

ONE DISTRICT - ONE BUILDING - ONE FAMILY

### Welcome to 2022-2023 at South Lewis Central



#### **Welcome to South Lewis**

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! We are looking forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> full year with all of our students and faculty/staff under one roof. Last year was a growing and learning experience for all of us as we adapted to our new single-campus configuration. This year we will be ready to hit the ground running.

As always, thoughts of a new year and fresh start brings excitement. It is our expectation that school be a positive experience for you, your child and the entire school community. As you review the school calendar please note the many wonderful events including athletics, musicals, trips, and special activities that present opportunities to be involved. Our school is the hub of the community where you are welcome and invited to be a part of your child's educational experience. It is our strong belief that it truly takes the collective and collaborative efforts of everyone for our students to be successful.

South Lewis is an amazing school district where our students, faculty/staff, facilities and programs/opportunities are second to none. We have so much for which to be proud and thankful. We are hopeful that 2022-23 will be our best year yet!

Sincerely,

Douglas Premo



The 2022-2023 school year will begin for all students, UPK-12, with a full day of classes on Tuesday, September 6th.

#### **School Start and End Times**

UPK - Grade 12

7:50 am - 2:50pm

#### **New Student Registration**

New students should be registered as soon as possible at the building they will attend. Staff is available to help you register between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. each weekday. For more information, please call the appropriate school office as listed in the directory on the administration page of this calendar.

#### **Kindergarten Registration**

Children are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten if their fifth birthday falls on or before December 1st. A birth certificate and proof of immunization are required. Registration for children entering Kindergarten in September 2023 will be held in the spring, with Kindergarten screening dates scheduled in May/June 2023.

#### **Please Note:**

The District Calendar was prepared during the months of July/August. Therefore, dates of some activities may change as needed during the year. To verify any dates, times, location or formats please contact your child's school.

### Board of Education and District Administration



#### **Board of Education**

The Board of Education is comprised of nine members elected by district residents at the annual election and budget vote held each spring. Board members serve without pay for staggered five-year terms.

Under the Education Law of New York State, the school board is responsible for establishing policies, which govern the education of all children attending district schools; for preparing the annual budget; and for ensuring district adherence to state law and regulations. As Chief School Officer, the Superintendent of Schools is charged with seeing that school board policies are carried out.

Regular meetings of the South Lewis Board of Education are typically held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the South Lewis Board Room. Additional Board meetings will be held on an as-needed basis. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

#### South Lewis School Board of Education 2022-2023

Mr. Andrew Liendecker, President Mr. Richard Ventura, Vice President Mrs. Jessica Carpenter Mrs. Dawn Ludovici

Mrs. Dawn Ludov Mr. Justin Szucs Mr. Tom Burmingham Mr. Paul Campbell Mrs. Christine Chaufty Mrs. Blake Place



Not Pictured Mr. Richard Ventura

#### **District Administration**

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Douglas Premo	315-348-2500
School Business Administrator	Mr. Barry Yette	315-348-2503
Executive Principal, Elementary	Mr. Christopher Villiere	315-348-2600
Director of Health, Phys. Ed. & Ath.	Mr. Christopher Villiere	315-348-2562
Principal, Elementary	Mrs. Christine Sobel	315-348-2600
Principal, Middle School	Ms. Judith Duppert	315-348-2570
Principal, High School	Mr. Chad Luther	315-348-2520
Director of Information Technology	Mr. Scott Carpenter	315-348-2567
Director of Special Education	Ms. Catherine Littlefield	315-348-2551
Curriculum-Data Coordinator	Mrs. Deborah Domagala	315-348-2517
Food Service Director	Mr. Steven Fuller	315-348-2543
Transportation Supervisor	Mr. Andrew Krokowski	315-348-2590
Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds	Mr. Richard Poniktera	315-348-2500

#### Where Do You Go With a Question or Concern?

Concerns or questions regarding your child's educational experience should be directed first to his or her classroom teacher. If more information is needed or you still have questions and/or concerns, you may want to schedule a meeting with your child's principal or school counselor. A call to the Superintendent of Schools is most appropriate if you feel your questions have not been adequately addressed at the preceding levels. If you have questions regarding who to contact, call the Superintendent's office at 315-348-2500

#### DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the South Lewis Central School District is to assure that all students acquire knowledge and develop the skills and work habits to enable them to become productive members of society. This mission is best accomplished when school personnel maintain high expectations for all students, create a positive school climate, ensure a safe and orderly school environment, monitor students' progress on a frequent basis, and promote effective home-school communications.

