



## *Small School - Big Effort - High Character - Huge Success*

### *Weekly Bulletin: April 18, 2024*

**\*Schedule subject to change\***

**Sports schedule updates can be found at:**

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

#### **Thursday, April 18, 2024**

NYS ELA Exams 8:00 am  
Talent Show Practice 3:00 pm

#### **Friday, April 19, 2024**

NYS ELA Exams 8:00 am  
Spring All-County Rehearsal – Middleburgh 11:15 am  
GV Softball @ Laurens 4:30 pm  
BV Baseball @ Laurens 4:30 pm

#### **Saturday, April 20, 2024**

Spring All-County Rehearsal – Middleburgh 8:00 am  
Spring All-County Concert – Middleburgh 3:00 pm  
GV Track @ Sidney 10:00 am  
BV Track @ Sidney 10:00 am

#### **Monday, April 22, 2024**

NYS ELA Exams 8:00 am  
Talent Show Practice 3:00 pm  
GV Softball v/s Richfield Springs @ CVS 4:30 pm  
BV Baseball v/s Richfield Springs @ CVS 4:30 pm  
Board of Education Meeting – Library 7:30 pm

#### **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

NYS ELA Exams 8:00 am  
GM Softball v/s Morris @ SSCS 4:30 pm  
BM Baseball v/s Morris @ SSCS 4:30 pm

#### **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

GM Track @ CVS 4:30 pm  
BM Track @ CVS 4:30 pm  
BV Track @ CVS 4:30 pm  
GV Track @ CVS 4:30 pm

#### **Thursday, April 25, 2024**

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3:00 pm  
GM Softball @ Edmeston 4:30 pm  
BM Baseball @ Edmeston 4:30 pm

#### **Friday, April 26, 2024**

Morning Program – Talent Show 8:20 am

#### **Saturday, April 27, 2024**

BM Track @ GMU 10:00 am  
GM Track @ GMU 10:00 am

#### **Monday, April 29, 2024**

NYS Math Exams 8:00 am  
BV Baseball v/s Worcester @ CVS 4:30 pm  
GV Softball v/s Worcester @ CVS 4:30 pm

### **Student Focus**

Student report cards will be mailed home on Friday. As you review your child(ren)'s grades, we encourage you to discuss what your child(ren) is(are) learning and how effort impacts performance. Be sure to commend strong effort and challenge our students to always make their best better with maximum effort.

### **GRADES 3-8 STATE EXAMS**

Each spring, students take the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics tests in grades 3-8 and the Science tests in grades 5 and 8. These tests are used to measure how well students perform on New York's Next Generation Learning Standards.

This year all of our students will take the New York State Exam tests on a computer beginning April 16th. Over the past few years, schools across New York have begun to give these state tests on a computer, and we are excited for our students to have that opportunity this year.

Please note the following:

- **Practice:** Your child has had the chance to practice taking the test on a computer over the past several months. This has helped your child become familiar with the online testing format.
- **Digital Readiness:** Teachers continue to use technology in their everyday instruction as one way to ensure that students are prepared for success in a digital world, including computer-based tests. Our school has been preparing for students to have a seamless transition to computer-based testing, including our participation in a simulation of testing day.
- **Accommodations:** If your child is eligible to receive accommodations for the New York State tests, he or she is eligible for accommodations for the computer-based test. Our staff will consult your child's IEP to

determine how accommodations are provided for your child on the computer-based test. Any questions regarding accommodations, you can reach out to Mr. Scimeca, [rscimeca@sharonsprings.org](mailto:rscimeca@sharonsprings.org).

If you would like to learn more about the New York State 3-8 tests and the move to computer-based testing, see this New York State Education Department website (<https://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/parent-resources>). <http://bit.ly/NYSEDCBT> If you have questions regarding the computer-based test, or about your child's participation, please contact your child's teacher(s).

State exams of this nature have been around a long time, and perhaps you remember taking them when you were a student. State exam scores, while not directly counting toward your child's quarterly grade, help individual teachers and our school district to determine how we are doing in helping your child meet the curriculum as set forth by NYS and make necessary adjustments to improve.

