



Twenty-seven members of the High School GIVE program and YAC Committee took the Polar Plunge and raised \$2,500 for the Special Olympics.



Giving thanks by giving back

Uniting S-G to invest in our community

Students across the district demonstrated the spirit of service to make a difference.

Local authors made visits to Glendaal as students completed the month-long Read for Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) program. Glendaal raised \$2853.43 for the Capital Region RMHC. Principal Eagan sweetened the pot by allowing students to turn him into a human sundae if they raised \$2,000.

At the 12th annual *Sacandaga Harvest Run and Food Drive*, the Sac community donated 735 food items to the Scotia Food Pantry. This event, with support from the PTA and parent volunteers, also incorporates a fitness routine for students that is coordinated by the PE staff.

Glen-Worden's *The Hive Drive* collected 635 food items to help stock the shelves at Concerned for the Hungry and the Street Soldiers this holiday season. To bring attention to the cause, students and staff ran/walked around a course put together by physical education teacher Mr. Campbell.

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Students work to improve sportsmanship for league

Ten S-G student-athletes are helping the Foothills Council make key decisions that will advance fairness and respect in sports. Spencer Gilbert, Kellan Kristel, Austin Stark, Kofi Jack, Wyatt Ossenfort, Lillian Steward, Savannah Swiatocha, Isabel Amurao, Stephanie James and Karaline McCarthy are working together on creating new procedures for good sportsmanship for the entire league. The Foothills Council comprises 10 schools that compete in Section 2 of the NYSPHSAA. It is currently the second largest Section 2 league with Class A and B schools. **56**

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GIVING THANKS BY GIVING BACK
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Lincoln students and staff stuffed “Tom the Turkey” with boxes of macaroni and cheese ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday. Two hundred boxes of the favorite side dish went to the local food service program, Concerned for the Hungry.

The Middle School Student Council held a week-long can drive and collected 300 non-perishable food items for the Scotia Food Pantry. The sixth grade collected the most items and won a night without homework.

MS PRIDE Club has been working to spread a message of love and acceptance. They participated in a Socktober fundraiser and donated more than 50 pairs of socks to the crisis intervention center, Things of My Very Own. Club members also made 70 Thanksgiving cards for the residents at the Glendale Nursing Home.

During Spirit Week at the High School, the Student Senate raised \$103 and collected 320 cans of food for the school’s food pantry.

The Glendaal Caring Community Committee collected more than 500 food items. The student council sorted and organized them for the Scotia Food Pantry. **\$6**

Welcoming multiple points of view

Dear S-G Community,

Thank you for helping us move forward to address the diverse needs of our district. A number of you participated in our focus groups and our online survey to share thoughts around diversity, equity and inclusion. The support was encouraging.

We appreciate our community, its history, present, and every development that comes hereafter. We have heard all of you who have shared opinions, experiences and ideas. Again, thank you. Without all of our voices at the table, there are missed opportunities. When we set aside time to listen to each other, we can understand the scope of core issues we have before us. In some way, we have all been affected by the upheaval and inequities throughout society, but depending on where we come from, we’ve experienced them differently.

Students can’t concentrate with all of the noise in society today. None of us can. The goal is to collaborate with all of you and transform school culture to be more aligned with the student voice and to improve consistency and equity. As we build and follow a distinct plan of action, we will prioritize social-emotional learning.

Our community is fortunate to have administrators, teachers, and staff who are dedicated and passionate about raising awareness and promoting different ideas to improve the school culture to be more equitable, inclusive and supportive of all students and staff.

It’s our mission to ensure every person who is employed with the district has professional and personal development opportunities. The only way we can do this wrong is by doing nothing at all. Not everyone is in the same space and level of understanding, and that is OK. The first step is to accept the challenge to understand differences and grow from there. Embrace differences, have open conversations about difficult topics, and come at it with the understanding that once the work is started – it never stops.

You Matter,

Susan Swartz, Superintendent of Schools

Karen Swain, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

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It takes a stronger person to do what’s right

Lincoln Elementary students were entertained while learning about anti-bullying behavior in this interactive production from Box Out Bullying. They were eager to participate in this lesson that focused on empathy and bystander empowerment. You can watch a video clip in the Special Events playlist on our YouTube Channel at Scotia-Glenville CSD.



NEW COMMUNICATION TOOLS TO BOOST ENGAGEMENT



#WhatLiftsYou campaign: view all four of the large-scale murals on Instagram

Expanding digital presence on Instagram

Follow us @scotiaglenvillecsd

We have so much pride in our school community, and we are excited to showcase the talents of our district on Instagram. Our page looks beautiful with a montage of photos and videos from a variety of celebrations, contests, special events and lessons. Check out our posts from this year's elementary collaborative art project, where students joined together to be part of the global #WhatLiftsYou campaign. Art students designed their own feathers. No feather is the same, yet together they create unity in wings that are displayed in each of the four elementary school buildings.

