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Seventh graders submitted essays to the Mayville VFW for their Patriot's Pen contest. Students had to each write a 300-400-word essay about how America inspires them. The VFW hosted a pizza party in December to hand out awards and prize money for the winning essays.

Congratulations to Bryce Cook for winning first place, Ava-Kay Irwin for second place, and Miley Monticue for third place in the VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest. Each student won a monetary award.



Superintendent's Message

Dear Sherman Community,

Warm greetings to you all as we embrace the winter season! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we close out the first semester of school and begin the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year, I am beaming with pride! There's much to celebrate within our school district.

Highlights:

We've witnessed remarkable achievements in academics, sports, and the arts. Our students continue to shine, and their dedication is truly commendable. From a successful completion of two marking periods with an astonishing number of students receiving honor and merit roll status, to outstanding sports performances, to stellar winter concerts, our community's spirit of excellence is thriving.



Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendars for exciting upcoming events this winter! We have captivating school performances, basketball playoffs, engaging family activities, and scholar recognition events that will bring us together. Stay tuned for details on these enriching experiences: School Play "The Purrfect Crime", Literacy Family Night, National Honor Society Induction.

District Updates:

I am delighted to share that our district is progressing on several fronts. Recently, Governor Hochul delivered the State of the State Address in which she outlined the need for schools to get "back to the basics" with reading. She emphasized that the Department of Education needs to focus on best practices, including "teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, vocabulary, and comprehension. At SCS, we realize the importance of teaching the 5 Pillars (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension) and are providing our PreK-8 teachers an opportunity to receive a Science of Reading Fundamentals microcredential from SUNY New Paltz. And let's not forget about our middle/high school staff. They have worked together to update the 9th-12th grade course catalog to ensure that our students have the best educational experience. Our commitment to providing the best educational experience remains steadfast, with ongoing facility enhancements and innovative curriculum developments.

Recognition:

A big round of applause to faculty and staff at Sherman for their exceptional contributions to our school community. Their dedication is an inspiration to us all. This year the district raised about \$2,700 to help assist families in need during the holiday season!

Safety Reminders:

The weather is always changing in Western New York, so please take note of our safety reminders. In case of inclement weather, information regarding school closures or delays will be communicated promptly through school messenger, the district website, and on Facebook.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school district. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and restful February break.

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Warm regards,

Carrie Yohe

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Community Members, As we embark on the new year, I want to extend warm wishes for a joyful 2024! I am excited to share updates on recent events that have been happening at Sherman Central School.

When students returned from Christmas break, they attended an assembly where they met their new Principal Team: myself and Coco our new school therapy dog! We reviewed school expectations and discussed the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect.



We had the Character Trait assembly for students in PreK-6th grade, where certain students received an award for helping others and being cooperative! Cafeteria expectations were reviewed and the new behavior incentive for January was introduced. Students are working to earn blocks of an igloo. The grade that has the best behavior and builds their igloo, will earn the reward! Remember...Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.

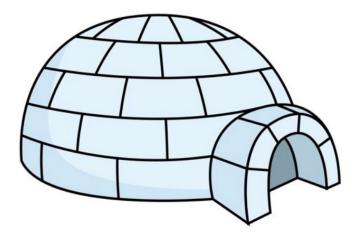
Regents week is coming up for students in grades 9-12. Students have been working hard and should continue studying every night, leading up to Regents exams that run from January 23rd - 26th.

Finally, the scheduling process is beginning for students in grades 8-11. During the next few weeks, students in those grades will attend a scheduling assembly, review the Course Catalog, and then meet with Mr. McKane to complete their schedule for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Wildcat Family is truly amazing! All students, staff, and families have been very welcoming and supportive. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from the school community and look forward to continuing the rich tradition of excellence that is embedded within Sherman Central School.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Leslie Melquist





Honor and Merit Roll-1st Quarter

Twelfth Grade Honor Roll

Jacob Allen, Andrew Beatman, Sondre Bestvold, Lexus Eschenbach, Faith Gormley, Devin Johnson, Sophie Lindsey, Olivia Maleski, Jonah Martin, Lily Martin, Daniel Meeder, Taryn Palmatier, Ryan Perry, Tayden Persons, Brady Pugh, Aziel Rivera, Aziriel Rivera, Brandy Safford, William Scadden, Elliot Thompson, Kinsey Witherow, Ivy Yokom

