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Board of Education Corner

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“Wisdom is the application
of knowledge.”
Author Unknown

Thank you for taking the time to read *The Irish Highlighter*

The newsletter is published at the end of each semester and is intended to give the community a glimpse of the many exciting opportunities available to our students. The theme this semester is “Quoted”. You will note various thought provoking quotes throughout the newsletter.

The quote, “wisdom is the application of knowledge” is relevant to the Board as all members recently attended the required four hours of Professional Development Leadership training. The training consisted of Education Law, Financial Oversight, Fiduciary Responsibilities, and the Opens Meeting Act. In addition, I am proud to announce that Rich Applebee received the Master Board Member Award. This Award is designed to recognize board members for the time and effort they devote to self-improvement and leadership activities in various activities within designated levels.

The purpose of the Professional Development Leadership Training is to help school boards speak effectively for their communities in setting expectations for the schools; make sure that their schools achieve the best possible results in meeting those expectations; and to ensure that public resources are used effectively and efficiently to achieve those results.

As the Board of Education continues to receive the knowledge necessary to govern our school, we also strive to have the wisdom to apply the knowledge. The fundamental duties of the Board of Education include:

- **Clarifies the District Purpose**
- **Connects with the Community**
- **Employs a Superintendent**
- **Delegates Authority**
- **Monitors Performance**
- **Takes Responsibility for Board Activity**



The Seneca Township High School Board of Education takes their responsibilities to provide grassroots governance for our school seriously. In conjunction with the Administration, Faculty and Staff, I believe we are moving in the right direction to provide our students with the educational opportunities to be successful in all areas of their lives. I am proud to serve as the President of the Board as we collectively strive to prepare our most precious resources, our children, for their futures.



Ron Frye, President
Seneca High School Board of Education

Back Row: Gerry Baker, Rich Applebee, Mark Victor, Joe Johnson
Seated: Rich Hamilton, Ron Frye, Sara Olson



A Message From the Superintendent

Reflections from the School Board Convention

Each year, the Illinois School Board Association, the Illinois Association of School Administrators, and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials co-sponsor a state education symposium in Chicago known as the Joint Annual Conference. The purpose of the conference is to enlighten board members and administrators with regard to current trends in education. Seneca High School's Board of Education and Administration proudly participate in this educational summit in an effort to continue to develop professionally so as to improve the quality of our school. So what did we learn at the conference?

Valuable sessions covering topics ranging from Finance to Law, Facilities to Governance, and Student Learning to Best Practices were abundant; and while all of the sessions offered opportunities for timely and meaningful learning, it was the Second General Session's speaker, Tony Wagner, whose message resonated with me. Wagner's presentation was provocative, eliciting both a touch of worry and a dose of excitement. His speech created a virtual cognitive tug-of-war. He offered what most of us already know; the world has changed exponentially in the last decade or so. The real lesson Wagner was sharing, however, involved the crucial need for schools to evolve with our changing world. He reasoned that the world of work, life-long learning, and active citizenship require a new "core set of survival skills"; but understanding the need to adjust practices is much easier than implementing the adjustment. Like my friend and former mentor Dr. Steve Malinsky used to say, "no one likes change except a wet baby." Despite the obvious challenges, it is important to heed Wagner's advice, as it is the charge of schools to prepare our students for the world of work and to be productive and caring citizens.

Proudly, the staff at Seneca High School has already begun the effort to develop this core set of survival skills in our students. Along with the implementation of our 1:1 computing program, each department is in the process of redrafting its curriculum. Our English and Math Departments have worked diligently with content area consultants to enhance the educational program offered, including incorporating instructional shifts required for 21st century learning. Very soon, our science teachers will be engaged in a similar experience.

