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Sounds of the Season... Courtesy of the Maplemere Chorus

The Maplemere Elementary Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Melissa Udy, rang in the holiday season with a number of familiar tunes at their concert on Thursday, December 8th at the High School.

The students sounded absolutely wonderful and put a packed house in the holiday spirit with their holiday selections. Happy Holidays from Sweet Home and the Maplemere Chorus!



Sweet Home Accepts Rachel's Challenge...

Rachel's Challenge came to Sweet Home High and Middle Schools on Thursday and Friday, October 27th and 28th. Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for the most life-changing school program in America. Powerful audio and video footage of Rachel's Challenge was shown to high school and middle school students and a Rachel's Challenge presenter challenged each student to follow Rachel's lead and look for the best in others, dream big, speak with kindness, choose positive influences, and to start their own chain reaction.

That chain reaction has begun. First all middle and high school students and even some of their parents signed a banner to accept Rachel's Challenge. Friends of Rachel clubs have formed in each building and have resulted in a number of great things including planned random acts of kindness, posters promoting kindness and being bully-free and noticeable change in the way many students view their classmates, teachers and staff.

Rachel's Challenge has truly made its mark at the High and Middle School, but it's also extended to the elementary schools as well. Head inside to page 10 to see just a couple examples.



Left: Middle School principal Marty Pizur talks with students about ways to properly treat other people; Right: High School student Zoya Razaque accepts Rachel's Challenge.



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*Superintendent of
Schools
Anthony J. Day*

A Message from the Superintendent of Schools...

Back in October, the District convened a task force to study how we configure or structure our elementary program. Key questions were posed. What average class size should we target in our classrooms? How many schools do we need? Should we use multi-age classrooms? What grades should attend what schools? Are there more efficient ways to structure and deliver instruction than our current mechanisms? In the next few years, a unique set of circumstances and conditions are creating fiscal pressures that may be so strong that they force us to reconsider everything we do- even those practices and programs that have been in place for many years.

2011-12 marks the first year that all four elementary schools began school with fewer than 400 students. Currently, we have less than 1500 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through five. This stands in contrast with the 2001-02 school year in which we had close to 1800 students enrolled in those grades. Complicating the matter is a potentially very serious budget gap- one that could approach \$3 million next year- and the implementation of a "tax levy cap." This law requires a 60% affirmative vote in our budget referendum to allow tax levy increases to exceed the local limit which will for Sweet Home likely hover just above 2%. In such a context, the District must reconsider

its programs and how it does business in every aspect of the organization- including how we structure our elementary program.

During its last summer retreat, the Board of Education conducted discussions around these issues. Armed with data regarding the anticipated budget issues and declining enrollment, the Board examined a number of options regarding the structure and configuration of our elementary program. These options included increased class sizes and different structures to create more efficient staffing which included the specter of closing one of our elementary buildings. Fully aware of the difficult decisions and potential impact on kids and the community, the Board asked the administration to seek input from the community to assist in its decision-making process.

Over 40 residents and staff members participated in the three sessions of the District's Elementary Configuration Task Force during October and early November. The task force was charged with making recommendations- not decisions- to the Board of Education in the event that the budgetary situation demanded strong action.

During its first meeting Mike Baumann, our Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Planning, and I set the context for the discussion. We outlined the large budget gap and fiscal constraints heading into the future as well as outlining the enrollment declines we've experienced in Sweet Home.

At our second meeting, we began to outline several options that could be utilized to help address our emerging fiscal concerns. These options included:

- Maintaining four buildings but raising class sizes and utilizing multi-age classrooms to make staffing more efficient.
- Closing one elementary building to create more efficient staffing and to save on building-specific services.
- Maintain three K-3 buildings and having all grade 4/5 students attend a central intermediate program.
- Close a building, maintain three K-4 buildings and have fifth grade move into the middle school.

During our last meeting, the participants were able to use a group decision making process to arrive at a set of recommendations. The group recommended two options for the Board to consider if the situation demanded strong action- maintaining four buildings with new class size targets and closing an elementary building. In reflection on the process, the members of task force were keenly attuned to the community allegiance to their neighborhood schools and the emotional impact created by discussions about closing a building.

Will the District close a school building in 2011-12? It is under consideration. Is the decision already made? Absolutely not. The Board of Education will continue to study the options and await critical information regarding state aid and required expenses. Any formal recommendations or decisions on school configuration will be part of this spring's budget process. There will be a number of opportunities for the public to participate and offer feedback into the process. We invite you to join the conversation.

Five Inducted Into Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame...

Five worthy graduates of Sweet Home High School were celebrated on Friday, November 4, 2011 for the second annual Sweet Home Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame. Over 100 people gathered to honor the five men whose dedication to their respective careers is awe-inspiring. Alumni Committee members, staff, District Office personnel, friends, classmates, family members and dedicatees were all in attendance. A copy of each plaque that is hung in the main foyer was also given to each of the dedicatees. The dedicatees include:

Judge Hugh Scott – Class of 1967
Ken Goldstein – Class of 1969
Ken Tirohn – Class of 1981
Donald Feldmann – Class of 1990
Adam Burgasser – Class of 1992



(L to R): Donald Feldmann, Ken Goldstein, Adam Burgasser, Ken Tirohn and Hugh Scott

For the second year in a row, Melissa Holmes, class of 2000, reporter for Channel 4 news, was the host for the evening. Anthony Day, Sweet Home Schools Superintendent and Maryanne Jasen, president of the Board of Education spoke at the beginning of the evening. Last year's recipient, Dan Herbeck, nominated Judge Scott and spoke about Scott's influence on the field of law. Next was Middle School teacher Paul Strefeler, who gave accolades about Dr. Ken Goldstein and his contributions to our local community. Tracey Scott, head of Make a Wish, gave an inspirational speech regarding Ken Tirohn's mark on the organization and his strides to make Mikey's Wish a charitable organization. Pat Mergenhagen, former Alumni Coordinator, spoke about Don Feldmann and his enormous contributions to our school district through the Dollars for Scholars program. Alan Camhi, former teacher, gave some background on the reasons for his nomination of Adam Burgasser. Lisa LaBrake gave some closing comments regarding the Alumni Association's mission and thanked those involved in making this night possible.

As people gathered, the Sweet Home jazz band played. Finger foods and appetizers were served along with a strawberry punch, all created by Personal Touch Catering. After the ceremony, cake and coffee was served, which was created by our own food service department.

The evening was videotaped in order to provide the dedicatees with a DVD, to remember the evening's stories, and renewed friendships.

Making a Difference with the Grade 6 Alpha Team...

The Grade 6 Alpha Team set out the morning of October 12 to make a difference in their community. With the help of their teachers and the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, the students climbed onto a bus and headed down to Delaware Park. For over two hours the students paired up and worked tirelessly to collect trash and beautify the park. The students cleaned up the areas around the Rose Garden and tennis courts.

For their efforts, the children on the Alpha team were recognized on the Channel 2 evening news.

Congratulations to the Alpha Team for representing Sweet Home Middle School and, more importantly, bettering their community!



Grade 6 Alpha Team at Delaware Park

44 High Schoolers & Graduates Named AP Scholars...

In recognition of their exceptional achievement on college-level Advanced Placement Examinations last May, the College Board has named 44 Sweet Home High School students and graduates AP Scholars.

The distinction, which has several levels of achievement based on success on a number of year-long courses and exams taken, was given to only about 18 percent of the more than 1.8 million students who took the AP Examinations nationwide in May 2011.

AP Exams are taken by students each May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school. They are graded on a 5-point scale with 5 being the highest score. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement or both for grades of 3 or higher.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. It is comprised of more than 5,700 schools, colleges, universities and other educational organizations.

Sweet Home's individual honors:

- Eleven students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. They were Walaa Abdelfadeel, Gabriel Chen, Kristine Ellsworth, Alex Fu, Eric Fu, Amy Grogan, Yekaterina Kukhto, Kaitlynn Olczak, Connor Orrico, Grace Pan and Joshua Reich.
- Ten students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. They were Timothy Anger, Angelina Bruno, Tyler Hayes, Christina Heim, Elizabeth Jasen, Taylor Jones, Kaylee Kaminski, Gillian Nigro, Danica Tibung and Bethany Wolf.
- 23 students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. They were Jesse Alt-Winzig, Danielle Bruch, Joshua Carroll, Laura Ciminelli, Matthew Daddario, Sarah Fiordaliso, Joseph Friert, Alexandra Hughes, Stephanie Izard, Janelle Johnson, Alyssa Koons, Emily Lambe, Leyla Mamedova, Kristen Milleville, Sarah Phelan-Tiedman, Leonard Ranallo, John Rein, Michele Said, Ryan Scott, Erica Sitek, Joseph Szabo, Taylor Vaughn and Cassie Williams.



Character Pumpkins at Willow Ridge...

Kindergartners in Mrs. Ashley Newman's class at Willow Ridge Elementary spent the early part of October learning about characters in stories that they have read. The students in Mrs. Newman's class students did a Pumpkin Book Project after learning about the title of books and the characters in them.

First, the students read a picture book or had mom or dad read a book to them at home. Then they identified one of the characters in the book and created a pumpkin that looked like the character.

As you can see the pumpkins turned out great! Congratulations Mrs. Newman's class and keep up the good work in reading your books!



Mrs. Newman's character pumpkins

Elementary Reconfiguration Task Force Recap...

During the months of October and November, a group of nearly 50 parents, administrators, teachers and support staff comprised an Elementary Reconfiguration Task Force. Superintendent of Schools Anthony Day facilitated the group and it was the charge of the Task Force to provide feedback to the Board of Education regarding varied models for configuring the District's elementary and middle level programs as the Board begins preparation of the 2012-13 Budget.

If the Board of Education were to decide that some change in the configuration of these programs was necessary to aid in the preparation of the final 2012-13 budget to be voted on by the community, the Task Force was assembled to provide appropriate information on which options should and should not be considered.

The Task Force met three times, twice in October and once in November. The context for the early discussion of the group centered on the budget - including the current economic recession, declining revenue sources, increased expenditures, significant budget gaps and the tax levy cap, decreasing student enrollment which has declined over 20% at the elementary and middle levels over the last decade and finally new academic and higher performance standards.

In terms of the budget, if the current school year budget, along with expected increases in expenses, was carried forward to the 2012-13 school year the district would see a \$3.2 million budget shortfall or gap. The consensus of the group was that that much of a budget gap made for a dire situation and that something needed to be done.

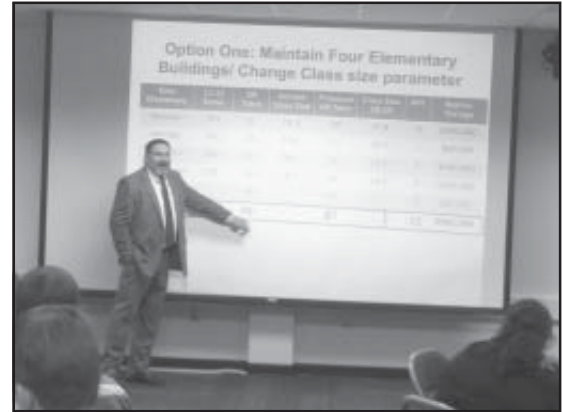
The group was presented five different options for reconfiguration of the elementary and middle programs at Sweet Home:

- (1) Keep 4 K-5 buildings and increase class size by eliminating staff / teaching positions (Potential savings of \$960,000)
- (2) Keep 3 K-5 buildings (closing one) and increase class size by eliminating staff / teaching positions (Potential savings of \$1.82 million)
- (3) Keep 3 K-3 buildings and make one existing building grades 4-5 (Potential savings of \$1.28 million)
- (4) Keep 3 K-4 buildings and (closing one) and move Grade 5 to the Middle School (Potential savings of \$2.07 million)
- (5) Maintain Status Quo / Do nothing (No potential savings)

Following the five options, the Task Force was able to decide as a group which options the Board should consider and those options it should not consider.

