



**Cattaraugus Territory**

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## **2015 – 2016** **Services & Incentives Information** **and Enrollment Packet**

This packet of services, incentives and upcoming events was created in order to keep the community informed of the ways the Education Department can assist your student(s).

There is a description of each program to highlight the service or event to help parents decide which programs they feel would best benefit their student(s).

The last page in this packet is the enrollment form. It is designed to make enrolling for services easy with limited paperwork to be filled out.

Our department has created surveys in order to determine interests and needs that the parents/guardians, teachers, administrators and students feel would improve the services and programs we offer. Please visit the websites listed below to fill them out.

Families Survey on Services: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SNB2SB15>

Johnson O'Malley Needs Assessment: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/SNJOM15>

## Cattaraugus Education Department 2015 – 2016 School Year

The Seneca Nation Department of Education – Cattaraugus Territory, uses classroom newsletter, Education Review, Program Announcements, department produced DVDs/CDs/podcasts, Education Department Facebook account, as well as the SNI Newsletter and other area publications to publicize student educational accomplishments to promote SNI Department of Education programs/activities and to provide public information.

By agreeing to allow your child to participate in the 2015-2016 school year programs and events, his/her name, photo/video, and or creative work may be included in any of the SNI Department of Education publication sources listed above. These publications keep parents involved in their child’s education program, allow family members from out of town the ability to see what is happening in our programs and most importantly increase the enthusiasm of our students.

### **Remind 101 Enrollments**

The Seneca Nation Department of Education- Cattaraugus Territory, implemented a notification system last year in order to keep families and community members informed about major events, cancellations and other important information centered within the Education Department. These notifications can come as an email or text message directly to a mobile device. Please consider enrolling this year to stay informed about vital information involving our students and community.

If you are interested, please enroll using the following methods:

#### **Email**

Send an email **To:** [sncatted@mail.remind.com](mailto:sncatted@mail.remind.com)

With the **Subject:** Remind 101

With the **message:** *you can leave body of the message blank*

#### **Cell Phone**

Send a text **To:** 81010

With the **Message:** @sncatted

### **Academic Assistance Services Program (AASP)/ Johnson O’Malley (JOM)**

The Seneca Nation Department of Education – Cattaraugus Territory has a staff of 15 that operate tutoring services within the Tri-District Public Schools that series the Native American students identified by the Title VII program. Our staff assists students with academic subjects, study skills and organizational skills that promote successful transition and completion of public school education in grades K-12. Below is a list of the staff:

Assistant Director for K-12 Education: Joel Blasdell 716.532.3341 ext. 5138

Program Assistant: Jamie Wallschlaeger 716.532.3341 ext. 5143

Native School Councilor: Caitlin Snyder 716.532.3341 ext. 5144

<b>GOWANDA</b>	<b>LAKE SHORE</b>	<b>SILVER CREEK</b>
Elementary – <i>Faith Stewart</i>	JT Waugh – <i>Bryon Bobseine</i>	Elementary – <i>Stephanie Gernatt</i>
Elementary Teach. Asst – <i>Judy Driscoll</i>	AJ Schmidt – <i>Amanda Sobczyk</i>	
Middle School - <i>Vacant</i>	Middle School- <i>Elizabeth Best-Laurie</i>	Middle School – <i>Neil John Hilliker</i>
Middle Teacher Asst – <i>Anne Foit</i>		
High School – <i>Charity Hill</i>	High School – <i>Jillian Schmitt</i>	High School – <i>Aimee Sleeth</i>
	Native Studies Teacher – <i>Dylan Penner</i>	Native Studies Teacher – <i>Dylan Penner</i>

The teachers are in the buildings to assist your student(s) to achieve success with their academic pursuits. They are also available to work with parents/guardians so please don’t hesitate to reach out to them with concerns and support.

## **Cattaraugus Education Department 2015 – 2016 School Year**

### **Native American School Counselor**

The Seneca Nation Education Department is pleased to announce the addition of a Native American School Counselor as a component of the student services it provides. This position will serve as an advocate and collaborate with the Tri-District Native American support staff representatives and the counseling department staff members from the Silver Creek Central School District, Lake Shore Central School District and the Gowanda Central School District. The focus will be to assist in the academic, career and personal/social needs of our students. New initiatives will focus on career readiness and youth empowerment strategies for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This position will be able to provide presentation utilizing prevention and intervention strategies. In developing responsive services it is noted that student school attendance is a priority as well as the holistic well-being of our students and our community at large. Collaboration with the schools, parents/guardians, and the community members is the key when it comes to the future of our Native youth.

