

South Kortright Central School



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August 2011

Message from the Superintendent

I am happy to report that summer at South Kortright Central School has been as busy as ever. After losing State Aid, which previously supported our Elementary Summer Enrichment Program, the program was unfortunately cut. Fortunately, the program is continuing thanks to the generosity of grants provided by the Thompson Trust, O'Connor Foundation, Southern Tier Foundation and REACH Program. Grants obtained from these organizations allowed us to continue our Summer Enrichment Program and also expand the program to a full day. This was something the district tried to do to help fill the void left by the REACH Program being discontinued. Students are being charged a fee of \$225 this year, but scholarships were available for those in financial need. The focus of the program has become more academic in the morning, with recreation and educational activities provided in the afternoon. Children are enjoying swimming in the Andes Town Pool three days per week.

This year summer school opportunities were limited for our high school students due to Stamford Central School's decision to cancel summer school, again due to a loss in state aid. High school students will have an opportunity to make up math credit this summer at SKCS during a three hour per day, three week session. This opportunity is also being funded through the O'Connor Foundation grant. Without this opportunity for credit recovery, students would be a full year behind in math.

Other activities in the district this summer include Drivers' Education, Ms. Saunder's Special Education Class, Basketball Camp and Headwater's Soccer Camp. Student Workers, hired through grants and the CDO, have been assisting classroom leaders in the elementary program, maintaining our school garden, helping elementary students learn about gardening and nutrition, working in the kitchen, assisting the custodial staff and helping in the bus garage. All are doing an excellent job and take great pride in their work. We are enjoying having them as part of our summer work force.

This summer new tile floors will be installed in both fourth grade classrooms. We will also be installing four additional new Smart Boards in classrooms, as well as installing new computers in various classrooms. All rooms are being cleaned and much furniture has been moved to prepare for BOCES moving into three of our classrooms and two offices. In addition, the gym floor will be refinished. The building should be in excellent condition for the start of school.

The 2011-2012 school year will bring several exciting curriculum changes. Elementary teachers will be focusing on instituting a new delivery of reading instruction using more direct instruction by the teacher. Skills will then be reinforced at learning centers, where students will be helped by teaching assistants. For students still struggling, skills will once again be reinforced by Academic Intervention Teachers. On the middle school level English teachers will be instituting a new "Battle of the Books" curriculum for seventh and eighth grade students. This curriculum uses literature circles for students to study books with their peers. The selections are a combination of contemporary and classic novels. Reading and writing skills are embedded in the program activities. Student groups compete against each other in ongoing competitions, with a culminating competition where South Kortright students will compete against students from other area schools.

All teachers and teaching assistants will receive on-going staff development throughout the year provided by John Bernhardt, Krislynn Dengler and Linda Rohacevich. This professional development will focus on reading, writing and math. This is being funded through a rural schools grant and will assist the district in our attempt to meet the goals set out by NYS's Race to the Top Initiative. Thank you for your continued support of South Kortright Central School.

Patricia Norton-White, Superintendent

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Children are not to be dropped off at school until 7:50 AM or later. There is no supervision until that time. After 7:50 AM students may proceed directly to their homerooms and/or lockers. Students may not remain in the school building after 3:05 PM unless they are participating in a school sponsored activity and are under the direct supervision of school personnel.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS

Beginning September 1st the traffic routing for dropping off and picking up students has changed. Please enter the parking lot at the far South entrance (South Kortright End) and follow the signs and traffic routing arrows painted on the parking lot. The *Signs and Arrows* will direct you to the back of the lot looping around the new visitor parking area to the **Student Drop Off/ Pick Up Area** which will be indicated by a sign. After you drop off or pick up your children please exit the parking lot through the exit directly across from the Student Pick Up/Drop Off Area. The parking area in the front of the building will be designated for **Bus Pick Up/Drop Off and Staff Parking Only**.

We appreciate your cooperation as we establish these new safety measures.

VISITING SKCS AND THE AUTOMATED LOCKING SYSTEM

A reminder that all doors in the building will be locked throughout the day. The primary entrance will be at the south end of the building, visitors will need to press a button, which will alert office staff that a visitor is present. Visitors will be asked to identify themselves and will be asked to state the purpose of their visit. Upon approval, the door will be unlocked, and visitors will then proceed to the Main Office where office staff will provide assistance with the sign-in process.

BUS TIMES AND ROUTES

Bus routes will remain the same as they were for the last school year. The drivers will be making a “dry run” on Thursday, September 1st. Classes begin Tuesday, September 6th.

10 PERIOD SCHEDULE FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

SKCS has adopted a 10 Period schedule to provide students an additional period for Enrichment Activities, additional academic time (AIS, Book Clubs and silent study halls) and physical activities. We have been able to build this schedule without any significant change in the length of regular class periods.

Students may leave Harbaugh Hall to go to their lockers and homerooms at 7:50 am. For students in Grades 7-12, first period class is homeroom.

