



The Spartan Times



Seward's 2024-2025 Fall Pep Rall !

By: Abby Orlando

Pep rally is the one day a year when the middle school and high school meet, let loose, cheer on our sports teams, and bring some school spirit! It gives students a fun-filled day to look forward to and signifies the start of the exciting homecoming weekend.

This year's pep rally started with the middle school and high school fall sports announcements, each team running through their decorated banners cheering themselves on as they ran out to the middle of the gym court. Our fabulous presenters who hosted that day were Hannah Perez and Treh Hicks. "It was really fun, I would love to do it in the winter as well," Hannah said. Hopefully Seward would be able to plan a winter pep rally as well, as our most recent one showed just how great another could be. Once all the teams made their way through, the games finally



began.

Starting with soccer and volleyball, the Seniors took home the win! Taylor Vogt and Izzee Sarki, both starting soccer players, earned the highest amount of points in the 2-minute soccer race. Alexiss Carmack, Jackie Tomassi, Abby Orlando, Wayne Williams, Joseph Stazseksi, and Sebastian Vargas participated in the relay, another take-home win. The following games were won by the Freshman and Juniors. The freshman, Emerson Dazi, won the frightening, yet



exciting game of tank commander, and Brennan Thomas took the win for musical chairs.

And last but not least, every grade participated in the human chain hula hoop game. Seniors again won the game in a landslide as they took home the last pep rally game. Throughout this exciting pep rally, senior superlatives and the homecoming court were announced as well. Listed are the following winners of the court...

Freshman: Lauren Scheuermann and Ryan Slesinski
Sophomores: Angelina Cifuni and Nick DeRosa
Juniors: Sophia LaBelle and Michael Sandor
Seniors: Shannon Maher and Lukas Jordi-Knipp



Seward's 2024-2025 pep rally was an absolute success! Thanks to the student council, administrators, volunteers, participants, and many more, students were able to enjoy an exciting day leading up to the big homecoming weekend!

Spartans Defend During Homecoming Weekend!

By: Abby Orlando



Following Seward's pep rally, girls JV and Varsity Volleyball played their homecoming game Friday night against our rival, the Chester Hamboltonians. Girls JV played a terrific game winning 2-1. Varsity also took home the win, this time they swept 3-0 (keeping their undefeated record of 11-0). There was a great turnout with fans showing their school spirit by wearing white as both teams defeated the Hamboltonians.

Girls and boys soccer played the following day on Saturday, boys playing Sullivan West and girls playing Chester. Boys varsity led, by William Steele, prevailed 5-1 as their final score. Andy Cotes earned a hat trick, scoring 3 goals, and Izzee Sarki scored 2 goals. Goalie Austin Harty made 7 stops as well, allowing the boys to keep their lead and finish the game. Girls soccer then played against Chester after the boy's game. Though the girls were not able to win on Saturday, they battled through the game and put up a good fight. Great job to all the Spartans who played and participated in Homecoming Weekend!



Senior Enrichment At Seward: Storm King Art Center

By Malina Grove

Friday, October 11 was the first Senior Enrichment trip of the 2024-2025 school year! Every year, the top 10% of the senior class is invited on a number of field trips throughout the year, organized through BOCES. October's trip, and the first of this year, was Storm King Art Center in New Windsor.



Accompanied with the top students of Middletown

High School, Seward seniors explored the 500-acre outdoor art center. Founded originally in 1960, Storm King Art Center has been constantly expanding in order to house new art pieces.

Many of the pieces emphasize their relationship with the surrounding landscape and nature. "It was profound," says Seward senior Taylor Vogt. Other upcoming Senior Enrichment trips include Olana Historic Site and Hamilton on Broadway!

Upcoming Sporting Events!

