



# Redskin Nation News

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## From the Desk of Principal Allen

It's remarkable how swiftly time flies, and here we find ourselves already a third of the way through our two-year transition process! While we may be in the slower stages of this journey, the building of the new facilities continues to be on track, and we are eagerly anticipating the unfolding of the process before us.

Since my last correspondence, Sullivan High School has been buzzing with excitement and achievements. I am delighted to share that sophomore Abigail Dean clinched first place in the prestigious 2023 Rachel Carson Intergenerational Sense of Wonder/Sense of the Wild Contest in the "Essay with a Photograph" division—which is an international competition! Additionally, our FFA and FCCLA students have garnered well-deserved recognition during their respective awareness weeks and have excelled in various competitions.

In athletics, our girls' basketball team triumphed as conference champions, capping off a great 20-win season, while the boys' basketball team achieved an impressive 22 victories—the most since the 2001-2002 season! Our Singers group has also enjoyed significant success, advancing to finals in multiple competitions and clinching the Grand Champions title in their division on two occasions! Special kudos to Triniti Preyer for bringing home numerous Best Soloist in Show awards.

As we transition into Spring, we gear up for the testing season ahead. I urge all students to recognize the importance of putting forth their best effort during these assessments. Adequate rest and a nutritious breakfast are crucial for optimal performance, while moderate caffeine intake can aid in stimulating cognitive function—however, I caution against excessive consumption and strongly advise against energy drinks. The Illinois Science Assessments will be administered to juniors from March 4th to 6th, while PSATs and SATs are scheduled for April 17th.

The accomplishments of Sullivan High School are not solely attributed to our exceptional staff and students but also to the unwavering support of our incredible community. As we eagerly anticipate the exciting events ahead, let us take a moment to appreciate the remarkable achievements unfolding in the present. The senior class this year has proven to have strong leaders and a drive to succeed. Undoubtedly, the Class of 2024 is poised to leave an indelible mark on our school community.

Upcoming Dates:

March 11-15: Spring Break

March 29: Good Friday

April 1: No School...this is not an April Fools Joke!

April 12: SIP Day, no student attendance

April 19: School IS IN session

April 26: School IS IN session

April 27: Prom



## SHS Students



Did you know the high school boys and girls basketball concession stand is run by students in multiple incredible groups we have at the high school. When you get a drink or a snack, you are directly supporting NHS, FCCLA, Prom Committee, Yearbook, Art Club, and Mirror Images. Thank you for your continued support!

## Spanish Club Valentine's Day Cards



## Modern US History

Mrs. Kirby's Modern US History classes had a special visitor in Miss Lawson who came to speak about the Holocaust. Students were able to hear about her many stories of visiting with survivors, and her knowledge of what took place.



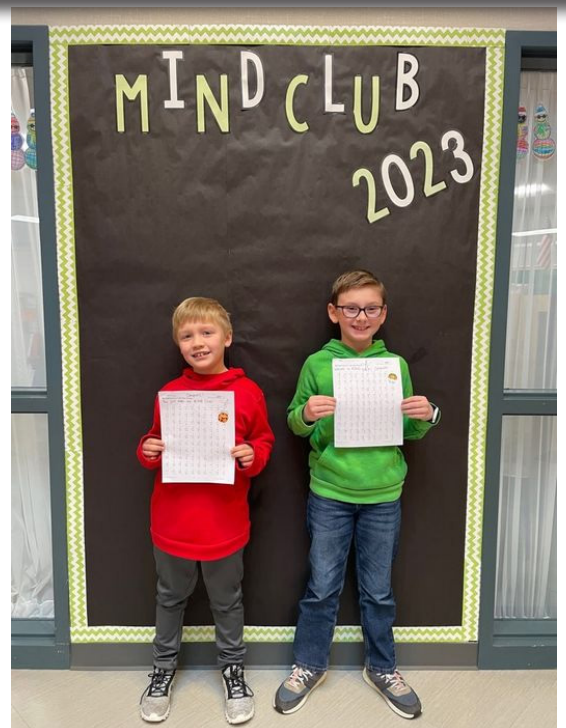
## SMS Art Club

SMS Art Club used fractions and measurements.... that is all we can share until February 15th.



## Mind Club

Noah and Harrison are the first students in Mrs. Atchison's class to make the 3rd grade MIND Club!!



## SHS Boys Basketball



Great conference win for the boys basketball team over Okaw Valley, 55-49!



