December 8, 2023 ~ Vol. 17

# The SEJ Buzz

"Together we are better at SEJ!"

Principal: Stacey Meadors

Assistant Principal: Katie Nacrelli School Counselor: Audrey Barrett



600 E. 11th Street\* 812-542-5508 \* Attendance Line 812-542-8101

# **Upcoming Dates:**

- ★ Dec. 12th Winter Food Bag Distribution
- ★ Dec. 15th All Pro Dads 7:15am-7:45am
- ★ Dec. 20th-Jan. 3rd Winter Break/No students
- ★ Dec. 25th Christmas Day
- ★ Jan. 1st, 2024 New Year's Day
- ★ Jan. 4th Return from Winter Break
- ★ Jan. 12th Report Cards come home
- ★ Jan. 15th Martin Luther King Jr. Day/No School
- ★ Jan. 18th Pre K Open House 5:30-6:30

# ~ A message from Mrs. Meadors ~

# **Candy Cane Grams**

The SEJ student council is sponsoring a candy gram fundraiser so they can partner with Miles for Merry Miracles and raise money to sponsor a few angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Your child can purchase candy grams for friends, teachers at the school, or family members at home. Each candy gram is \$1. Sales start Wednesday, December 6-Wednesday, December 13 from 7:45-8:00a.m. A table will be set up outside the cafeteria. All candy grams will be delivered on Tuesday, December 19. Families can also purchase candy grams for their child by placing the exact dollar amount in an envelope to school with their child (be on the lookout for candy gram cards in their take home folder that can be used for your message!). Thank you for your support. The candy gram will mean so much to its recipient and the money raised will be much appreciated by our sponsored angels.



# **Holiday Spirit Dress up Days**

- Dec. 11 Wear green or Grinch gear.
- Dec. 12 Wear your favorite workout gear.
- Dec. 13 Wear an Ugly Christmas sweater.
- Dec. 14 Wear your favorite elf gear.
- Dec. 15 Wear your favorite scarf.
- Dec. 18 Wear a Christmas headgear or Santa hat.
- Dec. 19 Wear you favorite pajamas.



# Pre K Open House

Open house for Pre K will be Jan. 18th from 5:30-6:30 at SEJ in the cafeteria. Your child must be 4 by Aug. 1st, 2024.



## **BUILD-A-BED**



We are partnering with Metro United Way again this year to build and deliver beds to our families, and Build-a-Bed applications are now open! Please complete all areas of the application and return them to your school counselor or social worker. Please see the information and instructions on the application for more details. All applications are due back no later than **December 19th** to be considered. The date listed on the application is the date we must return these to Metro United Way, so please be mindful that your deadline is **December 19th**. Thank you! Please let the office know if you need an application.

# **Missing Clothing**

We have several tables set up with lost jackets and sweatshirts. Please have your child take a look if they are missing an item or feel free to stop by and take a look yourself.











# **SCHOOL HOURS**

Doors Open at 7:45 a.m. Tardy Bell at 8:00 a.m. Dismissal for K-4 at 2:25 p.m.



# 2023-2024 SEASON





# FLOYD COUNTY

# **ELEMENTARY** BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The nine New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation elementary schools will compete for a county championship in 2023-2024 as a program of Floyd County Parks and Recreation.

#### 3RD AND 4TH GRADES

One girls' and one boys' team at each school.

#### KEY DATES



Week of Dec. 4: Two-day tryouts at all elementary achools.



Week of Dec. 11: Practices begin and parent meetings. at all elementary schools



Saturday, Dec. 16: Preseason Jamboroe at Senboor



Dec. 20-21 Holiday Mini Camp at Southern Indiana Sports Center



Saturday, Jan. 6: Week 1 games at Scribner



Saturday, Jan. 13: Week 2 games at Scribner



Saturday, Jan. 20: Week 3 games at Scribner



Saturday, Jan. 27: Week 4 games at Scribner



Saturday, Feb. 3 Floyd County Championships begin at Scribner



Sunday, Feb. 4 Semifinal, championship and All-Star games at Scribner



#### HONORING OUR CHAMPIONS

The Georgetown girls' and the Grant Line boys' teams captured Floyd County Championships in the 2022-23 season. The championship games were played in front of a capacity crowd at Scribner Middle School and broadcast live in WNAS-88.1.

