

# Sharon Springs Central School District EDUCATION MATTERS



## Superintendent's Message

### *Sharon Springs Central School Mission/Vision Statement*

The mission of Sharon Springs Central School, a community oriented district, is to educate all students to become healthy, hardworking, honest and respectable citizens, who will value life-long learning and contribute to a global society.

The vision of the Sharon Springs Central School is to provide a supportive and creative learning environment, which challenges our students to achieve excellence as a way of life.

**DISTRICT OFFICE 284-2266**  
Superintendent  
Business Manager  
FAX NUMBER 284-9033

**MAIN OFFICE 284-2267**  
Principal  
Guidance Counselor  
FAX NUMBER 284-9075

**BUS GARAGE 284-9047**

SHARON SPRINGS  
CENTRAL SCHOOL  
PO BOX 218  
SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459

**WEBSITE:**  
[www.sharonsprings.org](http://www.sharonsprings.org)

Welcome back! SSCS will be open and ready for students to return on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. As the summer draws to a close, and the start of a new school year grows closer, I am always encouraged by the hopeful anticipation and excitement that is generated by our students and staff.

This summer, we have been busy preparing for opening day and we are pleased to provide you with this "Back to School" edition of our newsletter to make sure that you have all the information you will need for a smooth start. Thanks to our custodial staff, the hallways and classrooms are clean, waxed and ready for another year.

Teachers at SSCS spent time this summer learning in preparation for the school year. Elementary teachers worked to gain additional exposure and insight into the New Core Standards, while secondary teachers gathered to learn the My Big Campus Learning Platform in order to more fully integrate iPads into their weekly lessons. Our STEM teachers (Science, Technology, and Mathematics) spent additional time learning how to integrate iPads more fully into their respective curriculums.

School safety remains a focal point for SSCS. School safety protocol has been reviewed and updated. The Student Code of Conduct is available for review on the school website. Changes have been incorporated that are related to the New York State Dignity for All Students Act. The main intent of the legislation is to provide all students with a school environment free from discrimination and harassment. Our main goal, as always, is to create and maintain an educational environment in which all students feel safe and are able to concentrate on learning.

Our staff is eager to reconnect with your children and help them in any way that they can, be it academically or extracurricular. The goal of educating each child to his or her fullest potential is one that the faculty and staff of SSCS take seriously. With your continued support, we move forward into the school year to accomplish this goal.

### **TO ALL RESIDENT HOMEOWNERS: STAR EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**

New legislation is requiring that all homeowners who currently receive a STAR Exemption register with the New York State Tax Department to continue to receive the exemption in 2014 and forward. During August or September you will receive a letter indicating your 2013 -14 exemption. It will include a STAR Code that is unique to you and you will need this code to register. Registration will be available on line or via the phone. Please be looking in the mail for your letter. More information is available on the STAR Registration Web Page. Senior citizens receiving the Enhanced Star Exemption will not be impacted by the registration program. They will continue to apply annually or participate in the Income Verification Program.

### **Universal Pre-K Program**

Our school contracts with Schoharie County Child Development Council to offer a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Class. We also have a Head Start classroom within our building and offices for the home-based Early Head Start Program. Give your child and family a head start on how fun learning can be! Call Head Start directly at 284-3800 or ask the school on who to contact for more information.

### **Inside This Issue**

- iPad Training
- Important Reminders/Notifications
- NCLB Information
- Free/Reduced Lunch Application
- Soccer Schedule
- Lunch Menu
- School Calendar
- Dignity for All Students Act
- Text Notification Form
- Booster Club Golf Tournament

## Sharon Springs Teachers Get Tablet Help

**Grant helping to train educators on the use of iPads in the classroom**

*Reprinted by permission of the Times Union*

Sharon Springs Central School has taken to tablets, and thanks to a grant, teachers have some help with the transition. Some students used iPads for classroom instruction over the past year, and with more students set to receive the devices this year, a Verizon Wireless grant will help cover the cost of training teachers to use the iPad for school.

Sharon Springs was one of a dozen districts in the country to win a grant for professional instruction from the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program.

Sixth-grade students — roughly 18 — are set to receive tablets this year, bringing the total number to roughly 240 throughout grades 6 through 12, the elementary school, where iPads are shared among classes and among staff, Business Manager Tony DiPace said.

In the end, the idea behind using iPads is to give students the capabilities to fill jobs in science, technology, engineering and math, the STEM fields, Verizon Wireless spokesman John O'Malley said.

There has been little of a learning curve.

"It was just amazing last year how fast the kids were able to get up and running on each of the programs," Superintendent Patterson Green said. "It was great to watch students figure things out."

O'Malley said the district was chosen to receive the \$50,000 for two years' worth of training because it was already using iPads for instruction. He said the training sessions teach educators how to augment the learning process by using the devices, whether it is using video capabilities, tools or other applications.

Green said teachers have been using programs such as My Big Campus, which allows students and teachers to communicate and post and share ideas about classroom material. The training sessions are focused on showing teachers the best iPad teaching practices from throughout the country.

Teaching has transformed in some classrooms, with some teachers flipping lesson plans, recording their lectures for students to view at home and using class time to work on problems, Patterson said.

Teachers are also set up to network with the other 23 schools participating in the Verizon Wireless program and will attend virtual meetings with teachers across the country to discuss how they're using the devices.

