

2023-24
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GOALS AND PRIORITIES

STE. GENEVIEVE HIGH SCHOOL
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STE GENEVIEVE HIGH SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
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STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Staff Teacher of the Month** - September - Tyson Roth
 - October - Ian Diamond
 - November - Jeremy Mueller
 - December - Kristen Barnes
 - January - Russ Toombs
 - February - Ian Diamond
 - March - Alyssa Schwent
 - April - Cody Schwent & Shelly Dallas
 - May - Jared Bonnell
- **VFW Post 2210 Nominates SGHS Teacher Kyle Schweiss for National Award** - Bailey Otto - November 30, 2023 This fall, the VFW Post 2210 nominated SGHS teacher Kyle Schweiss for the District 8 Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher award recipient. The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Each year, a certified/licensed elementary, junior high and high school teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Mr. Schweiss is instrumental in hosting the annual Veterans Day SGHS Assembly, breakfast for veterans and Veterans Day Parade. Not only does he spearhead the day's events each year, but ensures that much of the planning and implementation is student-led.
- **25 YEARS MILESTONE** - Each year, the district recognizes those staff members who have spent 25 years in their field for their perseverance and unyielding dedication. The employees who reached this milestone this year include: None at SGHS
- **From Retirement & Recognition Banquet News Release:**
 - **Supervisor of the Year** - Board of Education President Mr. David Bova and Director of Student Services Dr. Jami Drury presented the 2023-2024 Supervisor of the Year award to **Dr. John Boyd Jr.**, principal at Ste. Genevieve High School. Dr. Boyd has been described by his teachers as the heart and soul of their school. His leadership embodies the very essence of what it means to be a compassionate and supportive supervisor. One of Dr. Boyd's most remarkable qualities is his innate ability to make everyone—students, staff, and families alike—feel seen and heard, creating a sense of belonging and community. Teachers know that they can turn to him for guidance, support, and encouragement, no matter the issue at hand. His calming demeanor and respectful approach set the tone for open dialogue and collaboration, making the school a welcoming haven for all. Dr. Boyd's commitment to excellence is evident in his approach to supervision. Rather than focusing solely on areas of improvement, he celebrates our educators' successes and offers constructive feedback to help others grow and thrive. His willingness to listen to ideas and embrace new initiatives reflects his dedication to making our high school a better place for every student, every day. He is fully dedicated to making SGHS a better place for students whether it be by providing new opportunities or by making them feel at home with their handprints on the walls and their very own SG shirt that is given to them when they enroll. We would like to thank Dr. Boyd for his tireless efforts, his unwavering support, and for personifying "loyal and true" every day.
 - **Teacher of the Year - Ste. Genevieve High School: Cody Schwent, Math Teacher** -Through his unwavering commitment, Mr. Schwent has demonstrated what it truly means to be Loyal and True, fostering a culture of excellence in education. His care for students; well-being, both academically

and emotionally, sets him apart. His ability to offer insightful advice and different perspectives helps to guide students through challenges, and he strives to create a welcoming environment where questions are encouraged. Despite any initial reluctance towards his subject, Mr. Schwent's class became a favorite for many, thanks to his unwavering support and willingness to help. His commitment goes beyond the classroom; he is a master relationship builder, ensuring every student feels valued and supported. Leading our Mathletes to remarkable success, his dedication shines brightly, evident in their outstanding performance at the SEMO Math Competition. Mr. Schwent exemplifies what it means to be a true dragon, sharing his passion for our students; success and leaving an indelible mark on all who have the privilege of learning from him.

- **Retirees:**

- **Shelly Dallas, 31 Years of Service** - During her 31 years as a part of the SG R-II family, Mrs. Dallas served as high school registrar and then elementary secretary before taking the high school secretary positions, a role she has held for the majority of her tenure. Looking toward retirement, Mrs. Dallas plans to take a few months off and then find a part-time job during the week. She will spend more time with her awesome husband, Danny, their wonderful kids and grandkids, their parents and other family members and friends.
- **JoAnn Grein, 11 Years of Service** - During her 11 years as a part of the SG R-II family, Mrs. Grein worked with students in the STARS program to understand and complete their lessons, assisted the teachers and helped keep the room organized. She also managed the clothing closet: sorting, laundering and organizing donated clothing and helped students who were in need of clothing or personal items. Mrs. Grein's retirement plans include spending time traveling, quilting, crafting, gardening and enjoying the grandkids— just doing whatever she wants, whenever she wants!
- **Nikki Lappe, 22 Years of Service** - Mrs. Lappe started out teaching special education at SGMS for five years, before heading to Farmington to teach 6th grade reading and science for one year. She then returned to SG R-II to teach special education at SGHS before becoming a process coordinator in 2021. In retirement, Mrs. Lappe plans on getting back into focusing on her real estate career part-time. She also plans to be a waitress and substitute teacher.
 - **Tyson Roth** — Masters of Arts - Educational Leadership; 2023 Dr. C.P. Gause SEMO Education Leadership Award
 - **Dustin Schnable** — Educational Administration Specialist Certification
 - **Bre Uzzell** — Fulbright-Hays Teaching Fellowship in Morocco; Foreign Language Association of Missouri (FLAM) Spotlight Teacher
 - **Theoren Viox** — Missouri Milken Educators 2023 Missouri Teacher Leaders of Tomorrow
- **SGHS Social Studies Teacher Recognized as Missouri Teacher Leader of Tomorrow** April 22, 2024
Congratulations to SGHS social studies teacher Theoren Viox, who was recently recognized among the 2023 Missouri Teacher Leaders of Tomorrow by the Missouri Milken Educators. Mr. Viox is a Southeast Missouri State University alumnus, having earned his degree in December 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in secondary education in social studies. He is native of Ste. Genevieve, and he graduated in the SGHS Class of 2018. Mr. Viox completed his student teaching in fall 2023 at the Ste. Genevieve County R-II School District. Along with teaching social studies at Ste. Genevieve High School, he is both an Apple and Google Certified Educator. Mr. Viox learned he was selected for the designation at the 34th Annual Dan Clarks Honors Banquet held by Ste. Genevieve High School. Dr. Rodney Pensel and Dr. Bill

Bratburg—both from SEMO’s College of Education, Health and Human Studies—attended to surprise Mr. Viox and present him with this recognition in the company of his students and his fellow educators. All Missouri Teacher Leaders of Tomorrow inductees receive the benefits of one-on-one mentorship from Missouri Milken Leaders, who were all previously recognized by the Milken Family Foundation with the National Milken Educator Award for their impressive achievements. Honorees will have a year of coaching and mentorship and will be able to access the full network of the Missouri Milken Educators. The network serves as a rich resource for fellow educators dedicated to excellence in education. The Missouri Milken Educators developed the program to recognize 10 teachers across the state. Mr. Viox will also be honored at the Missouri State Board of Education meeting on June 11 in Jefferson City.

- **Our SGHS and SGMS French teacher Mme. Bre Uzzell** is the spotlight educator in the Foreign Language Association of Missouri’s (FLAM’s) April Newsletter! Along with an overview of her teaching, traveling, extracurricular sponsorships and her educational accomplishments, the feature provides an insight into a best practice she implements in her classroom and shares what “teaching a language” means to her — be sure to check it out below!



FLAM



Foreign Language Association of Missouri

April 2024 Member Spotlight

BRE UZZELL

Congratulations



Bre Uzzell has been a French teacher in Ste Genevieve, Missouri for 24 years. She is a native of Springfield, Missouri (Go Chiefs!) where she earned her BA in Education, French and Philosophy & Religion from Drury University. She holds an MAT from Webster University and an MA in French from Saint Louis University. Bre teaches 5 levels of French, offering dual credit hours through Saint Louis University for the top levels. She has led student tours in Europe, coordinated French student visits in Ste Genevieve and was awarded a Fulbright-Hays to Morocco in 2022 and 2024. She also sponsors the High School chapter of SADD, coaches debate and is the faculty sponsor of the NJHS. She's the mother of 2 sons and has been married to her best friend for 26 years. They are now learning how to "empty nest" with the assistance of their two dogs.

WHAT DOES "TEACHING A LANGUAGE" MEAN TO YOU?

- It means opening doors for students they could have never imagined. It means helping kids learn how to not be scared of learning new things. It means helping students realize that mistakes are a part of the process. Teaching a language means showing students a whole world of opportunities!

WHAT IS A BEST PRACTICE OR "TRICK/TIP" THAT YOU IMPLEMENT IN YOUR CLASSROOM?

- Organization - this helps me and my students. Every assignment and activity is posted in Google Classroom for each week. Also...Blooket is a terrific game to help students practice vocab and easy grammar skills!

WHEN YOU ARE NOT TEACHING, WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

- I love flower gardening, baking goodies, and playing the piano. Travel is a definite passion. I also love to do puzzles - some of my students and I compete to finish Wordle, Connections and to figure out the mystery country in Globle!

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

<p>SENIORS / CLASS OF 2024 Penny Yang- President Executive Board - Adrianna Bennett Sara Bone Alissa Grass Elaina Schemel</p>	<p>JUNIORS / CLASS OF 2025 President – Ava Greer Executive Board - Shay Coleman Stella Cox Brooklyn Johnson Lexi Warren</p>
<p>SOPHOMORES / CLASS OF 2026 President - Madden Wolk Executive Board - Jacey Bauman Eli Bennett Sophie Garcia Eleanor McKlin</p>	<p>FRESHMEN / CLASS OF 2027 President – Kennedy Bowen Executive Board - Jake Parker Hazel Schwent Jersey Quinn Charlotte Mooney</p>

- **Positive Office Referrals** - HAINES, COLIN WILLIAM; HARRIS, KYLIE MARIE; FALLERT, DILLON CHRISTOPHER; LARGENT, LILYAN NICKOLE; COOK, REAGHAN MARIE; SCHERRER, MARCUS STUART; BREEDEN, EMMA JEAN; CARTER, EMMA LEE; WINCH, RAEGAN LEEANN; ALLEN, ADAM JAMES; REED, LILLIE FAYE; WINTERS, EVAN LUCAS; SMITH, KADEN TEXAS; BOWEN, KENNEDY ROSE; DECK, RILEY ANN; BRIDGES, CHEYENNE ROSE; CURTISS, DANNI LEEANNAH; RITTER, ELLA ELIZABETH; MILLS, ALEXIS MARIE; FLYE, DEVIN MIKEL; HORRELL, LUCAS; HORRELL, LUCAS; DIMERCURIO, GABRIEL JOSEPH; REEVES, KIERSTYN RENEE JEAN; BENNETT, ELIJAH HARRISON; MILLS, ALEXIS MARIE; SUTTON, LEVI WILLIAM; BRAWLEY, JAYLIN MACKENZIE; WRIGHT, LAUREN MARIE; MERRIMAN, DREW CHARLES; HERMAN, GAGE ALLAN; KUHNS, BRAYDEN LEE; CARTER, EMMA LEE; ENGEL, JASON DAVID; SCHWENT, MORGAN GERARD; THOMPSON, ZANDER CHASE; POLLOCK, MCKENNA MARIE; CROSSLAND, LILLIAN GRACE; BIRKENSTOCK, CLEMENTINE ROSE; THOMPSON, ZANDER CHASE; GALLUP, GARRET DARREL; HENDRIX, AUSTIN LUCAS; AHRENS, HANNAH GRACE; REEVES, KIERSTYN RENEE JEAN; SNYDER, MIRANDA HALEY; HUTSON, ROCKSANNA LEE; WOODRUFF, HANNAH RAE; BENNETT, ELIJAH HARRISON; HAGER, TESSA MARIE; DEROUSSE, SAVANNAH JOI; FORD, HAYDEN MICHAEL; SPRINGKAMPER, WYATT REID; SCHWENT, MORGAN GERARD; SCHWENT, MORGAN GERARD; SEARS, LUCY LUCA; WITTU, KRISTEN FAITH; HAGER, TYLIN REED; MOLL, KATELYN ROSE; WARREN, LEXI ANN; SMITH, KADEN TEXAS; CHOATE, CHLOE JO; SHINABARGAR, GAIGE RIAN; SMITH, KADEN TEXAS; SCHWENT, HAZEL ANN; GEGG, AUDREY ANNA; WEHNER, CHLOE ANN; HERZOG, KATHRYN RITA; WINTERS, EVAN LUCAS; MCKLIN, ELEANOR SIERRA; HARRIS, JUSTIN; SCHMELZLE, HOPE ROSE; NAEGER, AUSTIN N; ESTES, DALVIN JACUB; KUHNS, BRAYDEN LEE; ROSS, KATELYN RENEE; MERRIFIELD, VICTORIA MARIE; SEARS, LUCY LUCA; FEMMER, ALEXIS RAE; FISCHER, SETH GLENNON; AHRENS, ZOEY LYNN; REEVES, HOLTEN STEPHEN; COFFMAN, BRENNAN EDWARD; WOODY, KAIDEN MATTHEW; WEHNER, CHLOE ANN; RAYOUM, AVA MARIE; YAMNITZ, CHASE NEAL; HENSON, BRODY WAYNE; HUCK, KAYDEN ELIZABETH; BOYET, ALLISON PAIGE; BENNETT, ADRIANA RAEANN; FERNOW, CARLY FAITH; HELM, WYATT XANDER CARSON; SCHWENT, MORGAN

GERARD; CASTORENA, CHRISTOPHER SEBASTIAN; PRICE, MAGGIE MAE; BENNETT, ELIJAH HARRISON; MCGUIRE, CHARLES AUGUST; HARRIS, KYLIE MARIE; KUHN, BRAYDEN LEE; COOPER, RAELYN PHOENIX; RARICK, ZACHARY JAMES; CLINTON, JOHN IGNATIUS; SCHILLY, GAGE JOSEPH; PFAFF, BRIANA ALEXIS; CUMMINGS, NATHAN LEE; PIGFORD JR, ROBERT EUGENE; MERRIMAN, DREW CHARLES; ABT, ALLIE DANIELLE GRACE; MCKLIN, ELEANOR SIERRA; SCHWENT, LILLIAN GRACE; JORDAN, ORLANDO MICHAEL; RUCH, MASON DANIEL; DEROUSSE, SOPHIA SUE; EISENBEIS, ADEN HENRY; TAYLOR, PAUL JOSEPH; WARREN, JACOB MATTHEW; HUNSLEY, LUCILLE GRACE; JARVIS, KAITLYN ROSE; HENDERSON, ZACHARY AIDON; BROWN, SHYANNE RAYNE; SCHWARTZ, BROOKE MARIE; VOGT, JAMES PATRICK; RANEY, SELENE ISABELLE; NICKELSON, COLE EDWARD; DONZE JR., JEREMY CHARLES; SEXTON, BRENDEN ALAN; HURST, TROY MICHAEL; WEBER, TRENTON EMMANUEL; JOKERST, HAWTHORNE PENDRAGON; MERRIFIELD, EMILY ILENE; REED, LILLIE FAYE; REEVES, KIERSTYN RENEE JEAN; SEARS, LUCY LUCA; HAINES, COLIN WILLIAM; SHINABARGAR, GAIGE RIAN; WINTERS, EVAN LUCAS; ROTTNER, JOSEF EDGAR; HUTCHINS, KADENCE MARIE; BRISSETTE, JACOB ARON MICHAEL; GEGG, AUDREY ANNA; MELAHN, CAMILLE RENEE; QUINN, JERSEY ALYSSA; BAUMAN, JACEY MAE; DECLUE, TAYSHA LYNN NICOLE; EISENBEIS, ADEN HENRY; GREMINGER, SADIE JO; CAPPS, KALIB ASHTON; BRAWLEY, JAYLIN MACKENZIE; FERNOW, CARLY FAITH; POWELL, XANNA CLAIRE; MCGUIRE, CHARLES AUGUST; WRIGHT, LAUREN MARIE; BOWEN, ALYSSA GAEL; KLUMP, OLIVIA LUCILLE; CROCKER, WYATT JAMES; CASTEEL, ANDREW JAMES; BRISSETTE, JACOB ARON MICHAEL; DUNN, MICHAEL JOANAN; HARRIS, JUSTIN; STEAGALL, ISAIAH TIMOTHY; BAUMAN, SAWYER JAMES; BASLER, ALEXANDER DAVID; LARGENT, LILYAN NICKOLE; SMITH, KADEN TEXAS; WARREN, NICHOLAS ALLEN; WOODY, KAIDEN MATTHEW; NAEGER, AUSTIN N; DIXON, CHLOE FAY; ABT, MARIAH ANN; SCHMELZLE, HEIDI ANN; KIRCHNER, OLIVIA GRACE; HORRELL, LUCAS; WOODARD, ABIGAIL ROSE; ROSS, KATELYN RENEE; FITE, DESTINY BRANDELLE DEAN; JOGGERST, AUBREY LOUISE; JOHNSON, KEANI JANAE; CLEMENTS, KALE GRACE; BOWEN, KENNEDY ROSE; STAFFEN, CHLOE RENEE; BAUMAN, KARLEIGH LYNN; WITTU, FRANKI BRIANN; FISCHER, ANNA ROSE; WEBER, TRENTON EMMANUEL; JOHNS, OLIVER JAMES; MARTIN, MATTHEW CHARLES; YANG, PENNY; FIGGE, ANNELIESE JADE; WARREN, KAILYN MAE; SHUFFLER, MADILYN JEAN; HAGER, TESSA MARIE; TARRILLION, CHLOE GRACE; O'BRIEN, ALEXANDER MICHAEL; ARMBRUSTER, TAYLOR MARIE; JARVIS, KAITLYN ROSE; MOLL, KATELYN ROSE; KOHLER, LILLIAN ELIZABETH; MARTIN, MATTHEW CHARLES; JARVIS, KAITLYN ROSE; STEGALL, ZACKARY NATHAN; WHITE-HUME, LONDON VINCENT; ABT, ALLIE DANIELLE GRACE; DORENKAMP, CONNOR PARKER; FERRANTO, LUKE ANTHONY; THOMPSON, ZANDER CHASE; BAUMAN, KARLEIGH LYNN; PARKER, LAURIE LEE; PARKER, LAURIE LEE; BAUMAN, KARLEIGH LYNN; BASLER, KARLIE JOAN; CHIMENTO, SHAILYN RAE; TROLLINGER, MASON JOSEPH; O'BRIEN, ALEXANDER MICHAEL; WATKINS, ISABELLA VIOLA; MERKLIN, ABIGAIL LUCILLE; SCHWENT, MORGAN GERARD; BOWEN, KENNEDY ROSE; MALONEY, ETHAN CHRISTOPHER; DONZE JR., JEREMY CHARLES; WARREN, PARKER DALE; LAROSE, CAMERON MICHAEL; BAUMAN, OWEN PAUL; JOHNSON, BROOKLYN KADEN; GEGG, EMMA LEE; GREIN, WYATT ISSIAH; HORRELL, LUCAS; SHINABARGAR, GAIGE RIAN; FISCHER, KENNEDI NICOLE; ARMBRUSTER, TAYLOR MARIE; ROTTNER, LANDON THOMAS; HARRIS, KYLIE MARIE; LOUDENBACK, ALLISON ROSE; GARCIA, SOPHIE BELL; PFAFF, LILY RAE; NICKELSON, COLE EDWARD; DROST IV, CHARLES EDWARD; SCHWEIGERT, JUSTIN MICHAEL; HOGENMILLER, CARTER JAYDEN; WATKINS, ISABELLA VIOLA; DIXON, CHLOE FAY; FARRENBURG, JACK CRAIG-ALLEN; PRICE, MAGGIE MAE; ABT, ANTHONY MICHAEL; WARREN, PARKER DALE; SCHWEIGERT, ELCIE RAE; WORLEY, KARTER JACOB; BONE, SARA ELIZABETH; PRICE, MAGGIE MAE; MCCONKEY, AVA KAY; WOLK, GRANT GREGORY; CLAYTON JR., RUSSELL SCOTT; KETTINGER, ETHAN MATTHEW; BENNETT, ADRIANA RAEANN; GRASS, ALISSA ROSE; BROWNE,

EMMERSON JUNE; GEGG, GAVIN NATHANIEL; GEGG, EMMA LEE; HAGER, TYLIN REED; LUEKEN, MARLENA MARIE; WHEELER, DAMIEN CEDRIC; CUMMINGS, NATHAN LEE

- **Principal's Advisory Group** - The Principal's Advisory Group was composed of the following students for the 23-24 school year: Adriana Bennett, Kennedy Bowen, Charles Corbett, Sophia Fritsch, Ava Greer, Madden Wolk, and Penny Yang. This group met with the principals during advisory bi-weekly to discuss school improvement projects and ideas. The group took a trip to meet with student leaders from Jackson High School in November to garnish ideas for improvements for SGHS.
- **Patched Overalls Experience:** Charles Corbett
- **Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership:** Vivian Kiefer
- **Missouri Leadership:** Millie Huffman
- **Missouri Scholars Academy:** Gavin Gegg
- **Sophomore Pilgrimage:** Elijah Bennett
- **Missouri Girls State - Alyssa Cook and Sophia Fritsch** were chosen to take part in Missouri Girls State during the summer of 2024. Alyssa is the daughter of Christina and James Cook, and Sophia is the daughter of Andrea and Gerald Fritsch. Missouri Girls State will be held at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary sponsors our students' participation in the program.
- **Missouri Boys State: Shay Coleman and Jeremiah Kunz** were chosen to participate in the American Legion Boys State of Missouri program. Shay is the son of Tonya and Robert Coleman, and Jeremiah is the son of Betsy and John Kunz. Missouri Boys State is held at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, and the American Legion Post 150 sponsors our students' participation in the program.
- **Missouri Rotary Youth Leadership Academy:** Cecilia Mooney
- **ELKS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**
 - **September - Penny Yang** is the Elks Student of the Month for September from Ste. Genevieve High School. Penny is the daughter of Wayne & Lily Yang. Penny's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked #1 in her graduating senior class, A Honor Roll each semester, Top 10% every year in high school, awarded Summa Cum Laude, and has won numerous class awards including CP Biology and CP American History. Penny has also been involved in clubs and organizations including Math team, Mentors, and Constitution competition. Penny is also the president of the National Honor Society, the current class President. Penny has competed in numerous competitive dance competitions at all levels. She has won awards at the state and national level. She is also a published author. Her written work includes "the teenage mind - Poetry Collection". Penny was chosen to attend Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar and the Patched Overalls scholarship. This scholarship allowed her to work at a professional lab doing training and independent research. In her free time, Penny enjoys dance, baking, music, and shopping. Penny at CVS as a pharmacy technician and at Weeks Restaurant. Her plans are to attend a University and major in Biochemistry and Political Science.