By Abby Orlando

Girls Varsit Soccer	Boys JV/Varsit Soccer
<p>10/22 - against Fallsburg @ Seward Soccer Complex (4:15) *SENIOR NIGHT</p> <p>10/24 - against Chester @ Chester Academy (4:15)</p>	<p>10/21 - against O'Neil @ James I O'Neil High School (4:15 & 6:15)</p> <p>10/22 - JV against Fallsburg @ Fallsburg High School (4:30)</p> <p>10/23 - VARSITY against Port Jervis @ Seward Soccer Complex (4) *SENIOR NIGHT</p>
Girls JV/Varsit Volle ball	Boys/Girls Cross Countr
<p>10/21 - against Monticello @ Seward (4:30 & 6) *SENIOR NIGHT</p> <p>10/23 - JV against Liberty @ Seward (4:30)</p> <p>10/28 - against Port Jervis @ Seward (4:30 & 6)</p> <p>10/30 - VARSITY against Tuxedo @ Tuxedo High School (5:15)</p>	<p>10/26 - against multiple schools @ Sanfordville Elementary School</p> <p>11/6 - CHAMPIONSHIP against multiple schools @ Bear Mountain State Park</p>

Starting the School Year At Seward: What's New?

By Malina Grove

As Seward students begin to settle into the new school year, they may be noticing some new changes around the building. Here are some notable new additions to Seward this year:

New Door Decor!

Perhaps the most striking addition are the decorations added to the main doors and gym entrances outside Seward. Now adorned with Spartan heads and Seward's trademark orange and blue, these entrances make Seward's exterior pop!

Remodeled Weight Room!

Though in some gym classes the football unit is in full swing, in the winter months students will be able to utilize the new and improved weight room! The weight room now features a variety of equipment, including ellipticals, treadmills, and weightlifting equipment.



Spirit Week

Overview b Sophia LaBelle

Spirit Week
9/21 - 9/27

Monday - PJ Day

Tuesday - Country vs. Country Club

Wednesday - Wayback Wednesday

Thursday - USA Day

Friday - Class Color Day
(See class advisor/guidance counselor for individual grade colors.)

Seward kicked off homecoming weekend in style through the first Spirit Week of the year! We started the week with *Pajama Day*, because aren't Mondays rough for everyone? It was a great way for the students to relax and get comfortable. Tuesday was *Country vs. Country Club*, which means you either dressed preppy or like a cowboy. I personally went with country because I love wearing flannels and boots. *Wayback Wednesday* was, you guessed it, Wednesday's theme. Students could pick a previous decade fashion of their choosing and replicate it. On Thursday the Spartans dressed up for *USA Day* during which they wore red, blue, white, or all three (if that was you, good job!). Then, to close the week out, Friday was *Class Color Day*, during which the students dressed in the color assigned to their grade level for

the Pep Rally that would occur that following afternoon. The students loved participating and can't wait for the next one!

More pictures from homecoming weekend:



Junior Job Shadow

Overview by Sophia LaBelle

Interested in a career? Want to learn more about it and get personal experience with it? Every year the juniors get a fantastic opportunity to participate in the Junior Job Shadow, which is run by Mrs. Scheibling. If interested, you'll be given an application from her which will ask the basics of the career you want to look into. Then you'll sit down with her one on one and she'll get an idea of your schedule and what specifically you'd like to look into regarding that job. She arranges for you to be excused from school for a day to shadow a career based on how far you were willing to travel. Ten students are participating this year, myself being one of them. I am going to the courthouse in Goshen on October 24 to shadow a family lawyer at Zucker's Law Offices, where I'll be watching conferences as well as trials occur and I'll also have time to speak to the lawyer one on one and ask questions. I can't wait for it! Autumn Monañez is looking into forensic science at NYSP MidHudson Crime Lab on October 16. This is a fantastic way to discover what you want to do when you graduate high school, so I highly encourage underclassmen to do it when the time comes.

