

# STRONGER TOGETHER

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



**CHARTIERS VALLEY**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT | *Inspiring excellence.*



## THE CV MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, A COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO SHARED LEADERSHIP, IS TO GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE PERSONAL SUCCESS BY PROVIDING AN EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMIC FOUNDATION IN A SAFE, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT THAT INSPIRES CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION WHILE EMBRACING DIVERSITY.

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# LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings Chartiers Valley Families and Community,

This year certainly has been like no other that we have ever experienced or could have imagined. The challenges we faced have required cooperation, resiliency, determination, and flexibility from all of us. Many of you took on new and unexpected roles and managed to balance it all with grace and positivity.

As we look back on the challenges we have overcome together, I am proud and humbled by all we have accomplished together. Chartiers Valley School District stood strong and united, providing families with several options to accommodate various needs and comfort levels during such a tumultuous time. Our students continued their learning and academic progress amid school closures in many other districts, regionally and nationally.

I am hopeful that the upcoming school year will look and feel like one we may be more comfortable with, but I would be remiss if I did not mention how grateful I am to each of you for your perseverance throughout the past year. Yes, it was challenging, but we overcame so very much. We have indeed become Stronger Together!

**IT IS A GREAT DAY TO BE A COLT!**

*Johannah M. Vanatta*

**Dr. Johannah Vanatta**  
Superintendent of Schools





“

IF EVERYONE IS MOVING  
FORWARD TOGETHER,  
THEN SUCCESS TAKES  
CARE OF ITSELF. ”

- HENRY FORD





# BUDGET AND FINANCE

## COMMUNITIES THAT INVEST IN YOUTH PROSPER!

The Chartiers Valley School District approved the 2021-2022 final budget during the June 15, 2019 school board meeting. The final budget totals \$72,158,944.

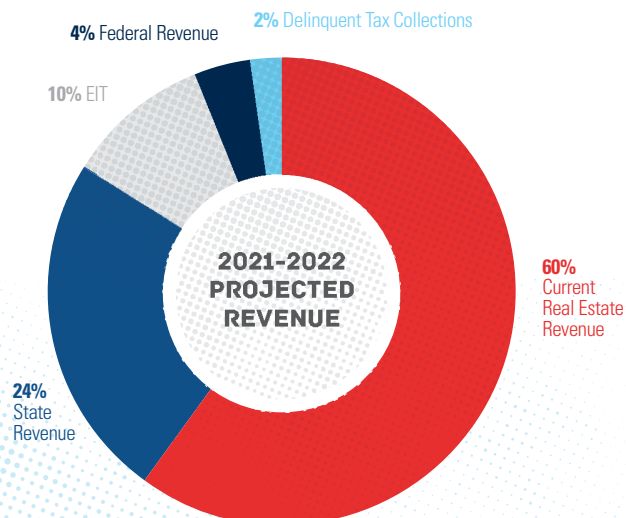
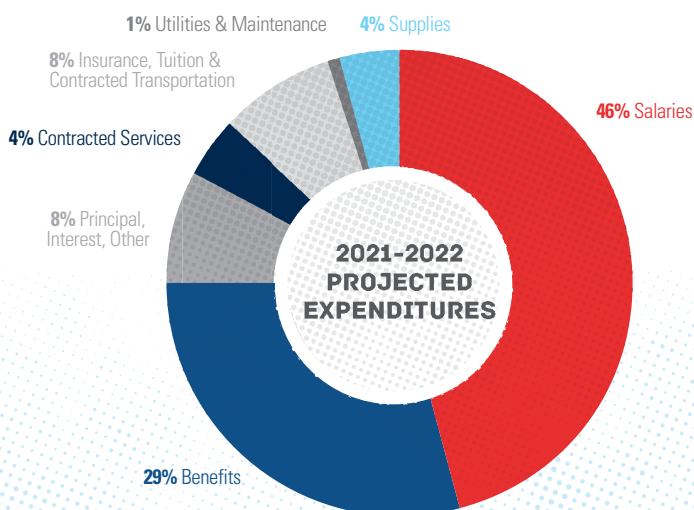
This year, the average owner of a \$131,400 home will pay about \$5.98 more per month in property taxes with the new millage rate of 18.758. The previous millage rate was 18.2118.