"Big tests" are part of life, from passing Regents exams to be able to graduate high school, to advancing professionally by meeting the standards evaluated by certification exams. The more experience that one has with showing what they know and are able to do, the better their chances of performing well in the future.

If you would like to discuss any of this information further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 284-2266 or by email at [tyorke@sharonsprings.org](mailto:tyorke@sharonsprings.org). Thank you for supporting our students' success!

## ***Principal's Message***

Dear Families,

This week at SSCS we studied and worked on exercising the character strength of purpose. Purpose means you have beliefs about the meaning of life and your life's purpose. You seek to be part of something greater than yourself.

Purpose gives individuals the sense that they are put on this earth for a reason and that they are somehow connected with humanity or the universe. People who possess a sense of purpose believe that they were put on earth for a reason. That reason can have all kinds

of variety. It could be to create a unique invention, bring joy through art or music, or raise their children to become good people. These people have a true calling.

Having a clear sense of purpose in life and believing that you're connected to a larger meaning gives individuals strength. It allows them to persevere and find courage in trying circumstances or lead with kindness and love even when it's not reciprocated. Those with a sense of purpose have more meaning in their life -- and are more fulfilled.

To practice and encourage the character strength of purpose with your child, please discuss with your child where you gain your sense of purpose. We appreciate you being a valued part of our school-community!

## **FBLA Members shine at State Leadership Conference**



Student members of the SSCS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter showcased their excellence at the FBLA State Leadership Conference, held in Rochester, April 9-12. The conference hosted more than 800 students, all vying for the top spots in various events. And SSCS FBLA students didn't just participate; they outperformed their competitors to earn multiple awards.

Attending the state conference were SSCS chapter members Kirsten Kennedy, Jayna Manko, George Nelson, Peyton Fassett, Yasmin Issa, Ava Jump, Joey Nedelsky, Griffin Pizza, Tyler Lyon, Clayton Van Patten and Devin Tissiere. They were accompanied by FBLA Advisor Barbara Handy and chaperone Cyle Conley.

SSCS members advancing to the finals round in their respective performance competitions were:

- George Nelson and Devin Tissiere in Public Service Announcement
- Tyler Lyon and Clayton Van Patten in Intro to Social Media Strategies
- Joey Nedelsky in Intro to Decision Making
- Ava Jump and Griffin Pizza in Intro to Business Presentations
- Yasmin Issa in Intro to Public Speaking
- Peyton Fassett in Help Desk and Creed Speaking
- Tyler Lyon in Digital Video Production
- Kirsten Kennedy in Future Business Educator and Business Law
- George Nelson in Accounting II
- Ava Jump in Intro to Word Processing
- Griffin Pizza in Spreadsheet Applications
- Jayna Manko in Business Law, Word Processing and Organizational Leadership

Eligible to attend the national conference this summer in Orlando, Florida are Jayna Manko, Kirsten Kennedy, Peyton Fassett, Ava Jump, Yasmin Issa, Tyler Lyon and Griffin Pizza.

### **Issa elected FBLA State Secretary- Jump elected District VP**



Congratulations to Ava Jump for being elected as the FBLA District 4 Vice President and Yasmin Issa for being elected as the FBLA State Secretary. Ava and Yasmin went through a rigorous process and campaign to achieve these leadership positions.

The success of these students would not have been possible without the guidance and support of their advisors and parents. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and best wishes for their upcoming competition in Orlando.

### **BOARD SEAT AVAILABLE**

Petitions for school board member are available in the District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is one five-year term seat currently held by Helen Roberts due to expire on 06/30/24. Petitions require a minimum of twenty-five signatures of voters in the school district and must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. All approved petitions will be submitted for voting at the Annual Budget Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 in the Auditorium Atrium of the school. For further information, please contact, Anthony DiPace, District Clerk at 284-2266.