7:50	<i>Students to lockers and homerooms</i>	
8:05	<i>1st period begins</i>	<i>Period A</i>
8:51	<i>2nd period begins</i>	<i>Period B</i>
9:32	<i>3rd period begins</i>	<i>Period C</i>
10:13	<i>4th period begins</i>	<i>Period D</i>
10:54	<i>5th period begins</i>	<i>Period E</i>
11:35	<i>6th period begins</i>	<i>Period F</i>
12:18	<i>7th period begins</i>	<i>Period G</i>
1:01	<i>8th period begins</i>	<i>Period H</i>
1:42	<i>9th period begins</i>	<i>Period I</i>
2:23	<i>10th period begins</i>	<i>Period J</i>
3:00	<i>Final bus bell</i>	

ABSENT AND/OR TARDY

Please remember the importance of having your child attend school regularly. When a student is absent, he/she must bring a written excuse for each tardiness or absence from school. The note needs to state the date of the absence or tardiness and the reason. If your child is absent, please notify the ATTENDANCE OFFICER before 9:00 AM, stating the reason for the absence. Please remember to follow the call with a written excuse when the student returns to school.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING DATES**

2011 – 8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21/ 12/19
2012 – 1/23, 2/27, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/11

Annual Budget Hearing – 5/8/12 – 7pm
Budget Vote – 5/15/12 – 12:00pm to 8:00pm

The public is invited to attend all meetings.

**EMERGENCY
SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS**

Broadcast of school closings or delays begins with the 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. news. Please use these public means of communication, leaving the school lines open for emergencies. Thank you for your cooperation.

WGY - 810 AM WDOS - 770 AM
WZOZ - 103.1 FM WSKG - 89.3 AM
WDLA - 1270 AM WDLA - 92.1 FM
WDHI - 100.3 FM WKXZ - 93.9 FM
WCHN - 970 AM WRGB -Channel 6

Or Check On-Line at:
www.cbsalbany.com/settings/schoolwatch

One Call Now!

The South Kortright Central School District is currently using the “One Call Now!” notification system. “One Call Now!” enables us to notify our Parents, Students, Personnel, and others affiliated with our school by phone and e-mail regarding:

School Closings and Delays, Emergency Situations, Special Events, and Virtually any Important School Related Information

Parents, Students, Teachers: if you have a change of contact information to report, or you are not currently in the system and would like to be, please contact the Main Office.

School Related Groups: if you would like to use the “One Call Now!” system to notify our school community of an event, please contact the Main Office.

NOTICES FROM THE CAFETERIA

By Mrs. Marie Martin, Cafeteria Manager

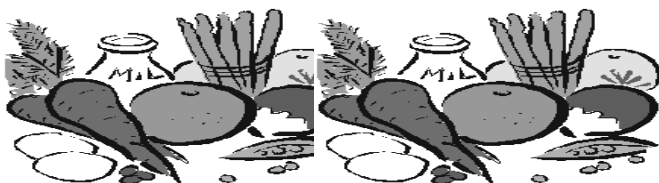
- Breakfast items, juice, and fresh fruit will be available from 7:45 – 9:32am.
- Students will not be permitted to pay for snacks with money from their accounts unless we receive a note from their parent or guardian.
- Student accounts are set up for the convenience of putting money on the accounts for
- Breakfast and Lunch. Student accounts **are not set up for charging.**
- **If you allow your son/daughter to take snacks off their account, please send additional money to cover the charges.**
- Due to State and Federal regulations we will be selling snacks with less fat and more nutritional value and drinks that are 100% juice.
- There will be more fruit and breakfast snacks this year and less non-nutritious snacks.
- Snack Drink Sizes will be changed due to Federal and State regulations. No 16 or 20 oz. drinks.
- All milk must be 1% or less **unless we receive a doctors note for your child.**

Pre-K-3 Parents: please send your child’s lunch and snack money in an envelope marked so their teacher can keep track of what they are to have each day. Money can be sent in daily, weekly or monthly in a marked envelope. Students who do not bring lunch from home will be encouraged to eat a breakfast and lunch instead of snacks.

Please Note: We will allow the children to charge a breakfast and a lunch; however, we are not in a position to allow **multiple charges.** If your child does need to charge a meal, please be sure to send in the money to cover the charge on the following day. After one courtesy charge for breakfast Toast and Milk will be provided. For lunch, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and milk will be provided and charged until money is added to the student’s account.

MEAL PRICES

Breakfast	Pre-K-4 – Free	5-12 - \$1.00
Lunch	Pre-K-4	\$1.80 or \$9/weekly
	5-12	\$2.20 or \$11/weekly
Reduced Lunch and Breakfast		.25 cents
Milk Prices		.25 cents
Juice Cups 4 oz.		.45 cents





JOIN SCO JOIN THE FUN
Get Involved In Your Child’s Education

For several years, the South Kortright School Community Organization (SCO) has made our school a better place by funding or hosting many events and projects, including:

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| Alumni Basketball Game | Senior Awards |
| Gym Team Banners | Classroom Supplies |
| SKCS School Sign | Sports Banquet |
| Operate Snack Shack | Kindergarten Packets |
| SCO School Calendar | Helped Pay for Dugouts |
| 4-H Camp Scholarships | New Trophy Cases |
| Championship Road Signs | |
| Championship Banners and Jackets | |
| Awards for Elementary & Middle Schools | |
- And Lots More!**

SCO MEETINGS FIRST MONDAY
of every month during the school year. New members are always welcome. Come join us and get involved in your child’s education.

SCO CALENDARS

The SCO Calendar is packed full of helpful information and listings of many of the events throughout the school year. If you would like a copy of the calendar, stop into the SKCS Main Office and see Mrs. Post.

