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## From the Assistant Principal's Desk:

The end of the first semester is quickly approaching, and I know it is hard for me to believe that we are nearly at the halfway point of this school year. Like most parents, I have spent a fair amount of time at Christmas concerts this week, and I can't help but think of how blessed our children are to live in a community that celebrates and supports the arts as much as we do here in Sullivan. I want to give a big shoutout to the teachers at all levels who work tirelessly with our young people to unlock their creativity and passion. The arts have an ability to wake young minds to the possibilities around them, and that is such an important component to learning all things, so I cannot give enough credit to our talented teachers.

It is also worth noting that the possibility for winter weather is upon us. Please take the time to review our Late Start and Emergency Snow Route information. It is also a good time to check Skyward and make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information so that communication of cancellations and delays can get to you in a timely manner.

With colder weather comes the need for our students to dress safely and appropriately for winter temperatures. This is especially important at the elementary school where students may be going to recess outside when temperatures allow. Please make sure you are sending your children with hats, coats, and gloves. If you or someone you know is in need of these items, we encourage you to contact us. We want to make sure that all of our students have a fun winter, but more importantly, we want to make sure they have a safe winter.

With safety in mind, we would also like to remind everyone that students crossing Jackson Street should do so at the marked crosswalks at the corner of Jackson and Hamilton. There is a crossing guard at this intersection along with a stoplight and clearly marked crosswalks, which makes crossing much safer than it is at the intersection of Jackson and Main, which has none of these safety measures. Additionally, it is always a good idea to make sure your students know what to do in the event that they are approached by a stranger as they walk to or from school.

From everyone here at Sullivan Schools, have a Happy Holiday Season!  
Stay Safe, Stay Warm, and Go Redskins!



Pictured above from left to right, the SHS Scholastic Bowl Team members who travelled to Farmer City December 03 include: Katie Webb, Grace Mauck, Luke DeLong, Spencer Johnson, Lindsay Jones, and Trevor Elder. Coach Ben Richter is standing behind Webb. Grace Mauck and Luke DeLong are holding the trophy they brought home.

## One Book One Sullivan Selects *The Paper Cowboy*

One Book One Sullivan proudly announces this year's selection: *The Paper Cowboy* by Kristin Levine. The group truly feels this book will help everyone take a unique perspective of the 1950's during the Red Scare. The Paper Cowboy covers many tough issues such as mental illness (in a time when no one really spoke about it), bullying and child abuse. As an added bonus, this selection is written by the same author as our 2013 selection Lions of Little Rock.

The One Book One Sullivan committee would like to thank both Mr. Walk and Mr. Young for graciously donating money to help purchase books this year. Each principal donated money to help purchase books that will remain in the school district.

Tommy's no cowboy, though he wants to be one. Truth be told, he's a bully. He plays pranks on classmates and steals from the local store, but Tommy's life is tough. With an abusive mother at home, things are already bad. Then, his sister ends up in the hospital long term doing a chore that was meant for him. Tommy blames himself, and his mother just might, too.

To make amends, Tommy takes over his sister's paper route. With his new job, he also begins an investigation of his neighbors after he discovers a communist newspaper in his own town.

As a neighborhood business takes the fall for the paper, fears erupts in Downers Grove, Illinois and a family unfairly loses their livelihood. Tommy must deal with his guilt and work to pull together his life as it spirals out of control. (Summary was adapted from [kristinlevine.com](http://kristinlevine.com)).

# SHS Scholastic Bowl Team Remains Undefeated

by Paige McLaughlin

The Sullivan High School Scholastic Bowl team is blowing away the competition. The varsity team is dominating the competition with an undefeated record, and JV has only lost a total of three matches thus far.

The Varsity Scholastic Bowl team picked up two more wins on November 21 in Tuscola to improve to 8-0. In the first match they beat Warrensburg-Latham 230-90. The team was led by Grace Mauck with six toss-ups, Luke Delong with three, Lindsay Jones with two and Atticus Harris with one.

