

# **SAUQUOIT VALLEY**<sup>™</sup> Central School District

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As we transition into spring, we intensify preparations for the last few weeks of the 2023-24 school year. Please stay tuned for multiple end of the year activities that occur on campus during May and June. Event details will be displayed on the school calendar, the school website and shared via ParentSquare. The end of the school year also includes final exams and projects, and we wish all students a strong finish and hope that their efforts will yield a very successful ending.

Spring is also a time of increased preparations for the 2024-25 school year. As May progresses, it is time for the District's annual Board elections and budget vote. We began the formal budget development process in January, and the Board adopted the budget in April to place before voters on Tuesday, May 21. There will be a budget hearing on Tuesday, May 14 in the high school auditorium which will involve a review of the budget being proposed to the voters. Your support is critical, and we urge you to join us to provide input and to ensure that the decisions we make are reflective of the community's wishes.

Since the Governor's state budget release in January, the District has been meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to each Board meeting to discuss and develop the budget. Without an adopted, detailed state budget at the time of this writing, we find ourselves facing uncertainty with our anticipated reduction in Foundation Aid. Additionally, the federal pandemic relief grant funding from the past three years is now ending. These grant monies fund reading and math teachers, as well as a school counselor who supports the elementary and middle school students. These positions have been paramount in allowing us to address needs that were magnified during the pandemic and continue to be present in many of our most vulnerable populations. Maintaining these essential positions and the support for our students will be a challenge moving forward, as we will need to absorb these expenditures in our normal operating budget.

The anticipated reduction in the state budget and the end of pandemic funding have led our District to seek additional funding through an increase in local taxes. In an effort to minimize the impact on taxpayers, the District has made significant efforts to reduce costs. This includes reduction in staffing as well as lowering costs in student supports, contractual expenditures and equipment expenditures. Additionally, the District has initiated efforts to secure revenue. One source will include the hosting of the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES Regional Summer School program in our middle school this July-August. The District will also generate supplemental revenue through the rental of several classrooms for the OHM BOCES programming in the 2024-2025 school year.

The following information is a summary of the proposed 2024-25 budget and Board elections for the voters to consider on May 21:

- The proposed budget for 2024-25 is \$26,602,037 (6.67% above last year's budget).
- The proposed tax levy for the 2024-25 budget is 5.5%.
- The purchase of two diesel school buses (not electric) not to exceed \$350,000. We appreciate
  the community's continued support of our initiative to maintain a bus replacement program to
  minimize the potential costly repairs our buses endure as they approach the end of their useful
  life.
- The budget includes funding for a Capital Outlay Project. The scope of the project would address
  the replacement of doors at the elementary school to provide a more secure environment for the
  staff and students.
- The election of three open Board of Education seats currently held by Ron Critelli, Judy Kentile and Mike Sacco. Each open seat will be for a three-year term.

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Further detailed information regarding the budget will be shared later in this issue and through the budget postcard you will receive before the May 21 vote.

While the 2024-25 budget maintains adequate staffing levels, it still includes reductions in staffing, programming and athletics to help minimize the impact on taxpayers. We are also appropriating more than \$1 million of our fund balance to support our students due to the upcoming reductions in state funding.

In summary, we will be putting forth a school budget for 2024-25 at an amount of \$26,602,037 with a tax levy of 5.5%. The annual budget vote will take place on May 21 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium lobby. Additionally, the community will vote on the purchase of two diesel school buses not to exceed \$350,000, and to fill three open Board of Education seats for three-year terms each.

Thank you for your continued support of the District. Together, we will continue to find ways to support our mission and provide the most enriching learning experiences for our students in preparing them for their future.



David Stayton SUPERINTENDENT

#### WHAT THE VOTERS WILL DECIDE

There will be three matters to be voted upon on May 21, 2024.

- 1. Proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 2. The purchase of two (2) 60 passenger school buses.
- 3. The election of three (3) members of the Board of Education. Three members for a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027.