- **October - Cole Nickelson** is the Elks Student of the Month for October from Ste. Genevieve High School. Cole is the son of Randy and Janice Nickelson. Cole's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked #2 in his graduating senior class, A Honor Roll each semester, Top 10% every year in high school, awarded Summa Cum Laude, and has won numerous class awards including Computer Programming, CP English III, and Fundamentals of Music. Cole has also been involved in clubs and organizations including Math team, Scholar Bowl, SADD, FBLA, and Dragon Lair Productions. Cole has shown great leadership potential. He was chosen to attend Missouri Boys State, the youth tour, and was Ste. Genevieve High Schools selection to attend Missouri Scholars Academy. He is currently employed at Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital in the IT department. In his free time, Cole enjoys listening to music, watching movies, working out, and playing video games. His plans are to attend a University and major in Computer Science and Cyber Security.
- **November - Charles Drost IV** is the Elks Student of the Month for November from Ste. Genevieve High School. Charles is the son of Chuck and Sara Drost. Charles's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked #3 in his graduating senior class, A Honor Roll each semester, Top 10% every year in high school, awarded Summa Cum Laude, and has won numerous class awards including Computer Programming, Chemistry, and Web Design. Char has also been involved in clubs and organizations including Gaming club, Math team, Scholar Bowl, and Dragon's Lair Productions. Char has also been a member of the SGHS Marching Dragon Band and is a varsity member of the Super Smash Bros Ultimate ESports Team. Charles has shown great leadership potential. He was chosen to attend Missouri Boys State, has won numerous medals in Gaming club, and was awarded a silver medal at the district percussion ensemble band competition. During this past summer Char worked for the Ste. Genevieve High School Technology Department as a Technology Aide. In his free time, Char enjoys playing video games and doing computer programming. His plans are to attend a University and major in Computer Science.
- **December - Bryant Schwent** is the Elks Student of the Month for December from Ste. Genevieve High School. Bryant is the son of Brian & Alyssa Schwent. Bryant's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked #4 in his graduating senior class, A Honor Roll each semester, Top 10% every year in high school, awarded Summa Cum Laude, and has won numerous class awards including Advanced Biology, Geometry, and Trigonometry. Bryant has also been involved in a number of clubs and organizations including class officer, Student Council, Mentors, National Honor Society, and FRIENDS. Bryant has been a member of the SGHS Football, Wrestling, and Baseball teams for all 4 years. Bryant has received numerous awards in these sports. He has been selected to the academic All-State team numerous times and has been selected to the All-Conference, All-District, and All-Region football teams and won the Outstanding Special Teams award. Bryant has also been a wrestling district and sectional champion and a state qualifier. He was also chosen to attend the Sophomore Pilgrimage. In his free time, Bryant enjoys spending time hunting, flying planes, working out, and spending time with family and friends. Bryant works part time at Schaefer Farms. Bryant plans to attend University of Central Missouri to major in professional piloting.
- **January - Alissa Grass** is the daughter of Craig and Paula Rose and the late David Grass. Alissa's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked in the top ten of her graduating senior class, A Honor Roll each semester, Top 10% every year in high school, awarded Summa Cum Laude, and has won numerous class awards including English I, Algebra II, and Nutrition & Wellness. Alissa has also been involved in a number of clubs and organizations including being a class officer for 4 years, Student Council, Mentors, National Honor Society, FCCLA, and FRIENDS. She has also held numerous leadership positions in many of these organizations. Alissa has been a member of the SGHS Speech & Debate and Track teams. Alissa has received numerous awards in track. She has been selected to the academic All-State team numerous times and has been selected to the

All-Conference, All-District, and All-State Track teams and won the Outstanding Field Event award. Alissa has also been a national finalist for her FCCLA Star Event in Nutrition & Wellness. In her free time, Alissa enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends. She works part time at Ste. Genevieve County Community Center and River Rapids Waterpark. Alissa plans to attend Saint Louis University to major in physical therapy.

- **February - Hawthorne Jokerst** is the son of Jennifer & Jarod Jokerst. Hawthorne's scholastic honors include: being ranked in the top ten of his graduating senior class, earning A Honor Roll each semester, earning membership in the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and winning numerous class awards, including: CP English II, French III, Organic Chemistry, and French IV. Hawthorne has also been involved in a number of clubs and organizations, including: Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), French Club, Math Team, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He has also held numerous leadership positions in these organizations. He has also been selected to attend Missouri Boys State. Hawthorne has been a member of the SGHS Marching Band and earned the position of Drum Major. He also participated in the Track and Golf teams. In his free time, Hawthorne enjoys playing music (guitar and trumpet), watching movies, Facetimeing Jamison, and playing video games. He works part-time at CVS Health in Ste. Genevieve. Hawthorne plans to attend Truman State University, majoring in Education and Mathematics to become a teacher.
- **March- Sophia DeRousse** is the daughter of Jen and Joe DeRousse. Sophia's scholastic honors include: being ranked in the top 10 percent of her graduating senior class, being ranked 6th in class, being on A Honor Roll, earning Summa Cum Laude, and winning numerous class awards, including the Pre-Calc and Band awards. Sophia has also been involved in a number of clubs and organizations, including National Honor Society, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and Cheer for four years and Band for four years. In her free time, Sophia enjoys spending time with family and hanging out with friends. She is employed at Dairy Queen. Sophia plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University to major in biomedical sciences and study in their pre-med program.
- **April - Tessa Hagar** is the daughter of Micah Okenfuss and Sean Hager. Tessa's scholastic honors include: earning A Honor Roll each semester, being in the Top 10% every year in high school, and being awarded Summa Cum Laude. Tessa has been awarded the CP English IV award, the Statistical Reasoning award, and the Multimedia Production award. Tessa has also been involved in a number of clubs and organizations, including serving as a class officer for three years, and being a member of the following: National Honor Society (NHS) for three years, currently serving as Treasurer; Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for three years; Math Team for four years; and managing the volleyball team for three years. In her free time, Tessa enjoys going on drives, hanging out with friends and spending time with her family. She is employed at the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center and River Rapids Water Park as a lifeguard, and she is also a finance student at Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital. Tessa plans to attend a community college while deciding on a major and then transferring to a four-year university.
- **May - Paityn Basler** is the daughter of Angie and Nick Basler. Paityn's scholastic honors include: being ranked in the top 15% of her class, being ranked number 18th out of 114 in her senior class, earning A Honor Roll, and earning the designation of Summa Cum Laude. Paityn was also recognized with the class award for Economics. Paityn wrestled all four years of high school, and played volleyball and softball each for one year. She has been a two-time state qualifier in wrestling, the girls wrestling team captain, and earned Academic All-State. In her free time, Paityn enjoys going on hikes with her three dogs and her boyfriend, spending time outside, working out, wrestling and

spending lots of quality time with her family. Paityn plans to attend Mineral Area College and obtain her associate's degree in Applied Science before transferring into their Radiology program to become an MRI technician.

- **Students Recognized at Ste. Genevieve Elks Student of the Month Banquet May 15, 2024** Local high school students who were recognized by the Ste. Genevieve Elks were invited to a banquet. These seniors included those who were selected as Elks Student of the Month during the 2023-2024 school year, those who received the Ste. Genevieve Elk's Military Recognition for their plans to join the armed forces, and those who received a trade school scholarship from the Ste. Genevieve Elks. Our Ste. Genevieve High School students would like to thank the Ste. Genevieve Elks for recognizing and supporting them as they graduate and move on to their future endeavors.

- **ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**
 - **September - Kate Mesplay** is the Rotary Student of the Month for September from Ste. Genevieve High School. Kate is the daughter of Leanna Schenz. Kate's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked in the top 20% of her class and A or B Honor Roll each semester. She earned the designation of Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude for the past two school years. She has been chosen as a class award recipient for CP American History and Creative Writing. Kate has also been a member of the SGHS volleyball and wrestling teams. She was also chosen to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. In her free time, Kate enjoys reading, watching Netflix, and hanging out with friends. She works at Keller Motors in Perryville. She plans to attend East Central Community College and transfer to a university to major in Petroleum Engineering. *Cum Laude for "three" years Attends Perryville Career Center for Auto Collision classes

 - **October - Addison Geiler** is the Rotary Student of the Month for October from Ste. Genevieve High School. Addison is the daughter of Junior and Nikki Geiler. Addison's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked in the top 15% of her class. She earned the designation of Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude for the past three school years. She has been chosen as a class award recipient for Modern America and Sociology. She has been involved in FFA and FBLA. Addison has also earned the distinction of an Academic All-State athlete. Addison is a very decorated wrestling athlete. She has won numerous awards including most valuable wrestler and rookie of the year. She was a 2023 wrestling state qualifier. Addison became the very first girls wrestling STATE CHAMPION at SGHS! She was also chosen for the Wrestling Dream Team. In her free time, Addison enjoys going to the gym, visiting her grandmother, and listening to music. She plans to attend Webster University and major in psychology with emphasis in mental health.

 - **November -Hope Schmelzle** is the Rotary Student of the Month for November from Ste. Genevieve High School. Hope is the daughter of Julie & Keith Schmelzle. Hope's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked in the top 15% of her class. She earned the designation of Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude for the past three school years. She has been chosen as a class award recipient for Fundamentals of Art and French I. She has been involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, Mentors, FCA, FCCLA, and National Art Honor Society. Hope has been a leader in many of these clubs and organizations. She has been awarded the distinction of academic all-state while playing multiple sports. Hope has played volleyball, golf, and softball. In softball she has earned all-conference, all-district, and all-region. She also received the Heart and Hustle award and the team leader award. Hope works at the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center as a lifeguard. In her free time, Hope enjoys going to coffee shops, watching movies, and hanging out with family and friends. She plans to attend a university and major in architecture or graphic design.

- o **December - Adriana Bennett** is the Rotary Student of the Month for December from Ste. Genevieve High School. Adriana is the daughter of Eric & Nicole Bennett. Adriana's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked in the top 15% of her class. She earned the designation of Magna Cum Laude for the past three school years. She has been chosen as a class award recipient for Spanish for the past 3 years. She has been involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, Mentors, FCA, FCCLA, and Student Ambassador. She has been an officer and leader in many of these clubs and organizations. Adriana has played volleyball and softball at SGHS for multiple years. Adriana also attended the Missouri Association of Student Council Leadership Academy for multiple years. Adriana works at Wolk's Insurance and The Artisan at Baetje Farms. In her free time, She enjoys jeep riding, going to her brother Eli's sporting events, making graphics for the SGHS students instagram and making signs for the spirit crowd at games. She plans to attend the University of Central Missouri and major in Construction Management.

- o **January - Anneleise Figge** is the daughter of James and Crystal Figge. Anneleise's Scholastic Honors include: Being ranked in the top 15% of her class and A or B Honor Roll each semester. She earned the designation of Summa Cum Laude for the past two school years. She has been chosen as a class award recipient for Women's Choir and CP American History. Anneleise has also been a member of the SGHS Theatre club and Spanish club. In her free time, Anneleise enjoys reading, doing diamond paintings, singing, volunteering, and spending time with friends and family. She works at Subway in Ste. Genevieve. She plans to attend Missouri State to major in Early Childhood Education.

- o **February - Elaina Schemel** is the daughter of Sara and Andrew Schemel. Elaina's scholastic honors include: being ranked in the top 10% of her class, with a ranking of 11 out of 115. She has earned the designation of Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude, and she has been chosen as a class award recipient for FACS 1, Physiology, and Anatomy. Elaina has also been a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), National Honor Society (NHS), Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and Mentors, along with being a class officer for three years. She has also been a member of the A+ program. Elaina has been a member of both the SGHS Track and Cheerleading teams, serving as Cheer Captain for four years. She won the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association All-State Academic Award. Elaina is currently employed at the Ste. Genevieve Community Center as front desk clerk. In her free time, Elaina enjoys spending time with friends and family. She plans to attend College of the Ozarks, majoring in Accounting with a minor in Criminal Justice.

- o **March - Dalton McBride** is the son of Carissa and Josh McBride. Dalton's scholastic honors include earning A Honor Roll each semester. Dalton has participated in football, wrestling, track, and Boy Scouts of America. In football, Dalton made the Dream Team, All Conference and All Districts. In wrestling, he was District Champion one year, state qualifier two years and earned 4th place at State one year. In his free time, Dalton enjoys hanging out with friends or doing anything outside such as hunting, fishing or driving his side by side. He is employed part time at Armbruster Construction. Dalton plans to enter the workforce as a carpenter apprentice after graduation.

- o **April - Aiden Meyer** is the Rotary Student of the Month for April from Ste. Genevieve High School. Aiden is the son of Mandy and Lance Meyer. Aiden's scholastic honors include: earning the designation of Summa Cum Laude, being ranked 17th in his class, and graduating with honors. Aiden has played baseball and football for all four years of his high school career, and he also played basketball for the past three years. Aiden has been chosen for All-Conference and All-District for baseball and football, and All-State for football. In his free time, Aiden enjoys playing sports, gaming

and hanging out with his friends. He is employed as a lifeguard at the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center. Aiden plans to attend Mississippi Valley State University where he will play baseball and major in physical therapy.

- o **May - Caitlin Gray** is the daughter of Kathryn Yex and Brian Gray. Caitlin's scholastic honors include: being in the Top 10 Percent of her class for four years, being ranked 9th out of 114 in her senior class, being awarded Magna Cum Laude both her junior and senior years, and being awarded Summa Cum Laude her sophomore year. Caitlin has won numerous class awards, including: Integrated Biology, Spanish 2, and College Algebra and Applications. She has also been involved in a number of clubs and organizations, including serving as: a leader and member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club for three years; a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) for two years, for which she served as the Service Coordinator for one year; and a freshmen Mentor for one year. Caitlin also participated in the A+ program for four years and utilized her A+ hours her senior year working as an intern with the Ste. Genevieve Veterinary Clinic. Caitlin was a member of the cheerleading team her sophomore and junior years and was elected Co-Cheer Captain her junior year. She was also awarded the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association Award both years and earned the "Miss Cheerleader" award her junior year. Caitlin has been employed as a lifeguard for three years at the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center and River Rapids Waterpark, and she plans to be a safety manager at the waterpark this summer. She also operates her own baking business called "Caitlin's Cookies & Confections," which she launched four years ago. In her free time, Caitlin enjoys baking, volunteering at her church where she sings in the worship band and teaches the kids Bible lessons, and spending time with family and friends. Caitlin plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia and major in Animal Science. After earning her Bachelors of Science degree, she hopes to be accepted into the Veterinary Program and work to earn her doctorate's degree in Veterinary Medicine.
- **Ste. Genevieve High School Senior Nathan Johnson Signs with Ottawa University** On Friday, Jan. 26, Ste. Genevieve High School senior Nathan Johnson signed a national letter of intent to compete on the football team at Ottawa University. Nathan is the son of Marcela and Scott Johnson. In attendance were his parents; friends and teammates Vinil Bhagha, Connor Dorenkamp, Wyatt Kemper, Kayden Manning, Dalton McBride, Aiden Meyer, Mason Nix, Tucker Reed, Jacob Schweigert and Justin Schweigert. Head Football Coach Jay Pope, Assistant Football Coaches Kenny Rapp, Adam Sherry, and Chris Thompson, Defensive Coordinator Tyson Roth, and SG R-II Athletic Director Jeff Nix also attended to show their support. Throughout his football career with the Dragons, Nathan has played Center, Right Guard and Defensive Tackle. Congratulations, Nathan!
- **Ste. Genevieve High School Senior Wyatt Kemper Signs with Mineral Area College - Bailey Otto February 10, 2024** - On Wednesday, Feb. 7, Ste. Genevieve High School senior Wyatt Kemper signed a national letter of intent to compete on the baseball team at Mineral Area College. Wyatt is the son of Della and Toby Kemper. In attendance were his parents; his former Rawlings Tigers coach Rob Robbins; SGHS head baseball coach Michael McDaniel; and SG R-II Athletic Director Dr. Jeff Nix. Wyatt's friends and teammates Vinil Bhagha, Alex Fleeman, Nathan Johnson, Kayden Manning, Dalton McBride, Aiden Meyer, Mason Nix, Tucker Reed, Justin Schweigert, and Grant Williams also attended to show their support. Congratulations, Wyatt!
- **Ste. Genevieve High School Senior Gabe Willett Signs with McKendree University** On Thursday, April 11, 2024 Ste. Genevieve High School senior Gabe Willett signed a national letter of intent to compete on the wrestling team at McKendree University. Gabe is the son of Stephanie and Matthew Willett. In attendance were his parents; his grandfather, Bill Harmon; his sister and teammate Maggie Price; his girlfriend and teammate Paityn Basler; SGHS Head Coach Jared Bonnell, Coach Justin Roth, Coach Kaylee Gross and SG R-II Athletic Director Dr. Jeff Nix. Gabe's friends and teammates Russell

Clayton, Jack Farlow, Wyatt Kemper, Dalton McBride, Aiden Meyer, Mason Nix, Wyatt Springkamper, Grant Williams, and Evan Winters also attended to show their support.

- **Ste. Genevieve High School Senior Aiden Meyer Signs with Mississippi Valley State** On Thursday, Jan. 11, Ste. Genevieve High School senior Aiden Meyer signed a national letter of intent to compete on the baseball team at Mississippi Valley State. Aiden is the son of Mandy and Lance Meyer. In attendance were his parents; his sister, Ava Meyer; his brothers, Parker and Drake Meyer; and Adidas Athletic coaches Luke Miller and Nick Herrin. Friends and teammates Nathan Johnson, Wyatt Kemper, Dalton McBride, Mason Nix, Tucker Reed and Grant Williams; SGHS head baseball coach Michael McDaniel, SGHS assistant baseball coach Jeremy Mueller and SG R-II Athletic Director Jeff Nix also attended to show their support.
- **SGHS Emeralds Dance Team Earns Recognitions at UDA** - July 21, 2023 - Congratulations to the Emeralds dance team who recently participated in the UDA Dance Camp at the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis from July 13 - 15! The group were recognized for their performances at the event and earned a Superior Trophy for their combined ribbon totals! The dancers performed a "home routine" and earned an "Excellent" ribbon. The group also learned and performed a "performance routine" and earned a "superior" ribbon, and then learned and performed several other routines and individually earned the following awards - Addison Hanei — 2 superior ribbons, Paris Hoy — 2 excellent ribbons, Sophie Vogt — 2 superior ribbons, Kristen Wittu — 1 superior, 1 excellent ribbon, Madison Henson — 1 excellent, 1 outstanding ribbon, Sophie Garcia — 2 superior ribbons, Olivia Kirchner — 1 superior, 1 excellent ribbon. The team received a Superior Trophy for their combined ribbon totals, and received a "110%" trophy awarded to them by the UDA staff members. Only two out of 22 teams received this recognition, and is bestowed for putting in tremendous effort throughout the entire camp weekend. The dancers worked from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. daily on new techniques and new dances. They were able to attend break-out sessions to learn how to build up their team, and they also participated in nightly team-building activities to set goals for the season. The camp hosted a CRAZY NIGHT where the dancers had the opportunity to dress up, play different games, and have fun with all of the other teams at the camp. We would like to share a special recognition to Sophie Vogt for making All American! Sophie spent two days practicing during an extra time and performed in front of the UDA staff. Way to go, Sophie!
- **Emeralds Dance Team Hosts Summer Camp** - August 21, 2023 This summer, the Emeralds dance team hosted a summer camp for grades 1 - 6 from July 25 - 27! The days were filled with dancing, games, crafting and smiles! The dance team would like to thank everyone for their support and hopes to see the same enthusiasm and energy at the annual Little Gems clinic this fall!
- **Teacher Recognized by Student at Missouri Scholars Academy** - Sept 12, 2023 In June, English-Language Arts teacher Christia Wolk was invited to MIZZOU to attend a full day of activities with Missouri Scholars Academy, where she was recognized by high school student Shay Coleman for Teacher Appreciation Day! While at MSA, Mrs. Wolk had the opportunity to attend two class sessions with Shay, and was invited to a dinner with a keynote from author Jean Baker. The focus of the keynote was the importance of "thinking big." The day was filled with encouragement for teachers and students at the academy. "We were all encouraged to continue to strive for success by having big dreams, crafting goals and working toward those goals, regardless of the challenges," Mrs. Wolk said. "I was honored to be a part of this day!" We are incredibly proud of Mrs. Wolk for the relationships she builds with her students and the impact she makes in their lives every day .
- **2023 SGHS Yearbook Recognized as Gallery of Excellence Inductee** - Sept. 12, 2023 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - The hard work and creativity of the Ste. Genevieve High School yearbook staff earned the 2023 Ste. Genevieve High School yearbook a rank in the Gallery of Excellence from Walsworth

Yearbooks. Congratulations to the 2023 SGHS yearbook staff members for having their 2023 SGHS yearbook recognized with this prestigious honor reserved for the highest quality student publications. "Your publication is a shining example of yearbook at its very best," President Don Walsworth said. "Because of books like yours, many others will be inspired to create their own quality journalistic book. You were able to not only capture the essence of your school year, but you also taught youR students valuable life and career skills along the way." The 2023 yearbook staff members who created the award-winning book include then-seniors and current graduates: Abigayle Bauman, Hannah Bley, Lindsey Crump, Larissa Donze, Madison Flieg, Julia Lemons, Cassidy Lorance, Logan Moore, Alexis Parmer, Taylor Parson, Kyleigh Przygoda, Brynna Wehner, Cameron Wolf, and Mallory Wolk. Yearbook adviser Mrs. Jessica Harlow shared that the staff's goal was to create a yearbook that showed a personal piece of each student, and one way that they did this was to incorporate student-created doodles from the student body. "We also wanted to create something memorable for its uniqueness, so we went with a ripped, magazine style that sometimes broke traditional yearbook style rules," she shared. The Gallery of Excellence yearbooks are prominently featured at workshops to provide students and advisers across the country with inspiration and solid demonstrations of scholastic journalism. The 2023 Ste. Genevieve High School Yearbook will be highlighted at regional, state and national conventions. The cover, spread, photos and coverage ideas from the book will be included on the Walsworth Yearbooks website, as well as in the group's educational materials.