### Health Services

#### **Health Services**

Healthy children are more successful in school. Therefore, we provide health services under the guidance of a registered nurse in the Elementary, Middle and High School:

Elementary School Heather LeVan Middle School Brittany Salmon High School Kelly Mear

#### **Physical Examination**

New York State Education Law requires that physical examinations be completed for the students prior to entering pre-k or kindergarten and in grade 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, as well as for new entrants to school. Examinations may be completed by our school physician, or if you prefer, your own physician. Physical examinations are required every year for students who wish to participate in interscholastic athletics. The school nurse annually screens vision, hearing, height, weight, and from the ages of 8 to 16 scoliosis. Parents will be informed of any unusual findings.

#### **Immunizations**

New York State (NYS) Public Health Law Section 2164 and New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Title 10, Subpart 66-1 require every student entering or attending public, private or parochial school in New York State (NYS) to be immune to diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, hepatitis B, varicella and meningococcal in accordance with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. Meningococcal immunization is required for grades 7 through 12.

Every child in daycare, Head Start, nursery school or pre kindergarten in NYS must be immune to diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, hepatitis B, varicella, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), and pneumococcal disease.

Public Health Law Section 2164 provides for medical exemptions to immunization.

Any students not in compliance with immunization requirements within 14 days of the start of the school year may be denied attendance or admittance to school.

Full details on school and child care immunizations requirements are available at <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/laws\_regs">https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/laws\_regs</a>

#### **Special Health Needs**

Please notify the school nurse if your child has any special health needs. This information is kept confidential and it can be important to a successful school experience. Examples of such health needs include bee sting allergy and/or allergy to any other substance; difficulty with vision, hearing, or speech; need for medication during the school day; need for special equipment such as crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs, either on a temporary or permanent basis. A current health/emergency form must be on file in the appropriate school nurse's office.



#### **Communicable Infections**

Education Law §906 and Commissioner's Regulations §136.3 (h) permit the medical director, school nurse (RN), nurse practitioner, physician or physician assistant to evaluate and exclude from school a student in the public schools showing symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the Public Health Law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others; such students shall be sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance. The medical director may examine any student returning to school following an absence due to illness or unknown cause who does not provide a health certificate from a local public health officer, New York State (NYS) licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner, to determine that the student does not pose a threat to the school or community.

#### Medication in School

New York State Law states that no medication can be administered at school except under doctor's orders. Even then, the medication must be given by the school nurse. This includes not only prescription medicines but over-the-counter remedies such as Tylenol, cough syrup, and cough drops. Parents/Guardians must deliver medications to school nurse. **Do not allow children to carry medicine to school.** 

School nurses are permitted to dispense medication during the school hours, **only** when all the following conditions are met:

- 1. Permission is received from parents.
- 2. Doctor orders are received from physician with instructions for administering.
- Parent/Guardian delivers the medicine to the nurse's office in a pharmacy container
  with label intact. (Ask your pharmacist for a second, smaller container for the school
  doses.)
- 4. For controlled substances, the medicine will be counted by the nurse; both the nurse and the parent/guardian will then sign on the medication sheet.

#### **Student Accident Insurance**

The South Lewis Central School District provides the opportunity for the parents to purchase student accident insurance through the Pupil Benefits Plan. The Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. operates on a non-profit basis and is under the supervision of the New York State Public School Athletic Association. The plan is available to all students in elementary, middle, and high school. The basic philosophy of the plan is to assist parents with expenses. The parent's or guardian's insurance is the primary insurance and the Pupil Benefits Plan is in the excess coverage position. The reimbursement is based on a schedule - so many dollars for each type of injury.

Parents will have an opportunity during the month of September to review the policy, premium rates and coverage through the online Family ID beginning of the year form completion/registration process. Parents can choose to purchase student insurance based on three types of coverage. Parents are required to complete the form online through FamilyID to indicate whether or not they intend to purchase insurance. **Coverage does not become effective until payment is received.** Questions concerning the Pupil Benefits Plan can be directed to the District Office at 315-348-2511.

## **Transportation**

South Lewis Central Schools is one of the largest geographic school districts in square miles in the entire State. To serve the approximate 1,000 resident students who attend our schools, South Lewis' bus fleet travels almost 2,700 miles each day and nearly 500,000 miles each year. Our buses make approximately 40 runs per day.

Both you and your child should know their bus animal/character and driver's name. Please note that due to preventative maintenance, the bus numbers can and will change often. It is important to identify the bus by the animal or character as those will not change for your specific route. Bus route information has been sent out to each parent during the month of August. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's bus route, please contact Andrew Krokowski, Transportation Supervisor, at 315-348-2590 or by email to: akrokowski@southlewis.org. Additionally, dispatchers may be contacted by calling 315-348-2591 or 315-348-2592.

#### Safety is our First Priority

Your child's safety is our main priority, and therefore, it is essential that students behave appropriately while riding the school bus. Any student whose conduct is unacceptable may be suspended from school transportation. Under New York State Education Law, if a child is permanently suspended from school transportation, it becomes the responsibility of the parents or guardians to transport the child to and from school.