### **Talent Show**

The SSCS Elementary Talent Show will be on **Friday, April 26, 2024 at 8:20am in the school auditorium.** We will recognize Students of the Month and Birthdays for April before the Talent Show.



## **The Salvation Army Long Point - FREE Summer Camp**

FOR: Students ages 6-12 years old

WHEN: July 24-29 or August 1-6. Each camping session is 6 days, 5 nights and welcomes approximately 190 children.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Children sleep in large cabins that accommodate twelve campers, two counselors, and one support staff member in each unit. Cabins are equipped with indoor toilets and showers.

### HEALTH CARE

Long Point Camp operates a health center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide appropriate and necessary care for children and staff. All care is approved by a physician and the New York State Health Department. When additional care is needed, the local doctor's office and hospital are available.

### SUPERVISION

Children will be supervised by counselors and program staff at all times. Staff members are carefully screened and required to complete an orientation and training program prior to the start of the camping season.

### CANTEEN

All children will receive a snack and drink from the Canteen each day at no cost. Parents may send money with the campers to purchase a variety of additional camp merchandise: camp shirts, blankets, stuffed animals, etc.

### ACTIVITIES

Camp activities include swimming, low ropes course, arts & crafts, fishing, canteen, evening programs, hiking, outdoor living/camping, kayaking, music,

sports and recreation, archery, and other activities. Because we are a Christian camp, children will also be encouraged to participate in Christian education, devotions, prayers and a worship service.

Please visit The Long Point Camp Website

<https://longpointcamp.org> for more information and directions for registration. Spots fill up quickly so sign up early. Brochures also available at the SSCS Front Desk.

Long Point Camp

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[AVail@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:AVail@use.salvationarmy.org)



Welcome to a night at The Casino! The Class of 2025 is hosting the Junior Prom this year on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 7-11 pm in the Coach Doig Gym. Tickets will be on sale during the high school lunch period and can be purchased until April 19. Any student in grades 9-12 is welcome to attend. The cost of a ticket is \$25 for an individual and \$50 per couple. Formal attire is a requirement, so dress to impress!

**Let's Get Ready For  
KINDERGARTEN**

If you or someone you know has a child that will be turning 5 years old on or before December 1st, 2024, please forward and/or complete the Incoming Kindergarten survey using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/WFVcpraYtzRbWf1t5>

The data from this survey will help the district plan for your child's educational needs and class sizes for the fall.

Even if you are undecided at this time about enrolling your child, please complete the form and state that in the comment section so we can have an accurate census record.

**Additional questions?  
Please contact Ashley Puding  
by phone at (518) 284-2266 EXT. 114  
or by email at [apuding@sharonsprings.org](mailto:apuding@sharonsprings.org).**



**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for student volunteers to help out our Coaches with practices or volunteer as a referee for games during our spring season.

If you are a middle school (7th-8th) or high school (9th-12th) student and are interested in getting involved with our AYSO program, please contact Mrs. Puding or email

[sharonspringsayso1021@gmail.com](mailto:sharonspringsayso1021@gmail.com).

**Computers Available**

All-in-One computers available from the school. 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](mailto:treynolds@sharonsprings.org) or 518-284-2266.

**Community Focus**

*A service to the Sharon Springs Community*

**Sharon Springs Free Public Library  
129 Main Street, Sharon Springs, NY  
Regular Hours begin April 1st**

Monday- 10:00am-6:00pm  
Tuesday- 3:00pm-8:00pm  
Wednesday- 3:00pm-8:00pm  
Thursday- 10:00am-6:00pm  
Friday- 3:00pm-8:00pm  
Saturday- 10:00am-1:00pm

**GREAT BOOK GIVEAWAY**

Saturday April 20th 10:00am-4:00pm  
Sharon Springs Free Public Library  
Fiction, non-fiction, children's books, music CDs are free for a donation.

Drop off your unwanted **Eclipse Glasses** to the Sharon Springs Public Library before April 26th for recycling.



**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](mailto:weeklybulletin@sharonsprings.org).