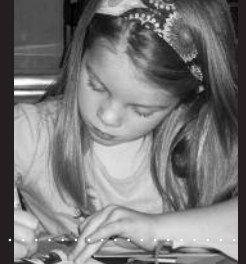


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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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District Prepares for Deep Spending Cuts

The Schodack CSD Board of Education expects to cut spending for the 2009-2010 budget far below current levels in order to offset the impact of proposed cuts in state aid revenue and large assessment challenges.

The Board has already directed school officials to hold the line on spending as they develop the first draft of the 2009-2010 budget over the next few months. But without deeper cuts, a significant tax increase would be required to offset potential assessment losses and cuts in state aid proposed by Governor David Paterson.

“We will have to cut deeper to deal with this lost revenue,” said Superintendent Doug Hamlin. “Our community has sent a clear message they can’t bear much more in taxes so we’ll have to cut spending to reach a tax rate they can support.”

While in past years the state Legislature has restored much of the proposed cuts in state aid, there are serious doubts that will happen this year given New York State’s \$15 billion deficit.

“Given today’s economic realities, we can’t count on an increase in state aid,” Hamlin said.

The district is also facing a smaller tax base as four of Schodack’s largest businesses are challenging their assessments. If successful, the district could potentially lose close to \$1 million in revenue.

“With cuts in state aid and a looming loss of assessment, we have a serious revenue problem in building the 2009-2010 budget,” said Sherri Fisher, Director of Business and Support Services.

Faced with such significant cuts, the district is looking to the community for input about where such cuts should be made. Community members are encouraged to participate in the new Community Budget Advisory Committee starting January 22. Read the story on page 2 for more information.

For more information about the budget process, visit the district’s website, www.schodack.k12.ny.us.

CES Open Houses Planned

Parents and community members will have an opportunity to tour the new Castleton Elementary School with three open house nights scheduled for February.

On February 3 and 4, open houses for parents will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Attendees will learn about the move to CES and then get a chance to tour the building and ask questions.

Parents of kindergartners and first graders are asked to attend the February 3 open house. Parents of second and third graders are asked to attend the February 4 open house. If that date doesn’t work for parents, they may attend the other night.

An open house for the community will be held



February 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The open houses were split over three nights to accommodate the large turnout expected. Students will take field trips to CES during the regular school day on February 3 and 4 to help them acclimate to the new building.

A letter answering common questions about the move will be sent home to parents. It also will be available on the school website, www.schodack.k12.ny.us.

Classes are set to return at the new CES on Wednesday, February 25, the first day back after Mid-

Winter Recess. A special ribbon cutting ceremony involving students, faculty and staff will be held that morning.

The move from CES Modular Village will take place over the Mid-Winter Recess, February 13 – 24. Three Superintendent Conference Days were scheduled around the break to allow faculty and staff the necessary time to prepare the building for the first day of school.

Bigger Library Draws Students

Maple Hill Middle School's renovated library offers students plenty of new features.

There's a larger circulation desk, a special section where new books and award-winning authors are featured, and new carpeting that

replaces one that was well-worn from years of student use.

But it's the bigger space that students most seem to enjoy.

"They all come in and say, 'Wow, it's so big!'" said librarian Rebecca Hough. "The students

want to come down here. It seems the library is used more often than it was."

Last summer, the Middle School library was renovated as part of the Capital Project that voters approved in 2006. The library is about one-third larger and is a brighter, more comfortable place for students to check out books or take their library skills class, learning important reference skills and how to safely use the Internet.

A new sitting area has proven particularly popular, Hough noted. Students flock to the comfortable beanbag chairs, eager to sit down and read. And because there's more room for students to spread out, the library is quieter too, Hough said.

"The increased size definitely makes the library more flexible too," Hough said. "Teachers can bring classes down here if they need to."



School News in Your E-mail Inbox

The next time school closes early due to weather, would you like an e-mail instantly telling you? Want a reminder when school report cards are sent home? How about an announcement for an activity your child might be interested in?

