



Small School - Big Effort - High Character - Huge Success

Weekly Bulletin: November 9, 2023

Schedule subject to change

Sports schedule updates can be found at:

<https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/511>

Thursday, November 9, 2023

ASVAB Exam 8:00 am

Youth as Leaders- Sophomores

FBLA National Leadership Conference

Friday, November 10, 2023

Veterans' Day Observation- School Closed

FBLA National Leadership Conference

Saturday, November 11, 2023

FBLA National Leadership Conference

Monday, November 13, 2023

Board of Education Meeting - Library 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Financial Aid Night- Library 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Youth as Leaders- Juniors

Friday, November 17, 2023

Morning Program – Honor Veterans' Breakfast 8:20 am

Klinkhart Dance Festival 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Klinkhart Dance Festival 7:00 pm

Monday, November 20, 2023

Grade 5 to Albany Pine Bush Preserve 9:00 am

Parent – Teacher Conferences 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Early Dismissal 11:30 am

Parent – Teacher Conferences 1:00 pm

GJV Scrimmage v/s Schoharie 4:30 pm

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Thanksgiving Break – School Closed

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Happy Thanksgiving – School Closed

Friday, November 24, 2023

Thanksgiving Break - School Closed

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Student Council American Red Cross Blood Drive
11:30 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

BV Basketball @ Wells 5:00 pm

GV Basketball @ Wells 6:30 pm

Friday, December 1, 2023

BV Basketball @ Northville 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Diamond Dance Center Showcase 2:30 pm

Monday, December 4, 2023

GV Basketball v/s Wells 5:00 pm

Principal's Message

The first quarter ended today - Thursday, November 9th. Report cards will be distributed at the Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm and Tuesday, November 21st from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Additionally as a reminder, Tuesday, November 21st is a half-day for students. **Dismissal will be 11:30 am and there will be no After School Program on this day.** Please reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns; we all want each child to be successful!

Student Focus

Dear Families,

This week, the week we honor our U.S. Veterans, our school community focused on the character strength of bravery. Bravery means acting with mental, moral, or physical strength even when the individual knows things are difficult or scary.

Bravery refers to voluntary (not coerced) action in the face of a dangerous circumstance. This strength involves judgement; the brave person must have an understanding of the risks and consequences involved in acting. According to Socrates and Plato, forethought separates acts of valor from acts of rashness. This means that bravery isn't simply fearlessness, but instead the overcoming of fear.

Overcoming fears is critically important in individual development, as it allows the person to do more and become more. A person can be brave every single day. For example, some people with social anxiety are brave just by leaving their house and talking with people. On a physical level, bravery allows us to overcome fears, such as swimming or playing a sport. And, on a moral level, doing what we know to be right, despite the risks, gives us the sense that we are acting on behalf of a larger purpose.

To practice and encourage the character strength of bravery with your child, please visit the Positivity Project's [P2 for Families](#) (password: P2) where together you will watch a video, read a quote and talk about the answers to three questions.

Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you to all those who have bravely served our nation!

**NO SCHOOL- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY.**



Winter Recess Preparedness

Now that our weather is colder, a reminder to K-5 parents and students to make sure they are prepared for outdoor recess time. (Snow boots, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens and warm coats.) Please make sure your K-5 child has warm weather attire each day to go outside so they can participate in recess.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 28th from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

The SSCS Student Council, in partnership with the American Red Cross, is hosting a blood drive in the school auditorium on Tuesday, November 28th from 11:30 to 4:30. Anyone 16 years of age or older can donate blood. Please be sure to eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before you come in for your donation. On the day of your appointment, please bring a photo ID and the names of any medications

that you are taking. Volunteers and Red Cross Staff will go over the basics with you at registration, at which time you will need to complete a brief health history. The whole process will take approximately 1 hour with the actual donation taking approximately 6 to 8 minutes. After donating, the Red Cross will provide free snacks and refreshments, as well as a free Red Cross T-shirt. If you would like to make a donation appointment, please email Ms. Connors at dconnors@sharonsprings.org with your name and desired appointment time. If you prefer to schedule your own appointment, please use this link to do so: <https://tinyurl.com/3863vp74>. Walk-ins are welcome! Thank you in advance for your time and generosity.

To the Parents of the Senior Class of 2024

It is hard to believe that we are talking about Graduation already! Please be advised that we recently sent a list to the Senior Homeroom requesting they submit their names as they will appear on their diplomas. We have urged our Seniors to discuss this with their parents before writing their name on the list. We encourage you to discuss this with your Senior so everyone will be satisfied with what is on the diploma. Thank you.

A poster for the Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast. It features a red and white border with blue stars. The text is centered and reads: Sharon Springs Central School, Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast, Friday, November 17, 2023, 8:20 AM. Below this, it says: We will have a short program in the School Auditorium followed by a breakfast for the Veterans and their guest. At the bottom, it says: Please RSVP to Gretchen Becker no later than November 8th. 518-231-1934. There is a faint outline of the state of Iowa in the background.

Sharon Springs Dance Festival 11/17 & 11/18

On Friday 11/17 and Saturday 11/18, SSCS will host the Sharon Springs Dance Festival sponsored and hosted by the Klinkhart Center for the Arts. On Friday, Sharon Springs students will participate and/or observe in a school assembly. Friday night at 7:00pm, SSCS will host the Ephrat Dance Company for a Dance Party! This is free and open to the public for all ages! On Saturday, there will be various dance classes available. We encourage everyone to get signed up and ready for a wonderful weekend!

