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From The Desk of Principal Allen

As most of you likely know, we have had an interesting start to the school year at Sullivan High School. Due to the construction process of a new high school, the environment has been altered with the addition of the 7th and 8th grades to the current high school building. Despite the inherent challenges that come with such a change, our students and staff have allowed for the transition to go smoothly, making the best out of a tough situation.



Our extracurricular activities had an exciting fall. Football had arguably their best season in over 20 years, finishing with a 9 and 2 record and making it to the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 2001. We saw numerous individual athletes qualify for the state tournaments in their respective sports: Johnathan Iacobazzi in cross country, Brett Bushue and Shaelyn Ellis in golf, and Emily Crosier in swim. Also in golf, Ruby Haegen set a school record by shooting a par 36 at Woodlawn Country Club, and the girls golf team won the regional championship for the first time since 1986 and only the second time in school history. These are just a few of the achievements experienced by our athletes this fall.

This time of the year tends to be incredibly busy for Sullivan High School, and this year is no exception! We have students preparing for finals, girls and boys basketball are in full swing, and our activity groups are spreading cheer throughout the community in anticipation of the holiday season. Whether it is FCCLA, FFA, Spanish Club, NHS, NEHS, Student Council, or Art Club, students are completing various service activities and providing opportunities for a myriad of students. Show choir and band have also provided joy to the community through a stellar concert they recently performed.

As we approach the end of the semester, I would like to thank all the parents and community members who continue to support our schools unequivocally. While I have never really worked in education in another district, I can tell you that I know of no other community that does more for their schools than Sullivan, Illinois does for ours.

Mrs. Harpster's 3rd Grade



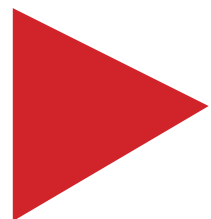
Mrs. Harpster's classroom enjoyed their PTO sponsored pizza party today. Thank you PTO!



1st Grade



1st grade had a fantastic time painting pumpkins today! A BIG thank you to Buxton's Garden Shop! We are so lucky for all the support we get from our local businesses.

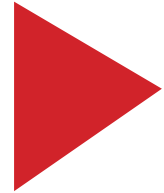
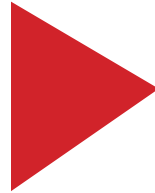


Redskin Pride Around Town

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Courtyard Estates will be cheering for our SOV Redskins in round 2 of the State Playoffs tomorrow! ❤️❤️ These SHS alums & fans wanted to show some red & black love to them today!! ❤️❤️ Go Redskins!!!! ❤️❤️🏈❤️❤️



Shout out to Courtyard Estates, Hydro-Gear, and Jackson's for showing their Redskin pride in support of the football team going to round two of the State Playoffs!!



Mrs. Becker's 1st Grade



Mrs. Becker's class is ready to cheer on SOV !!

Student Council Fun Night



The student council hosted their first fun night of the year. Fun night allows students a place to come and have fun with one another in a safe environment. Two fun nights are typically hosted each year.

Sullivan FFA



It's been an all around big week for students at SHS! Members of our FFA chapter traveled to Indianapolis for the 96th Annual National FFA Convention. We joined nearly 70,000 members & guests for general sessions and workshops on leadership, visited with leading colleges and agribusinesses in the career expo, and toured the National FFA Center. Of course, we also had some time to bond as a chapter at the rodeo and for an evening at Topgolf. Thank you to our FFA Alumni for sponsoring such an impactful trip for our students!



SOV Football Fan Bus



The fan bus en route to Mt. Carmel! Shout out to Jessica Keith and Stephanie Helmuth for making lunches and goodie bags for the students!



SOV Football

SOV Redskins end their incredible run this year with a 42-21 loss to Mt Carmel in the second round of playoffs, falling to 9-2.

Thank you for an amazing season that we will remember for a very long time!



SHS Swimming



Big days for our swimmers today in Sectionals! Emily Crosier 1st in the 100 backstroke headed to State! 2nd in the 50 freestyle. Cadence Schmohe 5th in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Emerson Risley 4th place 100 butterfly. 8th place 100 freestyle. 3 girls took on 26 teams and finished 7th in Sectional points. They all came to swim and had impressive races!

