

# The Seneca Scoop



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## February 2018

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- Yearbook
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We've had many conversations about grading in our district and our school over the last few years. As a district we have moved to a standards-based report card, although much emphasis is still placed on the overall achievement grade instead of individual standards. As a school we have increased the percentage of the overall grade that relates to summative assessments, as opposed to homework/assignments because we want the grade to represent what a student knows and is able to do. We've talked about the effects of making an F equal to 0% versus 50% and about such things as re-does and test corrections. Ultimately our goals in these discussions are clarity about what a grade means, consistency from teacher to teacher, and a focus on learning. It's definitely safe to say that striving for all A's and chasing points can cause stress and take the focus off of learning. In addition, grades don't provide students and parents clear information about learning. So recently I asked our teachers the following questions: What if you went a whole marking period without assigning points or grades? What if instead you gave feedback related to learning targets? What if all conversations with students and parents revolved around learning, instead of points and grades? What if, at the end of the marking period, you had a conversation with students about all of the learning that took place during the marking period and together you determined a report card grade that reflected that (because we still need a report card grade right now)?

As a parent, you may begin to see some of our teachers move away from points and grades and towards feedback and learning. As this happens, we expect there will continue to be regular communication with students and parents about academic progress, because in the end, grades should be about communication, specifically communication about learning.

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Principal  
Seneca Middle School – love. purpose. learning  
Chippewa Valley Schools – Inspiring and empowering learners to achieve a lifetime of success

### Mission Statement

Seneca Middle School students will be educated and challenged using the state standards of all subject areas in a safe and nurturing environment focused on love, purpose and learning.

### Board of Education

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# SENECA YEARBOOK

The 2017-18 Seneca yearbook is now on sale for \$35.00. Order your yearbook now on [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)



## Lunch Prices 17-18

**Student Lunch \$ 3.00**

**Lunch Plus \$ 4.50**

**Breakfast \$1.55 (Reduced.. .30)**

**Milk .60**

**Reduced Lunch .40**

## Debit Program

- See CV website for Debit Form: [www.chippewavalleyschools.org](http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org)
- Online debit deposit: [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) (need student ID number)
- Send check (payable to: Chippewa Valley Food Service) or cash to school w/student. Student hands to Cashier in Cafeteria
- **Note:** If ID card is lost or stolen, it must be reported to cafeteria cashier immediately. Food Service is not responsible for fraudulent usages.
- For further assistance, contact Food Service Dept. 586-723-2110

## SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our Seneca Spelling Bee Champion, Renee Farley, and to our Runner-Up Sophia Cingolani. The time that they put into studying and preparing was very evident and impressive. Great job!



# Important Dates

## February

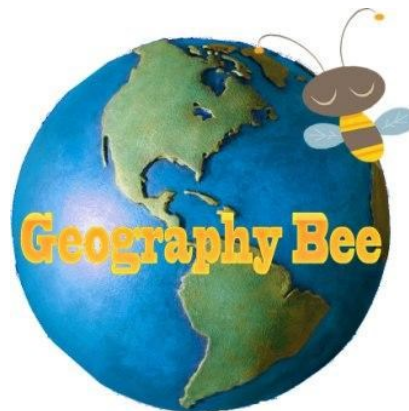
- 2**      **Report Cards Home with Students**
- 16**     **1/2 day— Dismissal at 10:55 a.m.**
- 19-23** **Mid-Winter Break**
- 26**     **Classes Resume**



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## GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to Keegan Burns, our 2018 National Geographic Bee School Champion. Congratulations also to our runner-up, Aidan Deacon, and our third place finisher, Dylan Russo. Keegan will now take an online test for a chance to complete in the State Bee. Good luck Keegan !



# **Jersey Mike's Fundraiser coming February 7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> ...*Proud Supporters of Seneca Middle School—Details forthcoming via School Messenger***



## **School Messenger**

Chippewa Valley Schools is now using SchoolMessenger, a leading provider of notification services for parental outreach, emergency broadcasts, student attendance alerts and other communications for education.

To make sure you are signed up to receive SchoolMessenger communications please sign in to the Parent Portal and be sure to include current phone numbers and email addresses. Please enter a cell phone number in the SMS box to receive text messages.

SchoolMessenger will take the place of our current MailOut service.

### **Chippewa Valley Schools**

**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION** It is the policy of Chippewa Valley Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight or marital status in its programs, services, activities, or employment. Inquiries related to nondiscrimination policies should be directed to: Civil Rights Coordinator, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Chippewa Valley Schools Administration, 19120 Cass Avenue, Clinton Township, MI 48038 Phone: 586-723-2090 / Nondiscrimination inquiries related to disability should be directed to: Section 504 Coordinator, Director of Special Services, (same address) Phone: 586-723-2180

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

When your child is absent or going to be late, please call attendance line at (586) 723-3999. This attendance line may be used to leave a message at any time. We want to know where your child is every day. We are concerned when a student does not report to school and we don't know why. If a call is impossible, please send your child with a note upon his/her return. If a call was made, a note is not necessary.