Dance Festival Schedule

Friday, November 17th

7:00 PM EPHRAT ASHERIE & COMPANY: UNDERScoreD highlights with Dance Party:

Please join us for a limited edition of **UNDERScoreD**. Part dance-performance, part dance-party, **UNDERScoreD** is a celebration of our need to gather, connect and share stories. Rooted in the multi-generation club-life stories of NYC underground dancers, this is an experience for **EVERYONE**. Observe or participate; we can't wait to see you!

Saturday, November 18th

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Master Classes and Workshops *for all ages* will be offered throughout the day **at the Sharon Springs Central School**. All classes are **FREE** but students must pre-register. Use the link in the schedule below to [register for the classes](#) of your choice; *class size is limited*.

<https://klinkharthall.org/dance/>

Class schedule:

[Click Here to Register!](#)

10:00 AM Children's class (60 min) Ephrat Asherie and Company

Children's Class: Specifically geared towards students ages 7 to 12, this class will focus on teaching specific hip hop and club dances, while also sharing tools to help participants create their own movements (freestyle!) to their favorite songs. Get ready to sweat, enjoy and shake-a-leg!!

11:15-12:30 PM Community class (Teens-Seniors) Shake-A-Leg with Archie & Ephrat

Come catch some New York City club vibes with the legendary Archie Barnett and choreographer and b-girl Ephrat Asherie. **All ages and levels** are welcome as we share with you some of our favorite party/social dances. Get ready to sweat!

1:15-2:30 PM Musical Theater-Telling Stories Through Dance with Mindy Cooper

In this master class, you will harness the vocabulary of telling stories, putting dance at the forefront. Dance is just steps until you create the inner-life and layers of the story you are telling. you will learn choreography, and then learn how to elevate that choreography by carving layers of character, motivation, intent and objectives into the performance of that choreography. Physical storytelling at its very finest! Mindy's expertise and body of work is storytelling with dance as the driving force that moves the narrative forward.

2:45-3:45 PM Belly Dance with Maureen Iseman-Broeking

Belly (Middle Eastern) dance is an ancient art which continues to evolve today. It consists of shimmying hips, delicate hand and arm gestures and sinewy, fluid undulations of the body. It uses all the muscles of the body...from head (to belly) to toe. Students should wear comfortable dance, or workout clothing. No jeans, please, and bring water! If you have a fun hip scarf, by all means, bring it.

4:00- 5:00 PM Wrap Up and Cool Down with Betty Gavin-Singer

Wrap up the festival with Betty's cool-down class. This deep stretch class will incorporate various positions to open and lengthen the muscles from all angles to help you stay injury and pain free. The class will conclude with relaxation and breathing techniques. All levels welcome; students should bring a yoga mat.

All Dance Classes are Free and Open to The Public!

Join us for a
SHARON SPRINGS
 - New York -
Holiday Weekend
December 2, 3 & 4

HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIRE HOLIDAY PARADE of LIGHTS & SANTA
 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES at LOCAL SHOPS
 TREE LIGHTING HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING
 CANDY CANE SCAVENGER HUNT
 - KLINKHART HALL HOLIDAY SHOW -
 with Veronica Klaus & The Lance Horne Trio

Presented by The Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce, SSCS PTO and Klinkhart Hall
 WWW.SHARONSPRINGSCHAMBER.ORG



Computers Available

If your household qualifies for free or reduced school lunch and you would like a computer for your household, please contact Tom Reynolds at treynolds@sharonsprings.org or 518-284-2266.

Community Focus

*A service to the
 Sharon Springs Community*

Joshua Project Thanksgiving Baskets

Applications are being accepted on the joshuaschoharie.org webpage. The deadline for applications is November 10. This program is not affiliated with SSCS.

Schoharie County Christmas for Kids

Eligible families are invited to apply for the SCC for Kids Program to receive holiday gifts and/or gift cards for their children. Once application is accepted, you will receive an e-mail, or phone call informing you of where and when you can pick up your gifts. Applications are available at joshuaschoharie.org and click on *Programs and Services* then *Schoharie County Christmas for Kids, Sign up Gifts*. Application deadline is December 5th- no exceptions. Questions- contact The Joshua Project at joshuafoundation1@gmail.com or 518-937-2422. This program is not affiliated with SSCS.

SSCS PTO PRESENTS
HOLIDAY PARADE
of Lights
& TREE LIGHTING!
DECEMBER 2ND
6:00 PM
 KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON
 IN SHARON SPRINGS!
 TREE LIGHTING: 5:30 SSCS LAWN
 FOLLOWED BY PARADE AT 6:00
 VISIT WITH SANTA & FRIENDS AT
 THE FIRE HOUSE AFTER THE
 PARADE!
ANY QUESTIONS?
CONTACT ARIANNA
SSCSPTO@SHARONSPRINGS.ORG

Weekly Bulletin Submissions

SSCS will continue to produce this document each week as a service to the SSCS community. Similar to last year, classified ads, such as advertisements for the sale of items, help wanted ads, etc., will no longer be accepted. Advertisements will only be accepted if it relates to a potential educational benefit for our students or it has the potential to benefit the Sharon Springs community. SSCS reserves the right to edit any submission. For consideration, please email by 3 p.m. on Tuesdays to weeklybulletin@sharonsprings.org.