- **Ste. Genevieve FFA Chapter Helps Pack 160,000 Meals for Families in Need at the Missouri State Fair** - Sept. 12, 2023 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - Members of the Ste. Genevieve FFA Chapter joined more than 700 FFA members and agricultural leaders at the Missouri State Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 15, for the Missouri State FFA Food Insecurity Day of Service held in conjunction with the Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed Kids. Together, members packed 160,000 meals to feed food insecure Missouri families. "The Missouri FFA Day of Service is an incredible opportunity for members across the state to give back to our community. It is super exciting to see members exemplifying what 'Living to Serve' truly means when packing meals this year," said Sam Tummons, Missouri State FFA president. The seventh annual Day of Service brought Missouri FFA members together to pack meals for food insecure neighbors and experience the Missouri State Fair. The food packing and food drive are held in partnership with Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's Drive to Feed Kids, presented with ADM and Brownfield Ag News. The meal packing was a component of a year-long effort to stand in the gap for the one in seven Missouri children facing food insecurity. "As we see the energy and compassion of Missouri FFA members in action during the FFA Day of Service, we are reminded that the future is bright," said Ashley McCarty, Missouri Farmers Care Foundation executive director. "Hundreds of students from across the state spend one of their last days of summer in service to Missourians facing hunger. The impact of the Drive to Feed Kids is a reminder that, collectively, our individual efforts can make a big impact." In addition to meals packed by FFA members, almost 700 pounds of fresh produce were donated from exhibits at the Missouri FFA building. Through the Missouri Farmers Care Food Drive \$2 Tuesday at the Fair, FFA member volunteers collected food and monetary donations from fairgoers to provide more than 56,000 meals. Following the Governor's Ham Breakfast, over 3,000 meals were packed by elected leaders, farmers and agribusinesses. The Drive culminated Saturday, Aug. 19, with an announcement of the 1,200,389 meals provided to Feeding Missouri food banks this year through the Missouri Farmers Care Drive to Feed Kids. The meals were distributed to Missouri's six regional food banks through Feeding Missouri. "The number of Missourians, and specifically children, living in food-insecure households is growing due to several factors. We are grateful to have the continued commitment of the farming community. This partnership helps ensure children in Missouri have access to the nutritious food necessary to succeed during the school year," said Heather Hargrove, executive director of Feeding Missouri. Sponsorship of Missouri FFA Food Insecurity Day and Missouri Farmers Care's Drive to Feed Kids was provided by: ADM, Brownfield Ag News, American Family Insurance, American Family Dreams Foundation, MFA Incorporated, NutraBlend, Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, FCS Financial,

Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Missouri Farm Bureau, Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, Martin Rice, Missouri FFA Foundation, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas – founders of Protect the Harvest, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri's Electric Cooperatives, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri State Fair, Missouri 4-H, MU Extension, Missouri State Fair Foundation, Feeding Missouri and the contributions of many Missouri farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses. MISSOURI FARMERS CARE Missouri Farmers Care is a joint effort by Missouri's agriculture community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our communities depend. The coalition of more than 45 leading Missouri agricultural groups promotes the growth of Missouri agriculture and rural communities through coordinated communication, education and advocacy. www.MOFarmersCare.com. MISSOURI STATE FFA ASSOCIATION The Missouri FFA Association has 26,260 members, ranking eighth as a state in membership. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. www.missouriffa.org

- **Two SG R-II Teachers Receive 2023 Missouri Retired Teacher Foundation Grants - Sept. 12, 2023 –** Congratulations to Traci Roemer, special education teacher at Ste. Genevieve High School, and Stephanie Sulser, first grade teacher at Ste. Genevieve Elementary, who were recently chosen as recipients of a \$500 grant from the Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation (MRTF) for classroom supplies! The Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA) encompasses 14 regions statewide and over 140 local units. Ste. Genevieve County is located in Region 11, which also includes nine other counties. Congratulations to these two educators for receiving these funds to bolster our students' educational experiences this year! The district would like to thank the Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation for funding the following supplies for our students. Their generous support will go toward building our students' skills, knowledge and confidence in learning! Mrs. Sulser submitted an application for four sets of decodable readers for her students, a resource that supports the district's approach to literacy instruction that follows and implements the Science of Reading. The decodable readers help target phonics skills that each individual student can work on during small group instruction. "The goal for this project is to provide texts that will focus on the skills students need to be more accurate and fluent readers," she said. "This particular set of decodable readers follow a scope and sequence that works well with our phonics curriculum; therefore, these books will be a great tool for teaching these littles how to read. They feature a set of characters in which my students can get to know and love across all the books in the set."
- Mrs. Roemer submitted an application for four different graphic novels for her students in Program English. The graphic novels she requested would enhance the success her students feel with reading, with the hope of carrying over to other classes they attend. Research suggests that graphic novels provide the following benefits:
 - help students develop comprehension, inference, and vocabulary skills as students don't struggle with the format
 - foster comprehension and vocabulary through illustrations
 - improve literacy in reluctant readers due to the visual elements
 - teach students to read with expression
 - use text and pictures to draw conclusions which requires deeper thinking than just reading
 - expose students to many literary devices with images and text
 - allow students of all abilities to read and discuss the same text
 - help students learn about using precise language and punctuation basics

"My goal with providing students with more relatable graphic novels is simple: I would like them to read independently, build comprehension skills, and grow their reading skills through the use of words and pictures," she said. "I want my students to have the opportunity to read high-interest, relatable,

grade level, diverse texts to get them to connect to books.” The Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA) is an association of retired educators whose purpose is to promote the professional, social, and economic welfare of all retired school employees. MRTA was organized in December 1960. According to the MRTA website, the association includes nearly 27,000 members. The Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation was created in 2001 by the Board of Directors of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association as a not-for-profit organization. The Foundation is devoted to raising funds to carry out certain charitable, educational, scientific, and literary purposes of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel (MRTA).

- **Ste. Genevieve High School Announces 2023-24 Homecoming Court** - Sept. 21, 2023 – Ste. Genevieve High School is excited to announce our 2023-24 Homecoming Court:
 - Freshman Attendants: Olyvia Beckermann, Anthony Abt
 - Sophomore Attendants: Vivian Kiefer, Luke Ferranto
 - Junior Attendants: Kale Clements, Jacob Schweigert
 - Queen Candidates: Kiaira Asher, Adriana Bennett, Alissa Grass, Tessa Hager, Addisyn Heberlie, Hope Schmelzle
 - King Candidates: Jack Farlow, Dalton McBride, Aiden Meyer, Mason Nix, Tucker Reed, Ayden White
- **SGHS Marching Band & Color Guard Perform at Half-Time** - Bailey Otto - October 2, 2023 - During half-time in the game against Orchard Farm on Sept. 8, the Ste. Genevieve High School Marching Band and Color Guard performed for the first time this season! The performers worked hard over the summer to get Part I of their show down in time for the first game. By the game against Central on Sept. 22, the band and color guard were performing both Parts I and 2 of their show with the theme “Shine” 🌟 Also during the game against Central, our SGHS performers and athletes all sang the school song together. Check out the video here! <https://drive.google.com/.../1yfjNSdRIBa6ngsUbpPw.../view...>
- **STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY R-II CELEBRATES 2023 HOMECOMING** Bailey Otto - October 14, 2023 -This week, Ste. Genevieve County R-II celebrated its 2023 Homecoming! Monday through Friday, the schools held dress-up days, cheered on our sports teams and celebrated with our community in the Homecoming parade! After Spirit Night on Thursday, students cheered on our junior and senior girls during the annual Powderpuff game, which ended with a score of 12-6 in favor of the seniors. The girls and their coaches showed great sportsmanship throughout the evening! During the high school pep assembly Friday afternoon, Jack Farlow, son of Thomas Farlow and Quinn Brace, was crowned the Ste. Genevieve High School’s 2023 homecoming king. Other members of the court were: freshman attendant Anthony Abt, sophomore attendant Luke Ferranto, junior attendant Jacob Schweigert; and king candidates Dalton McBride, Aiden Meyer, Mason Nix, Tucker Reed, and Ayden White. Ste. Genevieve High School took on Jefferson R-VII for a 49-7 win on Friday night! Hope Schmelzle, daughter of Julie and Keith Schmelzle, was crowned the Ste. Genevieve High School’s 2023 homecoming queen during the coronation ceremony at halftime. Other members of the court were: freshman attendant Olyvia Beckermann, sophomore attendant Vivian Kiefer, junior attendant Kale Clements; and queen candidates Kiaira Asher, Adriana Bennett, Alissa Grass, Tessa Hager, Addisyn Heberlie, and Hope Schmelzle. Congratulations to all of the members of the Homecoming Court! This year, Sloane Basler and Holden Basler were the miniature cheerleader and football player at the game. The winners of the week’s various competitions were also recognized during the game. The winners of the float competition were: 1) sophomores, 2) juniors, 3rd) seniors and 4) freshmen. Congratulations to all of the classes for a job well done! The week’s festivities concluded with the Homecoming Dance, held in the Peggy J. Johnson Gymnasium on Saturday night. We would like to extend a special thank you to the following: SGHS faculty, SGHS administration, the Marching Dragons, the Color Guard, the SGHS Cheerleaders, the Emeralds, the fall athletes and the student body for their terrific efforts in making this homecoming a success. We would also like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their

contributions and support during our 2023 Homecoming: County-Do It Center of Ste. Genevieve; Bill Holst; Mueller Tire Service; Ste. Genevieve Antique Mall; Grein Valley Pallet Co.; Forest Products of St. Louis; Eric Scott Leather; JBJ RV Storage on 32; the Ste. Genevieve County R-II Board of Education; Davey Karl; the SGHS Housekeeping and Maintenance staff; the SG Cafeteria staff; Chris Thompson; Kenny Rapp; the Industrial Tech Department; Jay Pope; Derek Schumer; Carol and Itchy Rudloff; Tracey Eatherton; Dustin Kueker; Bailey Otto; John Otto; the family and friends of the Class of 2024, the Class of 2025, the Class of 2026, and the Class of 2027; the families of the Court members; families who helped with float-building and made donations to the floats; the SGHS Tech Department; and everyone who had a hand in making this week a success! Special thanks also goes out to the class sponsors: freshmen class — Dawn Moser and Blake Moore; sophomore class — Jamie Bauman and Alex Newman; junior class — Carrie Staffen and Jeremy Mueller; and senior class — Alyssa Schwent and Halleh Fallert. Thank you to Dr. Boyd, Dr. Nix, and Mr. Schnable for all of the time and patience they put into planning the past few weeks. Thanks to all of the judges—they did a terrific job! Thank you to Dragons Lair Productions, as well as the publications staff for all they've done with videos and pictures. Lastly, thank you to Mr. Roth and Mr. Schweiss, the Student Council sponsors!

- **New Orleans Zydeco Band Performs for Students** - Oct. 5, 2023 - Recently, students in band and French classes had the unique opportunity to attend a performance by a zydeco band, The Arrow Jazz Band from New Orleans, Louisiana's National Historical Park! The special concert visit was in partnership with the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park. Zydeco is a popular music genre that evolved in southwest Louisiana by French creole speakers. It blends forms of folk and popular music, including blues, R&B, jazz, and music originating from Louisiana Creoles and the Native American people of Louisiana. The band, whose members included drummer Leroy Etienne, accordionist Sunpie Barnes, "Guitar Matt" Hampsey, bassist Peter Carter, and vocalist Jade Perdue, played two separate concerts in the Ste. Genevieve County R-II Performing Arts Center so that multiple band classes could attend. Students had the opportunity to sing along and learn some creole words and sayings in the song lyrics.
- **Andrew Marzucio & Family Recognized by Ste. Genevieve Football Program** - Oct. 6, 2023 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - Before the Ste. Genevieve High School vs. Valle Catholic football game on Friday, the Ste. Genevieve Football program recognized the Marzucio family and their late son, Andrew. Andrew served many seasons as the football manager for the Dragons and continued to volunteer his Friday nights after graduating from SGHS in 2020. When games were going well, Andrew would be the first to celebrate with his brothers; when games weren't going well, he would hand out his notorious hugs or a fist bump as a reminder to focus on the things that matter. Andrew was many things. He was a rock for countless players and coaches, a catalyst for inclusion in our school and community, and a friend to all who met him. Andrew completely embodied what it means to be "Loyal & True", so much so, that the SGHS Football program is changing the name of its annual character recognition to the "Andrew Mazucio Loyal & True Award." This award is the highest honor a Ste. Genevieve High School football player can receive. On the 50 yard line, Athletic Director Jeff Nix presented Andrew's jersey to his family as part of a reminder that many players may go on to wear the number 3, but none will fill it like Andrew did. On behalf of the Ste. Gen. Football program, we can never begin to thank the Marzucos enough for the impact their son continues to have on this program.
- **SGHS Marching Band & Color Guard Perform at Fox High School** - Oct. 12, 2023 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - On Saturday, Sept. 30, the Ste. Genevieve High School Marching Band performed its show with the theme "Shine" at Fox High School. The Color Guard placed third, only three points away from second place, and the Marching Band placed 6th. The Marching Band and Color Guard will compete again on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Park Hills Central. Drum Major is Hawk Jokerst, and the band is under the direction of John Mooney with Percussion Instructor Joe Hull and Color Guard instructor Emily Scaggs.

- **Ste. Genevieve County R-II Celebrates 2023 Homecoming** - Oct. 15, 2023 – This week, Ste. Genevieve County R-II celebrated its 2023 Homecoming! Monday through Friday, the schools held dress-up days, cheered on our sports teams and celebrated with our community in the Homecoming parade! After Spirit Night on Thursday, students cheered on our junior and senior girls during the annual Powderpuff game, which ended with a score of 12-6 in favor of the seniors. The girls and their coaches showed great sportsmanship throughout the evening! During the high school pep assembly Friday afternoon, Jack Farlow, son of Thomas Farlow and Quinn Brace, was crowned the Ste. Genevieve High School's 2023 homecoming king. This year, Sloane Basler and Holden Basler were the miniature cheerleader and football player at the game. The winners of the week's various competitions were also recognized during the game. The winners of the float competition were: 1) sophomores, 2) juniors, 3rd) seniors and 4) freshmen. Congratulations to all of the classes for a job well done! The week's festivities concluded with the Homecoming Dance, held in the Peggy J. Johnson Gymnasium on Saturday night. We would like to extend a special thank you to the following: SGHS faculty, SGHS administration, the Marching Dragons, the Color Guard, the SGHS Cheerleaders, the Emeralds, the fall athletes and the student body for their terrific efforts in making this homecoming a success. We would also like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their contributions and support during our 2023 Homecoming: County-Do It Center of Ste. Genevieve; Bill Holst; Mueller Tire Service; Ste. Genevieve Antique Mall; Grein Valley Pallet Co.; Forest Products of St Louis; Eric Scott Leather; JBJ RV Storage on 32; the Ste. Genevieve County R-II Board of Education; Davey Karl; the SGHS Housekeeping and Maintenance staff; the SG Cafeteria staff; Chris Thompson; Kenny Rapp; the Industrial Tech Department; Jay Pope; Derek Schumer; Carol and Itchy Rudloff; Tracey Eatherton; Dustin Kueker; Bailey Otto; John Otto; the family and friends of the Class of 2024, the Class of 2025, the Class of 2026, and the Class of 2027; the families of the Court members; families who helped with float-building and made donations to the floats; the SGHS Tech Department; and everyone who had a hand in making this week a success! Special thanks also goes out to the class sponsors: freshmen class — Dawn Moser and Blake Moore; sophomore class — Jamie Bauman and Alex Newman; junior class — Carrie Staffen and Jeremy Mueller; and senior class — Alyssa Schwent and Halleh Fallert. Thank you to Dr. Boyd, Dr. Nix, and Mr. Schnable for all of the time and patience they put into planning the past few weeks. Thanks to all of the judges—they did a terrific job! Thank you to Dragons Lair Productions, as well as the publications staff for all they've done with videos and pictures. Lastly, thank you to Mr. Roth and Mr. Schweiss, the Student Council sponsors!
- **Students Take Field Trip to Perryville Pumpkin Farm** - Oct. 19, 2023 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - Recently, Mr. Ryan Mueller's class took a field trip to the Perryville Pumpkin Farm! The students had a blast choosing pumpkins, taking a wagon ride, petting the goats and checking out the activities around the farm! To round out the day, the group had lunch at Sirros and stopped by the Challenger Playground to have a good time and enjoy the weather!
- **SGHS Students Named to 2023 All District Choir** - Bailey Otto - October 2, 2023 - Ste. Genevieve High School would like to congratulate the following students for auditioning and earning a placement in the prestigious 2023 All District Choir: senior Aden Eisenbeis, sophomore Carter Hogenmiller, and sophomore London White-Hume. These students will perform with the All District Choir in a concert in November at Festus High School. Congratulations to these students on their achievement!
- **SGHS Clubs & Organizations Organize Trick or Treat for Canned Goods** -Oct. 31, 2023 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - A group of Ste. Genevieve High School clubs and organizations collaborated to hold a Trick or Treat for Canned Goods Drive on Oct. 25. Approximately 70 students representing eight organizations went around town in costumes to collect canned goods for local food pantries. By the end of the evening, students collected an estimated 500 pounds of canned goods from community members. Our schools recognize the important purpose of our local food pantries, and our schools hold numerous

food drives and fundraisers year-round to help keep the pantries stocked. The following groups participated, including Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Student Council, FRIENDS Club, Theatre, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), Future Farmers of America (FFA), and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). We want to thank all of those community members who graciously donated for this cause.

- **Football Seniors Recognize SG R-II Employees** - Nov. 2, 2023 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - The Ste. Genevieve High School Football Program has a new tradition, one that encourages the senior players to take the time to reflect on and express gratitude to those individuals who have helped them throughout their high school experience. Each senior takes the time to hand-write a letter to a Ste. Genevieve County R-II employee who has had the greatest impact on his life. Additionally, each player presents this person with a jersey to wear at the last scheduled home game as a symbol of the bond and connection that has been made. Last Friday, Oct. 27, before the home football game against Fredericktown, the SGHS Football Program recognized these employees for their continued commitment to our students: science teacher Kyle Schweiss, industrial technology teacher and football coach Kenny Rapp, history teacher Broc Kreidler, math teacher and football coach Cody Schwent, physical education teacher and football coach Adam Sherry, I.S.S. teacher and wrestling coach Jared Bonnell, math teacher and football coach Tyson Roth, history teacher Dustin Kueker, industrial technology teacher and track coach Chris Thompson, and English teacher and speech and debate coach Christia Wolk. The SGHS Football Program would also like to thank all of our educators and district employees who consistently give their all for the betterment of our students. Their continued dedication and passion are shining examples for our students of what it means to live “Loyal And True”.
- **Schools Celebrate Red Ribbon Week** - Nov. 2, 2023 – Schools in Ste. Genevieve County celebrated Red Ribbon Week the week of Oct. 23. This year’s theme was “Be kind to your mind. Live drug free.” Throughout the week, students of all ages throughout the county participated in activities that promote healthy decisions. Students from Ste. Genevieve High School and Valle Catholic gathered at Ste. Genevieve City Hall on Oct. 9 to sign a Proclamation declaring Oct. 23 - 27 to be Red Ribbon Week in Ste. Genevieve County. High school students also had the opportunity to attend a ThinkFirst assembly, where Carey Portell shared her story of a serious vehicle crash where another driver’s decisions drastically changed many lives. She encouraged students to make wise choices and to think about others when making these decisions. The District would like to thank Carey for sharing their stories, and for her time and expertise when speaking to students about these issues. Members of the high school organization Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) assisted in the planning and programming of the assembly, as well as other components of Red Ribbon Week. Teachers and staff shared lessons and discussions provided through Red Ribbon Week resources to make connections and build more intentionality into the week’s programming. For middle school students, advisory classes delved into resources such as Operation Prevention: The Science of Addiction, which explores common misconceptions about opioids through the voices of teens. One addition this year is the newly-created Destructive Decisions Prevention Program for sixth graders taught by Counselor Amy Meyer, School Social Worker Stephanie Gegg, and School Resource Officer Christy Clark. This program covers a host of topics throughout the school year, which include intentional drug prevention lessons. Younger students, including third grade classes, preschools and daycares, had the opportunity to engage in presentations from the Ste. Genevieve Police Department and the Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff’s Office, as well as the local K-9 units! Students met Sergeant Charles Ochs, Deputy Nathan Glore, and Corporal Nikola Cusanelli and their K-9 partners. All three K-9 handlers talked with students about their work as a team, and explained to older students how their K-9 partners are specially trained for police work, including being certified in narcotic searches and apprehension. Throughout the week, families and community members are also provided with resources, such as the Operation Prevention Parent Toolkit with tips related to preventing drug use, and more. These resources were part of a social media campaign to raise

awareness and offer families the tools to take a proactive approach in discussing the dangers of substance use with their child. In addition, a local community group, Resources to Recovery, sponsored Hidden in Plain View, an interactive, educational display used to help families spot warning signs of risky activity. The display was open to families and the public on Thursday, Oct. 26, during Parent Teacher Conferences. The Ste. Genevieve R-II School District would like to thank Mrs. Kristen Huffman and the private and parochial schools throughout Ste. Genevieve County for coordinating the events this year, along with SADD for helping to plan the activities, and the Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff's Office, the Ste. Genevieve Police Department and the Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital for their work in helping to reiterate and share the message to stay drug free. We would also like to thank our faculty and staff who helped to plan this week and make everything run smoothly, and our local businesses and community members for supporting this program and our students, and for spreading the message to make healthy decisions. We would like to thank the local group Resources to Recovery, who sponsored the Hidden in Plain View exhibit.

● **SGHS STUDENT RECOGNIZED THROUGH VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST - NOV 03, 2023 -**

Congratulations to Ste. Genevieve High School junior Lucy Sears for being recognized through the VFW Post 2210 and VFW Auxiliary's annual Voice of Democracy Contest. Lucy is the daughter of Roy and Debora Bronson. Lucy earned second place for the Voice of Democracy Oral Essay Contest for grades 9 - 12. The theme of this year's oral essay was "What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?" Congratulations to Lucy on her excellent submission.

