

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As I type this message, we are saying goodbye to our second summer and its unseasonably warm weather. We have said farewell to our previous nickname and are eagerly awaiting the launch of our public relations campaign to introduce our new mascot. Students and staff have been very accepting of the Red Hawk moniker and we look forward to showcasing the new mascot on school related items including correspondence, the District website and apparel. Also, stay tuned for our new website which we plan to introduce following winter recess.

If you have been on campus recently, you may have noticed changes both inside and out. As our Capital Project nears completion, we are delighted with the installation of the turf field, resurfacing of the track, new scoreboard displaying our District name, exterior masonry updates and the resurfaced access road between the elementary and high schools. The tennis courts, which were part of the initial Capital Project plan, are now due to be resurfaced next summer. Inside, several locker rooms were renovated, plumbing and HVAC fixtures were updated and new flooring was installed in cafeterias, classrooms and hallways throughout our elementary and middle schools. We were very pleased to welcome students back this fall into our updated facilities.

Although it feels as if we have just welcomed the new school year, we are actually approaching the end of the first quarter. We hope all students have acclimated well to the academic expectations for the school year and are gaining knowledge and wisdom as they navigate their new schedules. We encourage all students to strive for excellence, lay the foundation to become lifelong learners and participate in extracurricular activities and/or sports to enhance their school experience. We encourage parents/quardians to reflect with your child(ren) on the first quarter and contact the school to assist as needed to ensure they are successful.

On November 18 and 19, the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is proud to again present the Fine Arts & Craft Show taking place in our middle school. This is a significant fundraiser for the PTO which provides substantial financial assistance in support of the District and our students. Please consider attending the Craft Show to show your support of the PTO.

This fall season, the District offered the following sport teams: boys modified and varsity soccer; girls modified, JV and varsity soccer; modified and varsity eight-person football; cheerleading; varsity field hockey; modified field hockey (combined with the New York Mills UFSD); gymnastics (combined with the New Hartford CSD); boys and girls modified and varsity cross country and girls tennis. Field hockey lost a sectional game to Port Byron; girls tennis competed in team sectionals and lost to Skaneateles; boys soccer lost to Tully in the semifinals; football lost to Morrisville-Eaton; boys cross country will be competing in the Section III championships the first weekend in November; and girls soccer won the Section III Class C championship versus Beaver River. The girls soccer team advances to the state regional round to face Watkins Glen. Congratulations to all of our fall sports teams for competing this fall and for all of their hard work.

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November

10 Veterans Day Observed 21 Go Home Early Drill

22-24 Thanksgiving Recess

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1 Winter Recess

15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Message from the Superintendent Cont...



With winter approaching, we would like to remind you of a few things that come along with it. Should we face the need to close school, delay the start of school or cancel after-school activities, we will continue to use ParentSquare as well as our local media to notify parents. On extremely cold mornings, we may suggest that students remain inside and look for the bus to approach instead of waiting outside at the bus stop. Our drivers will be advised to wait a little longer for students who may remain in the house until the bus arrives during the winter months.

As always, we are grateful for the continual support from the community of our District and for supporting us in meeting the needs of our students as we prepare them for their futures.

Sincerely,

David Stayton
SUPERINTENDENT

Sauquoit Valley FOUNDATION



It's in the books! Increased participation in the ninth annual "Witch Way is the 5K?" road race and kid's fun run on October 1, as sunshine poured down, made for a great morning of fun! This fun event that focuses on wellness saw residents of the Sauguoit Valley and surrounding area participate, some for the first time, and many seasoned returning runners. New this year, children had the opportunity to sign up for the distance that they wanted to run, and they did just that! The children ran hard around the track, cheered on by student and teacher volunteers and their families, all smiling broadly as they finished! The 5K timed run is a fun and challenging course going from the Town of Paris Park, to the stoplight at the corner of Pinnacle and Oneida and ends at the Sauquoit Valley school stadium! See the top three age group results on our website at www.svsd.org/svfoundation and complete race results at tnttiming.com.

