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## From the Principal's Desk

As I sit here to write this message, the 2022-2023 school year is just a few short weeks away. This time of year is always exciting as we get ready to watch our 8th graders head off to high school and all of the excitement and opportunity that awaits them on the other side of the breezeway, and soon we will get to celebrate the Class of 2023 as they walk our halls for the final time as students rather than alumni, and it is hard to believe that their four years are already over. I know that in the blink of an eye, the Class of 2027, now just 8th graders that I am getting ready to send off to high school, will be the ones in caps and gowns, and I will be cheering them on during their graduate walk.



There are many interesting things about making a career in education, but one that always strikes me at the end of a school year is how working in a school affects one's perception of time. Maybe it is the way school years add a more pronounced awareness of the passing of time. Instead of years subtly changing over from one to the next, a school calendar provides a very clear beginning and end, each with their own rituals and celebrations, and each year takes on the personality of the group of students inhabiting our classrooms and hallways that year. It could also be that working in a school feels like being the one immovable point in the river of time. Year after year, we watch as groups of students enter our buildings, grow before our eyes, and then move on, while we remain here to greet the next class entering our doors. It is amazing how quickly kids seem to age from 5th grade through 8th grade. Thank goodness we aren't aging that quickly, right?

As I reflect on this school year, and the ways in which time seemed to speed up and slow down from day to day and week to week, like most school years feeling both endlessly long and impossibly quick all at the same time, I realize that this will be the last year that I am the principal of a building consisting of four grade levels. I have been the principal of Sullivan Middle School for six years, and we have hosted 5th grade for five of those years. I barely remember what it was like to only have 6th-8th graders, and I have to say, I am going to miss having 5th graders around. I have really enjoyed having them in our building, and while I believe their home is in the elementary school, I have thoroughly enjoyed the five years they spent in our building, even though sometimes it feels like it has only been a month and other times feels like it has been a decade, such is the passage of time in a school.

To the Class of 2023, it has been a pleasure watching you achieve so much during your four years of high school; we can't wait to see what you do next. To the Class of 2027, make the most of your next four years; they will go by quicker than you realize.

## Mrs. Badman's Ap Class

Mrs. Badman's AP Language & Composition class took a trip to Booth Library at EIU. Upon arrival, students were given a grand tour of the library; then they had time to explore on their own, finding books and using the databases for their final research paper.



## School Supply Boxes



Supply boxes are available for all 3 schools this year (SES, SMS, SHS)!! Be sure to click on SES or SMS/SHS when ordering

School supply boxes are a parent's best friend. Order a box and the exact supplies your child needs are delivered straight to the school! It's SO convenient, and a cost savings to you! Win-win!!

Order here

[https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/list.php?school\\_zip=61951](https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/list.php?school_zip=61951)

July 1st is the order deadline.

## Bless A Teacher

On behalf of NHS, we would like to congratulate April's Bless a Teacher: Mrs. Seeley, SES; Mr. Webb, SMS; and Coach T, SHS.





# SHS Boys Track Break School Record

SHS Boys Track got 3rd out of 18 teams at the ALAH Invite today And a big congrats to Kaden Guest, Kyle Corkill, Paul Bates, and Aian Fryman for setting a new school record in the 4x100m Relay!



Men 4x100 (Varsity)	
ALAH Invitational   Apr 8, 2023	
Results   Heats   Entries	
Filter Results ▾	
1	<b>Decatur (St. Teresa)</b> <b>44.08</b> SB • 'A' • +10pts • H2 • J. Walker, C. Deetz, A. Williams, R. Harper
2	<b>Sullivan</b> <b>44.58</b> SB • 'A' • +8pts • H2 • C. Browne, P. Bates, K. Corkill, A. Fryman
3	<b>Tripple</b> <b>45.00</b>

## NHS

NHS had a great time Thursday night assisting with the SCEF dinner!