## 2017-18 School Calendar

**\*\*Please check back each month as events will be added\*\***

### February

- 16 1/2 day—dismissal @ 10:55 a.m.
- 17-25 No School/Winter Break
- 26 Classes Resume

### March

- 14 Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences—Evening Only  
5:30-8:00 P,M,
- 15 Middle School Parent/ Teacher Conferences— Evening Only  
5:30-8:00 PM
- 16 Middle School Students dismissed @ 10:48 a.m.
- 29 1/2 day—dismissal at 10:55 a.m.— Spring Break Begins

### April

- 1-8 No School/Spring Break
- 9 Classes Resume
- 19 1/2 day—dismissal at 10:40 a.m.



### May

- 3 1/2 day—dismissal at 10:40
- 28 Memorial Day—No School

### June

- 14 FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
- 15 1/2 day School—LAST DAY—dismissal at 11:05



## Attention 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

### Important Immunization Information

### Coming Home in March 2018.

Schools in Michigan are required to assess and report the immunization status of all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

By the first day of school, in the fall of 2018, all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students must have documentation showing they have had the following immunizations:

Four doses of diphtheria (D) and tetanus (T) given as DTaP, DT, Td or Tdap vaccine. Three doses if the series was started on or after age 7.

One dose of Tdap vaccine on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday if 5 years have lapsed since the last dose of tetanus or diphtheria containing vaccine.

Three doses of Polio.

Two doses of MMR

Three doses of Hepatitis B

Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) if no history of the disease.

One dose of Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine for students 11 years of age or older.

All doses must be given at appropriate ages and must be spaced properly.

This requirement will help assure that school-aged children are up-to-date and protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. Children must have one dose of each vaccine **by the first day of 7th grade** or they will be excluded.

In March 2018, a letter regarding your child's immunization status will be sent home. At that time, we will be requesting parents to submit an up-to-date immunization record from a health care provider by **June 15, 2018**.

**Non-Medical Waiver Information:** If necessary, parents requesting a nonmedical waiver will need to make an appointment at the Macomb County Health Department - Mount Clemens location to obtain a waiver. Forms are not available at the school.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Fast at Seneca's Main Office with any questions at 586-723-3908.

## BAND SOLO/ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL RESULTS

Seventy-one Seneca seventh and eighth graders participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo/Ensemble Festival held at Rochester High School on Saturday, January 13. To participate in Solo and Ensemble Festival, students must be at least a seventh grader, and a member in good standing of their school instrumental music program. Students may choose to prepare a solo (one student with piano accompaniment), or a small ensemble (duet, trio, etc) or they may do both. Events are graded based on the level of proficiency of their performance. Outstanding events are awarded a First Division, Very Good events are awarded a Second Division, and Good events are awarded a Third Division. Students awarded First or Second Divisions received medals.

The following Seneca students received a First Division rating:

Taylor Scramlin - Flute Solo  
Dehila DeRiemaker - Flute Solo  
Dylan Russo - Horn Solo  
Julia Joseph - Piano Solo  
Allison Raymer, Anna Reichert - Flute Duet  
Kristin Cowden, Thea Walerski - Flute Duet  
Adrianna Rutkowski, Nicolette Grego - Oboe Duet  
Ella Cuares, Cheresse Grier - Clarinet Duet  
Michael Weber, Anish Topiwala - Bass Clarinet Duet  
Olivia Krok, Emily Duff - Clarinet/Bassoon Duet  
Zion Hogan, Ben Viviano - Flute/Clarinet Duet  
Jenna Zdravkovski, Larisa Stojkovich - Flute/Clarinet Duet  
Ellie Snodgrass, Megan Homolka - Trumpet Duet  
Vanessa Sanchez-Leal, Nick Henderson - Trumpet Duet  
Kenzie Patenaude, Abby O'Connell - Trumpet Duet  
Jacob Edwards, Joshua Loewen - Clarinet/Trumpet Duet  
Dawson DeMaria, Jacob Hernandez, Myles Nycholas - Clarinet Trio  
Noah Wood, McKenna Goike, Brady Miller - Bass Clarinet Trio  
Jake Gorecki, Tyler Kozlowski, Trevin Steinhebel - Saxophone Trio  
Carson Gilbertson, Marco Chynoweth, Elliot Coutinho - Saxophone Trio  
Janine Adamski, Emily Duff, Makenzy Lyjak - Bassoon Trio  
Paige DeRuiter, Emma Bourgeois, Ashley Bartsch - Flute/Clarinet Trio  
Allison Raymer, Dehila DeRiemaker, Olivia Krok - Flute/Clarinet Trio  
Nicole Champagne, Sophia Cingolani, Makenzy Lyjak - Flute/Clarinet/Bassoon Trio  
Helen-Rose Pangilinan, Mackenzie Koehn, Olivia Wheeler - Flute/Clarinet Trio  
Andrew Knapp, Victoria Morris, Noah Wix - Trumpet/Horn Trio  
Brianna Adkins, Adriana Daniels, Jessica Tillinger - Saxophone/Trumpet Trio  
Jeric Del Oeste, Aidan Deacon, Peter Bendzinski, Tyler Smith - Clarinet Quartet  
Taylor Scramlin, Sunniva Trumper, Nicolette Grego, Adrianna Rutkowski - Flute/Oboe Quartet  
Joseph Sabatini, Luke Zieleniewski, Kojak Valentine, Griffin Underwood - Percussion Quartet