The Sauguoit Valley Foundation wants to thank all the sponsors of the race: Elite Physical Therapy, TNT Timing, Ashley McGraw Architects, School House Construction, McRorie-Peo Insurance, Leonard Bus, Greenscapes Garden Center and Landscape Co., Sauquoit Valley PTO, Windy Hill Orchard and Price Chopper/Market 32. This race would not be possible without the donation of medical support from Edwards Ambulance Services during the kid's run and the 5K. Thank you to the Chadwicks, Clayville, Paris Hill and Sauquoit Fire Departments for their support on traffic safety and water stations. A sincere thank you to Jim Canaguier, the Town of Paris Highway Department and the Oneida County Highway Department for their help in course setup and removal. Many thanks to the Oneida County Sheriff's and New York State Police Departments as well as to all the teachers, students and community volunteers! Without your help, this would not have been possible and we are incredibly grateful. Thanks to the families who participated as runners or spectators. Hope you come back next year and bring more friends to have fun!





The overall male and female winners were Matthew Downs with a time of 19:51 and Amanda Mazza with a time of 20:51. Congratulations to all!

Budget Planning

FOR 2024-25 IS STARTING

With the 2023-24 school year off and running, the Board of Education has begun to look toward preparation of the 2024-25 budget for the school district. Developing the budget is always a difficult responsibility of the Board as they make every effort to provide a high quality, well-rounded program for the Sauquoit Valley students, while remaining ever aware that the financial support from the district's taxpayers is significant.

Adding to the challenges of the 2024-25 budget development is the scheduled end to federal pandemic relief assistance that school districts have received for the past four years. The federal funding has allowed the school district to increase staffing and other supports to address struggles our students have encountered as a result of the pandemic. Though the funding is ending, it is evident that these additional supports are still needed by our students.

At this time it is likely that the district will need additional support from the community beyond the levy allowed by the tax cap formula to maintain the programs that have been funded with the federal grants. With this in mind, the Board welcomes input from the community as the budget development process moves forward.



Starting with the October 24 Board of Education meeting, time will be dedicated to discuss the budget and allow the community to participate as well. Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library and will also be recorded and posted to the district's website. Please consider attending these meetings or viewing them at a later time. Input from the community will be invaluable to the Board as they make decisions on the 2024-25 budget.

Thank you for your continued support.

SAUQUOIT VALLEY PTO

NOV 18&19 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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Phone: 1.315.737.8611

Hours: Saturdays by appointment and Thursdays 1-5 p.m.

Monthly Meeting: First Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. from March-December at the Museum

BUS DRIVERS N E E D E D

Sauquoit Valley Central School District is hiring both substitute and regular bus drivers.

STARTING PAY OF \$20/HOUR

Benefits may be available.

If you are interested in joining our team or for more information, please call Adam at 315.839.6318.

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If your family is in need of help or if you have any questions, please call 315.839.5303, leave a message and we'll get right back to you.

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The Sauquoit Valley Garden Club welcomes new members! If you are interested in gardening, floral design, conservation and hands-on activities, consider joining us! For more information or to join, please contact Marge Mortis at 315.520.4548 or margem173@yahoo.com.

SECOND GRADE FIELD TRIP TO CLAYVILLE LIBRARY

All four second grade classes were treated to a trip to the Clayville Library. They enjoyed some good laughs as they watched the wonderful magic show by The Great and Powerful Dave. Then, the students got to use their very own library cards to check out some great books. Finally, they headed back to school with a little goodie bag, compliments of Mrs. Hassett and the Clayville Library. The kids couldn't wait to read their books and the best part is that now they can check out more with their library cards!







Fire Prevention

If you saw multiple fire trucks at the elementary school in October, this was not for an emergency! It was Fire Prevention Day! All of our students in the elementary school were able to participate in various activities and demonstrations. Students went through fire trucks, learned how a water truck works, and learned important tips to stay safe in the event of an actual fire. We want to thank the Clayville and Cassville Fire Departments for working with our students and coordinating activities. Thanks for helping to keep all of our students safe!