Thank You SKCS SCO

BACKPACKS AND BACK PAINS

Your child's backpack could be unhealthy. If a backpack is too heavy or not worn correctly, it can cause neck, shoulder and back pain and even lead to spinal problems.

“The University of Michigan researchers found that on average middle-school students were lugging around about 11 percent of their body weight. In her own survey of nearby middle schools and grade schools, Lynn White found that the average bag tipped the scales at almost 14 pounds, or roughly 15 percent of the average student's weight. Twenty-three percent of the kids carried packs that were at least 20 percent of their own body weight.” That's like adults carrying around small refrigerators on their backs,” White says.

Here are a few commonly recommended tips on carrying backpacks:

- Children should carry no more than 10 to 15 percent of their body weight in their loaded packs.
- Backpacks should not be worn slung over one shoulder causing uneven loading to the spine or drooping half way down the back.
- Parents can help their children get organized and plan ahead to minimize the number of books they carry.
- Help your child determine what they actually need to take back and forth to school and from class to class. They should only bring home the books needed for that night's homework assignments.”

In addition to these potential health concerns, South Kortright Central School will not be allowing students to carry backpacks throughout the building, due to safety concerns from backpacks being left on classroom and hallway floors.

dukehealth.org, orthopedic portal - [Backpacks and Back Pains](http://orthopedics.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.dukehealth.org/HealthPortals/orthopedic/news/09/02/2003) <http://orthopedics.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.dukehealth.org/HealthPortals/orthopedic/news/09/02/2003>
White, L. et al. [Weight of backpacks carried by school children: Students or Sherpas?](http://www.dukehealth.org/HealthPortals/orthopedic/news/09/02/2003) (abstract) Academic Emergency Medicine. May 2000. 7(5): 487.





STUDENT HEALTHCARE AT KORTRIGHT (SHAK)

Bassett Healthcare’s School Based Health Center At South Kortright Central School

The School Based Health Center (SBHC) at South Kortright, a collaborative effort between Bassett Healthcare and The South Kortright Central School, was established in March 2002. The SBHC provides comprehensive primary health services to those students that are enrolled in the program. Enrollment involves parental/guardian completion of enrollment forms. Some of the services that are provided at the Health Center include:

- Comprehensive Physical Examinations
- Treatment of acute illness (sore throats, ear infections...)
- Management of Chronic Illnesses (asthma, diabetes...)
- Mental Health Counseling
- Immunizations

Parents are always welcome and encouraged to accompany their child to the clinic. Every effort will be made to contact parents when they are not present either by phone or note.

Child Health Plus: We now have a facilitated enroller in the Nurse’s Office at the school that can schedule appointments with parents to enroll children into the CHP program. If your child/children are in need of medical insurance and you would like to learn more about it or enroll them, please call 538-1932 and talk with Patty.

REMINDER: In an effort to financially sustain the SBHC, student’s health insurance is billed for services provided on site. Bassett Healthcare, through Medspar, does the billing. There will *never be any out of pocket cost* for services provided on site to patients. However, if the SBHC provider orders a test or service that cannot be provided on site, parents will be responsible for those costs. (Parents will always be informed of these circumstances.) All monies collected from insurances are used to support the school based health center. Should anyone inadvertently receive a bill, please contact Patty Finne SBHC Clerk at 538-1932 immediately and she will assist in correcting the error.

<u>Staff</u>		<u>Scheduled Hours</u>
Collaborating Physician	<i>Chris Kjolhede, MD</i>	
Nurse Practitioner	<i>Vacant</i>	*8:00 – 11:30am
Licensed Practical Nurse	<i>Lisa Sandin, LPN School Nurse</i>	*8:00 – 3:00pm
SBHC Clerk	<i>Patty Finne, Patient Services Associate</i>	*8:00 – 12:00pm
Mental Health Worker	<i>Anne Garlick</i>	*8:00 – 3:00pm

**Office Hours only on regular school days.*

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

You can help support our school. Both HANNAFORD and PRICE CHOPPER support schools with monies based on tapes and points. Check with each store. BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION and CAMPBELL’S LABELS are collected year-round and may be brought to the Main Office at any time. BOXTOPS sends checks and we buy books for the library with CAMPBELL’S LABELS. Thank you!

EMERGENCY SITUATION DRILLS

All schools are required to establish protocol for numerous hazardous or emergency situations. During the course of the school year we are required to conduct several fire drills and two facility evacuation drills. Additionally, we have other procedures designed to secure the facility to prevent an intruder from entering the building called Lock Out, Lock Down in the event that an intruder has entered the building, and another used for a variety of purposes called Secure Your Area which is used in several situations such as hazardous spills, and certain weather emergencies. Please note that the South Kortright Central School goes above and beyond what is required by state mandate to ensure that our students and staff are safe in all emergency

CHILD REGISTRY AND SCHOOL CENSUS

All Parents and Guardians residing within the South Kortright Central School District, please be sure that all pre-school children, children with disabilities or special needs, and new babies, are listed on the school census. To register your children or children in your charge, please call the Main Office at 538-9111, to provide information.

