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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 the week of March 21-25. We hope students will use this time to energize for the last few weeks of the school year.

PARRC Testing is scheduled for April 4-8. This test will be for any student in Algebra II and English III. Additionally, there will be a science test given this year. This test will be for students in Biology-based classes. Specific details on this test have yet to be released.

Prom is scheduled for April 23 and will be held here at the high school.

Our annual Senior Awards Night will be on May 4, at the high school.

From there, it's only a few short weeks to Graduation. This year, Graduation has been set for May 15th, at 5:00 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.

This year marked a change in college entrance testing. The Illinois State Board of Education accepted a bid from The College Board, moving the state away from the ACT and toward the SAT. Details are still limited on how and when this change will occur. We were still able to provide numerous students the opportunity to take the ACT if they wanted. As more details become available, we will be sure to pass them along.

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
Sullivan High School

Calendar of Events

March 18, 2016

4:30 PM – Boys Varsity
Baseball vs Mattoon (Wyman
Park Lane Field)

4:30 PM – Girls Varsity
Softball vs Cumberland
(Away)

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

March 19, 2016

8:30 AM – Boys Varsity Track
Charleston Indoor Meet at
EIU (Away)

8:30 AM – Girls Varsity Track
Mahomet-Seymour Indoor
Meet at Mahomet (Away)

10:00 AM – Boys Junior
Varsity Baseball vs Cerro
Gordo HS DH (Wyman Park
Lane Field)

10:00 AM – Boys Varsity
Baseball vs Cerro Gordo HS
DH (Away)

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gearing up for
Kindergarten

It's time for **Kindergarten Registration** at Sullivan Elementary School! If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2016, he or she is eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall. In order to prepare for the year and place your student in a kindergarten classroom, we need you to come to registration.

WHEN: Thursday, April 14th

TIME: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sullivan Elementary School

The evening will begin with Mr. Allen, Sullivan Elementary Principal, talking to parents about policies and procedures and then you will register your kindergartener on line. This program is planned for parents only. Students will have the opportunity to come to school on "Meet Your Teacher Day" in August.

We hope to see you on April 14th!

SHS Yearbooks On Sale Now

2015-2016 Yearbooks are now available! Please do not miss out on the valuable opportunity to capture memories from the 2015-2016 school year!

Yearbooks are currently \$45. You can easily set up a payment plan, personalize your yearbook, and order yearbook add-ons!

Order your yearbook in one of the following ways:

Visiting jostensyearbooks.com

Calling 1.877.767.5217

Visiting Mrs. Hale's room before or after school

SHS Yearbooks On Sale Now

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

March 21, 2016

No Student Attendance

4:30 PM – Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Teutopolis (Away)

4:30 PM – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Teutopolis (Wyman Park Lane Field)

6:30 PM – Singers Boosters Meeting (HS Media Center)

March 22, 2016

No Student Attendance

4:00 PM - Boys/Girls Varsity Track vs Arcola, Arthur, TTown, VG, Judah (Home)

4:30 PM – Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Neoga (Away)

4:30 PM – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Neoga (Wyman Park Lane Field)

4:30 PM – Girls Varsity Softball vs Cerro Gordo HS (Away)

6:00 PM - Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Cerro Gordo HS (Away)

March 23, 2016

No Student Attendance

4:30 PM – Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Heritage at Broadlands (Away)

4:30 PM - Boys Varsity Baseball vs Heritage (Wyman Park Lane Field)

March 25, 2016

No Student Attendance

4:30 PM- Girls Varsity Softball vs Pana (Wyman Park North Diamond)

6:00 PM- Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Pana (Wyman Park North Diamond)

March 26, 2016

11:00 AM- Boys Varsity Baseball vs Casey-Westfield (Wyman Park Lane Field)

12:45 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Casey-Westfield (Wyman Park Lane Field)

March 28, 2016

4:30 PM- Girls Varsity Softball vs Altamont HS (Wyman Park North Diamond)

6:00 PM- Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Altamont HS (Wyman Park North Diamond)

Save The Date...

For the Sullivan FFA Alumni Auction

When: March 19, 2016

Where: Sullivan HS Gym

What: Free BBQ Pork Dinner

Annual Auction to

Raise Funds to Support

the FFA and Agriculture

Education Program



What Time: Dinner Starts at 4:00 p.m. and Auction at 6:00 p.m.

SES Gold Slip Winners for January and February



Way To Go SES Gold Slip Winners!

