



Small School - Big Effort - High Character - Huge Success

Weekly Bulletin: November 16, 2023

Schedule subject to change

Sports schedule updates can be found at:

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

Friday, November 17, 2023

Morning Program – Honor Veterans’ Breakfast	8:20 am
8 th Grade Visit to Milford BOCES	11:15 am
Girl Scout Meeting – Rm 115	3:00 pm
Klinkhart Dance Festival	7:00 pm

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Klinkhart Dance Festival	10:00 am
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Monday, November 20, 2023

Grade 5 to Albany Pine Bush Preserve	9:00 am
Parent – Teacher Conferences	6:00 pm
Biddy Basketball Sign-ups	6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Early Dismissal	11:30 am
Parent – Teacher Conferences	1:00 pm
GJV Basketball 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
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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Head Start Family Night – Rm. 112	5:00 pm
BV Basketball @ Wells	5:00 pm
GV Basketball @ Wells	6:30 pm

Friday, December 1, 2023

BV Basketball @ Northville	7:30 pm
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Saturday, December 2, 2023

Diamond Dance Center Showcase	2:30 pm
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Monday, December 4, 2023

GV Basketball v/s Wells	5:00 pm
BJV Basketball @ Windham-Ashland-Jewitt	5:30 pm
BV Basketball @ Windham-Ashland-Jewitt	6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

BV Basketball v/s GMU	5:30 pm
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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

MS/HS Holiday Concert	7:00 pm
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Thursday, December 7, 2023

ALS Doin it for Dodi/Basket/Raffle	4:30 pm
Sharon & Caring Chicken & Biscuit Dinner	4:30 pm
GJV Basketball v/s Worcester	5:30 pm
GV Basketball v/s Worcester	7:00 pm

Principal’s Message

There will not be a *Weekly Bulletin* next week due to the Thanksgiving break.

Here are a couple of quick reminders:

- K - 5 Parents are welcome to join us for November’s Morning Program this Friday (11/7), with a special section dedicated to our Military Veterans.
- Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for next Monday or Tuesday.
 - Monday (11/20), 6pm to 8pm
OR
 - Tuesday (11/21), 1pm to 3pm
 - Thanks to our amazing PTO, childcare is available both days.
 - Parents with students in grades K - 6 need to schedule a conference with their child’s teacher.
 - Parents with students in grades 7 - 12 can simply visit their child’s teachers between the times outlined above.
- If you visit the school between 7:30am and 5:00pm, please enter in the visitor entrance to get a visitor pass. This also applies to visiting the school playground.

Student Focus

Dear Families,

This week and next week our school community will be focusing on the character strength of *gratitude*. Gratitude means you are aware of and thankful for good things that happen.

Gratitude is the quality of feelings and expressing thankfulness and appreciation. It is an affirmation that there is goodness in other people and the world

and that we have received that goodness. People with the strength of gratitude have a readiness to show appreciation for kindness and also to return kindness. A leading expert, Robert Emmons, calls gratitude a “relationship-strengthening emotion because it requires us to see how we’ve been supported and affirmed by other people.”

Out of all 24 character strengths, **gratitude is the single best predictor of individual well-being**. It is correlated with increased energy, empathy, happiness and optimism. And, the great thing about gratitude is that it can be intentionally cultivated. Numerous studies have concluded that gratitude is like a muscle. The more you practice it, the stronger it gets -- and the more you’re able to reap its benefits.

To practice and encourage the character strength of gratitude with your child, please regularly ask your child: “What are you thankful for?” Please also let them know what you are thankful for. With that said, **I am so thankful for each of our students, parents, and staff!**

Have a wonderful week and Happy Thanksgiving!



Playground Access While School Programs Are In Session

For the safety of our students, the School Playground is closed to the public during school hours 7:30AM-5:00PM Monday through Friday when school is in session.

Visitor passes are available at the Front Desk upon administrative approval.

Sharon Springs Central School

Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast

Friday
November 17, 2023
8:20 AM

We will have a short program in the School Auditorium followed by a breakfast for the Veterans and their guest.

Please RSVP to Gretchen Becker
no later than November 8th.
518-231-1934

EARLY DISMISSAL for students at 11:30AM- Tuesday, November 21, 2023

**NO SCHOOL- November 22-24th
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



Biddy Basketball Sign-ups Monday, November 20th

Biddy Basketball sign-ups will be held during the Parent Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 20th from 6:00pm -8:00pm for students in grades 3-6. The sign-up table will be located in the hallway by the elementary wing. Biddy Ball questions can be directed to Amy Cornwell at aim_09@hotmail.com.

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO OUR

ELEMENTARY PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

*Schedule a Specific Time With
Your Child's Teacher

- Monday, November 20th (after school)
- OR
- Tuesday, November 21st (1pm - 3pm)

Childcare available in Room 112
(next to the library).

Sharon Springs Central School
Invites You To Our
Grades 7 - 12

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

20TH NOVEMBER, 2023 | MON
6PM TO 8PM

OR

21ST NOVEMBER, 2023 | TUES
1PM TO 3PM

Simply visit your child(ren)'s teachers -
no appointment necessary!

Childcare available in room 112 (next to the library).

We look forward to seeing you!



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.

FFA Fruit/Cheese/Maple Syrup & Honey Sale

FFA members are out and about selling from 11/6 through 11/21/23

Funds from the sales are used to pay dues, support students on trips to Camp Oswegatchie, to State Convention and with official dress (FFA jackets).

Important Notes: **All orders and payment (checks payable to SSCS FFA) MUST be turned in NO LATER than Tuesday November 21st (before Thanksgiving).**

Deliver Date: Tuesday, December 12th.

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.

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!

Use the link in the schedule below to [register for the classes](#) of your choice; *class size is limited.*
<https://klinkharthall.org/dance/>

SSCS Clay Target Team Has A Successful Season

The SSCS Clay Target Team finished their Fall season, and celebrated at their awards banquet on Friday night, November 10th.

The team ended up placing 2nd in our conference of 9 schools, and had 7 of our team members placed in the top 25 team members of the conference out of over 180 other athletes.

Our top female shooter was Ava Bissonette and our top male shooter was Macord Stevens Jr.

Macord also placed 62nd out of 1018 athletes in the entire state. Sean Shults placed 3rd on our team and Hunter Bolster placed 5th on our team.

We will now take a break until sign ups for our spring season begin on February 1st. The team would also like to thank all of their supporters and sponsors for the past two seasons.



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.



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 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to weeklybulletin@sharonsprings.org.

SHARON SPRINGS SHARING & CARING CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER AND

ALS/Doin' It for Dodi/Liz Handy Travel Fund- BASKET RAFFLE

Come join in the fun and festive atmosphere at the dinner and basket raffle!

Thursday, December 7th, 2023

(snow date: 12/8)

SSCS Cafeteria

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Raffle Drawings start at 6:30 p.m.

Price: \$10-Adult; \$8-Student/Senior Citizen;

\$35-Family of 4

Dine-in or Take-out available!

Any individuals or businesses who would like to donate raffle items are asked to contact:

Mrs. Keaney: mkeaney@sharonsprings.org

Mrs. Handy: bhandy@sharonsprings.org

Mrs. Allen: aallen@sharonsprings.org

**Raffle items can be dropped off to the school
between now and Tuesday, December 5th!**

Community Focus

A service to the Sharon Springs Community

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-email, 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.