It is important for me that the Seneca High School community understands that if we stand still with our educational programs while the world around us is changing, we are actually falling behind. Equally important is the knowledge that Seneca High will not simply change for change sake, but rather we will implement changes with the sole purpose to provide all of our students with appropriate developmental opportunities. The world of schooling will look, feel, and be different than it was when those of us with a high school graduation year that begins with "19" remember. Some changes will be slight, while others more profound. Regardless of the intensity of the change, rest assured we are working hard to provide an educational experience that will give our kids the best chance for a bright and successful future. Student success can only be accomplished with a positive and equal partnership between student, home, and school.

Wishing you a safe and happy Holiday Season,

Jim Carlson





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Semester Highlights from Principal Marty Voiles

Seneca High's - School Report Card

This year, the Illinois State Board of Education is unveiling a new, simpler, and more user-friendly School Report Card. The new School Report Card looks beyond test scores to better inform families, communities, educators, and policy makers about school performance, climate, and learning conditions.

The report card doesn't just have a new look. It is part of a broad effort in Illinois to help students meet higher standards and be ready for college and careers. It shows student, school and district progress – not just a one-year snap shot of standardized test scores. It contains the sort of information that parents and educators talk about in school hallways and at the park, but has never before been shown in one document. The new report card supports the State Board's goals for all schools to be safe and healthy learning environments and for every student to be ready for college and career. The new Illinois report card features:

- At-a-glance information about school performance, climate, and learning conditions
- User-friendly data on school awards, special programs, courses and extracurricular activities
- Measures of student college and career readiness
- Multiple measures of success that go beyond test scores
- Growth measures that will show how schools are improving over time

By making this information more accessible for parents and communities, the new School Report Card supports a model of school change where everyone is a part of the process. The new School Report Card is accessible at <http://illinoisreportcard.com>.

Anyone can visit this site for more information, and please feel free to contact Seneca High School at 815-357-5000, if you have any questions or concerns.

AAIM visits Seneca High School

On October 1, 2013, during Homecoming week, Seneca High School conducted an assembly for all students to learn more about the dangers of drinking and driving. The assembly started with a short discussion by Grundy County State's Attorney, and former Seneca High School graduate, Jason Helland. Mr. Helland was instrumental in working with SHS staff to help organize this event in an attempt to raise awareness of the consequences and laws on underage drinking and driving.

Joining Mr. Helland were guest speakers from the non-profit organization AAIM (Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists). AAIM's mission is to prevent deaths and injuries caused by intoxicated or distracted motorists and to assist impaired driving crash victims and their families in Illinois.

During the assembly, AAIM's first speaker talked with our students about how she had lost a sibling due to a drinking and driving automobile accident. The second speaker discussed an automobile accident he was in from his own drinking and driving, the life threatening injuries he sustained, and how the decision to drive while intoxicated has impacted his life.

Hearing stories of this magnitude and having our students see the raw emotion of our guests and these types of tragedies impact the lives of many; it was a very powerful experience for all. Seneca High School promotes students making good decisions, and by arranging for assemblies like this, it is our hope our students will always be equipped to make wise decisions when away from school and home.

We would like to thank Jason Helland, our guest speakers and the AAIM organization for coming to our school and participating in such a worthwhile endeavor.

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“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.”
Mark Twain

Assistant Principal Mike Coughlin announced that eight students were selected to attend the Interstate Eight Leadership Conference on Monday, October 21st at the Morris Country Club. The Conference Leader placed the students into mixed groups, where they were given difficult scenarios to try and figure out. The teams were able to work together to come up with a solution to each of the problems, thus aiding them in becoming better leaders in their schools and communities. The attendees were served a “taco bar” style lunch and then gathered for a final motivational speech. Mr. Coughlin stated that, “We were very proud of our group of selected students as they represented Seneca Township High School and our community extremely well. Our students presented themselves in a professional manner and were highly active in all sessions.” Each of the attendees were asked to give a brief comment on what the experience meant to them:

