

SULLIVAN WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bulldog Monthly Update

From the Desk of Superintendent Bressler

Dear Bulldogs,

Winter has arrived! With much anticipation January has not disappointed those who have been patiently waiting for a snow day...or two. This has been a month for rain/ice/snow mixes with more to come. We strive to make decisions that keep our Bulldogs safe. Thank you for your continued understanding as we move through this winter weather.



In other District news, one of our Strategic Plan Goals was to streamline communication. We have made some changes however we'd like to hear from you! In the coming weeks we will be sending a survey through Thought Exchange.

Thought Exchange allows you to give feedback and to rate how you feel about others feedback. This is the same platform used last summer when providing us with your feedback on the District. Thank you for keeping an eye out and providing us with your thoughts on our communication.



We have a couple important District events coming up. Next weekend Sullivan West is hosting the Audra Sipple-Spath Scholarship Fund Benefit Basketball



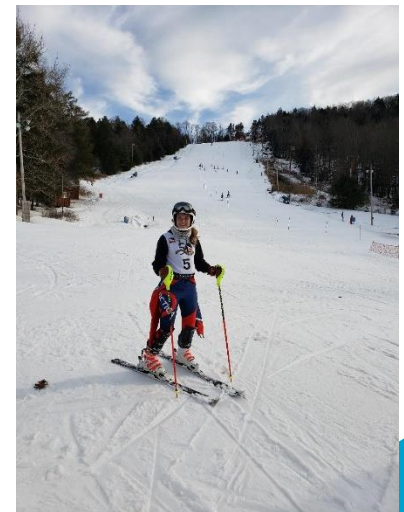
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Board of Education Meeting Highlights

Due to inclement weather the Board meeting on January 19th was changed to a special board meeting with agenda items and student recognition moved to the February 16th board meeting. The Board discussed changes to the following policies: Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment; District Investments and Information Security Breach and Notification. The Board also discussed moving the Elementary School polling location outside of the school building but within less than a mile from the school. The policies and polling location will be discussed again at the February meeting. The Board accepted, with regret, the following retirement resignations from Kathleen Lowe, Christina Hawkins, John Meyer, Heidi Leunissen-Rivera, Susanne Mullally, Lisa Paparella, Virginia Kassay, Dawn Sedlack and JoAnn Mullally. We thank all of these teachers for their dedicated service to our students, district and community.

Athletic Spotlight

All winter sports season are nearly half finished. Currently there are 166 student athletes registered on Family ID. Spring coaching positions have been posted and are being filled. Family ID registration for spring sports will be open on February 1, 2023.



Game. Sullivan West will be competing with the Livingston Manor-Roscoe Teams. Mrs. Sipple-Spath was a beloved community member who taught at Livingston Manor Elementary School. Her daughters graduated from Sullivan West in 2019. We are thrilled to be able to come together and support this cause.

AUDRA SIPPLE-SPATH SCHOLARSHIP FUND BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAMES
 FEB 11, 2023
 GAMES WILL BE HELD AT SULLIVAN WEST HIGH SCHOOL AT 6604 STATE ROUTE 52, IN LAKE HUNTINGTON.

Schedule as follows:

11:00 AM Girls JV Basketball Roscoe VS Sullivan West	12:45 PM Boys JV Basketball Livingston Manor VS Sullivan West	2:15 PM Boys Varsity Basketball Livingston Manor VS Sullivan West	3:45 PM Girls Varsity Basketball Livingston Manor VS Sullivan West
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Admission is by free-will donation, and concessions will be available.

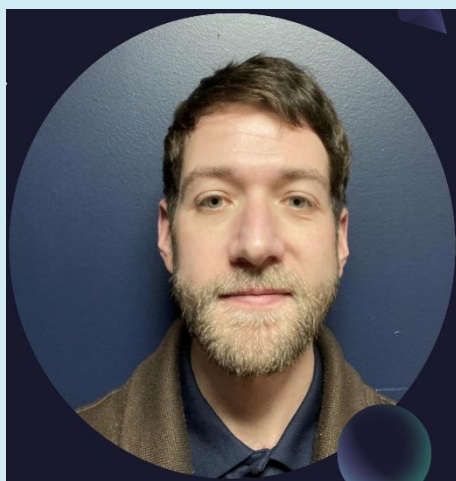
Finally, the Harlem Wizards are coming back to Sullivan West! It has been a while since we were able to host this fun family event. Thank you to our PTSO for holding this event, Friday February 24, 2023. We look forward to seeing our staff try their best against the Wizards and hope to see you all there!

Stay Warm Bulldogs!

- Kathleen

Welcome New Bulldog Staff Members!

Benjamin M. Harnick is Sullivan West Middle School's new 8th grade English teacher. He has fifteen years of teaching experience in independent schools with scholars from Pre-K to 12th grade.



Benjamin is excited to join the Bulldog pack and foster 21st century literacy and social/emotional growth in young people. He is looking forward to being part of the Sullivan West community. When not teaching, Benjamin enjoys spending time with his family and friends, exploring arts and music, and connecting with



The Athletic Department continues to work with school districts in rescheduling contests that were postponed or cancelled due to poor weather.

February 4, 2023 the Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball team will be playing at SCCC in the BCANY Coaches vs. Cancer tournament.

On February 11, 2023 Sullivan West will be hosting Boys and Girls JV and Varsity Basketball Teams from Roscoe and Livingston Manor in the Audra Sipple-Spath Scholarship Basketball Tournament.



Safety Corner

January is bath safety month. Here are some tips to help keep bath safe for all. Install no slip mats in the bath: these are low cost, but absolutely necessary additions to the bath. They are a simple solution that helps prevent slips in the tub. Put small no-slip rugs outside of the bath as well.



Safety handles first: install a couple of safety handles in the bath and near the toilet to prevent slips and falls and to assist those who need it from entering and exiting the tub or show. They are also a good idea for helping those who have difficulty standing up from the toilet.

the natural world through hiking and kayaking. Let's go Bulldogs!

Sevanna Fadis is the new Secretary in the Main Office

at the Middle/High School. Sevanna grew up in Queens, NY and moved to Bethel in 2012. She lives there with her husband, two young children and their beautiful yellow lab. They love watching movies, cooking together and to go hiking and exploring on their



property. Before starting at Sullivan West, Sevanna worked at the Center for Discovery as an administrative assistant in one of the schools for a short period of time, followed by being the administrative assistant in the food services department. Sevanna shared, "it's been a while since I've worked in a school, but I am so thrilled to be in this environment again!"

Childproof the bathroom: make sure items intended for adults, sharp razors, clippers, tweezers, are kept safely stored in the bathroom and away from curious hands of little ones.

Planning Ahead

Here are some upcoming dates. Please check the district website for times and additional information.



- February 2 MS/HS Report Cards on Parent Portal
- February 7 Conversation Series with HS Principal Mark Plescia
- February 10 Superintendent's Conference Day
- February 11 Audra Sipple-Spath Scholarship Fund Benefit Basketball Games
- February 16 Board of Education Meeting
- February 20 President's Day – No School
- February 23 MS/HS Family-Teacher Conferences
- February 24 PTSO welcomes Harlem Wizards

Please remember snow closings, delays and early dismissals are sent through K12 alerts, posted on the district website, social media and shared with the local radio stations. When we have a snow day keep an eye out for the Sullivan West Snow Day Challenge!