The iPads haven't totally replaced old teaching practices, though. They've just helped students present their understanding in a different way, Green said.

"The presentation of content has pretty much remained the same," he said. "The opportunity the iPad opens up is in terms of students synthesizing information and applying the information. It's a whole new realm."

## Access to Student Records Notification

**Dear Parent or Eligible Student:**

This is to advise you of your rights with respect to student records pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of student records. The law gives parents and students over 18 years of age (referred to in the law as "eligible students") the following rights:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request to access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the Building Principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The Principal will arrange for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible student may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading by writing the Principal clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed and specifying why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement personnel), a person serving on the school board, a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school District in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirement of FERPA. The Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
US Department of Education  
600 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

## Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was passed into legislation on September 13th, 2010 with an effective date of July 1st, 2012. The purpose of the act is to address discrimination and harassment in the public schools, charter schools and BOCES, including amendments to code of conduct policies.

The goal of the DASA is to provide ALL New York State public school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment and bullying on school property or at a school function. The DASA states that no student shall be subject to harassment by employees or students; nor be subject to discrimination based on their actual or perceived: race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including identified or expressed), or sex.

The Dignity for All Students Act defines harassment as "the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety."

In a continued effort to promote tolerance and respect for others, students and faculty will be provided educational and awareness opportunities that address these areas as part of the curriculum at SSCS as well as various other activities. More details can be found in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook which will be issued to all students the first day of school.

Should students or parents have questions or concerns regarding the Dignity Act, they should contact Brenda Stetin, the Dignity Act Coordinator for the District, (518) 284-2267 EXT. 109.

## Teacher Qualification Request

In accordance with the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, parents/guardians have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. As a parent/guardian of a student in the Sharon Springs Central School District, you have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met New York State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the State qualification or licensing criteria has been waived;
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees;
- If your child is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Requests for information about the qualifications of your child's teacher(s) can be directed to Patterson Green, Superintendent/Principal at (518)284-2267. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

## EF Tour to Europe- Summer 2014

**Want to visit London, Paris and Rome?**  
Go to [www.sharonsprings.org](http://www.sharonsprings.org) or contact Barb Handy at [bhandy@sharonsprings.org](mailto:bhandy@sharonsprings.org) for more information.

## Tools For Schools Program Price Chopper Supermarkets

Once again, Price Chopper Supermarkets is sponsoring The Tools for Schools Program. Everything you purchase at Price Chopper with your AdvantEdge Card earns points to help your school get a larger share of the \$500,000 in FREE equipment to be distributed through our Tools for Schools program.

To enroll or re-enroll you can go to [www.pricechopper.com/savings/tools-for-schools](http://www.pricechopper.com/savings/tools-for-schools) and click on the "SIGN UP" link. **The Sharon Springs Central School District Code is: 16850.**

Remember, you must REGISTER your card on-line in order for your points to go to the school of your choice. If you don't have a card, visit the Customer Service Desk at any Price Chopper location. You'll earn points on purchases from July 28, 2013 through March 29, 2014!

Thank you for your continued support of Sharon Springs Central School.



## TEXT NOTIFICATION FOR SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS

**We will once again be offering text notifications of school closings, delays and early dismissals. A test text message will be sent out during the first month of school to parents/guardians who were on the list last year. If you no longer wish to receive electronic messages from the school, please contact Mrs. Brown at 284-2267. If you would like to be added to our list of recipients for this year or if your cell phone number or provider has changed, please complete the form below and return it to the main office.**

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number & Extension: w/out this extension-you can not be added to the list. Track phone users may have to call phone company for this info.

(ex. 555-555-5555@vtext.com) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Carrier : \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTIFICATIONS

### Emergency Information Sheets

Emergency information sheets will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Please update the health, address, phone and emergency contact information and return the sheet to school with your child the next day. Also, if information should change during the school year, please be sure to let the school know as soon as possible. Up-to-date phone numbers and emergency contacts are essential for the safety of your child.

### Emergency Management Plan

The Sharon Springs Central School District has developed an Emergency Disaster Preparedness Plan as required by the State Education Law 155.13. It is required that each public school district has emergency plans in place and that the information of emergency procedures be provided to all students and staff. The District will provide training drills throughout the school year and conduct at least 12 fire drills, in addition to a "go home drill" to test the transportation and communication systems. Emergency evacuation route information is posted in each classroom.

If you would like more information regarding the school's Emergency Management Plan, please contact Mr. Patterson Green, Superintendent/Building Principal.

### Drug Free/Tobacco Free School Zone

Sharon Springs Central School is considered a Drug Free/Tobacco Free School Zone. Anyone arrested and convicted of selling or using illegal drugs within 1,000 feet of school property will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law by civil authorities. Penalties are harsher in this Zone than in the community at large.

Signs have been posted at the entrances to our building and on the grounds to serve as a warning that our District has no tolerance toward illegal drugs.

### **BELL SCHEDULE 2013-14** **Building Opens at 8:00 a.m.**

Homeroom/Attendance	8:06 a.m. -8:14 a.m.
Period 1-A	8:17 a.m. -8:57 a.m.
Period 2-B	9:01 a.m. -9:41 a.m.
Period 3-C	9:46 a.m. -10:26 a.m.
Period 4-D	10:30 a.m. -11:10 a.m.
Period 5-E	11:14 a.m. -11:54 a.m.
Period 6-F	11:58 a.m. -12:38 p.m.
Period 7-G	12:42 p.m. -1:22 p.m.
Period 8-H	1:27 p.m. -2:07 p.m.
Period 9-I	2:10 p.m. -2:50 p.m.

