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From the Principal's Desk...

Students, Parents, and Community Members,

Warm weather is just around the corner! That means that we are nearing the end of the school year. It seems that this time of year always goes so quickly. This time of year is packed with activities. To make sure you don't miss anything, here is a listing of some of our key events yet to happen this spring.

Spring Break will be March 26 – April 2. We hope students will use this time to energize for the last few weeks of the school year.

Junior students will be taking the SAT on April 10. This test is scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude around 1:00 p.m. Juniors taking the test will be released from school at that time.

Prom is scheduled for April 21 and will be held here at the high school.

Our annual Senior Awards Night will be on May 2, at the high school. New this year, we will be holding a Decision Day program on May 9. Decision Day will recognize senior students and announce their plans after high school. Academic and extra-curricular cords and awards will be given to students, along with honoring their achievements during their years at Sullivan High School. Parents are invited to attend. From there, it's only a few short weeks to Graduation.

This year, Graduation has been set for May 20, at 2:30 p.m. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outside on the football field.

Individual scheduling with students has wrapped up. We are currently processing all student requests. We will contact students if adjustments need to be made to their current selections. If students wish to make changes, they need to contact the office.

There is still a great deal of time left for students to continue to improve. Please don't hesitate to contact teachers for information or support on any of your student's classes. Also, if you should have any questions the remainder of the year, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

I'm looking forward to a successful remainder of the school year!

Erik Young
Principal

Updated School Calendar

Please note the changes in the calendar.

Sullivan Schools will be in session on
4/20, 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11.

March 26-April 2: Spring Break (No School)

April 13: School Improvement Day (No Student Attendance)

April 20: Emergency Day: School in Session

April 27: Emergency Day: School in Session

May 4: School in Session

May 11: School in Session

May 18: Emergency Day: No Student Attendance
(unless 5 emergency days used)

May 24: Last Day of Student Attendance (Early Dismissal @ 1:20)

May 25: Teachers Institute

Stay tuned to further updates should more inclement weather days be used.

SES just finished raising funds for "Jump Rope for Heart." Coach Don Typer has been coordinating the school's efforts to help the American Heart Association for the last 16 years. This year, the students of Sullivan Elementary School were able to raise over \$16,750! Photo submitted by Dan Allen, SES Principal.



Sullivan Elementary School celebrated Read Across America by honoring Dr. Seuss the week of February 26. Students participated in themed dress up days based on different Dr. Seuss books each day and different activities took place throughout the week.

On Monday, there was a Stop Everything and Read for 15 minutes activity, where everyone in the building stopped what they were doing and read a book.

On Tuesday, students decorated crazy socks that were displayed in the hallway. On Wednesday, students did partner reading with students from different grade levels. Thursday students got to wear crazy hats. The week culminated with a green eggs and ham lunch on Friday followed by an assembly.

At the assembly, Cat in the Hat (Superintendent Ted Walk) read "Green Eggs and Ham," students performed a song rewritten with a Dr. Seuss theme, then teachers performed a song about Dr. Seuss for the students. Mrs. Grohler organized what was a fun and motivating week for students and faculty alike!

Photos provided by Dan Allen.

Congratulations Extended to Sullivan High School Senior Katie Webb



Katie Webb - 2018



Pictured above, SHS Senior Kaitlyn Webb is just about to take the microphone and tape her "This I Believe" essay at NPR in Springfield. Photo by NPR.

Shortly after students and teachers returned from Christmas break, Mrs. Badman assigned a "This I Believe" essay, sponsored by NPR Illinois, to her AP Language class.

According to Badman, "I was giving them a class grade for this essay, but I also wanted them to upload it to the NPR Illinois website as a way of teaching about audience and all).

Sullivan High School senior Katie Webb entered her essay titled, "The Truth Will Set You Free," which was selected as one of the top 10 entries from the state.

Webb was invited to read her essay to the Rotary Club in Springfield, to record her essay on air, and she was also given a small monetary scholarship.

Webb is currently on the homepage of the NPR website:

<http://nprillinois.org/#stream/0>

You can also listen to her recording here:

<http://nprillinois.org/post/i-believe-truth-will-set-me-free>

Her essay was also printed in the State Journal Register (in the "Voice" section).

One Book One Sullivan Brings Community and Students Together

One Book One Sullivan hosted their 11th annual book discussion Thursday, March 1st at the Sullivan First United Methodist Church. The committee was overjoyed to have so many in attendance. Around 130 community members, students, teachers and staff participated the event.

The chosen novel, *The Bitterside of Sweet* by Tara Sullivan, seemed to resonate with many students and community members alike. The story offered an inside look at child labor on the cocoa plantations of Africa. It sparked intense conversations about the life of children in Africa as well as where our chocolate comes from. The One Book One Sullivan committee would like to thank everyone who read the book with us throughout the school year.



Mark Your Calendars:

Sullivan Singers Dessert
Theater Saturday, May 5th
2018 and Sunday, May 6th
2018.

The Musical will be held
May 12th and 13th 2018.