#### FLOYD COUNTY'S TOP TALENT

After leading their respective schools to championships in 2022-23, Georgetown's Finley Taylor was honored as the Wayne Timbs Most Valuable Player in the girls' division and Grant Line's Cameron Morris was recognized as the Kenny Sinkhorn Most Valuable Player in the boys' division.



#### CONNECT WITH US:











#### DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Search "FCEBL" in an App Store to track your school throughout the season, including game times and results, standing, brackets, venue information and more.





# \*\*\*Pre K Open House\*\*\*

When: Jan. 18th, 2024

Time: 5:30 to 6:30pm

Where: S. Ellen Jones Cafeteria

Tour the school, meet the teachers and enjoy a snack.

Children must be 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2024.



# New Albany Children's Theatre is Announcing Auditions!





Tuesday, December 5th
3<sup>rd</sup> AND 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students only
Location: Fairmont Elementary School
Callbacks Wednesday, December 6th 4:00-6:00 PM

Dear New Albany Kids,

Do you want to be a star? Learn to dance? Sing a solo? Auditions for **Disney's Finding Nemo Jr.** are open to **ALL** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who attend New Albany Floyd County Schools. You will be asked to sing *Happy Birthday*, and do a few simple movements at auditions. **You may memorize and recite a line from the next page if you wish to be considered for a speaking role**. There are tons of speaking parts! Follow these easy steps to audition:

- 1. Visit facebook.com/NewAlbanyChildrensTheatre and fill out the google audition form.
- 2. You will get an email with a link to use Sign Up Genius to pick a time slot for your audition.
- 3. Prepare for your audition. Practice singing Happy Birthday. (You can sing it to Nemo. Pretend it is his birthday). Practice marching, skipping, and doing a simple step touch. Memorize a line if you would like to speak in the show!
- 4. Arrive for your audition about 10 minutes early to give yourself time to check in.

The cast list will be posted on our Facebook page no later than Monday, December 11th. Most rehearsals will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in January, February and March from 4:00-5:30 PM. Not all actors will be called to all rehearsals. Tentative show dates are March 13-15th. There will be a materials/costumes fee. Please fill out the google form on our facebook page to sign up for auditions. Good luck, and sing loud!

Sincerely, Abby Gardner, Bekki Sebolt, and Jesse Schuler

#### Marlin

There, there. I've got you. You're safe now. I promise I will never let anything happen to you... Nemo.



#### Nemo

I know what to do! We have to save Dory! Dad, I have a plan! Tell everybody to swim down together!

#### Coral

Marlin, there are over 400 eggs. Odds are, one of them is bound to like you.

#### Dory

Well, that's a funny thing to promise. You can't never let anything happen to him. Then nothing would ever happen to him. Not much fun for little Harpo.

#### Crush, Kai, and Breeze (Sea Turtles)

Nice lingo, Jellyman! Get ready for Sydney! Your exit's comin' up!

#### Professor Ray

Climb aboard Explorers!! Hold on Tight!

#### Bruce, Chum or Anchor (The Sharks!)

Hello! Looks like you've stumbled upon a little party we're havin'. Welcome to the party mate!

-and-

I'm havin' FISH TONIGHT!!

#### Gill

Name's Gill, and I'm gonna get you back to the ocean. In fact, I'm gonna get all of us back to the ocean, where we belong.

#### Nigel

Nemo! Nemo! Your dad's been fighting the entire ocean looking for you! He's traveled day and night! He's battled sharks and jellyfish! And he's in Sydney Harbor right now!

#### Peach, Bloat, or Gurgle (Fish in the tank)

Good morning, everyone! The sun is shining, the tank is filthy, the pump is off--- (gasps) The pump is off?! Gill, wake up!

#### Tad/Pearl/Sheldon (fellow classmates) and Sea Turtle Kids

Whoa! That was so cool! Dad, did you see what I did?!

#### **Bubbles**

Bubbles?! Bubbles, Bubbles, bubbles!... My bubbles!!

There will also be a sea chorus - an assortment of sea creatures that Marlin and Dory interact with along their journey.



Facility opens at 5:30 p.m.

Get in the Christmas spirit with an evening of holiday-themed activities and games for students in grades 2-5.

The perfect "drop-and-shop" opportunity for parents just before the holidays!