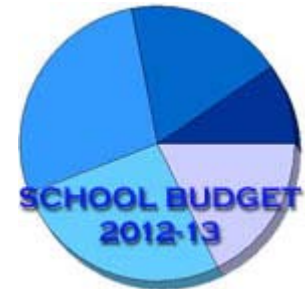
The results of the voting and the findings of the Elementary Reconfiguration Task were presented to the Board of Education by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Planning Michael Baumann at the November voting meeting on Tuesday, November 15th. If the Board of Education determined that some change to the elementary configuration of the District was necessary, it was the recommendation of the Task Force that they should consider: Option #1 Keeping 4 K-4 buildings and increasing class sizes or Option #2 Keeping 3 K-4 buildings (closing one elementary building) and increasing class sizes and should not consider Options 3-5.

The entire presentation to the Board of Education can be found at www.sweethomeschools.com.



Assistant Superintendent Mike Baumann presents one of the reconfiguration options to the Elementary Reconfiguration Task Force.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SETS THREE 2012-13 BUDGET STUDY DATES



The Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District has set three 2012-13 budget study sessions. The board will discuss the budget on the following dates and times:

Saturday, January 21 • 8:00am
Saturday, March 3 • 8:00am
Saturday, March 31 • 8:00am

The Board will also host an **OPEN COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING** on **Tuesday, March 13 at 5pm** in the Vergils Center.

All meetings will take place in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center of Sweet Home High School and the public is welcome to attend.

96 Students Inducted Into Foreign Language Honor Societies...

Sweet Home High School is pleased to announce that 96 juniors have been inducted into the school's foreign language honor society. In order to be inducted, students must successfully complete first and second levels of the language which they are studying and maintain an average of 90% or higher in each level.

Induction ceremonies were held November 15 in the Sweet Home High School auditorium. The 2011 inductees into the Sweet Home Foreign Language Honor Society are as follows:

German Honor Society

Ilona Belous, Joshua Burton, Liselette Engler, Stephen Gagnon, Matthew Hudson, Cal Jackson, Sydney Leshney, Eliza Lefebvre, Justin Okun, Anthony Tripoli and Trevor Wilson

French Honor Society

Hafsah Alamgir, Nathan Andriatch, Thomas Bartlett, Caitlyn Biondolillo, Tyler Desiderio, Weynmi Eremionkhale, Mitchell Ford, Nick Grekulak, Grace Hallgren, Emily Keem, Rachelle Keller, Logan Kingcade, Amanda Lepertine, Kenna Lewis, Rebecca Link, Alex Mogavero, Margaret Moslow, LeAnn Penz, Pedro Pereira, Michaela Phelan-Tiedman, Sarah Phelan-Tiedman, Kayla Plotner, Jamie Polito, James Poreda, Brock Prizel, Seth Rait, Jessica Szabo, Amanda Taylor, Alex Thompson and Madeline Wahl

Spanish Honor Society

Victoria Andler, Farzana Ashrafally, Brianna Athans, Kaylee Barrett, Ryan Bryndle, Michael Butler, Cynthia Buzanski, Joseph Catuzza, Matthew Ciminella, Shelby Cohan, Nicholas Cuomo, Noah DiPasquale, Angela Disorbo, Marissa Edwards, Dexu Fang, Meghan Flynn, Lacey Gennamore, Jenna Guadagna, Megan Harris, Savannah Hearitt, Marissa Henesey, Matthew Heron, YanYan Hu, Rebecca Jasen, Kaitlyn Johnson, Madison Kather, Katherine Keefe, Lucas Kindron, Peter Knox, Waleed Malik, Nicholas McCuen, Kalie McHenry, Chassity Nemeth, LeAnn Nowasell, Ana Valerie Odom, Jordan Ohman, Angela Pandolfi, Pedro Pereira, Sarah Phelan-Tiedman, Nathan Rarick, Tia Robinson, Jennifer Schwab, Kevin Sheridan, Lindsey Spengler, Alyssa Strom, Jessica Stroupe, Breanna Thaler, Tonya Tucci, Novica Vukovic, Rachael Weissenburg, Emily Wesolowski, Cara Wolcott, Michelle Woodward, Alexa Zak and Christopher Zon



Rebecca Jasen

2012-13 Kindergarten Registration...

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will take place throughout the month of March. If you have a child who turns 5 by December 1, 2012 and the child is **not** currently enrolled in the Sweet Home Universal Pre-K program, you should receive a letter from our district office by February 3 with a registration packet and a request to schedule an appointment. Registration takes place by appointment only at the Central Registration Office 1901 Sweet Home Rd. If you do not receive a letter, please contact us at 250-1600.

Registration dates:

Glendale:	March 6, 7, 8, 2011
Maplemere:	March 13, 14, 15, 2011
Willow Ridge:	March 20, 21, 22, 2011
Heritage Heights:	March 27, 28, 29, 2011

Children do not have to accompany the parent to the registration appointment. This is to complete paperwork only. Elementary Buildings will be contacting parents about Kindergarten screening at a separate time.

Children who are currently enrolled in the Universal Pre-K program are already registered for Kindergarten. Parents will receive a letter and new medical forms to be updated. The updated physical and immunizations need to be turned into the child's elementary school by August 31, 2012. If your child will not be attending Sweet Home for Kindergarten, please notify Central Registration.



Middle School Student Art Selected to be Displayed at New York State School Boards Convention...

Congratulations to eighth graders **Crystal Chan, Kayla Gilliam** and **Leslie Murphy** on having their artwork selected to be on display at the annual New York State School Boards Association Convention held in Buffalo on October 28-29.

Because of these three young ladies, several hundred school board members from across the state were able to see first hand the many artistic talents of Sweet Home students.

Each of the students was recognized at the November 8th Board of Education meeting.



Lesli Murphy and Kayla Gilliam



Crystal Chan

Paws of Success at Willow Ridge...

Willow Ridge celebrated its “kick-off” to the Paw of Success Program on September 23rd in the school cafeteria.

At the assembly teachers introduced the points of emphasis this year: Be a Problem Solver, Greet Others, Don't Give Up When Things Get Difficult, and Use a Kind Tone of Voice.

The entire school was present and heard the message that to be successful in school and in life, one must have positive character traits and must be able to get along and work with others.

All adults in Willow Ridge Elementary will be “on the lookout” watching to see students demonstrate the four traits listed above. Students will be given a Willow Ridge “paw” if they are spotted by an adult.

Paws are posted on a large bulletin board in the front hallway. Good luck Willow Ridge students in earning your “paws”.

Willie the Wildcat hopes to be handing out many “paws” at Willow Ridge this school year.



39 Middle and High Schoolers Named Area All-State Musicians...

Congratulations to 39 students from Sweet Home Middle and High Schools on being recently named Area All-State Musicians. In order to be selected, each student performed in front of judges at Area All-State Festivals during the month of November. This is a tremendous honor for the students and we congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

Ashley Bassett	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Owen Collins	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Joe Gerlach	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Brianna Martin	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Matthew Mogensen	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Lindsay Moran	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Matthew Penberthy	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Christian Peth	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Matthew Pfalzer	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Jonathan Mason	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
David Lauer	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Anthony Musso	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Jillian O'Keefe	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Keana Barnes	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Taylor Corner	Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Nicloe Zvorsky	Orchestra	Area All State Junior High
Melanie Izard	Band	Area All State Junior High
Kevin Terragnoli	Alternate Band	Area All State Junior High
Ben Graham	Alternate Chorus	Area All State Junior High
Pedro Pereira	Chorus	Area All State Senior High
Tom Romans	Chorus	Area All State Senior High
Alexxis Butera	Chorus	Area All State Senior High
Samantha Lorich	Chorus	Area All State Senior High
Sarah Fiordaliso	Chorus	Area All State Senior High
Alexandria Watts	Chorus	Area All State Senior High
Max Lewis	Chorus	Area All State Senior High
Orvis Collins	Chorus	Area All State Senior High
Laura Ciminelli	Orchestra	Area All State Senior High
MacKenzie Hoffman	Orchestra	Area All State Senior High
Stephen Gagnon	Orchestra	Area All State Senior High
Lisa Gagnon	Orchestra	Area All State Senior High
Seth Rait	Orchestra	Area All State Senior High
Leonard Ranallo	Orchestra	Area All State Senior High
Connor Miller	Band	Area All State Senior High
Stephanie Izard	Band	Area All State Senior High
Brian Rosiek	Band	Area All State Senior High
Alyssa Strom	Alternate Orchestra	Area All State Senior High
Kaylee Barrett	Alternate Orchestra	Area All State Senior High
Rebecca Jasen	Alternate Orchestra	Area All State Senior High



Changes to the 2011-12 Calendar...

Please note that **Friday, January 27, 2012** was not listed as a 1/2 day for the elementary schools in the calendars mailed home to district residents in August. Elementary students **only** will be dismissed at 11:15am on Friday, January 27, 2012. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Sweet Home Raises More Than \$6,000 in Support of American Cancer Society...

Another rainy day greeted the Sweet Home Team in downtown Buffalo, but neither rain nor hail deterred the Sweet Home Educators Association (SHEA) Striders. They met at Niagara Square on October 2 for the annual *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* walk. SHEA members, their friends and families have been participating in this walk for over 10 years, and this year's event was their most successful to date!

This year, the SHEA Striders have donated more than \$6000 to the American Cancer Society. In addition to the "Casual for Cancer" days held in most buildings, other special events helped to increase donations. The Striders received generous donations through the Swim Team's cap signing, Powder Puff game and gate proceeds from another football game. Thank you to Athletics secretary Karen Galli and health and physical education teacher Marie Ross for organizing those fundraising activities. Thanks also to high school English teacher Lisa LaBrake for her organization of the "Pink Out" and to Junior Class Council advisors Heather Paolucci and Lisa Feyes for coordinating the Jr. Class Council Bake Sale.

Lastly, a special thank you to Maplemere teacher Kirsten Baetzhold for organizing the Striders year after year and to her faithful building reps: Lisa LaBrake (High School), Joelle Loughrey (Glendale) and Frank LiCausi (Heritage Heights). You have all done Sweet Home proud in organizing our team in the fight against cancer!



Sweet Home's Making Strides 2011 Team

Glendale & Heritage Choruses Spread the Holiday Cheer...

With the change of the calendar to the months of November and December, many of the choral groups in the District begin their concert season. In addition to performances for family and friends at school, there are a few occasions where the groups are lucky to take their shows on the road and share their wonderful talents with others.

On Friday, November 18th, Heritage Heights music teacher Mrs. Imiolo took a group of 4th and 5th grade chorus members to Weinburg's Total Aging in Place program for a special afternoon concert. Students entertained the senior adults with selections from their upcoming winter concert. Heritage continues its outreach into the community with special experiences like this. The Heritage group is pictured in the top photograph.

On Thursday, December 1st, Glendale music teacher Mrs. White took her chorus to perform a number of holiday selections at Beechwood Nursing Home in Williamsville.

By all accounts, the residents in each facility enjoyed the holiday sounds provided by each group. Pictured top is the Heritage chorus and bottom is Glendale at Beechwood.



It's No Trick: Willow Ridge Pledges to be Bully-Free...

On Friday, November 18th, all students Willow Ridge Elementary were lucky enough to see a performance by local magician Mike Seege. What's unique about Mike's show, is that it combines magic with a very important message about anti-bullying. Mike uses tricks and a lot of audience participation to convey bullying should not happen, and if it does, students need to be brave to stand up to it and tell an adult to have it stopped. Following all of Mike's shows each of the students and their teachers signed a banner pledging to make Willow Ridge a bully-free school.



Heritage Turns Blue to Stomp Out Bullying...

As a show of solidarity, students at Heritage Heights Elementary wore blue shirts on Monday October 3rd- Stomp Out Bullying Day- A World Day of Bullying Prevention. Elementary School Counselors across the district will address the topic of Bullying: Awareness, Prevention and Intervention at all grade levels during the school year.



Board Recognizes State Qualifying Athletes...