All photos above were taken at this year's One Book, One Sullivan Community Discussion. Photos provided by Rikki Ray.

Flamingos Migrate to Sullivan This Spring

Somehow, flamingos have become lost during their migration, and may land in your yard. Luckily for you, there are trained “relocation specialists” who will remove and relocate them. (OK, so flamingos really don’t migrate, but play along with us!)

The flamingo experts in this area are members of the Sullivan High School Junior Class. We are seeking donations to help cover the cost of our prom. If you choose to donate, thank you in advance for your generous support; whether you donate or not, thank you for your humor.

If you wish to donate, and for a donation of \$10.00, you have the option of recommending a migratory pit stop for the flamingos; in other words, you can choose the next unsuspecting family who will receive the birds.

Please include a note with your donation telling the person’s name and address (in the Sullivan area). For a donation of \$25.00 or more, you may request that the flamingos do not return to your yard this year. To make a donation, please leave cash or check in the plastic bag attached to one of the flamingos, or place your donation in the enclosed addressed envelope and mail it to:

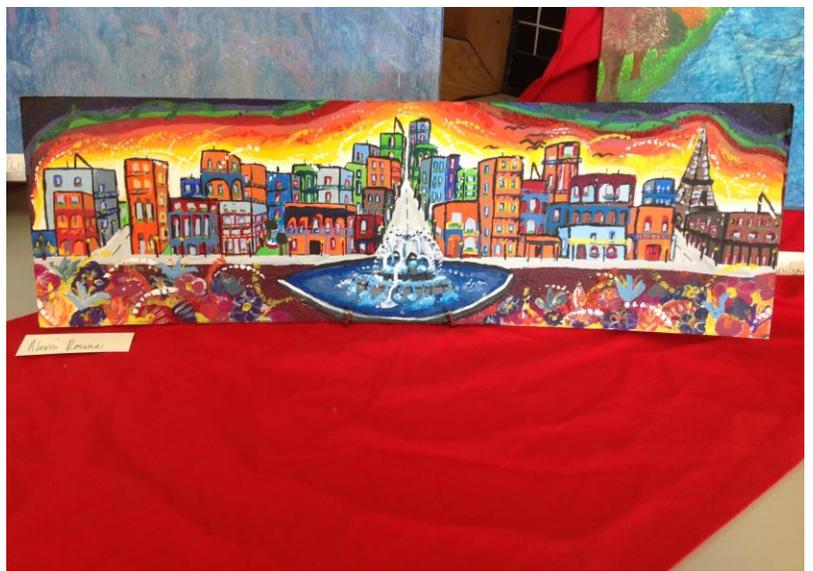
Sullivan High School Junior Class
725 N. Main
Sullivan, IL 61951
Please make checks payable to:
Sullivan Junior Class

If you wish to be removed immediately, please call, Natalie Drury at (217) 273-1654, and the flamingos will be removed quickly. If we do not hear from you, the flamingos will be removed from your yard within a week.

Thank you for participating~ Sullivan Junior Class



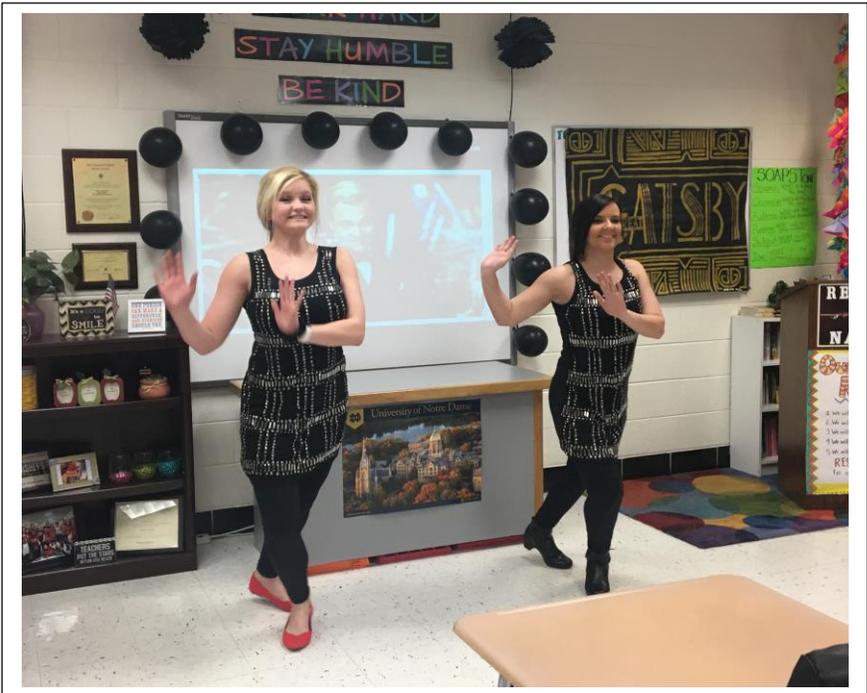
Photo Courtesy of Getty Images



The two photos above showcase some of the outstanding artistic talent Sullivan High School has in its midst. This artwork is currently on display inside the main entrance to the school. Photos by Paige McLaughlin.