Twelfth Grade Merit Roll

Emory Davis, Miriam Dye, Chloey Kopta, Zachery LaVoice, Gavyn Livermore, James Sheare

Eleventh Grade Honor Roll

Dylan Carey, Erin Elder, Max Guzman, Joseph Issler, Kenadi Long, Liam Nickerson, Andrew Perry, Brady Phelps, Zachary Schmitz, Aaron Stevens, Logan Swan, Kelsey Wagner, Jayden Zenns

Eleventh Grade Merit Roll

Kellie Christensen, Carson Gibbons, Teagan Gratto, Isaphina Kioko, Brenna Livermore, Carson Pinzok, Kendra Thornton

Tenth Grade Honor Roll

Elias Armes, Albert Burkett, Troy Chambers, Jacob Ferranto, Mary Fuller, Kamryn Heinert, Delilah Heverley, Olivia Lindsey, Timon Nitsche, Hannah Lee Phelps, Allison Rhebergen, Gary Rotunda, Delilah Stoddard, Larsen Swan, Brookelynn Wright

Tenth Grade Merit Roll

Camron Bascom, Riley Johnson, Mason Moore, Miranda Reed, Jordan Spitale

Ninth Grade Honor Roll

Isabella Barton, Iona Burkholder, Hayden Chambers, Caleb Cook, Cadence Courtney, Karaline Davis, Gracen Eddy, Madison Emory, Jasper Eschenbach, Adrienne Eshelman, Carlie Gable, Evan Gratto, Kaden Hallowell, Faith Hooks, Ethan Johnson, Gabe Kopta, Parker Kopta, Kihomi Lilley, Calli Luden, Kyle Maynard, Abigail Mellors, Elias Mendoza, Jasmine Osterhoudt, Bria Palmatier, Talon Persons, Caylee Pinzok, Tayler Pinzok, Brianna Reeves, Isabella Sorrento, William Spitzer

Ninth Grade Merit Roll

James DeLellis, Shayla Johnson, Galen Tehan, Abriella Wasberg

Eighth Grade Honor Roll

Payson Altsman, Elliye-Mae Ball, Jayne Chambers, Jonathan Coblentz, Emmersen Crawford, James Douglas, Lucas Gibbons, Kasen Goree, Kimber Hetrick, Steven Hildum, Kiley Jones, Parker Kenyon, Natalie Kranz, Quinn Liffner, Shelby Melnick, Georges Meredith, Baya Oehlbeck, Bryce Pugh, Riley Rhebergen, Elle Ross, Ely Smith, Matthew Snow, Charlotte Spitzer, Megan Yokom, Derek Zenns

Eighth Grade Merit Roll

Jamison Haag, Emily Lutgen, Tucker Muller, James Murray, Ella Paddleford

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Blaze Beale, Jacob Best, Peyton Biesik, Brody Bojarski, Bryce Cook, Amelia DeLellis, Waylon Goodwill, Lance Griswold, Samuel Hayes, Ava-Kay Irwin, Aujhalon Kopta, Nolan Kranz, Isabelle Maynard, Adyson Newlands, William Phelps, Easton Sanders, Aiden Woods

Seventh Grade Merit Roll

Paxton Britton, Hunter Courtney, Sandilyn Fraley, John Higby, Dakota Michael, Miley Monticue



Library News

Library students started STEM activities this month. We started with Ozobots - little robots that can sense color. Colored markers make paths and codes for spins and speed boosts. Mrs. Solinger's class made the longest and most complex track I've ever seen! Mrs. McCauley's class made a little town complete with a McDonald's and Burger King! Next we began reading the picture book series The Questioneers. Inspired by Iggy Peck Architect, students used "blueprints" to help build structures from Keva Planks, Inspired by Rosie Revere Engineer, we built paper helicopters. Students built two to test how different tweaks to the body and wings affect the flight. We'll continue this fun, STEM themed book series until the end of the month!