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Registered voters can apply for absentee ballots as follows:

If you are a voting resident in the Sauquoit Valley School District and have reason to request an absentee ballot, you can do so by emailing the District Clerk Marie Goodman at mgoodman@svcsd.org or calling 315.839.6311 before May 10 for an application.

- After confirmation of the applicant's registration status, a ballot will be issued.
- Completed ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024.

#### **VOTER QUALIFICATIONS**

- A citizen of the United States.
- Eighteen (18) or more years of age.
- A resident within the District for a period of 30 days or more preceding the May 21, 2024 Annual Budget Vote.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION Candidate Bios

#### **Ronald P. Critelli Jr.**

Ronald Critelli has served on the Sauquoit Valley School Board since July 2018. He resides in Sauquoit with his wife Christine, their daughter Angela and son Evan. Ron holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Utica/Rome and currently works at Mohawk Valley Health System as a retirement plan administrator.

Ron is seeking re-election to continue working with school board colleagues to advocate for all students in the Sauquoit Valley CSD to have the opportunity to get a quality education. He feels a solid education gives them the skills they need to keep learning throughout their lives. As a graduate of SVCSD, having a child that graduated from SVCSD and a child currently a student, Ron is grateful for the quality of education he and his family have received.

#### **Mike Sacco**

Mike Sacco has been a Sauquoit Valley resident since 2006 and attended public schooling from elementary through his master's degree. His wife Kim is currently coordinating the Sauquoit Valley Art Show. He has two children in the District. Mike is a clinical social worker, employed by a local psychiatric facility for the past eight years. He has also been employed in other psychiatric facilities in Albany, and has spent 10 years in the prison setting in a clinical/leadership role. Those experiences have helped him to bring the biopsychosocial perspective to the Board of Education over the last three years. Mike has played a pivotal role in the District's mascot transition and rebranding. He hopes to spend the next three years bringing JROTC and other new programs to Sauquoit Valley CSD. His long history of advocacy for children and families, as well as independent thinking, will continue if allowed to return for another three-year term.

#### **Mike Makuszak**

Mike Makuszak is a lifelong resident of the Sauquoit Valley. He graduated from Sauquoit Valley High School in 1994. He currently resides in Clayville with his wife Kathleen and their children. Mike has a daughter who is currently a sophomore at Sauquoit Valley High School, a son Mike who graduated in 2021 and attends Virginia Tech, and a daughter Lilli who attends Syracuse University. Mike has been an active member of the Sauquoit Valley community and school district over the past 20 years. He has volunteered his time through youth sports and serves as treasurer of the Sauquoit Valley Optimist Club. Throughout his professional career, Mike has worked with New York State schools in the areas of modern technology, connecting schools and understands technology in education, as well as funding sources.

Currently, Mike manages the NY public sector accounts through his position at Ericsson/Cradlepoint. As a professional in business driven by NYS government offices, Mike understands the importance of a superior educational program for students. Understanding students' future goals and providing channels for exploration of those goals is important; whether that be in the areas of trades, arts, continuing education or the job market. Mike would like to add to the depth of the Sauquoit Valley School Board and work with others to uphold the success of the school and community.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	PROPOSED BUDGET ADOPTED BUDGET 2024-25 2023-24		DIFFERENCE	
Board of Education	10,031	10,219	(188)	
<b>Central Administration</b>	222,869	231,015	(8,146)	
Finance	386,441	358,657	27,784	
Legal Services	15,000	6,894	8,106	
Personnel	10,857	7,210	3,647	
<b>Records Management</b>	8,925	8,610	315	
Public Information	17,948	17,530	418	
Other Central Services	62,200	62,016	184	
Special Items	347,697	328,583	19,114	
Curriculum Development	251,293	237,871	13,422	
Supervision Regular School	527,898	506,099	21,799	
Employee Benefits	600,162	568,820	31,342	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,461,321	\$2,343,524	\$117,797	