### **Seneca Nation AmeriCorps Program**

AmeriCorps is a national service program designed to recruit and utilize volunteers to assist in the Cattaraugus Education Department mission. AmeriCorps members are not “employees”, they are national service volunteers who receive a livable allowance, an education award upon completing their contractual obligation to the Seneca Nation AmeriCorps program. The member’s core mission is to focus on three priorities:

1. Provide academic assistance to students struggling in ELA & Math proficiencies in various sites located in Gowanda, Lake Shore and Silver Creek districts and the Saylor building.
2. Assist in raising awareness in the Seneca community regarding emergency preparation for future natural disasters.
3. Supplement Seneca Nation efforts to encourage and expand students’ appreciation of their language, culture and history.

Seneca Nation AmeriCorps Program new initiative will train and utilize a corps of capable, committed individuals to work with students K-8 challenged by ELA & Math proficiency. Its members will be providing academic coaching to students in 1:1 or small groups to facilitate students’ improvement.

The program is currently under construction and is currently recruiting members (generally 18+) to work as Academic Coaches. The startup date is set for November 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions regarding AmeriCorps can be directed to Dan Klice, AmeriCorps Program Manager. He can be reached at 716.532.3341 ext 5178. Or email: [Daniel.Klice@sni.org](mailto:Daniel.Klice@sni.org) If interested in having your child receive **AmeriCorp Tutoring**, indicate so on Enrollment Form.

### **Community Education & Culture Program**

The Seneca Nation of Indians Department of Education’s Community Education and Culture Program offers in-school, after-school and adult learning services both on territory and within the tri-district schools. Students have the opportunity to participate in language and culture programming and courses. We provide Seneca Language instruction at the Lake Shore middle school and high school in order for students to meet their foreign language requirements for graduation. We also provide educational classes in general interest areas for the community.

The **After School Culture Program** is for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and will begin in September. This program will be four one-week sessions (once per quarter) at each district throughout the school year. During this program, students will have the opportunity to learn about many different traditional cultural arts.

Community education and cultural classes will also resume this fall. These will be evening classes open to the community to participate. Please watch for notices and flyers to be posted throughout the year.

Any questions regarding these programs may be directed to Amy White, Assistant Director for Lifelong Learning at 716.532.3341 ext 5147.

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### **Native American Studies Program**

The Seneca Nation Department of Education – Cattaraugus Territory, will again offer the Native American Studies Program for the 2015-2016 school year. The program hosts a Native Studies instructor who works within the tri-districts in order to provide Native based elective and variance courses in order to ensure our students can continue to reinforce their culture while still receiving credit toward graduation.

The **Iroquois Studies** course seeks to teach students the skills necessary for them to not only appreciate and understand the cultural history of the Haudenosaunee, but to examine the many ways they have impacted North America. From the creation of a League of Five Nations, improvement of crop varieties, involvement in conflicts, and development of political activism the Haudenosaunee helped shape America into the nation it is today. In Gowanda, Silver Creek and Lake Shore Central schools the course is offered as a variance for senior students who are exempt from Government and Economics by taking the course.

The **Native American Culture Thru Film** course seeks to teach students the skills necessary for them to not only appreciate and understand the cultural history of all indigenous peoples, but to examine how film has evolved to include their culture. The course utilizes contemporary historical and cultural films in order to reinforce Native and European interactions, but also to allow students to explore effects of these interactions on the parties involved.

If students are interested in any of these courses, parents can express that interest on the last page of the packet. **(Native American Studies Courses)** The Native American Studies teacher will be in contact with the parents and guidance staff to ensure students get the opportunity to attend the courses.

### **Home Work Help**

The Seneca Nation Department of Education – Cattaraugus Territory, will again offer Home Work Help for the 2015-2016 school year. The Home Work Help service will be offered both within the school buildings and on the territory. The AASP/JOM teachers offer additional time after school hours to students in order to re-teach core concepts, assist in homework completion, and many of our staff run after school programs that support student enrichment with their academics. The service will also be offered on the territory from 3:45 until 5:15pm Monday thru Thursday. The target grade levels for Homework Help will be 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Start date is 9/22/15. This service requires sign up by parents. You can do so utilizing the Enrollment form on the last page of this packet.