Music News

Congratulations to Eli Barrett (clarinet), Olivia Lindsey (trombone), and Logan Yokom (baritone) for being selected to play in this year's CCMTA All-County Winter Festival on February 10. Eli and Logan were selected for the All-County Elementary Band and Olivia was selected for the All-County High School Brass Ensemble.





Good luck to the following students for their All-County Jr. and Sr. High Band auditions.: Payson Altsman (flute), Brody Bojarski (alto saxophone), Hayden Chambers (trumpet), James Douglas (snare drum), Olivia Lindsey (trombone), Georges Meredith (trombone), Aiden Walker (tuba), and Megan Yokom (marimba).

The auditions are held on February 3 at Fredonia High School. If selected, students will participate in the CCMTA All-County Spring Festival at Chautauqua Institution on June 1 (a complete list of all band and vocal students who are selected for the festival will be included in the next newsletter).



Members of our Sr. High Choir participated in the annual Westfield Chamber Choir Festival on January 27. Several local high school choirs sing a few songs together and then perform for each other. It's always a great night of camaraderie and wonderful music making.



PreK



The PreK children are having a funtime in gym class with Mr. M. They have been learning a few parachute games, for example "Popcorn", where they place soft balls on the parachute and everyone stands holding a handle, moving the parachute up and down and making the balls look like popcorn popping. There are a few benefits of parachute play for children: it teaches them to follow directions, encourages cooperation, works their arms, shoulders, and torso, promotes communication skills, and reinforces taking turns and sharing.

Kindergarten



The chill of the winter season has not slowed down the kindergarten class from learning. We have been focused on learning sight words to increase reading fluency. Some students already know close to 30 sight words! We have also embraced the season by reading books related to the themes of snow, snowmen and mittens.

In math, we have been learning math facts to 10 using many manipulatives such as unifix cubes, dots and colored beans. We will continue to practice so we master these facts.



First Grade



The First Grade Class in Mrs. Rodgers' room have been busy making educational and personal goals for the upcoming year! We are focusing on our growth mindset and the power of "yet," moving forward with success!

In Mrs. Goldberg's room, our first graders have been learning geometry. They learned to identify two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes based on their attributes. They also combined shapes to form new shapes.







Second Grade



Over the past month we have been working together during science to learn and explore with different materials, how they work and how they could help in different situations. Here is a picture of the students wearing their hats that they made using materials to protect them from the sun.







Third Grade

Throughout the month of December, both third grade classes participated in the Social Studies unit - Christmas Around the World.

Students learned about different holiday customs and traditions from the countries of Germany, Mexico and Italy. They engaged with stories and texts from each country, as well as learned the holiday greetings in each of the different languages. They compared and contrasted their own holiday traditions with those from other countries. Students also learned how holiday traditions can evolve over time.



Students truly enjoyed this unit. It allowed them to broaden their worldview and expand their understanding of different cultures. It also encouraged them to think beyond their immediate surroundings and start to develop a global mindset.

Pictured are students enjoying Rosca de Reyes, a Mexican sweet bread typically eaten on Kings Day morning. They also enjoyed making gingerbread houses, a tradition that comes to us from Germany.







Mrs. Meredith's Class

We had a great end to fall by starting an experiment watching a pumpkin decompose. Once November started, our students learned about Thanksgiving in math and ELA, as well as animal habitats in science.

In December, we were invited to make gingerbread houses with the 3rd grade classes, and had so much fun creating our own masterpieces! We also had a visitor in our classroom,

Belle the Elf, surprising us each day with new mischiefs.

We look forward to what the new year will bring to our class!







Fourth Grade

ELA and Social Studies

It's truly special to receive a handwritten letter in the mail! We've received our first pen pal letters of the school year, and they're from Florida! This has inspired our students to write response letters, fostering meaningful communication. In our lessons, we've been exploring the geography, culture, and history of Florida to deepen students' understanding. Additionally, we've integrated the exchange of letters into our literacy activities and language arts lessons.

We have completed our class novel, "Alvin Ho," and delved into various literary elements such as narrative writing, the RACES writing strategy, prefix/root words/suffixes, reading comprehension, book genres, journal writing, vocabulary development, theme analysis, inference, summarizing, figurative language, authors' purpose, and more that relate to Alvin's experiences/adventures and our own!