At its December 13 study session, the Sweet Home Board of Education recognized a number of Panther student athletes who were lucky enough to qualify for state competitions in their chosen sport. Congratulations to:

- Section VI Class A Champions - Panther Football
- Kalie McHenry and Emily Keem - Swimming
- Jennifer DelSignore - Section VI Cross Country Champ
- Jill Daddario - Gymnastics
- Kristen Milleville - All-WNY Scholar Athlete
- Stephanie Izard - All-WNY Scholar Athlete & Section VI Pentathlon Champ

It is also important to note that all of Sweet Home's fall sports teams were once again recognized as scholar athlete teams - each with a combined average of its athletes of 90% and higher. Way to go Panthers!



Kalie McHenry



Emily Keem



Jennifer DelSignore



Jill Daddario



Kristen Milleville



Stephanie Izard

Middle School Students Play “Top Chef” for a Day...

As part of the American Dairy Association and Buffalo Bills’ Fuel Up to Play 60 nutrition education program, Middle School students **Mark Kromphardt, Brittney Kromphardt, Taylor Gould and Jillian Anderson** received a “Top Chef” experience as they shopped for ingredients, prepared recipes and created a videotaped entry for the national Fuel Up to Play 60 Cooking Show Challenge on Thursday, December 8 at Tops Amherst Cooking School. The challenge asked students to create healthy recipes for breakfast lunch and snacks using ingredients such as low fat dairy, fruits, vegetables and whole grains. The team from the Middle School made a Mediterranean Pizza on whole wheat crust.



The team competed from three other schools in the Cleveland Hill and Ken-Ton School Districts. The Tops Cooking School staff will select the winner from the 4 entries in January and that school will win a \$2,500 grant provided by the American Dairy Association.

Best of luck Mark, Brittney, Taylor and Jillian!



Boo Benefit Raises Thousands of Dollars for Darfur...

One of the highlights of the district calendar every year has been the Boo Benefit sponsored by the Students for Hope group at the High School.

This year’s Benefit was held on Friday evening October 28th at the high school and students from across the district were invited, with over 500 kids and their parents in attendance. For a small admission fee student could trick or treat in a safe environment, enjoy crafts and paint a pumpkin.

This was the third year of the Boo Benefit and to date, the Students for Hope group has raised over \$5,000 in support of refugees in the area of Darfur. That money has helped them to purchase clean water, books, school supplies and provided electricity to the area’s school.

Students for Hope is advised by Mr. Scott Aquilino and Miss Krista Kieser and both say it is a credit to the work of student members, both past and present that the group has been able to raise so much money in support of such a worthwhile cause.

Sweet Home congratulates Students for Hope on their continual support of the people of Darfur.



An Update from the Office of Instruction...



*Asst. Superintendent
for Instruction
Larry J. Leaven*

“Data-Driven Instruction (DDI) is a precise and straightforward approach to improving student learning throughout the year. It’s a real-time way to gauge your students’ position and where they’re headed – and to meet them where they are, whether behind or ahead of the curve.”

EngageNY.org

The Race to the Top (RTTT) legislation that was passed in 2009 requires schools in participating states to make significant changes in the ways that teachers design and deliver instruction. RTTT also mandates the creation of an Annual Professional Performance Review process (APPR) that ensures that teachers and principals are effective in their roles. Coupled with these two significant shifts is the charge of creating a quality data driven assessment system (DDI) leading to increased student achievement.

New York State has adopted the new Common Core State Standards CCSS and we are working to update our curriculum to meet the new curricular expectations. We are involved in ongoing collaborative meetings to restructure the APPR system for both teachers and principals. In addition to those two initiatives we are working to train teachers and principals in the data-driven instructional model to ensure that our assessments and instruction are flexible and adequately adapt to the learning needs of our students.

There is clear evidence in the research that teaching and learning must be interactive. “Teachers need to know about their pupils’ progress and difficulties with learning so that they can adapt their own work to meet pupils’ needs—needs that are often unpredictable and vary from one pupil to the another.” (Black & Wiliam, 1998) Over the past several years we have tried to use assessment data to determine how our students have done in relation to a given assignment, course or core subject area. We have done a great job of using this data to look back and summarize how our students are doing in relation to grade level or course expectations. However, research shows that to have the greatest impact on student learning, more time must be spent evaluating data that informs instruction throughout the learning process. Our charge this year has been to create an assessment system that has a better balance of assessments, both final assessments and those that take place during the school year and better address the unique learning needs of all students.

If it is true that the best assessment informs decision-making about the needs of individual learners, than our goal must be to properly design and use assessments that can lead to targeted instruction and that address students’ weaknesses. At that point, we can begin to thoughtfully build on their strengths. In addition to assessment that occurs as teachers listen, observe, interact, and reflect on student development over time, this year we have designed interim assessments that take place quarterly. Teachers determine CCSS learning goals that must be met for that specific quarter and determine where students are along the trajectory towards mastery of the learning goal.

One of the exciting aspects of the interim assessment work is that teachers can quickly review the interim assessment and provide almost immediate feedback outlining what learning goals they have met and where they need to improve. Our initial feedback regarding the implementation of the interim assessments from both teachers and students has been very positive. As we refine this work we will certainly be closer to getting everyone in the school working toward the same goal of preparing every child for college and career readiness—adhering to the same standards and assessments for all students in a given grade level and content area.

As always, I welcome your input to the instructional programs here in Sweet Home and encourage you to meet with your child’s learning team should you have any questions about your child’s school experience or I can be reached through email at lleaven@shs.k12.ny.us or by phone at 250.1422.



Have questions about Common Core standards, data-driven instruction or teacher and leader effectiveness? This is your one-stop shop:

www.EngageNY.org

Glendale Runners Take Part in Niagara Falls Marathon...

Once again, students from Glendale traveled to Canada to compete in the Niagara Falls International Marathon Schools Challenge. There, students ran the final 2.195 kilometers as they raced to the finish line to complete their marathon training. The metric equivalent to 26.2 miles is 42.195 kilometers.

Students were required to complete the first 40 kilometers prior to participating in the Schools Challenge race. The students ran for 15 to 20 minutes BEFORE their school day to complete the 40 kilometer requirement in order to participate in the marathon. The group ran under the supervision of Glendale physical education teachers Rich Lowe and Diana Calandra.

This was a tremendous commitment to running by the following Glendale students: **Kayla Teidemann, Aysia Kelly, Jacob, Cazes, Elijah Cazes, Connor Austin, Justin Polyachyk, Collin Polyachyk, Jacob Sempert, Connor Sempert, Billy George and Cal Robertson.**

Congratulations to all on a fantastic job and keep running!



German Exchange Program at Sweet Home...

In October, the German Exchange Program hosted 15 Students and 2 teachers from our partner school the Comprehensive School in Hungen Germany for two weeks. Once again the exchange was quite a success and many families participated in the fun and activities. Our guest students stay with a host family and shadow their host students to their class for the first week. They then chose their schedule for the second week. The students also go on several field trips such as tours of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Toronto. Our German friends enjoy many American activities like Halloween haunted houses and football games.

This was our 10th time hosting our partners from Hungen. The Program began in 1993 with our guest teacher Dieter Hausotter, who has visited Sweet Home 5 times with the program. The exchange is held every other year. This year our guest teachers were Karin Bischoff and Suzanne Rosch. Our Sweet Home students will be visiting Hungen next August (2012). Our students also shadow their host students, do activities, and go on field trips like to Frankfurt and a boat trip on the Rhine River.

Host Family

Alex Beahan
Megan Gugliuzza
Lauren Rao
Kayla Warda
Ben Warda
Katie Harding
Taylor Gibbon
Cody Smith
Micki Wilkinson
Madison Boehler
Kevin Adams
Kathryn Rogemoser
MacKenzie Hoffman
Chris Stonish
Samantha Monkelbaan

Guest

Simon Linhart
Julia Gawlina
Stella Mauderer
Svenja Vornlocher
Dominic Wenzel
Sina Sommer
Marie Kristin Bopp
Marvin Heiland
Charlotte Bärthel
Stephanie Gohlke
Nina Liska
Olivia Pleier
Lisa Fuhr
Daniel Moll
Sarah Hublitz



The 2011 Sweet Home German Exchange Program

Health & Wellness Corner...



*Beverly Ann Shipe, SNT/P
District Nurse
Practitioner &
Health Teacher
250-1269*

Give Kids A Smile Day: Friday, February 3rd, 2012, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Sponsored by University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine – Squire Hall-*Give Kids a Smile* is a **ONE DAY** national event where children ages 1 – 18 without dental insurance are able to receive **FREE** dental services. Offered: Dental Exams, Cleanings, Fluoride treatment, Fillings, X-Rays (if needed), Sealants, Extractions, and Orthodontic Consultation. For more information and to schedule an appointment for your child please contact: (716) 861-3593 or (716) 829-3717.



Caffeine Content for Coffee, Tea, Soda and More... Do You Know the Caffeine Content of Your Favorite Drink?

If you're like most adults, caffeine is a part of your daily routine. You may want to take a look at just how much caffeine you get in a typical day, especially if you're bothered by headaches, restlessness or anxiety. If your caffeine habit totals more than 500 milligrams (mg) a day, you may want to consider cutting back.

With the growing popularity of energy drinks, many parents have become concerned about how much caffeine their kids are getting. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that adolescents get no more than 100 mg of caffeine a day. Younger children shouldn't drink caffeinated beverages on a regular basis.'

[Click on tabs to see the caffeine content in popular drinks, sweets and medications.] 'One note about the numbers: Use them as a guide. The actual caffeine content of the same coffee drink can vary from day to day — even at the same coffee shop — because of various factors, such as roasting and grinding, as well as brewing time. The caffeine content of tea also is affected by how long it's brewed.'

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/caffeine/AN01211>

Caffeine Consumption Common in Kids, But Not Recommended

'Even young children appear to be consuming more caffeine, so much so that caffeine could be contributing to sleep problems in primary school children, researchers found.'

'The more caffeine children consumed, the fewer hours they slept on average (P=0.02), the researchers reported online in the Journal of Pediatrics, although not drawing a causal link.

'The average intake was two or three times higher than the 22- to 23-mg daily average reported nearly a decade ago, they noted.'

"There's really no role for caffeine in kids," Marcie Schneider, MD, of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, emphasized in commenting on the study. "We know that caffeine raises your blood pressure, raises your heart rate, and can be addictive."

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pediatrics/GeneralPediatrics/23945>

Energy Drinks and Caffeine

A new report from the US government released on November 22, 2011 warns that energy drinks are sending an alarming number of people to emergency rooms.

In 2009, US emergency rooms treated almost 10 times more cases of reactions to beverages such as Monster, Red Bull, and Rockstar than they did in 2005, according to a report from the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

More than 13,000 people visited hospital emergency rooms in 2009 due to highly caffeinated beverages, and nearly half the emergencies resulted from mixing energy drinks with alcohol or other drugs.

Meanwhile, experts urge fans of energy beverages to be aware of the caffeine content in the products to avoid overdoing it: for example, an 8.4 ounce (250 mL) can of Red Bull contains 76-80 milligrams of caffeine, according to the Mayo Clinic. An 8 ounce (240 mL) cup of brewed coffee can contain between 95 to 200 milligrams of caffeine. To find out the caffeine content in a variety of beverages and brands, visit:

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/caffeine/AN01211>.

In a study announced earlier this year, researchers discovered that energy drinks mixed with alcohol contribute to higher impulsivity and stimulation in the drinker, which they say can correlate with riskier behavior. Results of the new study were published in the July 2011 issue of the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*. <http://news.yahoo.com/energy-drinks-send-thousands-er-according-us-report-155448929.html>

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UNYTS Blood Drive

UNYTS serves the eight counties throughout WNY. Since beginning collections in June 2007, UNYTS has already become the primary supplier of blood products for the six hospitals in Niagara and Wyoming Counties, ECMC and the entire Kaleida Health System. With the addition of ECMC, UNYTS provides the Western New York region with over 60% of its blood supply and 8-9,000 more additional units of blood and 500 more platelet products.



In April 2011, UNYTS' debuted their brand new 40-foot "Donate Life" Express Bus that has the ability to collect whole blood, double-red cells and platelets and can accommodate up to 50 donors per blood drive. With this Bus, UNYTS collects an estimated 4,000 additional units of blood per year for Western New York residents.