Then sign up for Schodack eNews, the school district's parental e-mail notification system. Just visit the school website at www.schodack.k12.ny.us for information about Schodack eNews and an opportunity to sign up. Community members interested in receiving school news are also welcome to subscribe to the free service.

Once you subscribe, we'll e-mail you school news throughout the school year. All e-mail addresses are kept completely private and will not be released to anyone. You can unsubscribe at any time.

More than 500 parents and community members have already signed up for Schodack eNews, which was launched this school year.

Community Urged to Join Budget Committee

Community members interested in learning about Schodack's budget process and providing input to help guide the Board of Education's financial decisions are encouraged to join the new Community Budget Advisory Committee.

In order to have a working committee with the same members, interested residents will have to commit to participating in each of the next four committee meetings, scheduled for Jan. 22, Feb. 2, Feb. 12, and March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Maple Hill High School Library.

"We are facing some very difficult financial decisions ahead and it's critical we hear from our community to help guide us," said Superintendent Doug Hamlin.

Dozens of local organizations – from the Kiwanis to Castleton Kids to

the Senior Citizens Center – have already been contacted for volunteers. But any community member committed to participating in all four meetings can join by simply attending.

"We're hoping the committee will represent a large cross section of the Schodack community. The Board's goal is to hear from as many community voices as possible," said Board of Education President Paula Noll.

The committee will meet five times starting with an introductory meeting on Jan. 12. The Jan. 22 meeting is when the committee will actually be formed. Participants will learn about the district's budget process and finally provide options for the Board of Education.

The final authority and responsibility for the budget rests with the Board.

FOR BID:

Surplus Equipment

Consistent with Board of Education policy, the following surplus items will be sold to the highest bidder. All items sold as is. Contact Matt LaClair at 732-4982 to arrange to inspect items. For a bid sheet, call the Business Office at 732-2124. All sealed bids must be received by 2 p.m. January 29. Awards will be made at the February 26 BOE meeting.

1. (2) Trailers (not road worthy)
2. (1) 16' Stainless Steel counter w/four built in warmers

BOE Welcomes New Member

Kenneth Flood of Castleton was appointed to the Schodack CSD Board of Education on November 24, filling the vacant seat left by Ric Cosgrave who resigned from the Board in September.

"I'm excited to work with the Board and I hope the experience I have as a manager and in budgeting will be valuable," Flood said.

Flood, 47, has extensive experience in community planning and economic development and was recently named Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development for Columbia County. He previously worked as

Director of Real Property Management for the New York State Thruway and Canal Corporation and served as Assistant Director of Rensselaer County's Planning Office.

Flood has lived in the district for approximately 15 years. He and his wife, Valarie, have two children, Alex and Jillian, both who attend Schodack schools.

Four individuals expressed interest in the seat and were interviewed. The three others were encouraged to run for the Board in the spring when there will be four open Board seats, including Flood's, up for election. Flood plans to run for a full three-year term in May.

Interest in Distance Learning Grows

Zackery Davis-Todd was unsure about taking a distance learning class at Maple Hill High School. That is, until the freshman enrolled in Mandarin Chinese this year.

"It's really cool because you get to interact with students from other schools," Zackery explained after a recent class. "I recommended it to a few friends. One's definitely trying it next year."

About 40 Schodack students like Zackery are now taking classes in Maple Hill's Distance Learning Classroom, up from 28 last year. Principal Robert Horan expects that number to continue to grow as more courses are added, such as Abnormal Psychology and Holocaust history which are scheduled for next year.

"Our students can take classes we otherwise couldn't offer," Horan said. "And colleges are offering distance learning classes so this will help our students adapt more quickly."

Schodack is now one of 42 school districts in the region offering distance learning classes. Cairo-Durham and Catskill school districts both visited Maple Hill's Distance Learning Classroom before starting their own this year.