We embarked on a Virtual Field Trip to a Christmas Tree Farm, where we explored the rich history of the trees and the farm itself. Following this experience, we engaged in crafting an opinion paper discussing the comparison between real and fake Christmas trees. We concluded our Native American Unit with a PowerPoint project and an essay!

Science

It's all about the lab work. Connecting the dots with vocabulary and hands-on activities allow for engaging daily science classes to build future scientists.

Math

Our new driving force for math instruction is enVisions Mathematics. This series has been used since day one in September. As with any new program it takes time to iron out the wrinkles. As the state expectations move more and more to online formats with assessments and testing, it is important to provide students

with as many experiences as we can. Drawing from these interactions, they will be able to use prior knowledge and skills to achieve success with new digital demands. With enVisions Math we are bridging the gap between old school practices and new online activity. We cannot afford to give up on our daily routines and put our pencils to paper. However, we now chase down every opportunity we now get to use online practice and course work. We are taking advantage of learning to be efficient with this new style of learning and performance.



Fifth Grade

The fifth grade has been busy with academics and activities! In Math we have been working on multiplying and dividing numbers that have decimal place values. We finished up our Space Unit with a great field trip to the Yahn Planetarium at Penn State Behrend. In ELA we just finished up our novel, Thunder Rolling In The Mountains, and have been learning about comparing characters in a text. We have also had an ever-exciting week with BOCES presenters for Project Know!







Sixth Grade

The sixth grade students spent the day before the holiday break playing Minute to Win it Games. Some games consisted of Santa's Sack Stack, Hungry Hungry Reindeer, Snow Scoop Swoop and Candy Cane Finishing.

The students rotated through the four games and then enjoyed a game of 6th Grade Feud based off of the Family Feud game. Students were polled for their responses and were in two different "family" teams.









Mrs. Collver's Class

Mrs. Collver's class enjoyed Grinch Day during the 12 Days of Holiday Spirit with viewing the movie and having green pancakes!

Our Middle School life skills class made Taco Salad for staff before Christmas.







Students of the 1st Quarter



Sherman Central School's Senior High Student of the First Quarter is Sophie Lindsey. Sophie is the daughter of Holly Sanders. Her favorite classes are choir and English. Sophie enjoys painting and participating in the school musicals. Her career interests are to attend Niagara County Community College to join the baking and pastry program.

Sherman Central School's Junior High Student of the First Quarter is Ely Smith. Ely is the son of Shannon and Christie Smith and has 2 brothers Eric and Curtis. His favorite class is social studies. Ely enjoys cross country, basketball, and golf. His career interests are to work in construction and become a heavy equipment operator.



SCS Cares

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for showing great character:



SCS Cares











Helpful/Cooperative



Respect/Kindness











Friendship/Kindness





Anti-Bully





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Leo Winterberger Helpful/Cooperative

Cafeteria News

The crops have stopped growing, however the cafeteria continues to use local products. This summer we prepped and froze a variety of local berries. We purchased berries from Clymer Produce Auction and Abers Acres, and featured berries as our harvest of the month for December. It was a nice treat to bring a little summer back with local fruit.

In January we are featuring local beef as our Harvest of the Month. The local beef has been purchased right from our own community through Finn Star Farms in Mina, NY. We tried pizza burgers and they were well received. We will be trying shepherd's pie, chili and hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes. We will also use the ground beef for student favorites, such as pasta with meat sauce. The grain for our pasta is also farmed in NY State.

In February we will be featuring maple syrup as our harvest of the month. Our maple syrup comes from Big Tree Maple in Lakewood, NY. We will use maple syrup in some of our main entrees or to roast root vegetables. A small amount of maple syrup goes a long way. We have been using it to replace sugar in some of our menu items.

Scratch cooking and featuring local products has been a rewarding and promising endeavor. Our goal is to continue to expand our relationships between Sherman Central School District and local farmers.