#### Safety Rules on the Bus

- 1. Observe the same conduct as in classroom
- 2. Be courteous to others, use no profane language
- 3. Do not eat or drink on the bus
- 4. Keep the bus clean
- 5. Cooperate with the driver
- 6. No tobacco products are allowed on the bus
- 7. Do not tamper with or damage bus or equipment
- 8. Stay sitting in your seat
- 9. Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus
- 10. Do not bring any dangerous items or material on the bus
- 11. Bus driver will assign seats
- 12. No animals on the school bus
- 13. Do not fight, push or shove

#### A Note to Kindergarten & Pre-K Parents

As newcomers to school, kindergarten children need to know the rules of riding the bus. Please take the time to explain school bus safety rules to your child and escort them to the bus so that together we can ensure the safety of your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Transportation Department at (315) 348-2590.

#### TRAVERSA RIDE 360 APP

Traversa Ride 360 is a FREE app that provides secure access to each student's routing information, including a GPS location of where the student's bus is currently located and provides a live estimated time of arrival for each location. Traversa Ride 360 allows parents and students to access their routing information in an accurate and timely manner.

#### TO USE RIDE 360:

- Search & download the FREE Traversa Ride 360 instructions from the Google Play or Apple App Store on any smartphone.
- 2. After opening the Traversa Ride 360 app, search for "South Lewis CSD".
- 3. Click on Register (located underneath the login button) and create an account.
- 4. Visit the email you used to create your account for verification purposes.
- 5. After returning to the Traversa Ride 360 app, you will now be able to link your student's account.
- 6. Enter your student's ID# (if you need assistance with this number, please call the Transportation Office at 315-348-2590).
- 7. Enter your student's last name.
  - \*\* Repeat steps 5-7 to add additional students \*\*

Please note, there is a messaging feature inside of the Traversa Ride 360 app. Bus notes or requests for bus changes will not be accepted via the app. All bus notes still need to be given to your child's respective school office.

#### **Emergency Closings/Early Dismissals**

In the event of an emergency closure or early dismissal, the District will send a school messenger call, a push notification in our South Lewis app and local media will be notified. Additionally, you can also call our 24-hour weather information line at 315-348-COLD (2653) for this information. When schools are closed due to inclement weather conditions, all other activities including sports practice, athletic competitions, student activities and other community-related events will be cancelled.

Parents/guardians and children should have a procedure to follow in the event of an emergency early dismissal. Children 12 years of age and younger will not be dropped off at home if there is not a parent or guardian present. The child(ren) will remain on the bus until further instructions are given. Please be sure to make prior arrangements for the care of younger children if no adult will be home during the day. Please send notes to school for alternative drop off locations.

## **School Counseling Services**

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The school counseling program provides the following services: an annual review of each student's educational progress and career plans, instruction to help students learn about curriculum options and careers, individual and/or group counseling assistance to help students develop and implement post secondary education and career plans, and personal/social counseling for all students.

**Ms. Marianne Green** will provide school counseling services for students in grades 9-12 whose last names begin with the letters **A** - **K**. **Mrs. Julie Burmingham** will provide school counseling services for students in grades 9-12 whose last names begin with the letters **L** - **Z**. The counselors can be contacted by calling (315) 348-2530 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

#### **High School Student Schedules**

Schedules for students in grades 9-12 will be distributed on the first day of school. If parents have access to Parent Portal, student schedules will be available on School Tool the week prior to the first day of school. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to set up the Parent Portal and to seek help with our technical support team. Parents and students should take a few moments to review the schedule and to report as soon as possible any concerns to the counselors.

All students in grades 9-12 are expected to carry 5-1/2 credits each year. Students are highly encouraged to carry additional work if their schedules permit doing so. All students must have their high school programs of study approved by their school counselor and their parents. Students must speak with the teacher of a course about what they can do to be successful, prior to meeting with their school counselor about withdrawing from a course. All schedule changes need to be completed by the end of the fifth week (first progress report deadline). Any withdrawal after this time will be subject to the discretion of the counselor and principal, and may result in a "withdraw fail" distinction.

Withdrawal from a course needs to be seriously considered by all parties. Every effort should be made by the student to seek another course of instruction if the withdrawal from the original course is granted.

#### **Access to Student Records**

A parent, guardian, or student over the age of 18 has access to his/her child's or his/her own school records according to a federal law known as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Any records maintained by a school district as part of the official record are available for review by the parent or the student after reaching age 18. The law also controls sharing of pupil records with third party individuals or agencies. To request access to records or to ask questions regarding this law, please contact the student's building principal.



The following subject requirements are also necessary:

#### Minimum Graduation Requirements (Class of 2023)

Students must have accumulated at least 22 credits to graduate, and carry at least 5-1/2 credits each year.