Pictured above are the Gold Slip winners for the months of January and February (from left to right): Corey Wilson stopped and helped a kindergarten student who had spilled milk all over himself and the floor. He didn't leave until the student and the floor were clean. Mikaela Guest was voluntarily cleaning up the classroom after the Valentine's Day party while all the other students were talking. Kenadi Wyrozumski cleaned up soap that had been smeared on the walls of the bathroom. The custodian had been told by a teacher that there was a mess, but when he got there to clean it up, Kenadi had already taken care of it. Charyti Reyna was picking up trash outside before school started. She did not know that anyone saw her doing this, she was just doing it because she wanted the school grounds to look nicer. Jackson Lancaster stayed after school without being asked to help clean up a mess in his teacher's room left by snow that had melted off of students' snow boots. He did this without expecting anything in return, instead doing it just to be helpful. I am very proud that we have such conscientious and responsible students at Sullivan Elementary School! Photo and Caption Provided by Dan Allen.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 29, 2016

4:30 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Tuscola (Wyman Park Lane Field)

4:30 PM- Boys Varsity Baseball vs Tuscola (Away)

4:30 PM- Boys/Girls Varsity Track vs Tuscola- CGB (Home)

4:30 PM- Girls Varsity Softball vs Tuscola (Away)

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

March 30, 2016

4:30 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Mattoon (Away)

March 31, 2016

4:30 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Warrensburg-Latham (Away)

4:30 PM- Boys Varsity Baseball vs Warrensburg-Latham (Wyman Park Lane Field)

4:30 PM- Girls Varsity Softball vs Warrensburg-Latham (Wyman Park North Diamond)

6:00 PM- Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Warrensburg-Latham (Wyman Park North Diamond)

April 1, 2016

4:00 PM- Boys/Girls Varsity Track Arthur Invitational (Away)

TBA – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Clinton Classic (Away)

April 2, 2016

10:00 AM- Girls Varsity Softball vs Decatur MacArthur (Wyman Park North Diamond)

11:30 AM- Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Decatur MacArthur (Wyman Park North Diamond)

TBA – Boys Varsity Baseball vs Clinton Classic (DH) (Away)

April 4, 2016

4:30 PM- Girls Varsity Softball vs Neoga (Away)

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

Notes From the Sullivan High School Guidance Office

Students who need to re-take a class for **credit recovery**-- information regarding **Summer School** will be out soon.

Juniors & Seniors applying for summer work with Agri-Fab and Hydro-Gear: Mrs. Britton's room will be open during lunch March 29, and 31 (Tuesday & Thursday). This will be a great time to work on your application, complete your resume, and practice interview skills. Students interested in this program can still sign up with Krista Smith in the High School Guidance Office

Students in AP classes: if you plan to take an AP exam, the full fee of \$92 is due April 25.

PARCC testing will take place April 4-8 for all English III and Algebra II students. A detailed schedule will be provided at a later date.

The next and last national ACT test date for the year will be June 11. The registration deadline is May 6. Vouchers are only good for the regular registration fee and will not cover late fees.

Seniors be sure to apply for FAFSA by visiting <https://fafsa.gov/>. The application became available January 1 and it is important to apply right away! To create your FSA ID, visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Seniors, local Scholarships are available online at <http://home.sullivan.k12.il.us/Page/697>. Hard copies of each scholarship application can also be found in the Media Center. Most scholarships are due April 1.

Senior Awards Night is Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. Students receiving scholarships will be personally invited to the event.

Calendar of Continuing Events

April 5, 2016

4:00 PM- Boys/Girls Varsity Track vs Shelbyville (Away)

4:30 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Meridian High School-Macon (Wyman Park Lane Field)

4:30 PM- Boys Varsity Baseball vs Meridian High School-Macon (Away)

4:30 PM- Girls Varsity Softball vs Meridian High School-Macon (Away)

6:00 PM- Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs Meridian High School-Macon (Away)

7:00 PM- SES PTO Meeting (ES Library)

April 6, 2016

4:00 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs Windsor Windsor-Stew-Stras at Windsor (Away)

TBA – SHS and SMS Spring Sports Picture Day (Home)

April 7, 2016

4:30 PM- Boys Junior Varsity Baseball vs St. Teresa (Wyman Park Lane Field)

4:30 PM- Boys Varsity Baseball vs St. Teresa (Away)

4:30 PM- Girls Varsity Softball vs St. Teresa (Away)

6:00 PM- Girls Junior Varsity Softball vs St. Teresa (Away)

April 8, 2016

Seniors: Local Scholarship Applications Due

4:00 PM- Boys/Girls Middle School Track vs Mt. Zion (Away)

Scholastic Bowl Challenges Tough Competition at Post-Season Tournaments

The Varsity Scholastic Bowl team, coached by Ben Richter has finished an extremely successful post-conference season.