When you donate through UNYTS, you are ensuring that your friends, family and neighbors have blood available when they need it. Just one pint can help save up to three local lives right here in Western New York. Please call 716-512-7940 to make an appointment. Walk-ins always welcome! To view upcoming blood drives throughout the area go to www.unyts.org

What Is Meningitis

Meningococcal meningitis is a form of meningococcal disease and is a serious bacterial infection. Meningococcal disease can be difficult to recognize, especially in its early stages because meningitis symptoms are similar to those of more common viral illnesses. But unlike more common illnesses, meningococcal disease can cause death or disability within just one day.

Many of the people who survive meningococcal meningitis can be left with serious medical problems that may include amputation of limbs, fingers, or toes, severe scarring, brain damage, hearing loss, kidney damage, and psychological problems.

Who's at Risk for Meningitis

Even people who are usually healthy can get meningitis. However, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have shown that the risk of getting meningitis increases in teens and young adults.

How Meningococcal Disease Spreads

Common everyday activities can spread meningococcal disease. This includes kissing, sharing utensils and drinking glasses, living in close quarters such as a dormitory or summer camp, and smoking or being exposed to smoke. Activities that can make teens feel run down may also put them at greater risk for meningitis by weakening their immune system. These include staying out late and having irregular sleeping patterns.

What To Do

You can't watch your teen every minute of every day. But you can help protect your children from meningococcal disease (which includes meningitis) by getting them vaccinated. Simply talk to your child's school nurse or other health-care provider about the importance of vaccination. If you ever suspect that your child has meningitis, go to the emergency room right away, where he or she can be evaluated and receive prompt medical care.

Who Should Get Vaccinated?

Getting your child vaccinated is the best way to help protect them from meningococcal meningitis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical groups recommend meningococcal vaccines for preteens and teens beginning at age 11, with a booster dose by 18 years of age.'

<http://www.voicesofmeningitis.org/get-the-facts-the-basics.html>

Fun and Educational Websites for Kids

Nutrition Website

Your Personal Nutrition Guide- Website is written by a Registered Dietician and includes guidance on meal planning, healthy eating, and offers a kids nutrition activities.

<http://www.personal-nutrition-guide.com/nutrition-for-kids.html>

Community Service: Project Linus Blanket Drive

Planning has begun for the Saturday, January 28, 2012 WNY National Association of Nurse Practitioners Project Linus Blanket Drive held at Sweet Home Central School District Norman C. Vergils Community Center. Community persons are welcome to be a blanketeer and help make blankets for children in shelters, clinics, hospitals and safe homes. Contact Bev Shipe [250-1269] to register and for further information. Seating is limited.

Girls JV Soccer Lends a Helping Hand to Ronald McDonald House...

The Junior Varsity Girls soccer team recently visited the Ronald McDonald House to lend a helping hand. The girls cleaned up the house both inside and out and even got to help the kitchen staff prepare and serve a meal to the House's guests.

Thank you to the girls and coaches on being a wonderful representative of Sweet Home Athletics.



Business Law Class Welcomes Cellino & Barnes Attorney...

Students in Mr. Thomas' Business Law class were treated to a special visitor recently - Mr. John Looney of the law firm Cellino & Barnes.

Mr. Looney shared with the class his expertise as a civil lawyer and discussed his career path to becoming a lawyer. He shared with the class the requirements that need to be satisfied for a case to be accepted as a civil suit by most law offices.

Mr. Looney was also kind enough to welcome any aspiring law student to shadow for a day at Cellino & Barnes - another great opportunity for our business students!



Harkness Students of the Month...



Congratulations to **Linsay Ford** on being named the Harkness Student of the Month for October. Linsay was recognized for giving extra effort and kindness to the residents of Weinburg Campus during work-site volunteering.



Congratulations to **Joey Rhodes** on being named the Harkness Student of the Month for September. Joey continually helps others and always does her best. She is responsible, kind and enthusiastic about school.

FOOD SERVICE HAPPENINGS

The Food Service Department is one of the busiest departments in the District, preparing breakfast and lunch for the student body each and every school day.

Central Kitchen Supervisor Mrs. Sandra Cocca found some time in her busy schedule to welcome some Sweet Home students into the world of food service and preparation.

In November, Mrs. Cocca and her staff welcomed second graders from Heritage Heights to the Central Kitchen. While there, students learned more about nutrition, how meals are prepared, making healthy choice and even got to make their own personal pizzas.

Mrs. Cocca has also started a Student Food Advisory Committee. On a regular basis, Mrs. Cocca will sit down with high school students to review the school breakfast and lunch menus. The students will provide input on the current selections and even offer new ideas based on what they hear from their classmates. Both Mrs. Cocca and the students hope to bring many new, healthy options to the school's cafeteria.





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Sweet Home Community Education Is Now Accepting Electronic Checks and Credit Cards!!

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What is PaySchools?

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How does it work?

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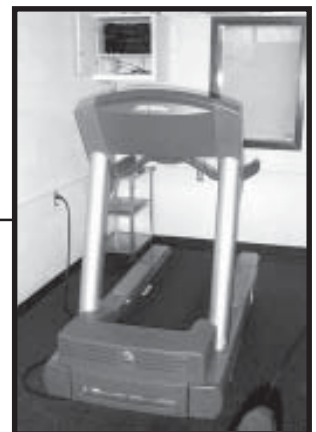
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BEGINNER SPANISH ONLINE

This 6-week online course will teach you the basics of the Spanish language, from the alphabet and numbers to forming sentences with verbs and adjectives. You will learn written and spoken Spanish with emphasis on the Latin American pronunciation and accent. This course is perfect for people in the working world who interact with a Spanish-speaking public and would like to gain basic intro-level Spanish communication skills. Also great for anyone looking to learn basic Spanish for personal use at a relaxed pace from home. Each lesson includes a written transcript (in Microsoft Word) and interactive audio files (in mp3 format) to accompany each section of the lesson. A CD-Rom containing the audio files for all lessons will be mailed to each student following registration for the course. Each written lesson in Microsoft Word will be sent via e-mail to each student prior to the beginning of the new week throughout the 6 weeks. A short mid-term review assignment will be sent and handed in via e-mail midway through the course. Requirements for the course: CD-Rom drive, internet access, e-mail, ability to receive MS Word documents via e-mail attachments and the ability to play and listen to mp3 audio files. Please include your e-mail address when registering.

Dates:

Course begins week of 1/23

Course fee: \$60

Instructor: Tiffany Scott

INTERMEDIATE SPANISH ONLINE

This 6-week online course is a continuation of material following Beginner Spanish Online. It includes past tenses of verbs, subjunctive tense, future tense, extended vocabulary, commands, adverbs and other intricacies of the Spanish language. Each lesson includes a written transcript (in Microsoft Word) and interactive audio files (in mp3 format) to accompany each section of the lesson. A CD-Rom containing the audio files for all lessons will be mailed to each student following registration for the course. Each written lesson in Microsoft Word will be sent via e-mail to each student prior to the beginning of the new week throughout the 6 weeks. A short mid-term review assignment will be sent and handed in via e-mail midway through the course. Requirements for the course: CD-Rom drive, internet access, e-mail, ability to receive MS Word documents via e-mail attachments and the ability to play and listen to mp3 audio files. Additional requirements for this course are Beginner Spanish proficiency, preferably having first taken the Beginner Spanish Online course. Please include your e-mail address when registering.

Dates:

Course begins week of 1/23

Course fee: \$60

Instructor: Tiffany Scott

SPANISH FOR TRAVEL ONLINE

This 6-week online course is perfect for anyone traveling to a Spanish-speaking area. It focuses on terminology, conversational material, and questions and phrases pertinent to travel and activities. Topics such as the airport, the hotel, the bank, medical emergencies and tourist activities are covered. No familiarity of Spanish necessary. Each lesson includes a written transcript (in Microsoft Word) and interactive audio files (in mp3 format) to accompany each section of the lesson. A CD-Rom containing the audio files for all lessons will be mailed to each student following registration for the course. Each written lesson in Microsoft Word will be sent via e-mail to each student prior to the beginning of the new week throughout the 6 weeks. A short mid-term review assignment will be sent and handed in via e-mail midway through the course. Requirements for the course: CD-Rom drive, internet access, e-mail, ability to receive MS Word documents via e-mail attachments and the ability to play and listen to mp3 audio files.

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SPANISH FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS ONLINE

This 6-week online course will teach you the basics in health care terminology and communication with Spanish-speaking clients in the health care setting. Taught with the Latin American pronunciation and accent, this course is perfect for doctors, nurses, physician assistants, physical therapists, and anyone who interacts with a Spanish-speaking public in the healthcare setting. Emphasis will include vocabulary of organs and body systems, hospital terminology, diseases and conditions, pertinent questions about medical history, and how to give simple commands such as when performing a physical exam. Each lesson includes a written transcript (in Microsoft Word) and interactive audio files (in mp3 format) to accompany each section of the lesson. A CD-Rom containing the audio files for all lessons will be mailed to each student following registration for the course. Each written lesson in Microsoft Word will be sent via e-mail to each student prior to the beginning of the new week throughout the 6 weeks. A short mid-term review assignment will be sent and handed in via e-mail midway through the course. Students will be able to correspond with the instructor via e-mail freely throughout the duration of the course. Requirements for the course: Intro-level Spanish knowledge, CD-Rom drive, internet access, e-mail, ability to receive MS Word documents via e-mail attachments and the ability to play and listen to mp3 audio files. Please include your e-mail address when registering.

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Introduction to PC Troubleshooting

Are you ready to dive under the hood of your PC? Introduction to PC Troubleshooting takes you step by step through the typical hardware and operating system problems encountered by technicians, and teaches you troubleshooting techniques to decipher any problem and gives you the skills you need to solve them. Once you've mastered the basics, the course launches into some of the more advanced and nasty problems that sometimes crop up in the PC, teaching you how to diagnose and fix those problems. Finally, this course will show you how to maintain and optimize a Windows PC. So what are you waiting for? Let's troubleshoot - and fix - some PCs!
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Do you have a nagging suspicion that a small improvement in your writing skills might also improve your career prospects? Don't let small gaps in your business writing skills prevent you from reaching your full potential! It doesn't matter whether you're a clerical worker, an engineer, or an executive. If you communicate with others in writing, this course can help you identify and eliminate problem areas. By the end of this course, you'll know the secret to developing powerful written documents that immediately draw readers in and keep them motivated to continue until your very last, well-chosen word.

12 lessons: \$69

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Rapid growth in the health, legal services, data processing, management, public relations, and other industries have created many new job opportunities for administrative assistants. This course will help you discover and master the essentials of managerial and staff support, information and records management, communications technology, travel and meeting coordination, space planning, and office ergonomics. You'll become an indispensable member of your team by identifying opportunities and implementing solutions to turn your office into a high productivity machine. This course will also help you prepare for the internationally recognized Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) and Certified Administrative Professional (CAP) exams offered by the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

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Stained Glass Workshops Instructor: Dave Sack

Beginning Stained Glass HS Art Room 406

Students are introduced to the "copper foil/Tiffany style". They learn all the basic construction techniques in this method of stained glass. This is a hands-on course. Students can complete up to four sun catchers within six weeks. Dave Sack has taught at the State University at Buffalo for ten years, and owned Papillion Glassworks for twenty-one years.

Start Dates:
Feb. 7, March 27 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$70

Advanced Stained Glass HS Art Room 406

In this workshop, students apply what they learned in the beginner's course to more complex projects, such as lamps, larger panels, windows, three dimensional objects (jewelry boxes, card holders, candleholders etc.). Just about anything in stained glass can be accomplished (no fusing). Students will also be taught different methods of construction, and the use of more advanced tools.

Start Dates:
Feb. 9, March 29 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$70

Fabrics Instructor: Carmen Velasco

Embroidery Around the World HS Art Room 406

Experience making a wide variety of embroidery styles including brazilian embroidery, silk ribbon embroidery, shadow embroidery to name a few. Quilters can apply these beautiful stitches to create a unique square - low cabin, crazy quilt, double wedding ring and many more. Beginners will have to purchase a kit, available in class, for \$15.