In the second game they defeated St. Teresa 290-110. They were led by Delong with eight, Mauck with three, Trevor Elder one and Katie Webb one.

On a side note, both Mauck and Delong are leading the CIC conference with 33 toss-ups on the year. It is pretty special to have the top two scorers in the conference on one team!

For JV, the team improved to 5-3 by beating W-L and St. T. In the first game they beat W-L 200-70. The team was led by Gary Herschberger with four toss-ups, Tim Lawyer three, Maggie McLaughlin two, Paige McLaughlin one, Shyanne Hunter one, and Michael Nolen one.

In the second game the team defeated St. T 120-10. They were led by Lawyer with three, Nolen two, Brodie Goss, Herschberger, Hunter, and Paige McLaughlin with one.

The Varsity Scholastic Bowl team traveled to Warrensburg to compete against Warrensburg-Latham (W-L) and Tuscola on November 28. They defeated both teams improving the record to 10-0. Against W-L the game finished 170-110. The team was led by Mauck with four toss-ups. Spencer Johnson had three and Jones one. In the second game the team defeated Tuscola 190-40. They were led by Delong with seven toss-ups. Mauck had two and Brendan Rau had one.

The JV team is now 7-3 with two more wins. The first game against W-L ended 140-90. Lawyer had three toss-ups, Herschberger two, Maggie McLaughlin one, Nolen one, Goss one, and Paige McLaughlin one. In the second game the team beat Tuscola 170-130. They were led by Trenton Polley with three toss-ups, Herschberger one, Hunter one, and Paige McLaughlin one.

Varsity Scholastic Bowl traveled to Farmers City on December 3 to participate in the 16 team Mike Hendricks Memorial Tournament. The team went 7-2 on the day and got 1st place overall in the tournament! They were led on the day by Mauck with 35 toss ups, Delong 31, Webb 11, Johnson five, and Parker Whitaker and Elder each had two.

The Varsity Scholastic Bowl improved to 12-0 on December 5 against Clinton and Meridian. In the first match they beat Clinton 230-30. Delong had six toss-ups and Mauck had four. Against Meridian the team won by a score of 340-220. Mauck had five toss-ups, Delong four, Elder two, and Johnson one. The JV team lost both games to Clinton and Meridian. They were led on the day by Paige McLaughlin with four toss ups, while Lawyer had two, Goss two, Polley one and Nolen one.

The Varsity Scholastic bowl team finished the regular season on December 12 at Moweaqua against Shelbyville and Central A&M. The varsity team finished 14-0 in their conference regular season. The first game against Shelbyville ended 190-100 in the team's favor. Delong led the team with five toss-ups. Mauck and Johnson each had one. In the second game against Central A&M, the team won a close one 140-120. Mauck and Johnson led the team with two toss-ups each, while Delong and Elder added one. Delong finished the regular conference season in 1st place overall with 56 toss-ups. Mauck finished second with 51.





**Have a Safe and  
Happy Winter  
Break!**

**School resumes on  
Tuesday, January 3,  
2017!**

## **National English Honor Society Inducts New Members**

by Brynna Sentel

The National English Honor Society held their induction ceremony the morning of Tuesday, December 6th, 2016, in the Media Center. New inductees their parents and the members of NEHS were treated to a breakfast in the Media Center prior to the official inducting of the new members.

New members included sophomores, Brett Berger, Natalie Drury, Irie Dulin, Cullen Dyer Caden Ellis Ally Elzy Broderick Goss, Abigail Hussong, Spencer Johnson, Willow Lange, Paige McLaughlin, Esther Miller, Trenton Polley, Dalton Rogers, Brooke Tuttle, and Karsyn West. Juniors newly inducted into NEHS included, Ciara Anderson, Jordan Basset, Madisyn Dickens, Kaitlynn McClure, Tanner Tarr, and Maddie Wall. Ricki Yang was the only newly inducted senior NEHS member.

Along with the induction ceremony members of NEHS also kicked off their new project, Pen Pals. Members were assigned one elementary school student from either Mrs. Lehman's class or Mrs. Hendry's class. Members who signed up to participate in the pen pals project will exchange letters with their pen pal anonymously every other week.