On February 6th, 2016, the team traveled to EIU to participate in the Jack Pine Honors Tournament, where they placed 5th as a team. Ryan Baker led with 14 tossups, Grace Mauck followed closely with 13, while Luke DeLong answered 11.

Scholastic Bowl had their last Saturday tournament of the year on February 20th, 2016, where they went 3-2 for the day. After losing to Bismarck- Henning and St. Thomas Moore, the team was able to win the three final rounds against Westville, Monticello, and Paris. Ryan Baker led the day with 17 tossups, Ross Metzger answered 13, Grace Mauck earned 11, and Parker Whitaker chipped in 2.

On Monday March 7th, 2016, the Varsity placed First at the IHSA Regional games, and will go on to the Sectional tournament on Saturday March 11th at Warrensburg- Latham.

The first match against Oakwood ended with a score of 320-110. Grace Mauck had five tossups, Ross Metzger answered three, Luke DeLong buzzed in for three, and Ryan Baker chipped in with two.

The second match of the night was against Argenta-Oreana. The team ended up winning 280-210, and the game was led by Ryan Baker and Grace Mauck with four, while both Ross Metzger and Luke DeLong answered two.

The final match and championship was against Maroa-Forsyth. The team won in a nail-biter that came down to the last toss-up. The final score was 270-250. Grace Mauck led the game with six tossups, Ross Metzger had 3, and Luke DeLong and Ryan Baker each buzzed in for two.



Pictured above, front row from left to right: Katie Webb, Kaitlyn Snelling, Kaitlyn Russell, Jillian Lange, Lizzie Green, Montana Roberts, Lindsay Jones, and Kaleigh Wilson; second row, from left to right: Cami Badman, Advisor, Trevor Elder, Dominique Voegel, Winchester Phelps, Bailey Turnbaugh, Laine Camerson, Josh Renner and Rebecca Lawson, Advisor; Third row from left to right: Blake Stewert, Joey Davison, Atticus Harris, Josh Stutzman, Tommy Schibur, Brett Tuttle, and Gavin Sullivan. This exciting group was inducted on Tuesday, March 08, 2016, in National English Honor Society for 2016 – 2017. Photo by Alexis Elder, SHS Signal Staff.

Sullivan Students Score Well in WYSE Academic Challenge

If you would like To submit information for print, send to banks1@sullivan.k12.il.us

Or

Call 728-8311, Ext. 277 and leave a message on the Sullivan School's Voice Mail System

Spring
Break:
March 21
– March
25,
2016

Classes
Resume On
Monday,
March 28,
2016!

by Sarah Hubbert, SHS Signal Staff

Fourteen students from Sullivan High School competed with twenty-four other schools at Lakeland's regional site for the statewide World Youth in Science and Engineering competition organized by the University of Illinois.

WYSE is an international program headquartered at the University of Illinois, offering the annual Academic Challenge competition, summer camps, and other programs. It's put in place to attract more talented students to careers in engineering and the sciences.

Sullivan placed second in their division to move on to the sectional competition which will be hosted by EIU.

Individual winners within our division included Ryan Baker, who won first in chemistry and second in biology; Emily Stutzman, who won first in English; Ross Metzger, who won first in engineering graphics; and Max Todd, who got second in biology.

Also, Ryan Baker won two \$1,000 scholarships to Lakeland College and Emily Stutzman also won one \$1,000 scholarship for top overall scores in their respective subject areas regardless of division.

Logan Pedigo competed at the Taylorville High School Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, February 27, 2016. His lifts of 170 pounds in Bench Press, 255 pounds in Squat, and 180 pounds in Power Clean earned him first place in the 125 and under weight class. He also earned the Most Outstanding Lifter award for having the highest weight lifted per body weight. Photo provided by John Bertetto.



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Student Council Chases Away February Blues with "Fun Nite"

by Tiffany Wallis

By mid to end of February, most students are totally bogged down in school work, homework, work work and all of the other things that consume their lives. Thankfully, organizations like Sullivan High School's Student Council know these things and took the bull by the horns to offer students a chance to get together and just have some fun.

Grace Mauck and Zane Uphoff served as hostess and host for Fun Night held on February 26th in various locations throughout Sullivan High School. Their fresh ideas and past experience paid off to create yet another successful Student Council event.

Mr. Richter hosted a Super Smash Bros game room, card games and chess boards were set up in the commons, students ran the volleyball court for the first hour of the night, and later, a dodge ball tournament was held in the gym.

Scheduling Fun Night had become a problem with all the events going on throughout the month of February. President Austin Minnigerode stated, "Because the date of Fun Night had been changed on late notice, we weren't sure what to expect in terms of attendance, but, the number of students who ended up attending Fun Night totally blew away our expectations. Zane and Grace really shined as leaders and both did an excellent job planning and running this Fun Night, even with all of the challenges."