### Non-Discrimination Notice

The Sharon Springs Central School District does not discriminate in employment or in the education programs and activities which it operates on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, religion, race, or handicap in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, or §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the NYS Human Rights Law. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination notice may be directed to Section 504/Title IX Coordinator, Tony DiPace, Business Manager at 284-2266.

### Firearms Prohibited

As stated in the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education Policy, no person shall bring a firearm or any portion of a firearm on the premises of a school or any area controlled by the School District. School premises means all school owned, leased, or otherwise controlled buildings, grounds and transportation vehicles.

In accordance with Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, (Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994), and Education Law #3214 and #205, any student possessing a firearm on school premises will be subject to a penalty of at least one year's suspension from school, though the Superintendent of Schools may modify this policy based on circumstances and the student's previous record. A suspended student will be provided with alternative instruction during the suspension period.

### Fire Inspection Completed

The annual fire inspection has been conducted and the required reports have been submitted to the New York State Education Department. For questions, please contact Mr. Tony DiPace at 284-2266.

### ELA/Math Assessments for 2013 Released

The results of the April 2013 grades 3-8 math and English Language Arts (ELA) assessments have been released by the state and will be mailed home after the start of school. This year's state assessments are the first for New York students to measure the Common Core Learning Standards that were adopted by the State Board of Regents in 2010. As expected across the state, the percentage of students deemed proficient is significantly lower than in 2011-12. This change in scores, which will effectively create a new baseline of student learning, is largely the result of the shift in the assessments to measure the Common Core Standards, which reportedly, more accurately reflect students' progress toward college and career readiness. More information on Common Core Standards and Annual Professional Performance Review Plan (APPR) will be forthcoming in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. Additional information and resources, as well as a Parent Tool Kit can also be found at: <http://www.engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources#toolkit>.



## NOTIFICATIONS

### **ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN**

The Sharon Springs Central School District has developed a District-wide School Safety Plan and confidential Building-level School Safety Plans for each building as required by New York State Safe School Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.) Law. This law requires the district to annually provide written information to all students and staff about emergency procedures. As required, the District-wide School Safety Plan was originally submitted to the New York State Education Department in June 2001. Each confidential Building-level Emergency Response Plan was originally submitted to the local police and New York State Police in June 2001.

The District-wide School Safety Team annually reviews the District-wide School Safety Plan. The Building-level School Safety Teams annually review the confidential Building-level Emergency Response Plans. All updates are approved by the Board of Education prior to re-submitting them to the New York State Education Department and the local police and New York State Police respectively.

The district will provide training throughout the year and will conduct at least twelve fire drills as well as conduct a district-wide drill to test sheltering plans and/or early dismissal. Emergency evacuation information is posted in each classroom and Emergency School Closing information can be found in the district calendar. For more information concerning the District-wide School Safety Plan, please contact Mr. Patterson Green, Superintendent/Building Principal at 284-2266.

### **ANTI-IDLING LAW**

The Anti-Idling Law prohibits the idling of a diesel or non-diesel fueled engine for more than five consecutive minutes except to maintain temperatures inside the vehicles during the cold or hot weather when it is required by certain regulations and the operation of equipment.

Sharon Springs Central Schools Transportation Department monitors compliance with the Anti-Idling Laws. When loading or unloading our buses at school, buses are shut off during those times. The school is also responsible to ensure visitors at our school follow the same rules and regulations regarding the idling of buses.

### **Pesticide Use Notification**

The Sharon Springs Central School District may use pesticide products periodically throughout the year. The Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law requires school districts to maintain a list of staff and persons in a parental relation who wish to receive 48-hour written notice prior to the application of pesticides. Written notifications will include the date, locations and product used for each application. For further information or to be placed on the school-specific 48-hour notification list, please contact Mr. Tony DiPace, Business Manager at 284-2266.

### **ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 (40 CFR Part 763), the Sharon Springs Central School District is required to give annual notification stating that the Asbestos Management Plan for each building is available and kept in the main office. These records are available for review during normal business hours.

Six-month periodic asbestos surveillances as well as a triennial inspection are required in pursuant of AHERA. The six-month surveillance will be completed in December, 2013 and June, 2014. The triennial inspection was completed in June, 2013. To date, no asbestos projects are scheduled. If any are scheduled in the future, all work shall be conducted according to all applicable local, state and federal regulations. For more information, please contact the LEA Asbestos Designee, Mr. Tony DiPace, Business Manager at 284-2266.

### **Release of Student Information Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**

Pursuant to the federal education legislation also known as No Child Left Behind Act, Sharon Springs Central School must disclose to military recruiters, upon request, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students. The District must also notify parents of their rights and the right of the child to request that the District not release such information without prior written parental consent. Parents (or students if they are 18 or older) wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters are asked to sign and return the form below to the Guidance Office.