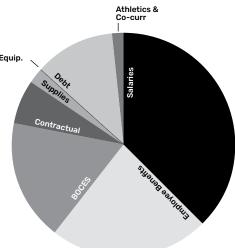
<b>PROGRAM</b> component	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET 2023-24	DIFFERENCE
Legal Services	10,000	10,000	0
Instruction	12,573,632	12,150,463	423,169
District Transportation	1,201,624	1,113,170	88,454
Garage Building	77,000	58,173	18,827
Community Service	0	0	0
Employee Benefits	5,025,505	4,763,062	262,443
Other Transfers	50,000	47,263	2,737
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$18,937,761	\$18,142,131	\$795,630

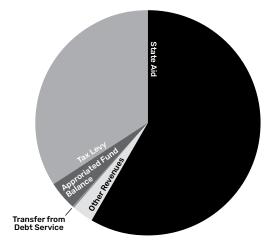
CAPITAL COMPONENT	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET 2023-24	DIFFERENCE
Operations of Plant	1,256,663	1,285,797	(29,134)
Maintenance of Plant	199,301	166,013	33,288
Property Tax Refunds	5,000	6,031	(1,031)
Employee Benefits	509,333	482,733	26,600
Debt Service - Principal Payments	1,645,000	1,440,000	205,000
Debt Service - Interest Payments	1,472,658	1,057,169	415,489
<b>Revenue Anticipation Note</b>	15,000	15,000	0
Other Transfers - Capital Outlay	100,000	0	100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$5,202,955	\$4,452,743	\$750,212

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$26	5,602,037 \$24,938	8,398 \$1,663,639
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EXPENDITURES	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25	ADOPTED BUDGET 2023-24	% CHANGE	
Salaries	9,994,454	9,538,916	4.78%	
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	6,135,000	5,814,615	5.51%	Eq
BOCES	4,660,219	4,644,496	0.34%	
Contractual	1,747,800	1,546,149	13.04%	
Supplies	531,300	493,422	7.68%	
Equipment	30,000	30,000	0.00%	
Debt	3,132,658	2,512,169	24.70%	
Athletics & Co-curr	370,606	358,631	3.34%	
TOTAL	\$26,602,037	\$24,938,398	6.67%	





REVENUE	PROPOSED BUDGET ADOPTED BUDGET 2024-25 2023-24		% CHANGE
State Aid	15,532,900	14,500,000	7.12%
Other Revenues	810,000	1,002,733	-19.22%
Transfer from Debt Service	100,000	0	100.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,077,080	827,080	30.23%
Tax Levy	9,082,057	8,608,585	5.50%
TOTAL	\$26,602,037	\$24,938,398	6.67%

#### ESTIMATED TAX RATES PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE

TOWN	2022-2023 PROJECTED RATE	2022-2023 FINAL TAX RATE	2023-2024 PROJECTED RATE	2023-2024 FINAL TAX RATE	2024-2025 PROJECTED RATE	EST. INCREASE 2023-2024 TO 2024-2025	ESTIMATED ADD'L TAX ON \$100K ASSESSMENT
Paris	23.5122	23.5468	24.0565	24.0968	25.4221	1.3253	\$132.53
New Hartford	26.7030	26.9104	27.4929	26.8446	28.3209	1.4763	\$147.63
Frankfort	30.4432	29.2303	29.8630	30.0027	31.6528	1.6501	\$165.01
Litchfield	24.9228	24.2540	24.7790	24.6797	26.0369	1.3572	\$135.72
Marshall	31.6815	33.9071	34.6411	36.4319	38.4356	2.0037	\$200.37
Kirkland	34.6150	34.9558	35.7124	35.5846	37.5417	1.9571	\$195.71
Bridgewater	20.3175	20.1828	20.6197	21.7041	22.8978	1.1937	\$119.37
Tax on True	18.6921	16.9536	17.3205	15.3014	16.1429	0.8415	

Note: Rates are estimates based on information available at the current time. Final assessment figures and equalization rates will not be available until August. Estimated additional tax does not include additional STAR savings available to those that receive a STAR credit check.

