



Skaneateles Central Schools Off to a Fast Start *Skaneateles High School Named U.S. Blue Ribbon School*

Special Celebrations Held to Honor Students, Faculty & Staff

U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, recently announced 349 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2018, including Skaneateles High School.

As a National Blue Ribbon School for 2018, Skaneateles High School was recognized as an Exemplary High Performing School among the state of New York's highest performing schools, measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

This coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

Skaneateles High School Principal, Gregory Santoro, celebrated the announcement with



faculty, staff and students, and with cake!

"The toughest job in America is educating our youth," said Santoro. "We have one of the finest faculty you could ever have. Know that your work, day in and day out, and what you do for our students is now recognized nationally. All of us are a part of one of the greatest high schools in America."

Skaneateles Central Schools Welcomes New Superintendent *Lynda Quick Aims to 'Put the Heart Back in Education' and Continue SCS Traditions*

Previously serving as the District Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES in Cattaraugus County, Lynda Quick now steps in as the sixth Superintendent of Schools at SCS.

"The Skaneateles Central School District is a unique and amazing place. There is a value in positivity and creating an accepting and open environment where everyone feels valued, empowered and respected. You have that here in Skaneateles and I want to be a part of fostering that environment for everyone."

Officially starting her role as Superintendent on September 10, Quick wasted little time in laying out her goals, aspirations and expectations for the coming school year.

"Expect to see me and see me frequently as I become part of what you do and learn more about this great District," said Quick. "We have a lot of work to do to improve our systems and process. We will become more efficient so we can focus our time more intently on teaching and learning and preparing our students to embrace our ever changing global society."



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Veteran's Day Observed
November 12 (No School)

Thanksgiving Break
November 21-23 (No School)

Safety at the Forefront: New District Safety Measures Installed

Visit www.skanschools.org for to learn more about our enhanced safety measures



With enhanced school security and safety continuing to be a priority at

Skaneateles Central Schools, the District has installed several new safety features to our campus ahead of the 2018-2019 school year.

Among those enhancements are the addition of 160 security cameras and more than 150 new door security card readers and door contacts.

The new security card readers and door contacts not only require swipe access by faculty for entrance, but they also send communications to staff when doors have been



falsely opened or left propped open.

A new addition is the installation of main office entry intercoms and cameras in all district buildings. Visitors to any SCS school, including the District's main office, must push an intercom button in the lobby before entering. Once keyed, the building's main office will be able to see the visitor on screen and speak with them prior to granting them entry into the building.



All-new "lockdown strobes" have been placed throughout the high school and middle school, both interior and exterior, to alert our students and staff of an emergency lockdown event. This new feature will also alert visitors outside if a lockdown were to occur.



The lobby windows of the high school, middle school and Waterman Primary School have all been coated in security glass shooter and attack resistant film. This film adds extra protection in the event of an attack to give main office personal more time in an emergency event. State Street Intermediate School is also in the process of having this film installed.

Other enhancements include new master alarm panels for the District's fire alarm system as well as over 1000 new safety devices including smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, natural gas detectors, duct work detectors and beam detectors.

Standard Response Protocol-X Training Offered to Students, Parents and Staff

Skaneateles Central Schools recently offered Standard Response Protocol-X training for parents, students and staff of SCS.

Introduced in 2009, the Standard Response Protocol-X is a proven enhancement to school safety planning.

This training provided students, parents and staff with knowledge on individual response scenarios that could arise in our schools such as a lockout, lockdown, evacuation and shelter. Each are important terms for students, staff and parents to understand.

By standardizing the vocabulary through SRP-X, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event.

For students, SRP-X standardized vocabulary will provide continuity of expectations and actions throughout their education in SCS.

For teachers, SRP-X becomes a simpler and more effective process to train and drill.

For parents, SRP-X allows for easier understanding of practices and can reinforce the protocol. Additionally, this protocol enables rapid response determination when an unforeseen event occurs.

Keeping our students and staff safe continues to be a priority for the Skaneateles Central School District.

As you can see from the photos, students were engaged and learned several important safety features.



Two separate training sessions were held for SRP-X. One for students and staff and another for parents.