<p align="center"><b>Sharon Springs Central School</b>  <b>Reservation of consent for the release of certain student</b>  <b>information under the No Child Left Behind Act</b></p> <p><b>Please DO NOT release the name, address, and telephone number</b>  <b>of</b></p> <p align="center">_____</p> <p align="center"><b>Student name</b></p> <p align="center"><b>to military recruiters.</b></p> <p align="center">_____</p> <p align="center"><b>Parent Signature and Date</b></p>
--

## Important Reminders

### Visitor Procedures

For the safety and security of everyone, the procedures for visitors and parents entering the school building will be as follows:

- During the school day, the main entrance door will remain locked and is the only one that will be accessible.
- All visitors must use this door, and wait patiently to be buzzed in. Once in, please report immediately to front reception desk, sign in and indicate the nature of your visit.
- Visitors may be asked for identification at any point.
- Visitor passes will be issued accordingly and must be visibly worn at all times while in the school building.
- When leaving the building visitors must sign out at the front desk and return their visitor pass.

### Morning Supervision

Our school building officially opens at 8:00 a.m. as students arrive on District buses. As a courtesy to parents, the Board of Education has elected to have limited supervision in the old gym beginning at 7:30 a.m. to assist with early work schedules. **Please be advised that prior to 7:30 a.m. there is no adult supervision. Therefore, students are not permitted to be in the school building prior to 7:30 a.m.**



### Cell Phone/Electronic Device Usage

When used responsibly, cell phones can be a positive means to increase family communication. However, during the school day from 8:00 a.m. until dismissal at 2:50 p.m., students are expected to concentrate on learning and preparing for classes. Cell phones and other electronic devices such as i-Pods, and MP3 players should be turned off and safely locked away in student lockers. School issued iPads are the only electronic device authorized to be used in a classroom with teacher approval.

The District will allow cell phones to be checked for messages within the old gym during a student's scheduled lunch (grades 6-12). During this time, no pictures or other recordings should be taken. The phone should not be displayed while in passage from the locker to the old gym and back to the locker.

As always, in an emergency situation, you can get a message to your child by contacting the front desk. Misuse and or display of electronic devices at other points during the day will result in disciplinary action and confiscation. Parents may be asked to retrieve the device from the school as well. Exceptions to carry cellular phones and pagers may be granted to teachers, administrators and other school staff in emergency situations.

### Morning Arrival and Afternoon Dismissal

School buses will drop students off on the front loop facing Route 20 in the morning. Parents will drop their children off on the side loading loop by the front desk entrance.

There is no student drop off/parent parking in the eastern lot near France Street. School staff will be on hand at both the bus unloading and front desk entrance to assist the younger elementary students.

Afternoon buses will load in the front loop facing Route 20. Parent pickup will be in the rear of the building behind the auditorium with elementary students exiting at 2:47 p.m.

It is important to note that the on campus speed limit will remain 5 miles per hour.

### Transportation Changes

Please be reminded that your child is provided a bus ride to and from school based on the location of your residence. If your child needs transportation to childcare within the District, please send the complete information to school with your child on the first day of classes.

If your child is being picked up early by you or by someone else, or is going to another home after school, the request must be submitted **in writing** to the Main Office that morning in order to notify teachers and bus drivers of the change.

Any request to change transportation must be submitted in writing that morning. Transportation changes will only be accepted via a phone call in an emergency situation and should not happen on a regular basis. If there is a "last minute" emergency change of plans and your child will be picked up, parents must come into the building to the front desk, sign their child out at the front desk and proceed to wait in the rear parking lot by the auditorium. Their child/children will be brought to the back of the building at dismissal. Parents may not instruct their child to wait by the front desk at dismissal. This is being done in an effort to reduce congestion at the front desk area at the end of the day.

All of our procedures are in place in an effort to keep your child and our entire school safe and secure, as well as to reduce confusion generated from last minute changes. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mrs. Brown to schedule an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation.

## LETTER TO PARENTS FOR SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS 2013-2014 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Sharon Springs CSD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$**1.30**; lunch costs K-5 \$**1.75** and 6-12 \$ **2.00**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$**0.25** for breakfast and \$**0.25** for lunch.

1. *Do I need to fill out an application for each child?* No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Melissa Simpson, SSCS Food Services, PO Box 218 Sharon Springs, NY 13459. 518-284-2266 ext. 123.**
2. *Who can get free meals?* All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
3. *Can foster children get free meals?* Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
4. *Can homeless, runaway, and migrant children get free meals?* Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call **Russell M Scimeca, 518-284-2266 ext. 114** to see if they qualify.
5. *Who can get reduced price meals?* Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. *Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free meals?* Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **518-284-2266 ext. 123** if you have questions.
7. *My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?* Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. *I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?* Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. *Will the information I give be checked?* Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. *If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?* Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. *What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?* You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Anthony DiPace, Business Manager. PO Box 218 Sharon Springs, NY 13459 or 284-2266.**
12. *May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?* Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. *Who should I include as members of my household?* You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. *What if my income is not always the same?* List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. *We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income?* If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. *My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is their combat pay counted as income?* No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. *My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?* To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

## 2013-2014 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR MILK

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 21,257	\$ 1,772	\$ 886	\$ 818	\$ 409
2	\$ 28,694	\$ 2,392	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,104	\$ 552
3	\$ 36,131	\$ 3,011	\$ 1,506	\$ 1,390	\$ 695
4	\$ 43,568	\$ 3,631	\$ 1,816	\$ 1,676	\$ 838
5	\$ 51,005	\$ 4,251	\$ 2,126	\$ 1,962	\$ 981
6	\$ 58,442	\$ 4,871	\$ 2,436	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124
7	\$ 65,879	\$ 5,490	\$ 2,745	\$ 2,534	\$ 1,267
8	\$ 73,316	\$ 6,110	\$ 3,055	\$ 2,820	\$ 1,410
*Each additional household member add:	\$ 7,437	\$ 620	\$ 310	\$ 287	\$ 144