● **SGHS National Honor Society Congratulates 23-24 Inductees** The Ste. Genevieve Dragon Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) held its annual induction ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at Ste. Genevieve County R-II Performing Arts Center. Ste. Genevieve High School would like to share its appreciation to the parents of all members and inductees for guiding their students to this outstanding achievement. NHS is extremely selective at Ste. Genevieve High School, so membership is an outstanding achievement. The following 14 new members were inducted:

- Jacey Bauman
- Abby Boyer
- Savannah DeRousse
- Luke Ferranto
- Sophie Garcia
- Emma Gegg,
- Sadie Greminger
- Grace Joggerst
- Cecilia Mooney
- Joleigh Parker
- Briana Pfaff
- Lexi Warren
- Madden Wolk
- Abigail Woodard

These new members join an elite group of returning members:

- Hannah Ahrens
- Taylor Armbruster
- Karlie Basler
- Adriana Bennett
- Kale Clements
- Shay Coleman
- Sophia DeRousse

- Sophia Fritsch
- Alissa Grass
- Caitlin Gray
- Ava Greer
- Tessa Hager
- Sophia Huck
- Olivia Kump
- Elaina Schemel
- Hope Schmelzle
- Bryant Schwent
- Penny Yang

- **American History Class Creates Battle Posters** - Bailey Otto November 20, 2023 - Check out this project students work on in Mr. Theoren Viox's American History class! After delving into the details of the Civil War, students chose a particular battle and then created a poster. Check out the finished products below!



- **Ste. Genevieve Band Boosters Thanks Community for Support Bailey Otto** - January 6, 2024 - The Ste. Genevieve Band Boosters would like to thank these local businesses, clubs, and individuals for financially supporting our band program throughout this year. The support from our community has a direct and positive impact on our students' music education. We are so grateful for your support. Thank you!
 - **2023 Sponsors of the SGHS Marching Band Festival**
 - Bank of Bloomsdale
 - Citizens Electric
 - Mississippi Lime
 - Wolk's Insurance
 - First State Community Bank
 - HSB Advisors
 - Ability Network
 - Fallert Bus Service
 - Jenny Schmelzle
 - **2023 Local Scholarships to Band Camps**
 - GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve - Henry Hadel
 - Dobb's Dusters - Ashton Damm
 - Learning Express Preschool - Grace Hermann
 - HSB Advisors - Wyatt Schmelzle
- **SGHS Hosts Annual FAFSA Information Event** On Thursday, Jan. 25, SGHS hosted a FAFSA Information Event to help seniors and their parents begin preparing for postsecondary endeavors. There was a great turnout of both students and families. We want to take an opportunity to thank Jefferson College and the knowledgeable representatives who came to help walk parents and students through the FAFSA process! We also want to thank the senior Grade-Level Team and our wonderful counselors for being present to help answer any and all questions related to the FAFSA!
- **SGHS PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY GROUP VISITS KIRKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** February 2, 2024 The SGHS Principal's Advisory Group traveled to Kirkwood High School to collaborate with some of its school leaders. This opportunity provided SGHS student leaders an opportunity to see the academic environment at KHS in action and evaluate some ideas for school-wide improvement. We want to thank Kirkwood High School and its administrative team for welcoming us to their school and taking the time to collaborate with us!
- **SGHS Art & SGMS Independent Study Classes Collaborate to Support Student Agency** March 5, 2024 - Students in Mrs. Crystal Koenig's Independent Study class expressed interest in learning more about using a wheel to create pottery. SGHS art teacher Mrs. Jamie Bauman invited these students to her classroom and gave them a demonstration, explaining the steps and techniques. The students then had the opportunity to try their hand at the pottery wheel! This is a perfect example of the collaboration among our educators, as well as the agency fostered with our students!
- **SGHS Speech & Debate Team Performs Well at COMO Classic** Feb. 20, 2024 Congratulations to the SGHS Speech and Debate team for excellent results at the COMO Classic, held at Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, Missouri. This was the last invitational of the year. The following students advanced to semi-finals: Alissa Grass in Original Oratory, Kyler Gugel and Rae Winch in Poetry Reading, Aidan Lewis in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Victoria Merrifield and Ayden White in Prose Reading, and

Bennett Walls in Storytelling. Out of the seven semi-finalists, six students advanced to finals. See the final results below:

- Alissa Grass - 6th place in Novice Original Oratory
- Kyler Gugel - 3rd place in Novice Poetry Reading
- Aidan Lewis - 5th place in Novice Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking
- Victoria Merrifield - 6th place in Novice Prose Reading
- Bennett Walls - 2nd place in Open Storytelling
- Rae Winch - 3rd place in Open Poetry Reading

- **Speech & Debate Students Give Outstanding Performances at Districts** March 2, 2024, The Competitive Speech and Debate team who not only hosted the District competition, but also performed exceptionally! Our team won first place in Speech events, first place in Debate, and 2nd place in Readers Theatre. Additionally, several of our team members advanced to finals! See the results below:

- Jayden Rickman: 4th in Dramatic Interpretation
- Alissa Grass: 3rd in Original Oratory; 2nd in Informative Speaking (advancing to state)
- Bennett Walls: 4th in Storytelling; 1st in Humorous Interpretation (advancing to state)
- Rae Winch: 3rd in Poetry Reading
- Jeremiah Kunz: 2nd in International Extemporaneous Speaking
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- Charlotte Mooney and Kyler Gugel: 1st in Public Forum Debate (advancing to state)
- Readers Theatre Troupe: 2nd in the District

- **SGHS Emeralds Win 2nd Place at State Dance Competition** March 4, 2024 - The Emeralds Dance Team competed at the Missouri State Dance Team Competition on Feb. 24, 2024, earning the 2nd place title for their category! The team entered the Division 2, Precision Dance category and were one of five teams competing. This team has worked very hard since June of 2023, and it has shown through their performances at the various competitions. The dancers also competed at the Holt Regional Competition on Jan. 6, where they earned a 3rd place trophy and the Farmington Dance Invitational on Jan. 13, where they earned a 1st place trophy. This team should feel very proud of their accomplishments this year!

- **Board of Education Chooses John T. Belcher Scholarship Nominee** - Bailey Otto March 4, 2024
Congratulations to senior Adriana Bennett, who has been selected by the Ste. Genevieve County R-II Board of Education as the district's nominee for the John T. Belcher Scholarship. This scholarship is established through the Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) and Future Builders. As the district nominee, Adriana has the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship, which is awarded to a student in each of the MSBA's 17 regions. Following the selection of regional winners, a statewide winner is chosen and will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. Applicants are judged on the basis of academic performance, extracurricular activities and the quality of an essay. Adriana's scholastic honors include: being ranked in the top 15% of her class and earning the designation of Magna Cum Laude for the past three school years. She has been chosen as a class award recipient for Spanish for the past 3 years. Adriana has been involved in National Honor Society; Student Council; Mentors; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and Student Ambassador. She has been an officer and leader in many of these clubs and organizations. Adriana has played volleyball and softball at SGHS for multiple years. She also attended the Missouri Association of Student Council Leadership Academy for multiple years. Adriana works at Wolk's Insurance and The Artisan at Baetje Farms. In her free time, She enjoys Jeep riding, going to her brother Eli's sporting events, making

graphics for the SGHS students' instagram and making signs for the spirit crowd at games. She plans to attend the University of Central Missouri and major in Construction Management.

- **Two SGHS Students Take Top Wins at 20th Annual MoDOT Bridge Competition** March 4, 2024
Each year, a team of Ste. Genevieve High School students led by SGHS industrial technology teacher Kenny Rapp compete in the annual MoDOT Bridge Competition. This year, we are excited to share that out of 28 participating schools, SGHS earned first place for best overall performance. In addition, four SGHS students placed at the event, with two SGHS students taking first and second place overall!

After our students spent weeks figuring out how to build their version of an efficient model bridge, they headed to Southeast Missouri State University's Academic Hall on Nov. 15 to compete. The Missouri Department of Transportation tested more than 200 bridges entered into the competition. Congratulations to our individual students who were recognized for building the lightest bridges that carried the greatest loads:

- 1st Place: Hope Schmelzle of Ste. Genevieve
- 2nd Place: Vinil Bhagha of Ste. Genevieve
- 7th Place: Tucker Reed
- 10th Place: Lexi Gielow

The MoDOT Bridge Building Competition challenges high school juniors and seniors to design and construct the most efficient model bridge using limited materials—balsa wood, thread and glue. The lightest bridges that carry the greatest loads are ultimately named the winners. Prize donations were made possible by the following businesses and organizations: SE Chapter Transportation Employee Association of Missouri, Southeast Coalition for Roadway Safety, Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Cape Girardeau Noon Optimist, SE Chapter of Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, and Three Rivers College. MoDOT also partnered with Arkansas State University, University of Missouri-Columbia, Southeast Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, and Southern Illinois University to offer seniors interested in civil engineering up to \$10,000 in scholarships. "We are very pleased to have 28 area schools participating in this year's competition," said MoDOT Senior Highway Designer Anita Clark. "In addition to giving students an opportunity to win prizes, our goal is for students to gain an appreciation of STEM careers — specifically engineering." The Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Southeast Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety were on hand during the competition to discuss the importance of buckling up with the Seat Belt Convincer, which simulates how it feels to be in a traffic crash.

- **French Club Uses Hands-On Activities to Learn About French Culture** March 5, 2024, Ste. Genevieve High School holds a "Club Day" once a month, where clubs and organizations host meetings throughout the day for student members and their faculty sponsors. This year, the French Club has focused on hands-on learning activities, where students learn more about French culture in Francophone countries around the world. At one meeting, students learned how to write in French cursive by watching a Youtube video. Each student received a new pen and some French notebook paper to practice in a collaborative group setting! The meeting ended with a French snack. At another meeting, French Club members learned about the history of the bûche de Noël (Yule Log cake) and were able to decorate tiny versions as well as taste vanilla and mocha cakes from La Bonne Bouchée, a French bakery in Crève Cœur. The students have enjoyed learning through these hands-on activities, which support and expand upon their learning in their French courses.
- **Band Students Attend MSHSAA District Solo & Ensemble Festival** On March 18, several Ste. Genevieve High School band students earned high ratings for their solo and small ensembles at the MSHSAA District Solo and Ensemble Festival! During the event, students perform a solo or small

ensemble before a judge and are given a rating of Gold, Silver or Bronze. Students who earn a “Gold” rating qualify to perform at the MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble Festival at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

The following students earned a “Gold” rating and qualified for MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble:

- Solange Roth— Clarinet Solo
- Damien Wheeler— Euphonium Solo

The following students also earned high ratings at the District Solo and Ensemble:

- Lucy Sears— Clarinet Solo, Silver Rating
- Emily Merrifield— Trumpet Solo, Silver Rating
- Aden Eisenbeis— Alto Solo, Silver Rating
- Aden Eisenbeis— Bari Solo, Silver Rating
- Emma Mittermeyer— Piano Solo, Silver Rating
- Cecilia Mooney, Chloe Wehner, Marlena Lueken— Flute Trio, Silver Rating
- Aden Eisenbeis, Tegan Graves, Caiden Breeden, Destin Conner, Katie Vogt— Saxophone Quintet, Silver Rating
- Damien Wheeler, Noah Jordan, Victoria Merrifield— Low Brass Trio, Silver Rating
- Hollyn Zangaro, Emily Merrifield, Kyler Gugel— Trumpet Trio, Silver Rating
- Solange Roth, Lucy Sears, Elcie Schweigert— Clarinet Trio, Silver Rating
- Selene Raney, Sophie DeRousse, Char Drost— Mallet Trio, Silver Rating
- Cecilia Mooney— Flute Solo, Bronze Rating
- Marlena Lueken— Flute Solo, Bronze Rating
- Micah Miget, Isaiah Hill, Emily Merrifield— Brass Trio, Bronze Rating
- Drake Weibrecht, Conner Hardin, Jacob Sulser— Trumpet Trio, Bronze Rating

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We would like to congratulate all of our students, and thank all of our parents for showing support by donating items. We’d like to share a special thank you to John and Betsy Kunz, Jamie Mittermeyer, and Paula Rose for volunteering their time over the District competition weekend.

- **Scholar Bowl Team Performs Well at MAAA Conference Tournament** March 28, 2024, Scholar Bowl placed 4th at the MAAA 2024 Conference Tournament The tournament was held at North County High School on Saturday, March 16. Our SGHS team competed in seven games and placed 4th out of 12 schools in the conference. We would like to share a special congratulations to sophomore Levi Richardson for his Conference Award as an individual scorer.
- **Ste. Genevieve County R-II Hosts 2024 Annual Jellybean Festival - Bailey Otto - March 28, 2024 -** Recently, the Ste. Genevieve County R-II School District hosted the 2024 Annual Jellybean Festival! The Jellybean Festival is a talent show that showcases the talents of our students with special needs. Both North County and Farmington school districts attended and had students participate in the talent show. Each student with special needs had the opportunity to perform onstage at the Performing Arts Center with their Buddy. The Buddy is a school peer and friend. Some of the activities that the students performed included singing, dancing, gymnastics, playing frisbee, and more! Ste. Genevieve High School staff and students have been building inclusivity through the FRIENDS (formerly Jellybeans) program since 2015, and the Jellybean Festival is one of several events that promotes inclusion and friendships that last a lifetime.
- **SGHS CONSTITUTION TEAM PERFORMS WELL AT SHOW ME THE CONSTITUTION STATE COMPETITION** April 9, 2024, Congratulations to the Ste. Genevieve High School Constitution Team on their 4th place finish in the “Show Me the Constitution State Competition” held April 7 - 8 in Columbia, Missouri. This competition is sponsored by the Missouri Bar Association. The Constitution Team meets after school and during Dragon Fire time at SGHS. Team members include Lucy Sears, Hannah Woodruff, Jeremiah Kunz, Penny Yang and Charlie Corbett. These students independently research and write three five-minute essays discussing prompts that are chosen by the Missouri Bar Association. This year's topics included: the constitutionality of Judicial Review, Affirmative Action, and Free Speech in Public Spaces. At the state competition, the SGHS Constitution Team showed exemplary knowledge of constitutional principles and defended their positions spectacularly before multiple panels of Missouri lawyers, including a current Missouri Supreme Court Justice. SGHS Government teachers Mr. Jason Elders and Mr. Dustin Kueker are extremely proud of the hard work these students put in and the exceptional job they did representing our school! Go Dragons!
- **FCCLA Members Attend State Conference, Advance to Nationals-** April 10, 2024– (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - Students from the Ste. Genevieve High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter recently attended the Missouri FCCLA State Leadership Conference to compete and attend workshops focusing on leadership skills and career planning. Members participated in team-building activities with other chapter members from their school and also met the FCCLA Missouri State Officers, one of whom is now sophomore Abbie Woodard, who represents the SGHS chapter and the region at the state level! Congratulations to Abbie on this accomplishment! Another component to the conference was STAR Events, the organization's competitive events. See the students' STAR Events results below:
 - Clementine Birkenstock and Ava McConkey: 1st Place, Instructional Video Design — Advancing to Nationals
 - Alissa Grass: 1st Place, Nutrition and Wellness — Advancing to Nationals
 - Tessa and Tylin Hager: 2nd Place, Instructional Video Design
 - Elaina Schemel: 2nd Place, Career Investigation
 - Kacie Schemel: 2nd Place, Sports Nutrition
 - Abbie Woodard: 2nd Place, Leadership
 - Ayelyn Yochim: 2nd Place, Chapter Website Design

- Lucy Hunsley and Jo Guilford: 3rd Place in Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation
- Tessa Wright and Marlena Lueken: 3rd Place, Public Policy Advocate
- Trey Bloom: 5th Place, National Programs in Action

Congratulations to all of our students for their performances! The FCCLA National Leadership Conference is scheduled for June 29-July 3 in Seattle, Washington.

- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 237,000 members and approximately 5,100 chapters from state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The work of FCCLA helps students and teachers focus on various youth concerns, including parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, sustainability, nutrition and fitness, teen violence, and career preparation in specific Career Pathway.
- **Ste. Genevieve High School Hosts 34th Annual Dan Clark Honors Banquet** On Wednesday, April 10, Ste. Genevieve High School celebrated its students' academic honors for the 2023-2024 school year at the 34th annual Dan Clark Honors Banquet at the Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge. At this year's event, junior Ava Greer, a member of the Principal's Advisory Group, gave the opening remarks. The guest performers for the evening were chorale students Clinton Beasley, Damian Dickerson, Aden Eisenbeis, Alexis Femmer, and Carter Hogenmiller, who performed "Vive L'amour" arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw and "Poor Man Lazarus" arranged by Jester Hairston. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Gwendolyn Scott (Dallas), a 2011 graduate of SGHS. During her time in high school, she was in the top 10 percent of her class all four years, she had a passion for volleyball, and she was involved in numerous organizations. She went on to the University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL), graduating with a bachelor's degree in Biology. She then earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry in 2019. For her first four years, she worked at a public health office treating only children. Now she is an associate at Breeze Dental Care in Festus, where she lives with her husband, Tyler, and their three children. Dr. Scott spoke to students about the importance of taking care of their mental health, as well as their physical and emotional health, and stressed to them that they should not hesitate to speak up and ask for support when they need it. She shared that just as seeking help for a broken ankle is considered necessary for physical health, it is equally important to seek assistance when other aspects of your body—including mental health—have an imbalance. "Your journey is not just about achieving success, it's about nurturing your wellbeing. Remember that fulfillment is not only from external accomplishments, but also aligning your actions with your wishes and your dreams," she said. "I want you to follow your heart and embark on a path that resonates deeply with your joy, and in doing so, you will find personal satisfaction and foster a sense of profound mental health and happiness." Next was a presentation by Mr. Tyson Schaffner, with the Patched Overalls Experience, a project that offers one student each year the opportunity to fulfill a dream experience between their junior and senior year. This year, Mr. Schaffner introduced senior Penny Yang, who traveled to California to work in a private biotech company's laboratory with a group of fellow students. Not only did the group of students gain the experience of working through real-world laboratory procedures and protocols, but they had the opportunity to pursue their own experiments to research and test. For this upcoming summer, junior Charles Corbett was chosen to participate in the Patched Overalls Experience, and he shared that he plans to attend a leadership engineer camp in Boston, Massachusetts, for three weeks this upcoming summer. Dr. Rodney Pensel and Dr. Bill Bratburg—both from SEMO's College of Education, Health and Human Studies—attended the banquet to make a special announcement. SGHS social studies teacher Theoren Viox was recognized among the 2023 Missouri Teacher Leaders of Tomorrow by the Missouri Milken Educators, and Dr. Pensel and Dr. Bratburg presented him with his certificate. Mr. Viox is a Southeast Missouri State University alumnus, having earned his degree in December 2023 with a

Bachelor of Science in secondary education in social studies. He is native of Ste. Genevieve, and he graduated in the SGHS Class of 2018. Each summer, many SGHS students are chosen to represent our district at leadership conferences throughout the state of Missouri. The following students were recognized at the banquet for being chosen to represent our school at the following conferences, and were sponsored by the following organizations and individuals:

- **Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership:** sophomore Vivian Kiefer; the GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve
- **Missouri Boys State:** juniors Shay Coleman and Jeremiah Kunz; the American Legion Post 150, Bloomsdale American Legion
- **Missouri Girls State:** juniors Alyssa Cook and Sophia Fritsch; the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary
- **Missouri Leadership Seminar:** sophomore Millie Huffman; the GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve
- **Missouri Scholars Academy:** sophomore Gavin Gegg
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Award:** sophomore Cecilia Mooney; the Ste. Genevieve Rotary
- **Sophomore Pilgrimage:** sophomore Eli Bennett, the GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve

Each year at the banquet, the students in the top 10 percent of each class are recognized. Following the class honors, one student is awarded for his or her performance for each course offered at the high school. Congratulations to all of the students on their recognitions!