**COST: \$10 PER PARTICIPANT** Pre-registration required!



**Candy Cane Home Run Derby** 



Ice Ax Throwing



Reindeer **Ring Toss** 



Santa's **Hoop Shoot** 



Snowball Dodgeball



Rudolph Relay



**Cookie Decoration Station** presented by Sweet Stuff Bakery

LOCATION SOUTHERN INDIANA SPORTS CENTER

620 Park East Boulevard New Albany, IN 47150

FOR MORE INFO

parks@floydcounty.in.gov (812) 948-5360

CONNECT WITH US

@FloydCoParks







# New Albany High School Cheerleading Clinic

When: Saturday, Dec. 9th
Time: Registration: 10:00 am
Clinic: 10:30 am - 2:00 pm
Where: New Albany High School – Aux Gym
Who: Kinder through 8th grade
Cost: \$30 per child by Dec. 4th
or \$40 after/at the Door

All participants will get to perform during halftime at 2 basketball games! They will perform Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the NAHS Girls Basketball Game at 1 pm and the NAHS Boys Basketball game that night at 7:30 pm and get in for FREE! Parents must pay own admission to the game.

Price includes lunch & a T-shirt. All T-shirts will be given the day of the Dec. 22nd Basketball Games

\$30 early registration price - form & payment must be received at NAHS by the deadline (Monday, Dec. 4th)

Price changes to \$40 after the Dec. 4th deadline. Registrations are also welcomed at the door! Go Dogs!

# Hosted by the New Albany High School Cheerleaders

New Albany High School Cheerleading Clinic Registration Form

Participant Name:	Age:	School:	
Parent Name:	Phone	#	
Emergency Contact Name:	Phone	#	

Cheerleader Shirt Size (circle one) Youth - YS YM YL or Adult - S M L XL

I understand that participation in cheerleading-related activities carries the potential for physical harm. I release NAHS Cheerleaders/Coaches, New Albany High School, the athletic program, and New Albany Floyd County Schools from liability in the event of an injury or sickness.

Parent Signature: Date:

#### TURN FORM IN TO NEW ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL BY DEC 4TH

Please mail the completed registration form to New Albany High School with your payment.

\$30 for early registration or \$40 after Dec. 4th and at the door

Payment is non-refundable & must be turned in to NAHS by Mon., Dec. 4th to receive early registration pricing. Registrations are welcomed at the door for \$40 per person.

Payments can be in the form of cash, check, or money order - please make checks or money orders to NAHS

#### Please Mail Form and Payment to:

New Albany High School Attn: Cheer Coach – Rocelle Marquis 1020 Vincennes Street New Albany, IN 47150

Contact Rocelle Marquis at RMarquis@nafcs.org with any questions





WHO: GRADES K THROUGH 8

WHEN: DECEMBER 9, 2023

9:30AM-12PM

COST: \$40 PER CHILD
INCLUDES A T-SHIRT TO WEAR
TO THE DANCE PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE: SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 9 AT HALFTIME OF
VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME (7:30)
REGISTRATION STARTS @ 9:15 ON
SATURDAY, DEC. 9 IN THE FLOYD

CENTRAL AUXILIARY GYM. A SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED.

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**GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** DATE

I CERTIFY ALL INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE

Date of Application	School District	School Name	

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. PLEASE UNDERSTAND NOT ALL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE A BED.
- 2. ONLY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN (YOUTH) WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.
- 3. THERE IS ONLY ONE DESIGN FOR BEDS (YOU MAY NOT MAKE SPECIAL REQUESTS, UNLESS THERE IS A PHYSICAL DISABILITY).
- Two weeks after the application deadline a determination will be made. We will contact you with a pick up date and location (do not contact us).
- PLEASE FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION HONESTLY AND TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY. PLEASE PROVIDE ACCURATE CONTACT INFORMATION.
- 6. It is your responsibility to notify us if your contact information changes. Please notify your school principal if any of your information changes. (failure to do so may result in a loss of awarded bed)
- 7. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- You will be expected to pick up your bed if you are chosen. (IF you are unable to do so, please contact your school principal).
- Income guidelines are used to determine eligibility. Eligibility is determined by timely submission, income, age
  of child, need.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE TURNED INTO YOUR SCHOOLS OFFICE BY TO BE CONSIDERED.

\*Income Guidelines, you must be at or below the stated income for your family size. For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each additional person.

SIZE OF FAMILY	ANNUAL INCOME
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420

<sup>\*</sup> POVERTY GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2023.





S. Ellen Jones Elementary

APPLY NOW!