**How to Apply:** To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit a Eligibility Letter for Free Meals/Milk formerly (Direct Certification Letter) received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your food stamp or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

**Reporting Changes:** The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive food stamps.

**Income Exclusions:** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

**Meal Service to Children With Disabilities:** Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

**Confidentiality:** The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and Federal, State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and Federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA. The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,  
Melissa L. Simpson  
SSCS Food Program Services



Date Withdrew \_\_\_\_\_

F \_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_

## 2013-2014 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete only one form for your household, sign your name and return it to **Melissa Simpson, Sharon Springs Central School, PO Box 218, Sharon Springs, NY 13459**. Call **518-284-2266** if you need help. Additional household names may be listed on a separate paper.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	No Income
			o	o
			o	o
			o	o
			o	o
			o	o
			o	o

2. SNAP or TANF Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 5, and sign the application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE # \_\_\_\_\_

3. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant or a runaway, please call this number: 518-284-2266, Russell M Scimeca.

☐ Homeless ☐ Migrant ☐ Runaway

(Homeless Liaison/Migrant Education Coordinator)

4. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). Do not leave income blank. If no income, check box. If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <b>Amount/How Often</b>	Child Support, Alimony <b>Amount/How Often</b>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <b>Amount/How Often</b>	Other Income, Social Security <b>Amount/How Often</b>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	o

5. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: \*\*\*-\*\*-\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

I do not  
have a  
SS# ☐

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

**Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)**  
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid

Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Reviewing Official \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Free Meals Eligibility Letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions. Sign the application and return the application to Melissa Simpson, PO BOX 218, Sharon Springs, NY 13459. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer needed. Call the school if you need help: 518-284-2266. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

### **PART 1— ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.**

1. Print names of all children, including foster children for whom you are applying on one application.
2. List their grade and school.
3. Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household and check the box for each child with no income.

### **PART 2 — HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 and SIGN PART 5.**

1. List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16 -digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
2. An adult household member must sign the application in Part 5. SKIP PART 4. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number.

### **PART 3—BEFORE COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FOR A CHILD WHO MAY BE HOMELESS, A MIGRANT EDUCATION STUDENT, OR A RUNAWAY, PLEASE CALL YOUR HOMELESS LIAISON/MIGRANT EDUCATION COORDINATOR AT THIS NUMBER: (518) 284-2266, EXT. 116.** *Russell Scimeca, Homeless Liaison/Migrant Education Coordinator.*

### **PART 4 & 5— ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 5.**

1. Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use a another piece of paper if you need more space.
2. Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2X per month, monthly. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such under Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF, and At Risk Child Care Programs should NOT be considered as income for this program.
3. The Application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs PART 5 if Part 4 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, social security number is not needed.

**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

#### **Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.**

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

**Discrimination Complaints:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited basis will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint( PDF), found at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities and wish to file either an EEO or program complaint please contact the USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845- 6136 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



## Important Reminders

- Doors for students will open on **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** Student schedules will again be distributed in an expanded homeroom.
- Each year, schools are required to provide information in written form to parents. To comply with these regulations you will find various notices in this newsletter. New York State S.A.V.E. Legislation (Schools Against Violence in Education) requires school districts to annually review their Code of Conduct. The Code outlines the rights and responsibilities of students, outlines the policy against discrimination and harassment, spells out expected behaviors, and outlines prohibited student conduct as well as the penalties for deviating from these expectations.
- As in the past, parents and students are reminded that the Code prohibits inappropriate clothing including suggestive language on clothing, bare midriff and strapless tops as well as any exposed undergarments. Shorts and skirts should extend at least past the students' outstretched hands.
- Students are expected to leave their coats, hats, headgear, backpacks and other large bags in their lockers. Each student will be issued and have their own individual locker. Combinations should not be shared with anyone! The passing time between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods and between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> periods is extended to eliminate the necessity of students having to travel through the day with 10 – 20 pound backpacks. Teachers have been concerned with the possible safety and health concerns of the backpacks, as well as contributing to lack of preparedness for class. Any locker experiencing mechanical problems should be reported to the main office immediately. Students are advised that the locker remains the property of the Sharon Springs Central School District and the District retains the right to search any locker that it believes may contain illegal or dangerous items.
- Students are reminded that their lockers will not be accessible after school. When a student leaves for the day, be it for sports or home, they should have all their necessary materials with them.
- It is essential for parents to play an active role in their child's education. Teachers can be reached by phone through their school extension numbers and their school based e-mail accounts ([firstinitiallastname@sharonsprings.org](mailto:firstinitiallastname@sharonsprings.org)).
- Any classroom visitations should be arranged in advance with your child's teacher. Any nonscheduled visitors must be announced by the front desk receptionist to determine teacher availability or be advised to return at another time. Parents who drop off their child are also expected to leave the classroom wing daily by 8:05 a.m. unless they have a scheduled visitation. Parents who wish to pick up their child at the end of the day, should wait in the parking lot behind the auditorium.

