



Thanksgiving Recess:

November 27-29

Holiday Recess:

December 23- January 3, 2014

Mid-winter Recess:

February 17- 21, 2014

A Commitment to Community

Syracuse Academy of Science
Youth Leadership Program

The Youth Leadership Program (YLP) was introduced in the 2012-2013 school year. YLP is an adventure-based, character education program that takes participants outside their comfort zone in order to improve self-confidence, self-concept, and self-efficacy. Through cooperative and interactive challenge-based activities, participants work to develop trust, community and positive decision-making skills.

The YLP provides a positive, encouraging environment that empowers participants to build on their strengths and overcome weaknesses in order to excel academically and socially.

YLP became a mainstay in Syracuse Academy's curriculum because of the school's belief in teamwork and community as well as the advantage to be gained from an adventure, experiential approach to learning.



Students in Syracuse Academy's Peer Leadership Club participate in a Block Blitz sponsored by Home Headquarters in October.

Part of the program requires students to keep track of their own academic and social progress across all other classes through a pre- and post- analysis of grades, discipline statistics as well as through a survey that measures academic and social behavior.

The participant's grade for the program is determined daily based on 3 factors: cooperation, participation and attendance. At the end of the quarter a final evaluative grade is added based on any academic and social progress observed through the data students collected throughout the course.

This class is not meant to be an academic obstacle; instead, the sole purpose of this class is to empower each student to be more successful in all arenas. By practicing basic life and character skills while simultaneously

applying those skills to their progress in other classes, the students take a hands-on, interactive approach to their success in and out of the classroom.

BE ADVISED:
EVERY student MUST BE SIGNED OUT if they are to be dismissed early.

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**Syracuse Academy partners with
Empower Federal Credit Union to
provide financial literacy education**

Inherent to our school mission is to prepare students for college career and citizenship. One of the most important skills anyone can learn is how to manage their finances responsibly and effectively. With this in mind, Syracuse Academy launched a financial literacy pilot program in partnership with Empower Federal Credit Union for grades k-6.

Trained credit union staff will visit each classroom once in the fall and once in the spring to teach a grade-appropriate lesson in financial literacy. Students will learn the basics of personal finances beginning with identifying money in the lower grades and enhance their knowledge of saving, spending, checking, lending and bud-

getting as they progress through 6th grade. Activities provided are fun and interactive as well as informative.

In addition, Syracuse Academy is pleased to offer credit union membership to its staff, students and student's families. Please note, there is no obligation to join the credit union. For more information regarding membership please contact the credit union.



Senior presents at American Chemical Society

The 246th National Meeting & Exposition of American Chemical Society (ACS) was held September 8-12 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The ACS is the world's largest scientific society and one of the world's leading sources of scientific information. Syracuse Academy senior, Bilgenur Sirin, presented a very complex scientific paper on behalf of Dr. Venera Jouraeva, assistant professor of chemistry at Cazenovia College.

Bilgenur worked with Dr. Jouraeva at SUNY Oswego last summer and was chosen to present the research because of her great accomplishments in the research on Degradation of carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic PAHs in soil contaminated with toxic metals after the amendment with fishbone apatite and ferric oxide.

In addition to the project presented at the ACS meeting, Bilgenur and classmate Kayla Vidal completed another project last summer, The Impact of Fireworks on Lake Ontario Water Quality, which was presented by the students at the Central New York Science and Engineering Fair in Syracuse. Kayla and Bilgenur won numerous awards for that presentation.



Senior, Bilgenur Sirin

Bilgenur was the only high school student delivering an oral presentation at the National Meeting of the ACS. Syracuse Academy is very proud of Bilgenur's achievements and her outstanding job presenting this research in Indianapolis!

**Student school lunch
accounts available
online**

MyPaymentsPlus allows all Syracuse Academy parents and guardians to review their student's cafeteria account and purchase history online 24/7.

Access this system by visiting:
www.mypaymentsplus.com

Once you have registered for an account you will have access to your student's record. This website can also be reached through the Syracuse Academy website.



ATOMS UPDATE

Syracuse Academy's athletic teams stayed busy through the fall season!

Cross Country

Coach Thompson reports that the Syracuse Academy cross country team has had a great season. Training runs in the late summer through the neighborhoods around the high school certainly paid off for our ATOMS runners! As in past seasons, a neighbor on Park Ave was kind enough to offer water breaks on those hot days and Coach is certain that neighborhood hospitality and the dedication of the athletes and their fans helped make this season successful!

