



# Redskin Nation News

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### From the Desk of Mr. Ogle

As I write this message, we are just a little over 30 school days away from the end of the 2023-2024 school year, and I can honestly say that it has been one of the best school years of my career here in Sullivan. In spite of having to utilize some creative uses of space as construction continues on the new Sullivan High School, we have had a tremendous year in so many ways.



To begin with, the Sullivan Redskins have been doing a tremendous amount of winning in pretty much every sport at every level. In the fall, our SMS Softball team won the first regional championship in program history (as far as we were able to determine), and the SMS Baseball team came up just shy of their own regional championship to cap off a season where they picked up a JHOC Conference Championship. Our SMS Boys and Girls Cross-Country teams both picked up JHOC Conference Championships and qualified for the state meet for the first time in program history as well.

Winter saw our basketball programs pick up where our fall sports left off, winning at a high level. Our 6th grade boys and girls put together nearly undefeated seasons, and our 7th and 8th grade teams were equally impressive with the 7th grade boys winning the JHOC Conference tournament and a regional championship, eventually falling just short of a trip to the state tournament. The 8th grade boys, not to be outdone, picked up a 2nd place finish in the JHOC Conference tournament and made a run at their own regional championship, coming up just short in the semi-final round. The girls basketball team was equally impressive. While neither team picked up the hardware that the boys did, they did perform well enough to enter regional play with high seeds, including a #1 seed for the 7th grade girls, though neither tournament turned out how we expected based on the way the girls had performed throughout the season. Our volleyball teams continued the trend of competing at a high level, accumulating winning records at all three levels.

Also competing this winter were our Singers Jr show choir and scholastic bowl teams. You may have guessed it, but they also did a lot of winning, with Singers Jr bringing home multiple Grand Champions and scholastic bowl challenging for yet another JHOC Conference Championship.

The only spring sport at the middle school level is track, and just for the sake of consistency, they are off to a great start to the season, picking up overall 1st place finishes for both the boys and girls in their first meet of the season.

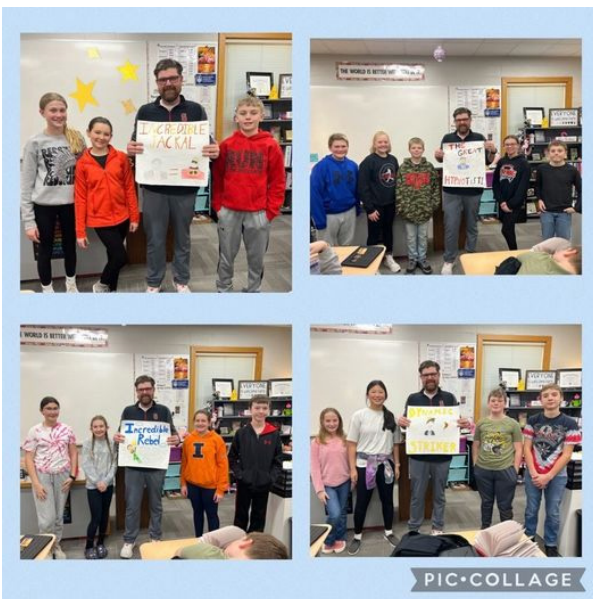
The reason I wanted to use this space to highlight the success of our extra-curricular activities is because I believe that those wins are downstream of other wins that aren't as apparent to the outside observer. Over the last year, I have witnessed a shift in the overall culture in our building. While we still are not perfect, and frankly never will be, our students are buying into concepts like respect, accountability, and self-discipline in ways that are positively impacting their learning environment and our academic performance. I believe this growth in our student body, along with dedicated coaches and teachers guiding them along the way, is why we are seeing our students experience success unlike anything we have seen at Sullivan Middle School in my time here. I want to thank the community of Sullivan for supporting our young people throughout this school year and really letting them know how proud we all are of them.

## Mrs. Becker's Class

Due to their good behavior for the month of February, Mrs. Becker's class got to ice and decorate their own cookies! A HUGE thank you to our amazing ladies in the kitchen for the cookies and frosting.



## Mrs. Badman's 6th Grade Lit. Class



Students in Mrs. Badman's 6th grade lit class spent several days on a code name project, using a code name generator to come up with a code name for Mr. Ogle. Then, they had to come up with reasons why Mr. Ogle should choose their group's code name and present that information to him. We had Incredible Rebel, The Great Hypnotist, Dynamic Striker, and Incredible Jackal. Mr. Ogle's chosen code name is..... INCREDIBLE JACKAL! We are loving City Spies, this year's OBOS book. We hope to see you were able to come to the community read night Monday, 3/4! And who knows... maybe you'll see a real-life spy, Incredible Jackal himself!

