the next chapter of my life."

Gwendolyn Lamphier offered, "Never get too attached to anyone, in one way or another everyone will leave in the end."

She revealed, "My cousin told me 'You can't save everyone' and I took that as if someone wants to leave your life then you

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Liam Marble

Advice -- From Page 8

have to let them even if you want to help them."

Liam Marble advised incoming freshmen, "School and life may get hard, but just do what you can and enjoy it."

Liam said the best advice he ever got was, "Life's what you make of it, which, just makes me want to live life to the fullest."

Megan Murray said, "My best advice for incoming freshman is don't let the idea of high school scare you. It's not so bad, and before you know it, four years will have already gone by and you'll be getting ready to graduate."

She added, "The person that has given me the best advice was Ms. Davis. What she had said was, that you are your own CEO, your own boss, and that you don't work for anyone else but yourself."

Cayden Nickerson volunteered, "You may not like the teachers or the homework, but they know what they are doing."

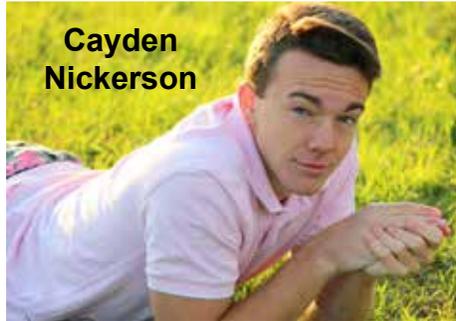
Coach Karns told me, "You may be struggling now, but you will be successful in the future."

Renee Schoonover warned incoming freshmen, "Keep your grades up and don't get involved with any drama. You only have four more years left, so just have fun because you never know when the last time you walk back into school will be."

She also revealed, "My best advice was being told to join New Visions by many



Megan Murray



Cayden Nickerson



Renee Schoonover

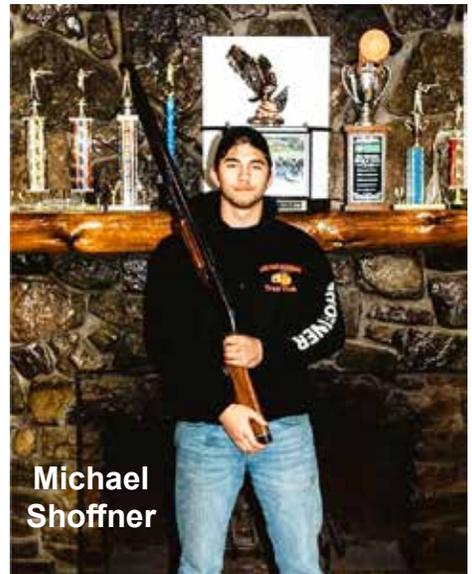


Ashlynn Scotchmer

people. Being in that program was the best decision I've made so far. I never dreaded going to school because I love the teacher and the group of friends it has introduced me to."

Ashlynn Scotchmer advised, "Enjoy the next few years and take every single opportunity to make memories. The next few years really will fly and you'll miss them and regret not taking chances in the end."

"The best advice I've received was from Coach Stack and it was to be a leader with a good attitude. This applies to almost every aspect of life and I think it is very important to remember."



Michael Shoffner

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Alexis Thoma said, "Don't think it's going to be easy and that you'll get away with everything that you did before."

Miss Thoma added, "My Mom told me to never give up, always look forward."

Derek Tronetti advised incoming freshmen to cherish every moment in high school.

Dominic Tronetti advised, "Do your homework."

Ms. Davis gave me the best advice. She's said a lot that's been helpful.

Caleb Webster warned, "Don't spray Axe in the bathroom; that's how you get beat up."