As Director of Finance Patricia Connolly has presented at several school board meetings, public schools across the state are facing rising costs and expenses. Chartiers Valley and many other districts contribute significantly to the state pension system (PSERS), charter school tuition payments and other mandated costs, all of which are out of the District's control.

State and federal funding, however, does not match the cost of providing mandated services and benefits, leaving a large gap to be filled by local taxpayers.

Furthermore, several Chartiers Valley School District facilities are in need of updating in the near future in order to continue providing our children with safe and comfortable learning environments. These capital improvements include updates at the Intermediate School, Primary School and secondary athletic facilities.

Even with this increase, Chartiers Valley continues to have one of the lowest millage rates in Allegheny County. To view the entire 2021-2022 budget, visit [www.cvsd.net](http://www.cvsd.net).





# ACADEMICS

The past year has seen a lot of progress in terms of academics and programs at all Chartiers Valley School District schools. Here are some of the highlights:

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

With students learning from home, whether full-time or hybrid, the District responded to a significant need for electronic learning devices and provided each and every student K-12 with a school-issued device. Prior to the 2020-2021 school year, the middle and high school students were issued devices. This year, the District is 100% 1-to-1 (student-to-device).

The PS added Technology to its special classes. Students in Kindergarten through second grade learn the basics of how to use technology, including their school-issued iPads, and about positive digital citizenship.

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The IS joined the Middle and High Schools as a No Place for Hate School. This distinction, supported by the Anti-Defamation League, recognizes schools for combating bias and bullying as a means to stop the escalation of hate.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School added a gratitude program called GiveThxs, an online system that allows students to send thank you notes to teachers and classmates.

## HIGH SCHOOL

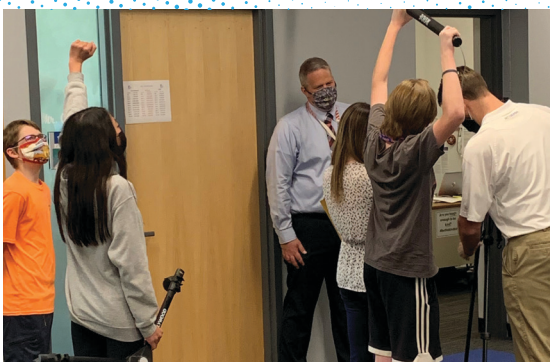
### New Courses

The High School added several art courses which allow students to focus more specifically on certain media.

### New Clubs

The High School added two new clubs. SHOUT, which stands for Social Handprints Overcoming Unjust Treatment, is a student diversity committee focused on making the school culturally aware and responsive for its students and staff.

The Environmental Club creates awareness of environmental issues, such as conservation and restoration, while empowering students to make positive changes that impact Earth.





### School Store

The High School opened a school store, which is a collaborative project among students in both business and life skills classes. The students gain an understanding of everything from stocking inventory and handling cash to entrepreneurial accounting and business strategies.

### DISTRICT

#### Remote Learning

With the impact of COVID-19 on public schools, the structure of typical brick and mortar classroom environments has changed. Students are no longer learning solely by sitting in a physical classroom environment. The Chartiers Valley School District understands this evolution and has adapted to it in a proactive, rather than reactive, manner. Teachers are now providing instruction to students in online classrooms through the CV Cyber Academy.

While CV Cyber Academy existed pre-pandemic, it has offered families an option for fully remote learning in a year when it was needed most. Our students were able to continue learning from the teachers they know and love, via remote learning platforms like Schoology and Google Classroom. This program also helped to retain families who may have otherwise chosen to enroll in cyber charter schools, which can cost the District up to \$28,000 annually per student.

#### Unity Committee

The District initiated a Unity Committee, including representatives from all stakeholder groups, including students, parents, administrators, teachers and community members. The mission of the Committee is promote a culturally responsive, safe learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff through conversation and connection.