## Did You Know That SCS is an American Red Cross Emergency Shelter?

### Be Prepared for an Emergency.

Being prepared means being equipped with the proper supplies you may need in the event of an emergency or disaster. Keep your supplies in a Grab and Go Bag that you can use at home or store near your exit or in your car (especially in the winter) if you have to leave in a hurry. Having some of your personal items with you can be a great comfort in an emergency.

### At a minimum, you should have the basic supplies listed below:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (oatmeal, dried soups, granola bars, favorite snacks for small children - 3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit (bandages, Band-Aids, antibiotic cream, tape, small sewing kit, Tylenol, scissors, tweezers)
- Personal medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items (toothbrush, soap, small shampoo, washcloth)
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies, family and emergency contact information)
- Cell phone charger or disposable cell phone
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket/small pillow
- Quick change of clothes
- Books and/or small toys for your children

**Sharon Springs Central School  
2013 - 2014  
School Calendar**

September					October					November				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
						1	2	3	4					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29
30														
December					January					February				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28
30	31				27*	28*	29*	30*	31					
March					April					May				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4				1	2
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16
24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23
31					28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30
June														
M	T	W	T	F										
2	3*	4	5	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Classes not in session <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Development <input type="checkbox"/> ½ Day Staff Development * Regents Testing Days Board of Education Approval Date: 05/13/13					Total # of Pupil Days: 178 Staff Development Days: 4 Emergency Closing Days: 5  <b>TOTAL DAYS: 187</b>				
9	10	11	12	13										
16	17*	18*	19*	20*										
23*	24*	25*	26*	27										

September 3, 4	Conference Days	January 27 – 30	Regents Test Week
September 5	Classes Begin	January 31	Conference Day
October 11	Emergency Release Day	February 17 – 21	Mid-Winter Recess
October 14	Columbus Day	March 21	Conference Day
November 11	Veterans' Day	April 14 – 18	Spring Recess
November 27 – 29	Thanksgiving Recess	May 26	Memorial Day
December 23	Holiday Recess Begins	June 3, 17 – 26	Regents Testing
January 6	Classes Resume	June 24 – 26	½ Day Conference Days
January 20	Martin Luther King Day	June 27	Sr. Graduation 7 p.m.

**For School Closing & Delays**

Listen to:  
 WTRY 980 AM 98.3 FM  
 WPYX 106.5 FM  
 WABT 104.5 FM  
 WGNA 1460 AM 107.7 FM  
 WBUG 104.9 FM  
 WSDE 1190 AM  
 WRGBTV 6 Channel 6  
 WTN Channel 10  
 WNYT Channel 13  
 CHANNEL NEWS 9  
 WEBSITES – WGY, WRVE

**Dismissal Procedures**

Grades K-5 Dismiss at 2:47 p.m.


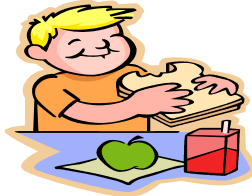
Grades 6-12 Dismiss at 2:50 p.m.





## SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER 2013 LUNCH MENU

	<b>Breakfast Served Daily</b>  <b>Breakfast Pricing</b>  <b>Student Breakfast: \$1.30</b> <b>Reduced Breakfast: \$ .25</b> <b>Adult Breakfast: \$ 2.05</b>	<b>Lunch Pricing</b> <b>** Please note price change</b> <b>Student K-5: \$1.75**</b> <b>Student 6-12: \$2.00**</b> <b>A la carte: \$1.25</b> <b>Milk: \$ .50</b> <b>Reduced Lunch: \$ .25</b> <b>Adult Lunch: \$3.80</b>	<b>5.</b>  <b>Chicken Patty/WW Bun</b> <b>Baked Smiley Fries</b> <b>Butternut Squash</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>6.</b>  <b>Homemade Pizza</b> <b>Romaine Garden Salad</b> <b>with Tomatoes &amp; Carrots</b> <b>Low Fat Dressing</b> <b>Fresh Fruit</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>
<b>9.</b>  <b>Hamburger/WW Bun</b> <b>Baked Tater Tots</b> <b>Corn</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>10.</b>  <b>Chicken Broccoli Bowl</b> <b>California Blend</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>11.</b>  <b>Oven Fried Chicken</b> <b>Long Grain Brown Rice</b> <b>Butternut Squash</b> <b>Cup of Fruit</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>12.</b>  <b>Soft Shell Beef Taco OR</b> <b>Taco Salad</b> <b>Lettuce,</b> <b>Black Bean Salsa,</b> <b>LF Cheese</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>13.</b>  <b>Homemade Pizza</b> <b>Romaine Garden Salad</b> <b>with Tomatoes &amp; Carrots</b> <b>Low Fat Dressing</b> <b>Fresh Fruit</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>
<b>16.</b>  <b>Chicken Biscuit &amp;</b> <b>Low Sodium Gravy</b> <b>Cranberry Sauce</b> <b>3 Bean Salad</b> <b>Fruit Cup &amp;</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>17.</b>  <b>Chicken Alfredo with a</b> <b>Twist</b> <b>Garlic Broccoli</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Hotdog/WW Bun OR</b> <b>Fish Sticks</b> <b>Mashed Potatoes</b> <b>Vegetarian Beans</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>19.</b>  <b>Grilled Cheese</b> <b>LS Tomato Soup</b> <b>Green Beans</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>20.</b>  <b>Homemade Pizza</b> <b>Romaine Garden Salad</b> <b>with Tomatoes &amp; Carrots</b> <b>Low Fat Dressing</b> <b>Fresh Fruit</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>
<b>23.</b>  <b>Rotini &amp; Meat Sauce</b> <b>Romaine Garden Salad with</b> <b>Tomatoes &amp; Carrots</b> <b>Low Fat Dressing</b> <b>WW Garlic Bread</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>24.</b>  <b>Spartan Chicken Crunch</b> <b>Brown Rice</b> <b>Garlic Broccoli</b> <b>Cup of Fruit</b> <b>LF Milk</b>	<b>25.</b>  <b>Hot Turkey Sandwich</b> <b>Mashed Potatoes</b> <b>Corn</b> <b>Fruited Jell-O</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>26.</b>  <b>Hawaiian Chicken Wrap</b> <b>Broccoli Salad</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>	<b>27.</b>  <b>Homemade Pizza</b> <b>Carrot &amp; Celery Sticks w/</b> <b>Hummus</b> <b>Fresh Fruit</b> <b>Low Fat Milk</b>
<b>30.</b>  <b>Sweet &amp; Sour</b> <b>Chicken Nuggets</b> <b>Asian Rice</b> <b>Green Peas</b> <b>Fruit Cup</b> <b>LF Milk</b>		<b>Available Daily (K-12):</b> <b>Grilled Chicken Salad,</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Yogurt Parfait</b> <b>and PB&amp;J Sandwiches.</b>	<b>MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>	