A Fun and Educational Experience for Kindergarten Students to Overcome Doctor's Office Fears





Our Kindergarten students had a unique and heartwarming experience recently as they participated in a "Teddy Bear Clinic" designed to help them overcome the common fear of doctors and medical check-ups. The event was organized by our school social worker, Mr. Dischiavo in collaboration with local healthcare professionals, with the aim of turning what can be a daunting experience into a positive and educational one.

The Teddy Bear Clinic brought joy and comfort to our students as they learned about the hospital or doctor's office environment in a friendly and interactive manner. It's common for young children to experience anxiety when faced with medical appointments, but this event offered a supportive environment to help alleviate their fears.

During the event, each student brought their favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal to school, which would serve as the "patient." The students and their stuffed animals were guided through various stations where they encountered healthcare professionals.

At these stations, children and their teddy bears learned about the importance of regular check-ups, basic health and hygiene practices (what germs are and how they are transferred), and the various tools and instruments used by medical professionals. The healthcare experts interacted with the children in a playful and engaging way, answering questions and demonstrating the use of stethoscopes, thermometers, and other medical equipment (Band-Aids) on the teddy bears.

The Teddy Bear Clinic is a remarkable experience to help alleviate student's potentially negative perceptions of being in a hospital setting. Events like these not only educate children but also foster a positive attitude toward health and well-being from a young age, setting the stage for a healthier future!

Elementary & Middle School News

RACING RED HAWKS

On September 20, the Racing Red Hawks six-week intramural program began for students in grades three through eight. There are over 70 students involved! Our purpose is to introduce younger students to the sport of running and to promote overall health and wellness. Each week begins with warm-ups followed by running activities that increase in distance over the course of six weeks. The intramural is run by volunteer staff and parents. Our hope is to bring this back to our students again in the spring.





Elementary & Middle School News

students take on

ABIGAL'S

ATHLETES CHALLENGE



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and Abigail's Athletes, Inc., a nonprofit charity begun in memory of Sauquoit's Abigail J. Freitag, challenged both elementary and middle school students and staff to log miles in the fight against childhood cancer for the second year in a row. Not only did students rise to the challenge, but they competed among themselves by biking, running and walking, resulting in a total of 13,347 miles logged. Every mile mattered and earned \$1 in the fight against childhood cancer, meaning students raised \$13,347 dollars in just three weeks. What an amazing feat! Congratulations to all the middle school students and staff for going 8,105 miles, and to the elementary school for going 5,242 miles. Abigail's Athletes thanks you for your participation, your endurance and your support!

This challenge was made possible because of the following businesses and individuals:

Utica First Insurance
Hubbell Galvanizing
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Indium Corporation
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Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors
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THANK YOU! We are so grateful to the entire Sauguoit Valley Community!

Abigail's Athletes, Inc.

RAPTOR PROJECT Red Hawks

Did you know that the peregrine falcon is the fastest animal on the planet? Yes, it really is true! That was just one of the raptors and owls that were brought to the Sauquoit Valley Elementary and Middle School for our students to view and learn about. Mr. Wood of the "Raptor Project" brought a variety of birds that students were able to see up close, watch fly around and even watch eat a rodent! The main raptor that was focused on at the assembly was the red-tailed hawk. With our new mascot "taking flight" this school year, what better way to show our students an actual red-tailed hawk and learn about their characteristics! The presentation was able to take place due to the generous funding support from the Sauquoit Valley PTO and the Sauquoit Valley Foundation. This was such a fun way for students to interact with our new school mascot!







Middle School News

Delta Lake

FIELD TRIP TO DELTA LAKE FOR THE SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE CLASS

On September 26, the sixth grade science class took part in the 2023 Conservation Educational Days at Delta Lake State Park in Rome. During the field trip, they visited various stations dedicated to building student knowledge in areas that included invasive species, conservation of our forests, renewable energy, furbearers and recycling. Cornell University, Cooperative Extension and 4-H of Oneida County did a wonderful job as they guided us through the stations. A great day was had by all who attended.