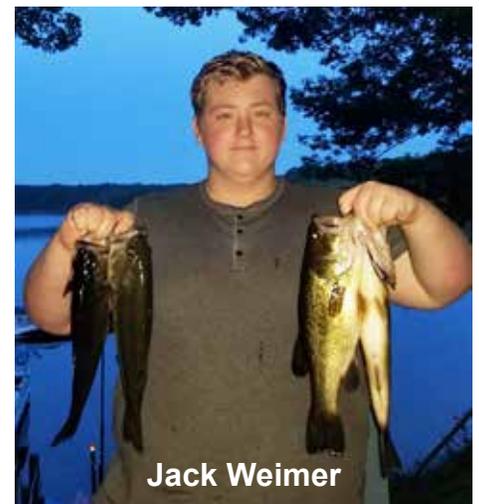
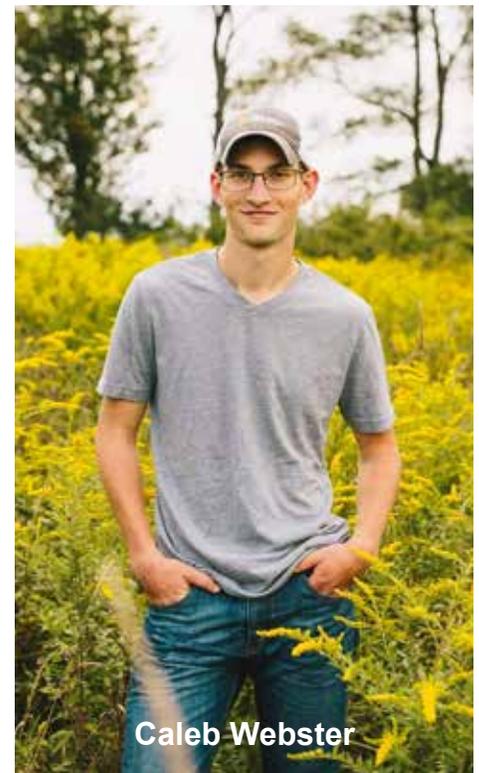
Mr. Graves told me to treat others how you want to be treated.

Jack Weimer offered, "The best advice I can give for upcoming freshman is give your best work that you can and just be honest with your teachers, they've all been there too."

The best advice for high school I have ever received was from a past graduate, Phil Moore, who said, 'school isn't there to stress you out . . . you just need to take it day by day.'

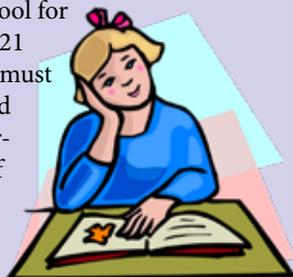
Tristen Woodruff suggested, "Have as much fun as you can."

He added, "Mr. Pavlock gave me the best advice I've ever gotten."



Reminder to Parents of 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 2020-2021 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools as soon as possible.



CENSUS 2020 – Make Sure Your Counted

If you haven't already returned your CENSUS 2020 form, please visit <https://my2020census.gov> or call toll-free 844-330-2020.

It is important for everyone in our community to be counted in the Census. Each year, Census data informs federal funding for more than 100 programs including school lunches, highway construction, and education.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE DECENNIAL CENSUS?

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provide the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs—impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. They also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ME?

Responding to the census is not only your civic duty; it also affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and your representation in government. Specifically, data from the 2020 Census are used to:

- Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments.
- Plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.

WHEN WILL I COMPLETE THE CENSUS?

The next census will take place in 2020. Beginning in mid-March, people will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once you receive it, you can respond online. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

HOW CAN I RESPOND?

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. Responding should take less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE REQUESTED?

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When completing the census, you should count everyone who is living in your household on April 1, 2020.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL NOT BE REQUESTED?

The Census Bureau will **never** ask for:

- Social Security numbers.
- Bank or credit card account numbers.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.

WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

WHERE CAN I GO TO LEARN MORE?

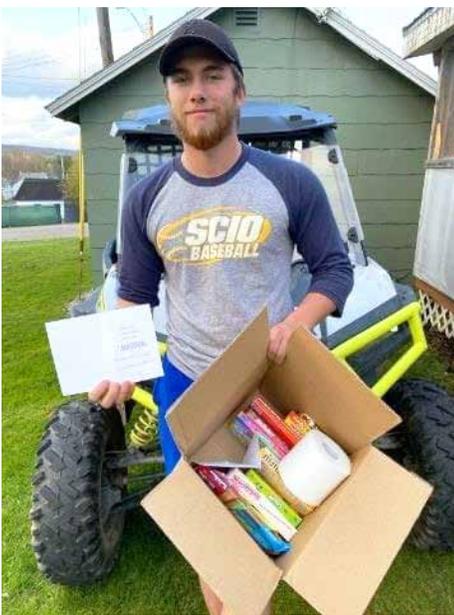
You can learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting 2020census.gov.