#### Common Sense District

The District is a Common Sense District, with all four schools having earned the distinction through Common Sense Education, for our commitment to deep implementation of Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum. Earning the Common Sense School badge is a symbol of CV's dedication to helping students think critically and use technology responsibly to learn, create and participate.

## CV BY THE NUMBERS

**3,302** Total students

2020 percentage of free and reduced meals **28.95%**

**162** Total English learners

### AP HONOR ROLL 2020

**25** AP courses

**231** students enrolled in AP courses

**493** AP exams taken

**69%** of exams taken earned scores of 3+

**100%** of AP Art students scored a 3+  
**80%** or more students in the following courses scored 3+  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Psychology  
AP Seminar  
AP Mechanics

### PSSA

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pennsylvania Department of Education waived the PSSA exams for the 2019-2020 school year. Therefore, no data is available.

### CLASS OF 2020

Graduation rate: **97.3%**

(COMPARED TO THE STATE AVERAGE OF 86.5%)

Average QPA: **3.485**

SAT Average Score: **1125**

ACT Average Score: **24**

*NOCTI Career & Technical Standardized Exam was not given in 2020*





# AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

This past school year, our students accomplished many great things in the areas of academics, community, athletics, and music and the arts.



## ROTARY AWARDS (MS)

Six CVMS students received awards from the Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club and the Harry W. Buzzatto Memorial Fund for their commitment to community service.

Kate Bittner, Julian Semplice, Brady Baranowski, Lania Fichtenmayer, Mia Dzuba and Luke Hinds each won a \$50 gift card.



## HIGH SCHOOL RANKED IN THE TOP 15% OF HIGH SCHOOLS

U.S. News and World Report ranked Chartiers Valley High School in the top 15% of high schools in the country. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college.

## BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Chartiers Valley School District has been honored for the third consecutive year with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.



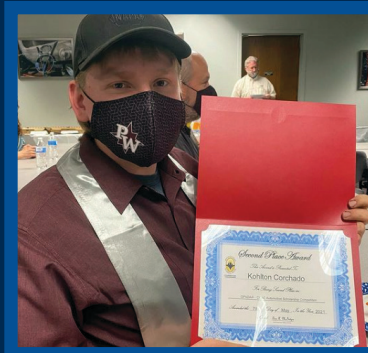
## NASRO REGIONAL EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

School Safety Coordinator and Police Officer John Bruner was awarded the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Regional Exceptional Service Award for his contribution to safety and service.



## GLOBAL EDUCATOR

PA State Modern Languages Association named High School French teacher Karen Belcastro a Global Educator for her commitment to furthering interculturality and global competence in her students. Students Yulia Davyda, Anne Drury, Anna Francis and Shanthi Mayadam were also honored as Global Scholars.



## PARKWAY CTC AWARDS

Parkway CTC / CVHS student Kohlton Corchado earned a \$10,000 scholarship from the Greater Pittsburgh Automobile Dealers Association (GPADA). Kohlton will be attending the Pennsylvania College of Technology to study Heavy Equipment Technology in the fall.

Kassidy Kennedy was selected as Parkway West CTC's Freshman of the Year for her exemplary work in the Cosmetology program.





## NORTHERN AREA GIFTED CONSORTIUM MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Twenty four 8<sup>th</sup>-grade gifted and talented students represented Chartiers Valley at the Northern Area Gifted Consortium mock trial competition. Those students made up four legal teams (two prosecutions, two defense) in the third-degree case of Developer Tatum Zillias vs. the State of Pennsylvania.

Nearly 40 legal teams participated in the competition. CV's teams were paired against Pine-Richland, North Hills, Shaler, and Highlands. All CV teams won their cases.

The following students were awarded as the best attorneys in their rooms: Gwen Horzempa, Ajay Ohmnathan, Louis Pisaneschi, and Maddie Hansen.

These students were awarded as best witnesses in their room: Maddie Bunyunezi, Maddie Cioccio, Eva Kulbago, and Grace Giles.



## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Junior Aislin Malcom was selected as the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year for embodying the values of leadership, service, academic excellence and healthy lifestyles. Aislin completed a rigorous application and interview process to be considered for this prestigious honor.