Required Subjects	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
English	4 credits	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits	4 credits
Math	3 credits	3 credits
Science	3 credits	3 credits
Spanish	1 credits	3 credits
•		Or 5 credits in Ag or Tech
Health	.5 credit	.5 credit
Art or Music	1 credit	1 credit
Physical Education	2 credits	2 credits
Electives	3.5 credits	1.5 credits
Total	22 credits	22 credits

#### **Graduation Policies**

The following local policies affecting graduation should be carefully noted:

- 1. Each pupil must take at least 5-1/2 units of credit.
- 2. Physical education is required each year for graduation. One-half unit of credit per year will be awarded upon successful completion each year.
- 3. Students must have completed all graduation requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

#### **Graduation Requirements**

To be eligible for graduation from South Lewis Central School, students must fulfill all requirements specified by the South Lewis Board of Education and the New York State Education Department. Each student must meet NYS Regents testing requirements in Mathematics, Science, Global Studies, US History, and English. Please contact your School Counselor for specific requirements.

## **School Counseling Services**

#### **Social and Emotional Development**

We care about our students' total well-being, and we also recognize that a student's academic performance can be greatly affected by his/her physical, mental, and emotional health. Therefore, we offer a network of professional personnel and resources to provide both prevention and intervention assistance to students and their families when help is needed in such areas as substance abuse, abuse, pregnancy, peer conflict, divorce, suicide prevention, and other issues.

Counseling staff members are trained in intervention procedures, and a number of prevention and intervention programs are available in our schools. We also have collaborative partnerships with various municipal agencies, relationships that help provide better delivery of services to children and families.

#### **Student Testing**

At various times throughout the school year, at all grade levels, students are required to take standardized tests. Many of the dates for these tests are noted on the calendar, so parents may be sure students are well rested and prepared at test time.

Students who plan to attend college should take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Testing (ACT) college entrance exams. Most colleges will accept either set of test scores, but, the two tests measure different abilities and achievement areas. It is a good idea for students heading to four-year colleges to take both the SAT and the ACT. Most students take these tests in the spring of their junior year, but they may also take them in the fall of their senior year. Students interested in applying for a Military Service Academy should be sure to take the SAT/ACT in the spring of their junior year. Juniors should take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) which is good practice for the SAT. The PSAT is also the qualifying exam for National Merit Scholarship competition. The Pre ACT is scheduled in October for all sophomores. Students planning on entering the military should take the ASVAB, offered in November every year, though any student may sign up to take it because it has an excellent interest inventory and ability assessment.

Students may register online for the ACT at www.actstudent.org and for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com. The South Lewis school code, required for registration, is 335653. It is important to register early in order to get one's first choice of test sites. Questions regarding these test programs should be directed to your child's counselor at 315-348-2530.

Test dates for the above tests appear on the website and in our monthly newsletter to parents in the school counseling section, and on our school counseling office Facebook page. Test dates are also included in junior and senior packets.



#### **College Courses**

South Lewis High School offers college courses through Tompkins Cortland Community College, Morrisville State College, and SUNY Jefferson. These are offered as concurrent enrollment and distance learning courses

#### **Tompkins Cortland Community College:**

ENGL101 Academic Writing II

ENGL102 Approaches to Literature

MATH 120 College Algebra

MATH 122 Tech Math Applied

MATH 138 Pre-Calculus

MATH 200 Statistics

MATH 201 Calculus

PHSC 104 General Physics

SPAN 201 Spanish

SPAN 202 Spanish

#### **Morrisville State College:**

**HORT100** Introduction to Horticulture

**HORT210** Horticulture

ENSC100 Introduction to Environmental Science

ANSC100 Introduction to Animal Science & Industry

#### **Jefferson Community College:**

PSY133 Introduction to Psychology

SOC144 Introduction to Sociology

**ENG100 Composition** 

**BUS116 Business Math** 

**BUS104** Personal Finance

POSC121Introduction to American Government

ECON101 Macro Economics

## **Student Expectations**

#### Attendance

State law requires that all children, ages 6 to 16, attend school. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential to learning and developing responsibility for future work experience. Parents/guardians are urged to assist us in the development of responsible young adults by seeing that children attend school regularly, except when they are ill.

Whenever your child is absent, be sure to call and inform the Attendance office in the morning of the first day of absence. Unreported absences may result in the school nurse contacting the parents/guardians of the absent child. Students are responsible for any material covered and/or assignments missed during their absence.

Whenever a child has been absent or tardy, an excuse should be provided from the parent/guardian upon return to school. It is preferred that this excuse be written. Excessive absence or habitual tardiness will result in the scheduling of a parent conference. Continuous absence may result in a loss of credit or failure of the class.

Students who must leave during the school day are required to bring a request from a parent/guardian to the attendance office. All students must report to the attendance office and/or main office prior to leaving school.