From the Cafeteria-

At the start of another school year, the cafeteria staff would like to thank those who participated in our program last year and welcome you back. Above you will find the September 2013 Lunch Menu including the prices for breakfast and lunch. (Please note price changes). Shortly after school starts, a separate breakfast menu will be sent home with students.

Children from households that meet the Federal Income Guidelines may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Reduced meals cost \$.25 for breakfast and \$.25 for lunch. To apply for free or reduced price meals complete the application found in this newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible. This information is kept in strict confidence.

If you child participated in the free/reduced price meal program last year, he/she is eligible to continue to receive the same benefit until **SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**. A new application must be completed and approved before this date in order for your child to continue with the program for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

If you have any concerns or suggestions please feel free to leave a message on my voice mail at 284-2266 ext. 123. I will be returning phone calls from 1:00-2:00 p.m. daily. You also may reach me via email at [msimpson@sharonspings.org](mailto:msimpson@sharonspings.org). Communication is a big factor, so please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, we thank you for your continued support!

Melissa L. Simpson  
SSCS Food Program Services



*Go Spartans!*

## SOCCER SCHEDULES

Schedules subject to change. Check the school's website for updates.

*Go Spartans!*



### Boys' and Girls' Modified Soccer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Game Time</u>	<u>Bus Departure</u>
Thu. 9/19/13	Spa Catholic	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Sat. 9/21/13	Middleburgh	Away	10:00 a.m.	8:45 a.m.
Tue. 9/24/13	Ft. Plain	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Thu. 9/26/13	Berne-Knox Westerlo	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:40 p.m.
Sat. 9/28/13	Galway	Home	10:00 a.m.	-
Tue. 10/1/13	Northville	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:40 p.m.
Fri. 10/4/13	Homecoming Parade/ Bon Fire	Homecoming	6:15 p.m.	-
Sat. 10/5/13	St. Johnsville-OE-Homecoming	Home	10:00 a.m.	-
Tue. 10/8/13	Schoharie	Away	4:30 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
Thu. 10/10/13	Mayfield	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Sat. 10/12/13	Canajoharie	Away	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Tue. 10/15/13	Duanesburg	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Thu. 10/17/13	Mekeel Christian	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Sat. 10/19/13	Cherry Valley-Springfield	Away	4:30 Boys/6:00 Girls	3:15 p.m.
Tue. 10/22/13	Cherry Valley-Springfield	Home	4:30 p.m.	-

### Boys' and Girls' Varsity Soccer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Game Time</u>	<u>Bus Departure</u>
Fri. 9/6/13	BV vs. Middleburgh	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Mon. 9/9/13	GV vs. Ft. Plain	Away	4:30 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
Wed. 9/11/13	BV vs. Duanesburg	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
	GV vs. Middleburgh	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Fri. 9/13/13	BV vs. Schoharie	Away	4:30 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
	GV vs. Berne-Knox-Westerlo	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Fri. 9/16/13	BV vs. Mekeel Christian	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
Wed. 9/18/13	BV vs. Berne-Knox-Westerlo	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
	GV vs. Northville	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Fri. 9/20/13	BV vs. Spa Catholic	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
	GV vs. Berne-Knox-Westerlo	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
Mon. 9/23/13	BV vs. Northville	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
	GV vs. St. Johnsville-OE	Away	4:30 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
Wed. 9/25/13	BV vs. St. Johnsville-OE	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
	GV vs. Richfield Springs	Away	4:30 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
Fri. 9/27/13	BV vs. Canajoharie	Away	7:00 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
Mon. 9/30/13	BV & GV vs. Duanesburg	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Wed. 10/2/13	GV vs. Canajoharie	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Fri. 10/4/13	Homecoming Parade/ Bon Fire	Homecoming	6:15 p.m.	-
Sat. 10/5/13	GV vs. Richfield Springs	Home	2:00 p.m.	-
	BV vs. Richfield Springs	Home	4:00 p.m.	-
Mon. 10/7/13	GV vs. Mayfield	Away	7:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Wed. 10/9/13	BV vs. Duanesburg	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
	GV vs. Mekeel Christian	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Fri. 10/11/13	BV vs. Schoharie	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
	GV vs. St. Johnsville-OE	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
Wed. 10/16/13	BV vs. Mekeel Christian	Home	4:30 p.m.	-
	GV vs. Galway	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
Fri. 10/18/13	BV vs. Berne-Knox-Westerlo	Away	4:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
Mon. 10/21/13	BV vs. Middleburgh	Away	4:30 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
	GV vs. Loudonville Christian	Away @ N.Colonie Sports Complex	4:15 p.m.	2:30 p.m.

