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From The Principal's Desk...

As we prepare to finish up the first semester and get ready to enjoy some family time over Christmas Break, there is a lot to be proud of as a stakeholder in Sullivan Middle School.

SMS students have showed tremendous compassion and commitment to the community through their support of various programs. The SMS Student Council organized a Canned Food Drive, which coordinated student efforts to collect over 500 items and a cash donation which were donated to the Moultrie County Food Pantry. Sullivan Middle School is also participating in the Ronald McDonald House Charities Pop Tab Recycling Program. SMS has contributed to this since 2003 when it was initiated by Mrs. Nancy Schaljo. The students have exceeded expectations thus far, and the collection containers are overflowing.

One Book, One Sullivan has selected *Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25*, written by Richard Paul Evans, for their community book this year. The Community Book Discussions are scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2015, in the SHS Media Center and on Thursday, March 3, 2015, at the Sullivan First United Methodist Church. Both book discussions will begin at 6:30 PM.

Watching the Book Reveal, hosted in the SMS Gym, was truly an amazing experience. The student efforts that went into planning the event were extraordinary, as was the reaction of the student body. During the initial deployment of books, you had to see the student excitement to believe it.

Sullivan Middle School has also initiated a number of RtI Programs to help students succeed academically. A group of students meet with a teacher to help get organized for the day and confirm homework completion through the Morning Check-In Program. The Lunch & Learn Program allows students to catch up on missing work by spending a portion of the time working with the principal or guidance counselor. The After School Knowledge Program allows a small group of students to work with a teacher to receive additional academic assistance. Through these programs, many students are experiencing successes that have been beyond their reach, which are reflected in both their grades and their confidence level.

In closing, I would like to thank parents and community members for pairing with our students and staff to help us achieve our goal of **PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVES BY INSPIRING AND EXPECTING EXCELLENCE IN OURSELVES, OUR COMMUNITY, AND IN EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY!**

Ted Walk
SMS Principal

Calendar of Events:

December 10, 2015

- 6:00 PM- Boys Freshman Basketball vs. St. Anthony (Away)
- 6:00 PM- Boys Middle School Basketball vs. Pana (Away)
- 6:00 PM- Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Warrensburg-Latham (HS Gym)
- 7:00 PM- SES Children's Choir Concert (ES Gym)
- 7:15 PM- Boys Sophomore Basketball vs. St. Anthony (Away)
- 7:30 PM- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Warrensburg-Latham (HS Gym)

December 17, 2015

- 6:00 PM- Boys Middle School Basketball vs. Argenta-Oreana JHS (Away)
- 7:00 PM- K-2 Christmas Program (HS Gym)

December 18, 2015

- End of Second Quarter/End of First Semester
- 6:00 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Monticello (HS Gym)
- 7:30 6:00 PM- Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Monticello (HS Gym)

December 19, 2015

- 11:00 AM- Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Meridian High School-Macon (Away)
- 12:30 PM- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Meridian High School-Macon (Away)

December 21, 2015

- No Student Attendance
- 6:30 PM- Singers Boosters Meeting (HS Media Center)
- TBA- Boys Varsity Basketball St. Teresa Holiday Tournament (Away)



First grade students at Sullivan Elementary School had a great time learning about and making Native American homes. According to first grade teacher Cassie Becker, "We were so lucky to have the help of former teachers Mrs. Singer and Mr. VanDeursen."



December 22, 2015

No Student Attendance
TBA- Boys Varsity Basketball St.
Teresa Holiday Tournament (Away)

December 23, 2015

No Student Attendance

December 24, 2015

No Student Attendance

December 25, 2015

Christmas Day
No Student Attendance

December 28, 2015

No Student Attendance
TBA- Boys Varsity Basketball St.
Teresa Holiday Tournament (Away)
TBA- Girls Varsity Basketball
Mattoon Tournament (Away)

December 29, 2015

No Student Attendance
TBA- Boys Varsity Basketball St.
Teresa Holiday Tournament (Away)
TBA- Girls Varsity Basketball
Mattoon Tournament (Away)

December 30, 2015

No Student Attendance
TBA- Girls Varsity Basketball
Mattoon Tournament (Away)

December 31, 2015

New Year's Eve
No Student Attendance

January 1, 2015

New Year's Day
No Student Attendance

**Happy
New
Year!**



Middle School Chooses Book for One Book, One Sullivan



One Book One Sullivan would like to announce the 2015-2016 winning title for this year's reading selection.

The group proudly presents Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25 as the first science fiction title ever chosen by the group. Please read along with the One Book One Sullivan Committee and attend a book discussion. Book discussions will be held on Feb. 17, 2016, in the SHS Media Center at 6:00 pm and March 3rd, 2016, at the Sullivan First United Methodist Church at 6:00 pm.