BUS NOTES

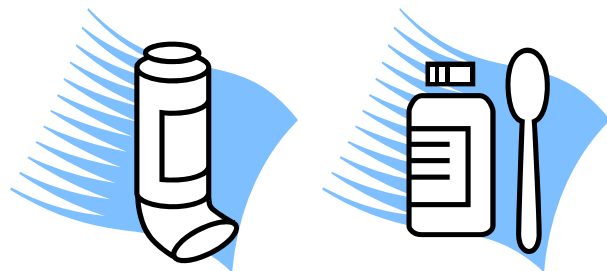
If your child is going to get off at a different stop other than their regular bus stop, **you must send in a bus note** giving permission for the change. Bus notes are preferred, but if you must call the school to change your child’s drop off or pick up point, it **SHOULD BE MADE BY 11:00 a.m. the day of the change.** If you have any questions, you may call the main office.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

According to New York State Law, in order for prescription or non-prescription medication to be given in school, the following conditions must be met:

- The medication must be in its original container.
- A parent or guardian must provide written instructions as to why, when, and how much medication is to be given to the student.
- Written instructions from the student’s physician to administer the medication must be provided.

State Law also requires that all students in Grades 2, 4, 7, and 10, all Special Education students, and all students new to the School District receive a physical exam during the school year. The School Doctor will give these exams, unless the School Nurse receives a copy of a private exam at the beginning of the school year. In addition, all students participating in sports must have a yearly physical exam. If a student has received immunizations and/or physical exams over the summer, please send official records to the Health Office.



SKCS OPEN HOUSE 2011-2012

October 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Pre-Kindergarten - Fifth Grade Open House

Open House is a great time for parents of Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students to get information about activities, expectations, and opportunities for the school year. The South Kortright Central School invites all parents to join us in Harbaugh Hall at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 20, 2011. After a brief welcome, parents can go to their children’s classrooms where each teacher will explain their expectations and routines for their programs. This is an excellent time to get to see your child’s classrooms and to get to know their teachers.

Middle and High School Open House

Parents of students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to Open House at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 20, 2011. After a brief welcome in Harbaugh Hall, parents can go to our classrooms to get to all of their children’s teachers. Our Open House Program will provide parents with an excellent opportunity to learn about course curriculum, requirements, and teachers’ expectations. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with our School Counselors, Support Personnel, and our Administrators.

PROJECT LOCKER SWEEP

The South Kortright Central School, along with most of the other schools, cooperate with the NYS Police in Project Locker Sweep. Project Locker Sweep is used as a precautionary measure to help deter anyone from bringing illegal or explosive substances into the school. At least once a year we are visited by one or two NYS Troopers, along with their duly trained canine, to check the building for illegal or explosive substances. During this time we follow the Secure Your Area protocol. We are proud to say that these highly trained professionals and their dogs have found no evidence of drugs or explosives in the school since we began participating in the program.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are part of the curriculum. These trips have been carefully planned by the individual classroom teachers, and have been approved by the administration. The number of tickets purchased for the trip, the number of chaperones involved, the size of the bus used and the number of lunches that are prepared for the trip are directly tied to the number of students in the group for whom the field trip has been scheduled. Legal excuses for being absent from a field trip are the same as for being absent from school. If the trip extends beyond the school day, after school employment might be considered a legal reason for absence. Otherwise, participation is mandatory. Students who miss a field trip will have make up assignments. If they are illegally absent from a field trip they will face the same disciplinary action as if they were illegally absent from school.

Field trips to locations out of state, or field trips that require more than 100 miles of travel one way are considered extended school day trips and are not mandatory. However, parents and students who sign up for these field trips should make every effort to attend or to inform the teacher as soon as possible should you discover that you cannot attend. A trip itinerary and informational reminder will be sent home to the parents of all participants in advance of each field trip.

SENIORS MAIL BOXES

Each Senior is assigned his or her own mailbox in the Guidance Office. In an effort to promote communication we utilize a mailbox system similar to the faculty/staff system located in the Main Office. Just as the faculty and staff receive notices and mail in their boxes on a daily basis, the Seniors receive scholarship information, reminders of SAT and ACT deadline dates, and other pertinent information that they should attend to during their Senior Year.

HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS

By Mrs. Janet Pittelli, Mathematics Instructor

Supplies for High School Math Classes:

- Three ring binder or spiral notebook with sections for Notes, Homework, Tests/Quizzes, and Projects
- Scientific calculator : Texas Instruments
- TI-30X required. Cost: \$15 - \$18.
- Pens, pencils.
- Graph Paper and Straight Edge (which should be at home).
- Compass (Geometry , Advanced Algebra and Pre-Calculus students).

We give 3 regents exams in math in Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry. Students must pass the Algebra Regents for a Regents Diploma and all 3 for an Advanced Regents Diploma. . Our students have been very successful with all of the math regents.

We also offer Pre-Calculus and Calculus for college credit through SUNY Delhi. These classes are generally transferable to other colleges with grades of C or better.

MATH TUTORING

The members of the Math Honor Society are available for tutoring EVERY DAY during Recreation Period in Mrs. Pittelli’s Room.

Students should take advantage of this opportunity for extra help with homework, test corrections, or for help when absent from class. Grades are available through Power School. Please check on your students’ progress.

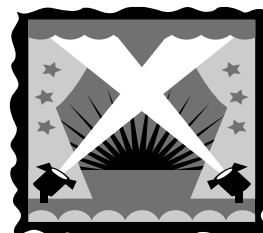


SK Presents (formerly Morning Program)
2011-2012

Mission Statement: Showcase the academic work of students to support and enhance the common core curriculum. Continue to nurture the community connections.