Top 10% of Class:

Freshmen:

- Nate Basler
- Clementine Birkenstock
- Kennedy Bowen
- Lillian Crossland
- Anna Fischer
- Simon Fritsch
- Alexander O'Brien
- Jake Parker
- Jersey Quinn
- Kierstyn Reeves
- Elcie Schweigert
- Hazel Schwent
- Trenton Weber
- Hailey Wells

Sophomores:

- Jacey Bauman
- Kennedi Fischer
- Sophie Garcia
- Emma Gegg
- Gavin Gegg
- Tylin Hager
- Lucille Hunsley
- Vivian Kiefer
- Eleanor McKlin
- Cecilia Mooney

- Paul Taylor
- Linley Wehner
- Madden Wolk

Juniors:

- Kennedy Buatte
- Shay Coleman
- Savannah DeRousse
- Sophia Fritsch
- Ava Greer
- Kailynn Harmon
- Sophia Huck
- Joleigh Parker
- Jayden Rickman
- Mason Ruch
- Lucy Sears
- Lexi Warren
- Autumn Werner

Seniors:

- Sophia DeRousse
- Charles Drost IV
- Alissa Grass
- Caitlin Gray
- Tessa Hager
- Hawthorne Jokerst
- Dalton McBride
- Kate Mesplay
- Cole Nickelson
- Elaina Schemel
- Bryant Schwent
- Penny Yang

Each of the following students (listed alphabetically by surname) earned a medal for outstanding academic achievement in his or her individual class:

- Allie Abt — Spanish II
- Hannah Ahrens — Chemistry, German I
- Zoey Ahrens — Algebra 1.5
- Kayden Allgire — Automotive Service Technology II
- Gavin Amlong — Basic Home Repair
- Taylor Armbruster — Economics
- Nate Basler — CP English I
- Adriana Bennett — Entrepreneurship, Spanish IV
- Clementine Birkenstock — French I
- Kennedy Bowen — Spanish I
- Kaelyn Boyer — English IV, Yearbook
- Kennedy Buatte — ACT Prep, CP English III, Forensic Analysis, Trigonometry
- Sofia Cellitti — Journalism

- Chloe Choate — Media Literacy
- Alyssa Cook — American History
- Raelyn Cooper — Foods, General
- Trinity Davenport — Women's Choir
- Savannah DeRousse — Advanced Chemistry
- Damian Dickerson — Chorale
- Avery Dippold — Automotive Service Technology I
- Jeremy Donze — Algebra I, Photoshop
- Charles Drost IV — Physics
- Aden Eisenbeis — Jazz Band
- Alexis Femmer — Family & Consumer Sciences I
- Luke Ferranto — Broadcasting
- Anna Fischer — Fundamentals of Art, Health
- Seth Fischer — Fish & Wildlife Management
- Simon Fritsch — CP Geometry, CP Integrated Science, World History
- Sophia Fritsch — French IV, Fundamentals of Music, Landscaping
- Sasha Gallup — Adaptive Physical Education
- Sophie Garcia — Spanish III
- Hunter Garrett — Boys Physical Education
- Gavin Gegg — Engineering Graphics, Industrial Woods
- Scarlett Gonz — Animal Science
- Alissa Grass — College Algebra
- Ava Greer — PreCalculus, Advanced Biology
- Amelia Grein — Sculpture, Welding Tech II (PACTC)
- Johnathan Hacker — Introduction to Industrial Technology
- Tessa Hager — CP English IV, Media Production, Statistical Reasoning
- Tylin Hager — Personal Finance
- Kai Harris — Advanced Media Lab
- Isaiah Hill — Music Production & Engineering
- Rocksanna Hutson — English I
- Hawthorne Jokerst — French V
- Ayden Jowers — Contemporary Issues
- Evan Kemper — Modern America
- Vivian Kiefer — CP Biology
- Olivia Klump — Child Development
- Brayden Kuhns — Geometry, American Government
- Ellie Lalumondiere — Ceramics
- Jaylinn LaPlante — Integrated Science
- Lily Largent — World Foods
- Aidan Lewis — Accounting I, Speech
- Cash Loughary — Physical SEL
- Ethan Maloney — Agricultural Construction
- Matthew Martin — Computer Science Principles
- Charles McGuire — German IV
- Eleanor McKlin — Algebra II, CP American Government, CP English II, Creative Writing, French II, Mythology, Video Production
- Jonathan Merklin — Team Sports
- Drew Merriman — German III
- Kate Mesplay — Auto Collision (PACTC)
- Cole Nickelson — Calculus

- Lilah Oberreiter — English II
- Taylor Peterson — Biology
- Jayden Rickman — French III
- Solange Roth — Band, Sociology
- Josef Rottler — Introduction to Applications, Website Design
- Mallory Rottler — Drawing
- Mason Ruch — English III, Film Composition & Lit, Psychology
- Hope Schmelzle — Painting
- Brooke Schwartz — Cadet Teaching
- Bryant Schwent — Drafting & Design
- Hazel Schwent — Agricultural Science I
- Justin Schwent — Auto Collision Repair Tech 2 (PACTC), Power Mechanics Technology, Highway Riders Auto Award Scholarship
- Lucy Sears — CP American History, Organic Chemistry
- Lillian Smith — Physiology & Anatomy
- Miranda Snyder — Nutrition and Wellness
- Jacob Sulser — Agricultural Science II
- Hayden Vanamburg — Body Conditioning
- Bennett Walls — Dramatic & Argumentative Arts
- Kailyn Warren — Girls Physical Education
- Lexi Warren — College Algebra with Applications
- Isabella Watkins — Introduction to Business
- Trenton Weber — German II, Guitar I
- Autumn Werner — Earth Science
- Damien Wheeler — Accounting II
- London White-Hume — Show Choir
- Ezra Wolk — Play Production
- Grant Wolk — Guitar II
- Hannah Woodruff — Studio Art
- Penny Yang — Business Technology, Western Civilization

Dr. Boyd shared a special thank you to the following for their role in the event: the sponsors of the 34th Annual Dan Clark Honors Banquet: presentation partner Mississippi Lime and Julie Griffith; sponsor Lhoist North America; and sponsor Bloomsdale Excavating, Inc. and the Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge for their readiness to host; Eleven Eleven Catering and Mimi's for the wonderful meal; National Junior Honor Society members who served during the event; Shelly Dallas, Lori Dunn, Brandy Henderson, and Stephanie Brumfield for their hard work and dedication they provide to the students and staff; program assistants Rori Hughes, Abbey Stomberg, Cierra Voelker, Aubree Worley, Emma Mittermeyer, Kahsu Mittermeyer and Noah Mittermeyer; and the SGHS faculty who do an exceptional job in making the banquet possible. Dr. Boyd also took the time to recognize Mrs. Shelly Dallas, who will be retiring on June 30, 2024. "Mrs. Dallas takes on so much planning and preparation for this event, and it will be the last that she coordinates for SGHS. She has attended the banquet as a parent, an administrative assistant, and tonight as a parent supporting our guest speaker. We all want to wish her the very best and appreciate everything that she has done for the Ste. Genevieve R-II Community. Mrs. Dallas, from all of us, thank you!"

- **SGHS Students Recognized with VFW Post 2210 Auxiliary Patriotic Art Awards** April 10, 2024, The VFW Post 2210 Auxiliary recently announced the winners of The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest.
 - Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest: First place went to junior Allison McCrory, daughter of Sarah and Jason Hesley. Second place went to junior Ruthie Dunn, daughter of Lori and Mike Dunn. Third place went to senior Hannah Woodruff, daughter of Jennifer Zerwig.
 - 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest: First place went to junior Mallory Rottler, daughter of Maria and Wade Rottler. Both scholarship contests recognize young artists and encourage patriotism in youth. Entries are judged on originality of concept, presentation and patriotism expressed, content of how it relates to patriotism and clarity of ideas, design techniques, and the total impact of work. Congratulations to these students on their recognition. All four students are under the instruction of art teacher Jamie Bauman at Ste. Genevieve High School.. Each of the students received a cash prize, and the two first-place entries—Allison McCrory and Mallory Rottler—advanced to state-level competition!
- **Mathletes for placing at the Math Field Day Competition at SEMO** April 23, 2024 Congratulations to the Ste. Genevieve High School Mathletes, who recently performed well at the recent Southeast Missouri University Math Competition. The following students earned awards in their events:
 - Individual Events
 - Number Bases (9th grade) - 2nd place Simon Fritsch
 - Geometry (10th grade) - 2nd place Trenton Weber
 - Algebra II (11th grade) - 2nd place Conner Hardin
 - Word Problems (11th grade) - 1st place Charlie Corbett
 - Exponential and Logarithms (11th grade) - 2nd place Autumn Werner,
3rd place Gavin Gegg
 - Calculus (12th grade) - 2nd place Cole Nickelson
 - Sets and Logic (Open) - 3rd place Sara Bone
 - Number Theory (Open) - 3rd place Gavin Gegg
 - Probability (Open) - 3rd place Tessa Hager
 - Hand Calculators (Open) - 3rd place James Vogt
 - Non-Routine Problem Solving Level 1 (Open) - 3rd place Gavin Gegg
 - Mental Arithmetic (Open) - 2nd place Simon Fritsch
3rd place Gavin Zerwig
 - Problem Solving School Event - 3rd place
Matthew Martin Team Captain
 - Team Events
 - Algebra I - 2nd place Kailyn Warren, Dylan Cash, Bella Watkins, Maggie Price
 - Algebra II - 3rd place Tylin Hager, Gavin Gegg, Gavin Zerwig, Conner Hardin
 - Geometry - 3rd place Simon Fritsch, Josef Rottler, Trenton Weber, Jersey Quinn
 - Trigonometry - 2nd place Charlie Corbett, Kennedy Buatte, Sophia Fritsch,
Tessa Hager
 - Medley - 3rd place Char Drost IV, Cole Nickelson, Penny Yang, Hawk Jokerst
- **All Together Art Show Highlights Inclusion Through Cosmic Artwork** April 23, 2024, The third annual All Together Art Show was held at Common Grounds Coffee Shop! Each year, students and community members create artwork that highlight and celebrate inclusion. The theme of this year's show was Cosmic Kaleidoscope: Out of this World Inclusion, and the displays were adorned with cosmic works of art showcasing inclusion through various space elements, mediums and styles. Ste. Genevieve Middle School teacher Becky Keim coordinates this event, which has been steadily growing. This year, around

335 pieces of artwork were on display! Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their artwork about inclusion:

- **Best in Show:** Kaylin Hunsley, 8th grade
- **Ste. Genevieve Elementary, 1st Place:** Brooke Grither, 3rd grade
- **Ste. Genevieve Elementary, 2nd Place:** Elliot Rayoum, 4th grade
- **Ste. Genevieve Elementary, 3rd Place:** Lauran Carnes, 5th grade
- **Ste. Genevieve Middle School, 1st Place:** Khloe Ellis, 8th grade
- **Ste. Genevieve Middle School, 2nd Place:** Kinsley Bowers, 8th grade
- **Ste. Genevieve Middle School, 3rd Place:** Sophia Vaeth, 8th grade
- **Ste. Genevieve High School, 1st Place:** Camille Melahn, 9th grade
- **Ste. Genevieve High School, 2nd Place:** Lillian Crossland, 9th grade
- **Ste. Genevieve High School, 3rd Place:** Miah Klein, 10th grade

“Every year, the theme for the All Together Art show has been increasingly more challenging, and every year, the artists bring their very best. They blow me away not only with their creativity and originality, but also with their dedication to the theme and their celebration of inclusion” Mrs. Keim said. “The other important part of this event is the huge crowd of people it draws during the downtown Fourth Friday Artwork. This year, we had over 300 people walk through. It is becoming an event that community members look forward to year after year.”

- **SGHS Scholar Bowl Places Third at MSHSAA 2024 District Tournament** April 24, 2024 - Congratulations to SGHS Scholar Bowl on their 3rd place finish at the MSHSAA 2024 District Tournament! The tournament was held at Central High School on Saturday, April 13. Congratulations to junior Charles Mcguire for his District Tournament Award as an individual scorer! Our SGHS team competed in four games and placed 3rd out of the eight schools in our district. Way to go, SGHS Scholar Bowl!
- **SGHS Students Participate in Annual County Government Day** April 24, 2024, Ste. Genevieve High School students joined their peers from Valle Catholic High School on Friday April 19, during the annual County Government Day, where they spent the morning shadowing local government officials in order to learn more about the day-to-day activities of a local government.
Prior to the trip, students signed up to shadow the following positions:
 - **Associate Commissioner District 1:** Solange Roth
 - **County Clerk:** John Clinton
 - **Associate Circuit Judge:** Katey Allen
 - **Coroner:** Shairie Lohman
 - **Circuit Clerk:** Sara Bone, Cheyenne Bridges
 - **Surveyor:** Mason Nix
 - **Assessor:** Aiden Meyer, Tucker Reed
 - **Collector:** Vinil Bhagha
 - **Treasurer:** Aden Eisenbeis
 - **Prosecuting Attorney:** Isaiah Hill
 - **Recorder of Deeds:** Ayden White
 - **Sheriff:** Nathan Johnson
 - **Public Administrator:** Grant Williams
 - **Juvenile Officer:** Addison Hanei

Beginning first thing in the morning, students arrived at the County Courthouse and gathered in the courtroom to be sworn in by the County Clerk. They then met their assigned elected officials and spent the morning learning about the roles and responsibilities of those offices.

After spending the morning with an elected official, the students then gathered again in the large courtroom to participate in a mock trial, where students went through the court proceedings to reach a verdict. Following the mock trial, the group then attended a luncheon sponsored by the American Legion. During the luncheon, every student who participated in the day's events had the chance to share what they had learned from their experience in county government. For many students, these positions and their duties were not exactly what they had expected; the governmental processes were far more involved than they had thought! The group finished their day with a tour of the county jail before heading back to school.

- **FRENCH TEACHER FEATURED IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI NEWSLETTER** April 25, 2024, Our SGHS and SGMS French teacher Mme. Bre Uzzell is the spotlight educator in the Foreign Language Association of Missouri's (FLAM's) April Newsletter! Along with an overview of her teaching, traveling, extracurricular sponsorships and her educational accomplishments, the feature provides an insight into a best practice she implements in her classroom and shares what "teaching a language" means to her — be sure to check it out below!
- **SGHS STUDENTS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR STORY OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR** April 25, 2024 - Students in the German and History classes at SGHS recently had the opportunity to meet Vera Emmons, whose mother was a young Jewish girl during the Holocaust and survived various concentration camps until her liberation at age 17. Emmons met with the classes virtually, sharing with them the horrors of the Holocaust through the lens of her mother's experiences. Emmons used her mother's own words in past interviews and recordings, photos from her mother's childhood and the war, and additional historical context woven into each phase of her mother's story. Students learned of the stark contrast between their lives today and the life experiences of a girl near their own age leading up to, during and after World War II. Gerda Luner (nee Nothmann) was born in Berlin in 1927. With the passage of laws targeting Jewish people and growing antisemitism, by 12 years of age, Gerda was sent to a foster family in Holland, and she and her sister never saw their parents again. Gerda would lose every member of her family. She found a position with the Philips company, a group that worked to protect Jewish people during the war. Through the entirety of the war, Gerda was moved through six concentration camps as a worker in this company before her liberation from Auschwitz II - Birkenau at the end of the war. Emmons explained how the horrors of the Holocaust and shaped not only her mother's life moving forward in America, but also the lives of the family her mother created and her descendants. Students had the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation, and Emmons explained that the Holocaust is not one of a kind— genocides, xenophobia, and terrorism can be found throughout the world's history and continue today. She shared that the worst of human behavior begins with stereotypes and an "us versus them" mentality, and that it is important for our young people to learn about our darker times in history in order to understand first how they happened and then how to prevent them from happening again. Our students and teachers would like to thank Vera Emmons for her time and for sharing her mother's courageous life story.
- **SGHS MATHLETES PERFORM WELL AT SEMO MATH COMPETITION** April 25, 2024 - Congratulations to the Ste. Genevieve High School Mathletes, who recently performed well at the recent Southeast Missouri University Math Competition. The following students earned awards in their events:
Individual Events:
 - Sara Bone — 3rd Place in Sets and Logic (Open)
 - Charlie Corbett — 1st Place in Word Problems (11th Grade)

- Simon Fritsch — 2nd Place in Mental Arithmetic (Open)
- Simon Fritsch — 2nd Place in Number Bases (9th Grade)
- Gavin Gegg — 3rd Place in Exponential and Logarithms (11th Grade)
- Gavin Gegg — 3rd Place in Non-Routine Problem Solving Level 1 (Open)
- Gavin Gegg — 3rd Place in Number Theory (Open)
- Tessa Hager — 3rd Place in Probability (Open)
- Conner Hardin — 2nd Place in Algebra II (11th Grade)
- Matthew Martin (Team Captain) — 3rd Place in Problem Solving School Event
- Cole Nickelson — 2nd Place in Calculus (12th Grade)
- James Vogt — 3rd Place in Hand Calculators (Open)
- Autumn Werner — 2nd Place in Exponential and Logarithms (11th Grade)
- Trenton Weber — 2nd Place in Geometry (10th Grade)
- Gavin Zerwig — 3rd Place in Mental Arithmetic (Open)

Team Events

- Algebra I — 2nd Place: Dylan Cash, Maggie Price, Kailyn Warren, Bella Watkins
- Algebra II — 3rd Place: Gavin Gegg, Tylin Hager, Conner Hardin, Gavin Zerwig
- Geometry — 3rd Place: Simon Fritsch, Jersey Quinn, Josef Rottler, Trenton Weber
- Trigonometry — 2nd Place: Kennedy Buatte, Charlie Corbett, Sophia Fritsch, Tessa Hager
- Medley — 3rd Place: Char Drost IV, Hawk Jokerst, Cole Nickelson, Penny Yang

- **SGHS Constitution Team Performs Well at Show Me the Constitution State Competition** April 27, 2024 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - Congratulations to the Ste. Genevieve High School Constitution Team on their 4th place finish in the “Show Me the Constitution State Competition” held April 7 - 8 in Columbia, Missouri. This competition is sponsored by the Missouri Bar Association. The Constitution Team meets after school and during Dragon Fire time at SGHS. Team members include Lucy Sears, Hannah Woodruff, Jeremiah Kunz, Penny Yang and Charlie Corbett. These students independently research and write three five-minute essays discussing prompts that are chosen by the Missouri Bar Association. This year’s topics included: the constitutionality of Judicial Review, Affirmative Action, and Free Speech in Public Spaces. At the state competition, the SGHS Constitution Team showed exemplary knowledge of constitutional principles and defended their positions spectacularly before multiple panels of Missouri lawyers, including a current Missouri Supreme Court Justice. SGHS Government teachers Mr. Jason Elders and Mr. Dustin Kueker are extremely proud of the hard work these students put in and the exceptional job they did representing our school! Go Dragons!
- **Students on Cloud 9 at 2024 SGHS Prom** April 29, 2024 This year’s Ste. Genevieve High School 2024 Prom was a great success! The theme this year was Prom 2024: Cloud 9. Students donned heart-shaped glasses that added a touch of whimsy as they swirled through the skies amidst radiant clusters of illuminated balloons. It was in this ethereal atmosphere that seniors Sasha Gallup and Zachary Henderson were crowned the 2024 Prom Queen and King! Congratulations to Sasha and Zach, as well as all members of the 2024 Prom Court!

The members of the 2024 Prom Court were:

- Queen Candidates: Sasha Gallup, daughter of Melissa and Norman Gallup; Riley Murphy, daughter of Patrick and Lindsey Murphy; Taylor Armbruster, daughter of Ryan and Ginna Armbruster; Paityn Basler, daughter of Angie and Nick Basler; Addison Hanei, daughter of Stephanie Wolfin and Robert Hanei; and Penny Yang, daughter of Wei and Lily Yang.
- King Candidates: Zachary Henderson, son of Jeremy and Brandy Henderson and Sam Conlon; Russell Clayton, son of Melanie and Russell Clayton; Vinil Bhagha, son of Dhrutika (Dee) Patel

and Hemant (Harry) Bhagha; Gabe Willett, son of Stephanie and Matt Willett; Adam Oder, son of Jeff and Laura Oder; and Nathan Johnson, son of Marcela and Scott Johnson.

Prom 2024 was organized by the Class of 2025 and their sponsors Mrs. Carrie Staffen and Mr. Jeremy Mueller. Vendors included RotoPhoto, We Bounce Party Rentals and S&H Events. The students and staff would like to share a special thank you to the Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge for hosting this event. Thank you to all who helped to make this night a success!

- **Ste. Genevieve Jazz Band Performs at North County Jazz Festival** April 30, 2024 – (Ste. Genevieve, MO) - Congratulations to Ste. Genevieve Jazz Band! This ensemble performed at the North County Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 20. This band includes the Ste. Genevieve Middle School After School Jazz Band and Ste. Genevieve High School band students who earn A+ tutoring hours for participating in rehearsals and tutoring middle school instrumentalists. This ensemble meets once a week after school and is directed by Mrs. Lindsey Elders and Mr. Joe Hull. After the performance on stage, students worked with clinician Mr. Aaron Ledhe, Director of Bands at Ladue Schools. The ensemble received positive remarks on the overall level of musicianship, the rhythm section, and soloists. Way to go, Ste. Genevieve Jazz Band!
- **SGHS FFA Celebrates Drive Your Tractor to School Day** May 6, 2024 Ste. Genevieve High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) celebrated the National FFA Week with Drive Your Tractor to School Day on Friday, March 1! Students brought their tractors to River Rapids Water Park in the early morning and then began their parade with a Ste. Genevieve Police escort. Students line the sidewalks outside of the schools to wave at the tractors as they head to the SGHS parking lot!
- **GFWC Woman’s Club Recognizes SG R-II Students** May 6, 2024 The General Federal of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) Woman’s Club of Ste. Genevieve honored Ste. Genevieve High School at its luncheon on Monday, May 6, 2024 at the VFW Post 2210. The Woman’s Club bestowed students with writing awards, scholarships and opportunities to attend leadership conferences. The mission of the GFWC Woman’s Club of Ste. Genevieve is to strengthen its community and enhance the lives of others through volunteer service. The club helps to create change by supporting the arts, preserving historical and natural resources and advancing education through scholarships. The following students were presented with scholarships:

Helen Smith Scholarship: Taylor Armbruster

Young Woman’s Scholarship: Elaina Schemel

Other statewide scholarships, including the Missouri Leadership Seminar, Hugh O’Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership program and the Sophomore Pilgrimage, are awarded to students for programs that promote good citizenship and leadership. The following students were presented with the opportunity to attend conferences:

Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership: Sophia Fritsch

Missouri Leadership Seminar: Charles Corbett

Sophomore Pilgrimage: Elijah Bennett

The annual Youth Writing Contest sponsored by the GFWC Woman’s Club of Ste. Genevieve narrowed down the many entries via local independent judges to first, second and third in two categories — short story and poetry. Those local winning entries were sent to the GFWC of Missouri State Conference competition. The following students were presented with awards through the Youth Writing Contest:

Poetry:

- **1st Place State:** Noah Willett, “The Big Game”
- **2nd Place State:** Raya Kreitler, “18”
- **3rd Place State:** Laurie Parker, “Ghost Boy”

- **1st Place Local (Tie):** Raya Kreidler, Noah Willett
- **2nd Place Local (Tie):** Keeley Palmer, Laurie Parker
- **3rd Place Local (Tie):** Rocksanna Hutson, Hannah Nelson

Short Story:

- **1st Place State:** Lilyan Largent, "A Teen's Life"
- **2nd Place State:** Chloe Choate, "Mysterious Black Puzzle Box"
- **3rd Place State:** Matthew Burton, "The Old Blood"
- **1st Place Local:** Chloe Choate
- **2nd Place Local (Tie):** Matthew Burton
- **3rd Place Local (Tie):** Lilyan Largent

In addition, each year, the GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve provides a scholarship to one member of the Ste. Genevieve Middle School Band to attend the Mineral Area Fine Arts Academy Summer Band Camp. Congratulations to this year's recipient, seventh grader Henry Hadel!

Ste. Genevieve County R-II would like to thank the GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve for the group's generous "Glory of Missouri" Award: The following seniors from Ste. Genevieve High School has been recognized with the "Glory of Missouri" Award from the Missouri House of Representatives. This honor was created to recognize students who display virtuous qualities both as students and as citizens. Each student honored represents one of the virtues of good government engraved on the walls of the House Chamber. These seniors include:

- Cole Nickelson
- Penny Yang
- Amelia Grein
- Ezra Wolk
- Grant Williams
- Nathan Johnson
- Sara Bone
- Adriana Bennett
- Kaden Smith
- Tessa Hager
- Adam Oder
- Sophia DeRousse
- Elaina Schemel
- Caitlin Gray

- **7TH ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE RAISES FUNDING FOR SG R-II SPECIAL OLYMPICS** - May 7, 2024
-The seventh annual Ste. Genevieve County Polar Plunge was held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, and this year, the total amount of funds raised was \$12,683! This year, the event was held at the River Rapids Parking Lot, where teams slid down an 18-foot water slide and landed in ice-cold water! A dunking booth and inflatable courses were also available for attendees, as well as a corn hole tournament. To add to the fun, this year's theme was Twins, where team members, friends and family showed up dressed up as twins! Eleven Eleven Catering, Kona Ice, Holy Grounds Coffee, and Iron Dogs served food and beverages! We also had several teachers and staff, Board of Education members, families and community members who volunteered to cook or help manage the event. Thank you to our SG family, donors, vendors and volunteers for helping to make this event a success! The annual Polar Plunge is hosted by the Ste. Genevieve High School FRIENDS organization, and all proceeds sponsor Ste.