Mrs. Badman's AP Language Class just finished reading *The Great Gatsby*, and decided to host a farewell party for Jay Gatsby. Students in the class dressed in 1920s clothing, brought in food popular during the 1920s, played Roaring Twenties music and danced to the Charleston for the event. Students also wrote and presented eulogies to Jay Gatsby. Some of Sullivan High School's talented art students created decor for the party! Pictured above, students created the invitation to the party in true Gatsby fashion. To the right and below, students were photographed during the event.



"So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." It has to come down to this: "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."
 -F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Spanish Students Attend Global Fest at EIU

Students enrolled in Spanish Classes at Sullivan High School participated in a celebration of world languages and culture, where participants immersed themselves into authentic world cultural experiences, languages and competitions. Sullivan High school won first and second place in the Global Quiz Bowl competition. Thirty-five students took advantage of this opportunity. According to Senora King, "I'm very proud of our students."

Quiz Bowl Participants

First place team:
Reagan Crouse
Shyanne Hunter
Lindsay Jones

Second place team:
Trevor Elder
Gary Herschberger
Spencer Johnson



Singers Wrap Up 2018 Competition Season

by Paige McLaughlin

On February 3rd, 2018, the Sullivan Singers traveled to Danville for the Midwest Classic. They went up against groups such as Decatur's "Elite Energy," O'Fallon's "Great Expectations," and El Paso's "Modulations," and ultimately placed 3rd. Hope Miller also won best female soloist in the solo competition that day.

On February 17th, 2018, El Paso-Gridley hosted their annual Show Choir Showdown. The Sullivan Singers traveled to this event, where they competed against groups from Manteno, Bettendorf, Danville, and Mt. Zion, among others. The Singers made it to finals, where they placed second, beaten only by Manteno's group, "Magic." Jadon Nuzzo won best performer, and Carley Towle was a finalist in the solo competition.

On February 24th, at Franklin Central's Hoosier Show Choir Classic, the Sullivan Singers went up against groups from schools that were roughly anywhere from four to ten times bigger than themselves. They were the only school from Illinois to attend the event. Despite facing momentous odds, the Singers made it to finals, and placed fifth. Madi Wall was best performer.

Glenwood High School hosted their annual "The Event" on March 3rd. The Sullivan Singers placed fourth, behind choirs from Decatur, Mt. Zion, and Ben Davis High Schools.

The weekend of March 10th was a new experience for many of the Sullivan Singers, as they traveled north for Wheaton Warrensville South's Choral Classic. The competition was packed with show choirs from all across the state. The Singers did not make finals, and placed 10th in their division.

The Sullivan Singers' last show of their competition season took place on March 17th. They went to Millikin University, where Eisenhower's show choir group, "Elite Energy", hosted the Decatur Premier Choice Show Choir Invitational. There were no finals at this contest, but the Singers placed 6th overall, and Madi Wall won best female performer.

While the Sullivan Singers did not win the honor of grand champions at any of their competitions this year, they consistently made finals, and had an overall successful season. A choir from a school of just under 400 kids competed against choirs from schools of thousands, and consistently did well. The amount of dedication and talent these students possess is evident: their skill wowed crowds and judges alike. After this season, one thing is for certain: Sullivan Singers are a force to be reckoned with, and they should not be underestimated.



Congratulations, Singers on an outstanding competition season.



COUNSELING CENTER

Local Scholarships Deadline: April 3rd
SAT: April 10th
Award's Night: May 2nd
AP Chem Exam: May 7th
AP Spanish Exam: May 8th
Decision Day Assembly: May 9th
AP Biology Exam: May 14th
AP Calculus Exam: May 15th
AP English Exam: May 16th

Please Be Advised:

**The Deadline for Seniors to
Submit Most Local
Scholarships is Tuesday, April
3, 2018, unless a specific
scholarship indicates
otherwise.**

**Senior Awards Night is
May 2, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Local Scholarship Winners
Will Be Announced**



**Congratulations February
Gold Slip Winners**

Each month, Sullivan Elementary School celebrates students who go above and beyond expectations in the classroom by awarding them "Gold Slips." Here are the Gold Slip winners for the month of February (pictured from left to right):

October Artrip and Avery Casteel were picking up trash from the bleachers before school. Way to help keep the school clean!

Mikaeylah Cunningham immediately went up to a new student, introduced herself and asked to be friends! What a great way for a student to be welcomed!

Canin Hall saw a teacher ask for a responsible student to help one of her students get back to his classroom. Cannin eagerly volunteered and was very kind to the boy, placing his hand on his back and guiding him gently while speaking reassuringly to him. Cannin showed great responsibility and concern for the boy's well-being.

DaCorey Austin saw a kindergarten student trip and fall while leaving the cafeteria. He stepped out of line and helped her up. DaCorey checked to make sure she was okay!