# **POSITIONS AVAILABLE:**

- Teacher, Special Education
- Teacher, Interventionist
- Special Education Aide
- Prime Time Aide
- Building Substitute

APPLY ONLINE WWW.NAFCS.ORG

PH: (812) 542-5508

600 E. 11th Street, New Albany, IN 47150



# Discover how you can begin your Girl Scout adventure on:

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm or Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30pm at Floyd County Library Central Branch 180 West Spring Street, New Albany, IN

Make a keepsake & do a craft while learning all about how Girl Scouts could be the perfect fit for your family!

Find out how to get started with Girl Scouts at a FREE recruitment event! You'll leave with your own pair of Girl Scout sunglasses, draw string bag, and a color-changing cup. Bring your grown-up(s) along.

Be a Girl Scout

Can't make it? Scan to find more events in your area!





# 2023 Fall Junior Tennis

The Southern Indiana Tennis Center is pleased to offer weekly beginner tennis clinics for early elementary children, ages 6-8 years old. Group clinics are one hour long and are led by experienced staff teaching professionals in a fun, instructional environment. Available clinics include Tuesdays at 4:00pm, Wednesdays at 5:00pm, Thursdays at 4:00pm, and Saturdays at 10:00am.

Visit our website for more information:

www.southernindianatennis.com

Register today! 812-288-8424



Southern Indiana Tennis Center 6113 Appleleaf Lane, Sellersburg, IN 47172





# STRONG SWIMMERS **CONFIDENT KIDS**

# **Youth Swim Lessons** FLOYD COUNTY YMCA

## Monday & Wednesday (8 classes)

Preschool (ages 3-5) and Youth (ages 6-12)

4-4:45pm (Levels 1-3)

5-5:45pm (Levels 1-3)

6-6:45pm (Levels 4-6)

Dates:

Sept. 6-27\* (7 classes)

Oct. 2-25

Oct. 30-Nov. 22 Nov. 27-Dec. 20

Saturday (6 classes)

Preschool and Youth

9-9:45am (preschool only)

10-10:45am (Levels 1-3) 11-11:45am (Levels 4-6)

12-12:45pm (youth only)

#### Dates:

Oct. 21-Nov. 18\* (5

Dec. 2-16\* (3 classes)

## Parent/Child Classes (6 months-3 years)

Tuesday (6 classes)

5:30-6pm

6:05-6:35pm

# Dates:

Sept. 19-Oct. 24

Nov. 7-Dec. 12

# Saturday (6 classes)

9:15-9:45am

10-10:30am

10:45-11:15am

11:30am-12pm

#### Dates:

Oct. 21-Nov. 18\* (5

classes)

Dec. 2-16\* (3 classes)

#### Cost

6 class session:

\$47 (members)

\$86 (non-members)

8 class session:

\$62 (members)

\$114 (non-members)



For Additional Information: Katy Goodman kgoodman@ymcalouisville.org 502.242.3108

www.ymcalouisville.org



# **Eco-Science Challenge: Solutions for the future**

The Eco-Science Challenge encourages innovative Hoosier students to work towards finding solutions to current eco-science issues. Both small and big initiatives are welcome as we work together to positively impact our communities and beyond. This event will be at Indiana University Southeast (4201 Grant Line Road, New Albany, IN 47150). This event is sponsored by the IUS School of Education and School of Natural Sciences, and Earth Charter Indiana.

## February 17, 2024 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Subject areas could include topics such as: renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, ecofriendly products, environmental awareness, habitat protection, pollinators, water quality, soil conservation, native plants, wetlands, and food sustainability. Topics could also be social projects such as civic participation, actions to protect the environment, or other related areas with approval.

**How to get involved:** Elementary, middle and high school students, homeschool students, Boy and Girl Scouts, and 4H Clubs are invited to present projects.

- Age Categories are K-4, 5-8 and 9-12.
- Students have the option to submit their project either for the competition or to exhibit and share with fellow students.
- Visit our website for competition rules and to register: https://www.earthcharterindiana.org/ecosciencechallenge
- Deadline to register is January 19, 2024
- For questions contact: Brian and Tamela Brewer at 502-403-7956 or email thebrewers@earthcharterindiana.org.

Celebration and award ceremony will follow the judging process. Participants will need a parent or sponsor to remain on site during the event. Parking will be provided. IUS Police will provide security on campus.