## NFHS PA COACH OF THE YEAR

Lorie Poe was selected as the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Pennsylvania Track and Field Coach of the Year.



## WESTERN PA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND COMPETITION

The pandemic couldn't hold back Chartiers Valley from competing in the Western PA Odyssey of the Mind competition. Our amazing coaches Jess Asti, Sarah Janco, Lisa Stahlman and Mary Mastren-Williams found creative solutions to ensure that students had the chance to participate in virtual competitions.

All teams moved to the state level of competition this year, and Team Asti of the IS moved onto the WORLDS competition! The WORLDS results still are not in, and we wait to see if they have won. All of the students who participated in this event have dedicated many extracurricular hours to teamwork and creativity. Our program continues to grow and we look forward to expanding the number of teams in the 2021-22 year.



## JA STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Eighth-grader Wesley Madge was featured as the first-ever Junior Achievement Student of the Week and featured on the Rick Dayton show on KDKA Radio.

## DECA COMPETITION

High school and college students from all over the world compete to solve problems in the areas of marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

Although events are being held virtually this year, the shift to remote competitions has not swayed the CV team. Five Chartiers Valley students earned 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their respective events at the District 2 DECA competition in December.

The following students qualified for states at the district competition:

Josie Jones:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Quick Service Restaurant Management  
Honora Armfield:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Logistics

Allison Moses:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Business Services Marketing

Alessandra Zervanos:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Apparel & Accessories Marketing

Derek Armfield & Liam Pederson:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Marketing Management  
Team Decision Making



## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES CONTINUED

### ATHLETICS



#### DANCE TROUPE

The Dance Troupe competed in the National Competition virtually this year, due to pandemic travel restrictions. That didn't stop them from achieving top scores. They won 4<sup>th</sup> place in Hip Hop, 8<sup>th</sup> place in Game Day and 12<sup>th</sup> place in Jazz.



#### SCHOOL POLE VAULT RECORD

Bridget Schneider broke the school pole vault record (previously 9'0") with a 9'1" vault, and then she broke it again just days later with a vault of 9'3".



#### PIAA WRESTLING SUPER REGIONALS

Sophomore Dylan Evans placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the PIAA Wrestling Super Regionals, advancing to the PIAA State Championships where he placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state in the 138-pound weight class.



#### BOYS HOCKEY

The boys hockey team competed in the PIHL Penguins Cup Championship game for the first time since 1990. While the team was defeated by Indiana High School, they are hopeful for another successful season next year!

**24 STUDENT ATHLETES FROM THE CLASS OF 2021 WILL FURTHER THEIR ATHLETIC CAREERS AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL NEXT YEAR.**





## WPIAL FINALS IN CROSS COUNTRY

Kate Pipilo and Abby Betts qualified for the WPIAL finals in Cross Country.

The following athletes qualified for the Track and Field WPIAL Championships.

### Girls

Emma Laughlin - 100 & 200  
 Kate Pipilo - 1600  
 Eva Kulbago - 1600  
 Bridget Schneider - Pole Vault  
 Girls 4x800 - Alyssa Dunn, Eva Kulbago, Kate Pipilo, Dani Thornton, Riley Thornton & Rachel White  
 Girls 4x400 - Alyssa Dunn, Eva Kulbago, Emma Laughlin, Mackenzie Minney, Kate Pipilo & Rachel White

### Boys

Jordan Demus - 200  
 Kaden Crump - 800  
 Max Lewis - High Jump  
 Jacob Adwar - Discus  
 Patrick Marsh - Javelin  
 Boys 4x800 Relay - Kaden Crump, Brandon Ferguson, Santo Riccardi, Landon Smith, Ethan Snyder  
 Boys 4x100 Relay - Chase Dalbon, Jordan Demus, Max McGinnis, Patrick Marsh, Lamont Payne & Elgin Smith

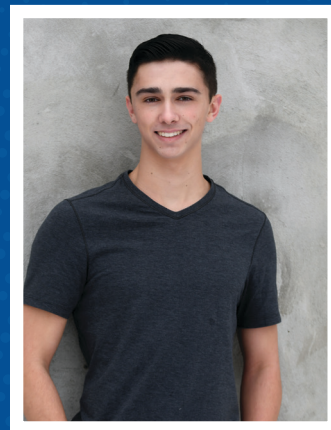


## GIRLS BASKETBALL - WPIAL CHAMPS

The Girls Basketball team broke the PIAA state record for most consecutive wins for a girls basketball team with 64 straight wins. This streak led them to a WPIAL championship title, which was their third consecutive season as champions, and a 2<sup>nd</sup>-place in the PIAA 5A playoffs.