Start Dates:
Feb. 8, March 28 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$70

Knitting and Crocheting HS Art Room 406

This class takes you from the basics to the very advanced techniques. You will learn how to read a pattern, create your own designs, do professional finishing and much more. Bring 4-ply yarn, #8 knitting needle and #5 crochet hook. This class welcomes students from beginners to the very advanced.

Start Dates:
Feb 6, March 26 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$70

Computer Workshops Instructor: Paul Bauer

Photoshop I Photographic Techniques HS Room 310

This workshop covers the basic operation of Adobe Photoshop needed to edit photographic images for size, resolution, color correction, sharpness etc. We then add enhancements such as toning, hand-coloring and simple borders. The class starts with a review of computer operation including file loading, saving, CD burning etc. The workshop is structured with weekly step-by-step instruction, projects and homework. Work with my images or your own. A small package of blank CD-R's or a USB Flash Drive is required.

Start Dates:
Feb. 9, March 29 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$80

Photoshop II Advanced Techniques (HS Room 310)

This workshop continues our mastery of Adobe Photoshop. It picks up where Photoshop I leaves off, and gets us involved with basic filters, layers, masks, and advanced tools and techniques. Everyone is encouraged to burn the lessons and homework to a CD, and take them home and practice them on their own computer. Students need a small package of blank CD-R's or a USB Flash Drive, along

with Photoshop I experience.

Start Dates:
Feb. 8, March 27 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$80

Photoshop III - Third Level HS Room 310

This workshop picks up where Photoshop I & II leave off. We cover more advanced techniques such as Layer Blend Modes, Custom Brushes, Extraction, History Brush, Vector Graphics, Advanced Sharpening Techniques, Liquify, and many more. Once again, all of the exercises that we work with in this workshop are practical tasks that photographers need to accomplish on a regular basis. Students need a small package of blank CD-R's or a USB Flash Drive, along with Photoshop I and II experience.

Start Dates:
March 26 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$80

Basic Photography Digital & Traditional HS Room 310

This time-tested workshop has introduced thousands of students to the world of photography for more than twenty five years. It provides all the fundamentals you need to know in both the traditional and digital worlds. Lectures cover traditional subjects such as films, apertures, shutters, depth-of-field, f/16 rule, etc, as well as digital topics such as resolution, file formats, memory cards, etc. This hands-on workshop includes lecture, one-on-one in-class shooting, several field trips and an informal seminar. Aesthetics and composition are covered in the Field Trip Workshops. No prior photographic knowledge is assumed.

Start Dates:
Feb. 6, March 28 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$70



**Photography
Workshops
Instructor:
Paul Bauer**

**Basic Photography
Digital & Traditional
HS Room 310**

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Start Dates:

Feb. 6, March 28 (6weeks)
7-10pm • \$70

Field Trip Workshops

All Field Trip Workshops consist of one lecture period followed by five field trip sessions to various locations. The Aerial Photography workshop is the exception, with one lecture period, a separate one-hour plane flight, and a follow-up classroom session. Most Field Trip Workshops are only taught one time during each year. Workshops include weekly print critiques, a social get-together, in-class photo challenges, final class print judging, and website print displays. Students provide their own transportation for all workshops. Digital and traditional photographers welcome. I've lifted the requirements for some of the workshops, so that beginning photographers (snapshooters) who prefer getting started with hands-on workshops can participate. All classes taught by Paul Bauer.

Open Field Trips

The following Field Trip Workshops do not require Basic Photography, or any prior photographic experience, and can be taken by beginning snapshooters as well as advanced workers.

**Winter Photography
HS Room 310**

This landscape and nature-oriented workshop captures some of the most scenic winterscapes in W.N.Y., along with several winter activities. This is a weather-dependent workshop that can meet on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, or both!

Start Times:

February 11 • 6 sessions
1-4pm • \$70

**Maple Syrup Photography
HS Room 310**

Experience the lure and fascination of the centuries-old tradition of W.N.Y. maple syrup production. Can be physically strenuous at times, and requires double prints and waterproof knee-high boots. Can meet on Sat. or Sun. afternoons, or both!

Start Times:

February 12** • 6 sessions
1-4pm • \$70

** Actual field trip class will meet on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons, but first class will meet from 9am - 12pm on February 11, remaining class schedule will be set during that time.

**Springtime Photography
HS Room 310**

An intriguing combination of special springtime and private events with an emphasis on draft horses and oxen. Includes several plowfests, log skidding, and horses pulling grain drills, harrows and other early agricultural implements. Requires double prints. May include several Saturday sessions.

Start Times:

April 8** • 6 sessions
1-4pm • \$70

** Actual field trip class will meet on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons, but first class will meet from 9am - 12pm on April 7, remaining class schedule will be set during that time.

Restricted Field Trips

The following Field Trip Workshops require manual control of the camera, or other special techniques, and therefore require Basic Photography, or equivalent prior photographic experience.

**Nature Photography
HS Room 310**

Photograph the early spring wildflowers of our local woodlands, fields and swamps. Also included are early mushrooms, woodland scenes and conservatory flowers. A set of close-up lenses and a tripod are helpful.

Start Dates:

April 7 • (6weeks)
1-4pm • \$70

**Creative Craft
Center**

**Sweet Home
Community
Education**



**Register by
phone:
250-1424**



Blue and Gold Specials

Sweet Home Community Education

Register by
phone:
250-1424

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Confused about long-term care insurance? Is it right for you? This workshop will help you understand what options are available to protect your assets and to remain independent. You will learn about Medicare, Medicaid, and the details of long-term care insurance. You will know how to evaluate an insurance company, what questions to ask your agent, and what pitfalls to watch out for. The New York State Partnership will be covered in detail as well as the many tax advantages available to you. As part of the class, you will receive a free Shopper's Guide to Long-Term Care Insurance.

Fee No Charge
Thursday, March 8th
6:30 to 8:00pm
High School - Room 102
Instructor:
Danielle Robertson
Benefit Concepts

We are offering our Blue and Gold Specials to Sweet Home residents as they are meeting with such a positive response. We do have to limit the number of participants due to room size or a request by the instructor. There will sometimes be a course that you will be required to pay a fee to the instructor for the cost of supplies. Pre-registration is required on all Blue and Gold Specials.

NEW RULES FOR COLLEGE MONEY

Each family will receive a pocket folder full of information to take home and a 50-60 minute, 34 page Powerpoint educational presentation in this workshop. (Not a sales pitch) Gain a better understanding of the financial aid process and how you can find those needed funds.

Fee No Charge
Tuesday, March 13th
7 to 9pm
High School - Room 601
Instructors:
James Trueman, CFP

SOCIAL SECURITY MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

When should I take my social security benefits? Will my benefits be taxed? What happens if I work while taking benefits? Can my spouse benefit from my social security? Get answers to these questions and more during this class. The class will cover the basics of Social Security as well as cover key strategies to maximize benefits and avoid common pitfalls. Please bring your latest Social Security Statement to refer to during the class.

Fee No Charge
Tuesday, January 31st
6:30 to 8 pm
High School-Room 102
Instructor:
Bryan Castro, CFP

LIMIT RISK IN YOUR PORTFOLIO

In only a few classes, you will be able to understand the basics of investing (starting from the most elementary level). Think of this as "Investing 101" where we will begin with different types of accounts available to you. We then move on to defining the positives and negatives of investing in CDs, Mutual funds, Stocks, Bonds, etc. Once you have a firm understanding of the tools we have at our disposal to invest, we then cover when and how to invest your money so that you can limit the risk in your portfolio. In the final class, you will learn what options are and how they can be used to protect your portfolio.

Fee No Charge
Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15th
7 to 8pm
High School - Room 102
Instructor:
Bryan Roland, Morgan Stanley

INVESTMENT FATIGUE GOT YOU DOWN?

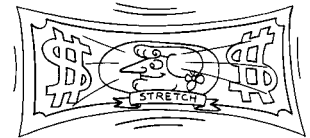
The world of investing can be confusing. In this class you will learn the fundamentals of stock ownership and how to build a diversified portfolio. If you are interested on discovering ways to accumulate wealth for retirement, increase current retirement income, or investing just for fun this class is for you!

Materials and handouts will be

provided to gauge your knowledge and discover what areas you can improve.

Come ready to learn and make sense of this animal called Wall Street.

Fee No Charge
Wednesdays, Jan. 25th & Feb. 1st
6:30 to 8pm
High School - Room 103
Instructor:
Ronald Reinstein, MBA
Investment Representative



PREPARE FOR THE FINANCIAL REALITIES OF DIVORCE

Discover the Top 10 things you can do to help prepare yourself for divorce and your family's financial future. Empower yourself to make the best possible financial decisions. Taught by a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst, this course may increase your chances of reaching a settlement that fully addresses your long-term financial needs, securing your financial future and helping you to rebuild.

Fee No Charge
Wednesday, February 15
6:30 to 8:30pm
High School - Room 103
Instructor:
Adrienne Rothstein Grace



SAFE AT SCHOOL WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DIABETES

This workshop will educate parents and other advocates about laws that protect students with diabetes, and offer strategies and tools to secure needed diabetes care that will ensure that students with diabetes are treated fairly at school.

Fee No charge

Day/time:

Thursday, January 26

7:00 to 8:30 pm

High School Library

Instructor:

Debbi Coniglio

4 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER!!

1) **MAIL IT IN! NOW!**

Charge, checks or money order:

Sweet Home
Community Education
1901 Sweet Home Road
Amherst, NY 14228

Checks payable to:

Sweet Home Community
Education

2) **WALK IT IN!**

Community Education
Sweet Home District Office
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm

3) **FAX IT IN! • 250-1361**

24 hours a day/7 days a week
Credit Cards Only
Discover/Visa/MasterCard

4) **PHONE IT IN! • 250-1424**

9:00am - 3:00pm
Credit Cards Only
Discover/Visa/MasterCard
*Be prepared to read your card
number and class choices.*

BUILDING AN ART PORTFOLIO

This course is an instructed studio class that will focus on two dimensional art. The goal of the class is to strengthen not only technical skills with multiple mediums, but also to engage the students with conceptual development in the art making process. The first classes will be focused more on the development of technical skills. Later in the course, students will concentrate on a thesis and develop a three-piece series off of their ideas. This course is designed for high school students looking to strengthen their art portfolios. Students will need to provide their own materials for application: charcoal, paint, pencil, etc.

Fee \$60 (8 weeks)

Day/time:

Saturday, January 28

8:00 to 11:00am

High School Art Studio II

No class Feb 18th and 25th

Instructor: Taylor Heald

Blue and Gold

Specials

Sweet Home Community Education

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phone:
250-1424**

WIRE WRAPPED NATURAL STONE

Have you ever wanted to learn the art of wire-wrapping? In 2 hours you will take a pendant from a natural stone and create it into a work of art that will compliment your finest and most casual outfit. All needed supplies will be provided.

Fee \$33 (1 Night)

Tuesday, February 7th

6:30 to 8:30 pm

High School Art Studio II

Instructor:

Michele Krienbuhl

JEWELRY MAKING

Come and learn to create a unique necklace and a pair of earrings in one night. Natural stones, crystals and beads will add a fashion piece to your wardrobe. All tools are available for use. Just bring your neckline.

Fee \$33 (1 Night)

Day/time:

Tuesday, February 14th

6:30 to 8:30 pm

High School Art Studio II

Instructor:

Michele Krienbuhl

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING & PASTELS

If you would like to try your skills in painting with acrylic, oil or pastels or if you are already in this media and want to improve your techniques, join us for an evening of fun and creativity. Individual help will be offered to each student, especially beginners. During this course, the instructor will demonstrate new and old techniques, which will include the new medium using water with oil painting instead of turpentine. We will be reviewing perspective in drawing and also profiles in portraits. The first night I will let the beginners know what they will need and the others should bring any supplies they wish to use.

Fee \$60 (9 weeks)

Tuesday, March 6th to May

8th

6:30-9:30 pm

High School Art Studio II

Instructor:

Winnie Gilham

Arts &

Crafts

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250-1424**



Basic Skills

Business & Finance

Sweet Home Community Education



Register by phone:
250-1424



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH!