Middle School PICTURE RETAKE DAY

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BLACK RIVER TRIP

On September 15, the middle school physical education department brought the eighth grade students on a field trip to the Black River Outdoor Education Center. They had the choice to kayak, hike or bike. On October 5, the seventh grade students were able to go either hiking or biking. These trips are a part of the Sauquoit Valley physical education curriculum, which provides environmental education and outdoor fitness activities for students.













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On August 20, Utica held its third annual "Tunnel to Towers 5K." This race was started to honor the memory of Stephen Siller, a FDNY firefighter who ran across the bridge into Manhattan on 9/11 to help those in the Twin Towers and ultimately lost his life that day. Today, the race honors the memory of all first responders who were lost on September 11 along with supporting all of our current first responders who work hard each day to serve and protect us all. Although summer is a very busy time for everyone, we wanted to show Sauquoit's support for this amazing cause. Whether they ran with Mr. Madden or walked with Mrs. Purrington, the following students made Sauquoit proud by being a part of this amazing event: James Bradbury, Lillyan Brennan, Joey Day, Brody Denslow, Colton Larsen, Austin Lopiccolo, Trenton Noonan, Sam Wolczanski and Kaylin Yearby.



FREEDOM WRITERS

Original Freedom Writers Shanita and Shanate Jones visited our middle school on September 26, to share their message of perseverance and the power of writing. Shanate, who served in the military, shared how she wrote in a journal, just as she did in room 203 with Ms. Erin Gruwell (Ms. G as we like to call her), to help her deal with her own personal obstacles while serving our country. Shanita encouraged students not to allow obstacles to stand in their way of moving forward, another lesson learned from Ms. G. We are so thankful that we were able to spend this time with these amazing Freedom Writers!



RELAY for LIFE

On June 9, the Relay for Life event made its long-awaited return to Sauguoit Middle School! Our teams worked hard before the Relay, selling luminary bags to honor the memory of those we have lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have fought cancer and won. They also created posters honoring those in their own families who have been affected by cancer, and these posters were displayed at the Relay. Finally, each team worked to create a fundraiser for our big night. After weeks of preparation and hard work, we were excited to welcome the community to be a part of the magic! From raffles, games like "chuck-a-duck" and cornhole, and homemade crafts and drawings, our teams created a night full of the hope that it would be one of our dollars that would finally find the cure to this horrible disease. Mrs. Purrington is so proud to announce that her team raised \$2,638.00 this year, which they presented to Robert Olinskas from the American Cancer Society. These students proved the power of working together for a great cause!

Mrs. Purrington is planning on holding this year's Relay for Life event in March, so watch for details and make plans to join us and be a part of this amazing event!

STORY

with Mrs. Purrington

Mrs. Purrington's "build your story" workshop had its first meeting in September, and what better way to start the year and build teamwork and perseverance than with a team challenge! Students were given 20 sheets of paper and 20 minutes to build their own free standing tower. No tape or glue was allowed, and our teams definitely didn't want to breathe for fear of knocking their tower





over, but what the teams did use were their problem-solving skills and their unwillingness to give up. These are just two of the skills that we build at our workshops in order to help our members feel more confident in themselves. That is what our workshops are all about!

Are you looking for a place where you can be yourself, have people who will listen without judgment and just have some fun? Our workshops meet one Friday per month until 4:30 p.m., and we are always looking for new faces! Come in after a long week of school and leave with a smile! See Mrs. Purrington if you are interested in joining in on the fun, we would love to see you there!