## HOMECOMING COURT

While gathering restrictions prevented the Class of 2021 from hosting its traditional fall Homecoming festivities, the seniors had the opportunity to nominate a court and honor the king and queen at a girls basketball game this winter. The Homecoming Court was also recognized during all High School lunch periods and enjoyed a professional photoshoot.



**KING:** Jackson Chippich



**QUEEN:** Allison Moses

While traditional Homecoming festivities were canceled due to gathering restrictions, the Class of 2021 nominated a Homecoming Court and crowned the King and Queen, Jackson Chippich and Allison Moses, during a basketball game in February.

### Members of the Court

**included:** Allison Moses, Ashley Collura, Honora Armfield, Leah Hawthorne, Tara Flohr, Anthony Collura, Isaac Minetti-Houser, Jackson Chippich, Socrates Skulos-Boulis & Sam Pocci.





# COVID-19 RESPONSE

## PIVOT TO REMOTE LEARNING

As we worked to pivot, adapt and prepare to support our students in the midst of a pandemic, one thing remained constant—our commitment to providing a robust education while protecting the health and safety of all students and staff. We called on all members of the community to help build a safer even stronger community. Thanks to the joint efforts of our students, staff, and families, we are stronger today than ever!

### MARCH 2, 2020

District correspondence to parents referencing COVID-19 and the importance of washing hands and staying home if ill.

### MARCH 13, 2020

In collaboration with other area school districts, at 2:00 pm, CV made the difficult decision to close temporarily. We had 90 minutes to put together take-home packets for hundreds of elementary school students. Thankfully all students in grades 6-12 had school-issued laptops.

**At 3:20 p.m.,** Governor Wolf announced state-wide school closures with different provisions than what we had expected. Our plan was no longer valid.

### MARCH 11, 2020

School leaders gathered for deliberation and calculated planning for an impending closure. The group, including board members, administrators, unions and teachers, discussed technology needs, take-home packets, and the far-reaching impact of a school closure.

### MARCH 15, 2020

Our team regrouped quickly! We identified the issues with closure, prioritized and problem solved. Just three days after the Governor's school closure announcement, CV's dedicated team of educators began providing distance learning opportunities and resources to students and parents. School leaders developed a Continuity of Education Plan with the philosophy that remote learning is vastly different than the traditional methods of learning with which we are accustomed. Thanks to the patience, hard work, and commitment of our faculty, staff, students and parents, the District was able to continue providing enriching academic programming and resources for all of our students in K-12.

**Technology:** With instruction transitioning to an online environment so suddenly, some students found themselves without the technology needed to access learning opportunities. While CV Middle and High Schools boast one-to-one student-to-device ratios, elementary students do not have individual District-issued devices. CV responded proactively by loaning devices to families without personal computers, tablets, etc. By fall of 2020, every single CV student was issued a school device — iPads for grades K-2 and Chromebooks for grades 3-12.

**Food Service:** The Nutrition Group and cafeteria staff were on-site daily since March, providing thousands of meals to families learning remotely.

**Mental Health:** School counselors continue to support those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting social and emotional hardships by reaching out to individual families, sharing "Mindful Monday" videos and providing resources. High School counselors are remotely guiding our seniors through new college admissions and scholarship processes.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NURSES



Michelle Opferman



Bobbi Spak



Kayla Pugliese



Kelly Koslow

Throughout the pandemic, at a time when health and wellness are at the forefront, Chartiers Valley's nursing staff has worked tirelessly to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

Head Nurse Michelle Opferman, with the support of each school nurse, has served as the school's pandemic coordinator. She is the liaison for health departments. In accordance with state and local guidelines, she was pivotal in developing District processes and procedures for identifying positive cases, contact tracing, and minimizing spread. She also helped to create a positive case tracker to provide transparency to our families and staff. Thanks to her efforts, CVSD has been able to remain open to in-person for all but a few days this school year.