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance at school, contact your building principal. The phone numbers are listed on page two of this directory. The complete attendance policy is available by contacting the South Lewis District Office, PO Box 10, Turin, NY 13473 or by calling 315-348-2500.

#### **Homebound Instruction**

Homebound instruction is a service provided to students who are unable to attend school due to medical, emotional, or disciplinary problems. Secondary students receive instruction for two hours per day and elementary students receive one hour per day. Students receive credit for their completed work while on homebound instruction.



Once a student has been absent for more than five consecutive days due to a documented medical, emotional or disciplinary reason, the school may arrange for homebound instruction. If the inability to attend is due to a medical reason, the parent should obtain from the child's physician a written medical request for homebound instruction, along with an explanation of the medical condition and a start and end date for the script. Before homebound instruction is approved, the district has the right to involve the school physician in helping to make the determination.

#### Discipline

School is a place for students to learn and develop healthy social relationships. In order for the school to provide an environment conducive to learning and growing, students must cooperate by respecting others as well as themselves. Specific disciplinary procedures are outlined in student handbooks and the district Code of Conduct, which may be obtained from your building principal.

Discipline is a responsibility that is shared by both home and school. South Lewis faculty and staff members support proper discipline habits for students and are happy to work cooperatively with parents in this effort.

#### **Report Cards**

Grades are an indication of a student's effort and understanding of a subject. Report cards are issued quarterly and are mailed home at the Middle and High School levels.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled in the fall for students in grades K-8 in addition to their report cards. Parent-teacher conferences for all students identified as being at-risk are scheduled as needed.

All Students in grades 5-12 receive a five-week progress report for each marking period. Students who are having problems in a subject generally receive an interim report, outlining some difficulties students are experiencing and suggestions for improvement. Parents are encouraged to consult with teachers and/or school counselors when difficulties arise regarding a student's academic progress. It is very important that parents and teachers work together on behalf of the children.

## Student Opportunities

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Students in every grade may explore a rich variety of activities through both classroom and co-curricular opportunities. We believe that a high percentage of student participation not only ensures a well-rounded education but also allows our students to find success in their areas of individual interest.

We also are finding that, more and more, colleges and universities are looking not just for the academically gifted students, but for young people who are willing to "get involved" by participating in their total school community.

Beginning in kindergarten, field trips allow students to make a tangible connection between classroom learning and real-life experience. Whenever possible, special guests offer an added dimension to the learning experience.

Extra-curricular activities provide opportunities for expanding special interests and abilities. Activities include academic and special interest clubs, choral and instrumental activities and drama productions. At the Middle-High School level, students are offered the opportunity to participate in interscholastic academic competitions throughout the school year. Students at all levels are encouraged to explore their creativity through art and music.

The athletic program at South Lewis emphasizes the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play. The purpose of our athletic program is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the participants. Along with this, we encourage leadership, initiative, good judgment, and courtesy. Interscholastic athletics include baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, rifle, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, track, volleyball, and wrestling.

#### **Student Clubs and Activities**

A student's involvement in extra-curricular activities is an important part of a complete education. This involvement provides the student with an opportunity to discover and develop talents and abilities. Each student is encouraged to select wisely from a wide range of activities and to participate in those areas which hold the greatest promise.

#### **Working Papers**

South Lewis Central School cooperates with the New York State Labor Department in the issuance of working papers required by law for minors, ages 14-18, who seek part-time or full-time employment. Students must submit proof of age and must have had a physical examination within the last year. Students must apply in person and sign in the presence of a school official. A parent's signature is also required on the application. Working papers are issued through the **High School main office**.



#### **Resource Rooms**

The Resource Rooms are designed to provide special education students with an opportunity to:

- 1. Get help with reading skills
- 2. Develop study skills
- 3. Receive help with content subjects
- 4. Take make-up tests under supervision
- 5. Meet in small study groups
- 6. Read and study

The Resource Rooms serve as a resource for bringing together skills and content for faculty and students alike. Students with special needs (those classified through CSE) will be regularly scheduled for classes here. Vocabulary development, comprehension, and reading skills are strengthened through use of various reading materials and methods along with student subject textbooks.

#### **Special Education Programs**

The South Lewis Central School District provides a continuum of educational programs for students with disabilities. Most services for students with disabilities are provided within the South Lewis District, with a few in neighboring school districts through BOCES. Anyone who suspects that his or her child may have a disability that would require special educational services should call the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at 315-348-2535.

#### **Library Media Center**

The Library Media Center is to be used for quiet study, research, and book selection. In addition to books and magazines, computer resources and audio-visual materials are available for students to use to complete assignments or to pursue new interests. The library staff will assist students in the location and proper use of resources and equipment available.