On October 2, Mrs. Purrington's "build your story" workshop sponsored "Let Us Be Seen," an event that encouraged a community conversation about mental health in our middle school. The night began with a pumpkin decorating contest for the students and a mental health scavenger hunt for parents. During this hunt, parents were encouraged to read responses from our middle school students who described what they wished adults knew about their daily lives in the middle school. Later, Paige Bousquet read two of her own original poems where she bravely shared her own struggles and how she is learning to build herself up each and every day. Next, Jadyn Land, our own amazing Sauquoit Freedom Writer, read her entry from "Dear Freedom Writer" for the audience. Her strength continues to be something that inspires us all! Then, our workshop members shared a special version of the song "This Is Me," where they shared the negative words that they have had to face followed by the positive words they use to quiet those negative voices.

After these presentations, we had the honor of welcoming Erin Gruwell and Tony, an original Freedom Writer, to our event. Tony shared his own story with the audience, followed by Ms. G guiding an amazing "line game" with both students and adults. This was an absolutely amazing moment where those who were participating learned about those around them, found that they weren't alone in their own struggles and were supported by friends and total strangers. It was a night of strength, caring and community, and that is what our school is all about!









SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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Our elementary school "lunch clubs" kicked off late September. Lunch club is an informal group that is run by our social work interns. Each grade has its own designated time slot for lunch club. Lunch club gives the kids the chance to socialize with peers, make new friends from other classes and enhance established friendships. Our interns help the kids navigate difficult social situations, while teaching and promoting the use of problem solving skills



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

On October 24, the eighth graders toured the OHM BOCES programs in New Hartford. This is an excellent way to expose the eighth grade students to various programs that they have to offer in the Career and Technical Center. Examples of the programs include nursing, criminal justice, culinary arts, building trades and cosmetology. Most of these programs can be joined during junior year of high school.

Continuing with career exploration in middle school, we have teamed up with the School and Business Alliance (SABA) to provide career development and work-based learning experiences that inspire and enable students to make informed decisions about postsecondary and career opportunities in grades 5-8. By this time, students in grades five and seven have completed an interest inventory in hopes to start identifying potential career interests. Exciting trips, speakers and lesson dates are to come further into the year.

Teachers and staff are always on the lookout for students who are acting as all-stars. This means, they are looking for students who go above and beyond as well as students who make good, honest, respectful, fair, caring and responsible choices. Every other week we will be awarding our all-stars with a shout out on the announcements, a certificate and an ice cream coupon. Keep it up, everyone!

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CHARACTER ALL-STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Kalea Foley

Nichholi Yaletchko

Lillyan Brennan

Trentyn Wilson

Celina Villegas

Emily Woodman

Terrence Werthman

Sahntee Dikar

Leo Colosimo

MacKynzie Johnson



BUILDING LEVEL UPDATES

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OPTIMISTS YOUTH OF THE MONTH

September:

CHEYENNE FOLEY

October:

LEAH LARSEN

STAY CONNECTED

If you feel you are in need of additional support, whether it be academically, socially, or career wise, please make a point to see your counselor. Reaching out and staying connected will help you to stay on top of any academic opportunities we are offering here at the high school.

JUNIOR ROTARY STUDENTS

October:

SYDNEY MARCEAU

November:

CALLUM TORRUELLA

THANK YOU MRS. MILLER!

This is Mrs. Miller's second year as the HS social worker and we are so grateful to have her as a part of our team. Mrs. Miller continues to support students with their social/emotional needs, specifically by running classroom lessons targeting the needs of our students according to their age/grade level. Mrs. Miller will continue with her lessons throughout the school year and is happy to talk with students further on ways to successfully manage their emotions.



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On September 26, the freshman class joined nearly 2,000 freshmen from 20 different school districts in the OHM BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES regions to attend the event, ""Overcoming Obstacles: A Message of Connection, Resilience and Hope." This event aims to welcome area wide freshmen to the high school experience with messages of resilience, courage and hope. Navigating high school can be difficult, but students should know there are people in their schools ready to help them cross hurdles they may face. Students were also given the message that they are not alone.

The event started at the Adirondack Bank Center with a presentation by teacher and author Erin Gruwell. After lunch, students walked over to Utica University's Nexus Center where they were mixed with students from 10 other districts. They were then challenged to work together through a number of different physical and social activities. The energy was high and students did a great job of stepping out of their comfort zones, meeting new people and giving each task their best effort.