Congrats girls!



8th Grade Girls Basketball



Wonderful night to celebrate our 8th Grade Lady Redskins Basketball team! Congratulations on a fantastic season thus far and best of luck on the rest of the regular season and postseason play!

SMS 6Th Boys and Girls Basketball

SMS 6th grade boys and girls basketball players and cheerleaders are ready for their games tonight



SES Veterans Day



The students of SES would like to invite the community to our annual Veterans' Day Program. The program is Friday, November 10th at 8:30 a.m. in the high school gym. If you have a Veteran in your family or a Veteran who will be attending, please make sure to fill out a card of recognition upon arrival on Friday. Call the SES office with any questions 217-728-2321.

NHS

On behalf of NHS, we'd like to congratulate November's Bless a Teacher: Mr. Haegen, SES; Miss Ledbetter, SMS; and Mr. Huber, SHS. Congratulations!



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Mrs. Kirby Modern US



Mrs Kirby's Modern US History class has been studying the 1920s and as part of the unit the students got to go outside and play Hoover Ball. President Hoover was told he needed to exercise and so he came up with this game to play with his cabinet at the White House.



JH Cross Country

Got the chance to celebrate and recognize our JH Cross Country team on their historic season this afternoon. Conference Champs and State Qualifiers as a team! Congratulations to our Joe Marks award winners, Emmersyn Jiannoni & David Eaton!



SMS Art Club



SHS Volleyball Awards

Congratulations to the SHS volleyball award winners!
Tessa Seeley made 2nd team all-conference and Kiley Dyer made honorable mention all-conference

Offense award - Tessa Seeley
Defense Award - Isabelle Stone
Assist Award - Kiley Dyer
Most Improved - Mayci Strauf
Lady Redskin Award - Kendall Penberthy



SHS Student Council



The SHS Student Council hosted the Illinois Association of Student Councils Drive-In. The drive-in was led by Aric Jackson a leadership speaker. 116 students from across Central Illinois were in attendance. The student council thanks Building 1225 for allowing us to use their facilities and to Sol Del Mar for having many student council members come and eat after the conference.

Veterans's Day



3rd grade team at the Veteran's Day assembly and a special visitor, Shane Atchison!

American Legion Women's Auxiliary Art and Essay Competition



Congratulations to 5th graders Aiden Coil and Abigail Todd for their participation in the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Art and Essay Competition.



Cooper and Aiden For All-State Recognition



Huge congratulations to the following SOV Football Players for being recognized by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association for All-State Recognition for this football season! Cooper Christensen: All-State Aiden Ballinger: All-State Honorable Mention



October Students of the Month



October students of the month were: Raymond Yang (senior), Sarina Voegel (junior), Mae Dawkins (sophomore - not pictured), and Mary Crist (freshman). Congratulations to all!

American Legion Art and Writing Contest



The Sullivan American Legion Auxiliary Unit #68 is excited to announce the awards for this year's Veterans Day Art and Writing Contest.

9 - 10 Poetry

1st Place - Avram Bates with his poem "An Ode to Cole Spencer" - a poem honoring his cousin Cole Spencer who was killed in Afghanistan

2nd Place - Mary Crist with her poem "Nature of Valor" - a poem honoring the service of her father, Charlie Crist

Both of these poems also received the "Local Heroes Award" for honoring a local service member.

9-10 Art

1st place - Rielly Lamberson for her painting "Distinguished Service Medal"

2nd place - Jade McKee for her painting "Air Force Medal of Honor"

3rd place - Evan Loy for his painting "Distinguished Flying Cross"

11-12 Art

1st place - Taylar Mercer for her painting "A Proud Veteran"

2nd place - Ava Shriver for her painting "Welcome Home"

Congratulations to these students and thank you for honoring our veterans!

September Students of the Month



September Students of the Month were: Kyle Corkill (senior), Jo Tipword (junior), Madilyn Shonkwiler (sophomore), and Julia Moody (freshmen).

Keep up the great work!