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Seniors Receive Special Care Packages at Home

Scio teachers and community members came together to “adopt” Scio seniors by sending them care packages during the quarantine. Each senior was surprised by their adopters with gifts to help lift their spirits during this difficult time. A total effort was made by all and in the end four waves of boxes were sent to every Scio senior. Students (seen in the pictures on pages 12-13) were thrilled to receive their care packages. The school and community are so proud of our seniors!



Meals Prepared and Delivered



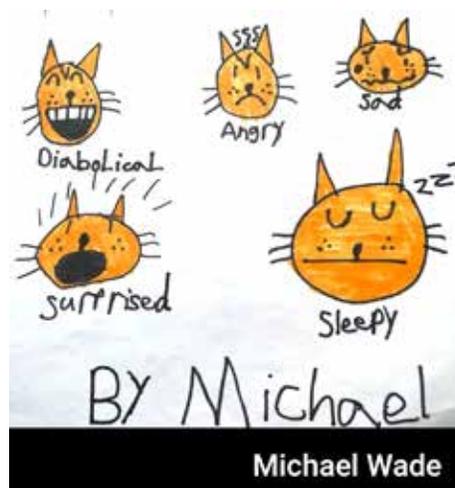
Give a shout out to our awesome crew at Scio Central preparing meals for pick-up and delivery during our school closure.



Student Art Work Shows Great Creativity

By Ms. Preston, Elementary Art Teacher

Scio students have been exploring many ways to be creative while at home. There are many forms of art. You can draw, color, paint, build, and create music with many different things. Part of our creative process has been coming up with ideas which helps us become more resourceful and builds our brain power! I hope everyone gets a chance to relax, draw a picture, build with Legos or blocks, write a play or story, sing, create music masterpieces or just take time to look, listen, and appreciate artwork and music. It also feels good and is extremely good for you. Thanks for sharing your work Tiger Artists! I miss you all and look forward to seeing more of your creations.



Be sure to keep checking your Scio email over the summer; Mrs. Hardy will continue to send applicable information to you as it comes in.

Summer Youth Employment

We have received the applications for Summer Youth Employment from Allegany County. Please email Mrs. Walsh (kwash@sciocsd.org) to have an application sent to you. At this point, we do not know what the employment opportunities are and suggest that you call Sue Day at the Allegany County Employment and Training Center at 585-268-9445 or Rita Lynch at 585-268-9240 if you have questions.

Working Papers

As we are unable to issue working papers in person, students can complete the form electronically. For additional details, please see the Student Services page on the district website.

Hi Families!

In order to support the emotional wellness of our students, the Student Services Department has created Microsoft Teams pages. All children, grades 3-12, have been invited to their grade appropriate Team. Grades PreK-2 have social emotional components built into their Class Dojo, be sure to check out these available resources as well. We encourage you to engage your child in accessing their Team and hope that your family can also benefit from the resources that are offered.

Juniors and Seniors

College Board is working on rescheduling SATs; be sure to check their website often as locations may fill up more quickly than typical. Seniors, if you haven't taken the SATs and your college is waiting on these scores, be sure to contact their Admissions Office. Many are choosing to be very flexible with this requirement but be sure to check!

Many colleges are offering virtual college visits, be sure to visit their websites to find out if this is an option. If you don't see it clearly stated I would recommend that you contact their Admissions Office to inquire!



Scholastic Challenge News

Our Scholastic Challenge Team competed on Friday, May 1, in a Virtual Scholastic Challenge hosted by CABOCES. Our Virtual Team members were Analiese Babbitt, Jeb Broach, Shawn Patrick and Lily Babbitt with Max Morris and Tyler Nickerson as alternates. We won three of our four matches and were hoping to pick up points in our last two matches to make up for our first match, but it wasn't in the cards.

A big shout out and congratulations to our team for a job well done! Also a big thank you for coming to practices all year go out to Greg Wesche, Will Broach, Joey Nickerson and Derek Ketchner.

The matches and scoreboard can be viewed at <https://regionlvsc.weebly.com/>

Reminder to Parents of Home Instructed Students

Please send in your Fourth Quarter Reports and Annual Assessments as soon as they are completed.