RHYTHM





On Wednesday, September 27, Industrial Rhythm came to town. Industrial Rhythm is a high energy dance and percussion group very much like the percussion group STOMP. In fact, the creator of the group has been performing professionally both nationally and internationally for over 20 years, with numerous credits to his name. Zoilo has been a cast member of the off-Broadway show "STOMP," a musical composer and arranger for the world famous Radio City Rockettes and is also the virtual drummer in the hit video game Rock Band 2!

Our high school percussionists were invited to participate with Whitesboro and Westmoreland students. During the day Wednesday, they rehearsed a joint percussion ensemble and attended masterclasses with Industrial Rhythm. Later that evening, students performed a percussion ensemble called "Bailando la Soca" to open Industrial Rhythm's concert. They also had the opportunity to perform in part of the concert.

Students involved were: Maya Brown, Enzo Carbone, Mark Enjem, Brooke Hunt, Gideon Williams, Peyton Zamora, Julia Zegarelli and Sophia Zegarelli.

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SENIOR SPOT PARKING LOT ART SHOW AWARD WINNERS

Wander through the high school student parking lot and you'll be in for a colorful surprise. Several of this year's seniors personalized their parking spaces by painting them with their own, original designs. There's everything from Adidas stripes and Baby Yoda to disco balls and Dunkin'. District staff voted for their favorites and four awards, Most Colorful, Most Original, Most Effort Involved and Best in Show, were distributed. Kudos to all participating seniors for their hard work with a round of applause to the following award winners:

Alison Judway whose blue and yellow flowers won Best in Show
Gia Timian with a multi-colored disco ball won Most Colorful
Emma Hinman and her Most OriginaL"Free Parking" from Monopoly
James Henck whose Baby Yoda earned the award for Most Effort Involved













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You can request items from the Clayville Library's shelves or from elsewhere in the MidYork system by accessing www.midyork.org or calling the library at 315.839.5893.

A Notary Public is available by appointment. Call the library to set up a time.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday & Friday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Join in our "Kid's Choice" Story Hour at 5 p.m. every Thursday. Enjoy a story of your child's choosing and then a craft to accompany the story! Lots of fun and "action" for your preschooler!
- Legos in the Library is every Saturday from noon-2 p.m. Bring a friend & let your imaginations loose!
- Take & Make craft kits are available to children throughout the month.
- Sip 'n Snack Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month. Join us for a good read and good company.
- The Great Give Back Oct. 2 21. During the month, the library will be collecting hygiene products in support of SVFN's teens & middle school students. Bring your donations to the library and drop them in the bin in the lobby.
- The Upstate Mammography Van returns to the Clayville Library on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m.– 4 p.m. Call 315.464.2582 to schedule an appointment. Appointments can also be requested online at http://www.upstate.edu/mobile- mammography/.
- Join Santa & Mrs. Claus for a Christmas story with milk & cookies on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Wear your Christmas pajamas and have your parent/guardian take your picture with the Clauses.
- Sign up for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge at the Clayville Library:
 - » This FREE program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she enters school a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. This program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years.
- The Clayville Library Association in conjunction with Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors' tutoring program for students in grades second through eighth continues. If you have a student who needs extra assistance with math or reading skills, contact the Clayville Library for more information.
- The Ludlow Community Room is available for parties, meetings and events this holiday season and is "free" to the residents of the Town of Paris. Call the library to reserve the community room for your meeting or event. Our Barrett Nature Gazebo is also available for outdoor use and is equipped with Wi-Fi availability.
- The 2023 Museum Passes for The Wild Center, Onondaga County Parks, NYS Parks, Fort Rickey Discovery Zoo, Munson, the MOST Museum in Syracuse and the Utica Zoo are again available for you to check out and enjoy with your family.
- The library will be closing early on Nov. 22 and will be closed through Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving.
- The library will be closed for Christmas Dec. 23-Jan. 1, 2024.











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