#### **Driving Permit Exams**

Students may take their written exam for their driving permit with the School Resource Officer (SRO). Students will take the exam on a computer, in about 15 minutes. When they pass, they will be issued a form to take to DMV, along with the other necessary papers they need in order to obtain a permit, take an eye exam, and be issued a permit. The SRO will not issue the actual permit.

## School and Community: A Partnership



#### **Use of School Facilities**

The South Lewis Central School District welcomes the use of its facilities by cocurricular, youth, community, and civic groups. Approval of applications to use school facilities are based on the following priorities:

- 1. School-related groups
- 2. Recreational programs for youth
- 3. Community organizations
- 4. Other groups and activities

When using school facilities, the following general regulations must be observed:

- 1. Adequate adult supervision at all times
- 2. At least one supervisor must have CPR/AED certification
- 3. Payment of personnel costs when additional staff must be assigned to cover an event (at the established hourly rate)
- 4. In cases where a potential liability could accrue to the school district, groups will be requested to present a certificate of insurance

Complete regulations and the required application may be obtained in the District Office.

#### Communication

A regularly published district newsletter, highlighting school events and educational issues, is periodically made available to all residents of the district. This is supplemented by building publications and individual communication between teachers and parents. Student achievement and activities also are publicized through the local media.

The district's official newspapers for publication of legal notices are the Watertown Daily Times, the Lowville Journal and Republican, and the Boonville Herald.

The South Lewis website, www.southlewis.org, is also a good source for information about the South Lewis Central School District. The District calendar, sports calendars, lunch menus, and individual building calendars are all available on the website. The website offers resources for parents and community members.

South Lewis also has a smart phone app that can be downloaded in the Apple Store or on Google Play. On the app you will be able to find the cafeteria menu, upcoming events, athletic schedules, school and district news, important documents, and contact information for schools, faculty and staff. It is EVERYTHING South Lewis right in the palm of your hand!

#### **Income Tax Information**

New York State residents must include the name and code number of the public school in which they live when filing income tax forms. The tax code number for South Lewis is 602.

#### Notification of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) And Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPPA)

Parents of a student under 18, or a student 18 or older, have a right to inspect and review any and all official records, files, and data directly related to their children, including all material that is incorporated into each student's cumulative record folder and intended for school use or to be available to parties outside the school or school system and specifically including, but not necessarily limited to, identifying data, academic work completed, level of achievement (grades, standardized achievement test scores), attendance data, scores on standardized intelligence, aptitude and psychological tests, interest inventory results, health data, family background information, teacher or counselor ratings, and observations and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

A parent of a student under 18 years of age, or a student 18 years of age or older shall make a request for access to a child's (his/her own) school records, in writing, to the elementary principal or the school counselor in the middle school/high school. Upon receipt of such request, arrangements shall be made to provide access to such records within a reasonable period of time, but in no case, no more than 45 days after the request has been received.

If information contained in the student's record is believed to be inaccurate or misleading, the parent or eligible student should write the principal, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the district decides not to amend the record as requested, the parent or eligible student will be notified of the decision and advised of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

Student records and material contained therein, which is personally identifiable, are confidential and may not be released or made available to persons other than parents or students without the written consent of such parents or students.

### **Athletics**



Boys and girls in grades 7 through 12 may take part in interscholastic sports. As athletes and representatives of South Lewis Central School, students participating in interscholastic athletics are expected to maintain high standards of conduct. These standards, as well as disciplinary measures for violations, are set forth in the Regulation for Interscholastic Athletics and the Middle School or High School Student Handbook, which is given to each student athlete. Athletes are also responsible to the South Lewis Academic Eligibility Program. South Lewis strives for academic excellence from all students. Academic Eligibility is an effort-based program to assist students with their academics. Copies of these regulations are available from Christopher Villiere, Athletic Director. Additional copies of student handbooks are available from the Middle and High School Principals.

#### **Athletic Philosophy**

**MODIFIED:** All students at the seventh and eighth grade are encouraged to participate in interscholastic athletic teams. Unless there is an overabundance of students trying out for a particular team, no student will be excluded in the selection process. Students may participate as long as they pass the physical examination and meet the school standards of good citizenship, positive attitude, and good practice attendance. Basic skill development is stressed at this level. The participant should become versed in the rules of the game. Every effort is made to give play to all participants.

JUNIOR VARSITY: Along with refinement of basic skills, increased emphasis is placed upon team play and physical conditioning. Winning is considered important and participants are taught how to cope with winning, losing, and crowd influence during athletic contests. An attempt will be made to allow all participants to play.

**VARSITY:** Ability and attitude are the determining factors in making the team at the varsity level. The varsity level of competition is the culmination of the high school athletic program. Team play, sportsmanship, individual physical ability, motivation, and mental attitude are very important aspects of competition at this level. The team definitely plans to win, but varsity contestants should accept the fact that important lessons are to be learned from losing. It is recognized that not all participants play in every contest.