Genevieve County R-II athletes with developmental disabilities to the Missouri State Games of Special Olympics, as well as other inclusion events, such as Jellybeans and Unified Sports. We would like to share a special thank you to our Platinum-level sponsors for their contributions of more than \$1,000: Ste. Genevieve Middle School, Don Heil Oil Company, and Equipment Pro, Inc.

- Teams registered to take the plunge and have their sponsorship added to the t-shirt. The teams and their fundraising totals are listed below!

Team Name & Total Raised:

- Room 122: \$1,000
- Seeing Double: \$535
- CB: \$370
- RM: \$160
- The Crazy Duo: \$180
- Mini Mueller: \$1,100
- PinkPower: \$625
- Black Out: \$1,170
- Ste Gen Surfers: \$740
- Ste. Genevieve Middle School: \$3,717

We would also like to thank Twin City Party Rentals, as well as the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center and RiverRapids Water Park for hosting the event. Thank you to all of our sponsors, teams and supporters for raising funds for our students, and for making this a wonderful event! We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

- **SCHOLARSHIPS, May 7, 2024:** The following students were recognized for receiving local scholarships. Ste. Genevieve High School sincerely appreciates the support of the community and businesses that fund these scholarships, and we are proud of the dedicated commitment to education that exists within our community. These scholarships are appreciated by the students and will help them to achieve their goals. The following seniors from Ste. Genevieve High School have received scholarships from local businesses and organizations:

- Gavin Amlong: Marine Corps; Ste. Genevieve Elk's Military Recognition
- Taylor Armbruster: Mineral Area College - General Studies - Biology; Scholarships: GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve (Helen Smith), SG R-II Faculty, Eric Scott Leathers, LLC
- Kiaira Asher: Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital
- Paityn Basler: Mineral Area College - Nursing; Scholarships: SGHS All Sports Boosters, Bill Karl Memorial, Zell Area Jaycees
- Adriana Bennett: University of Central Missouri - Construction Management; Scholarships: LHoist, SG Rotary Club, SGHS Student Council, Mid-East Missouri Contractors Association, Nikki Reed Memorial
- Sara Bone: Mineral Area College - Teaching Psychology & Sociology; Scholarships: Grow Your Own, SG Vision Care
- Kaelyn Boyer: Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) - Digital & Integrated Marketing; Scholarships: SG Legion Riders
- Russell Clayton Jr.: State Tech - Electrician; Scholarships: Lakenan Insurance
- Sophia DeRousse: Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) - OBGYN Labor & Delivery Nurse; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, Ste. Genevieve Community Foundation
- Charles Drost IV: Maryville University - Computer Science; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, Environmental Products, Inc., MRV Banks, Ability Network, Inc., SG Band Boosters
- Aden Eisenbeis: Jefferson College - Music Education; Scholarships: Grow Your Own, Duane Donze Music/Theater, SG Band Boosters
- Anneliese Figge: Missouri State University; Scholarships: Grow Your Own

- Zachary Flieg: Army National Guard; Ste. Genevieve Elk's Military Recognition
- Addison Geiler: Webster University - Early Childhood; Scholarships: SGHS All Sports Boosters, Grow Your Own, Linda Coleman Henson Memorial
- Scarlett Gonz: Murray State University - Livestock Veterinarian; Scholarships: SGHS Future Farmers of America (FFA), Dennis P. Flieg Memorial
- Alissa Grass: St Louis University - Physical Therapist; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, Weingarten Jaycees, Andrew Marzucio Memorial
- Caitlin Gray: University of Missouri-Columbia (MIZZOU) - Animal Science Veterinarian; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, Hoffman Foundation, Citizens Electric, Mikel Stewart Memorial, Bethany Bequette Memorial
- Tessa Hager: Jefferson College - Radiology Technology; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, SG Rotary Club, Ste. Genevieve VFW Post #2210, SG R-II MST/CTA
- Kai Harris: University of Central Missouri - Criminal Justice; Scholarships: Nancy L. Breig Memorial, European Entitlements, MO Farm Bureau
- Addisyn Heberlie: Paul Mitchell - Cosmetology; Scholarships: MO Farm Bureau
- Zachary Henderson: Mineral Area College - Special Education; Scholarships: Dennis P. Flieg Legion Ball, SGHS Boys Basketball, Lindsay Roth Memorial, Peggy J. Johnson Memorial, Peggy Webb Memorial
- Isaiah Hill: Jefferson College - Child Psychologist; Scholarships: SG Band Boosters
- Nathan Johnson: Ottawa University - Christian Studies & Addictions Counseling; Scholarships: Vern Bauman Contracting Co.
- Hawthorne Jokerst: Truman University - Physics/Engineering; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, Nancy L. Breig Memorial, American Legion Post #150, Lost Acres Tractor Club, Ste. Genevieve Fair Board, SG Band Boosters
- Wyatt Kemper: Mineral Area College - Business Management; Scholarships: Nancy L. Breig Memorial
- Brayden Kuhns: Air Force; SG Elk's Military Recognition
- Peyton McCrory: Mineral Area College - Nursing; Scholarships: American Legion Auxiliary Unit #150
- Nathaniel McElligott: Army National Guard; SG Elk's Military Recognition
- Kate Mesplay: East Central Missouri - Petroleum Engineering; Scholarships: Hill & Dale Garden Club, American Legion Post #150
- Aiden Meyer: Mississippi Valley State University - Physical Therapy; Scholarships: Sons of the American Legion, Dennis P. Flieg Memorial
- Riley Murphy: Mineral Area College - Nursing; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve County Democratic Club
- Cole Nickelson: Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) - Cyber Security; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, LafargeHolcim, Armella Peterson, Lost Acres Tractor Club
- Mason Nix: State Tech - Drafting & Design Technology; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve County Tech Foundation, SG Riverdogs, Randy (Monier) Choate Memorial
- Tucker Reed: State Tech - Automation & Design Tech; Scholarships: Eric Scott Leather, LLC, Mikel Stewart Memorial, SGHS Band Boosters, Coleman Resources, SG Men's Horseshoe League
- Elaina Schemel: College of The Ozarks - Forensics; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Lions Club, SG Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), GFWC Woman's Club of Ste. Genevieve (Young Woman)
- Hope Schmelzle: University of Kansas - Architecture; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Fury, Mark Woodson Memorial / Knights of Columbus, Patricia Donze Memorial
- Sara Schmieder: Mineral Area College - Nursing; Scholarships: Heil Oil Company, SGHS Future Farmers of America (FFA), Dennis P. Flieg Memorial, Ste. Genevieve Area Chamber of

Commerce

- Bryant Schwent: University of Central Missouri - Professional Pilot; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, Sons of the American Legion, Dennis P. Flieg Memorial, Nancy L. Breig Memorial, SGHS All Sports Boosters, SG Riverdogs
- Justin Schwent: State Tech - High Performance Automotive; Scholarships: Ste. Genevieve County Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Randy (Monier) Choate Memorial
- Kaden Smith: Army National Guard; SG Elk's Military Recognition
- Damien Wheeler: Jefferson College - High School Math Teacher; Scholarships: Grow Your Own, SG Band Boosters
- Ayden White: Air Force; SG Elk's Military Recognition
- Kaleb Wilson: Army National Guard; SG Elk's Military Recognition
- Hannah Woodruff: Jefferson College - Graphic Designer; Scholarships: SG Art Guild/Betty Geraghty Memorial
- Ezra Wolk: Ranken Technical College- Automotive Mechanic; Scholarships: SG Elk's Trade School Scholarship, Bloomsdale Bank, SG R-II Faculty, Ste. Genevieve R-II MSTA/CTA
- Penny Yang: Lehigh University – Bio-Chemist/Genetics Engineer; Scholarships: SGHS Mentors, Local Small Business, Ste. Genevieve Elk's #2674, R&K Excavation, SG Women's Horseshoe League

The selection committee would like to thank the following area businesses and organizations that contributed scholarships to the students of Ste. Genevieve High School:

Small business donors include: Basler Funeral Home; Belle Ever After Boutique; Bloomsdale Excavating, Inc.; Computer Solutions; Donze Construction, Inc.; Fallert Bus Service; Fischer Quarry & Hauling, LLC; Lurk Custom Cabinets; Midway Bar & Grill, LLC; Quarry Workers' Local 829; Sara's Ice Cream; Show-Me Shop, LLC; Ste. Genevieve Country Mart, Ste. Genevieve Farmer's Market; T. Drury Contracting, Inc.; The Law Firm-Lance R. Drury, P.C.; Tower Rock Stone; Willow Trace II, LLC, and Wolk's Insurance Agency, Inc.

- **SGHS Band Students Earn High Scores at State Solo & Ensemble** May 14, 2024 Congratulations to Ste. Genevieve High School seniors Solange Roth and Damien Wheeler, who both performed solos at the MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble festival at The University of Missouri in April. Solange earned a Gold rating, and Damien earned a Silver rating.
- **SGHS Student Recognized in Mineral Area College Writing Competition** May 15, 2024 Congratulations to Ste. Genevieve High School sophomore Luke Ferranto, who was recognized as a winner for his submission in the Mineral Area College English Department's writing competition! Each year, students in grades 9-12 are invited to submit personal narrative essays. Seven local high schools submitted work. Luke wrote and submitted a literary piece he wrote in Dr. Jeremy O'Brien's class. Luke's personal essay, "Central Message" earned second place in the sophomore division of the writing competition! He won a journal and a gift card. If you would like to read Luke's essay, you can [view it here](#). Congratulations to Luke on his recognition!
- **SGHS Spanish Classes Hold Celebration** May 15, 2024 - In celebration of Cinco de Mayo and the culmination of the academic year, students of Mrs. Teresa Caba's high school Spanish classes held a day-long vibrant fiesta last Friday! Under Mrs. Caba's guidance, the festivities featured the traditional pinata smashing and cascading candy, followed by a delicious lunch at a local Mexican restaurant. This lively celebration not only marked cultural milestones but also underscored Mrs. Caba's commitment to enriching her students' language education through immersive experiences.

- **SGHS Choir Student Earns High Score at State Solo & Ensemble** May 29, 2024 – Congratulations to Ste. Genevieve High School sophomore London White-Hume, who performed a vocal solo at the MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble festival at The University of Missouri in April. London earned a Silver rating. Congratulations on a wonderful performance!

SGHS EVENTS

- **FRESHMEN ORIENTATION:** Freshmen orientation was held on Wednesday, August 9th. Freshmen participated in the registration process for the upcoming school year. Lunch, student tours, advice for high school success, schedules, and all paperwork will be provided during the orientation. Principals and counselors were also available afterwards to meet with students and parents that have issues with their schedules.
- **FRESHMEN PARENT NIGHT:** Freshmen Parent Night was held on Monday, August 14th. The evening provided parents of freshman students an opportunity to walk the halls of SGHS. Educators provided informational roundtable discussions with essential information for parents and provided an opportunity to begin forging a partnership with our newest family members to the high school.
- **SGHS OPEN HOUSE:** SGHS Open House was held on Wednesday, August 30th. The Open House provided teachers an opportunity to collaborate with parents and explain the objectives of their courses, gave background information, clarified class expectations, etc.
- **STE. GENEVIEVE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** - SGHS Parent Teacher Conferences were held Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm and 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Parents were able to meet with teachers during this time individually. SGHS Office provided dinner for the faculty and staff. from 4:00pm - 5:00pm

STE. GENEVIEVE HIGH SCHOOL			
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE			
9th	Oct 2022	9th	Oct 2023
# of Students	140	# of Students	149
# of Pickup	56	# of Pickup	69
# mailed	84	# mailed	80
Percent	40.00%	Percent	46.31%
10th		10th	
# of Students	144	# of Students	129
# of Pickup	47	# of Pickup	60
# mailed	97	# mailed	69
Percent	32.64%	Percent	46.51%
11th		11th	
# of Students	119	# of Students	132
# of Pickup	42	# of Pickup	46
# mailed	77	# mailed	86
Percent	35.29%	Percent	34.85%

12th		12th	
# of Students	95	# of Students	123
# of Pickup	33	# of Pickup	51
# mailed	62	# mailed	72
Percent	34.74%	Percent	41.46%
Overall		Overall	
# of Students	498	# of Students	533
# of Pickup	178	# of Pickup	226
# mailed	320	# mailed	307
Percent	35.74%	Percent	42.40%

BUILDING ACHIEVEMENTS

- Schools Honor Veterans & Service Members** - Bailey Otto - January 5, 2024 -The Ste. Genevieve County R-II School District honors veterans, active military and their guests at both the Ste. Genevieve and Bloomsdale campuses in recognition of Veterans Day. Ste. Genevieve Elementary held its program on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Performing Arts Center, and Bloomsdale Elementary held its program on Monday, Nov. 13. The high school and middle school Veterans Day Tribute ceremony was held on Thursday, Nov. 9 at the high school. All local veterans were welcome, and students personally invited veterans as their guests, as well. At both elementary schools, each grade level had the opportunity to participate! At Bloomsdale Elementary’s assembly, veterans were invited for donuts and coffee prior to the assembly. Fifth grade students hosted the event and led the traditional White Table Ceremony, and the other grade levels took part through leading the Pledge of Allegiance, presenting veterans with a rose, and performing songs such as “We Remember” by John Jacobson and “God Bless America.” Fourth grader Stevie Wolk recited the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae during World War I. Each veteran was introduced, and the students presented them with a rose. As veterans left the assembly, students handed out their Buddy Poppies. At Ste. Genevieve Elementary’s assembly, fifth grader Rain Hampton sang the National Anthem. Fifth grade students hosted the event and led the traditional White Table Ceremony. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the winners of the SGE Veterans Day art contest. Kindergarten students led the Poppy Pledge, first grade students performed the poem “Thank You, Veterans,” third grade students created a video thanking veterans for their service, and fourth grade students led the recognition of veterans and military members. To wrap up the assembly, grades second through fifth sang a special collaboration of the song, “American Tears.” Leading up to Veterans Day, several SGMS students took the time to craft thank you notes for a few of our local veterans who were invited on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Honor Flights are an opportunity to honor and thank Veterans and those in the service by bringing them to the nation's capital to see the memorials that commemorate their service. Ste. Genevieve High School, Ste. Genevieve Middle School, and Valle Catholic hosted a luncheon for veterans prepared with contributions from local business sponsors mentioned below. Following the luncheon, the Veterans Day Parade began at the American Legion and wound through downtown past Valle, Ste. Genevieve Middle School, Ste. Genevieve Elementary and back behind Ste. Genevieve High School. Small American flags lined the parade route, where middle school students in the National Junior Honor Society had placed them, to honor members of the military, both current and retired, who protect our freedoms. Students and staff at the schools waved banners and flags during the parade to thank our veterans for their service.

The Veterans Day Tribute held in the Peggy J. Johnson Gymnasium included:

- Opening remarks by student hosts Adriana Bennett and Ava Greer;
- A presentation of the colors by VFW Post 2210 Color Guard;
- A performance of the National Anthem by the Ste. Genevieve High School Chorale;
- The pledge of allegiance by SGHS seniors Kaden Smith and Kaleb Wilson, who graduated from Basic Training this summer and will be stationed in the U.S. Army after graduation this spring;
- Member of the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum Board of Directors Scott Readnour, who was introduced by Board of Education President David Bova;
- A recognition of: all veterans in attendance, local distinguished veterans who have recently passed away, SGHS alumni in Active Duty, and students planning to enlist;
- A performance of "God Bless America" by the SGMS Middle School Band;
- Graphics and videos created by the SGHS Broadcast Team and Dragon's Lair Productions students featuring clips from students and SG R-II alumni service members stationed around the world;
- A speech by senior Nathan Johnson, the son of Retired Staff Sergeant Scott Johnson of the United States Army;
- A performance of "A Tribute to the Armed Services" by the Ste. Genevieve High School Chorale; and
- SGHS Band student Hollyn Zangaro's performance of "Taps" and a three-gun volley in memory of veterans who have died.

The Ste. Genevieve County R-II School District has achieved POW-MIA campus status in partnership with the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum. This designation was proposed to the Board of Education by Dr. Rhett Oldham, who reached out to the museum to launch this collaboration. The District is appreciative to Dr. Oldham for his initiative to undertake this project, and is extremely excited to be collaborating with the Jefferson Barracks POW/MIA Museum to raise awareness of the POW/MIAs who have proudly served and fought for our freedoms. Mr. Readnour took the time to attend the assembly and speak to the importance of this work, as well as present the district with a certificate during the assembly. "Our goal is to make sure that no one is forgotten, that no one is left behind," he said. "There are more than 82,000 service men and women who are still missing in action. Our work is to honor them, educate others about their stories, and hopefully bring them home if we can." SGHS would like to thank the following sponsors and vendors: Eleven Eleven Catering, Eric Scott Leather, Jodie Flieg, Edward Jones-Matt Trautman, Sons of American Legion, Environmental Products, Inc., Superior Roofing Strategies, SGHS Basketball, Country Mart, Buy the Bunch, and the Anvil Saloon. We would also like to thank the following: the Veterans of Foreign War Post 2210 Color Guard; Mrs. Lois Flieg and Mrs. Sharon Giesler from the VFW Post 2210 Auxiliary; Scott Readnour from the Jefferson Barracks MIA/POW Museum; Board of Education President David Bova; High School Principal Dr. John Boyd, Jr.; senior Nathan Johnson; all of our alumni who are serving active duty; our high school seniors who are enlisted or plan to enlist; all of the veterans and their spouses for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the ceremony; the choirs and the bands for their contributions; the Student Veterans Committee for the planning of the day's events; the students and staff for their attention and participation in the program; Dragon's Lair Productions, the SGHS Broadcasting Team, SGHS School Development Seminar, Valle Catholic Schools, NJHS, SGHS Boys & Girls Basketball Programs, and the Student Councils from both SG R-II and Valle Catholic for planning and executing the 2023 Veterans Day Tribute, the Parade of Veterans, and the Veteran Luncheon. We would also like to extend a very special Thank You to American Legion Post 150 Commander, Virgil Boyer. Mr. Boyer has been a tremendous Friend of Education and has been integral in creating a bridge between our community Veterans and all of the students in our community.

- **SGHS CELEBRATES 2024 GRADUATION** May 19, 2024 - Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on their graduation from Ste. Genevieve County R-II School District! We are beyond proud of you, and wish you the best as you move forward.



[Check out photos from the Graduation Ceremony here.](#)

Prior to the ceremony, Ste. Genevieve High School Principal Dr. John Boyd made a special presentation. Seniors Gavin Amlong and Vinny Bhagha, along with SGHS Industrial Arts teacher Mr. Kenny Rapp, joined Dr. Boyd on stage. They unveiled a new student-constructed podium. "Under the guidance, direction and help from Mr. Rapp, these students took on the project and created a brand new beautiful podium for the high school," Dr. Boyd said. "We are extremely lucky to have state-of-the-art equipment and knowledgeable instructors who provide our students with real-world hands-on opportunities to design, construct and problem-solve every day."

The ceremony then commenced, and dozens of faculty and staff members from around the district walked with seniors in their gowns and caps to emphasize the importance of education and to celebrate the graduating seniors. See specific recognitions and awards from the ceremony below!

Salutatorian: Charles Edward Drost IV, Miss Penny Yang

- [Read Charles' speech here](#), or [watch it here, at the 01:14:50 mark.](#)
- [Read Penny's speech here](#), or [watch it here, at the 01:20:55 mark..](#)

Valedictorian: Cole Edward Nickelson

- [Read Cole's speech here](#), or [watch it here, at the 01:34:45 mark.](#)

*Note: To determine the valedictorian and salutatorian, the weighted GPAs over the course of eight semesters are calculated for all students. Both Penny and Char have identical weighted GPAs to nine decimal places, the furthest the computer system can compute. So this year, the Class of 2024 celebrates its co-salutatorians.