## Sullivan High School Students Help

With the help of Sullivan high school students Diannah Booker, Gracie Lynch, Jalen Herschberger, Taylor Mercer along with Jessica Keith, Moultrie County PAWS helped several local residents take advantage of a low cost microchip clinic.



## Sullivan Singers



Singers had another great weekend in Lafayette, IN!! Davis Diepholz was awarded Outstanding Performer, Triniti Preyer received Best Female Soloist in a show for the small mixed division, Singers received Best Choreography and 1st runner up in the small mixed division!!! Both Taylor Lingafelter and Tristan Tripp competed in the solo competition. Singers have had an outstanding competition season, and had one final competition in Quincy, IL.

# SHS Baseball

Senior baseball players will be honoring one teacher/staff member in Sullivan School District for each month of our season (March, April, and May). Our seniors this year include Jake Stewart, Adan Mills, Konnor Randol, and Logan Hill, and here are the Sr. T.R.I.B.E. teachers for March!

Jake Stewart and Coach Black: "I chose Coach black because he wants the best for Sullivan athletics. He pushes all the athletes that are in athletic PE to get stronger and faster and more flexible. Coach Black is always there to talk about sports and life outside of it."

Adan Mills and Mrs. Stinebring: "I chose Mrs. Stinebring because she pushes me to do the best I can. She is always there for someone to talk to when needed. She always takes her job seriously because she loves what she does."

Konnor Randol and Coach T: "I chose Coach Taylor because she is always striving for her students and myself to become a better person with academics and a better athletic player. Coach Taylor always sets the bar high in every class and represents a good role model to her students and players."

Logan Hill and Ms. Parish: "I chose Ms. Parish because she is always pushing her students to do their best. She treats everyone with respect and cares about each student individually. Ms. Parish is always willing to teach with a positive attitude. Whenever you're having a bad day, she will always make sure that you're doing okay."  
Thank you, teachers!



# NHS

On behalf of NHS, we'd like to congratulate March's Bless a Teacher: Mr. Friese, SES; Mrs. Powell, SMS; and Mr. Waelde, SHS. Congratulations!



# SHS Girls&Boys Basketball Teams

The Sullivan Girls & Boys Basketball teams had one of the winningest combined years in school history. This past week, they capped off the seasons with several nominations to the LPC All-Conference Teams! A huge accomplishment & recognition for our athletes!



# Spanish Club

The Spanish Club had the pleasure of attending the musical “On Your Feet” by Gloria and Emilio Estefan at the University of Springfield performing arts center. Before the musical, the club ate at chick fil-a. The musical “On Your Feet” is about the upbringing of Gloria and Emilio Estefan’s musical careers. The Spanish club had the opportunity to perform the song, wepa, for the dance captain, Sara McGuire, as well as the leading lady, Kristen Tarragó. The Spanish Club is thankful for the experience, and now they have even more gratitude for Latin American culture. Article Submitted by: Emilia Ray y Gustavo Guest



## Mills Signs Letter Of Intent

SHS's newest collegiate athlete -  
Congratulations to Adan Mills on signing his  
letter of intent to play football at Millikin next  
year!



## Student Council

The SHS Student Council  
wanted to celebrate their  
hardworking teachers with  
some treats before spring  
break. They picked the  
theme "Our Teachers are Red  
Hot" and all treats were red.  
The student council hopes



## FFA

Mallory Batman, Hannah Creek, and Kate Bushue competed at district proficiency contest. Congratulations to Hannah Creek and Kate Bushue, who will compete at state later in March!



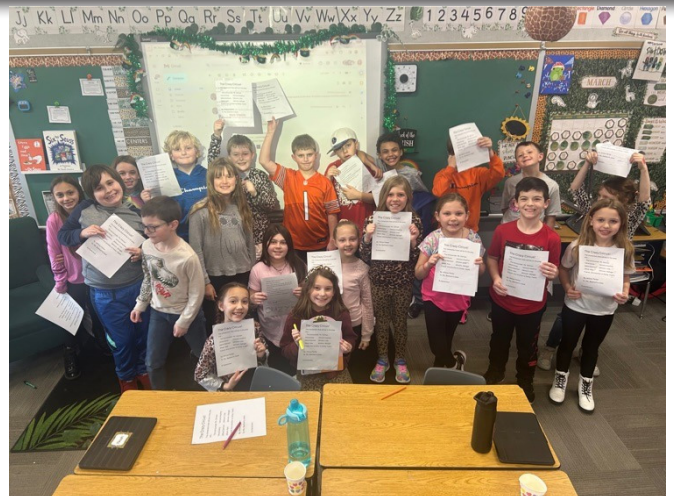
## First Place Finish

Congrats to Kiley Dyer on her 1st Place finish in Chemistry at the regional Academic Challenge competition hosted by Lakeland Community College!!