#### ELEMENTARY NEWS

# TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

On November 1 and 3, kindergarten classes participated in a Teddy Bear Clinic sponsored by the Psychology-Child Life program at Utica University. A Teddy Bear Clinic involves university students and professors trained to work with children in healthcare settings. They came to school and demonstrated through play, a fun way for children to become more comfortable with medical procedures and equipment. Each child brought a teddy bear, or a similar stuffed animal, for a "medical check-up." The kindergartners took the "patients" to different stations to explore and play with actual medical equipment in a fun and non-threatening setting. Research has shown that Teddy Bear Clinics help children to feel more comfortable with medical equipment while reducing their fear of doctors and the hospital environment. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Teddy Bear Clinic at Sauquoit Elementary School. We are very grateful for the continuing partnership with Utica University that benefits both their students and ours!

# - PACK THE -**PANTRY**



In February, our elementary students participated in our second annual Pack the Pantry Food Drive Challenge, during which a friendly competition helps bring in items for our local food pantry. Each grade level is assigned two items; one worth positive points, and another worth negative points. For example, third graders bring in pasta for positive points and sauce for negative points. Students can then strategize to put items in specific boxes, labeled with teacher's names. Positive points help to boost their totals, while negative points could bring down the total of another class in the lead. This friendly competition helps us bring in a remarkable amount of non-perishable items that are kept right here in our own community.

This competition was started by our elementary social studies committee. As much of our elementary curriculum focuses on families and communities, this event allows students to build upon what they are learning in their classrooms to support their own community in a helpful and meaningful way. All food items were donated to Sauquoit Valley Friends and Neighbors, a wonderful organization that benefits our school and the surrounding community.

This year's competition was even more successful than the last, bringing in an incredible total of 2,790 items! Thank you to all who helped make this year's collection a success. From the donations, to the counting and collecting, to the delivery; many hands worked together to help our community. We can't wait to see what next year's event has in store!



# SRAGCOLF

What is SNAG Golf? SNAG stands for "Starting New at Golf." During the month of February, the elementary physical education department had guest instructor Ruth Weydig come and teach our K-2 students how to play golf. Ms. Ruth Weydig brought special, age-appropriate equipment for the students, and students learned how to roll (putting) and launch the ball (driving). After two rescheduled dates, students were able to go to the Turning Stone Resort indoor driving range and test out their new skills! We had 36 students attend, and they all had a great time showing off what they learned!





The elementary school has teamed up with the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES School and Business Alliance (SABA) to provide career development and learning experiences that inspire and enable students to think about postsecondary and career opportunities in grades K-12. SABA has been continuously working with the middle/high school to provide additional career exploration support. At the elementary level, our goal is to expose our students to different careers, skills and life lessons. Exciting speakers and lessons are to come later into the school year!



# SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

#### **BUILDING LEVEL UPDATES**

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Recently, we concluded our 2023-24 Lunch Club. Lunch Club met once a week from October through January. Kindergarten through fourth grade students each had their own sessions. Lunch Club is an informal and voluntary group that allows students to meet new friends from other classes and to enhance and build friendships. They also worked on building problem-solving skills as a group to improve individual confidence and positive social interactions. This year's Lunch Club worked together to build a city built out of boxes, cartons, cans and other materials they were able to collect. The students enjoyed showing off their completed "city" to school staff!

Fourth grade students will soon be meeting with the middle school counseling department to decide if they want to join the band and choir as they enter middle school. Following this, our next activity with the fourth graders will be in May when their classes visit the middle school for a tour of the building.

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Character All-Star Award Recipients: January-March

<u>1/12</u> <u>Maggie Cardillo</u> <u>Deegan Screeder</u> <u>Jackson Nora</u> <u>Luke Lallier</u>

1/26 Colin Peckham Charlotte Allen Charlotte Wadsworth Grace Cardillo

2/9 Olivia Huyck Elaina Gagnon Brennan Jalowiec Logan Angiulli

<u>3/1</u> Samuel Simon Izabella Spicer Raegan Kellmurray Levi Vaber

> <u>3/22</u> Erin Brown Avery Haberek Ben Peckham Daniel Krupa

The middle school is continuing to further our career exploration. We have teamed up with the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison School and Business Alliance (SABA) to provide career development and workbased learning experiences that inspire and enable students to make informed decisions about postsecondary and career opportunities in grades 5-8. By this time, students have been exposed to different power skills in the classroom. Exciting trips, speakers and lessons are to come further into the year.