- ◆ Freshman, Sean Baker: *“I had loads of fun, and it really changed how I think every day!”*
- ◆ Freshman, Eva Bruno: *“The I - 8 Leadership Conference was more than I was expecting. I would recommend it to other students!”*
- ◆ Sophomore, Matt Grushkin: *“I thought the leadership conference was very fun and inspirational!”*
- ◆ Sophomore, Claudia Paulson: *“It was very welcoming and exciting to meet/work with students from surrounding schools.”*
- ◆ Junior, Joe Mathews: *“It was the most fun conference that I have ever been to in my whole life.”*
- ◆ Junior, Alyssa Solis: *“An experience that will help me in my future endeavors.”*
- ◆ Senior, Trevin Seul: *“It was a great experience and I met lots of cool people.”*
- ◆ Senior, Jacquelyn Newberry: *“At the I-8 Leadership Conference we learned valuable communication and leadership skills.”*



I-8 Leadership Attendees: Eva Bruno, Claudia Paulson, Sean Baker, Trevin Seul, Matt Grushkin, Joe Mathews, Alyssa Solis, and Jacquelyn Newberry.

Congratulations to the following Seneca High School Seniors for being named Illinois State Scholars:



Back Row: Lucas Altobella, Evan Fleck, Anna Baker, Jacey Lamboley, Kayla Haines, Brenden Tisler, and Caroline Collet
Front Row: Rachel Towne, Hope Jackson, Emily Alaimo, Jacquelyn Newberry, Mackenzie Granby, and Kyle Boyd

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission selects Illinois State Scholars based on class rank and ACT scores.



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Student of the Month

AUGUST 2013



Left to Right: Sean Baker, Rookie; Mackenzie Juricic, Role Model; Jacquelyn Newberry, Student of the Month; Daniel Holmes, Most Improved

SEPTEMBER 2013



Left to Right: Eva Bruno, Rookie; Anna Baker, Student of the Month; Mallory Misener, Role Model; Emily Cerny, Most Improved; Emily Woods, Rookie

OCTOBER 2013



Left to Right: Brad Wyss, Role Model; Matt Johnson, Most Improved; Caroline Collet, Student of the Month; Holly Ward, Rookie

NOVEMBER 2013



Left to Right: Rachel Towne, Student of the Month; Kirsten Tendall, Most Improved; Carter Gallick, Role Model; Shawna Goins, Rookie

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar

Crystal Carlos and Kaylyn Groth, Seneca High School sophomores, have been selected to represent Seneca Township High School at the 2014 HOBY Leadership Seminar. The Leadership Seminar is designed for high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their homes schools, work-places, and communities.

The students will participate in hands-on leadership activities and meet state leaders in such areas as business, government, education, media and the non-profit sector. Each September, every accredited public, private and charter high school in the country is invited to select and register outstanding sophomores as representatives to their local state seminar. Currently, nearly 9,000 sophomores, representing as many high schools nationwide, attend HOBY Leadership Seminars annually.

Crystal Carlos is the daughter of Marci Williams of Mazon and Kaylyn Groth is the daughter of Jennifer and Steve Groth of Seneca. All Seneca High School sophomore students were invited to pick up applications and submit essays for the opportunity to attend this seminar.

Congratulations to Crystal and Kaylyn on their accomplishment.



Crystal Carlos, and Kaylyn Groth

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“The only dreams impossible to reach are the ones you never pursue.”
Michael Deckman



Jacquelyn Newberry was recently honored with the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award for Seneca High School. She is the daughter of Patricia and John Newberry of Seneca. The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award honors an outstanding senior who exhibits the qualities of dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. The selection was voted on by the SHS faculty and staff. After winning, Jacquelyn competed in an essay writing contest for the opportunity to advance through state and national levels of judging. The DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is sponsored by the Illini Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



On Friday, November 8th, Teacher Bryan Erickson and 31 Seneca TSA members (14 teams of 2 and 1 team of 3) competed in the 13th Annual Illinois State University Technology Day. Students competed in two levels of competition: Level I Junior High/Freshman and in the Level II Sophomore/Junior/Senior. In the Problem Solving events, each team of 2 was given 1 ½ hours to solve a problem relating to one of the four categories in which the students competed. There was also a VEX Robotics challenge which required the students to build a robot at their home school to compete in a tournament style competition against the other schools’ robots. There were 386 total students that competed from 20 schools. Congratulations to the following teams for placing in the top 3 of their category.