About the book: To everyone at Meridian High School, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special—he has electric powers. Michael thinks he is unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers. With the help of Michael's friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up with their abilities, and their investigation soon brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric teens—and through them, the world.

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January 4, 2015

No Student Attendance – Teachers Institute (Home)

6:00 PM-Girls Junior Varsity vs Mattoon (Away)

7:30 PM –Girls Varsity Basketball vs Mattoon (Away)

January 5, 2015

School Resumes

6:00 PM-Girls Middle School Volleyball vs Cerro Gordo MS (Away)
7:00 PM-SES PTO Meeting (ES Library)

January 7, 2015

6:00 PM-Boys Freshman Basketball vs Monticello (Away)

6:00 PM-Boys Middle School Basketball vs Meridian Middle School (HS Gym)

6:00 PM-Girls Middle School Volleyball vs Stewardson-Strasburg (ES Gym)

6:15 PM-Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs Cowden-Herrick (Away)

7:30 PM-Girls Varsity Basketball vs Cowden-Herrick (Away)

January 8, 2015

6:00 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs Tuscola (HS Gym)

7:30 PM-Boys Varsity Basketball vs Tuscola (HS Gym)

January 9, 2015

9:00 AM-Coed Varsity Scholastic Bowl CIC Varsity Tournament at Warrensburg (Away)

10:00 AM-Boys Middle School Basketball 7th Grade OJHC Tournament at Sullivan (ES Gym & HS Gym)

1:00 PM-Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs Neoga (HS Gym)

2:30 PM-Girls Varsity Basketball VS Neoga (HS Gym)

TBA-Boys Middle School Basketball 8th Grade OJHC Tournament at Warrensburg (Away)

Notes From the Sullivan High School Guidance Office

Regarding the ACT:

There are still no confirmed updates regarding what, if any, college-readiness exam the state will fund. The national ACT test dates will be February 6, April 9, and June 11. Please see attached a flyer with registration deadlines and details.

Regarding Local Scholarships and FAFSA:

Seniors, local Scholarships will be available soon. When they become available, Ms. Smith will hold a mandatory senior meeting.

Also, remember to apply for FAFSA by visiting <https://fafsa.gov/>. The application becomes available January 1 and it is important to apply right away!

Students, you may want to create your FSA ID in advance, visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> to do so.

Regarding Schedule Changes:

Students needing semester 2 schedule changes should make an appointment before Winter Break to request these changes. You still have the first three days of the semester to request a schedule change; however, it is always better to take care of this sooner rather than later.

Future Scheduling News:

Ms. Smith will begin meeting with students in January to review four-year plans and request courses for the 2016-2017 school year. Students need to start thinking about what electives they would like to take and review what graduation requirements they have left.



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2015/2016 ACT test dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline**	Late Registration Period** (Late fee required)	Photo Upload Deadline
September 12, 2015		August 9-21	September 4
October 24, 2015		Sept. 19-Oct. 2	October 16
December 12, 2015		November 7-20	December 4
February 6, 2016*		January 9-15	January 29
April 9, 2016		March 5-18	April 1
June 11, 2016		May 7-20	June 3

*No late registration available for this test date.
**A separate registration deadline for the ACT writing test. See www.act.org for more information on the ACT writing test.

TEST FEES

ACT	\$39 ⁰⁰	Check our website to see if the college you are considering waives or discounts the ACT writing test.
ACT with writing	\$56 ⁰⁰	If you opt out of the test fee, we will invoice you an option fee for the exam. If you need the late registration deadline for a test date, you can still try to test early.

Sign up today www.actstudent.com

NHS Hosts Holiday Dinner/ Starts Tutoring Program

NHS hosted its annual Holiday Dinner on Sunday December 6th, 2015. Members of the organization worked shifts to carry out the community dinner.

Starting on Tuesday November 17th, 2015, several NHS members starting tutoring fellow students struggling in certain subjects. The program will continue every Tuesday and Thursday until students improve and meet their academic goals.

January 11, 2015

5:00 PM-Market Day Pick-Up (HS Commons)

6:00 PM-Boys Middle School Basketball 7th Grade OJHC Tournament at Sullivan (ES Gym)

6:00 PM-Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs Cerro Gordo HS (HS Gym)

TBA-Boys Middle School Basketball 8th Grade OJHC Tournament at Warrensburg (Away)

January 12, 2015

5:00 PM-Boys Freshman Basketball vs Cerro Gordo HS (Freshmen, then JV and Varsity)

6:00 PM-Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs Cerro Gordo HS (Away)

6:00 PM-Boys Middle School Basketball 7th Grade OJHC Tournament at Sullivan (HS Gym)

6:00 PM-Girls Middle School Volleyball vs Arthur Jr/Sr HS (ES Gym)