Best Small Hudson Valle Bands Who YOU Should Know About

B Cricket Care

#7: The Georgia 5

BIO: The Georgia 5 are an 80's-themed cover band from Nanuet, NY. They've been playing music together for at least a decade, and pride themselves in being Rockland county's "Longest-Running 80's Party Band." Despite not having any original music, this band still has a very wide range of musical stylings. Since the first decade of MTV had so many different genres blowing up all at once, these guys have a lot to work with, and cover everything ranging from pop to rock to dance music.

MY REVIEW: I saw The Georgia 5 at Florida Family Fun Fest 2024 this past summer! There were a ton of excellent bands that played at both ends of Main Street that day, but I have to say, The Georgia 5 was probably my favorite. They're proof that you don't need to be famous, or even write original music to put on a great show. They played a ton of great songs that day, but I remember their cover of "Burning Down the House" by Talking Heads really sticking out as my favorite. I love how the band was even able to

make all of those cool synthesizer noises during the drum solo towards the end; that isn't always easy to do at a live performance.

WHERE TO CATCH THEM NEXT: As of this, The Georgia 5 has three upcoming live events. The first one is at Pearl River Day on Central Avenue in Pearl River, NY. It's on Saturday, October 19th from 11-6 PM, but you can see them starting at 4.



After that they're playing at Back Road Brewing Co. on Saturday, October 26th, from 6:30-9:30 PM. This is also the brewing company's annual Halloween party, so make sure you dress up!

And finally, the third upcoming show on this list is on Saturday, November 2nd at 9 PM at the Shannon Rose Irish Pub in Ramsey, NJ. I've never been, but Google made this place look really good, so you should probably go.

Why You Should Join Diversity Club!

By Cricket Carey

Well first things first, the number one reason why you should join Diversity club is because I'm the president this year, which automatically means it's going to be good. Well, maybe not automatically. But in all seriousness, it's become apparent to me within the past year that everyone here at Seward knows that Diversity club is a thing, but almost nobody actually attends it, which is a huge problem. So this year, now that I'm in charge (alongside Mr. Pascullo), I want to change that.

One of the most unique things about Diversity club is that, being true to our name, we welcome literally EVERYONE to join. Whether you're a middle schooler or high schooler, teacher or student, new kid or Florida native, the list goes on. This is a club where we welcome and embrace our differences in a safe environment where it's okay to express who you are, regardless of ethnicity, gender identity, religion, sexuality, etc.

The club started five years ago when my seventh-grade self approached the now-retired middle school guidance counselor, Ms. Martino, about starting a GSA club. Since then we've gone through a ton of changes, including the name of the club, who our advisor is, where and when we meet, and most importantly, what we do. That's been the one thing that's stayed constant since the beginning. Basically this club has been a safe space for people to come hang out at after school and maybe make some new friends, but this year things are going to step it up a little bit. We have plans of doing a ton of

fundraisers this year that'll support various charities and groups of people in need, especially in local areas. Diversity Club will of course continue to be a safe and welcoming environment, but now more than ever, we need new members! There have been far too many people in the past who wanted to join but were too nervous, and this year that needs to change.

So if you're reading this article, or happen to see a poster in the hallway, come stop by room 206 next Wednesday and see what's going on! Feel free to bring a friend and stay a while, because we'll always be happy to have you.



Other Seward Clubs!

By Violet Collins



STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WANTED FOR A STUDENT-MADE FILM PROJECT!

Open your phone's camera app, hover it over the code, and then click the link that pops up on your screen!



Even if you aren't comfortable having your face on camera, there are still ways you can help us out!

The Literary Magazine & Newspaper clubs are making a promotional video to help gain popularity. In this video we're going to interview people, so that we can hear their thoughts and opinions on our work. Even if you've never heard of the school newspaper or magazine, we'd still love to hear your feedback and get it in the video. Please scan the QR code above and fill out the form if you're interested in participating! We need as many people in this as possible.

—Created by Cricket Care

Sudoku

By: Abby Orlando

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