## Congratulations To Singers And Singers JR

Congratulations to Singers and Singers Jr. for receiving 3rd and 4th Runner-Up in Crete-Monee! Big shout out to Triniti Preyer who received Best Treble Soloist!



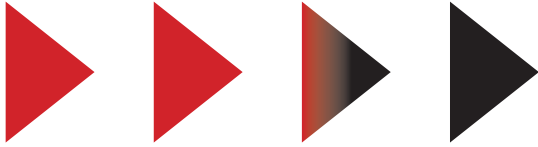
## Lady Redskins Leaders

As a result of showing good character in the classroom, Brinnley Hobbs and Willow Parker were chosen to lead the Lady Redskins onto the court!



## 7Th Grade Lady Redskins

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Lady Redskins who won the Pana volleyball tournament!!!



## Facebook Famous

Levi Yoder, Rae Perry, and Hope Conner each have shown outstanding behavior in and out of the classroom earning them over 100 dojo points. As a result they could choose a favorite teacher to be Facebook famous with... They all chose Mr. Fries! Way to go!



## Writing Contest

SMS 7th grade students enjoyed a visit with retired SHS English teacher, Ms. Becky Lawson. Ms. Lawson came to speak to students about an art and writing contest sponsored by the Holocaust Education Committee at the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation. This contest invites students to create a variety of pieces honoring rescuers, resisters, victims, and liberators of the Holocaust. We can't wait to see what some of our students create!



## Lady Redskins Leaders

As a result of showing good character in the classroom, Gabby Spencer and Millie Hendry were chosen to lead the Sullivan Lady Redskins onto the court!



## Lady Redskins Senior Night

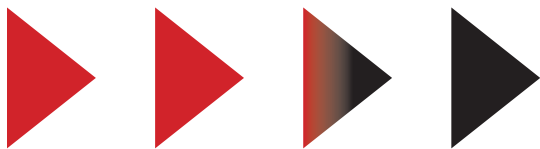
A great night on senior night for our Lady Redskins, who pick up JV and Varsity wins over Blue Ridge!

Congrats on great careers to our seniors, Isabelle, Marissa, and Kiley!



# NHS

On behalf of NHS, we'd like to congratulate February's Bless a Teacher: Mrs. Wiley, SES; Mrs. Wade, SMS; and Nikki Cloyd, SHS. Congratulations!



## Lady Redskins Kids Night Out



The Sullivan Lady Redskins would like to thank everyone who came out for Kids Night Out. We really enjoyed hanging out with these amazing kids. Thank you for your support!



## Dual Credit Classes

Mrs. Badman and Mrs. Kirby's dual credit classes took their semester trip to the Lake Land library to find resources for their research paper, followed by a delicious lunch at Angelo's. A big thank you to the Lake Land librarians and staff at Angelo's for hosting us!



## SHS Boys Basketball Leaders

As a result of showing good character in the classroom, Braxton Gilbert and Lucas Wiltermood got to lead the Sullivan Redskins varsity boys basketball team onto the court! Way to go boys!



# Valentine's Day Service Project

1st and 5th grade reading buddies hard at work on a Valentine's Day service project.



## FCCLA

Sullivan FCCLA recently collected canned food items for their Super Bowl Can Drive February 2nd-February 9th. We are happy to report that we collected over 300 cans that were donated by SES, SMS, and SHS students! In the Elementary school, the 3rd grade team collected the most cans, while 7th grade took the SMS win with 41 cans. At SHS, the junior class led the way with most cans collected. These cans were delivered to the Moultrie County CEFS by FCCLA members during their advisory.



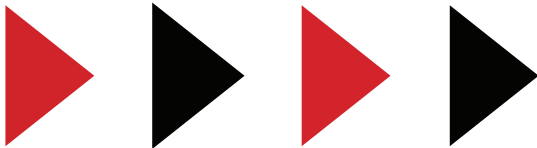
# NHS

Eco Clean and Maintenance states, “88% of students reported the lack of cleanliness becomes a distraction, a clean school will benefit as the tidier a building is, the more students will want to study and work.” NHS members wiped down classrooms as part of our monthly service.



## SHS Boys Basketball

Congratulations to the varsity boys basketball team who won at Arthur by a score of 73-57, giving them their 20th win of the season!



## Fresh/Soph Boys Basketball



## SHS Boys Basketball

By showing good character in the classroom, Case Johnson and Maverick Foster led the Redskins onto the court! Great job boys!