#### **Athletic Procedures**

All students who would like to participate in South Lewis Athletics must fulfill all the following responsibilities before being allowed to participate in practice or games:

1. Students need to sign up for South Lewis Athletics by registering on FamilyID. FamilyID is an online and secure registration platform that provides our community with an easy, user friendly way to register for our programs.



- 2. South Lewis has developed white card deadlines for the purpose of deciding whether we will have particular sports or what levels we will have for each sport. Please encourage your student athletes to meet all deadlines so that we may offer solid, well organized, successful sports for all athletes.
- 3. All student athletes are required by NYS Public High School Athletic Association and the Education Department to have a physical approved by the school physician once every 12 months. No athlete may participate after the season of the one (1) year anniversary of his/her last physical. Physicals will be offered to student athletes for all sports during the next school year. (If a student fails to get a physical provided by the school, the student and the student's parents will be responsible for getting and paying for a physical.)

#### **Spectator Code of Behavior**

- Direct all energies to encouraging the teams.
- 2. Avoid actions which offend visiting teams or individual players.
- 3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
- 4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a more intelligent spectator.
- 5. Treat all visiting teams with respect.
- 6. Accept the judgment of coaches and officials.
- 7. Encourage other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- 8. Be positive!

#### **Sport Schedules**

To find South Lewis Falcon athletic schedules:

- 1. Visit the South Lewis website www.southlewis.org, click on sports schedules
- 2. Use the South Lewis App.
- 3. Visit the South Lewis Athletic page and refer to the message board located in the upper left hand corner. This will be updated daily by 12:00 pm.

#### Alma Mater

High above the rolling valleys, On a hilltop proud and grand In a sphere of living knowledge Our Alma Mater stately stands.

As we pause along life's journey And recall the years gone by, We will raise our voices singing Hail to thee, South Lewis High!

# **July 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
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# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# September 2022

















Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Superintendent (	2 Conference Days	3
4	5 Labor Day No School	First Day Of School	7 MS PTG - 3:00 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13 ES PTO - 3:00 pm	14	Open House Title I Parent Night ES 5:30 - 7:00pm MS/HS 6:30 - 8:00pm	16	17
18	19	BOE Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Senior Class Picnic	22 Senior Class Picnic (Rain Date) Gr.4 X-Country Run	23 Gr.4 X-Country Run (Rain Date)	24
25	26	27	28  ES Picture Day  Gr.8 Trip to BROEC	29 MS Activity Night Grades 7&8 6:30 - 8:00 pm	30 Gr.4 Bald Mt. Hike	



## October 2022

























Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Homecoming Dance
2	3	4 MS Picture Day ES PTO - 3:00 pm	5 HS Picture Day MS PTG - 3:00 pm	6 Make Up Day MS/HS Pictures	7 Gr.4 Bald Mt. Hike (Rain Date) Gr.7 Trip to Beaver Camp	8
9	Columbus Day No School	11	UPK & K Grandparent's Day PSAT for Juniors	Grades 1&2 Grandparent's Day  Pre ACT for Sophomores	14 Grades 3&4 Grandparent's Day	15
16	17 Family Swim Begins	BOE Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20 MS Activity Night Grades 5&6 6:30 - 8:00 pm	21 MS Grandparent's Day 1:45 pm	ACT for Seniors
23	ES Parade 1:30 pm 31	25	26	27	28	29

## November 2022















Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Fall Bi-County Rehearsal	2 MS PTG - 3:00 pm	3	4 Fall Bi-County Rehearsal	5 SAT for Seniors Fall Bi-County Rehearsal & Concert
6	7	8 ES PTO - 3:00 pm	9	ES Picture Re-Takes First Marking Period Ends	Veterans Day No School	12
13	14	BOE Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17	18 Area All-State Festival	19 Area All-State Festival
20		22 cher Conferences sal 11:15 am	23 Than	24  ksgiving Break - No So  Thanksgiving	25 shool —	26
27	28	29	30			



## December 2022





















Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 MS Musical 7:00 pm	2 MS Musical 7:00 pm	3 MS Musical 2:00 pm
5	6 ES PTO - 3:00 pm	7 MS PTG - 3:00 pm	8	9	10
12	13 MS Winter Concert 7:00 pm	14 MS Winter Concert (Snow Date) 7:00 pm	15	16	17 HS Musical Auditions
BOE Meeting 6:30 pm	20 HS Winter Concert 7:00 pm	21 HS Winter Concert (Snow Date) 7:00 pm	22	23	24
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# January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	New Year's Day Observed No School	3 Students Return To School	4 MS PTG - 3:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 ES PTO - 3:00 pm	11	12	13	14
15	Martin Luther King Day No School	BOE Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Regents	26 Exams	27 Winter Bi-County Rehearsal  Second Marking Period Ends	28 Winter Bi-County Rehearsal & Concert
29	30	31				