**Congratulations NEHS**

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The photo above includes all New NEHS inductees and veteran members. This photo was taken December 6<sup>th</sup> 2016, at the New Member Induction Ceremony held in the Sullivan High School Media Center. Photo taken by Tori Hale



## 2016 – 2017 SMS Yearbooks Are On Sale Now!

Order forms are located on the bulletin board in the main hallway of Sullivan Middle School.

Order forms and \$20 should be turned into Mrs. Wright,  
or you may order online at  
[www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

The SHS Boys Basketball team is hosting the Harlem Wizards for an exhibition game against Sullivan teachers, coaches and community members. The game is on Saturday, January 14th at 7:00 PM in the SHS Gym.

Tickets for this event went on sale Monday November 14th. SES and SMS students were sent home with a flyer they can return to their school office. If you are not a Sullivan student, you can buy tickets at any of the school offices. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.harlemwizards.com](http://www.harlemwizards.com)



# Get Your Tickets To See The Wizards Now!



## Second Grade Students Learn About Owls

Second grade students at S.E.S. studied the adaptations of owls. Students learned what made the owls excellent hunters. Second graders learned that owls are silent fliers which allows them to sneak up on their prey. Owls can use their keen eyesight to spot prey a long distance away. Their amazing hearing can even hear a mouse moving under the snow! Plus, those sharp talons can grab prey with great strength.

After learning about those adaptations, an outdoor educator came to our classrooms from Douglas Hart Nature Center. She reviewed the adaptations with the second graders and even taught them more amazing facts. Then students were able to dissect an owl pellet to try to find out what they ate for dinner. This moment was a great opportunity for the kids to use their scientific skills.

# Sullivan Middle School Recognizes Students At Semester Breakfast

Sullivan Middle School recognized students at the end of first and second quarters who excelled in and out of the classroom.

The students, and their families, were invited to share in a breakfast with staff to honor their hard work.

Those recognized for first quarter were Kiara Bennett, AJ Chance, Landry Hall, Maddison Hopper, Mikaela Moore, Skylar Nowlin, Parker Selby, Dmitiri Tull, John Webb and Sydney Williamson.

Second quarter students recognized were Zane Finfrock, Alexa Hauser, Sammy Montague, Jacob McIntosh, Jullian Poston, Drew Rogers and Madie Walters. Both groups of students are represented photographically to the left on this page. Photos provided by Sullivan Middle School Staff.

## FCCLA Organizes/Participates In Numerous Activities

submitted by Karsyn West, FCCLA Reporter

FCCLA started off their year by having an ice cream social and talking about what FCCLA is for people who wanted to join. We have thirty-two members this year.

In October, the 32-member group went to the Fall Leadership Meeting at EIU where they had a keynote speaker and attended workshops. Also during the month of October, members organized a "FACTS" activity where the members handed out Smarties candies to people who wore their seat belt, and DumDum suckers to those who didn't to try to get people to wear their seat belts. Members felt the event was so successful, they are planning to do something similar in the spring.

During the month of November, FCCLA held a Pastry Puffin fundraiser. They raised \$906.40 for club activities and service projects.

Currently, members helped at the Santa's Workshop at the Legion and they got gifts for seniors off of a local Angel Tree. They also helped with the Student Council Toy Drive. With the holidays approaching they took part in the second annual Christmas party with FFA. At the social, students played games and brought dishes to share. They also collected money for a local charity.

**Have A Safe And Happy Holiday!**



**Congratulations SMS Breakfast of Champions**





## **Weather-Related Information... Should the Snow Start Flying**

Sullivan School District will be utilizing a two-hour delayed start time when adverse weather conditions require us to do so. This would most often be used during extreme cold or when weather has caused poor driving conditions early in the morning, but then clear off within a couple of hours.

On these delayed start days, we will simply start school 2 hours later (SES 10:00, SMS/SHS 10:14). This means that buses will run two hours later.