Stewart Signing Ceremony



A huge shoutout to our first collegiate signing this year, Jacob Stewart, who will be playing baseball at Lake Land College next year!!!



Preschool Reading

Preschool was very excited to have Mrs. Becker and Miss Sullivan, Katilyn Kirby, come read to them.



IESA Sportsmanship Award



At last night's 7th Grade Girls Basketball Regional Championship, IESA gave out a Sportsmanship Pin to one player from each team chosen by coaches in the championship games.

The criteria for the award is as follows:

- Shows positive attitude towards teammates, opponents, and officials
- Gives best effort on the field
- Does not argue calls and is respectful to officials
- Displays positive body language at all times
- Helps elevate the play and behavior of their teammates and peers

The award winner from our school was Tenley Stollard!

Congratulations and way to go! #OneTribe!

8th Grade Social Studies



Students in Mr. Webb's 8th grade social studies classes participated in an assembly line simulation on Thursday. Students were thoroughly engaged as they competed against rival lines! Through this simulation, students reflected on the benefits and challenges of assembly line production in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Spanish Club

The past couple of weeks, the Spanish club collected food for people in the community who needed it. On Friday, November 17th, members from the Spanish club helped deliver some Thanksgiving necessities to those in need. Those who brought in items were grateful for the opportunity to help serve the community. The Sullivan high school Spanish club was more than happy to provide service to the families in need. Seeing the families warm-hearted smiles brought joy to the members of our club, and we will continue this tradition for many years to come



Art Club

Art Club hosted a painting party fundraiser on Friday night. Senior Amalie Bear and Junior Joleigh Tipsword led the group through the process. There were 25 participants. Our guests painted a Folk Art tree. This will definitely be a new tradition as it was a big success!



Mrs. Fultz's 1st Grade



Today Mrs. Fultz's first graders learned about the Pilgrims of long ago. They made hats, models of the Mayflower, and their own butter as they learned about the first Thanksgiving and what it was like to live in the 1600's.

Middle School Lady Redskins Basketball Trip



5th-8th grade Sullivan Lady Redskins enjoyed a field trip day on November 15th to the State Farm Center where they cheered on the Illini Women's basketball team to victory. What an amazing and memorable experience for all. GO ILLINI

3rd Grade

With the help of the Moultrie County Historical Society, 3rd grade learned all about the Native American's that lived in Moultrie County. They learned about their way of life and were even able to create some Native American inspired crafts.



Mr. Wagner's Elementary P.E



Mr. Wagner's Elementary PE classes had the opportunity the past two days to play with a new system that was provided to us via the school district. The LU Interactive Playground is an awesome resource and a different way of doing physical education. It is an interactive experience where students are engaged physically, intellectually, and socially-emotionally. They got to play interactive workout competitions as well as throwing activities similar to the popular arcade game "Asteroids". This is a unique way to get kids up and moving and we look forward to using it for years to come!

Students Pickup Trash

The Texas Disposal systems says, "Improperly discarded trash is a breeding ground for bacteria and diseases. Litter can spread diseases, viruses and parasites through two methods, direct and indirect contact." Thank you Bella Harden, Becky Cullen, and Ruby Haegen for helping SHS!



Miss Bashams Class

Miss Basham's class had some turkey donuts this morning!



SHS Girls Basketball

As a result of showing respect, Peyton Cole and Emery Wade got to lead the Lady Redskins onto the court for the home opener. Great job, girls!



SOV Football Players

In early November, an email was sent out to the student body stating that a family in Sullivan was needing help moving and students could earn service hours or be paid by the family. Within 30 minutes, senior football player Kyle Corkill replied, stating that he had eight football players who wanted to take care of it and no payment or service hours were necessary. After they helped the family move that Saturday morning, the family tried to pay the players for their time, but the players refused the money. After the family continued to insist that the players take the money, they did, but they did not keep it. Instead, they took it to their coach so he could put it in the football fund. When asked about it, senior Aiden Ballinger said they wanted to "set the bar for the younger guys on how we can thank the community and give back." We are very proud of these young men who are truly showing what it means to be one tribe!