Maple Hill's classroom was also recognized recently by New York State. The state Legislative Commission on Rural Resources featured the classroom in its



recent newsletter, calling it "an impressive example" of how schools are working together through distance learning to offer all students more class choices.

By participating in a network of schools offering distance learning, Schodack can offer classes such as Mandarin Chinese and French IV to its students and Tupper Lake and Berne-Knox-Westerlo students. In return, other schools offer courses Schodack students can take, such as American Sign Language currently taught by Tupper Lake.

Schodack teachers such as Mark Hoyt teach students more than 100 miles away as if they were in the same classroom, going over tests that are electronically projected on a screen. Microphones in each Distance Learning Classroom allow

students to talk effortlessly with the teacher and other students, with each classroom also projected on the screen.

Schodack students also have taken SAT review courses this year through distance learning while teachers and staff have participated in professional development opportunities, such as taking a free SmartBoard training course along with 27 schools from across the country.

Federal grants and state aid that encourage distance learning fully offset the costs of running the distance learning program this year. And next year, the district plans to expand distance learning opportunities to the community, like offering EMT training.

"It's limitless what we can do," Principal Horan said.

The Schodack Central School District provides continuing education opportunities to promote lifelong learning in the community.

General Information and Registration

Eligibility — Registration is open to all residents of the Schodack Central School District. Nonresidents may enroll in courses on a space-available basis.

Senior Citizens — District residents who are age 60 or older may attend many courses tuition free or at a reduced rate. Courses that are not free or offered at a reduced rate are noted in the course description. All materials fees are the responsibility of the participant.

Continuing Education is self-supporting, with no bearing on the district's tax rate. It is only through the continuing support of the community that this program is possible.

Fees — All course fees must be paid by the first course meeting. We are sorry, but no refunds will be made unless the class is canceled due to insufficient enrollment or the class is filled to maximum capacity. Each class must meet a minimum enrollment. If a course is canceled due to insufficient enrollment, or over-enrolled, notifications and refunds will be sent by mail.

Registration must be made in advance. Mail registrations are due by Jan. 23. On site registration is held Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Maple Hill High School lobby.

Early-Start courses — Coed Volleyball begins before on-site registration on Jan. 12. Please call or send in your tuition early.

To register, please fill out the provided registration form for each course. Enclose tuition and any materials fee (if noted in the course description) with a check payable to **Schodack Central Schools**.

Mail to:

**Director of Continuing Education
Maple Hill High School
1216 Maple Hill Road
Castleton, NY 12033-1699**

You will be notified only if a class is canceled.

Sports, Fitness & Fun!

YOGA

Each day more people are experiencing the benefits of yoga, reducing stress, enhancing powers of relaxation, and increasing physical strength and flexibility. We offer two yoga classes taught by Ellen Sadowski, a certified Hatha yoga teacher and licensed massage therapist who has been practicing yoga for 25 years. Tuition is \$60. No senior discount. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat to sit on.

YOGA I

This beginner's class serves as an introduction to yoga or for those who prefer a slower, more gentle class. Classes meet for eight weeks on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the CES modular village cafeteria. Classes will move to the new CES auditorium on March 3. Classes begin Jan. 20. (No classes Feb. 17 and 24).

YOGA II

This class combines a range of postures, from gentle to challenging, to help create a practice that stretches and strengthens the body and calms the mind. Yoga II is intended for those who want to further develop their yoga style and pace. Classes meet for eight weeks on Thursdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the CES modular village cafeteria. Classes will move to the new CES auditorium on March 5. Classes begin Jan. 22. (No classes Feb. 19 and 26).



CARDIO-KICKBOXING

Cardio-kickboxing is a workout that's fun for everyone! This class incorporates kickboxing-style cardio movement and toning exercises into a power-packed 45-minute class. The class is taught by Aileen Flach, who holds a BS in physical education and adult fitness. Classes meet for eight weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. in the CES modular village gym. Classes will move to the new CES gym on March 2. Classes begin Jan. 21. (No classes Feb. 16, 18, 23, and 25). Tuition is \$60. No senior discount.