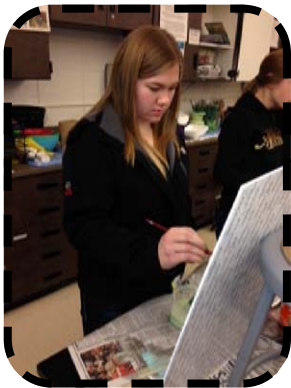
Level 1 Engineering Design- Truman Daggett, Grant Granby (**2nd Place**)

Level 2 Engineering Design- Jon Wilson, Kale Walsh (**3rd Place**)

Vex Robotics- Daniel Holmes, Daniel Niswonger (**2nd Place**)

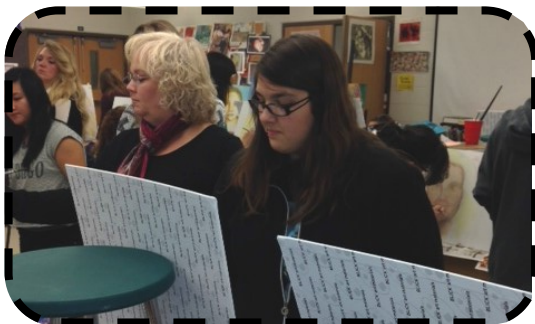
Vex Robotics- Brenden Tisler, Mitch Neimann, and Dan Armstrong (**3rd Place**)

Seneca TSA would also like to recognize two individuals, **Jacquelyn Newberry [President]** and **Daniel Niswonger [Vice-President]**, who are currently serving as IL TSA State Officers. These individuals were voted into office at last year’s State Conference and will serve until June 2014.

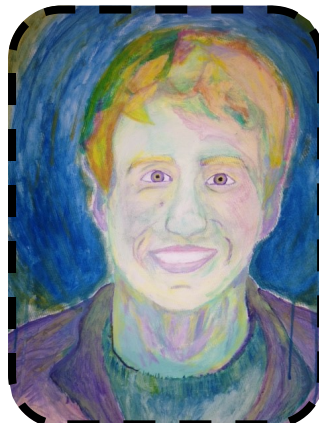


Sarah Radtke

Art teachers, Mike Applebee and Chris Decker, took 4 of our hardest working students, Jonah Barla, Jade Kryzak, Austin Applebee, and Sarah Radtke, to the annual Interstate Eight Art workshop on November 19th. The workshop included students from all schools in the I-8 Conference (Coal City, Plano, Westmont, Lisle, Reed-Custer, Dwight, Peotone, Manteno, Herscher, Wilmington, Seneca, and Sandwich). The workshop was at Coal City High School and it lasted all day from 9 AM to 2 PM. Four students from each school and their art teachers all participated in the workshop where they created portraits of themselves in the style of the Fauvist Painters (AKA Wild Beasts), therefore, the students’ portrait paintings were filled with a lot of bright colors. The students used acrylic paint to create their paintings during the workshop.



Jade Kryzak



Austin Applebee & Jonah Barla

Can you guess which attending art student created this self-portrait???



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Honoring our Veterans

Veteran's Day Assembly held at Seneca High School...

SHS students, administration, and staff honored our area Veterans on Monday, November 11, 2013 with an assembly to pay tribute to past and present U.S. Military soldiers. The presentation began with *Honor Guard* presented by Veterans from the Mazon American Legion/Seneca Kasal Post. The *National Anthem* was sung by SHS Choral members followed by the singing of *God Bless America* accompanied by the SHS Band. The first guest speaker was Staff Sergeant Tom Rubin of the Illinois National Guard. Tom spoke to the attendees about the dedication and sacrifices that soldiers make while serving for the U.S. Military. Next, WWII Veteran Russ Tendall gave an inspiring speech on his thoughts and remembrances of his time serving our country. During his speech, Mr. Tendall gave the student body something to think about by declaring, "The WWII generation has been called the greatest generation, but there is greatness in each generation. We of the WWII generation, challenge you to develop your greatness. The future of our Country will be handed to you...serve it well." After Mr. Tendall's address, former SHS student and military veteran, Jerry Snyder, shared his story of the time he spent serving in Iraq and of how much he missed his home and family while away.