## DECISION DAY

On Thursday, 5/11, SHS will hold our Decision Day ceremony where Sullivan High School seniors will be showcased. The ceremony will begin at 8:50am in the high school gym.

We will learn all about our 2023 seniors such as what their plans are after high school, any scholarships they received, any clubs/sports they were involved in, a memory from high school, etc. Departmental awards will be announced, and extra-curricular cords and pins will be given at this time.

Parents and community members are welcome to attend; the ceremony will also be live-streamed. This is a chance for everyone to see all the wonderful opportunities Sullivan High School has to offer! Please contact Mrs. Badman at the high school with any questions: badmanc@sullivan.k12.il.us.



## SHS Girls Track

A huge night for our athletes at the Tri-County Track Meet!

Out of a total of 10 teams, The Boys Team took home 1st place and the Girl Team took home 2nd place!



## State in Computer Sciences

Congratulations to Beau Fleming for placing 2nd in the state in the subject of Computer Sciences at the state Academic Challenge Competition hosted by EIU. Also, congratulations to Raymond Yang for placing 4th in the state in Computer Sciences.



## Ethan Signs Letter Of Intent

Our newest collegiate athlete, congrats to Ethan Schmohe for signing his letter of intent to swim at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater next fall!





# SHS Track Senior Night

Our senior track athletes were celebrated tonight at the Tri-County Track Meet!



## Section 16 Award Banquet

Sullivan took home some hardware at the Section 16 Awards Banquet!

Gareth Coffey was installed as the new Section 16 2023-2024 Treasurer.

Mallory Batman & Brett Bushue were recognized for receiving their State FFA Degree.

Mitchell Hooten was the top Individual at Green-hand Bowl and Sullivan was top team.

Brett Bushue was the top individual at horse judging and Sullivan was top team.

Gareth Coffey and Brett Bushue were recognized as Section Proficiency winners.

Brett was also recognized as a District and State Proficiency winner.



## Dawson Signs Letter Of Intent

SHS's latest collegiate athlete, Dawson Foster, committed to play baseball at Sauk Valley Community College next year!



## Senior Spot Light

### Lane Rose

After graduation Lane plans to enter the workforce in a Welding apprenticeship.  
Congratulations Lane!

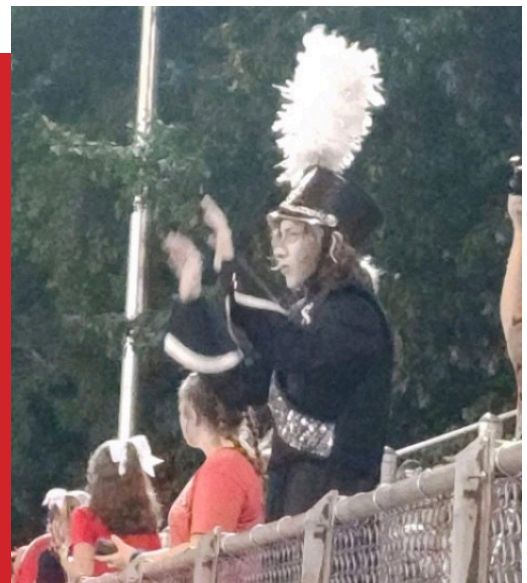


### Max Harner

Max participated in Football for 2 years, Golf for 2 years, FFA for 2 years and Track for 1 year. After high school Max plans to enter the workforce.  
Congratulations Max!

### Zachary Kursell

Zachary has participated in Marching Band for 4 years and served as Drum Major, Scholastic Bowl for 2 years, NHSS for 1 year, Track and Field for 1 year, and Jazz Band for 1 year. After graduation Zachary plans to attend college and study Information Technology.  
Congratulations Zachary!





# Senior Spot Light

## Drake Poe

Drake participated in football his senior year. After graduation, Drake plans on entering the workforce through a lineman apprenticeship program. Congratulations, Drake!