The district is now offering virtual access to our Board of Education meetings

You can still attend BOE meetings in person at the middle school, but you can also watch through our YouTube channel. There is a link to it on the BOE page of our website. Please note, the livestream does not appear until the meeting starts. After the meeting, the video will remain on our page to watch at your convenience.

We understand your lives are busy. It is our hope that by providing this hybrid choice, we will be able to increase partnerships with our families and community stakeholders.

Strategies to empower students, families and teachers to build positive relationships

The district is continuing our partnership with Building Better Futures to provide the Parents as Partners webinar series to our staff and families. You can register for the remaining webinars on our website.

Each live webinar will take place at 6:30 p.m. Even if you are not available to watch the webinar live, we encourage you to register because you will automatically receive the link to the recording after the live event. Access to the recordings will be available for those who sign up through June 30.

- **January 17** Help Your Child Learn to Manage Strong Emotions
- **January 31** Ways to Motivate and Engage Your Child
- **February 28** Building Executive Function Skills
- **March 21** Understanding the Impact of Childhood Trauma

The GIVEback room at the High School

This space is open all day during school hours for students to find clothes and personal care products that have been donated by staff, students, and community members. The school's food pantry is used for the weekend backpack program and is also available, at any point, when students are in need of food. The volunteers of the GIVE program help organize the room and sort the clothes.

GIVE is a student-run service-learning program with a plan of action to help fellow classmates and the greater community. Led by GIVE Director Joyce Semerad, they take on several initiatives including Coffee and Donate. The coffee shop uses its profits to donate to a different local organization each month.

Extra support to meet the needs of students

Giving Room Coordinator Kristy Rosa, created a space in the middle school for students to feel cared for. The Giving Room has everything from shampoo and deodorant to winter coats and hats. When an item is not available, there is a request system set up.

"If a student's basic needs are not being met, it is very difficult for them to have success in school. Now, they have a place they can go for anything they might need. Students contact me directly or they contact their counselor, and a time is set up to take the student shopping in the Giving Room," Mrs. Rosa said. Going to the room is a private experience, so students feel comfortable taking advantage of the resource.



THE ARTS AT S-G

14 students named to NYSSMA Area All-State took part in a special concert at Saratoga Springs High School.

Mixed Chorus

- Samantha Baccari
- Cameron Breslin
- Anabella Candida
- Kasandra Clark
- Maddison Freihofer
- Eduardo Imbert
- Ryan Jester
- Eli Kalinowski
- Sadie Krogh
- Anna Muscatiello

Orchestra

- Matthew Kenyon

Symphonic Band

- Jackson Estes
- Grace Heiner

Jazz Ensemble

- Luke DeAngelo

Holiday entertainment



The S-G Pep Band led this year's Holiday on the Avenue parade. The Chamber Orchestra performed at the City View Church. Drumline performed at the Village Green. Small groups of Choralire Carolers were singing throughout the event. The following week, the Chamber Orchestra performed for the residents of the Holiday at the Atrium. This year, the Choralaires Sing-A-Long will benefit the local Animal Protective Foundation. Please check our website calendar for a list of additional concerts, dances, and other festive events. **\$6**



Ashley Manocchi, vocalist, was selected to perform at the 2022 New York State Music Association (NYSSMA) All-State Festival in Rochester's Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre. Ashley was chosen out of thousands of students who auditioned at solo and ensemble festivals throughout the state.