The following Seneca students received a First Division rating:

Reagan Moore, Kaitlynn Clement - Oboe Duet  
Madison Singer, Anna Sulewski - Saxophone Duet  
John St. Pierre, Dominic Mancuso - Trombone/Baritone Duet

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!**

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the following parents  
who helped with  
Vision Screening!

Angela Veal  
James Veal, Jr.





January 2018

6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Gavin Allport	Kendyl Baron	Natalia Blazeovski
Jessica Ancira	Joseph Biondo	Kamryn Booth
Lucas Behrendsen	Brendan Borowicz	Stephanie Brown
Chandler Boos	Lake Bryant	Rachel Cushard
Jordyn Carter	Dawson Demaria	Deadria Easterling-Flack
Ta'John Carter	Carson Gilbertson	Mia Ellis
Tyler Defer	Emilina Iacobelli	Jessica Falls
Conner Deruiter	Dolly Karam	Evan Goy
Julian Estrada	Elvin Koleci	Alyssa Griffith
Savanna Ferguson	Claire Kraft	Brandon Hagyard
Maya Forys	Jade Lilly	Zi'Yrel Hall Watt
Austin Gerling	Makayla Major	Caleb Happell
Dalayna Gordon	Dominic Mancuso	Jeovanni Issak
Brendan Griffith	Josuah Mccullough	Stefan Josevski
Allison Lech	Matthew Menig	Zachary Kozlowski
Ashwin Mahendran	Reagan Moore	Anna Lagorio
Jacob Mandell	James Mugler	Marco Lograsso
Erica Mcclellan	Lindsey Mundle	Peignnah Lorth
Aiden Morse	Irawoayo Olagbaiye	Morgan Louwers
Fernanda Paradela	Camryn Pekar	Jillian Miller
Kendyll Paul	Brooklyn Plitz	Angelina Namoo
Sophia Payne	Eva Stevanovic	Alexander Pellerito
Jadyn Pilarski	Lindsey Stone	Angela Petrovitch
Joseph Scaglione	Ty Szalewicz	Timothy Pham
Nicholas Schofield	Jacob Szymczak	Alaina Sand
Skyler Simmons	Nikolina Trpceski	Emily Selke
Sefin Sinjari	Kyle Walczyk	Noah Sosnowski
Devyn Teeples	Caroline Warda	Thea Walerski
	Javon Williams	Michael Weber
		Kelly Zhang
		Jax Zielinski



## Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation is now accepting donations for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual A Taste for Education! Taste Fest and Auction

As we get ready to host our 8<sup>th</sup> **Annual A Taste for Education! Taste Fest and Auction** we are asking business owners and friends of Chippewa Valley Schools for donations and gifts to help make the evening a success. A Taste for Education! will be held on **Thursday, April 12, 2018** at Zuccaro's Banquet and Catering in Chesterfield. This popular night serves as our signature event to raise money to support projects throughout our school district like "Brainstormers" visiting our elementary schools to excite our students in the creative arts like writing and illustration during reading month, funding an innovative S.T.E.M. program at the elementary level and supporting our fine arts program so students can learn music composition and participate in performance opportunities and workshops.

As a community partner, there are several ways you can become involved in this worthwhile event. You can donate an item of value or service that can be auctioned off at the event (please include the fair market value amount along with your donation), you can purchase event tickets, or for \$550 you can become an event sponsor. Event sponsors receive a reserved VIP table for ten guests along with your company name included on all event signage. All donors will receive acknowledgement in our program and on the Chippewa Valley Schools website. In addition all event sponsors will be recognized in our Vision newsletter that is mailed to over 43,000 homes and businesses.

To make a donation or to talk about sponsorship opportunities, call the Foundation Office at 586-723-2240 or send your tax-deductible gift to:

**Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation  
19120 Cass Ave.  
Clinton Township, MI 48038**