OVER 30 BASKETBALL

There are a limited number of openings in Over 30 Basketball, which meets Mondays at 8 p.m. in the Middle School gym. The spring session begins Jan. 26. Tuition is \$50, which is payable the first week of basketball. Please call 732-7708 to register as space is extremely limited.

HALL WALKERS

Walk in a safe, warm place — Maple Hill Middle School! The Middle School is open Monday through Friday from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m., when school is in session, for district residents who wish to walk. The program is free and self-monitoring; walk when you wish, at a pace that is comfortable. Walkers no longer need to sign in and out, but will be issued a special visitor's badge to wear while in the building. To register and receive a badge, call Theresa Hovish at 732-7708.

NEW! BALLROOM DANCING

Whether you're at a beginner, intermediate or advanced skill level, learn to dance in a relaxed, comfortable setting that's affordable. Instructors Karen Mason and Ron Tritto of Learntadance Dance Studio will teach American-style smooth ballroom dances consisting of the Foxtrot, Waltz, Tango, and Viennese Waltz. Singles and couples are welcome. Classes meet for eight weeks on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the new CES gym. Classes start March 3. Tuition is \$50. Individuals who also sign up for Latin Dancing classes receive a half-price discount for the second class. No senior discount.

NEW! LATIN DANCING

Whether you're at a beginner, intermediate or advanced skill level, learn to dance in a relaxed, comfortable setting that's affordable. Instructors Karen Mason and Ron Tritto of Learntadance Dance Studio will teach American-style rhythm dances consisting of East Coast Swing, Rumba, Cha Cha, Mambo/Salsa, and Merengue. Singles and couples are welcome. Classes meet for eight weeks on Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. in the new CES gym. Classes start March 3. Tuition is \$50. Individuals who also sign up for Ballroom Dancing classes receive a half-price discount for the second class. No senior discount.

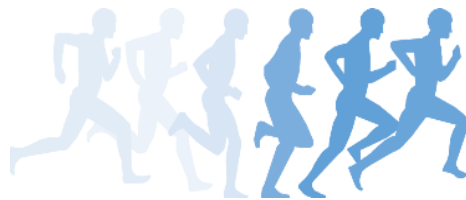
Dance, Running & Volleyball!

AEROBIC DANCE AND FLOORWORK

Keep in shape while having fun this winter. This diversified program combines a cardio workout, toning, balance, flexibility and fun. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the CES modular village gym. Classes will move to the new CES Room 102 on March 3. Classes begin Jan. 13 (no class Feb. 17, 19, 24 and 26). Tuition is \$54. Register directly with instructor Debi Filkins by calling 708-9238.

MAPLE HILL MILERS YOUTH RUNNING CLUB

Girls and boys in grades four through six will learn to successfully complete a 5K road race; last year, more than 60 young runners ran in the Kinderhook OK 5K Road Race. This program will coach first-time and beginning runners in a nurturing, supportive atmosphere while focusing on building self-esteem, setting realistic goals and learning strategies to achieve those goals. Runners will learn skill development, stretching, pacing, basic nutrition and team-building all while focusing on having fun. The club will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:15 a.m. at MHMS from March 31 through early June.



There will be a parent meeting and registration on March 16 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the MHMS library. The \$25 registration fee includes race registration and a T-shirt; please contact a coach if this cost presents a hardship. Attendance is not mandatory but encouraged. Interested students can pick up a form from Mrs. Mosher at the Middle School. Forms and tuition (checks made payable to "Schodack Central Schools") must be returned to Mrs. Mosher before the first practice on March 31.

Parent volunteers are encouraged to attend club trainings on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings. For more information or to volunteer please contact coach Hilary Lamishaw at 732-7398 (hlamishaw1@nycap.rr.com), coach Mary Mosher at 732-7761 (mdm7761@aol.com) or coach Rich Chipman at 732-0331 (echipman@nycap.rr.com).