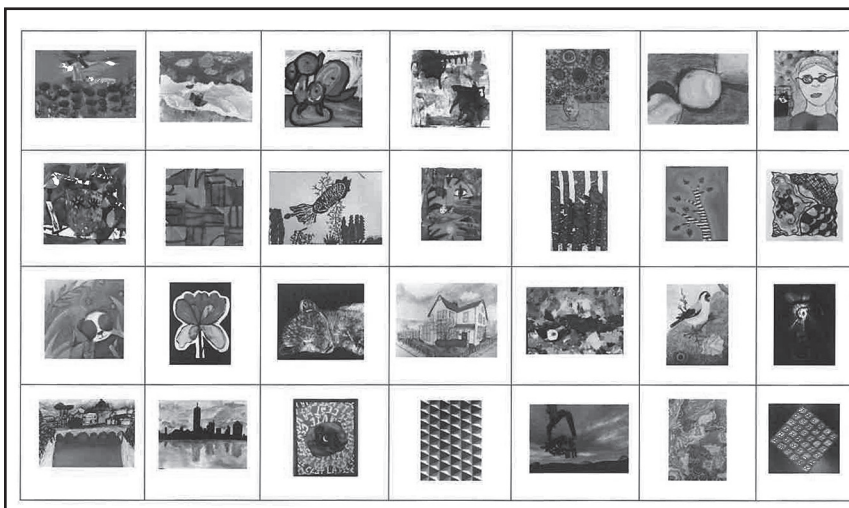


The HS Art Club, advised by teacher Kristin Bodden, created space-themed decorations to be included in the Schenectady Historical Society's Festival of Trees. The S-G tree is adorned with galaxy and astrological symbols and is situated at the YWCA of Schenectady through Dec. 23. There's a \$6 admission fee for ages 12 and up. Proceeds benefit programs and services provided by the Schenectady County Historical Society and YWCA.



Roving art show

The district is shining the spotlight on 28 student works of art with a Roving Art Show. It features framed artwork from students in all six schools and is being moved around to various local establishments and village offices this year. The show kicked off in September at Holiday at the Atrium. Currently, the art is split between Civalé Chiropractic and the Glenville Senior Center until early January. After that, the pieces at the senior center will be moved to Glenville Town Offices. The show at Civalé will be going to Baptist Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. You can also check out all of the artwork in a slideshow on our Instagram page.



S-G RECOGNITIONS

A small sampling of the many wonderful things happening among the students, staff, and our school community.



Sixth grade students from TEAM ONAIR met with Sacandaga kindergarteners in Mrs. Milkins' class. They are participating in a program called Book Buddies.



2022 Athletic HOF inductees: Peter Rowell, Erin Doak, Kathy Stopera (accepting on behalf of her late husband, Glenn), Carl DiCesare, and Eric VanPatten

At the induction ceremony in October, the district welcomed four alumni and a beloved coach into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Please see the Athletics Page of our website to read about the records of these fine athletes and a video message from Spain, delivered by S-G's 2015 tournament MVP Joe Cremo.



Glendaal's library kicked off the holiday season with Thanksgiving stories and related STEM activities. This challenge goes along with the children's book "How to Catch a Turkey," by Adam Wallace and Andy Elkerton. Students across all grades created "turkey traps." Grades K-2 created 3D Lego mazes, and grades 3-5 created 3D traps using marshmallows and toothpicks!

Tartans Athletes of the Month

September:

- Junior, Kendall Gilbert – Varsity Swim Team
- Senior, Xavier DeLuca – Varsity Soccer

October:

- Junior, Grace Letterman – Varsity Volleyball
- Senior, Kofi Jack – Varsity Boys Soccer

November:

- Sophomore, Schuyler Long – Varsity Cross Country
- Senior, Tyler Knaggs – Varsity Cross Country



Let's hear it for the girls of S-G!

Scotia-Glenville CSD was well-represented at the Girls on the Run 5K. Students from Sacandaga, Glen-Worden, Lincoln, Glendaal, and the Middle School had teams that participated. Girls on the Run is a curriculum-based running program for girls in grades 3-8 that focuses on social and emotional health. Coaches and running buddies were made up of S-G staff, family, and community members.

Superintendent Swartz joined Mr. O'Brien's morning science lesson where 7th grade students examined the Earth's rotation by making sundials.




Mr. Bower and his Science & Engineering students combated a little wind, but the general conditions were just right for a balloon launch. Students competed to see whose craftsmanship allowed the balloon the greatest loft and distance. One balloon even cleared the high school!



New security feature coming to all Scotia-Glenville schools in 2023

As part of an ongoing effort to enhance safety, there will be a new procedure for signing in to SGCSDD buildings. The district acquired the Raptor Visitor Management System. Door monitors at the main entrances of our schools have been training and testing it over the past year. Once fully implemented, a valid driver's license or government ID will be required to enter all of our buildings.

A scan of an ID will immediately start a search through local and government databases, including the sex offender registry. Visitor information will be stored locally, so those who return will not have to scan their ID each time they come to school. We will provide more information before this system is fully utilized, however, we wanted to let you know what to be expecting. 