FFA members organized the assembly with several of their members contributing to the program. Grant Hacker opened the program by announcing for the Honor Guard to present the Colors. Guest speaker introductions were made by Mackenzie Granby throughout the program. Ted McCormack and David Frye announced the names and service records of the Veterans who were present at the assembly, which led into a musical Armed Forces Salute to which the SHS band proudly played the theme songs for each of the military branches. Anna Baker read an *America's Heroes* speech; followed by Rebecca Doloski's formal roll call of currently enlisted soldiers from our community. Rylee Anderson read a *Thank you Veterans* poem; and to finalize the tribute, a very moving *Taps* was performed by SHS trumpet players Maggie Thomas and Jennifer Elliott.

After the assembly, a lunch was provided by the FFA in the Ag Department for the attending Veterans and their guests. Musical Director, Phil Hardin, along with members of both chorus and band did an excellent job in their performances during the tribute. Our school is proud of all of the men and women who have served or are currently serving our country as U.S. soldiers.



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“Every success is built on the ability to do better than good enough.”

Author Unknown

Current Issues classes get Patriotic ★ ☆ ★

Red, white and blue. These color hues surely are patriotic and true. As Americans, we embrace these colors, the colors that remind us of our freedom, a freedom that our brave men and women serving in the military fight to protect. The Current Issues classes here at SHS, taught by Mr. Dan Stecken, had two opportunities in the month of November to learn about patriotism during class field trips.

Students from the Current Issues classes were invited by Sergeant Tom Rubin to visit the Marseilles National Guard Base. As a rare treat, students were able to optimize the use of the facilities training simulators. Each were given turns at using the equipment in the HumVee simulator, as well as trying out two electronic simulation models of a 50-caliber weapon. The classes were also allowed to use air-triggered versions of standard issue military rifles while aiming at stationary and moving targets in a shooting range. Guided by Sgt. Rubin students were given a guided tour around the base and buildings which house troops for training. The attending classes even received insight through a short recruiting infomercial. Most students would agree that the visit to the National Guard Base was a great learning experience. A special thanks goes out to Sgt. Rubin for his time spent with the SHS classes that day.

On another endeavor, selected students from Mr. Stecken’s Current Issues class teamed up with students from his AP U.S. History class and went on a trip to IVCC to attend Representative Adam Kinzinger’s Youth Leadership Seminar. The day was meant for the Congressman to help teach and empower young people in the 16th District. Nearly three hundred students were in attendance from twenty-eight schools. Several guest speakers were there to help support Rep. Kinzinger in his day of teaching the youth. One of the speakers, John Borling, was a Vietnam Prisoner of War. Mr. Borling shared a few memories of his life in the military. Mr. Borling has written a book about his time spent as a POW and gave each school a signed copy to keep. A final speaker for the day was Mr. Tom Ricketts, who is one of the owners of the Chicago Cubs. Mr. Ricketts spoke about how it is possible to create a “ripple effect of good” by helping in charitable ways. The day trip to IVCC and meeting with Rep. Kinzinger and his guests was a successful one that left several students with something to think about regarding their future.