Over 200 students went to Fun Night. Given the turnout, Student Council is already talking about hosting another Fun Night before the end of the school year.

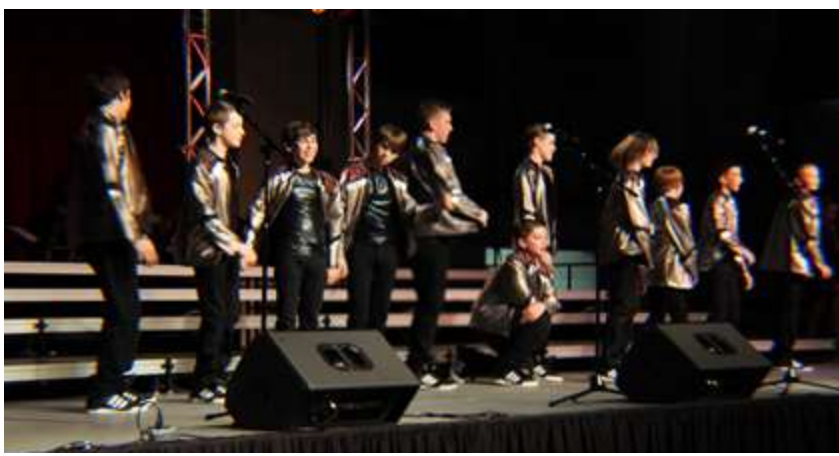


Pictured top, page right: Students enjoyed the "Fun Nite" playing Fibbage, an interactive question and answer game; below students played Super Smash Bros, both in high school social studies Ben Richter's classroom. Richter could be spotted playing from time to time. Pictured center, page right: several students played Egyptian Ratscrew in the high school Commons. Directly above, left, students flocked to the high school gym to take part in an intense game of Dodgeball. And finally, Grace Mauck is trying to guess clues given to her by participants in Ellen's game of Head's Up. Photos by Alexis Elder, Signal Staff.

Mirror Images Group Performs "We Are Sullivan" at 2016 Fine Arts Day



Singers Junior





We Are Sullivan!

Sullivan Schools Celebrate Fine Arts



Children's Choir – 2015-2016



High School Band – 2015-2016



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Middle School Band – 2015 - 2016



Sullivan Students Spotlighted in Second Annual Fine Arts Day

by Grace Mauck, Copy Editor

On Friday March 11th, students and staff members of the entire school district were treated to an exhibition of all the "Fine Arts" opportunities that the Sullivan Schools have to offer.

Throughout the day, in various classrooms and televisions throughout the high school, a slideshow was displayed of artwork and photography created by Ms. Jaclyn Lindberg's Art and Photography classes.

At about 1:00, middle and high school students were dismissed from their 7th period classes and taken to the gym, and waited with elementary students for the special program to begin.

Several faculty members kicked it off with announcements for the employees who were awarded faculty members of the year. Mr. Chris Sides was recognized as the Support Staff Member of the Quarter, Leslie Auten was Elementary School Teacher of the Quarter, Mrs. Lori Kirk was the Middle School Teacher of the Quarter, and Jeffrey Thomas was the High School Teacher of the Quarter. Next, students of all three schools who were recognized throughout the year at the quarterly "Breakfast of Champions" were acknowledged.

The 6th Grade Band began the musical program, followed by the 7th/8th grade band; each group performed two selections. Next, the high school band played several beautiful musical pieces. All three band performances were conducted by director Brock Feece.

Children's Choir, directed by Mrs. Melissa Haegan performed their spring show. The group of 4th and 5th graders sang and danced to fun songs, such as "Walk the Dinosaur."

The Singers Jr. group of 7th and 8th graders put on a show with a science fiction theme, and included a Star Wars duel between two boys, Nick Will and Austin Scott.

Following the Singers Jr., the original Sullivan Singers performed their show, which included music based around the story of Frankenstein. Grant King starred as the mad scientist, while his brother Bryce King was Frankenstein himself. Both Singers and Singers Jr. were directed by Jeff Thomas.

Jazz Band, conducted by Brock Feece, played several big band music pieces, such as jazz and swing songs.

Mirror Images, performed a "We Are Sullivan" skit including a number of students who stood on stage and told the middle and high schools something about themselves that may or may not have been true. Students told of theirs and their peers' worst experiences, dreams, goals, fears, etc. All pieces were meant to show no matter what one's story is, we are all part of Sullivan Schools.



FFA Hosts Annual Petting Zoo



**See Next Issue for more
photos and full story**