Friday September 30	Mrs. Denison Presents... Harvest to Table
Friday October 14	Kindergarten Presents...
Friday October 28	Third Grade Play
Friday November 4	Third Grade Presents...
Friday November 18	Second Grade Play
Friday December 2	K-3 presents... Community Service Boxes
Friday December 16	Second Grade Presents... Third Grade Entertainment
Friday January 13	Fifth Grade Presents... MLK Celebration
Friday January 27	First Grade Presents...
Friday February 10	K-3 Health Classes Present...
Friday March 2	PARP Kickoff
Friday March 16	Music Department Presents..
Friday March 30	PARP Closing Ceremony K-3 Slideshow
Friday April 27	Kindergarten Presents... K & 1st Grade Entertainment
Friday May 11	First Grade Play
Friday May 25	Sixth Grade Presents... International Day
Thursday May 31	Kindergarten Play

Please join us in Harbaugh Hall at 8:30 a.m.





ANNUAL NOTICES

CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Pursuant to State and Federal Education Law, the South Kortright Central School District has developed a Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures which is provided to students in the Student Handbook for Middle and High School. Annually, the SKCS Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures, undergoes revisions in order to bring the code into compliance with changes in Education Law. Please pay particular attention to the **DRESS CODE**, and the **BOARD REGULATION REGARDING MATTERS THAT COULD PRODUCE DISCIPLINARY ACTION** sections of the revised policy. Parents and Guardians should review this policy with their child(ren) who attend SKCS.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The SKCS Board of Education encourages participation of parents of students eligible for Title I services in all aspects of their child’s education.

The SKCS Board of Education recognizes the rights of the parent to be fully informed of all information relevant to the identification or change in identification, evaluation and educational placement of a disabled child.

All due process procedures for parents and children, NYSED Regulations Part 200 shall be observed by the South Kortright Central School District.

Complete copies of the Parent Involvement Plan are available in the SKCS Main Office during regular business hours.

SCHOOL POLICIES

The South Kortright Central School District has developed and implemented policies in compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations for:

- Comprehensive Attendance
- *Anti-discrimination Title IX
*Sexual Harassment

Anyone wishing to see these policies should contact the Main Office.

***Note:** Please contact Patricia Norton-White SKCS Compliance Officer for Title IX - Anti-discrimination Policy #0010 and Sexual Harassment Policy #6011 if you have questions about these policies.

MILITARY NOTIFICATION

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 has required school districts to implement numerous changes. One of the requirements of this act is that schools must provide students names, addresses and phone numbers to the military, unless parents request specifically that we do not release such information.

We expect to receive requests from several of the military branches this year and, we need to respond to them in a timely manner. Please complete the form below and return it to the Main Office at school by November 1, 2011, if you do not wish the South Kortright Central School to release the name, address and phone number of your son or daughter to the military.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Please return this portion to the South Kortright Central School Guidance Office by November 1, 2011

MILITARY NOTIFICATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not wish that the South Kortright Central School release the name, address and phone number of the following student(s) to the military:

Student’s Name

Grade

Date

Parent’s Name (Please Print)

Parent’s Signature

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

ALL FAMILIES *should fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch Application and return it to school as soon as possible whether you feel you are eligible or not.*

Participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program benefits more than just the families and children who are eligible. The statistics from the applications qualifies us to participate in other Federal, State, Local, and privately funded programs; for example, in previous years we were able to provide Free Healthy Snacks for students who participated in our Extended School Day program. Many other school programs are affected in the same way. The bottom line is the District loses money that is spent on your children when we don't get those completed applications in a timely manner.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are distributed to all students the first day of school, and are available throughout the school year in the main office. If you have questions about the program or would like some help with the application, please call the school and we will gladly assist you with the process.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS

Under the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, you may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s), and paraprofessional staff (Licensed Teaching Assistants). This information is available in the District's Office and will be provided to you upon request. Additionally, you can check the certification status of any teacher certified in New York State at a website developed and maintained by the New York State Education Department. The internet address of this website is: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>

ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA)

The School District's Asbestos Management Plan, submitted to the New York State Education Department, is in accordance with EPA's Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the New York State Right to Know Law. The plan may be viewed by contacting Mr. Robert Doroski at SKCS from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION REQUEST

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Occasionally, we need to use pesticides on a limited basis.

The South Kortright Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are NOT subject to prior notification requirements:

- The school remains unoccupied for 72 continuous hours after an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and related compounds;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging or biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect about an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive the 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that may be scheduled at the South Kortright Central School District, please contact Mr. Robert Doroski.

CODE OF CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES SUMMARY

For a school to be successful it is necessary that members of that organization adhere to certain rules of behavior. If the South Kortright Central School is to fulfill its mission and if its students are to meet their desired exit outcomes, it is necessary to establish rules of behavior. This Code of Conduct is designed to promote the maintenance of order on school property and at school functions and shall govern the conduct of students, school personnel, and visitors.