## Kylee Ragsdale

Kylee has participated in Track for 3 years, Volleyball for 2 Years & Prom Committee for 1 year and served as a Leader.

After graduation Kylee plans to attend college to study Social Work at Carl Sandburg College or Knox College. Congratulations Kylee!

## Mikala Simmons

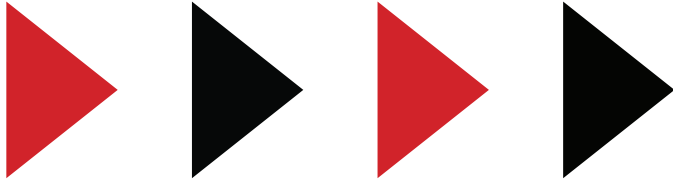
Mikala has participated in Singers for 4 years, Basketball Cheer for 3 years, Track for 3 years, Football Cheer for 2 years and served as Co-Captain, FFA for 1 year, Book Club for 1 year and Basketball for 1 year.

Mikala plans to join the workforce after graduation. Congratulations Mikala!



## Special olympics

Special Olympics Track and Field was held Friday at Eastern Illinois University. Here is a group picture of Sullivan's entire team and several more pictures of our elementary school athletes.



## Softball Senior Day



A great day on the softball field for Senior Day! The ladies triumph over Okaw Valley 11-0!  
Congratulations to a terrific career seniors!

## NHS

Yesterday NHS enjoyed their day at Iron Coyote as a result of their hard work and fundraising efforts throughout the school year!





# First Grade Paints Layers Of The Rainforest

Take three! First grade began painting the layers of the rainforest today and enjoyed posing for pictures.



## SES Students Try A New Vegetable

Students as SES had the opportunity to try a new vegetable option today...Jicama! As you can see there were many different reactions. It is great to try something new!



## SES Student Fun On Ag Day



The students of SES had a day full of FUN!  
Thank you to Douglas-Hart Nature Center, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. Bushue and the HS AG students.

# SMS Art Club

What can to do with an Altoid tin?

SMS Art clubbers created farms, oceans, first aid kits, magenic games, fairy homes, mini maps, unicorn habitats, forests, father's day gifts (shhh!), picture frames and more.



## Upcoming Dates

### SES Remaining Dates:

Fri., May 5 – Emergency Day  
 Fri., May 12 – Emergency Day  
 SES Track Meet \* 4:00 p.m. HS Track (TBA)  
 Fri., May 19 - Emergency Day  
 Sun., May 21 - Graduation  
 Thurs., May 25 - Last Day of Student Attendance  
 Fri., May 26 – Teachers Institute

### SMS Remaining Dates:

Sun., May 21 - Graduation  
 Wednesday, May 24 – Reading Redskins Comp 4 Celebration  
 Thursday, May 25 - Last Day of Student Attendance  
 Friday, May 26 – Teachers Institute  
 Friday, May 5 – Emergency Day  
 Friday, May 12 – Emergency Day  
 Friday, May 19 - Emergency Day  
 Sun., May 21 - Graduation

Wednesday, May 24 – Reading Redskins Comp 4 Celebration  
 Thursday, May 25 - Last Day of Student Attendance  
 Friday, May 26 – Teachers Institute

### SHS Remaining Dates:

Wed., May 3 - Senior Awards Night  
 Fri., May 5 – Emergency Day  
 Fri., May 12 – Emergency Day  
 Fri., May 19 - Emergency Day  
 Sat., May 14 - Baccalaureate  
 Sun., May 21 - Graduation  
 Wed., May 24 - Final Exams  
 Thurs., May 25 - Final Exams, Last Day of Student Attendance (Early Dismissal @ 2:30)  
 Fri., May 26 – Teachers Institute - No Student Attendance

**Thank you to SHS Junior Dirk Lane  
 for his hard work on the eNewsletter!**

## Social Media Connections



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