Free Classes in Conversation For Beginner & Intermediate Students

Day/time: Classes begin January 3rd to June 15th
6:30 pm to 9 pm

Classes are held Monday and Wednesday for beginners; Tuesdays & Thursday for intermediates.

Sweet Home High School
Room 109

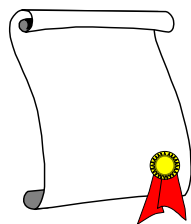
Call to register with the BOCES office at 821-7196

A test will be given to determine the level of study.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/GED

Earn a high school equivalency diploma in a self-paced program you may enter and complete at any time. A pre-test determines your strength and weaknesses in five subject areas, allowing you to focus your efforts. For any questions or to register for this call, please call the BOCES office at 821-7196. Pre-registration is required.

Fee No Charge
Monday & Wednesday
6:30-9:30 pm
January 3rd to June 15th
High School Room 606
Instructor:
BOCES



ANNUITIES AND YOUR RETIREMENT

You could live to be 90. Can you say the same for your retirement savings? Retirement can be an incredible time of your life, but it can also last 20 or more years. So it's important to consider if your retirement income will last as long as your retirement. When it comes to generating retirement income, one option to explore is an annuity. Join us to learn about:

- * Different types of annuities and their features
- * Retirement uncertainties that could impact your long-term strategy
- * How an annuity can supplement your retirement income

Fee \$12 (1 Night)
Tuesday, March 20th
6:30 - 8:30pm
High School Room 107
Instructor:
Jim Carey

ROLL IT, TAKE IT, LEAVE IT, MOVE IT: KNOW YOUR EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN OPTIONS

If you're not at your old job, should you retire your savings there?

Join us to learn more about:

- * The five most common distribution options
- * How to avoid having the IRS withhold 20% of your retirement distribution
- * Special considerations if you own employer stock
- * Factoring taxes, penalties and investment options into your decision

Knowing your options when you leave your job can help you make the right choice for your retirement savings.

Fee \$12 (1 Night)
Tuesday, February 28th
6:30 - 8:30pm
High School Room 107
Instructor: Jim Carey

ALL REAL ESTATE IS LOCAL! A COURSE FOR BOTH BUYERS AND SELLERS

Hear the good news about the Buffalo real Estate Market! The sale and purchase of a home calls for many informed decisions. This session will guide you through the process from pre-contract to closing:

- * Pre-Approvals, financing, credit scores and mortgage options
- * Home Search criteria, home preparation checklist
- * Inspections, Appraisals, Negotiations

This course is designed to give you all the information you will need to take advantage of the current market trends and historically low interest rates. A mortgage loan officer will be available.

Fee \$12 (1 Night)
Tuesday, February 7th
6:30 - 8 pm
High School Room 103
Instructor:
Joyce Grinewich & Cher Kempf (Realty USA)

ROTH IRAs: RETIREMENT CAN BE LESS TAXING

Find out how you can take advantage of tax-free income in retirement. We'll discuss:

- * Differences between traditional and Roth IRAs
- * How a Roth IRA can give you greater flexibility to meet your retirement income needs
- * Whether converting to a Roth IRA makes sense for your retirement goals

Fee \$12 (1 Night)
Tuesday, March 13th
6:30 - 8:30pm
High School Room 107
Instructor:
Jim Carey

SEVEN SECRETS TO LOOKING & FEELING YOUNGER

Discover natural and healthy ways to look and feel better, renew your vitality, have a better outlook on life and live longer. You will be amazed at how these 7 simple secrets can change your life and your appearance for the better.

Come prepared to make a commitment to a new you!

Fee No charge
Wednesday, February 28th
7-8:30pm
High School Room 102
Instructor:
Dr. Herbert Lau

UNDERSTANDING FIBROMYALGIA: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CHRONIC PAIN & FATIGUE

The purpose of this seminar is to educate you on exactly what fibromyalgia is. You will learn that fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) are real medical conditions. You will develop an understanding of how fibromyalgia affects your body, mind and daily life. There is no cure, but our goal is to help you learn how to manage symptoms without the use of toxic medications. We will discuss how nutrition, exercise and holistic treatment methods can help relieve your pain and fatigue and can help you feel well again.

Fee No charge
Tuesday, March 20th
7:00 to 8:30pm
High School Room 102
Instructor:
Dr. Herbert Lau

OSTEOPOROSIS EXERCISE CLASS

A good fitness class is difficult to find these days. Buffalo Rehab Group offers you the opportunity to participate in an exercise class that is specifically designed for women with, or at risk for, osteoporosis. The class is taught by licensed physical therapists that possess the knowledge about osteoporosis and the specific exercises to safely target your strength and flexibility needs. Our fitness program is designed for women, by women, and is suited to fit your personal needs. Although this is a group fitness class, you will receive professional coaching to ensure accuracy with each exercise in order to receive the most benefit from each exercise session. Whether you are looking to get fit or stay in shape, no matter what age, Buffalo Rehab Group's Fitness for Women program is the perfect exercise class for you. The class will run 6 weeks in total. Each class will be 1 hour consisting of a 15-minute educational session about topics related to osteoporosis, 10-minute warm-up, 30-minute exercise session, and a 10-minute cool down. Also included is a personalized osteoporosis workbook for your own record keeping, a course video with the exercises performed in the class, and resistance tubing.

Fee \$70 (6 weeks)
Wednesdays
February 1st to March 7th
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Buffalo Rehab Group
350 Greenhaven Terrace, Tonawanda

EMOTIONAL RELEASE FOR INNER PEACE

Inner peace is impossible to maintain while we still hold on to the very feeling and beliefs that keep us from being peaceful to begin with. Trapped negative emotions like fear, anger and sorrow can disrupt the flow of vital energy in our bodies and actually sabotage our inner peace. In this single evening course, you will learn simple yet effective techniques for getting in touch with, understanding, accepting and releasing the emotions that keep us from ourselves. Nobody wants to suffer. Come to learn to rest in the peaceful state of loving acceptance that is our true nature.

Fee \$29 (1 Night)
Monday, March 5th
7:00 to 9:00pm
Maryvale High School
Room 176
1050 Maryvale Drive
Cheektowaga
Instructor:
Jesse Wicher

PRACTICAL COMPASSION

In this five week course, you will learn to see the challenges of your life with greater clarity and compassion and discover practical ways to better fulfill your best intentions for living. This empowers us to move beyond the judgments and defenses that separate us, and to open our hearts again to ourselves, our relationships, our society and our world. Come learn to see beyond the illusions that separate us and to recognize the common instinct for goodness at work in every relationship and situation in our lives.

Fee \$99 (5 Nights)
Tuesdays, March 6th - April 3rd
7:00 to 9:00pm
Maryvale High School
Room 176
1050 Maryvale Drive
Cheektowaga
Instructor:
Jesse Wicher

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**SWEET HOME
YOUTH SOCCER
ACADEMY**

Ages 4-9

The philosophy of the Sweet Home Soccer Academy is to bring quality athletic training to the Sweet Home District and Western New York community. Through a personable staff and experienced coaching, we hope to create an exciting atmosphere and a solid foundation while providing a fun learning environment.

All sessions are co-ed and broken up into age appropriate classes. Session A classes will take place Inside the Sweet Home Soccer Turf Facility at Sweet Home High School, located at 1901 Sweet Home Road.

All of the Sweet Home Youth Soccer Academy Classes last one hour. For the first half of class, basic skills are taught with various drills and activities. For the second half, there is a small sided game in which the days skill will be emphasized. The Session A Sweet Home Soccer Academy this fall is an 8 week program.

**Fee \$85
(Includes Nike Ball, Shirt & Award)**

**Fee \$75
(Includes Shirt & Award)**

Saturdays
January 21st through March 10th
9 -9:55 am for 4-5 year olds
10-10:55am for 6-7year olds
11-11:55 am for 8-10 year olds
High School Turf Room

Instructor:
Scott Martin and Staff

For more information visit
<http://web.me.com/marty19>

CHILD AND BABYSITTING SAFETY COURSE

The child and babysitting safety course from the American Safety and Health Institute will teach all students everything they need to be a great babysitter. This fun, interactive course teaches first aid and safety skills so they can prevent and respond to emergencies. As an American Safety and Health Institute trained babysitter, they will gain confidence and valuable employment skills to impress parents. Targeted for students 11-15 years old, the course is held over two 2.5 hour training sessions. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a babysitter's text, starter package and certification card.

Fee \$50 (2 classes)

Tuesday
March 6th and 13th
3:45 - 6:15 pm
Middle School Room 134

Instructor:
Tim Miller - American Safety & Health



**ZUMBATOMIC FOR
KIDS**

**FOR STUDENTS IN
GRADES K-6**

Kids love to dance, wiggle, and sing along to great songs. It's a fact - kids are not as fit as they should be. We will teach them how to have a blast exercising and teach things about being healthy and fit that will last a lifetime. This is a brand new program offered by Zumba and staffed by Sheila's Fitness Jam.

Fee \$49 (6 weeks)

Wednesdays
Jan. 25th to March 7th
No class Feb. 22nd
6-7 pm
Maplemere Elementary School

Instructor:
Sheila's Fitness Jam

**FIVE HOUR
PRELICENSING
COURSE**

The five-hour pre-licensing is mandated by the State of New York in order to sign up for the road test. It stresses defensive driving and the skills and attitude necessary to be an accident free-driver. If you should misplace your certificate you will be charged \$10 for a replacement.

Fee \$35 (1 night)

Monday
March 12th
3:30 - 8:30pm
High School Room 103

Instructor:
Steven's Driving School



DRIVER EDUCATION

Sweet Home Community Education offers this course, geared to high school students as a service to the community. Participants must be 16 years old by February 4, 2012 and possess a valid New York State Learner's Permit or License.

Satisfactory completion necessitates mandatory attendance of 24 hours of vehicle and 24 hours of classroom instruction, as well as successfully passing the classroom and in-car segment of the course. Upon completion, the students will achieve a Student Certificate of Completion. Attendance is required for all classroom and driving sessions. Students WILL NOT be permitted to miss more than 3 classroom and car sessions combined. Missed sessions must be made up through arrangements made with the instructor.

Registration will take place at:
Norman Vergils Community Center
(Located in Sweet Home High School -
Enter Building through Door #6)
1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst

PLEASE COME TO DISTRICT OFFICE TO PICK-UP
REGISTRATION PACKET PRIOR TO REGISTRATION. BRING
PERMIT/LICENSE TO BE PHOTOCOPIED
WHEN YOU REGISTER!

Sweet Home Students
Thurs., Jan. 19th at 2:30pm
Out of District Students
Thurs., Jan. 19th at 3:00pm

Driving and classroom schedules will be distributed at this time.

Checks are to be made payable to Sweet Home Community Education and are due the day of registration.

Fee \$355 Sweet Home Students
Fee \$395 Out of District Students
Saturday, February 4th through June 23rd (Times Vary)
(No class 2/18, 2/25, 4/7, 4/14 & 5/26)
High School
Instructor:
Stevens Driving School



LEARN TO SWIM Ages 5 and up

Sweet Home Aquatics is offering a 8 week "Learn to Swim" program for children ages 5 and up. There will be a high instructor to swimmer ratio with very qualified experienced, certified instructors.

Please state which session you would like your child to attend.

Please contact Karen Mergler at 626-0354 if you have any questions.

Fee \$65 (8 weeks)

Session I
Sat. Noon to 12:45 pm
Starts January 14th

Session II
Sat. 1 pm to 1:45 pm
Starts January 14th
High School Pool



DO YOU LIKE TO SWIM??

Join SHAQ
(Sweet Home Aquatics)

You will receive individual attention with experienced coaches. It is great exercise for boys and girls. The program is a year round swim club with multi-level competition. All ages and abilities are welcome to attend with reasonable club fees and no residency requirement. Our current swimmers are from all over WNY!!

Check out our website:
www.sweethomeaquatics.com

You will find a sample of our practice schedule!

TWO WEEK TRIAL
OFFER! Contact Karen
Mergler at 626-0354.