## Miss Basham's Class

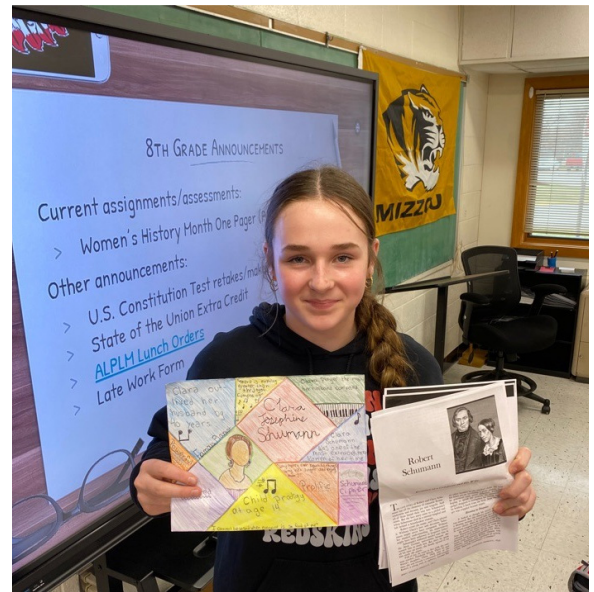
Willow from Miss Basham's class decided to write a play for her class. After reading it, Miss Basham decided to make a copy for each student and had the class act it out at the end of the day. The class had SO fun with this - and Willow was an incredible writer and director. The class did phenomenal filling the roles!



## Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, students in Mr. Webb's social studies classes are creating one-pagers about trailblazing women from around the world!

8th grade student Piper Conlin chose to do her one-pager on German pianist Clara Schumann. While practicing for her upcoming piano recital, Piper noticed the name "Schumann" on a piece of music she and her piano teacher had selected. As it turns out, Piper is playing a piece written by Clara's husband, Robert, as part of her recital! Piper was so excited to find out that she is playing a piece of music that Clara herself played! Good luck, Piper!



## SHS Students

Students at SHS were excited to receive books on loan from the Holocaust Education Center of the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation. Former SHS English teacher Becky Lawson, an HEC co-director, delivered the books on Thursday.



## Bluestem Award

In October students in 4th and 5th grade were challenged to read at least 4 of the 20 Illinois Bluestem Award nominated books. Those who completed the Bluestem Challenge were invited to a pizza party and to vote on their favorite book. Top readers were Presley Campbell (14 books) and Ellianna Prideaux (15 books). Congratulations to Violet Cohan who impressively read all 20 books!





# Guest Readers

We love our guest readers! Thank you Mrs. Grohler and Mrs. Seely for reading to preschool!



# FCCLA

SHS FCCLA hosted their second cooking camp for kids with an Italian themed meal, while also celebrating International Women's Day! FCCLA members presented each girl with a booklet to take home with reasons on why to join the leadership organization, proper table setup, food safety tips, and easy at home recipes! Students also presented a charcuterie demonstration and then assisted the younger girls with building their own charcuterie board!



## Mrs Grohler's Class

Mrs. Grohler's class enjoyed beginning the month of March spreading kindness with giving Shamrock decorations to the residents at Courtyard Estates.

They also enjoyed delivering green ice cream! crccreamsome of the staff at SES.



## SHS Boys Basketball

Dirk Lane and Brett Bushue represented SHS at the Bird Cage Classic All-Star Game tonight, with Dirk earning MVP of the South team!



## Cleaning the Community

Resilient Educator states, "It has been discovered that providing a safe, clean and calm learning atmosphere is paramount for the benefit of pupils and teachers." A special thanks to Mae Dawkins, Ruby Haegen, Kylie Swaim, and Taylor Lingafelter for helping our community!