# Student Privacy Notification

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Board of Education recognizes that student privacy is an important concern of parents and the Board wishes to ensure that student privacy is protected pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, as revised by the No Child Left Behind Act. To that end, the Board has (adopted/ revised) a policy of student privacy.

Pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, as revised by the No Child Left Behind Act, and the Sharon Springs Central School District policy on student privacy, you have the right to opt your child out of the following activities:

1. The collection, disclosure and use of personal information gathered from the students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information. This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of providing educational products or services for, or to students, such as:
  - a. College or other postsecondary education recruitment;
  - b. Book clubs, magazines and program providing access to low-cost literary products;
  - c. Curriculum and instructional materials used in schools;
  - d. Tests and assessments used to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information for students or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments, and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments;
  - e. Student recognition program; and
  - f. The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related activities.
2. The administration of any survey revealing information concerning one or more of the following:
  - a. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
  - b. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
  - c. Sex behavior or attitudes;
  - d. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
  - e. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
  - f. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
  - g. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; or
  - h. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).
3. The administration of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school, not necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other students and not otherwise permitted or required by state law. The term "invasive physical examination" means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injecting into the body, but does include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. It does not apply to any physical examination or screening required or permitted under state law, including those permitted without parental notification.

At this time, we expect that activities related to the above-mentioned items will take place on or close to the following dates:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>
School Physicals performed by the School Physician	October, November, December/January, May

Please review this list, if there are any activities you wish to "opt out" of on behalf of your child, please notify the school in writing within 10 days. If you have any questions about the District's student privacy policy and your rights to opt your child out of certain activities, please contact Patterson Green, Superintendent/Building Principal.

Sincerely,  
SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Patterson Green  
Superintendent/Building Principal

## Who do I contact about.....?



<b>Athletics.....</b>	<b>Mrs. Tammy Behr</b>	<b>284-2266 ext. 121</b>
<b>Bus Schedule.....</b>	<b>Mr. Joe Hilts</b>	<b>284-9047</b>
<b>Cafeteria/Lunch Program..</b>	<b>Mrs. Melissa Simpson</b>	<b>284-2266 ext. 123</b>
<b>Course Curriculum.....</b>	<b>Mrs. Brenda Stetin</b>	<b>284-2267 ext. 109</b>
<b>Health Concerns.....</b>	<b>Mrs. Sherri Brown</b>	<b>284-2267 ext. 107</b>
<b>Use of Building.....</b>	<b>Mr. Anthony DiPace</b>	<b>284-2266 ext. 100</b>
<b>Personal Issues.....</b>	<b>Mrs. Brenda Stetin</b>	<b>284-2267 ext. 109</b>
<b>.....</b>	<b>Mr. Russell Scimeca</b>	<b>284-2266 ext. 116</b>
<b>Disciplinary Issues.....</b>	<b>Contact Teacher Involved</b>	<b>284-2266</b>
<b>Unresolved Disciplinary Issues.....</b>	<b>Mr. Patterson Green</b>	<b>284-2266 ext. 100</b>

# 11th Annual SSCS Booster Club Golf Tournament

**Date:** Saturday, September 7th, 2013      **Time:** 1:00 p.m. Start  
**Location:** Canajoharie Golf & County Club  
**Format:** Four (4) Person Scramble  
**Cost:** \$60.00 per player includes 18 holes & cart (Students pay only \$30.00)  
**Prizes:** 1st Place and dozens of prizes raffled

This is our only major fundraiser for the sports & music department, so your participation is greatly appreciated and why not have fun while raising money for our students.

Please return the application and fee by September 1st, 2013 to: **SSCS Booster Club, P.O. Box 218,  
Sharon Springs, NY 13459.**

Any questions please call Chris Smith at 284-2267 or Linda Bartlett at 284-2054.

Proper golf attire is required (no t-shirts) and players are not permitted to bring their own alcohol.

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check or cash



*Home of the Spartans*

**SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PO Box 218**  
**Sharon Springs, New York 13459**

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit #2  
Sharon Springs,  
NY 13459

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

**James MacFadden Jr., President**  
**Helen Roberts, Vice President**  
**Laura Jackson**  
**Paul Larkin**  
**Dorothy Harding**

## BOXHOLDER

Sharon Springs Central School District  
Sharon Springs, New York 13459

## District Superintendent/Principal

**Patterson Green**

## Business Manager

**Anthony DiPace**