Information and photos submitted by Melissa Smrz, SHS Senior



Accountable for Saving Lives

Accounting is everywhere whether we take note of it or not. From simple bank transactions to the real-life scenarios that run corporate business. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, SHS students from Ms. Sedlock’s Accounting 2 and 3 classes spent the morning at OSF St. Elizabeth’s Ottawa Hospital. We began our visit by meeting with Mrs. Dawn Trompeter, a CFO for the hospital and also a mother to one of Ms. Sedlock’s Accounting 2 students. Mrs. Trompeter broke the tension with a few jokes to embarrass her daughter, Lexi, and then it was down to business. Once the morning went into full swing, the trip fell into a casual conference with five individuals from the OSF Accounting/Human Resources department joining in to share their job experiences. All of the students were exposed to the intricate details concerning the internal controls of running the business end of a hospital. We learned about some of the complexities that medical billing presents to the accounting department, as well as the great amount of financial charity that the hospital does for the local community. While some of the topics for the morning were a little more advanced for the Accounting 2 students to fully grasp, it certainly seemed that the Accounting 3 students were absorbing it all. Several of the students on the trip are contemplating possible careers in the business field; therefore, the knowledge that was presented to us as youth planning for our futures was indispensable. The fact that we were offered scenarios from our own backyard was even more incredible to add to the experience.

Article written by Melissa Smrz, SHS Senior



We have **IRISH PRIDE** for ALL of our Fall Sports teams!



Football... Congratulations to Head Coach Ted O'Boyle, to all of the team Coaches, and to the Fighting Irish Football team for an exciting and successful season! With their 27-36 loss in the hard-fought quarterfinal playoff game vs. Aurora Christian, the Irish finished with an overall record of 9 wins and 3 losses. Special thanks to our **Senior Lettermen** who led the Irish team: Ben Barnett, Cole Klicker, Trevin Seul, Bo Taylor, Tommy Lovett, Austin Applebee, Devin Leo, Matt Johnson, Brad Wyss, Chance Gonnam, Nick Huffman, Bret Wright, and Riley Jones. Way to go IRISH!!!

Irish Cheerleaders... Varsity Cheer Coach, Angela Moreno, and Assistant Cheer Coach, Erica Weinreich, would like to thank all of the cheerleaders and their parents for their support and dedication this season. The Coaches would like to recognize the following Seniors for all of their hard work in their final year as Football Cheerleaders: Paige Finch, Katie Lee, Emily Logan, Danielle Marques, and Selena Venecia.

Cross Country... Sophomore, Ross McCormick, honored Seneca High by competing in the Cross Country State Finals at Detweiler Park in Peoria on Saturday, November 9th. Ross finished a proud 77th in a field of 208 with a time of 16:15. Ross felt that he gained a lot of experience and insight into the way the other runners were competing and will GO FOR IT again next Fall! Cross Country Head Coach Kim Sedlock recently announced that Ross was also selected by the Times Newspaper to be the **Times 2013 Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year!** The girls cross country team, along with Ross McCormick and James Miller for the boys team, competed at the 11/2/2013 sectional meet in Oregon. The girls team finished strong in 8th place overall. Sarah Cameron had a solid 15th place finish and Caroline Collet right behind her in 16th place. Sarah Virgo finished 30th overall. The Seneca cross country team hosted Regionals at the Ag. Farm on 10/26/2013. The Seneca girls won the I-8 Conference championship title and had five runners make All-Conference. Ross McCormick won second in Conference, with the rest of the boys finishing strongly behind. Congratulations to all runners on a very successful season!

Volleyball... In route to claiming the 2013 I.H.S.A. Regional Championship in Somonauk, the Lady Irish easily defeated Amboy 25-17, 25-12. Led by Coach Karen Raney, the girls then went into battle on Tuesday, November 5th at the El-Paso-Gridley Sectional against Watseka but ended their season with only one win from the three matches. Raney and her team claimed consecutive Regional titles by working together and playing with a TEAM attitude. Our Senior Volleyball players are: Maggie Thomas, Danielle Hauch, Ana Munoz, Kayla Haines, and Taylor Vandenberg. Thank you to everyone for all of your support!

Golf... The Fighting Irish boys and girls golf teams, led by Coaches Bryan Erickson and Todd Yegge, both had good outcomes this past season. I-8 All Conference golfers were: Ben Rohder, Conlan Callahan, and Natalie Hamilton. Sectional Finalists were Alex Bott and Ben Rohder. Senior golfers for the boys team were: Alex Bott, Conlan Callahan, Clayton Cole, and Brenden Tisler. Jacquelyn Newberry was the sole Senior member of the girls golf team.