Parents will be notified through our Skyward “all call” system and local television stations. Breakfast will not be served.

Morning Early Childhood and Project HELP classes will not be in session. Dismissal times will remain the same.

To assist parents with morning obligations, the West entrance to SES will open at 8:00, with supervision available for elementary students in the SES Gym. The Main Entrance to SHS will also open at 8:00, with supervision available for middle and high school students in the SHS Gym.

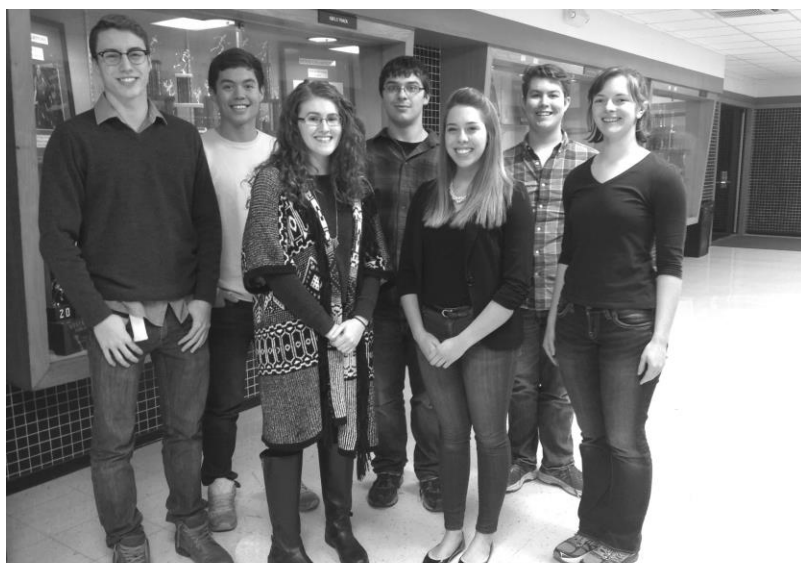


## SHS Staff Honors Students at Breakfast of Champions

Each quarter, Sullivan High School teachers honor students for their hard work and achievements in the classroom at a Breakfast of Champions event held before school. The second one of the 2016-2017 school year was held in the Sullivan High School Media Center on December 09, 2016. The photos below show students, parents and teachers enjoying themselves over friendship muffins, fruit and juice.



Students above were nominated by teachers to attend the December 9<sup>th</sup> Breakfast of Champions. Pictured from left to right kneeling in front, Keeley Warren and Shelby Freeman. Standing in the second row from left to right: Cheyenne Hunter, Christina Gilbert, Jessica Keith, Alaya Bolin, Blake Eller, Tanner Tarr, and Cameron Eccles. Third row, left to right: Trey Garriott, Mason Harner, Jacob White, Max Todd, and Andrew Ryherd. Photo by Lesley Banks



## Sullivan FFA hosts Animal Health Clinic



The Sullivan FFA partnered with the Illinois English Bulldog Rescue group to sponsor a local animal health clinic.

Local pet owners brought their animals in for vaccines, worm treatments, and an overall exam by Dr. Teresa Schecker, a veterinarian with the Northgate Pet Clinic.

All proceeds from the clinic went to the Illinois English Bull Rescue group. This non-for-profit organization rescues pets from shelters, puppy mills, and from owners, who can no longer provide a home for their pets.

Pictured above is a rescue dog that was abandoned in Sullivan. The dog was wormed and vaccinated at the clinic. There are countless animals in our community who don't receive the proper nutrition and care that a organization like this can provide. For more information, contact IEBR at [www.ilenglishbulldogrescue.org](http://www.ilenglishbulldogrescue.org).

Photos submitted by Don Lockwood.

Pictured left, congratulations to from left to right: Charlie Goss, Max Todd, Shelby Freeman, Austin Schmohe, Grace Mauck, Luke Delong, and Anne Hogan. The State Scholar Program recognizes students for outstanding academic achievement. The Illinois State Scholar program is awarded to high school seniors based on ACT or SAT test scores and the sixth semester\* class rank, class size and unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA).