7:30 PM-Boys Varsity Basketball vs Cerro Gordo HS (Away)

TBA-Boys Middle School Basketball 8th Grade OJHC Tournament at Warrensburg (Away)

January 13, 2015

7:00 PM-Sports Boosters Meeting (Media Center)

January 14, 2015

5:00 PM-Boys Middle School Basketball 7th Grade OJHC Tournament at Sullivan (HS Gym)

6:00 PM-Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs ST. Teresa (Away)

6:00 PM-Girls Middle school Volleyball vs Tuscola Prairie Jr High School (ES Gym)

7:30 PM-Girls Varsity Basketball vs ST. Teresa (Away)

TBA-Boys Middle School Basketball 8th Grade OJHC Tournament at Warrensburg (Away)

SES Librarian Organizes “Camp Out With A Good Book” Event

Students at SES enjoyed an exciting evening at the annual Family Reading Night held November 19th. Family Reading Night is a state-wide holiday promoted by Jesse White and organized at the local level by SES Librarian, Mrs. Fleming.

This year’s theme was Camp Out with a Good Book. Students were greeted with a camp site, set up in the Atrium, complete with a tent, a fake campfire, and camp chairs. There was even a wildlife viewing area with some classroom pets (a snake, fish and a couple of turtles).

Teachers volunteered by helping with different activities such as a life-sized game of I Spy, knot tying, s’more making, book mark making, and a book exchange. Along with the different camping themed activities several teachers read camping and night time themed books to students.

Approximately 100 students and their families came out for this camptastic evening. Pictured below, some of the students who attended the event appeared to be having tons of fun.



FFA Holds Workshops and Plans Activities for January

Under the direction of Don Lockwood, FFA has participated in many competitions such as the Land Use Career Development Event, a Dairy Products Competition (where they placed 4th in the section), Leadership Training School, as well as a Greenhand Bowl and a Greenhand Workshop, both for first year members.

On December 16th, members of the agriculture group partook in the Food Science and Vet Science Competition.

In January, FFA will begin Parliamentary Procedure at the section level, with hopes of moving on to district, and eventually, state.



SMS Middle School Students Met or Exceeded Their Accelerated Reader Goal for the First Quarter:

Sixth Grade Students:

Logan Anderson
Morgan Beck
Benjamin Bushue
Jessie Clardy
Aden Diepholz
Devin Dinger
Camden Dwyer
Alexis Finfrock
Keaton Fryman
Maelyn Gaither
Connor Golden
Lilly Graham
Kinley Hill
Maddison Hopper
Jesse Kirk
Joann Mathias
Sammantha Montague
Madelyn Neville
Lillian Null
Kelsey Osborn
Aastha Patel
Ethan Rice
Clayton Schmohe
Khushpreet Sian
Caprice Smith
Wesley Standerfer
Aaron Stutzman
Alyssa Thompson
Morgan Wallace
Madison Walters

7th Grade Students:

Cooper Browne
Ashton Chance
Reagan Crouse
Cody Crowe
Arabella Dudley
Leyton Ellis
Brea Farris
Haylee Faulkner
Jerralee Goad
Loren Harner
Alexa Hauser
Brett Johnson
Brooklynn Martin
Desiree Matheson
Anna Mathias
Mallory Nichols
Taylor Orris
Ryan Pantier
Peyton Pool
Andrew Rogers
Jessica Schrock
Carsyn Seeley
Emily Simpson
Trenton Tarr
Viviana Thurston
Carley Towle
Zoe Walton
Matthew Welch
Canon West
Emily White

8th Grade Students:

Ashlyn Bennett
Meena Corkill
Brycen Dalbey
Sierra Decker
Gwen Diepholz
Sophie Fultz
Dayden Gardner
Zane Gardner
Miles Gregory
Ashley Hernandez
Gary Herschberger
Ian Hill
Shyanne Hunter
Andrew Kirk
Katherine Kite
Maggie McLaughlin
Madalyne McPheeters
Trinity Munyon
Adalee Nichols
Patrick Owens
Emalie Ruppert
Aiden Short
Avery Still
Kaitlyn White

**Congratulations
Middle School
Students!**

CONGRATULATIONS to these students for meeting their goals and making reading a priority. Reading is the single most important activity students can do to make a difference in their overall success in school. Keep up the great work!!