Boys Modified Basketball Fundraiser

Spearheaded by the team and Coach McGriff, the Boys Modified Basketball Team hosted it's very first Potluck Dinner fundraiser on October 19th. The event was held to drum up excitement for the season and to assist with team expenses. Friends and family gathered in the Jr./Sr. high cafeteria and had a fantastic evening enjoying delicious foods and fellowship in support of the ATOMS. "We are humbled by the support and generosity of our families, friends and neighbors," said Coach McGriff about the turn out.

Boys Basketball Season opener to raise funds for the Vogt Family

Join us for this year's home opener versus Central Tech - one of the most anticipated games of the season!

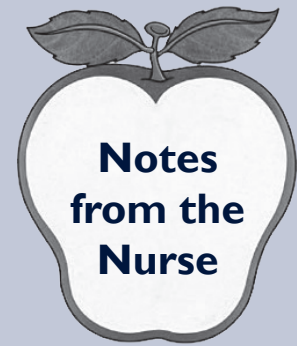
In addition to being the first home game, Athletic Director, Coach Onur, with the support of the team, has designated this game to also be a benefit for Coach Vogt's, late brother's family.

Coach Vogt's brother lost his life in an accident in June of this year, leaving behind a young family. Syracuse Academy is a family, and as such we want to help Coach Vogt and his brother's family through this tough time.

Proceeds from concessions at the games on Friday, December 6, 2013 will be donated to the family. There will also be raffles and other activities for attendees to participate in - all benefiting the Vogt family. Any funds raised will be used to assist with living expenses for the family and to start a college fund for Tom's son.



SACS Boys Modified Basketball Team members prepare to serve dinner to fans and supporters at inaugural fundraiser in October



Flu Shots: Flu season is upon us. If you haven't gotten your flu shot there is still time.

REMINDERS

- If your child has an injury and comes to school with crutches, bandages, casts, slings or splints...or your child needs to be excused from physical education classes...he or she **MUST HAVE A DOCTOR'S NOTE**. This is a New York State law. Please bring **ALL** medical notes directly to the School Nurse.

• **MEDICATION POLICY:**

Whenever possible, medication should be given at home. If it is necessary to give medication in school, prescribed OR over the counter (including cough drops), the school nurse must have a note from the parent and a copy of the doctor's order. The medication should be delivered to the school nurse in its original packaging or a properly labeled pharmacy bottle. Medications are never sent home with students, Parents must pick up the medication at the end of the school year, or it will have to be discarded. School policy requires that a new physician order and written parental permission be provided each school year.

Our school nurses can be contacted at the following numbers:

Elementary:

Mrs. Sturge, 315-469-9404 ext. 206

Jr./Sr. High

Mrs. Ashmore, 315-428-8997 ext. 112

SYRACUSE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2013

School	Date	Event
HS	11/1	Progress Reports Flamenco Ballet Performance, 9:00am
HS/ELE	11/5	Professional Development - No Classes
HS/ELE	11/8	End of QI
HS/ELE	11/11	Veteran's Day - No Classes
HS	11/15 & 16	Drama Production
HS/ELE	11/19	PTO Meeting, 6:00pm
HS	11/26	PEP Rally & Academic Awards
HS/ELE	11/26	Picture Day Retakes
HS/ELE	11/27-29	Thanksgiving Recess - No Classes

DECEMBER 2013

HS	12/4	QI Reward Day
HS/ELE	12/6	Progress Reports
HS		Science Fair, Half Day for students not in Science Fair
HS	12/10	PTO Meeting, 6:00pm
HS	12/13	Snow Date for Science Fair
HS	12/18	Hearing Exams Grades 7 & 10
HS	12/20	Half Day for Students
HS/ELE	12/23-1/3/14	Holiday Recess - No Classes Academic offerings during break can be found online and via social media

JANUARY 2014

School	Date	Event
HS/ELE	1/10	Progress Reports
ELE:	1/14	Family Game Night, 5:30pm
HS/ELE	1/20	Dr. Martin Luther King Day - No School
HS/ELE	1/24	Half Day
HS		Awards Ceremony
HS	1/27-1/30	NYS Regents Exams: Students in grades 9-12 only; attend school if taking regents
HS/ELE	1/30	Syracuse Academy k-12 concert, SRC Arena, 6:00pm

FEBRUARY 2014

HS/ELE	2/7	Professional Development - No School
HS	2/7	Black History Month Presentation
HS/ELE	2/17-2/21	Mid-Winter Recess - No Classes
ELE	2/27-2/28	Black History Month Celebrations

MARCH 2014

ELE	3/1-3/28	Coin Drive
HS/ELE	3/7	Progress Reports
HS/ELE	3//19	Professional Development - No School
HS	3/22	LAT Fair & Showcase
HS	3/23	CNY SEF Competition

All dates, events and times subject to change. Visit www.sascs.org for the most up to date calendar.

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