



# KERRY BLUE



Week of  
May 27th, 2019

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## Important Dates to Remember

**DIRECT LINE TO CAMP KERRY** 792-3178 ext. 1000  
(after school hours)

**DIRECT LINE TO NOAH'S ARK** 792-7402

6/3	NYS Science Written Test—4th Grade
6/5	Band Concert 6:30 PM
6/7-8	School/Church Festival
6/8	Intermediate and Middle School Band performance 1PM
6/11	Piano Recital 10AM
6/12	Field Day—NA
6/13-17	Middle School Finals
6/14	Middle School Awards Night 6:30-8:00

### VOLUNTEER AT SMSA

**Popcorn Thursday** -PACE Opportunity! Please visit the PTSA bulletin board across the Great Hall to sign up for Popcorn Thursdays! If you are available from 1-3pm volunteers are needed to pop popcorn each Thursday. It's an easy way to get hours! You can also email Jane Barnes at [Blubyb3@aol.com](mailto:Blubyb3@aol.com) for more info and available dates. It is first come first serve.

**Camp Kerry** is looking for parent help. Camp Kerry hours are 2:30-5:30. You can choose the amount of time you would like to come help. Beginning in October we will also need extra help on Mondays and Wednesdays. This will count towards your PACE Hours.

### Attention 5th Grade Parents

If your student is entering sixth grade in the fall, he/she is required by New York State to receive a **Tdap vaccine**. Please make sure your child receives this before September. If you are unsure if your child has received this vaccine, please call Jennifer Ortiz, School Nurse, at 792-3178 and she can easily provide you this information!

### Attention 6th Grade Parents

If your student is entering seventh grade in the fall, he/she is required by New York State to receive a **Menigococcal vaccine**. Please make sure your child receives this before September. If you are unsure if your child has received this vaccine, please call Jennifer Ortiz, School Nurse, at 792-3178 and she can easily provide you this information!

Powerful Minds

Prayerful Hearts

Helpful Hands

**Musical Dates**

June 5th- Band Concert

June 7 and 8- church festival 1pm

June 11th- Piano recital

June 20th- graduation

Parents! New and returning families are seeking gently used uniform items for next year. Many thanks for checking closets for any uniform item in serviceable shape that could be donated to the Kerry Closet. (Gym items and girls jumpers especially!) Just send the clothes in marked "Kerry Closet" and we'll get them on the racks. Thank you for your generosity! The hand-me-downs are a tremendous blessing to many of our families!

# It's Yearbook Time!!!!



The 2019 yearbook is now on sale. Please be sure to reserve your yearbook. They will be distributed June 14, so please send in money ASAP to ensure your child gets a book! It is a beautiful yearbook, and our 8th graders have worked hard this year selling ads and designing pages.

## *IMPORTANT INFORMATION:*

*The cost of the yearbook is \$30. Please make checks payable to SMSA, or you can send cash (exact amount).*

*Please send money in a sealed envelope with your child's and homeroom teacher's names, and have it delivered to Miss Marshall.*

*It is first come, first serve for yearbooks, so don't wait until the last minute!*

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact Megan Marshall via email or phone:  
[mmarshall@smsarcs.org](mailto:mmarshall@smsarcs.org)/518-792-3178 x3301*

# THANK YOU!!

For the Kerry Blue... May 29, 2019

**Library Update!** I hope everyone enjoyed the recent Scholastic Book Fair! The school earned some Scholastic Dollars, too, which was nice! I use these dollars to purchase new items for the library or classroom collections. Special thanks to Samantha and Jane Barnes, and Kathy Brewer for invaluable help staffing the register that week, and to Mrs. Balmer and Mr. & Mrs. Kerpka who helped break down the fair at the end of the week.

I used Scholastic Dollars to purchase 57 books from the fair and more from the warehouse sale, held off-site the following week. I was especially impressed with the number of new history books offered for Middle School readers. Books on WWII are trending.

I love introducing new titles to our students! They get so excited about the latest book in a series they enjoy, or a new book by a favorite author.

Library classes are winding down for the year. Thank you so much for checking under beds, in closets, cars and at Grandma's for any library book that your child may not have returned to the library yet. Summer on my part will include ongoing weeding of our collection, processing new books, and gearing up for another wonderful year in the library come September.

What a year it has been! Students were eager to be in the library, listened to a variety of stories and poems throughout the year, gained confidence in independently navigating the space, and speaking during "book share." (Exposing students to what others are reading, and hearing book recommendations from peers, expands their knowledge of different genres/titles and helps students try something new to expand their reading repertoires.)

I encourage all parents to make reading part of your summer fun. Don't forget a book or two when you pack for vacation, or an audiobook for the car if you are hitting the road (How about an old fashioned map or atlas? Have your child help find your destination). Other suggestions are spooky stories around the campfire, and visits to the local public library (most have summer reading programs), local bookshops, or garage sales to pick up some great reads. Reading with a flashlight under a blanket fort or tent makes for great summer fun (and memories), too.

See you in September!

*Mrs. I*

*SMSA LIBRARY SERVICES...Fostering your child's capacity to lead a literate life.*

Please help the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders raise money  
for their class trip!!!

Empty returnable bottles and cans are  
being collected here at the school for  
a donation. Please make sure that they  
are returnable in New York State  
(check the label).

You may also take them to *It's Your  
Nickel Bottle and Can Return* and ask  
for the donation to be submitted to  
*the SMSA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class.*

*It's Your Nickel Bottle and Can Return*  
84 Dix Ave  
Glens Falls, NY 12801

Thanks to our SMSA Community for all  
of your help and support!!!