Additionally, Nurse Opferman organized both the employee and student vaccination clinics, making COVID-19 vaccines accessible to those who qualified.

### MAY 2020

While many of the end-of-the-year traditions were thwarted by the COVID-19 situation, CV faculty and staff improvised by creating virtual banquets, drive-through celebrations, and videos of encouragement.

### AUGUST 13, 2020

The board approved two options for returning students — hybrid (2 days in-person/3 days remote) OR fully remote via CV Cyber Academy.

### SUMMER 2020

The District established a Reopening and Planning Taskforce in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year. Over the summer, we surveyed parents and teachers, met with medical professionals, measured classrooms to determine occupancy and social distancing, conducted remote open-table discussions, and discussed topics like reopening plans, cyber teams, hybrid options, and asynchronous/synchronous learning.

COVID-19 cases seemed to be declining, and then they skyrocketed again. It seemed impossible to establish a solid plan for a full reopening, so again, we adapted. We acknowledged that students learn best in person, but that the pandemic was real and a valid fear among so many of our families.

### AUGUST 24, 2020

Students started school on time, and by October 5, we were able to safely recommend a 4-day in-person option.

Throughout the school year, we continued to offer three learning pathway options: 2-day hybrid, 4-day hybrid and fully remote. We proactively closed for a few days after holiday breaks, in order to mitigate the potential in-school spread following family gatherings and travel. Our positive case counts have increased enough to warrant closure only a couple of times the entire school year.

### Employee vaccine clinic: February 5, 2021

Head Nurse Michelle Opferman made it her mission to bring an employee vaccine clinic to CV. She worked with Value Drug Pharmacy and Primary Care Pharmacy to secure and distribute 120 vaccines to employees who fell under the 1A qualifications.



PHOTO: Kristina Serafini / Tribune-Review

### Student Vaccine Clinic: Thursday, May 13, 2021

Giant Eagle Pharmacy worked with CV nurses to organize a vaccine clinic at the high school for eligible students. More than 50 students were vaccinated at the clinic in May.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021-22 — WE ARE “CV STRONGER TOGETHER”

We've persevered, shifted, learned and overcome. We have lived — and even flourished — through the most challenging year and became stronger because of it.

# CHARITABLE GIVING

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have witnessed the hard work of students and staff and the generosity of everyone in the Chartiers Valley community. We truly are **Stronger Together!**

## **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE—PRIMARY SCHOOL**

In its 16th year participating in the Kids Heart Challenge, the Primary School raised \$20,737, the most money ever for the American Heart Association.

The school is one of the top fundraising schools in the American Heart Association's Eastern States region, which is made up of 13 states from Virginia to Maine. Over the course of the 16-year relationship with the American Heart Association, Chartiers Valley Primary has raised more than \$200,000.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Donated 400 socks to the Salvation Army and \$2,000 worth of canned goods to the Bridgeville Community Food Bank.

## **HS INTERACT CLUB**

Donated 13 no-sew blankets for Project Linus/Children's Hospital and 250 pairs of used eyeglasses for Cranberry Twp. Lions Club for Mission Vision.

Also donated \$50 to the St. Clair Hospital Breast Care Fund.

## **CLASS OF 2024 (9TH GRADE)**

Donated \$1,720 to Bridgeville Community Food Bank (families decided to donate their canceled Washington, D.C. trip's bus deposit money to the Bridgeville Food Bank).

## **CVMS 7 RED HOUSE**

Donated 150 candy bags delivered to the residents of Kane Hospital worth \$300.

## **MS STUDENT COUNCIL**

Turkey Trot raised \$3,000 for families in need within the District.

Hot chocolate sale raised \$475 for The Foster Farm, a nonprofit pet rescue in Pittsburgh.

## **CV FEDERATION OF TEACHERS**

Donated \$500 to Bridgeville Area Food Bank.