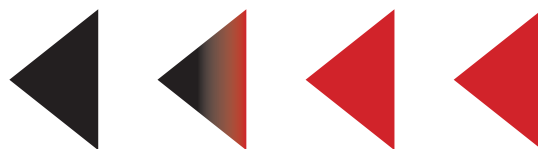


## SHS Boys Basketball Senior Night



A great win on Senior Night, the Redskins triumph over Heritage, 62-20!

Congratulations to all of our seniors on an amazing career!



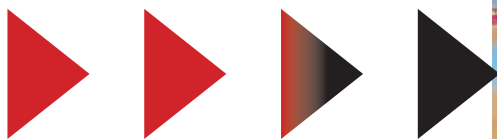
## Spanish Club

The seniors in the high school Spanish club wanted to show their gratitude to the Sullivan school bus drivers. They wrote letters, made to-go breakfast, and also gave them some sweet Valentine's Day treats. The Spanish club appreciates everything the bus drivers do for our community.



## Lady Redskins

The Lady Redskins defeated Cumberland to go 11-0 in conference play to win the LPC outright. Great job Lady Redskins!



## FCCLA

Sullivan FCCLA, along with 9 other local chapters, was well represented at the Section 7 Conference in Charleston. Preparing for the Ultimate Journey to State Conference in April, members continue to build skills for life and are living proof of what this amazing organization stands for. Sarina Voegel, Kya Allen, and Abigail Dean earned gold, silver, and bronze medals in their competitive events and will advance onto State. SHS FCCLA is also proud to announce that Abigail Dean has been elected as the new Vice President of Community Service for Section 7! Members in attendance learned about regenerative farming, future career development tips, strategies for self defense, and made cards for Veterans. We are proud of our FCCLA members as they courageously become leaders in the community!



## FFA

Sullivan FFA had 11 students compete at the section 16 proficiency contest. Congratulations to Mallory Batman on winning Swine Production, Hannah Creek winning Equine Science, and Kate Bushue winning Food Service!



# SOV Football Team Helps Move

The SOV Football team was glad to have the opportunity to help with moving the Sullivan Senior Center and the Sullivan Chamber and Economic Development office to their new locations. Proud of our guys for giving back to the community who supports us!



# SMS Volleyball

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Lady Redskins volleyball team on winning the JHOC tournament conference championship! Winners in 2 sets! Way to go girls!! Both squads are conference tournament champs!

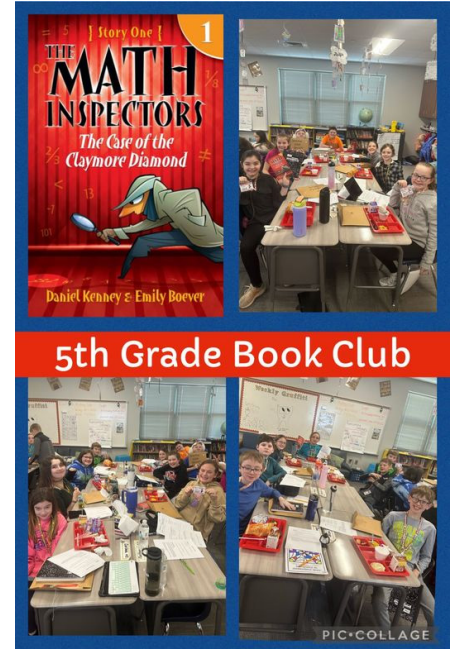


7th Grade JHOC Tournament Champs!



## 5th Grade Book Club

Some 5th Grade students who love both math and reading, are participating in a weekly Book Club with their math teachers, Ms. Dickens and Mrs. Wiley. Students are enjoying the first book of the Math Inspectors series. The series is about a group of friends who love math, solving mysteries, and chocolate milkshakes! Each week, students are required to read and complete a packet with both reading questions and math challenges, completely on their own time. They discuss answers over lunch. We are proud of them for challenging themselves! In fact, they are shaping up to be pretty good detectives themselves!



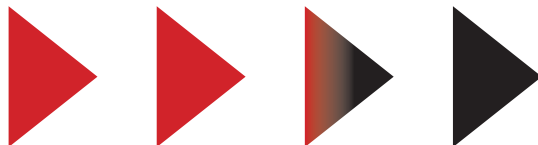
## Singers JR

Congratulations to Singers Jr. for getting 1st runner up at El Paso Gridley against some very tough competition! Congratulations also to Avery Casteel for getting Outstanding Performer and the crew for receiving Outstanding Tech Crew!



## 5th Grade Volleyball

Shout out to our 5th grade volleyball team who competed in the ALAH Youth Volleyball Classic! They brought home a second place trophy! They did an outstanding job and had a lot of fun! Way to go girls!