### **Sylvan Learning in Williamsville, NY**

The Seneca Nation Department of Education – Cattaraugus Territory, will again offer Sylvan Learning tutoring for the 2015-2016 school year. The Sylvan Learning offers students the opportunity to get one-on-one tutoring. The program is located in Williamsville, NY and transportation is not provided. There are a limited number of spots available. If interested, please indicate that on the Enrollment Form (last page of packet) and we will contact you.

The department is currently reviewing last year's services on the Cattaraugus Territory. After review has been completed, the program could be funded again for the 2015-2016 school year beginning in November or December. Look for more information in the future and keep in touch with the department.

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**Instrument Rental**

The Seneca Nation Department of Education – Cattaraugus Territory, will again offer Instrument Rental. This service is to assist with the rental fees associated with student participation in school sponsored musical programs or band. The funds are distributed on a first come first served basis until funds are expended. If interested, please pick up the application with information on requirements at the Cattaraugus Education Department.

**R.E.A.C.H. and Student of the Quarter Incentives**

**R.E.A.C.H.** is an acronym that stands for Responsibility, Excellence, Achievement, Community, and Honor. The program contains three components targeting achievements, attendance and citizenship and is designed to provide tangible incentives for students willing to put forth the effort to reach their full potential.

Any Native American student eligible for Title VII services, attends one of the tri-district schools, or receives services from the Department of Education-Cattaraugus Territory may participate in the R.E.A.C.H. Program. Students do NOT have to attend AASP/JOM in order to participate.

The **Student of the Quarter** selection is designed to reward students for exhibiting consistent effort, good attendance, strong academics, good citizenship, school spirit, and community service. The AASP/JOM teachers select up to one student per grade level per building. Those selected students get an incentive and recognition in the AASP/JOM Newsletter.

More specific program descriptions are available at the Education Department.

**Varsity Scholar Athlete Award, Senior Incentive Award and Native Success Scholarships**

Each year the Education Department offers several scholarships and incentives at the high school level in order to celebrate the success of our students. The Varsity Scholar Athlete Awards is a reward for students that exemplify balancing school work with sports. The Senior Incentive and Native Success Scholarship reward graduating seniors that demonstrate their desire to pursue higher education and commitment to their community. Each incentive has an application with requirements that students must meet in order to be eligible to apply for the award.



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 Date Stamp

**Release and Enrollment Form**

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	DISTRICT		
		Silver Creek	Lake Shore	Gowanda
		Silver Creek	Lake Shore	Gowanda
		Silver Creek	Lake Shore	Gowanda
		Silver Creek	Lake Shore	Gowanda

**Parent/Guardian**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Text? Y N Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: Y N

**Emergency Contacts** (In the event of not being able to reach the parent above, the following people will be contacted)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Text? Yes No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Text? Yes No

***\*\*Additional contacts may be added on the back of this form\*\****

**Student Image, Work, Data and Media Release Form:**

I understand that in order to provide the proper academic assistance to my student(s) the Education Department staff and teachers need access to files and student data related to my student. I also acknowledge that any files collected are kept confidential and used solely for JOM or department related purposes. By checking the lines below, I acknowledge that the Education Department staff will be permitted access to the following school related files. This access will be granted from the date listed below until my student(s) graduate from high school. I also acknowledge that this access can be cancelled at any time through a formal letter to the Education Department.

- Student Work Samples: I DO give permission I DO NOT give permission
- Student Data/IEP/Grades: I DO give permission I DO NOT give permission
- Student Image/Media: I DO give permission I DO NOT give permission

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**R.E.A.C.H**

This year the REACH Program will hold open enrollment for any Native American student that meets the qualifications for Title VII services at Lake Shore, Gowanda, or Silver Creek Central School Districts. All students will be eligible for quarterly incentives and final trip at the end of the year, unless parent opt-out of the incentive.

**To opt out:** I am choosing to opt my student(s) out of the REACH program. By checking this box, my student(s) **will not be eligible** for any incentives related to this service.

**Education Department Student Services/Program Enrollment:**

By checking the boxes, I am requesting additional information about the services offered through the SNI Department of Education – Cattaraugus Territory. I understand that each of these services might be limited in scheduling availability so spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis according to needs of the student or programing requirements.

- Native American Studies Course(s)**
- After-School Culture Program**
- Sylvan Learning Center**
- AmeriCorps Tutoring**
- Homework Help**