Swim Team... Morris Redskin Co-Op swim team members that participate from SHS are: Senior Rylee Anderson, Junior Alyssa Solis, and Junior MycKala Tobolsky. These three individuals make a special effort to be part of Morris Redskin Co-Op swim team because they must make arrangements to travel to Morris for all of the practices and meets. The girls each had some success in their events this year and two of the girls are looking forward to competing again next season.

Soccer... Nine Seneca High School students took advantage of being able to join a Co-Op Soccer team with Newark High School. Again, these players on the Co-Op teams are very dedicated as they must have their own transportation to and from Newark HS for practice and games. The students all say it is well worth the opportunity to be able to participate in such an exciting sport that they enjoy. The team's overall record was around the 500 mark this past season, which has improved greatly since the Co-Op agreement and the addition of the SHS soccer players.

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“You haven't failed, until you stop trying.”
Author Unknown

The Shamrock Stop! *The Mean, Green Selling Machine...*

Look out Wal-Mart...there is competition coming your way. No longer will students who are in need of a high demand school supply have to scuffle over to the nearest big box store to make purchases. The SHS Business Concepts class will be operating and managing an SHS school store. The Advanced Accounting class will be assisting with the accounting aspects of the store.



Chance Gonnam & Caleb Miller are pictured here holding Shamrock Stop! business cards that the students made themselves.

Ms. Kim Sedlock, Business Department teacher, will be guiding the students as they work to learn more about how small businesses are run. Ms. Sedlock had the SHS student body complete a survey pertaining to items that the students might be interested in purchasing from the store. Sedlock stated: “The survey was a lot of help. We made our inventory purchases based on the survey results. We will start small with items like *Insane Irish* t-shirts, a few spirit items (thunder sticks, lanyards, and drawstring bags), technology items (stylus, headphones, mice), and school supplies (pens, highlighters, erasers). Eventually we may be selling a few packaged food items and flavored coffee.”

The store will have a tentative grand opening date set for Tuesday, January 14th. The Shamrock Stop will be open for business before school on Monday-Friday from 7:30-7:50 a.m. and after school on Wednesday from 2:00-2:40 pm.

Follow the Shamrock Stop Twitter account: [#TheShamrockStop](#)

Or contact via email at : theshamrockstop@senecahs.org



SHS Family & Consumer Sciences teacher, Mrs. Erica Read, would like to inform everyone about an Online Babysitting Course now available from the Red Cross.

Sudden allergic reaction, diaper rash, power outage . . . would your babysitter know what to do? With the goal of keeping children safe, the American Red Cross released **Babysitting Basics**, a 4-hour online safety course designed for students ages 11 and older. The interactive course makes learning about child care safety fun with lots of videos and activities. The course allows busy students to stop and start as needed while they learn about:

- Caring for babies and kids up to 10 years old
- Keeping the kids and themselves safe
- Making playtime fun with age-appropriate games and toys
- Handling a wide variety of emergencies
- Managing a babysitting business

To learn more and watch a short demo on the web go to : redcross.org/babysit.



Still looking for those missing years...

The SHS Media Center is still looking for a few missing **After Glow SHS Class Yearbooks**. Seneca High yearbooks for the years of **1964, 1965, 1966, and 1973** are all missing from our collection. If we are able to acquire the missing yearbooks, we will have a complete set of SHS yearbooks that began in 1940 up to the latest issue of 2013. We were told that there were no issues of 1941, 1943 & 1946 due to lack of funding from the effects of the Depression Era. Mrs. Aileene Johnson of rural Seneca, with assistance from some family and friends, have generously dedicated much time and effort into the making of a book of Alumni class photos. This book contains class group photos from all of the SHS graduating classes. **If you or someone you know would like to donate one of these missing SHS yearbooks, please contact:**

Sherry Neimann at Seneca High School: email sneimann@senecahs.org or phone 815-357-5062



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