Badminton Tournament

The Physical Education Department held a Badminton tournament for interested high school students the last day before winter recess, on December 21st. Middle school and high school students participated in a badminton unit during the month of December with the badminton tournament being the culminating event. 19 teams of 38 individuals in a single elimination tournament vied for the ultimate championship crown. There were many close games that brought 2 teams together to show off their skills in the final round. The returning 2022 badminton champions of Gavyn Livermore and Zack LaVoice were facing off against Ryan Perry and Daniel Meeder. The final round was a best of 3 games and the returning champions of Gavyn and Zack took the first game. However after a back and forth second game, challengers Ryan and Daniel evened the score at 1 game apiece. The championship would be decided with a final game with the first team to 15 points, being crowned the champions. The final contest was a close match with Ryan and Daniel ending up winning 15-13. Congratulations Ryan Perry and Daniel Meeder and thank you to the rest of the participants.





Cross Country

On November 11th, the CSP girls cross country team had the opportunity to compete in the NYS Cross Country Championship. They were able to come away with a 6th place finish on the challenging Verona course lead by Caitlyn Kriner in 57th, Grace Cooke in 59th, Tess Flikkema in 62nd, Haley Odell in 63rd, Solki Martin-Lacayo in 74th, Bria Palmatier in 83rd and Tayden Persons in 90th.

Congratulations on a great season ladies! Thank you everyone for the support during the season!



Join the Tradition Basketball Clinic

Our JV & Varsity girls basketball players hosted our first annual Join the Tradition Basketball Clinic. They led our future 3rd-8th grade all-stars in drills, demos, team huddles and a Q&A. It was 90 minutes of smiles, high fives, and sisterhood. We are so proud of our players for stepping up to lead and so proud of our young ones braving something new! The future is bright for SCS girls hoops! Go Wildcats!







JV and Varsity Basketball

The Lady Wildcat JV & Varsity basketball teams are off to a strong start in the first half of our season. The JV & Varsity teams are 11-3 and 9-2 respectively (as of January 29). Not only have the girls been taking care of business on the court and in the classroom, but they have been serving their school community, as well. The teams hosted their first "Join The Tradition" clinic for SCS girls in 3rd-8th grade to inspire the next generation of Lady Wildcats. Some players are volunteering as reading buddies with Mrs. Jobin-Meredith's class, and the teams will be volunteering at a 5 & 2 Ministry pack night next month. We are grateful to be a part of such a special community. Go Wildcats!

Sherman Wildcats 2023-2024 Girls Varsity Basketball Roster

#2 Carlie Gable
#3 Madison Emory
#4 Isa Kioko
#10 Tayden Persons
#11 Emmersen Crawford
#12 Kelsey Wagner
#14 Teagan Gratto
#22 Lily Martin
#30 Brandy Safford
#32 Kellie Christensen











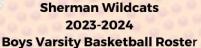


















#1 Carson Pinzok
#2 Seven Thomas
#3 Devin Johnson
#4 Nolan DeKoning
#5 Andrew Beatman
#10 Troy Chambers
#11 Logan Swan
#12 Daniel Meeder
#21 Jacob Allen
#23 Sondre Bestvold
#25 Wyatt Applebee
#35 Jacob Ferranto

Artist in the Spotlight:

"Untitled" Contour Drawing

"Herd of Herefords" Cell Phone Case Design

Olivia Maleski

Hello, my name is Olivia Maleski. I am a senior at Sherman Central School and have always loved art for as long as I can remember. Some of my favorite forms of art include marker drawings, painting, and crafting. Although I am not planning for art to be in my future career, I feel as though I will always use these skills for simple things such as DIY projects. I think art is a huge part of who I am and I don't think I could ever give it up.



Pumpkin for Peak n' Peak Independent Art/ Ceramics & Sculpture



"Shaded Prisms" Form Still Life



Christmas Light



"Stolen Items"
Gray Scale Still Life



"Spinning Stars"
Landscape for Side Scrolling
Animation



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The Sherman Players Present:



TODD WALLINGER

Friday, March 22 and Saturday March 23, 2024

7:00 pm, John Butler Auditorium

General Admission \$5.00



(in order of appearance)

WIGGLES	Arcana Osterhoudt
CECILIA	Taryn Palmatier
LITTLE BOB	.Jasper Eschenbach
ANNIE	Quinn Liffner
DIGBY	Georges Meredith
MAMA	Madalyn Wilson
JANICE FARNSWORTH	Payson Altsman
VINCE VARLEY	Aiden Walker
BUBBLES	Sophie Lindsey
MADAME ZAMBONI	lvv Yokom

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