COED VOLLEYBALL

Join other intermediate players for an evening of fun and competitive volleyball play. This course offers no instruction, coaching or officiating — warm-ups and games will be self-monitored. Players should play at an intermediate to advanced-intermediate level to participate and must wear kneepads. Volleyball meets for 10 weeks on Sundays from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. in the High School gym. It begins Jan. 25. Participants must pre-register by calling 732-7708 as class size is limited. Tuition is \$45 plus a \$2 materials fee.

NEW! PHYSICAL FEATS FITNESS PRESENTS BOOT CAMP

Boot Camp combines agility and flexibility, strength training, core conditioning, and aerobic conditioning drills, at varying levels of intensity, into an hour workout. It is a great way to get your body in shape, and enjoy exercise. Certified Personal Fitness Trainer and Physical Feats Fitness owner Chris Chartrand teaches the course. Classes meet for eight weeks on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in CES Room 105. Classes begin March 3. Tuition is \$60. Participants may be required to bring an aerobic step, exercise ball, exercise mat or resistance bands as needed. No senior discount.

SAT Prep, Chinese Language/Culture, and More!

NEW! HOW TO SELL ON EBAY

This dynamic and fun class will provide you an eBay curriculum that will get you selling in no time. Do you want to make a part- or full-time income? Or, would you like to sell items around your home, or for others? Join Stephanie Daly for a new way to make extra cash in the comfort of your home. This is a two-part course meeting on February 11 and 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the MHHS computer lab. Tuition is \$60.

INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

This class explores the basics of Mandarin Chinese, the most widely spoken language in the world. Students will also learn about the simplified writing character system that is taught to all Chinese students in mainland China. Schodack Chinese Language and Culture Instructor Mark Hoyt teaches the course. Classes meet for four weeks on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the High School distance learning lab (Feb. 4 class to meet in the High School computer lab). Classes begin Feb. 4. Tuition is \$40.

NEW! CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE II

This four-week course is a continuation of the Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture class. Students will continue to explore the Mandarin form of communication. Some basic knowledge of Mandarin Chinese is required. Schodack Chinese Language and Culture Instructor Mark Hoyt teaches the course. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the High School distance learning lab. Classes begin March 18 (no class April 1). Tuition is \$40.

SAT PREPARATION COURSES

The standardized SAT I exam is of great importance when it comes time for your student to enroll in college. Help your student prepare for this exam with our SAT prep courses. This year the SAT I exam will be held May 2 and June 6. The Math Prep Course will be taught by Schodack Math teacher Andrea Faoro. Classes meet on Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in High School Room 224. Classes meet March 5 through April 30 (no class April 16). The Verbal Prep Course will be taught by Schodack English teacher Rebecca Perry. Classes meet on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in High School Room 207. Classes meet March 3 through April 28 (no class on April 14). Tuition is \$50 per course; students can sign up for both. Students will need to purchase the "The Official SAT Study Guide" before classes begin.

FIVE-HOUR PRE-LICENSING

Those holding a learner's permit must complete this course before scheduling a road test for a driver's license. A valid permit is required and a photocopy must be included with the registration form and must be brought to class. Students must attend both sessions to complete the time requirement. There are two separate classes offered this year. Classes meet on Jan. 13 and 14 and Feb. 3 and 4 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the High School distance learning lab. Tuition is \$35. Students must pre-register. MHHS students may drop off registrations at the Continuing Education Office, MHHS Room 134.

Financial Planning

All one-night financial planning workshops offered at Schodack are taught by licensed financial advisors with the Halliday Financial Group in Albany. Workshops are all strictly educational – there will be no soliciting for any investments. All workshops are held in the High School library. Tuition is now free to all Schodack Central School District residents. All participants must pre-register. For more information or to register, contact Theresa Hovish at 732-7708. For information about workshop topics, e-mail Frank Guiffre at fguiffre@hallidayfinancial.com.