Held a food drive in which students and staff donated 2,500 perishable food items, which fed more than 120 families in the month of April.

## **MRS. COWEN AND MRS. WEISS FIRST GRADE CLASSES**

Food drive—in lieu of Christmas gifts, teachers asked families to send in food items and collected \$200 in food.

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Raised \$1,970 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Hero Squad.

## **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

Raised \$400 for the Highmark Caring Place Center for Grieving Children and Adolescents.

Collected \$2,000 in food for the South Hills Meals on Wheels.





### OTHER

Several CV teachers and families are sewing and 3D printing masks, shields and ear guards for essential workers and neighbors.

Elementary students and staff joined forces (from a distance) on Earth Day to plant trees and clean up litter.

Our local fire and police departments loaned a trailer to help CV food service with meal distribution.

One of our school nurses teamed up with her husband and his police officer friends to donate and distribute pizza to hungry families.

The District donated over 300 masks to the region's medical workers.



### TOTAL VALUE

**\$40,000**





# GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Grants or funding made available by organizations, individuals or the government for a particular use generally do not have to be repaid. Grants help offset costs for goods, services, special projects and typically carry specific requirements for how the funds can be utilized.

It can take weeks—even months—to write a grant. It takes a great deal of time and effort! This year, Chartiers Valley School District applied for and earned the following grants which have positively impacted our students and the budget!



Assistant Superintendent Dr. Misty Slavic and Superintendent Dr. Johannah Vanatta accept a donation from the new WetGo Car Wash. Members of the CV Showband performed during the grand opening ceremony.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

\$2,584,236 for improving programs, teacher quality, student supports and special education. This also includes ESSER grants.

## PA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)

\$772,534 for school safety programs and School Resource Officers.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

\$449,772 for child nutrition and foodservice.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

\$143,224

## GIANT EAGLE WETGO PRO

\$7,000 for the purchasing of various online instruction resources such as Screencastify and Edpuzzle.

## CV EDUCATION FOUNDATION

\$1,758 for various teacher projects like playground painting, herb gardens, and the Middle School Duck Project

## P3R / KIDS OF STEEL

\$1,000 for Middle School Physical Education's Challenge Day.

## TOTAL

# \$3,959,524



# SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Collectively, the School Board hires and evaluates the Superintendent. The Board also votes on school matters including academics and student achievement, human capital, finance and support operations.

**The School Board of Directors strives to operate with the following goals in mind:**

1. Function with integrity and transparency
2. Increase community engagement
3. Advocate for the school district in the community/region

CVSD School Board policies can be found on the district website, [www.cvsd.net](http://www.cvsd.net).

**FRONT ROW:**

Assistant Superintendent Scott Seltzer  
Vice President Sandy Zeleznik  
Superintendent Dr. Johannah Vanatta  
President Dr. Darren Mariano  
Robert Kearney

**BACK ROW:**

Eric Kraemer  
Brian Kopec  
Beth Eckenrode  
Julie Murphy  
Tony Mazzarini  
Jeff Choura

**NOT PICTURED:**

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Misty Slavic  
Student Representatives:  
Symmone Carter-Nixon  
Ashley Collura



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The Chartiers Valley School District Distinguished Alumni program recognizes alumni who have made outstanding contributions to society at the local, state, national and global levels.

## Merchant and Fascetti Honored as Distinguished Alumni



Major General Kenneth Merchant

The Distinguished Alumni Committee selected two honorees for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni class, Major General Kenneth Merchant ('76) and Lorraine Fascetti ('05). Due to COVID-19 closures and gathering restrictions, the District was unable to recognize these individuals in the spring of 2020. Both Maj. Gen. Merchant and Ms. Fascetti will be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Class of 2021.

**Major General Kenneth Merchant**, a 1976 CVHS graduate, was commissioned in 1980 through the Air Force ROTC program at Grove City College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in engineering management. In addition to attending Squadron Officer School and earning several military certifications, Merchant also holds two Master of Science degrees—one in Management from Troy State University and one in National Resource Management from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

The general is highly decorated, having earned the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and Air Force Commendation with oak leaf cluster. Merchant was also the recipient of the General Bernard A. Schriever Program Management Award in 2001.