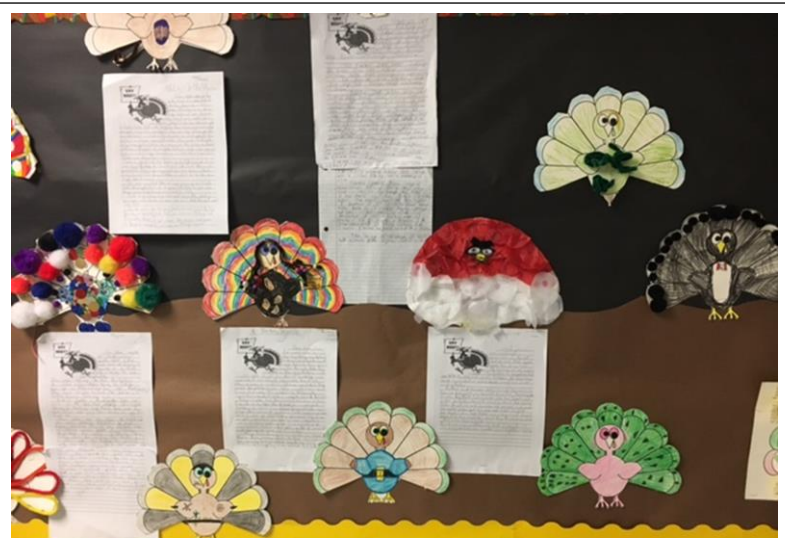
## Singers Gear Up for Preview Concert

The Sullivan Singers are gearing up for another exciting season. Costumes, lights, and sets are ready to go and the singers are putting in countless hours of rehearsal. We hope you will join us for our first "sneak peak" performance and Preview Concert on January 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hendry's fourth grade said farewell to their EIU practicum student, Britney Malouf, who was in the classroom for four weeks. She taught the students similes and metaphors for their culminating writing project, Turkey in Disguise. The picture to the right is a group photo of Hendry's class while the photo to the bottom right showcases their turkeys.

The class pet, Taddy, pictured immediately below is still in between tadpole and bullfrog form. Students are patiently waiting for his front legs to form and his tail to fall off.

Photos provided by Mrs. Hendry



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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# From the Sullivan High School Counselor

## Important Dates For The Spring Semester

Remember Scheduling for the 2017-2018 school year will begin when we return from break.

Freshman Orientation & Activity Fair: January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the HS Commons and MS Gym.

Local Scholarships Due: March 31, 2017

SAT exam for juniors: April 5, 2017

Senior Awards Night (by invitation): May 3, 2017

## Additional Information

**Seniors:** If you have not applied for college and/or FAFSA, you need to do so. For students joining the workforce, now is the time to write a resume and start working on interview skills. For students joining the military, now is the time to be in contact with the respective recruiter and complete the necessary requirements. If you are still uncertain of your post-secondary plans, see Ms. Smith.

**Seniors:** Students applying to Lake Land College-- the Foundation Scholarship is now available to complete. This scholarship application houses 300+ individual scholarships. The deadline is February 1. Visit <https://www.lakelandcollege.edu/dv/fd/app/index.cfm> to complete the application.

**Seniors:** Local scholarships are available in the Media Center and online at <http://home.sullivan.k12.il.us/Page/697>. Most local scholarships are due March 31, 2017.

**Juniors:** Don't forget to complete the survey titled "SAT Practice" to hold your spot for SAT prep in the spring.

### All students:

It is important to start thinking about your schedule for next school year. Some things you will want to know before requesting classes include:

What career would you like after high school?

Are you college, military, or workforce bound?

How can the classes you take in high school prepare you for your future endeavors?

What are the college admissions requirements for the colleges you are interested in applying to?

Are you competing for Academic Top Ten and what 3-weight classes do you need to take?

Do you feel you are in the appropriate level of your core classes (e.g., English, math, and science)?

What electives do you find interesting and would like to take? What electives match your post-secondary plans?

If you do not get your first choice classes, what other electives would you like to take?