



### **National Honor Society Induction**

The Greenville High School National Honor Society Induction was held on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and recognized twenty-six new National Honor Society members for their commitment to scholarship, community service, leadership, and character. To be eligible for membership, students must maintain a 90 or above overall average for their entire high school career, complete an interview with current National Honor Society members and submit a membership application and essay.

Newly inducted National Honor Society members include Emily Bobrick, Stephanie Bouillon, Kerry Brown, Krystal Cannon, Sydney Carella, Melissa Domermuth, Bonnie Harvey, Morgan Haskin, John Hicks, Michelle Jackson, Erin Kammerer, Brittani Kane, Marta Kelly, Stephanie Kraker, Rita Lord, Matthew Marshall, Sarah McNally, Steven Nevins, Patrick Ostoyich, Dixie Ouellette, Christopher Rodriguez, Deven Rose, Cameron Sagan, Jessica Schonning, William VonAtzingen and Diana Waldron.

Congratulations to all our National Honor Society members as we are all very proud of your accomplishments.



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### Fall Athletes Honored at Awards Night

On November 12<sup>th</sup> Greenville High School held its annual Fall Sports Awards Night to present athletes with certificates of participation and to recognize individual players for their outstanding efforts during the season. Coaches presented plaques to students receiving the Coach's Award, Most Improved Player (MIP) and Most Valuable Player (MVP). All seniors received special recognition and a plaque to honor their athletic achievements. Seen here are group pictures of this year's senior athletes, Coach's Award, MIP and MVP recipients.

Our fall season ended with the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team playing in the first round of Sectionals. Our Boys' Varsity Golf, Boys' Varsity Soccer and Girls' Varsity Soccer teams played into the second round of Sectionals and Varsity Cross Country finished their season strong at their final race and Sectional competition. Congratulations to all our Spartans and Lady Spartans for a fantastic season.



### Study Island at GCS Middle School

Seventh and eighth grade students in Ms. Magee's math class have had the opportunity to work with Study Island several times this year. Study Island is a web-based software program that provides tutorials, instruction and practice questions to students on an individual basis. To use the software program each student logs in to their personal account. Students work at their own pace through lesson plans designed with New York State curriculum standards. "One reason this program is excellent is because it is linked directly to the NYS math curriculum and it is a great resource for preparing our students for NYS standardized tests" explained Ms. Magee.

Not only does the software tutor students if they answer a question incorrectly, it also suggests that they may be guessing if a question is answered too quickly. Seen here in the top picture are students Theresa McCloskey and Marina Plattner using Study Island during their math lesson with Ms. Magee. Ms. Magee and her class would like to give special thanks to Ms. Richards for her support of the program and its use here at Greenville Middle School.

### **Students at Scott M. Ellis Collect “Pennies for Peace”**

Students at Scott M. Ellis are participating in a program titled “Pennies for Peace”. “Pennies for Peace” is designed to broaden students’ cultural horizons while teaching them about the impact of service and giving. Our students are joined by thousands around the world as they collect pennies that will be used to purchase supplies for schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Students from Ms. Gruhle, Ms. Mulholland and Ms. Scrafford’s classes worked together to create posters and collection jars for each classroom. On November 18<sup>th</sup> a kick-off assembly was held to teach fellow classmates about the program. Students will also be communicating through mail and e-mail with local soldiers who are currently deployed. For more information on “Pennies for Peace” please visit their website at [www.penniesforpeace.org](http://www.penniesforpeace.org).



### **Students Learn About Internet Safety**

During an assembly on Computer and Cyber Security high school students learned about “Julie’s Journey”. Julie was thirteen when she developed a friendship with a male on the Internet. Their relationship soon turned into something more personal and after just several weeks of talking on-line, Julie ran away from home to meet her cyber-friend. She never knew the person she was talking to on the Internet was really a 56-year old convicted felon. After leaving home it took authorities three weeks to find Julie and she hopes her story will alert teenagers to this and other potential dangers on the Internet.

Following “Julie’s Story” students learned about cyber bullying, how to recognize it, and how to react if they feel they are a victim of cyber bullying. High School Business teacher, Ms. Esposito, also reminded students about the importance of choosing good Internet passwords. Once a password is chosen, they should not share it with friends or classmates. Students were also provided safety tips for blogs and social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook.



**Middle School Students Learn About Respect**

Students in grades six through eight attended an interactive assembly with FFA President, Kenneth Quick. The assembly focused on teaching students about respect and the importance of earning respect by giving it to others. Mr. Quick challenged students to earn respect in their lives by using the three actions of seeing, stepping up and setting.