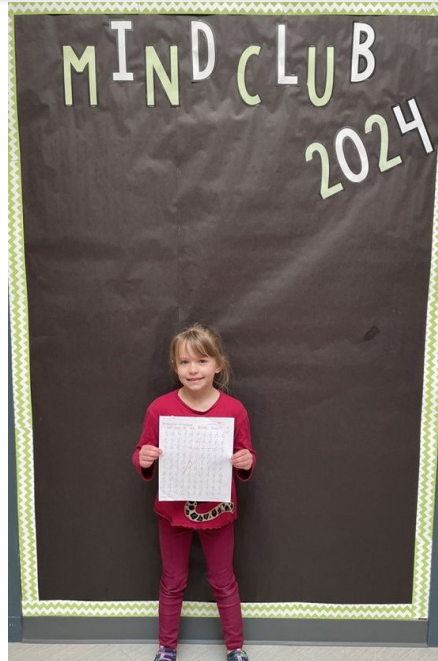
## SHS Breakfast Of Champions

NHS hosted our quarterly Breakfast of Champions. Congratulations to third quarter nominees: Xandria Smith, Tabitha Webb, John Webb, Dirk Lane, and Acelynn Yokley (not pictured)!



## 3rd Grade Mind Club

Congratulations to Sadie and Cameron from Mrs. Atchison's 3rd grade for making the MIND Club!



First grade is so proud of our newest MIND club member !

## Mrs. Becker's Class

Mrs. Becker's class loved all of our mystery readers who read to our class throughout Read Across America Week!



## Students Help For Camping Season

Mr. Wagner took a group of students to help the US Army Corps of Engineers prepare the Bo Wood Campground for the upcoming camping season.



## Second Grade Mind Club

These second graders are the first 14 students to make the MIND Club. They received these Hot Shot mugs for knowing their math facts quickly!!!! They are surely Hot Shots!!!



# AG DAY

Mrs. Becker's class loved Ag Day. Thank you Sullivan FFA !



# Bushue FFA Award

Congratulations to Kate Bushue as she placed first with her Food Service SAE! This is an excellent achievement and she will be recognized for this accomplishment at the Illinois State FFA Convention in June.



## Indoor State

Four Sullivan boys competed at the Illinois Top Times Indoor State Track! Two were medalists: Brett Bushue earned a 6th place medal in Pole Vault and Johnny Iacobazzi earned an 8th place medal in the 3200! Brett also had a 10th place finish in High Jump, with Mason Booker finishing in 19th in the 60m Hurdles and Aian Fryman finishing in 20th in the 60m! Congrats boys!



## Basham's Class goes to Reedy Farm

Miss Basham's class had such a fun trip to the Reedy farm! It was chilly, but they learned so much about agriculture, animals, labels and ATV safety! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that made the day so special!



# SMS Breakfast Of Champions

Sullivan Middle School held our 3rd Quarter Breakfast of Champions. Congratulations to the following honorees (from left to right):  
Jett Kinder nominated by Ms. Ledbetter  
Wes Allen nominated by Mr. Stewart  
Avery Florey nominated by Mrs. Wright  
Brody Frederick nominated by Mrs. Allen  
Addyson Martinez nominated by Mrs. Wade



## Mrs. Grohler's Class



Mrs. Grohler's students enjoyed a field trip led by Julia Moody to her family's chicken coop. The kids were able to hold chickens, feed them, and even bring a few eggs home. After the eggs were boiled the students really enjoyed dyeing them.



## Civics Mock Trial

Mr Huber's Civics classes wrap up their mock trial!

In their criminal case, students played all roles in the courtroom including judge, jury, attorneys, and witnesses! All the students enjoyed putting their knowledge of the courtroom into practice and jumped head first into their parts vying for the jury's votes!



## SAT Practice Tests

Over three different Saturdays this spring, we filled over 50 seats for official SAT practice! These students are working hard to prepare for the new Digital SAT coming up on April 17th.



## FCS Classes And FCCLA

Ms. Voegel's FCS classes, along with SHS FCCLA, decorated positive bunny baskets to spread some joy to our HS teachers and staff! Included in their bags were recipe eggs from students to let them know how appreciated and valued they are, along with some Easter candy!



## NHS Members

These NHS members earned some community service hours spreading some Easter joy around Sullivan!



# Upcoming Dates

## Sullivan High School Calendar of Events





April 12 - School Improvement Day – No Student Attendance  
April 15th - April 26th- PSAT/SAT Testing Window  
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

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April 12 – School Improvement 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

**Thank you to the Sullivan High School  
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