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FENCING FOR KIDS Ages 7-9

This class is an introduction to the Art of Classical Foil Fencing, designed for KIDS ages 7-9. Young fencers will learn how to move, defend, and attack using a practice safety sword-in the Classical French style.

Kids in this class will be learning correct fencing form, developing appropriate fencing skills and cultivating courtesy and respect for others, as well as learning about the historical origins of this exciting sport. Great for developing physical agility and mental focus, fencing is also FUN! Fencing develops better eye-hand coordination, physical agility, grace, and balance, while promoting cardiovascular fitness and increased confidence and self-esteem.

Fee \$60 (6 weeks)

Session I
Wednesdays 4 to 5 pm
Starts Feb. 15th

Session II
Wednesdays 5 to 6pm
Starts Feb 15th

All equipment and instruction provided.

Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing for this class.

FENCING FOR BEGINNERS Ages 10 and Up

This class is an introduction to the Art of Classical Foil Fencing. Students will learn how to move, defend, and attack using the basic fencing weapon-the foil- in the Classical French styles.

It is a relaxed workout coupled with exposure to the historical origins of this exciting martial art. Great for developing physical agility and mental focus, fencing is also FUN!

Fencing develops better eye-hand coordination, physical agility, grace, and balance, while promoting cardiovascular fitness and increased confidence and self-esteem.

Fee \$60 (6 weeks)

Saturdays, 12:30 to 2 pm
Starts Jan. 28th

All equipment and instruction provided.

Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing for this class.

BEGINNER HIGH SCHOOL FENCING Ages 14 and Up

This class is an introduction to Classical Foil Fencing designed exclusively for HIGH SCHOOL student's ages 14 to 17.

This after school program trains students how to move, defend, and attack using the basic fencing weapon - the foil- in both the Classical and Sport styles.

In addition to exposure to the historical origins of this exciting martial art, this program introduces High School Fencers to Electric SPORT Fencing, Bouting and Competitive Team Fencing. Great for developing physical agility and mental focus, fencing is also FUN!

Fee \$60 (6 weeks)

Saturdays, 12:30 to 2 pm
Starts Jan. 28th

All equipment and instruction provided.

Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing for this class.

Fee \$60 (6 weeks)

Wednesdays 6:30 to 8 pm
Starts Feb. 8th

All equipment and instruction provided.

Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing for this class.

FENCING INSTRUCTOR KEVIN MCMAHON

Instructor Kevin McMahon is the Director of the Fencing Center of Buffalo, a USFA-certified fencing coach, and a member of the USFA and USFCA. He has fenced and taught foil, epee and sabre for over 27 years.

Location:
Fencing Center of Buffalo
777 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga

NOTE: THE FENCING CENTER HAS A STRICT NO REFUND POLICY.

SPANISH FOR THE ELEMENTARY YEARS

Get a head start on the language by joining us for an educationally oriented curriculum that is specifically designed for the K-5 student to learn the Spanish language. This unique and exciting program features foundation vocabulary introduced through games, singing and fun activities. Students are able to compound words and begin forming simple sentences. Early introduction increases the student's ability to absorb rather than translate the language. Join the Fun! If you have taken a CultureKids class previously, new vocabulary is introduced with each session - never a repeat. Join the fun! For more information, visit the CultureKids website at www.CultureKidsClub.com.

There is a 3:30 pm late bus available. Please state which school on your registration form and if you would like the late bus!

Fee \$65 per student (6 weeks)

Heritage Heights Elementary Mondays 2:50-3:50 pm Feb. 6th to March 19th No class Feb. 20th	Glendale Elementary Wed. 2:50-3:50 pm Feb. 8th to March 21st No class Feb. 22nd
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Willow Ridge Elementary Day/time: Mondays 2:50-3:50 pm Feb. 6th to March 19th No class Feb. 20th	Maplemere Elementary Wed. 2:50-3:50 pm Feb. 8th to March 21st No class Feb. 22nd
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Instructors:
Culture Kids Teaching Team

TAE KWON DO Ages 6 years and up

Tae Kwon Do is a modern synthesis of several ancient Korean Martial Arts. Today it is the most widely practiced martial art in the world. It strives to improve the individual through self-confidence, patience, humility, respect and perseverance. Tae Kwon Do is for EVERYONE; not just a few gifted individuals. Women, men, children, seniors and even the disabled can benefit and enjoy this fun, healthy and rewarding activity. For further information contact the instructors the first night for information on Combat Hapkido.

Fee \$45 (10 classes)
Mon. & Wed 6-7 pm
Jan. 18th to Feb. 27th or
Feb. 29th to April 4th
No classes Feb. 20th or 22nd
Heritage Heights
Instructor:
Master Scott Nicholson

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BASIC BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES FOR COUPLES

TRADITIONAL BALLROOM
STYLE FOR COUPLES
(Foxtrot, Waltz, Tango, Rumba and Swing)

Learn four basic steps used in all traditional dances. Then practice to some favorite tunes. Bring your enthusiasm, sense of humor and some comfortable soft-soled shoes (no sneakers, flip flops or clogs)

Fee \$60 per couple (4 weeks)
Thursday 6:45 to 7:45 pm
March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
High School Community Center
Instructor:
Linda Conte

POPULAR LATIN DANCES FOR COUPLES

Meringue, Rumba, Salsa, Cha Cha, and Tango

From the easy meringue, smooth rumba and tango through the spirited Salsa and Cha Cha, Latin dances are a pleasure to learn, good exercise, and add great enjoyment to the whole social dancing experience.

Fee \$60 per couple (6weeks)
Thursday 8:00 to 9:00 pm
March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
High School Community Center
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DEFENSIVE DRIVING / POINT & INSURANCE REDUCTION COURSE

Drivers who complete the 6-hour Point & Insurance Reduction Program can reduce up to four points on their driving record and save 10% on base vehicle liability, PIP and collision insurance premiums for 3 years. All licensed drivers are eligible. Refresh your driving knowledge with a review of time-tested safe driving tips and an overview of today's vehicle and traffic laws. Course topics covered include: The Traffic Crash Problem, Driver Attitude & Behavior, NY State Vehicle & Traffic Laws, Defensive Driving Techniques and Alcohol & Drug Impaired Driving. There is no formal testing, relaxed classroom participation and informative videos.

Fee **\$35**

Monday & Tuesday 6 to 9pm

March 12th and 13th

Both dates must be attended. Must bring drivers license and pen.

High School Room 601

Instructor:

James J. Coppola, Traffic Safety Consultants

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

This driver improvement program is open to person's 50 years of age and older. It is designed to help older person's continue to be independent and mobile by increasing their awareness of age-related physical changes and improving their driving skills to compensate for these changes. Those who complete the course could qualify for a discount of up to 10% for 3 years on their automobile liability and collision insurance. If you have incurred violation points on your driving record during the past 18 months, the State of New York will subtract 4 points from your driving record. Registrants must bring their driver's license and attend both sessions. No exceptions.

This class has a limited enrollment and is for Sweet Home School district residents only. Pre-registration is necessary. Pay course fee of \$17 for AARP Members and \$19 for Non-Members by check (no cash) to AARP at first session. Both dates must be attended. For information about other dates/locations call 1-888-227-7669.

Fee **\$17 AARP Members**

Fee **\$19 Non Members**

Saturday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

March 3rd and March 10th

Both dates must be attended

High School Room 601

Instructor:

AARP Staff

PET FIRST AID

Will you know what to do when your pet needs help?

Your pet depends on you for his or her well-being. In addition to providing daily care, love and affection, your best friend depends on you in an emergency. Whether your pet becomes ill or injured, or needs help in a disaster, the American Red Cross can help. Learn information on how to recognize and care for emergencies, illness and injuries in cats and dogs. Participants learn rescue breathing, CPR and care for choking pets, and first aid for bleeding, fractures, poisonings and illness. Each participant will receive their choice of cat or dog first aid manual for future reference. **Please do not bring your pet to the class.**

Fee **\$35**

Tuesday 6 to 9pm

February 28th

High School Room 102

Instructor:

American Red Cross

ATTENTION PARENTS
Common Sense Parenting Workshop

Wednesday evenings, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2012

6:30pm-8:30pm
Sweet Home High School Room 215
Cost: Free - \$10 book deposit required

Call 250-1229 to register. Child care is available.

Do you find yourself repeating directions to your kids?

Are daily routines such as bedtime, completing chores, or getting ready for school a struggle?
Tired of your children fighting with one another?

Have consequences lost their effectiveness? Would you like less yelling and more laughter in your home? You are not alone!!!!

All parents find themselves at a loss of what to do or how to handle certain situations with their children. Sometimes we just need to take a break and re-evaluate how we are communicating. Sometimes we need to restock our parenting tool box with new ideas. Come join other parents in a discussion about our number #1 priority, our children. Learn different approaches to handling common behavior issues such as accepting no, following directions and getting along with others, in a relaxed atmosphere.

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CALLANETICS AND
MORE

Non-aerobic exercises. A combination of callanetics with other exercises to tone and firm specific areas, such as stomach, arms, hips and thigh. This is accomplished with the use of slow and controlled movements. Hand weights are used to tone the upper body, especially the arms.

Please bring a towel or mat and hand weights to class

Fee \$55 (16 classes)
Monday and Thursday
7-8:30 pm
Jan. 23rd to March 29th
No class Feb. 20th and 23rd
Heritage Heights Auditorium
Instructor:
Janet Poreda

FENCING FOR
BEGINNERS
ADULTS (Ages 14 & up)

This class is an introduction to the Art of Classical Foil Fencing. Students will learn how to move, defend, and attack using the basic fencing weapon-the foil- in the Classical French styles.

It is a relaxed workout coupled with exposure to the historical origins of this exciting martial art. Great for developing physical agility and mental focus, fencing is also FUN!

Fencing develops better eye-hand coordination, physical agility, grace, and balance, while promoting cardiovascular fitness and increased confidence and self-esteem.

Fee \$60 (6 weeks)
Wednesdays 6:30 to 8 pm
Starts February 8th
Fencing Center of Buffalo
777 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga
Instructor:
Kevin McMahan

Recreation

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Recreation

GENTLE RELAXING YOGA

A gentle yoga practice to improve breathing and overall health, reduce stress and connect the mind, body and spirit together. Will include postures from a chair, mat and standing positions. Great for beginners, seniors or people recovering from an injury. The postures purify the body so meditation is easier.

Fee \$40 (5 classes)

Fee \$70 (10 classes)

Attend 1 or 2 days per week.

Mon. and/or Thurs.

5:30 to 6:30pm

Feb. 27th to Apr. 2nd

(No class March 26th)

High School Room 722

Instructor:

Nicole Petroff

YOGA FLOW

A series of postures flowed together to improve breathing, flexibility, balance, overall health and awareness of love for yourself and the connection between mind, body and spirit. For all levels of practice, beginners and experienced. These postures purify the body and mind so meditation practice is easier. Stay for the meditation class at 7:30 for free!

Fee \$40 (5 classes)

Fee \$70 (10 classes)

Attend 1 or 2 days per week.

Mon. and/or Thurs.

6:30 to 7:30pm

Feb. 27th to Apr. 2nd

(No class March 26th)

High School Room 722

Instructor:

Nicole Petroff

ZUMBA

The HOTTEST new workout! Zumba fuses Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program that will blow you away. Get hooked on working out. Zumba routines tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. In the past years Zumba has become nothing short of a revolution. Coining the concept of fitness party, Zumba has spread like wildfire and is the best party around!

Fee \$59 (8 weeks)

Mon. 6-7 pm

Jan. 23rd to March 19th

(No class Feb. 20th)

Maplemere Elementary

School

Instructors:

Sheila's Fitness Jam Staff

BEGINNER TAI CHI

Tai Chi is ancient Chinese exercise. Adults at all levels of Physical prowess can practice the gentle movements without straining joints and muscles. Tai Chi develops a coordination of mind and body, releases stress, strengthens and stretches the entire body, thus improving flexibility, balance, and mobility.