UNDERSTANDING STOCKS, BONDS AND MUTUAL FUNDS

Learn the basics of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, the backbone of most portfolios. Discover how to use the Internet and daily newspapers to track your investments and learn about the various types of investments. Workshop is offered Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

FAQ'S OF LONG TERM CARE

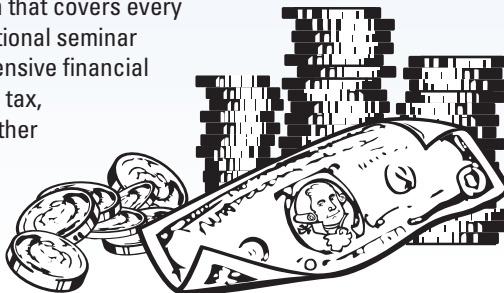
Find out the "must knows" of long term care. Is it right for you? When should you purchase it? What does it cover... and more. This course teaches a basic understanding of long term care without overloading attendees. Informational folders also will be provided. Workshop is offered Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

PREPARING TO CARE FOR YOUR ELDERLY PARENTS

A practical overview of the financial and personal impact of caring for aging parents. Gain an understanding of the trends and issues adult children face as they assist their parents with securing and paying for care. Learn tips on how to position your parents' health care goals and how to protect their assets. Make a plan before a crisis occurs. Workshop is offered Tuesday, March 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL PLANNING

During peak earning years, we often set aside assets that are earmarked to provide for our retirement needs. Unfortunately, very few people establish a financial plan that covers every aspect of their financial life. This informational seminar will focus on the importance of comprehensive financial planning, demonstrating how investment, tax, insurance and estate planning work together to provide the coverage and security that everyone is looking to enjoy during a long and fruitful retirement. Workshop is offered Wednesday, March 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



PAYING FOR COLLEGE WITHOUT GOING BROKE

Learn how to find the right college for your children and your budget and pay for it without sacrificing your retirement savings. This workshop will teach you how to maximize the college financial aid process, avoid costly mistakes when paying college bills, and avoid costly scams. Workshop is offered Monday, March 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WOMEN IN INVESTING:

TURNING OBSTACLES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that women control more than half of the financial assets in the U.S.? Men and women have different financial needs based solely on their difference in gender. This seminar is designed to help women identify these needs and overcome the unique obstacles we face when planning for our financial futures. Workshop is offered Wednesday, April 1 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. E-mail instructor Logan Hibbs at lhibbs@hallidayfinancial.com for information on course topics.

LEARN THE BASICS OF INVESTING

Whether it's just dabbling in the stock market or serious financial planning for retirement, learning the basics is important. This informational course will teach you the basics behind investing, different types of investments, risks involved with investing, how to allocate your money, and much more. Workshop is offered Monday, April 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

RETIREMENT PLANNING

Have you figured out how to maintain your income during retirement? This workshop will show you ways to figure how much retirement will cost and provide strategies during your accumulation years to reach that goal. This course will define specific retirement plans and offer strategies in order to meet your goals to live a long, comfortable retirement. Workshop is offered Monday, April 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Would you like to take a course you don't see offered?
Would you like to teach a course?**

Please contact the Director of Continuing Education with your ideas!
Call Theresa Hovish at 732-7708, or e-mail at thovish@schodack.k12.ny.us.

There are a limited number of openings in Schodack's Continuing Education Spring Driver Education program. The semester-long Driver Education program is conducted in accordance with the state Education Department and Department of Motor Vehicles. Classes will begin in February and end in June. Each week, students attend one class and have one "car" session. Classes and car sessions will begin on February 1. There is a limit of 28 students per semester. Students must be 16 years old and have a learner's permit by February 1, 2009.