Special Awards

Four special awards are presented at graduation to two girls and two boys in the senior class. These students are voted on by the entire high school teaching staff and they represent outstanding characteristics such as: Character, leadership, citizenship, and scholarship. The recipients of the 2024 Danforth "I Dare You" awards are:

- **I Dare You Girl:** Penny Yang
- **I Dare You Boy:** Ezra Wolk

The two recipients of the 2024 Outstanding Senior Girl & Senior Boy awards are:

- **Outstanding Senior Girl:** Adriana Bennett
- **Outstanding Senior Boy:** Bryant Schwent
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Instrumental and Vocal Music Awards. The three recipients of the 2024 Instrumental and Vocal Music Awards are:

- **John Philip Sousa Award:** Aden Eisenbeis
- **National Choral Award:** Aden Eisenbeis
- **Louis Armstrong Award:** Aden Eisenbeis

Athletic Awards

The two recipients of the 2024 Athletic Awards are:

- **Armella Peterson Award for Outstanding Senior Female Athlete:** Kiaira Asher
- **Mal Kimmel Award for Outstanding Senior Male Athlete:** Bryant Schwent

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Members are selected by participating in various music activities, going above and beyond both musically and academically, and volunteering their music abilities throughout the community. A member must also maintain an "A" in Band and / or Choir throughout high school. Members include:

- Sophia DeRousse
- Aden Eisenbeis
- Isaiah Hill
- Hawthorne Jokerst
- Micah Miget
- Selene Raney
- Damien Wheeler

National Honor Society

The Dragon chapter of the National Honor Society is the most prestigious of the co-curricular groups at the high school level. Members are selected by a faculty committee and are students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership and service. All four areas are equally considered, and students selected for membership must continually strive to use their talents and skills for the improvement of society. Members include:

- Adriana Bennett
- Sophia DeRousse
- Alissa Grass
- Caitlin Gray
- Tessa Hager
- Elaina Schemel
- Hope Schmelzle
- Bryant Schwent
- Penny Yang

National Art Honor Society

Members of the National Art Honor Society are selected by demonstrating outstanding abilities in the visual arts including participation in art shows and sales, and museum and gallery exhibitions. Students must also receive letters of recommendation from teachers in the areas of creativity, dedication, service and character and must have achieved an “A” average in Fundamentals of Art and maintained that average in every art course thereafter. Members include:

- Jayci Beckerman
- Sofia Cellitti
- Ellie Lalumondiere
- Lily Largent
- Hope Schmelzle
- Hannah Woodruff

A+ Schools Program

This is the 23rd graduating class from Ste. Genevieve High School as A+ seniors. To meet the requirements of the A+ Schools Program, students must earn a 2.5 non-weighted cumulative grade point average, a 95% cumulative attendance average, a record of good citizenship, a score of Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra I End-Of-Course Exam or alternate qualifier and must have completed at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring. As certified A+ students, they are eligible for tuition assistance to attend any Missouri community college or vocational/technical school. These students include:

- Taylor Armbruster
- Adriana Bennett
- Sara Bone
- Russell Clayton
- Alissa Grass
- Caitlin Gray
- Tessa Hager
- Kylie Harris
- Zachary Henderson
- Isaiah Hill
- Wyatt Kemper
- Carson Kreilich
- Mason Nix
- Tucker Reed
- Elaina Schemel
- Hope Schmelzle
- Sara Schmieder
- Justin Schwent
- Bryant Schwent
- Damien Wheeler

FFA State Degree

The FFA State Degree is the highest degree a student may earn in FFA. This degree demonstrates the student has devoted an exceptional amount of time into their SAE and local chapter. It is awarded after receiving the aforementioned degrees. The FFA State Degree recipients for the Class of 2024 are:

- Scarlett Gonz
- Jon Merklin
- Sara Schmieder

Senior Class Officers of 2024

- President: Penny Yang
- Executive Member: Adriana Bennett
- Executive Member: Sara Bone
- Executive Member: Alissa Grass
- Executive Member: Elaina Schemel

Students Enlisting in the Military

The students below have enlisted to serve our country and have received their detachment dates:

- Gavin Amlong — United States Marines
- Zachary Flieg — Army National Guard
- Brayden Kuhns — United States Air Force
- Nathaniel McElligott — Army National Guard
- Kaden Smith — Army National Guard
- Ayden White — United States Air Force
- Kaleb Wilson — Army National Guard

Cum Laude

Students who have earned the distinction of Cum Laude are graduating with a cumulative non-weighted grade point average of 3.2 to 3.49. The students who have achieved the Cum Laude distinction for the Class of 2024 are:

- Kiara Asher
- Sofia Cellitti
- Aden Eisenbeis
- Hayden Ford
- Sasha Gallup
- Kylie Harris
- Zachary Henderson
- Brayden Kuhns
- Matthew Martin
- Nathaniel McElligott
- Jonathan Merklin
- Micah Miget
- Logan Naeger
- Adam Oder
- Landon Rottler
- Sara Schmieder
- Justin Schwent
- James Vogt
- Ayden White
- Gabe Willett
- Hannah Woodruff

Magna Cum Laude

Students who have earned the distinction of Magna Cum Laude are graduating with a cumulative non-weighted grade point average of 3.5 to 3.79. The students who have achieved the Magna Cum Laude distinction for the Class of 2024 are:

- Taylor Armbruster
- Paityn Basler
- Adriana Bennett
- Sara Bone
- Kaelyn Boyer
- Anneliese Figge
- Addison Geiler
- Caitlin Gray
- Amelia Grein
- Orlando Jordan
- Ellie Lalumondiere
- Kate Mesplay
- Aiden Meyer
- Mason Nix
- Elaina Schemel
- Hope Schmelzle
- Ezra Wolk

Summa Cum Laude

Students who have earned the distinction of Summa Cum Laude are graduating with a cumulative non-weighted grade point average of 3.8 or higher. The students who have achieved the Summa Cum Laude distinction for the Class of 2024 are:

- Sophia DeRousse
- Charles Drost IV
- Alissa Grass
- Tessa Hager
- Hawthorne Jokerst
- Dalton McBride
- Cole Nickelson
- Bryant Schwnet
- Penny Yang

George Washington Carver Award

The George Washington Carver Award is an academic award that was established in 1986 by former Governor John Ashcroft. Governor Michael L. Parson and Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education, are pleased to continue this award that honors the outstanding achievement of seniors in Missouri's high schools. The George Washington Carver Award is named for an outstanding Missourian and scientist. In making the announcement to establish the award, former Governor Ashcroft said, "George Washington Carver is the kind of role model I believe Missourians need to hold up to their children. There is no better way to honor both Mr. Carver and your top students than by giving our very best high school seniors the George Washington Carver Award. I would like to recognize high academic achievement by making this award available to the top 10 percent of each high school's graduating class in the State of Missouri." George Washington Carver achieved his dream of finishing high school and later college; although, he was born a slave and denied the opportunity for much formal schooling in his early years. He first studied art, but later chose science and agriculture as his profession and became one of America's great practicing natural scientists. Carver spent most of his adult years at the famed Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, devoting his life to the improvement of agriculture in the South. His scientific efforts made him well known throughout the United States, and commercial applications of his research have greatly improved the quality of life for all Americans. The students who received the George Washington Carver Award for high achievement during their four years in high school are:

- Sophia DeRousse
- Charles Drost IV
- Addison Geiler
- Alissa Grass
- Caitlin Gray
- Tessa Hager
- Hawthorne Jokerst
- Dalton McBride
- Kate Mesplay
- Cole Nickelson
- Elaina Schemel
- Hope Schmelzle
- Bryant Schwent
- Penny Yang

President's Award for Education Excellence

The following students have earned the President's Award for Education Excellence:

- Charles Drost IV
- Anneliese Figge
- Cole Nickelson
- Elaina Schemel
- Penny Yang

College Preparatory Studies Seal on Diploma

In order to qualify as a recipient of the Ste. Genevieve County R-II College Preparatory Studies Seal on Diploma students must complete a rigorous high school program cooperatively planned by the school, the student and the student's parents.

These students have completed a strong academic program, as specifically outlined, in the subject areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Specified Core Electives while maintaining a 95% or higher cumulative attendance rate.

The following students have earned the Ste. Genevieve County R-II College Preparatory Studies Seal on their Diplomas:

- Taylor Armbruster
- Sophia DeRousse
- Charles Drost IV
- Hawthorne Jokerst
- Cole Nickelson
- Hope Schmelzle
- James Vogt
- Penny Yang

Student Council

The following students served as Student Council representatives:

- Adriana Bennett
- Ona Lightle
- Tucker Reed
- Ezra Wolk

- **Annual College and Career Fair:** Wednesday, October 26, 2023 - Local businesses were invited to participate in the 2023-24 College & Career Information Night at the SGHS Peggy J. Johnson Gymnasium. Students attended during the school day. The Ste. Genevieve R-II School District has strong ties with local businesses in the community, whether it be through volunteerism, donations and philanthropy, student internships and work programs, or collaboration through community projects.

SGHS CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:

CLASS OF 2024 – MRS. HALLEH FALLERT AND MRS. ALYSSA SCHWENT

- Class officers:
 - Penny Yang- President
 - Executive Board
 - Adrianna Bennett
 - Sara Bone
 - Alissa Grass
 - Elaina Schemel
- 1st place PowderPuff Football
- 3rd place Float (Las Vegas)
- Class T-shirt (Signatures of all graduates)

CLASS OF 2025 – MRS. CARRIE STAFFEN AND MR. JEREMY MUELLER

- Class Officers:
 - President – Ava Greer
 - Executive Board
 - Shay Coleman
 - Stella Cox
 - Brooklyn Johnson
 - Lexi Warren
- The Junior class organized Prom 2024. The King was Nicholas Henderson and the Queen was Sasha Gallup. The theme was Cloud Nine and students were given glasses as a favor. Prom featured a 360 photo booth, cotton candy, balloon arches, finger foods, and DJ Ryan Mueller.
- 2nd Place in Homecoming Float
- 2nd Place in Powder Puff

CLASS OF 2026 – MRS. JAMIE BAUMAN AND MRS. ALEX COLLIER

- Class Officers:
 - President - Madden Wolk
 - Executive Board
 - Jacey Bauman
 - Eli Bennett
 - Sophie Garcia

■ Eleanor McKlin

- The Sophomore Class Sponsor we participated in float building and WON first place, the second year in a row. About 60 students showed up at least one time. So excited about turnout. Even better than last year. We got class t-shirts. But, only 26 classmates out of around 150 students bought one. The date for Prom 2025 is set for Saturday, April 26th. I have already been in touch with John Fulton about Junior Chocolate Sales. He's trying to push us to buy \$2 (larger) bars. I have surveyed the sophomores randomly. They would rather sell \$1 bars, stating that most kids have to scrounge for money anyway, but love chocolate. They would rather sell the smaller bars and get more caramel only boxes.

CLASS OF 2027 – MR.BLAKE MOORE AND MRS. DAWN MOSER

● **Class Officers:**

- President – Kennedy Bowen
- Executive Board
- Jake Parker
- Hazel Schwent
- Jersey Quinn
- Charlotte Mooney
- We took 4th place in floats.
- No t-shirt this year

ART DEPARTMENT - MRS. JAMIE BAUMAN

- We entered 6 art shows/contests. Below are the students who placed in what:
- **VFW Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest** Yearly I enter the entire Drawing and Painting class in this contest, it is 2D. This contest is open to all high school students in Sainte Genevieve County; SGHS, Valle and Home Schooled. They offer money for the 3 top prizes; \$150 for first, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third. First place, Allie McCrory of SG, earned the \$150 prize and moved onto the State Competition which takes place in July each year. Second place, Ruthie Dunn, daughter of Lori and Mike Dunn. And Hannah Woodruff, daughter of Jennifer Zerwig placed 3rd. This was year 2 of the 3D category (still a trial). Mallory Rottler placed 1st and earned the \$75 prize and moved onto the State Competition which takes place in July. She is the daughter of Wade and Maria Rottler.
- **MSU** This was the 4th year MSU had a Juried Art Exhibition. It opens June 1st. There are only 3 monetary prizes, the rest are chosen as Honorable Mention (4th place), Merit Awards or exhibitors. However it is a privilege to have work exhibited, because only 50 are chosen from about 500 entries from throughout the state of Missouri. Last year we did well, and had 7 pieces exhibited. This year we have 1 piece exhibited by Hope Schmelzle which earned the Merit Award. Hannah Woodruff will be exhibiting 1 piece.
- **SEMO** Amelia Grein (1 piece), Kale Clements (1 piece), Ellie Lalumondiere (2 pieces), Hope Schmelzle (1piece) and Mallory Rottler (2 pieces) were chosen to have their artwork exhibited for an entire month

in the Crisp Gallery on the SEMO River Campus. This is a regional competition where about 100 pieces are chosen to be exhibited from about 350 entries. Kale Clements was named Honorable Mention in the category Drawing. Amelia Grein earned 1st in the category Sculpture, while Mallory Rottler was Best in the category of Sculpture. Ellie Lalumondiere placed 1st in the category of Ceramics and Best in category with her 2 pieces. Both Ellie and Mallory earned a monetary prize of \$50.

- **ALL TOGETHER ART SHOW** Yearly I enter the entire Drawing and Painting class and Fundamentals of Art in this contest. This contest is open to all high school students in Sainte Genevieve County; SGHS, Valle and Home Schooled. They offer money for the 3 top prizes and Best of Show. Miah Klein placed 3rd, \$10 for grades 9-12.
- **SAINTE GENEVIEVE** This show is open to all students in Sainte Genevieve County; SGHS, Valle and Home Schooled. The Art Guild gives out \$775 worth of prizes yearly. We earned \$750 of that money this year. Hannah Woodruff was the Betty Gerahty Scholarship Recipient of \$500. There is a monetary value of \$75 for Best of Show, the winner was Mallory Rottler. In the category of Beginning Color, we took all 3 places First place, Camille Melahn, \$25. Second place, Anna Fischer. Third, Camille Melahn. In the Beginning Drawing category we did not place. However, we didn't have anything to enter. Beginning 3D, first place, Jayci Beckermann, \$25. Second place, Jayci Beckermann. In Advanced Color, we took all 3 places, Hope Schmelzle, 1st, \$25. Second, Jenna Clayton and Third place, Ruthie Dunn. Advanced Drawing first place, Kale Clements, \$25. Second place, Sophie Vogt, third place, Ruthie Dunn and 2 Honorable Mentions, Hope Schmelzle and Allie McCrory. And the final category, Advanced 3D, first place, Amelia Grein, \$25. Second place: Ellie Lalumondiere. Third place, Ellie Lalumondiere and 2 Honorable Mentions, Alaina Naeger and Ayelyn Yochim.
- **MAC** This show is open to all school districts in the counties surrounding St. Francis County in Missouri. There can be up to 140 pieces in each category. This year we had 5 students that placed. In the category of Color Drawing grades 11 and 12: 1st Hope Schmelzle and 3rd Kale Clements. In the category of Painting grades 11 and 12: Mallory Rottler placed 4th. In the category of Pottery 11 and 12: 2nd Ellie Lalumondiere. And in the category of Sculpture 3D grades 11 and 12: 2nd Ellie Lalumondiere.
- **ANNUAL RAKU DAY** A success, as usual. 5 adult helpers, 50 students and 150 projects fired.
- **2023-2024 SAINTE GENEVIEVE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY** We went on a trip to Indianapolis, IN with French III and IV. We went glass blowing, to Indianapolis Speedway, the NCAA sports museum, the Art Museum, to Dick's Last Resort and the Factory to eat. Picked up trash, between our signs, placed on Highway 61, between A and O Roads to complete service hours. 6 students: Jayci Beckermann, Sofia Celitti, Ellie Lalumondiere, Lily Largent, Hope Schmelzle and Hannah Woodruff wore the cords of primary and secondary colors. To earn this honor they must complete service hours, participate in shows, sales and exhibitions and maintain an A average in all art classes while being a part of this national organization.

BAND - MR. JOHN MOONEY

- Marching band- competed in two competitions, placing third and second and performed at every home varsity football game
- Had 4 students audition for all district band, with Solange Roth being accepted into the group
- Had six students in MAAA honors band
- Performed a Winter and Spring Concert
- Jazz band played at the Desoto jazz festival and 10 basketball games
- Had the following awards at District and State Solo and Ensemble
- **Silver for Solo**
 - Emily Merrifield
 - Emma Mittermeyer
 - Aden Eisenbeis bari and alto
 - Lucy Sears
- **Silver Ensemble**
 - Percussion Ensemble-Sophie Drouse, Char Drost Selene Raney
 - Flute Trio-Chloe Wehner, Marlana Lueken, Cecilia Mooney
 - Clarinet Trio- Lucy Sears, Solange Roth, Elcie Schweigert
 - Trumpet Trio- Hollyn Zangaro, Kyler Gugel, Emily Merrifield
 - Low Brass Trio- Damien Wheeler, Noah Jordan, Victory Merrifield
 - Saxophone Quintet- Aden Eisenbeis, Destin Conner, Tegan Graves, Katie Vogt, Caiden Breeden
- **Gold Solo District, Silver at State**
 - Damien Wheeler
- **Gold solo District, Gold at State**
 - Solange Roth

CHOIR - MRS. MICHELLE JOKERST

- **September 19, 2023** Acappellooza for the Men of the choir
- **September 25, 2023** All District Auditions-Aden Eisenbeis, Carter Hogenmiller, and London White-Hume made All District Choir
- **October 13, 2023** Show Choir Performs for the Homecoming Assemblies at the Elementary Schools and the High School
- **October 13, 2023** Choirs ride float in homecoming parade
- National Anthem sung at all Volleyball Games by Choir students.
- National Anthem sung at Wrestling Matches by Choir students.
- National Anthem sung at Girls and Boys Basketball games. Games are split with the band.
- **November 3, 2023** High School Chorale performed with the MAAA Men's and Women's Choir Festival
- **November 9, 2023** High School Chorale Sang a Medley of Military Songs for our Veterans.
- **November 18, 2023** All District Performance
- **December 2, 2023** Chorale Sings at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree downtown for the Christmas Walk.
- **December 3, 2023** Chorale and Women's Choir sing at Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church with the Munny Band for the Christmas Walk.

- **December 19, 2023** Christmas Concert all choir
- **March 9, 2024** District Solo and Ensemble at Hillsboro High School took 3 soloists. London White-Hume earned an Exemplary rating, Aden Eisenbeis earned an Outstanding rating and Damian Dickerson earned a Satisfactory Rating. 2 Ensembles; Girls Triok Lucy Hunsley, Sara Bone, and Madilyn Shuffler and TTBB Quartet Carter Hogenmiller, Alexis Femmer, Clinton Beasley, Damian Dickerson, Aden Eisenbeis, Robert Pigford, London White-Hume and Aiden Lewis all earned an Outstanding rating
- **March 19, 2024** MAAA All Conference Choir at Park Hills Chorale
- All Conference Choir Members are Aden Eisenbeis, Lucy Hunsley, London White-Hume, Raegan Winch and Sara Bone
- **April 26, 2024** State Solo and Ensemble with London White-Hume who received an Outstanding Rating.
- **May 3, 2024** Swing Choir Festival at Potosi
- **May 14, 2024** All Choir Spring Concert
- **May 20, 2024** Choir Banquet
- **May 18, 2024** Graduation where Aden Eisenbeis will receive the National Choral Award

FBLA - MRS. KAITLYN CRUMP

- **FBLA District Results**
 - Elaina Schemel- 2nd in Accounting I - **qualified for state**
 - Hannah Ahrens, Jeremiah Kunz, Drew Merriman- 2nd in Business Management- **qualified for state**
 - Jeremiah Kunz- 3rd in Computer Problem Solving, 2nd in Public Speaking- **qualified for state in both**
 - Cole Nickelson- 1st in Computer Problem Solving, 1st in Cyber Security- **qualified for state in both**
 - Kai Harris- 1st in Digital Video Production - **qualified for state**
 - Mylee Harmon- 5th in Intro to Business Concepts- **qualified for state**
 - Nick Warren- 3rd in Intro to Information Technology- **qualified for state**
 - Savannah DeRousse, Sophia DeRousse, Elaina Schemel- 4th in Graphic Design
 - Hannah Ahrens and Drew Merriman- 2nd in Sports and Entertainment Management- **qualified for state**
 - Faith Dailey- 2nd in Website Design- **qualified for state**
- **FBLA State Results**
 - We did not have any state placers and no national qualifiers.

FCA - MR. TYSON ROTH AND MR. JARED BONNELL

- Bi-weekly meetings mostly in 1st semester. 2nd semester got super busy.
- Sep: See you at the Pole
- Nov: Meals for Thanksgiving Drive
- Dec: Bible verses to Teachers
- March: Easter Egg Hide

FCCLA - MRS. ALEX COLLIER

- 20 students competed in STAR events at the regional level.
- 14 students competed in STAR events at the state level.

- **Results from State:**
 - **Clementine Birkenstock and Ava McConkey:** 1st Place, Instructional Video Design — *Advancing to Nationals*
 - **Alissa Grass:** 1st Place, Nutrition and Wellness — *Advancing to Nationals*
 - **Tessa and Tylin Hager:** 2nd Place, Instructional Video Design
 - **Elaina Schemel:** 2nd Place, Career Investigation
 - **Kacie Schemel:** 2nd Place, Sports Nutrition
 - **Abbie Woodard:** 2nd Place, Leadership
 - **Ayelyn Yochim:** 2nd Place, Chapter Website Design
 - **Lucy Hunsley and Jo Guilford:** 3rd Place in Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation
 - **Tessa Wright and Marlena Lueken:** 3rd Place, Public Policy Advocate
 - **Trey Bloom:** 5th Place, National Programs in Action
- 3 students will be competing in STAR Events at the National Level in Seattle, Washington, June 28- July 3.
- Abbie Woodard became a State officer for FCCLA.

FFA - DR. HANNAH FRITSCH-DONZE AND MS. KYLEIGH SULKOWSKI

Ste. Genevieve FFA Chapter Officers 2023-24

Sara Schmieder	President
Scarlett Gonz	Vice President
Heidi Schmelzle	Secretary
Jon Merklin	Treasurer
Sophia Fritsch	Reporter
Aiden Roth	Sentinel
Libby Adams	Student Advisor
Mariah Abt	Assistant Officer
Hannah Donze	Advisor
Kyleigh Sulkowski	Advisor

Area 15 FFA Officer Interviews

Heidi Schmelzle

Area 15 FFA Delegates

Aiden Roth and Sophia Fritsch

State FFA Convention Delegates

Anna Fischer and Hazel Schwent

Chapter Leadership

Brianna Abt	Mariah Abt	Libby Adams
Isaiah Basler	Owen Bauman	Alysa Beckermann
Sadence Brissette	Nick Capps	Alyssa Cook
Lillian Crossland	Ruthie Dunn	Audrey Gegg
Lucy Gegg	Scarlett Gonz	Nick Henderson
Sophia Fritsch	Alex Hunsley	Anna Fischer
Seth Fischer	Ryder Keyser	Jon Merklin
Allison McCrory	Adam Oder	Wyatt Palmer

Aiden Roth	Sara Schmieder	Heidi Schmelzle
Jacob Schweigert	Hazel Schwent	Parker Stomberg
Jacob Sulser	Kynnadie Weibrecht	

Chapter Scholarship

Libby Adams	Brianna Abt	Mariah Abt
Alysa Beckermann	Alyssa Cook	Lillian Crossland
Audrey Gegg	Scarlett Gonz	Anna Fischer
Seth Fischer	Sophia Fritsch	Ryder Keyser
Allison McCrory	Jon Merklin	Maggie Price
Ethan Ottens	Aiden Roth	Colton Roth
Heidi Schmelzle	Sara Schmieder	Hazel Schwent
Parker Stomberg	Jacob Sulser	Jett Weibrecht

Proficiency Awards

(Competing only at Area level)

Category	FFA Member	Place
Ag Mechanics Design and Fab.	Zachary Flieg	2nd
Ag Mechanics Repair and Main.	Evan Naeger	2nd
Ag Mechanics Repair and Main.	Jon Merklin	2nd
Ag Processing	Nick Henderson	3rd
Ag Sales Ent.	Sophia Fritsch	2nd
Beef Production Placement	Seth Fischer	3rd
Div. Crop Production	Aiden Roth	2nd
Food Service	Alyssa Cook	3rd
Outdoor Recreation	Libby Adams	3rd
Poultry Production	Heidi Schmelzle	4th
Small Animal Production	Mariah Abt	3rd
Swine Production Ent.	Sara Schmieder	2nd
Turf Grass Management	Evan Kemper	2nd
Veterinary Science	Scarlett Gonz	2nd
Wildlife Production	Jacob Sulser	2nd

Proficiency Awards

(Advanced to State)

Category	FFA Member	Place
Ag Services	Wyatt Palmer	1st
Diversified Horticulture	Sara Schmieder	1st
Equine Science Placement	Allison McCrory	1st
Forest Management	Nick Capps	1st
Goat Production	Scarlett Gonz	1st
Specialty Crop Production	Alysa Beckermann	1st
Vegetable Production	Ryder Keyser	1st

Soil and Water Conservation Grassland Contest

1st at Southeast District contest and state qualifiers

Alysa Beckermann	Jon Merklin
Ryder Keyser	Jacob Sulser

Fall Public Speaking Contests

SEMO District Fair- Scarlett Gonz 3 rd Place

Missouri Forest Products-Sophia Fritsch 1st Place at Area and 3rd Place at Districts

Missouri Cattleman- Anna Fischer 1st Place at Area and 1st Place at Districts

Area 15 Contest

Contest	FFA Member(s)	Place
FFA Creed	Anna Fischer	6th
	Hazel Schwent	8th
FFA Knowledge Team	Lillian Crossland	2nd
	Anna Fischer	
	Hazel Schwent	
	Parker Stomberg	
Reporter's Scrapbook	Sophia Fritsch	6th
	Sara Schmieder	
Treasurer's Book	Jon Merklin	1st
Secretary's Book	Heidi Schmelzle	4th
Employment Skills	Aiden Roth	6th
Advanced Public Speaking	Sophia Fritsch	5th

Southeast District Contest

Contest	FFA Member(s)	Place
Dairy Cattle Judging	Owen Bauman	11th
	Seth Fischer	
	Adam Oder	
	Jacob Schweigert	
Dairy Foods	Libby Adams	8th
	Alyssa Cook	
	Ruthie Dunn	
	Scarlett Gonz	
Food Science	Mariah Abt	4th
	Libby Adams	
Forestry	Isaiah Basler	6th
	Heidi Schmelzle	
	Alysa Beckermann	
	Ryder Keyser	
	Jacob Sulser	
	Kynnadie Weibrecht	
Horse Judging	Sadence Brissette	3rd
	Scarlett Gonz	
	Allison McCrory	
	Hazel Schwent	
*Livestock Evaluation	Brianna Abt	2nd
	Alex Hunsley	
*Nursery and Landscape	Allison McCrory	1st
	Nick Capps	
	Nick Henderson	
	**Sophia Fritsch	
	Sara Schmieder	

Poultry

Audrey Gegg
Lucy Gegg
Anna Fischer
Hazel Schwent

8th

*Qualified for state contest

**1 st Place District High Individual Score

State FFA Talent

Libby Adams

State Degree

Scarlett Gonz

Jon Merklin

Sara Schmieder

American Degree

Etta Heller

Cole Romann

Ste. Genevieve FFA Scholarship

Scarlett Gonz Sara Schmieder

Dennis P. Flieg FFA Memorial Scholarship

Scarlett Gonz Sara Schmieder

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FTA - DR. JEREMY O'BRIEN AND MR. TYSON ROTH

8 cadet teaching students completed 167 hours of field experience.