Students of the Quarter distinguish themselves in specific areas of studies

ART	Colin Rainboth (GR. 10)
BUSINESS EDUCATION	Annabelle Wheeler (GR. 12)
ENGLISH	Morgan Lorey (GR. 12)
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE	Lillian Steward (GR. 9)
WORLD LANGUAGES	Molly Juedes (GR. 10)
HEALTH	Nathan DeWitt (GR. 10)
MATH	Jaime Stark (GR. 12)
MUSIC	Keira Smith (GR. 11)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Bryan Reed (GR. 12)
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS	Lily Foy (GR. 12)
SCIENCE	Mikayla Goddin (GR. 9)
SOCIAL STUDIES	Sophia Allen (GR. 11)
TECHNOLOGY	Alex Warner (GR. 11)
CTE 1	Ian Caterina (GR. 11)
CTE 2	Aiden Tvelia (GR. 12)



Peddling personal safety for kids

The Ride for Missing Children awareness cyclers made a stop at Lincoln Elementary to an enthusiastic group of students and staff. The organization helps raise money and awareness for missing and exploited children. Scotia-Glenville alumni Matt Frear helped organize the route. His brother Craig was in high school when he went missing in 2004. Craig was in the hearts and minds of the cyclists and all of the S-G community during this ceremonial event. The Ride For Missing Children is a one-day bike ride that stops at schools to bring a message of safety.



The search for the next SGHS Assistant Principal as Thomas Fyvie moves on

Scotia-Glenville School District is in the process of interviewing candidates to fill an administrative role at the high school. Paul Jenkins, a retired superintendent from Glens Falls, is our interim Assistant Principal as the district vets candidates.

Former AP Thomas Fyvie is now the Principal at Iroquois Middle School in Niskayuna. Mr. Fyvie is known for having that special knack of relating with students and consensus building. He has been with our district for a long time, starting as a teaching assistant. He left to pursue a lateral career move, but came back to us as the High School Dean of

Students before accepting the role of Assistant Principal in 2012.

"Tom Fyvie has been a valuable colleague and friend to me during the course of the last decade," said Principal Peter Bednarek. "He and I began our roles as principal and assistant principal at the same time, and I have appreciated his passion for working with young people and building systems to support all students. Tom has been a leader in bringing programs to the HS that support the social and emotional growth of our students, such as The Power of Peace. He had a hand in establishing an in-house counseling service working closely with the



Principal Peter Bednarek, Thomas Fyvie, Dean of Students Angela Cerrone

Saratoga Center for the Family. Mr. Fyvie's greatest strength is in his ability to form strong bonds with students and families and his ability to help them work through all sorts of difficult issues. Our students, faculty and I will certainly miss him, and we wish him well on his new adventure."

SG

The impact of wearing a seat belt

Science and Engineering students experienced the jolt equivalent of a parking lot crash in a hands-on lesson to show the importance of wearing a safety belt.

Members of the New York State Police gave students a ride on the Seat Belt Convincer. It's a contraption that straps students into a seat, before sliding down a ramp at about 7 mph and coming to a sudden stop. SG

Athletes new health history form

For students who want to participate in sports at S-G, you must submit a current physical and health history update to the school nurse before the start of your season. Please be aware that this year, a new version of the interval health form was issued by New York State. You can download it from the Athletics Page of our website. SG

Horse sense – equine education

Middle School students and teachers Ms. Marquis and Ms. Levandowski learned basic care and riding knowledge from experienced equestrian and 8th grader Kaycee Rothbell. At Pinecrest Stables in Broadalbin, each student had opportunities to learn proper riding positions, grooming, and enjoyed some riding time. Principal Cosmer and Mr. O'Connell also joined in on the fun.



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Outdoor science adventure

Paleobiology, Environmental Science and Practical Science classes visited Thacher Park to learn more about this natural wonder in our backyard.

High school students spent the majority of the day hiking the Indian Ladder Trail with teachers and a Parks Department guide. They also took a self-guided tour of the exhibits at the new Thacher Park Visitor Center, the Emma Treadwell Nature Center. They finished with a short hike to an eagle's nest currently under observation. You can read more about what the students learned on this trip in the News section of our website. [56](#)

CALENDAR:

MONDAY DECEMBER 26	Holiday Recess Begins NO SCHOOL
TUESDAY JANUARY 3	Classes Resume
MONDAY JANUARY 9	BOE meeting 7 p.m., Middle School
FRIDAY JANUARY 13	Superintendent Conference Day NO SCHOOL STAFF ONLY
MONDAY JANUARY 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
THURSDAY JANUARY 19	Grade 8 Parents Night 7 p.m., High School
MONDAY JANUARY 23	BOE meeting 7 p.m., Middle School
TUESDAY JANUARY 24	Regents Exams Begin
FRIDAY JANUARY 27	Grades 9-12 NO SCHOOL Grades 6-8 HALF DAY
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3	Report Cards Published for MS and HS
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9	AP Parent Night College Planning 7 p.m., High School

All calendar dates are tentative. Please check the calendar on the website for updates. BOE meetings are now also available to watch through our YouTube Channel at Scotia-Glenville CSD.