Because there are so few opportunities to make up missed classes, students may not take Driver Education during the same semester they are involved in sports, unless approved by their coach and the instructor. Preference will be given to Schodack Central School

District residents, older students and those with sports and work-related scheduling conflicts. If a student misses a number of classes for legitimate reasons, such as extended illness, accommodations will be made for completing the course at a later time. Those with incomplete class work or driving as defined by the instructor will not be issued a certificate of completion (blue card).

Tuition is \$325 for Schodack Central residents, \$350 for non-residents. Register by sending a check or money order made payable to Schodack Central Schools, along with a photocopy of the student's learner's permit or license to Director of Continuing Education, 1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton, NY 12033. Students are not considered registered just because their name is on the interested list; the Director must receive the tuition check and

paperwork for the student to be registered.

The Director of Continuing Education will assign students their car times, making every attempt to accommodate students' special circumstances, (work, transportation, etc.), but cannot guarantee a specific placement. Please give details regarding car time needs when registering. The Director has the sole authority to assign students to a car, taking into consideration many factors. A student's car assignment may be changed up until two weeks after the course begins.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct of Maple Hill High School. Driver education classes will be held in High School Room 101. This course is taught by Maple Hill High School technology and certified Driver Education teacher Jason Derby.

Driver Education Registration Form

Attach photo copy of learner's permit, make check or money order payable to Schodack Central Schools and mail to: **Director of Continuing Education, Maple Hill High School, 1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton, NY 12033-1699** (no cash through the mail, cash will only be accepted if registering in the Continuing Education office at Maple Hill High School).

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (work): _____

Special circumstances for car assignment? (Please describe): _____

Students are expected to behave in accordance with the Maple Hill High School Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may be cause for expulsion of the class with no refund. Students and parents/guardians must sign below to acknowledge their understanding and agreement.

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Continuing Education Registration Form

Please use a separate form for each course. Payments may be combined. Make check or money order (no cash through the mail, cash is OK at on-site registration) payable to Schodack Central Schools and mail to: **Director of Continuing Education, Maple Hill High School, 1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton, NY 12033-1699.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email (optional): _____

Telephone (home): _____ (work): _____

Course Title: _____

Tuition: _____ Fees (if any): _____ Total: _____

Resident of Schodack Central School District: Yes No

All information must be completed (address, including zip code, etc.) before this registration can be processed.



Students Perform in Benefit Concert

Three students from Maple Hill High School performed at this year's Melodies of Christmas 2008, a series of benefit concerts featuring the Empire State Youth Orchestra and Youth Chorale.

Students Joe Alvarez, Caitlin Smith, and Brigid Docherty (pictured left to right) auditioned for the annual concert series in September and then spent months practicing for the big event. The concerts feature the best student musicians from across the region performing before packed houses at the Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady.

Proceeds from ticket sales and donations to the event benefit the Center for Childhood Cancer & Blood Disorders at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical. This year, the four performances raised more than \$250,000 for the hospital.

Charity Basketball Game Helps Local Families

The "Hoops Against Hunger" charity basketball game at Maple Hill High School on November 22 proved a huge success for the community, resulting in nearly \$9,000 in food for local families.

Almost 500 community members filled the stands for the game, which featured principals, teachers, and staff members – possessing a wide variety of basketball skills – for a fun night of basketball.

Through a \$2 admission fee and sales of concessions, nearly \$1,500 was raised. The Regional Food Bank was given almost \$900 of the proceeds because the organization can purchase roughly \$1 of food for every 10 cents donated. As a result, \$8,000 worth of food will be provided to the Castleton Anchor to help local families.

Grocery store gift cards were also purchased with each school receiving \$200 in gift cards to give to local families in need. More than 100 pounds of food was also donated at the event.

"I want to thank everyone who played in the game, worked at the event, attended, and helped in the multiple other facets of the planning," said High School Teacher Jason Derby, who organized the event. "As a group, we came together to help out right here in our own community and we did just that."



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