Parents of students who intend to educate their children at home must provide a written notice to the superintendent annually by July 1st of each school year.

8th Grade Poems

Eighth grade ELA students are currently reading the novel *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai. Written in free verse poetry form, it shares the life of a girl fleeing Vietnam and beginning a new life in America. We have discussed the similarities and differences between the changes and emotions the protagonist Ha and her family were feeling, in comparison to our own during the COVID shutdowns. Student poems were inspired by their favorite past-times and their dreams for the future. Here are a few . . .

Dreaming of Europe

Once I hit 20, I'll be on my way.
Italy, Hungary, and Germany is where I'll stay.
A chance to reconnect with my friends across the world.
With my mom, my sisters, and Sophie by my side,
every step of the way.
Delectable food, unique fashion, and creative music
are all new to me.
Exploring new places – cafes, beaches, and landmarks, of course.
A change from my hometown.
Once I hit 20, I'll be on my way.

Author – Lexi Crossley

The Feelings of Piano

In my bedroom it sits, new and black with black and white keys
Two years have passed since Nana taught me with ease
A quiet space, distraction free
Disney songs played with muscle memory
Happy and relaxed, it's a way to fill my days

Author – Eli Wade

Small Town

Small towns,
only one miniscule school,
mundane faces everywhere you turn,
waving to every person you see,
like family.
Small towns,
one red light,

bonfires every Friday night,
friends and family,
gather round.
Blood or not,
everybody is family,
in a Small Town

Author – Sophie Bolzan

Summer Love

The sun shined so bright like a magnificent light.
My heart was afire the world seemed right.
The grass gently danced as the wind blew.
Above in the beautiful blue sky the birds flew.
The red and orange hues glistened as the sun set.
He whispered softly as our hands met.

Author – Jenn Dickens

Family Racing

One year at the Geneva track, May through August.
Three wheels, red, black, and chrome,
with #12 on the front, back, and side.
Warm and sunny with clear skies.
Time spent with Cooper and Shane.
Happy and excited,
it's a new fun experience.
Time at the track, hanging out afterward,
and the awards banquet are all things to look forward to.

Author – Landon Arnold



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Congratulations to the Scio Central School Class Of 2020 Valedictorian And Salutatorian

The Scio Central School Class of 2020 Valedictorian is **Analiese Babbitt (at near right)**, daughter of Amy (Mike) Berardi and Bruce (Sarah) Babbitt. Analiese has a grade point average of 96.8. She is a member of the National Honor Society, part of the Honors Group, has received academic pins in math, English, foreign language, music, history, and the Merit Award in English. During her academic career, Analiese has achieved many accomplishments including receiving the Excellence in Education Scholarship from Alfred State, the Key Award from Elmira College, the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Aware from the University of Rochester, and the Scio Central School ABLE Award twice. For her senior year, Analiese was accepted into the New Visions program.

Throughout high school, Analiese has participated in extra-curricular activities including choir, band, Student Council member (four years serving as treasurer), President of her class for three years, and member and treasurer of the Foreign Language Club for two years. Analiese's musical talents have afforded her to the opportunities of attending SoloFest and being selected for Area All-State (six years) and All-County (seven years). Analiese has also volunteered at the SPCA.

Analiese's will be attending Alfred State where she has been accepted into the Sonogram Technician program.

The Scio Central School Class of 2020 Salutatorian is **Alex Field (at far right)**, son of Cheri Drake and Dennis Field. Alex has a grade point average of 96.5. His academic achievements include receiving the RIT In-



novation and Creativity Award, receiving academic pins in math, science, computers, music, foreign language, and physical education, and being selected to receive the Scio Central School ABLE Award.

Alex's extra-curricular activities in high school include being a member of the senior band, varsity soccer (four years), junior varsity basketball (two years), varsity basketball (two years), and varsity baseball (three years), being selected as Most

Improved Player in his last year. Alex has also been involved within the community as a volunteer for the Scio Central School FLBA Toys for Tots Program, assisting with 5th/6th grade Saturday morning basketball, and helping with the Veteran's Day dinner at the school.

In the fall, Alex is planning to attend Alfred University to study Computer Engineering.

Congratulations, Analiese and Alex!

SCS Board of Education Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (Reorganization Meeting)

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.