SCS Welcomes New Faculty Across Our Campus

A full listing of new hires and personnel updates can be found at www.skanschools.org



Jared Crast was hired as an Earth Science and AP Environmental Science teacher in Skaneateles High

School. Before coming to Skaneateles, he worked as a substitute teacher and tutor for the Baldwinsville Central School District. Mr. Crast is a graduate of SUNY Oswego.



Joe Barresi is the District's new Latin teacher. Mr. Barresi recently taught at Pittsfield

High School in Massachusetts and attended Boston Latin School and the University of Massachusetts, where he earned degrees in Classics and Political Science.



Francine Grannell was hired as the District's K-12 Humanities Curriculum

Coordinator. Before coming to SCS, Ms. Grannell served as the Director of Professional Development in the Syracuse City School District. Ms. Grannell earned her M.Ed. in Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation, and a C.A.S. in Educational Leadership from Syracuse University.



Brian Franco joins Skaneateles High School after spending nine years at Weedsport High

School. Mr. Franco received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Music Education from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam.



Audra Sevey comes to Skaneateles Middle School's Math department from the Southern

Cayuga and Marcellus School Districts. Ms. Sevey is a graduate of Ithaca College's Mathematics Education Program.



Elizabeth Zysk joins Skaneateles High School as its Library Media Specialist. Ms. Zysk was formerly a

librarian in the Syracuse City School District. Ms. Zysk earned her Master's Degree at Syracuse University.



Jennifer Whipple is our new Director of Learning. Ms. Whipple was the Director of Elementary Special

Ed. in the Auburn School District. Ms. Whipple holds a Master's degree in School Psychology from SUNY Oswego.



Our determined Skaneateles High School faculty recently took on the Class of 2019 in a contest of Tug of War during the high school's annual Homecoming Pep Rally!

New State Street Principal Institutes Positivity Project for 2018-2019



Michelle Crisafulli joined State Street Intermediate School as its new principal in July.

Ms. Crisafulli formerly served as the Director of Testing and Academics in the Greater Amsterdam School District and has been the principal of Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Junior-Senior High School.

Under the guidance of Ms. Crisafulli, State Street Intermediate School has become a Positivity Project Partner School for the 2018-2019 year.

The Positivity Project, also known as P2, was introduced to schools in 2015 and is aimed at empowering

America's youth to build positive relationships and to understand, appreciate, and exemplify the character strengths in us all.

"Our goal is to help students develop positive relationships that lead to success and fulfillment in life," said Crisafulli. "Students learn about the overarching theme, which is #otherpeoplematter, and then they subsequently learn about the 24 character strengths that all people have. Our partnership enables us to access resources so that as a building, we have a high level of consistency and the learning is embedded throughout the day wherever children go. At any given time, all classrooms are learning and doing activities relative to the same strength."

Part of the project includes a once a month SWiM (School Wide Meeting) meeting in which students and teachers gather to celebrate students who have openly demonstrated what they are learning. The school's first official SWiM meeting was held on Tuesday, September 11th.

Recently, students placed #otherpeoplematter rocks around campus and met with Superintendent, Lynda Quick, to explain the Positivity Project.

To learn more about the Positivity Project visit online at www.posproject.org.



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First Day of School - In Photos!



High School's Student Clubs & Activities Fair Provides Interactive Options

The Skaneateles High School Student Clubs & Activities Fair took place in the high school gymnasium, featuring more than 25 different clubs and organizations for students to be a part of during the school year.

From Art Club & Book Club, to the Jazz Ensemble & Junior Classical League, all the way to Student Government Association & Odyssey of the Mind, there is something for everyone in the clubs and activities department at Skaneateles High School. Each of those clubs were on display as a part of the Clubs & Activities Fair.

"The Fair gives students a chance to talk to other students who are involved in activities and clubs, view displays and demonstrations and ultimately to join," said Director of Student Wellness, Activities, and Athletics, Steve Musso. "We always encourage students to use this occasion to explore and learn about the multitude of options that can enrich their high school experiences."

A full listing of clubs and activities is available at www.skanschools.org.



FALL PLAY: November 2-4

"Peter and the Starcatcher"

Skaneateles High School Auditorium

BOOK FAIR: November 9-16

Don't Miss State Street's Scholastic Book Fair in the Library!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 15-16

Elementary Half Day

**State Street at 11:15 a.m. and
Waterman at 11:25 a.m.**