First, you must see how you look in the eyes of others. Act respectfully at all times because there is always someone judging you by your actions. Second, we must step up and accept challenges. The more we challenge ourselves the more respect we will earn from others. And third, we must set a positive example for those around us. Always act as a role model for others, show them respect and you will earn it in return. Students were engaged and excited by the content of the presentation.



**Thanksgiving Comes Early for Kindergarten Students**

Kindergarten students at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School celebrated Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. As part of the Kindergarten curriculum students learn about holidays and customs. For the month of November students learned about the first Thanksgiving and each class made a food item to share with the entire group. Family members volunteered to serve students popcorn, carrots, juice, muffins and cookies as a snack before lunch. As part of the community celebration students were encouraged to sit with classmates they did not know to make new friends. Students also made Pilgrim hats and bonnets and Native American headdresses to celebrate the occasion.

**Annual Bake-Off for Business**

Seven high school students competed in the annual bake-off contest for Ms. Esposito's Business Analysis class. Students were asked to develop a business plan for opening a bakery which included developing a marketing strategy and planning the bakery menu. From this menu students were then asked to choose one item to bake for the annual class bake-off. This year's winner was Makayla Warren, taking first place for her apple cheesecake. George Geldner came in a very close second for his chocolate cake topped with strawberries. The judges were very impressed with the taste and appearance of all the entries!





### **High School Students Selected for Area All-State Music Festival**

Four Greenville High School students were selected to perform in the Area All-State Music Festival on November 20th and 21st at Saratoga Springs High School. These outstanding music ensembles consist of students chosen from a ten-county area including Albany, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington counties. Selection for these groups is very competitive and is based upon scores received at last year's NYSSMA solo evaluation festival.

Performing with this year's Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Brian Doyle of SUNY Potsdam, were Emily Bobrick (Trumpet) and Jonah Coe-Scharff (Trombone). Singing in the Chorus, under the direction of composer/conductor Mr. Anthony Maglione, are Ashley Gilbert and Marta Kelly.

### **Information on New York State's New Child Restraint Law**

Beginning November 24, 2009 New York State is requiring that all children be restrained in an appropriate child restraint system while riding in a motor vehicle until they reach their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. An appropriate child restraint system is one that meets your child's size and weight recommended by the manufacturer. The safety belt in your vehicle is not designed for children. A booster seat raises your child up so that the safety belt fits your child correctly and provides better protection.

Child Passenger Restraints Are Not An Option, They Are The Law!

From New York State GTSC and DMV- [www.safeny.com](http://www.safeny.com)

### **2009-2010 Superintendent ~ Parent & Community Forums**

Superintendent Dudley meets with GCS parents and community members to hear views about and suggestions for our schools. In addition for this year several special presentations have been scheduled for parents and community members on topics relevant to the District and our students. These are scheduled for Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and will be held at Ellis Elementary School Café.

### **January 9<sup>th</sup> Stieglitz Snyder Architecture Update on District Master Plan**

Stieglitz Snyder Architecture and the District have been working for the past two years to outline a master plan for the school district campus and facilities to support an educational program for now and into the future over a thirty year time period. As a result of input from faculty, staff and various community stakeholders, discussion at this meeting will provide participants with the design and status of the plan to date.





### High School Students Volunteer at Greenville Food Pantry

On the morning of November 23rd high school students in Ms. Palmer's Challenge Program volunteered at the Greenville Food Pantry. Students spent their time sorting food donations, making Thanksgiving baskets, organizing shelves and cleaning. The food they delivered was collected through the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by the High School Student Council. This year the Student Council collected 35 turkeys with additional sides, most of which was donated by GCS faculty members.



The Challenge Program provides high school students the opportunity to volunteer for local organizations. Service trips take place during the school day. Students Jenna Albers, Johanna Albert, Emily Evans, Phil Hill, Brittani Kane, Erin Kane, Sharon McKay, Nora Snyder, Diana Waldron and Makayla Warren attended this trip to the Food Pantry.



### Sample "Farm to School"

What is "Farm to School" all about? On Tuesday evening December 22 at the Scott M. Ellis Elementary School guests will have a chance to find out.

Before the start of the holiday concert stop by to sample some back to the "basics healthy cuisine" provided by Mr. Ventura and the Food Service department. From soup to dessert, a light presentation will be available beginning at 5:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for community members to sample what our children are enjoying each day. Also present will be some of the farmer/vendors who provide us with local fruits and vegetables. Whether it be fall harvest apples held in cold storage or hydrophobic lettuce grown locally in greenhouses in the middle of December, products are brought in fresh every week through out the school year.

Remember to come to the holiday concert a little early to sample the bounty from the land and a little creativity from the food service department here at Greenville Schools.