DRESS CODE

SKCS believes that a conventional neat manner of dress is suitable for school attire. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

A student’s dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, cosmetics, and nails shall:

1. not intrude upon the work of the school or the rights of other students.
2. not be vulgar or lewd
3. be in compliance with district safety rules
4. ensure that the student’s underwear is completely covered with outer clothing
5. not include extremely brief garments such as tank tops tube tops, mini skirts, spaghetti straps, mesh or net shirts, tops, blouses, or shirts that are not long enough to be tucked in, see through garments or other such garments which are disruptive to the educational process
6. include footwear at all times
7. not include hats in the building between the hours of 8:15 am and 2:52 pm pursuant to the Hat section of Policy 7041 Student Lockers
8. not include items which are vulgar, obscene, libelous, denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or that advocate racial or religious prejudice.
9. not promote or endorse the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs
10. not promote or endorse violence or other illegal activities

Students who violate the dress code will be asked to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item. If necessary, the student shall be sent home to change clothing. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline pursuant to the code of conduct.

School administration must be contacted regarding exemption from the dress code policy when religious, cultural, or medical reasons exist. An exemption will be considered prior to the occurrence of a dress code violation. If a request for an exemption is denied, the applicant may appeal the denial to the Superintendent within 5 school days. If the Superintendent denies the application, the applicant may appeal the denial to the Board of Education within 5 days of the Superintendent’s written denial. The decision of the Board will be final.

**BOARD REGULATION REGARDING
MATTERS THAT COULD PRODUCE DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

A student shall be subject to disciplinary action in relation to the following:

1. Being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, drinking an alcoholic beverage or in possession of an alcoholic beverage on school premises (including buildings or grounds) or on a bus going to or from a school function or a school-sponsored function. Alcoholic beverages shall mean and include alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer and cider having alcoholic content.

Code of Conduct Continued

2. The use, possession, sale or gift of any drug or controlled substance, including marijuana or any instruments for the use of such drugs, controlled substance or marijuana such as a pipe, syringe or other paraphernalia, while on school premises (including buildings or grounds) or on a bus going to or from a school function or school-sponsored function. Excepted is any drug taken in accordance with a current prescription signed by a physician which is to be taken by the particular student at the time in question.
3. Stealing, lying, cheating, plagiarism or other acts of dishonesty.
4. Verbal or physical intimidation.
5. Fighting or causing physical harm to another.
6. Disrespect toward a faculty member.
7. Possession or use of a weapon, which constitutes a firearm or destructive device, on school premises. School premises includes: grounds, school buildings, or a school bus.
8. Possession or use of knives or other weapons not included in section (7) on school premises. School premises includes: school grounds, school buildings, or a school bus.
9. Failure to comply with the directions of a teacher, administrator or other school employee.
10. Engaging in acts of sexual harassment as defined in the district’s sexual harassment policy.
11. Using in either words, clothing, or signs, profane, lewd, vulgar, abusive language or words which may incite or offend another person.
12. Selling, using or possessing obscene material.
13. Lateness or missing or leaving school or class without permission or an excuse given by a faculty member.
14. Any willful act which disrupts the normal operation of the school community, or that poses a threat to the health and safety of themselves or others.
15. Smoking a cigarette, cigar or pipe, or using chewing or smokeless tobacco on school premises (including buildings or grounds) or on a bus going to or from a school function or a school-sponsored function.

The range of penalties which may be imposed for the conduct set forth above is as follows:

- Verbal warning;
- Written warning;
- Written notification to parent;
- Counseling;
- Probation;
- Reprimand;
- Detention;
- Suspension from transportation;
- Suspension from athletic participation;
- Suspension from social or extracurricular activities;
- Suspension of other privileges;
- Exclusion from a particular class;
- Involuntary transfer; or
- Suspension from regular instruction In-School
- Suspension from regular instruction Out-of-School.

Any suspension from regular instruction for violation of any section may be imposed only in accordance with Education Law 3214(3).

The type and extent of punishment for violation of all sections except section (7) which notes actions pertinent to the Gun-Free Schools Law (20 U.S.C.A. 3351) shall be determined by the Building Principal or Superintendent. Disciplinary measures shall be appropriate to the seriousness of the offense and, where applicable, to the previous disciplinary record of the student.

SKCS COMPREHENSIVE ATTENDANCE POLICY SUMMARY

Please read this summary very carefully. It may seriously impact your youngster’s ability to receive course credit, to be promoted, and to graduate.

At its October 2001 meeting, the Board of Regents of New York State amended the regulations concerning pupil attendance. Public school districts are now required to develop and implement a new Comprehensive Attendance Policy. Our policy was developed by a team of teachers and school personnel with input from the Shared Decision-Making Committee as well as members of the Student Council. It was approved by the Board of Education on May 20, 2002 and **took effect in September 2002.**

This new policy will have little effect on most of our students. However, it allows us to address attendance problems in meaningful ways, thereby ensuring pupil success in meeting the New York State Learning Standards and high school graduation requirements.

The South Kortright Central School New Comprehensive Attendance Policy sets minimum attendance requirements for course credit and promotion. Students in grades 7 – 12, who do not meet minimum attendance requirements for a class, will not receive credit for that class. Students in grades K - 6, who do not meet minimum daily attendance requirements, will not be promoted to the next grade.

A student will be considered absent if he/she is not present for more than one-half of his/her period of scheduled instruction. For a class taken by a 7th – 12th grade student, the period of scheduled instruction is the length of time the student spends in a particular class. For a kindergarten – 6th grade student the period of instruction is the entire school day.

In grades 7-12, a student will be considered tardy if he/she arrives more than five minutes later than the scheduled starting time of instruction, but does not miss more than one-half of the class instruction. Each tardy will count as one-half of an absence.