**Lorraine Fascetti**

As a program manager, he served on numerous weapon system development and production programs, including Air Force One. Before retiring in 2014, the major general served the United States Air Force in many capacities, including Director of Logistics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command at Scott AFB, and as Program Executive Officer for Weapons at Eglin AFB. Most recently, he was the Director of Global Reach Programs for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Currently, Merchant is the Vice President of F-35 Global Sustainment at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. In this capacity, he is responsible for ensuring F-35 mission readiness around the world. In addition to his military and career contributions, Merchant contributes to the community through his volunteer work with Building Homes for Heroes and Helping A Hero organizations.

Ret. Maj. Gen. Merchant resides with his wife in Fort Worth, TX.

**Lorraine Fascetti**, a 2005 CVHS graduate, has served as a Special Agent for the Office of the Attorney General Child Predator Section since 2012. Currently, Ms. Fascetti works with the FBI on the Crimes Against Children Task Force, and previously was a police officer.

In addition to being a graduate of the Special Agent Training Academy and Beaver County Police Academy, Fascetti holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Point Park University and an Associate of Science Degree from the Community College of Allegheny County.

As a cadet, Fascetti was nominated President of her class by her peers and finished ranked in the top five. In 2019, the FBI awarded Fascetti with the LEAD (Law Enforcement Agency Directors) Award in recognition for Outstanding Performance in Law Enforcement for her tenacity in investigating and prosecuting a seemingly impossible-to-track-down perpetrator.

In addition to her professional contributions to society, Fascetti volunteers within the Chartiers Valley community to speak about internet safety in both CV High School and Elementary schools. She also serves as the Director of Cheer and a coach for the CV Youth Football and Cheer program.

Fascetti credits the work ethic and drive acquired at Chartiers Valley for helping her succeed as a young female in an often male-dominated field. As a Special Agent, Fascetti has had to work with and for families and individuals with all types of backgrounds. Fascetti says that having grown up in the diverse Chartiers Valley community has contributed to her success in that respect. "Character, Virtue, Honor and Scholarship...these are the values instilled at Chartiers Valley," she said. "I apply these values every day as I continue protecting my community."

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

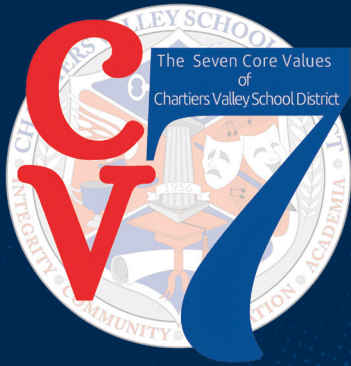
The Chartiers Valley School District Distinguished Alumni program recognizes alumni who have made outstanding contributions to society at the local, state, national and global levels.

### The program is based on three fundamental ideas:

- Outstanding contributions made in their chosen profession
- Characteristics of academic, professional or business achievements
- Community or civic consciousness

Nominees are required to have graduated from CVHS or Bridgeville High School a minimum of 10 years prior to the date of presentation. Community members are encouraged to nominate an exceptional graduate by visiting our website at [www.cvsd.net/community/alumni/distinguished-alumni](http://www.cvsd.net/community/alumni/distinguished-alumni).





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- 1. DEMONSTRATE GENUINE CARE, CONCERN AND FONDNESS FOR STUDENTS.**
- 2. ADOPT AN EDUCATION-CENTERED FOCUS WHERE STUDENTS COME FIRST, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY THE NEEDS OF THEIR PARENTS.**
- 3. DEVELOP AND NURTURE HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH COLLEAGUES.**
- 4. COMMUNICATE REGULARLY AND CLEARLY WITH STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY.**
- 5. CREATE AND CULTIVATE A DISTRICT-WIDE LEARNING COMMUNITY WHERE ALL EMPLOYEES AND EDUCATORS ARE VALUED.**
- 6. ENCOURAGE INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY.**
- 7. EMBRACE COMMUNITY, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS.**



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