# February 2023





















Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 MS PTG - 3:00 pm	2	3	4
5	6	7 ES PTO - 3:00 pm	8	9 MS Dance Grades 7&8 6:30 - 8:00 pm	10	11
12	13	14 BOE & Budget Meeting 6:30 pm Valentine's Day	15	16	17 MS Mid-Year Awards Ceremony 1:45 pm	18
19	President's Day	21 w	22 nter Recess - No Scho	23 ol	24	25
26	27	28				



## March 2023

















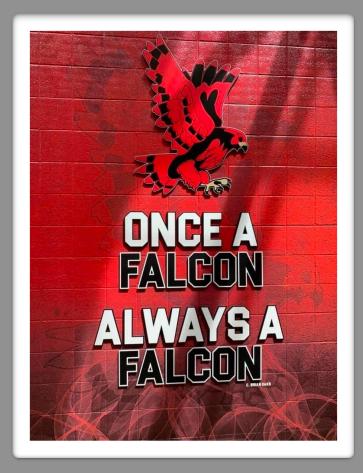


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 MS PTG - 3:00 pm	2	3	4
5	Petitions For BOE Seats Available in District Office	7 ES PTO - 3:00 pm	8	9 Falcon Fitness Night 3:00 - 4:45 pm	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		ES Spring Picture Day		HS Musical 7:00 pm	HS Musical 7:00 pm	HS Musical 7:00 pm
		BOE & Budget Meeting 6:30 pm			St. Patrick's Day	
19	20	21	22 Kindergarten Orientation 5:00 - 6:30 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28  Budget Meeting 6:30 pm	29	30 MS Activity Night Grades 5&6 6:30 - 8:00 pm	31	

## April 2023















Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Family Swim Ends	4 ES PTO - 3:00 pm	5 MS PTG - 3:00 pm NHS Inductions 7:00 pm	6 Third Marking Period Ends	Good Friday No School	8
9 Easter Sunday	10	11 s <sub>i</sub>	12 pring Recess - No Scho	13  ool  nd Trip	14	15
16	Petitions for BOE Seats Due in District Office by 5:00 pm	18	19 Gr. 3&4 NYS E	20 LA Assessment Gr.5-8 NYS E	21 LA Assessment	22
23	24	25 Spring Bi-County Rehearsal BOE Meeting & BOCES Vote 6:30 pm	26	27	FFA Banquet 7:00 pm  Spring Bi-County Rehearsal	29 Spring Bi-County Rehearsal & Concert



# **May 2023**



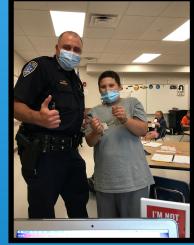


















Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Gr.3&4 NYS Ma ES PTO - 3:00 pm	3 uth Assessment Gr.5-8 NYS Ma MS PTG - 3:00 pm	4 th Assessment	5	6 SAT for Juniors NYSSMA Solo Festival
7	8	9 BOE Meeting & Budget Hearing 6:30 pm	10 MS Academic Awards Banquet 6:00 pm	11	12 Senior Trip	13
14 Mother's Day	15 4th to 5th Grade Plan Your Future Day 4th to 5th Grade Parent Orientation 6:30 pm	16 MS/HS Science Fair 6:00-8:00 pm Festival of the Bands 7:00 pm Annual Budget Vote & BOE Elections Noon - 8:00 pm	17	18	19 5th Grade Trip	20
21	22	23	Gr.8 NYS Science Performance Test	25	26	27
28	Memorial Day No School	30	31 Kindergarten Screening			

## **June 2023**



















Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Kindergarten Screening	2 MS Band Trip Gr.4 Track Meet	3 Jr/Sr Prom
4	Gr.8 NYS Science Written Test  Gr.4 Track Meet (Rain Date)	6ES PTO - 3:00 pm  Art Show 6:30 pm  Festival of the Choirs 7:00 pm	7 NJHS Inductions 1:45 pm MS PTG - 3:00 pm Varsity Awards Banquet 6:00 pm	8 MS Activity Night Grades 5-8 6:30 - 8:00 pm	9 Music Awards 7:00 pm	ACT for Juniors
11	12	BOE Meeting 6:30 pm	14  Regents Testing —	15	16 Gr.7 Trip to BROEC 8th Grade Trip	17
Father's Day	Juneteenth No School	20 K-3 End of Year Awards 9:00 am MS End of Year Awards 1:45 pm Gr.8 Moving Up Night	21 Gr.4 Moving Up Day 9:00 am  MS Grade Level Celebrations  Regents Testing	22	23 Rating Day	HS Graduation 9:00 AM
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# **July 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
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# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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