5 cadet teaching students earned SEMO dual enrollment credit (ED 280).

Cadet teaching students attended the Future Teacher Day at SEMO.

FRENCH CLUB – MRS. BRE UZZELL

French Club met in

November: French cursive lessons - Students learned how to write their names in French cursive and practiced on French notebook paper

December: bûches de Noël - students decorated small roll cakes and ate pieces of authentic bûches de Noël from a French bakery

February: crêpes - Students learned about how the French celebrate February 2nd and practiced “flipping crêpes” with play dough and then enjoyed fresh crêpes and whipped cream made during the meeting

April: fondue & poisson d'avril - Students learned about April Fool’s Day in France and all about the origins and cultural importance of fondue before getting to try cheese and chocolate fondues

French Club/students traveled:

- November 30 - to see Cirque du Soleil perform at the Fox theater
- March 8 - 10 - French 3, 4, & 5 classes traveled to Indianapolis to see several historical and cultural sites
- March 19 - French 1 classes traveled to the St Louis Art Museum for a tour
- March 26 - French 2 classes traveled to the St Louis Holocaust Museum for a tour and then to La Bonne Bouchée for lunch and pastries

GAMING CLUB – MR. IAN DIAMOND AND MRS. DIAMOND

- First year of dragon esports was a great success!
- Almost all our competitors in the fall singles season placed in the top third of our region.
- Our varsity crew for the team competition in the spring placed in the top half of our region.
- Gaming club held more tournaments with more participation than last year!
- We were able to donate money to the elementary book fair to help kids buy books, and were able to donate plenty of canned food!

GERMAN CLUB - MRS. JENNIFER HULING

- German Club- we fundraised so we could purchase items for the Family Support and Family Division Services at Christmastime. We raised \$175 to spend on gifts for children in the county.

JOURNALISM - MRS. JESSICA HARLOW

- The Journalism class successfully completed the senior edition of The Spirit, our school newspaper. All seniors received a free copy on May 13.

LIBRARY CLUB - MRS. CARRIE STAFFEN

- This was the first year for the Library Club. We worked on increasing reading, creating a social media presence, and discussing library issues.

MATH TEAM - MR. CODY SCHWENT

- **Semo Competition**

- Individual Events

- Number Bases (9th grade) - 2nd place Simon Fritsch
- Geometry (10th grade) - 2nd place Trenton Weber
- Algebra II (11th grade) - 2nd place Conner Hardin
- Word Problems (11th grade) - 1st place Charlie Corbett
- Exponential and Logarithms (11th grade) - 2nd place Autumn Werner,
3rd place Gavin Gegg
- Calculus (12th grade) - 2nd place Cole Nickelson
- Sets and Logic (Open) - 3rd place Sara Bone
- Number Theory (Open) - 3rd place Gavin Gegg
- Probability (Open) - 3rd place Tessa Hager
- Hand Calculators (Open) - 3rd place James Vogt
- Non-Routine Problem Solving Level 1 (Open) - 3rd place Gavin Gegg
- Mental Arithmetic (Open) - 2nd place Simon Fritsch
3rd place Gavin Zerwig
- Problem Solving School Event - 3rd place Matthew Martin Team Captain

- Team Events

- Algebra I - 2nd place Kailyn Warren, Dylan Cash, Bella Watkins, Maggie Price
- Algebra II - 3rd place Tylin Hager, Gavin Gegg, Gavin Zerwig, Conner Hardin
- Geometry - 3rd place Simon Fritsch, Josef Rottler, Trenton Weber, Jersey Quinn
- Trigonometry - 2nd place Charlie Corbett, Kennedy Buatte, Sophia Fritsch, Tessa Hager
- Medley - 3rd place Char Drost IV, Cole Nickelson, Penny Yang, Hawk Jokerst

MENTORS - DR. ED DRAPER

23-24 Mentors

Student Name	Grade
1. Alissa Grass	12
2. Adriana Bennett	12
3. Jeremiah Kunz	11
4. Penny Yang	12
5. Caitlin Gray	12
6. Sara Schmieder	12
7. Hope Schmelzle	12
8. Sophia Fritsch	11
9. Chloe Staffen	11

10. Ava Greer	11
11. Kristen Wittu	11
12. Charlie Corbett	11
13. Lexi Warren	11
14. Sadie Greminger	11
15. Olivia Klump	11
16. Kale Clements	11
17. Bennett Walls	11
18. Grace Joggerst	11
19. Raegan Winch	11
20. Sophia Huck	11

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY- MR. CODY SCHWENT & MRS. SCHWENT

- Returning members completed 50 hrs of service.
- New members completed at least 35 hrs of service.
- Students created jump ropes out of old t-shirts for kids in Africa.
- Students organized donations for the Laboure exchange.
- Students made signs for wrestlers for state.

SADD - MRS. BRE UZZELL

- SADD sponsored Red Ribbon Week in the high school (October 23-26, 2023). There were announcements, decorations, and hidden ribbons that students could turn in for small prizes. Carrie Portell from ThinkFirst Missouri came to speak to the students about the dangers of driving under the influence.
- SADD sponsored the Safe & Sober/Mock accident activity on May 3rd. Emergency services reenacted the aftermath of an accident with a drunk driver. Eric Basler helped extricate the “dead” body. Air Evac took a “wounded” person to the hospital. Ste Genevieve Towing brought and “wrecked” two vehicles on the back parking lot of the PAC.

SBE - DR. GARY SMITH

- Supervised Business Experience (SBE) Program
- Introduction:
- As the academic year draws to a close, I am pleased to share the progress of our Supervised Business Experience (SBE) program at Ste. Genevieve High School (SGHS). This year has been

exceptionally productive, with significant improvements in student participation and referrals to our community.

- 1. Increased student engagement:
 - Record enrollment: This year saw a record of 19 students in the SBE program, an increase of 216.667% compared to last year and an increase of 1800% from taking over the program two years ago. This increase reflects the growing interest and recognition of the value of the program among our students, coordinator, counselors and administration.
 - Group diversity: Our participants came from a variety of backgrounds, representing different academic disciplines and career aspirations. This diversity has enriched the learning experience and creates a vibrant and inclusive community within the program.
- 2. Working in the community:
 - Successful placements: I am proud of students who have secured employment with local businesses and organizations, which is a testament to our strong partnerships with our community. These appointments span a wide range of industries including finance, healthcare, technology, retail, and more.
 - Employer Involvement: Our partnership with local employers has been critical in providing meaningful work experience for our students. These employers provided activities that not only aligned with students' academic learning, but also enhanced their practical skills and professional development.
- 3. Skill Development and Professional Development:
 - Work Skills: Through placements, students develop important work skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving and time management.
 - Feedback from employers highlights an increase in student performance and work ethic.
 - Technical Skills: Many students have gained hands-on experience with industry-specific software and tools, enhancing their technical skills and making them more competitive in the industry.
- 4. Community Impact:
 - Positive Contributions: Our students have made significant contributions to their host organizations, taking on projects that have added value to business careers and community projects.
- 5. Student development and recognition: THIS IS AN AREA OF INTEREST FOR NEXT YEAR
 - Awards and Honors: Students Should receive awards and recognition for outstanding performance in their SBE choice. These recognitions include [specific awards, such as Insider of the Month, Outstanding Contribution to the Workplace, etc.
- 6. Continuing Employment: Students have been offered continuing employment or summer positions with their host organizations, demonstrating the positive impact of their contributions and the value employers place on their skills.
- Conclusion:
 - This year has been incredible for the SBE program at SGHS. Increased student engagement and successful job offers in our community underscore the importance and effectiveness of the program. I would like to thank our hardworking students for making this year such a huge success. I

look forward to building on this momentum and do everything in my power to help students build bridges between academics and application.

SCHOLAR BOWL – MR. JASON ELDERS

- SGHS Scholar Bowl Places Third at MSHSAA 2024 District Tournament at Central High School on Saturday, April 13.

SCHOOL PLAY / THEATRE CLUB - MRS. KATELYN PAPIN

Officers:

- President - Ayden White
- Vice-President - Gage Schilly
- Head of Media - Raegan Winch
- Secretary - Aidan Lewis
- Treasurer - Aden Eisenbeis

Theatre Club produced two productions this past school year. In the fall, we produced a comedy improv show, *It's The Most Craziest Time of the Year*. There were 33 students total involved. We performed for the public on November 19th, 2023 at 3:00 PM. Theatre Club produced a spring musical, as well, with *MAMMA MIA!*. In total, we had 43 students involved in the production. We had 26 students as actors, 17 students as crew members, and even 2 faculty/staff members as production crew. This was a larger undertaking as we had auditions in December and started rehearsals in January. We performed "teasers" for not only Ste. Genevieve High School but also the Middle School. The MS teaser was on March 7th, 2024 and the HS teaser was on March 8th, 2024. For this production, we had 3 public performances on March 8th at 7:00 PM, March 9th at 7:00 PM, and March 10th at 3:00 PM. Theatre Club had a very successful school year for 2023-2024.

SPANISH CLUB - MRS. TERESA CABA

We made placemats for the nursing homes during Thanksgiving and Christmas. We wrote letters for the nursing home. We went to El Potosino and had a piñata for Cinco de Mayo. We had a Day of the Dead altar for All Souls Day.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - MR. RYAN MUELLER

- Field Trip to the Perryville Pumpkin Patch
- Field Trip to the movie theaters in Cape.
- Attended Cape Special Olympics where all students medaled in every event.
- Attended MAAA Special Olympics where again all students medaled in every event they participated in.
- All students qualified for State Special Olympics

COMPETITIVE SPEECH AND DEBATE - MRS. CHRISTIA WOLK AND MRS. BRE UZZELL

- Missouri East Speech Association:
 - Students competed in speech & debate events on 10/24/23, 11/7/23, 11/14/23 & 11/28/23.
 - At MESA finals, held on 12/12/23: Trey Bloom - Regional champion in Lincoln-Douglas debate (1st place), Alissa Grass - Regional champion in Informative Speaking. Jeremiah Kunz - 3rd place in Extemporaneous Speaking, Bennett Walls - 4th place in Storytelling AND Humorous Interpretation, Rae Winch - 2nd place in Poetry Reading
- Ladue/Clayton Invitational:
 - Both varsity students and novice students competed at either Clayton HS (varsity) or Ladue HS (novice) on November 17-18, 2023.
 - Aidan Lewis won 2nd in Novice Radio Speaking. Xanna Powell won 2nd place in Novice Storytelling. Kyler Gugel won 2nd place in Novice Poetry Reading. Bennett Walls won 3rd in Varsity Storytelling and 5th place in Varsity Humorous Interpretation.
- Lebanon Invitational:
 - Both varsity and novice students competed on December 1st - 2nd, 2023 at Lebanon High School in Lebanon, MO.
 - Jayden Rickman advanced to semi-finals in dramatic interpretation, Jeremiah Kunz advanced to semi-finals in informative speaking, and Charlie Corbett advanced to semi-finals in domestic extemporaneous speaking. Alissa Grass advanced to finals in Original Oratory and placed 1st, making her the novice invitational champion! Overall, our team placed 16th out of 42 teams!!!
- Marshfield Invitational:
 - Both varsity and novice students competed on January 5-6, 2024 at Marshfield High School in Marshfield, MO.
 - Qualifying for semi-finals: Kyler Gugel in Program of Oral Interpretation, Aidan Lewis in Radio Speaking, Jayden Rickman in Dramatic Interpretation, and Bennett Walls in both Storytelling and Humorous Interpretation. Bennett Walls also advanced to finals in both of his events. He ended up placing 3rd in Storytelling and was the invitational champion in Humorous Interpretation
- COMO Classic Invitational:
 - Both varsity and novice students competed on February 2 - 3 at Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, MO.
- MSHSAA District 7 state qualifying tournament:
 - SGHS hosted this tournament March 15-16, 2024
 - 20 schools from the district participated in the competition.
 - Qualifying for final rounds were: Trey Bloom - Lincoln Douglas debate, Kyler Gugel & Charlotte Mooney - Public Forum debate, Bennett Walls - Storytelling & Humorous Interpretation, Ayden White - Prose Reading, Jayden Rickman - Dramatic Interpretation, Jeremiah Kunz - Foreign

- Extemporaneous Speaking, Xanna Powell & Jayden Rickman - Duet Acting, Rae Winch - Poetry Reading, Alissa Grass - Original Oratory & Informative Speaking
- Qualifying for State were: Trey Bloom - LD debate, Kyler Gugel & Charlotte Mooney - PF debate, Shay Coleman & Emma Mittermeyer - Policy debate, Bennett Walls - HI and Alissa Grass - Informative Speaking
- The team won sweepstakes in both DEBATE & SPEECH. (1st place in District!)
- The SGHS Reader's Theater placed 2nd in competition this weekend as well.
- MSHSAA State Competition:
 - Held April 19-20 at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO
 - Competing were: Trey Bloom - LD debate (0-8), Kyler Gugel & Charlotte Mooney - PF debate (2-6), Shay Coleman & Emma Mittermeyer - Policy debate (3-5), Bennett Walls - HI and Alissa Grass - Informative Speaking

STARS - MR. JON ROBINSON, MR. JOE HULL, AND MRS. JOANN GREIN

- The STARS program had three students earn their high school diplomas during the 2023 - 2024 school year. They were A. J. West , Brennan Coffman , and Zach Rarick. Throughout the school year STARS students participated in service projects to assist throughout the school district. The service projects were :
- Sorting and organizing food pallets in the PAC storage area ,and then loading and delivering food bags to the Ste Genevieve Elementary School each week.
- Washing , drying , folding , uniforms for the boys basketball teams .
- Recycling paper and plastic throughout the Ste Genevieve High School.
- STARS students also went on numerous field trips to historical sites in Ste Genevieve National Historical Park. They visited the Green Tea Tavern and the Jean Baptiste Valle House.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - MR. KYLE SCHWEISS & MR. TYSON ROTH
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- **Officers:** Charlie Corbett (President), Anna Bennett, Sophia Huck, Ava Greer, Karlie Basler, Jacey Bauman
- **June**
 - Spring For Down Syndrome Event–Entire Council Volunteered Service
 - Lake Day Meeting–Entire Council 5 hours–lay out expectations, plan HoCo, back-to school
 - Fulton Leadership Academy– 3 Exec Members and a sophomore
- **July**
 - Campout–Entire Council–6 hours–Plan HoCo/Back-to-school

- **August**

- Freshman Orientation- volunteered members
- Jour de Fete Parking at the Museum–whole Council, 2 days, Fundraising
- 9th Grade Parent Night- volunteered members
- Back-to-school decoration–whole council
- Back-to-school welcoming–whole council
- Open House- volunteered members

- **September**

- Preparation for Homecoming- Committee based/whole council
- Voting for Homecoming Court

- **October**

- Homecoming Activities- committee groups/entire council
 - Dragon Feet Painting
 - Float Building
 - Spirit Week
 - Spirit Night
 - Powder Puff
 - Coronation
 - Homecoming Dance

- **November**

- MASC Southeast Districts @ Festus HS- selected group of members
- Veterans Day Luncheon- volunteered members
- Veterans Day Parade- volunteered members
- Veterans Day Assembly- volunteered members
- Blood Drive- volunteered members
- MODOT Trash Pick-Up- volunteered members

- **December**

- Freeze Out- volunteered members
- Lock-In- entire council 6 hours
- Christmas Decorations
- Christmas Caroling at local nursing homes
- Teacher Appreciation Gifts
- Trip to Sunshine Enrichment Center for Caroling and Bingo

- **January**

- Snowcoming preparation- entire council
- Bloomsdale Family Fun Night- volunteered group

- **February**

- Snowcoming week- committee groups/entire council
- Powder Buff Volleyball
- Rolly-Chair basketball
- Movie Night
- Challenger Basketball- volunteered members

- **March**

- MASC State @ Carthage HS-6 officers/members
Jellybean Helpers- volunteered group
- MODOT Trash Pickup- volunteered group
- Polar Plunge Fundraising & Event- entire council
- New President Applications

- **April**

- SOMO Unified Track Meet- entire council
 - Welcoming committee
 - Concession stand workers
- New President Elections / Exec member applications / New member applications

- **May**

- Election of new officers
- Election of new council members w/ write-ins
- New Council meeting for summer planning
- Field Trip to Sunshine Enrichment Center- entire council
 - Bingo
 - Council bonding
- Blood Drive- volunteered group

- **Year Long**
 - Update Calendar Board
 - Welcome New Students
 - Promote positive school climate and culture

TRI M INAUGURAL YEAR - MRS. MICHELLE JOKERST & MR. JOHN MOONEY

- November 2, 2023 Tri M Induction: 24 Members
- December 22, 2023 Christmas Caroling at the Ste. Genevieve Memorial Hospital
- March 9, 2024 Members of the Tri M Music Honor Society participate in the District Solo and Ensemble
- May 2, 2024 Trip to Fox Theater to see Moulin Rouge

YEARBOOK - MRS. JESSICA HARLOW

Yearbook students are working towards meeting the submission deadline of June 18 for the 2024 yearbook. We are on track to submit early and receive books in early August.

The 2023 book was inducted into the Walsworth Gallery of Excellence, and our Walsworth yearbook rep, Alyssa Moses, said the book we are currently finishing is on the list of inductees for the fall of 2024

STUDENT ATHLETIC RECOGNITION:

GIRLS GOLF – MRS. RACHEL MCDANIEL

Head Coach: Rachel McDaniel

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Mueller (Volunteer Assistant)

Conference Affiliation: N/A **Conference Record and Finish:** N/A

State Classification: Class 2 **District Number:** District 1 **District Finish:** 6th out of 11 teams

Please List any school records that were set during the season:

18 Hole Team Score Record

389 (+97 to par) - Ste. Genevieve Golf Club, Ste. Genevieve (Par 73)

Karlie Basler (92), Lillian Holman (94), Addisyn Heberlie (100), Eleanor McKlin (103), Hope Schmelzle (113)

September 12th, 2023

Team Captains: n/a

Season Record: Tournaments: 30-32; Matches: 11-5

Team Awards:

Spirit of the Game: Eleanor McKlin

Most Improved Player: Lillian Holman

Most Valuable Golfer: Karlie Basler

List All-Conference, Dream Team, All-Region, All-State, etc:**All District:** Karlie Basler and Eleanor McKlin**State Qualifiers:** Karlie Basler and Eleanor McKlin**Please list all letterman below:**

Karlie Basler

Addisyn Heberlie

Lillian Holman

Allison Loudenback

Eleanor McKlin

Hope Schmelzle

Linley Wehner

Results (List all games, locations, dates, and scores for all levels)**Varsity**

Date	Location	Opponents/Score
8/29	Crown Pointe Farmington, MO	SGHS 203 St. Pius 220 Valle 257 Farmington 291
8/30	Ste. Genevieve Golf Club Ste. Genevieve, MO	SGHS 204 St. Pius 219 Valle 251 Farmington 269
9/12	Bogey Hills Country Club St. Louis, MO	Lutheran South 219 Lutheran St. Charles 222 SGHS 230
9/19	Crown Pointe Farmington, MO	SGHS 211 Jackson 223 Farmington NTS Poplar Bluff NTS Cape Central NTS
9/26	Kimbeland Country Club Jackson, MO	Jackson 156 Cape Notre Dame 171 SGHS 196 Valle Catholic 230
9/28	Ste. Genevieve Golf Club Ste. Genevieve, MO	Jackson 158 SGHS 189 Valle Catholic 242
10/2	Ste. Genevieve Golf Club Ste. Genevieve, MO	SGHS 192 Poplar Bluff 198 Cape Central 209