(Submitted by Robin Sesko, Media Specialist)



**It's Never Too Late To Cultivate
A Love For Reading!**



SHS Scholastic Bowl Team Buzzes Their Way Into Busy Season

by Grace Mauck

Sullivan High School Varsity Scholastic Bowl, coached by Mr. Ben Richter, started its season Monday November 2nd, 2015, with a win against Tuscola 170-90. Ryan Baker led the team with 6 tossups, and Grace Mauck followed with one. In the second game, the team lost to St. Teresa 180-100. Ryan Baker had three tossups followed by Grace Mauck and Luke DeLong both with one. The JV team started their season with a 2-0 record for the night. The first match against Tuscola was 200-110, led by Winchester Phelps with four tossups. The second match against St. Teresa was very close game, at 240-210. Winchester Phelps had six tossups followed by Lindsay Jones with two and Katie Webb with one.

At their next meet, Monday November 9, 2015, the Scholastic Bowl Team played Central A&M and Clinton. The Varsity won against Central A&M 200-120 and Clinton 210-80. At the end of the night, Ryan Baker answered nine tossups, Grace Mauck and Luke DeLong both got five, and Ross Metzger answered one. The Junior Varsity, however, lost to Central A&M (100-230) but defeated Clinton (210-110). Trevor Elder led the JV with five tossups, while Katie Webb and Winchester Phelps answered two.

On Monday November 16, 2015,

the Varsity played and defeated Shelbyville (180-70) but lost to Meridian (140-170). Grace Mauck led the Varsity with nine tossups, Ross Metzger followed with four, Ryan Baker answered two, and Emily Stutzman got one. However, the Junior Varsity won against Shelbyville (230-130) and Meridian (220-160). Trevor Elder once again led the way with six tossups, Winchester Phelps answered five, Katie Webb and Paige McLaughlin got three, while Spencer Johnson, Brett Berger, and Luke Bowman each answered one.

Monday November 23, 2015, was a tough night, as the team played the CIC leaders, Warrensburg-Latham, as well as St. Teresa. The Varsity lost both matches (180-230 against Warrensburg-Latham and 170-200 against St. Teresa). Grace Mauck led the Varsity by answering nine tossups, while Ryan Baker followed with seven. The JV went 1-1 for the night by losing to Warrensburg-Latham (140-290) but beating St. Teresa (210-180). Trevor Elder led the JV with five tossups, Winchester Phelps scored three, and Atticus Harris, Brendan Rau, Spencer Johnson, Lindsay Jones, Anna Winkowski, and Luke Bowman each answered one tossup.

Warrensburg-Latham High School. Varsity lost to Warrensburg-Latham (170-270), but beat Tuscola (190-100). Grace Mauck led the night with five tossups, Ryan Baker answered three, Luke DeLong had two, while Blake Stewart, Parker Whitaker, Ross Metzger, and Colleen Miller each answered one tossup. Junior Varsity barely lost to Warrensburg-Latham (160-170) but handily defeated Tuscola (200-120). Winchester Phelps led with four tossups, Trevor Elder and Katie Webb followed with three, Lindsay Jones and Spencer Johnson each answered two, while Irie Dulin, Atticus Harris, Brendan Rau, and Luke Bowman each answered one.

The Varsity Scholastic Bowl team traveled to Farmer city on Saturday December 5th, 2015 and competed in the Mike Hendricks Memorial Tournament. The team placed 3rd out of a total of 16 teams, and Grace Mauck placed 7th in the top ten scorers of day, with 34 tossups for the day, which consisted of nine games. Ryan Baker followed Mauck with 24 tossups, while Luke DeLong scored 16 tossups, Ross Metzger answered 11, and Parker Whitaker got two.

On Monday December 7th, 2015, both Varsity and Junior Varsity hosted Clinton and Meridian.

Spanish Club Helps Families in Need

Spanish Club, supervised by Patricia King, donated four large Thanksgiving meals to four different families in need in the Sullivan area.

Members in the organization were separated into grades and were responsible for planning a meal for each family, and consequently donating items of food. A ham was also included in the meal, provided by King.

FCCLA Raises Money For Upcoming Trips and Service Projects

FCCLA, sponsored by Sheri Schafer, just finished their Pastry Puffin fundraiser. Members sold 190 pastries and raised approximately \$1000 for upcoming field trips and service projects.

Alexis Britton was the top seller, selling 34 pastries which totaled \$447.00.

This December, FCCLA provided Christmas presents for local children by participating in local Angel Tree projects.

Members also plan on selling Giant chocolate chip and M&M cookies at the home basketball game vs. Okaw Valley and at the Elzy tournament.



The SES Children's Choir, which is comprised of 4th and 5th grade students, performed on Thursday, December 10th in front of an audience of about 300 people. They performed several songs, including "Holiday Hand Jive" and ended the evening with a beautiful rendition of "Silent Night," with the first verse being sung in German by three of the students. Mrs. Haegen did a tremendous job of directing this group of talented students. Photo provided by SES Staff.

**From Our
House To
Yours:**

**Have a
Wonderful
Holiday
Season!**



**Remember:
School
Resumes
on January
05, 2016!**