In grades K-6, a student will be considered tardy if he/she arrives more than fifteen minutes later than the scheduled starting time of daily instruction, but does not miss more than one-half of the daily instruction. Each tardy will count as one-half of an absence.

In grades 7-12, a student will be considered as departing early if he/she leaves more than five minutes prior to the end of his/her scheduled instruction, but does not miss more than one-half of the class instruction. Each early departure shall count as one-half of an absence.

In grades K-6, a student will be considered as departing early if he/she leaves more than fifteen minutes prior to the end of his/her scheduled daily instruction, but does not miss more than one-half of the scheduled daily instruction. Each early departure shall count as one-half of an absence.

In the past schools were not permitted to distinguish between excused and unexcused absences when determining if a student had met the minimum attendance requirements to earn course credit. These new regulations allow schools to make this distinction.

Absences, tardiness, or early departures are distinguished as excused or unexcused. Any absence, tardiness, or early departure for which the pupil has a valid school approved excuse, will be considered to be excused. Such excused non-appearance shall include: illness, death in family, medical appointment, required court appearances, religious observance, military obligations, attendance at another school activity, pre-approved scheduled college visitations, pre-approved educational experiences, pre-approved work, or others as approved by the Principal or Superintendent.

Attendance Policy Continued

The school must receive a written notification of the reason for the absence, tardy, or early departure from the parent or person in parental relation. Otherwise, the absence, tardy, or early departure will be considered unexcused.

Attendance in kindergarten through sixth grade will be taken once per school day. However, attendance in grade 7-12 will be taken at the beginning of each period of scheduled instruction. The following chart shows the maximum the number of absences a student can have and still receive credit.

Type of Course	Maximum Allowable Absences
One Marking Period, Double Period	4
Semester, Double Period	8
Single Period, Full Year	16
Single Period, A/B	8
One marking Period, Single Period	4
Semester, Single Period	8
Full Day, K-6	16 days per school year
Summer School	3
Transfer Students	Maximum allowable absences will be prorated to time spent in the District

When a student has been absent for 50% of the course’s maximum allowable absences, we will notify you that your youngster is in danger of losing course credit because of failure to attend. When a student has been marked absent for 75% of the course’s maximum allowable absences, we will schedule a conference with you to discuss the situation and to seek solutions.

To discourage unexcused absences, tardiness, or early departures, the following disciplinary actions may be taken:

1. The pupil may be subject to disciplinary procedures for unexcused absence, tardiness, or early departure, including verbal and written warnings, detentions, in-school suspensions, and loss of extra-curricular privileges as described in the Code of Conduct.
2. Students who are absent, tardy after 9:00 AM, or depart early on the day of an extra-curricular activity or game will not be allowed to participate in that activity. The only exception to this will be in instances where the student’s absence, tardiness, or early departure has been pre-approved by an administrator.
3. For students who have been given permission to drive to school, three unexcused absences, tardies, or early departures will result in a loss of driving privileges for a period of five weeks. If, during that time the student has another unexcused absence, tardy, or early departure the loss of driving privileges shall be extended for an additional five weeks from the date of the latest unexcused absence, tardy, or early departure.
4. Where a student is in jeopardy of losing credit for excessive unexcused absences, the Superintendent or his designee shall be responsible for reviewing attendance records and determining if course credit will be denied.

We are hopeful that this policy will promote good attendance. Your cooperation and support will be greatly appreciated. After all, we both want the same thing for your youngster – a successful school experience. In order to insure this we need to work together as partners. Complete copies of this plan are available in our Main Office. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, a Federal law, requires that South Kortright Central School, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education record. However, South Kortright Central School may disclose appropriate designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the South Kortright Central School to include this type of information from your child’s education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student’s role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, the New York State Education Law §2-1 and two federal laws require school districts receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)* to provide military recruiters, upon request, with student names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the school district that they do not want their student’s information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want South Kortright Central School to disclose some or all directory information from your child’s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by November 30th. South Kortright Central School has designated the following information as directory information.

- Student’s name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended.

NYS requires that all teachers seeking permanent certification submit a videotaped classroom lesson. As a result, students in routine classroom situations may be videotaped by teachers seeking permanent certification from the state. If you do not want a your child included in these videotapes, you should inform South Kortright Central School in writing that videotapes including your child should not be used as part of the teacher certification process.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School Principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parents or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the School Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advised them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent of a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

**Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605.**



SOUTH KORTRIGHT CENTRAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 2011

- Rachael Ann Adams** – Attending The American Musical & Dramatic Academy major - Musical Theater
Frederick H. G. Bishop – Pursuing a career in the workforce
Chelsea Anne Casey – Attending Plattsburgh College majoring in Hotel and Resort Management
Courtenay Alexis Chambers – Attending Cazenovia College majoring in Visual Communications
Joseph Nicholas Colasuonno II – Attending D’Youville majoring in Biology/Chiropractic
Marlee Addison Condon – Attending Lincoln Institute of Technology majoring in Auto-Mechanics
Benjamin Charles Dixon – Attending SUNY Delhi majoring in Liberal Arts
Jacob D. Dykes – Attending Art Institute of Philadelphia majoring in Animation
Katelyn D’Nielle Fletcher – Attending Rochester Institute of Technology majoring in Film & Animation
Tallulah Owings Guadagnino – Attending Nazareth College majoring in Psychology
John William Hannum – Attending Clarkson University majoring in Mechanical Engineering
Nicole L. Holdridge – Attending Roberts Wesleyan College majoring in Liberal Arts
Taylor W. Komosinski – Pursuing a career in the workforce
Nakota Lame – Plans on Attending SUNY Delhi
Nicole Barbara Lennon – Attending Cazenovia College majoring in Liberal Arts
Fae Marie Lohr – Attending SUNY Delhi majoring in Culinary
Clinton M. Lutz – Attending Delaware Valley College in PA, majoring in Livestock and Dairy Science
Keith Richard McLean Jr. - Attending Rochester Institute of Technology in Computer Engineering
Ashley Marie Moeller – Attending Unity College in Maine majoring in Conservation Law Enforcement
Virginia Rose Pérez – Attending Alfred State majoring in Social Science
Lyndsey Rose Peterson – Attending Art Institute of Charlotte N.C. for Digital Film and Video Production
Alaina Poehmel – Pursue a career as a CNA and further her career in Nursing
Sarah Leigh Rogers – Attending Paul Smiths College for Culinary
Rebekah Sheetal Soule – Attending SUNY Herkimer majoring in Physical Education
Sabrina Lee Spaulding – Attending Brigham Young University majoring Mechanical Engineering
John Martinus Tubbs Jr. - Attending Lincoln Institute of Technology majoring in Auto-Mechanics
Randall Austin Vass – Attending SUNY Delhi majoring in Computer Information Systems



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Soccer Schedule

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER		
Mon. 8/15	First Practice	7:30 am
Thurs. 8/25	4X scrimmage@SK	9:00 am
Thurs. 9/1	Mayors Cup @ Stamford SKCS vs. Jefferson	6:00 pm
Sat. 9/3	Mayors Cup @ Stamford	12 or 8
Tues. 9/6	Margaretville @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Thurs. 9/8	Windham @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Sat. 9/10	Mayor's Cup	TBA
Mon. 9/12	SKCS@Roxbury	4:15 pm
Thurs. 9/15	Gilboa @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Tues. 9/20	SKCS @ Stamford	4:15 pm
Sat. 9/24	Chic Walshe@Davenport SKCS vs. Worcester	12:00pm
Mon. 9/26	SKCS @ Hunter	4:15pm
Thurs. 9/29	Jefferson @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Sat. 10/1	Chic Walshe@Davenport	10 or 2
Tues. 10/4	SKCS @ Davenport	4:15pm
Wed. 10/12	SKCS @ Downsville	4:15pm
Sat. 10/22	League Championships Hall of Fame	
10/26, 10/29, 11/2, 11/5		Sectionals

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER		
Mon. 8/15	First Practice	
Thurs. 8/25	4X scrimmage@ SKCS	12:00 pm
Thurs. 9/1	Mayors Cup @ Stamford SKCS vs. Jefferson	8:00 am
Sat. 9/3	Mayors Cup SKCS vs. Stamford	6:00 pm
Tues. 9/6	SKCS @ Margaretville	4:15 pm
Thurs. 9/8	SKCS @ Windham	4:15 pm
Sat. 9/10	Mayor's Cup	
Mon. 9/12	Roxbury @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Thurs. 9/15	SKCS @ Gilboa	4:15 pm
Tues. 9/20	Stamford @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Sat. 9/24	Chic Walshe@Davenport SKCS vs. Davenport	2:00 pm
Mon. 9/26	Hunter @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Thurs. 9/29	SKCS @ Jefferson	4:15 pm
Sat. 10/1	Chic Walshe Tourney	12 or 4
Tues. 10/4	Davenport @ SKCS	4:15pm
Wed. 10/12	Downsville @ SKCS	4:15pm
Sat. 10/22	League Championships	
10/25, 10/28, 11/1, 11/5		Sectionals

BOYS MODIFIED SOCCER		
Sat. 9/17	Downsville@SKCS	10:00am
Mon. 9/19	SKCS @ Stamford	6:00pm
Wed. 9/21	Windham@ SKCS	4:15pm
Sat. 9/24	Davenport @ SKCS	9:00 am
Thurs. 9/29	SKCS @ Jefferson	4:15 pm
Sat. 10/1	SKCS @ Margaretville	10:00 am
Wed. 10/5	Jefferson @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Thurs. 10/13	Roxbury @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Sat. 10/15	Gilboa @ SKCS	10:00 am
Mon. 10/17	SKCS @ Stamford	4:15 pm
Wed. 10/19	SKCS @ Hunter	4:15 pm

GIRLS MODIFIED SOCCER		
Sat. 9/17	Downsville @ SKCS	10:00 am
Mon. 9/19	SKCS @ Stamford	7:15 pm
Wed. 9/21	SKCS @ Windham	4:15 pm
Wed. 9/24	Davenport @ SKCS	9:00 am
Thurs. 9/29	Jefferson @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Sat. 10/1	Margaretville @SKCS	10:00 am
Wed. 10/5	SKCS @ Jefferson	4:15 pm
Fri. 10/7	Walton @ SKCS	4:15 pm
Thurs. 10/13	SKCS @ Roxbury	4:15 pm
Sat. 10/15	SKCS @ Gilboa	10:00 am
Mon. 10/17	Stamford @ SKCS	4:15pm
Wed. 10/19	Hunter vs. SKCS	4:15 pm

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