Pictured from left to right: Aiden Ballinger, Landry Still, Dirk Lane, Cooper Christensen, Wyatt Poynor, Kyle Corkill, Owen Hussong, Gavin Helmuth

SHS Boys Basketball 3-0



Our Varsity boys start their season 3-0, finishing the sweep at Neoga with victories over Neoga and Georgetown-Ridge Farm!!! Great job Redskins and Coaches!



8TH Grade Regional Tournament

Congratulations to Mikenzie Mercer for being recognized for outstanding sportsmanship during the IESA 8th Grade Girls Basketball Regional Tournament!



SHS Boys Basketball

As a result of showing good character in the classroom, Landon Williamson and Oliver Florey were chosen to lead the Sullivan Redskins onto the court tonight!

Great work boys!



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SOV Football And Cheer Banquet

A wildly successful football season ends with the football and cheer banquet. Congratulations to the coaches, players, and cheerleaders on a season that will be remembered for a long time!



SMS Art Club



SMS Art Club created winter wonderland snow globes. Shout out a thank you to Jessica Keith for her donation to make this happen. Let it snow!

Upcoming Dates

Sullivan High School Calendar of Events

Dec. 20, Dec. 21 - Final Exams (Early Dismissal @ 2:30 on 12/21)
Dec. 22 through Tues., Jan. 2 – Christmas Break
Jan. 3 – Teachers Institute - No Student Attendance
Jan. 4 – Students Return
Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr., Day – No School
Jan. 16 - Start Winter MAP Testing
Jan. 26- Mirror Images
Jan. 31 - Freshman Orientation (Class of 2028)
Feb. 9 – School Improvement Day – No Student Attendance
Feb. 12 – Lincoln’s Birthday – No School
Feb. 14 - Faculty Meeting if needed
Feb. 24 - Singers Invitational
March 4 - Start of Illinois Science Assessment
March 8 - End of 3rd Quarter
March 11 – Fri., March 15 - Spring Break
March 29 - No School
April 1 - No School
April 12 - School Improvement Day – No Student Attendance
April 15th - April 26th- PSAT/SAT Testing Window
April 19 - Emergency Day
April 26 – Emergency Day
April 27 - Prom
May 1 - Senior Awards Night
May 3 – Emergency Day
May 9 - Decision Day @ 8:50
May 10 – Emergency Day
May 12 - Baccalaureate @ 6
May 17 - Emergency Day
May 19 - Graduation
May 22 - Final Exams
May 23 - Final Exams, Last Day of Student Attendance (Early Dismissal @ 2:30)
May 24 – Teachers Institute - No Student Attendance

Sullivan Middle School Calendar of Events

December 14 – 2nd Quarter Breakfast of Champions
December 21 – Reading Redskins Competition 2 Celebration (LTOTS)
December 22 through Jan. 2 – Christmas Break
Jan. 3 – Teachers Institute
Jan. 4 – Students Return
Jan. 8 – 6th Grade MAP Testing
Jan. 16 – 7th/8th Grade MAP Testing
Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr., Day – No School
Feb. 9 – School Improvement Day – No School
Feb. 12 – Lincoln’s Birthday – No School
March 4-8 – Illinois Science Assessment (8th Grade Only)
March 7 – Extreme Weather Drill @ 10:00am
March 8 – End of Third Quarter/Reading Redskins Competition 3
March 11 – March 15 - Spring Break
March 13 through May 8 – DLM Testing Window
March 18 through April 12 – IAR Testing Window
March 21 – 3rd Quarter Breakfast of Champions
March 28 - Reading Redskins Competition 3 Celebration (Building 1225)
March 29 - No School
April 1 – No School
April 12 – School Improvement Day – No School
April 19 – Emergency Day – No School
April 26 – Emergency Day – No School
May 3 – Emergency Day – No School
May 10 – Emergency Day – No School
May 10 – End of Reading Redskins Competition 4
May 16 – 4th Quarter Breakfast of Champions
May 17 – Emergency Day
May 19 – SHS Graduation
May 22 – Reading Redskins Competition 4 Celebration (LTOTS)
May 23 – Last Day of Student Attendance
May 24 - Teachers Institute

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