## Sullivan Singers

Sullivan Singers had a great night in El Paso Gridley! They were named Grand Champions for the Varsity division and qualified for finals again, finishing as 4th runner up overall! Congratulations to Trinity Preyer who received Best Soloist in Show and Davis Diepholz who got Best Performer!



## Pizza Presidents And Ben

Ben Butler loves pizza and the presidents. Ben challenged fellow Sullivan High School students and staff to Presidents' Day trivia challenge. Winners earned a free slice of Monicals' pizza or a breadstick for their attempt. Ben gave out lots of breadsticks and only a few slices of pizza. Also, I want to thank Carroll families for their support in honor of Nick to make this happen.



## SHS Baseball Wiffleball

SHS baseball played their annual Red vs. Black Wiffleball Tournament leading up to their season. Black team came out victorious! Official season begins 2/26--the boys are ready for some baseball. We would love for everyone to come out and support them this season



## NHS Pork Chop Dinner

On February 13, the National Honor Society held their annual Pork Chop Dinner. Our members had a great time serving our community. Thanks to those who donated their meals, we were able to donate 38 meals to The Haven in Mattoon. A huge thanks to member Hannah Righter and her mom for making those arrangements. And a huge thank you to our helpers in the kitchen who make nights like this possible. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket and who continue to support our students! We look forward to serving you again next year!



## Student Artist Of The Month

Amalie Bear will be the featured Student Artist of the Month at Gallery 510 for March. Her work will be displayed there and featured in their monthly event flyer. Great job Amalie!



## 8th Grade Volleyball

A wonderful night to recognize our 8th graders. Good luck and Congratulations to all! The future is bright for Sullivan Athletics!



## SHS Girls Indoor Trak Meet

Track season has officially kicked off as our girls team competed at the Mt Zion indoor meet!



## SHS Reading Group

A Sullivan High School reading group recently chose to read *Maus* by Art Spiegelman. A graphic novel, the book focuses on the experiences of the cartoonist's father, who was a Polish Jew and Holocaust survivor.

Retired SHS English teacher Becky Lawson, who is a co-director of the Holocaust Education Center of the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation, spoke to students about the Holocaust, antisemitism, and Judaism on February 23. As a part of her presentation, she spoke about Jewish food laws and kosher foods.

At the end of the presentation, students were asked to find symbols on food packages related to whether or not an item was kosher. Afterwards, they enjoyed the treats used in the activity.



## SES Bridal Shower

1st grade was excited to celebrate Ms. Atchison's upcoming wedding by showing students all about bridal showers. We had snacks, wrote advice and played games. One great game was the students creating wedding dresses out of TP!



## Preschool Guest Readers

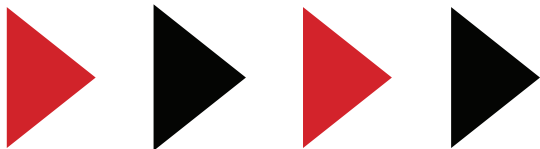


Preschool is loving all our guest readers. Thank you Mrs. Woods & Ms. Brown!



## 120th Day

Happy 120 Day from Mrs. Becker's Class!



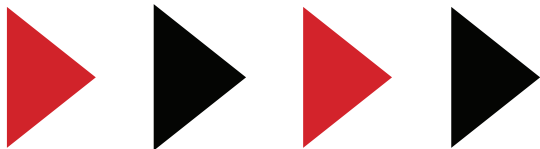
## First Graders Turned Into 120 Year olds

In honor of 120 Day, our first graders turned into 120 year olds !



## Newest College Athlete

Congratulations to Brett Bushue, who is our newest college athlete, playing golf and track next year at the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy!



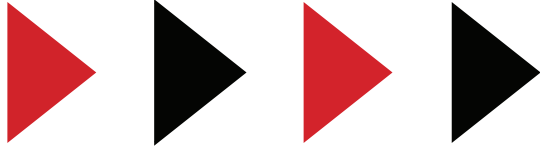
## SHS Future Educators

SHS Future Educators were on the road! Students had the chance to tour Eastern Illinois University, meet with representatives from the EIU College of Education, and stop at Luigi's for lunch!



## Mind Club

Here are the two newest 3rd grade MIND Club members from Mrs. Atchison's class. Congratulations Kinzey and Makayla!



## Mrs. Beckers Class



With February being dental care month, Mrs. Becker's class practiced our spelling words and brushing!



# Upcoming Dates

## Sullivan High School Calendar of Events

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

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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