This course is for both men and women. Explore the principles of Modern Yang Tai Chi and follow the beautiful smooth movements of 12 Form. Tai Chi is believed to: Boost the Immune System - Slow the Aging Process - Lower Blood Pressure - Reduce the Incidence of Anxiety, Depression, and Overall Mood Disturbance - and Tai Chi is proven to be the most effective balance and coordination conditioner in the world.

Fee \$70 (8 weeks)

Tuesday and Thursday

9:30 to 10:30 am

Jan. 23rd to March 8th

No class Feb. 21st and 23rd

Community Center at Temple

Beth Am

4660 Sheridan Drive,

Williamsville, NY 14221

Instructor:

JudyAnne Bonafede

THE WET WORKOUT

An aquatic program that promotes cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, coordination, assists in recovery of injury, stress reduction and FUN!! Join us for a Great Workout ... routines are Fun & Easy.

Fee \$50 (8 weeks)

Monday

7-8 pm

Jan. 9th to March 12th

(No class Jan. 16th, Feb 20th)

Middle School Pool

Instructor:

Sandy Manella and staff

PILATES

A unique system of stretching, strengthening, breathing and balance based on the teachings of Joseph H. Pilates. Pilates will challenge your mind and body connection, help you achieve deep strength, flexibility and endurance, flatten abdominals and restore natural alignment, tone and elongate without building bulk and improve balance and posture. People of all ages and fitness levels can do these exercises. Bring a floor mat.

Fee \$140 (Both days)

Fee \$70 (One day)

Session I

Tuesday & Thursday

6-7 pm

Jan. 10th (10 weeks)

Session II

Tuesday & Thursday

7-8 pm

Jan. 10th (10 weeks)

Amherst Lutheran Church

5125 Main Street,

Williamsville

Instructor:

Sandy Manella and staff

**IRISH FEST AT
TURNING STONE
CASINO
FRIDAY, MARCH 16th
\$105**

It's a fun filled day of gaming, entertainment, food and fun at TURNING STONE CASINO IN VERONA, NY. Enjoy an IRISH BUFFET with the traditional ST. PATTY'S DAY FOOD followed by matinee entertainment featuring IRISH ROVERS. There is non-stop gaming action from end to end at Turning Stone Casino Resort. Each person will receive a \$15.00 FREE PLAY VOUCHER FOR THE CASINO. Don't miss this sure-to-be a sell out event!

Depart:

HD 7:00 am
TP 7:30 am

Return:

TP 9:00 pm
HD 9:30 pm

**FINNEGAN'S
FAREWELL
SUNDAY, MARCH 18th
\$99**

It's time to say goodbye to Patrick James Finnegan, a mailman who won 2.5 million dollars playing the slots in Atlantic City and then promptly dropped dead. Eat, drink and be merry with Paddy's family at this authentic Irish-American wake, complete with traditional Irish drinking songs and some lively step dancing. Produced by LANCASTER REGIONAL PLAYERS and held at RIPA'S RESTAURANT in Lancaster...you're sure to have an Irish good time at this interactive comedy show including lunch. A cash bar is available. Don't miss Western New York's number one entertainment destination! A Mid-Size non-restroom coach will be used.

Depart:

TP 1:00 pm
HD 1:30 pm

Return:

HD 6:00 pm
TP 6:30 pm

**"NUNSENSE A-MEN!"
SUNDAY, JAN. 22nd
\$87**

It's that time of year when you want to get rid of the cabin fever and enjoy some great food & fantastic entertainment. We're staying close to home! We're off to the Gleasner Hall Theater at ECC North Campus in Williamsville, NY for O'CONNELL & COMPANY'S matinee performance of NUNSENSE A-MEN!!! A SIT DOWN DINNER following the show is at CITTA DI MILITELLO RESTAURANT. (Meal choice at restaurant seating) It's a great day out of the mid winter blues!

Depart:

TP 1:00pm
HD 1:30pm

Return:

HD 6:30 pm
TP 7:00 pm

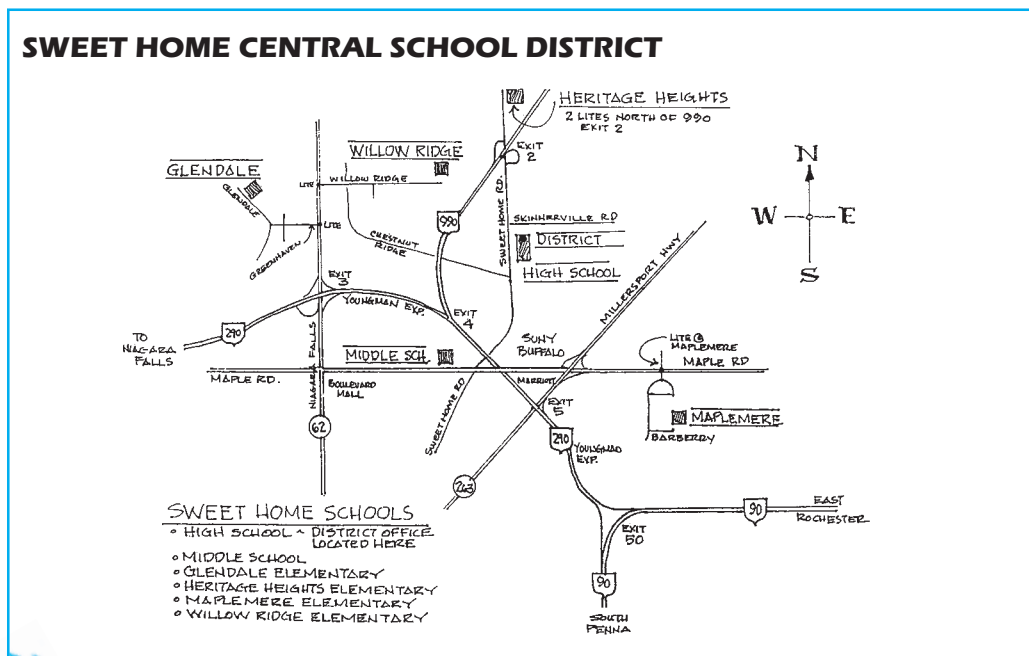
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Please call the Sweet Home Community Education Department at 250-1424 or Know How Tours at 626-9694 for further information on Trip and Tours.

Departures are at the Old Seneca Mall - Tops Parking Lot (TP), 355 Orchard Park Road or the Home Depot (HD), 2065 Niagara Falls Blvd. in Amherst. Please state which location you would like to be picked up at.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

All passengers going into Canada will be required to present proof of citizenship before boarding the coach. Anyone who cannot show proper ID to the tour escort will be denied entry onto the coach. Furthermore, there will be no refund given for the missed tour.

US and Canadian citizens who are 16 years of age and older traveling between the U.S. and Canada, will be required to present one of the following forms of ID:

- Passport
- Passport Card
- Enhanced NYS Driver's License
- Nexus Card

U.S. and Canadian citizens who are 15 years old and under will still be allowed to travel with their birth certificate, as will teens between the ages of 16-18 if they are part of an adult supervised group. Children who are not traveling with a parent, must have a notarized permission note signed by the parent. A driver's license alone is not valid proof of citizenship. All trips are based on availability!

YOUR CHOICE TORONTO SAT., MARCH 24th

CANADA BLOOMS \$69 DO YOUR OWN THING \$55

CANADA BLOOMS
Admission to THE CANADA BLOOMS, TORONTO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW at Exhibition Place - among the top five in the world, and the largest in Canada. This year's theme is "CITY CULTURE". Have approx. 5½ hrs to explore the six acres of gardens, that feature Amateur & Professional Competitions, informative lectures & demonstrations. 200 garden retailers will be in the adjacent Marketplace. Food is available on-site, or bring your own, or go outside to one of the nearby restaurants. Plants with proper documentation may be purchased & brought into the states.

DO YOUR OWN THING
Take in a Show, Visit a Museum, Shop or visit with Friends in this fantastic city. You will be dropped at the Eaton Centre and have from 11 - 4 to explore!
PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED.
Proof of Citizenship Required
— Will be checked before boarding

Depart:
TP 8:00 am
HD 8:30 am

Return:
HD 6:30 pm
TP 7:00 pm

SYRUP & SLOTS MONDAY, MARCH 12th \$59

Off to the Southern tier to bring in the holiday season as you travel to SPRAGUE'S MAPLE FARMS. Sprague's is nicely decorated for the holiday time. Enjoy Breakfast & time to browse for that special holiday gift at their gift shop. Continue on, to enjoy the casino lights, at the SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO. With 68,000 sq. feet of world-class gaming, more than 2,200 reel-spinning & video Slot Machines & 40 favorite table games. The casino also features Turtle Island, the non-smoking casino, a high limit slot and table games areas, the Poker Room and The Casino Bar. RECEIVE \$30 SENECA SLOT DOLLARS & \$5 FOOD VOUCHER during your 5 hour stay. BRING ALONG OR REGISTER FOR A PLAYERS CARD TO RECEIVE THE INCENTIVE. Use the Food Voucher to grab a bite to eat before the trip back home.

BRING A VALID STATE OR FEDERALLY ISSUED ID (PASSPORT OR DRIVER'S LICENSE)

CHOOSE ONE
- Pancakes
- French Toast (meat order taken at restaurant)
- Sausage Gravy & Biscuits served with Home Fries.

Depart:
HD 8:00 am
TP 8:30 am

Return:
TP 7:00 pm
HD 7:30 pm

LES MISERABLES SUNDAY, MARCH 4th \$139 CENTER \$125 SIDE

We're off to historic Shea's Buffalo Theater for the Award winning performance of LES MISÉRABLES. Cameron Mackintosh presents a brand new 25th Anniversary production of Boublil & Schönberg's legendary musical, LES MISÉRABLES, with glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo. This new production has been acclaimed by critics, fans and new audiences and is breaking box office records wherever it goes. Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, LES MISÉRABLES is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. The magnificent score includes the classic songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Stars," "Bring Him Home," "Do You Hear the People Sing?," "One Day More," "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables," "Master Of The House" and more. Dinner is included following the show at the PEARL STREET GRILLE.

CHOOSE ONE ENTREE
- Tender Beer Braised Pot Roast with smashed potatoes
- Fettuccine & Chicken Primavera
- Broiled Whitefish

Depart:
TP 11:30 am
HD 12:00 am

Return:
HD 6:00 pm
TP 6:30 pm



Registration

Forms

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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HOME PHONE: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

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PLEASE LIST THE COURSE, DAY AND TIME BELOW

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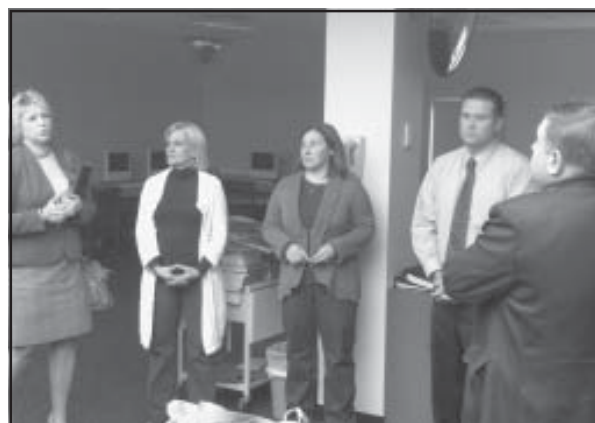
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A \$5 processing charge will be applied for any refund. absolutely no funds will be refunded after the first class session. Sweet Home Community Education does not call or mail class confirmation. A full refund will be issued in the event that course is cancelled. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.

Sweet Home Welcomes Teachers from Ukraine

Sweet Home Middle School welcomed a number of teachers from the Ukraine in early October. The Teachers got to observe classes and talk with other teachers, tour the building, learn about technology and ask questions of building administration.

Here, building principal Marty Pizur speaks with the group.



Tips for Healthy Relationships



- Communicate face-to-face with others
- Keep promises
- Perform small acts of kindness
- Be loyal
- Listen
- Say you are sorry
- Set clear expectations



When was the last time you ...

- Did something nice for someone "just because"?
- Communicated respect for a friend or family member through your words or behaviors?
- Encouraged youth to think through all the possible consequences of their actions before making a choice?
- Modeled gentle and supportive language in your conversations with others?

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