Fifth grade class will be taking a field trip to the NY Energy Zone. The NY Energy Zone is a fully interactive facility that offers a thrilling journey into the world of electricity; past, present and future! The exhibits and activities cover a wide range of topics, from the history of electricity to the future of the grid.

In case you missed it, honors breakfasts are back! During the first week of December and middle of February, we were lucky enough to be able to continue celebrating the honor students and parents like we did in the past. Students : keep up the good work!

Teachers and staff : continue to be on the lookout for students who are acting as all-stars. This means, students who go above and beyond and make good choices that are honest, respectful, fair, caring and responsible. 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! :)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

During the week of March 25, the middle school was excited to bring back the Scholastic Book Fair! For four days, students browsed cases of books, looking for the perfect book to read next. There was also a scavenger hunt, where students were challenged to solve clues using the names of some of the books at the book fair. Students and their families attended our Family Night event, where they were able to shop the book fair after school hours, and it was great to see so many books walk out the door! Finally, since Easter was coming quickly, what book fair would be complete without an Easter egg hunt? It was a great week, with great kids, surrounded by great books!



Would you be able to identify the title of a book and its author, simply based on a quotation from the book? This is exactly what a group of middle school students did to compete in a local Battle of the Books competition. Teams from local schools competed on March 25 to see who could correctly identify the title and author, solely based on quotes derived from 17 selected books. These books covered a wide range of genres and styles such as nonfiction, fantasy, dystopian, adventure, mystery, science fiction, realistic fiction, historical fiction, horror and graphic novel.

Representing Sauquoit Valley Middle School was Logan Barsuch, Kelsey Corleto, Violet Kidder and Logan Reed. Between the four team members, they read all 17 selected books and worked hard to learn the correct pronunciations of every author's name. The team had a great time reading and buzzing in their answers and put forth an outstanding team effort. While first place was slightly out of reach, the team is excited to hopefully compete again next year!

# **ALL-COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The music department would like to congratulate the following students who attended this year's Junior High All-County Music Festival held in Whitesboro on March 15-16. Students from all of Oneida County were selected to perform with the concert band, chorus or orchestra based on auditions, including prepared etudes, scales and sight reading.

#### **SELECTED STUDENTS:**

Lillyan Brennan, Addison Brown, Lauri Busch, Lucia Carbone, Margaret Davis, Jenweh Dikar, Addison Fredericks, Olivia Griffiths, Caroleana Karpovich, Jackson Nora, Cameron Polarolo, Kseniya Rabkavets, Sylvia Roberts, Alexander Sacco, Victoria Tarasevich, Annabelle Tompkins, Kaylin Yearby



#### MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



# SAVE the DATE RELAY FOR LIFE

Our own Sauquoit Savers will be holding their annual Relay for Life on May 3, and we want the entire community to turn out to help us win the fight against cancer! Middle school teams will be holding fundraisers created on their own, which will include games, crafts, raffles and bake sales. Most importantly, come to view our Walkway of Hope where we will be honoring survivors and those that we have lost to cancer.

Last year's team was made up of only 17 people, and they raised more than \$3,000! Our team has doubled this year; help them reach their goal of doubling last year's total! Let's support these amazing kids as they hope to raise the dollar that finds the cure!

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On March 2, our middle school team, named "Sauquoit Has Heart," participated in the 50th anniversary of America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk. There were 48 members on the team, including staff and students, with Mr. Madden as our team coach and Mrs. Purrington heading up the student walkers.

It was a cold and rainy day, but our spirits were high! The event started off with the runners who finished strong! They included Lauri Busch, Grace Cardillo, Brody Denslow, Eden Handzel, Austin Lopiccolo and Alex Sacco. Eden was so excited that she finished the three miles without having to stop even once, which is awesome!

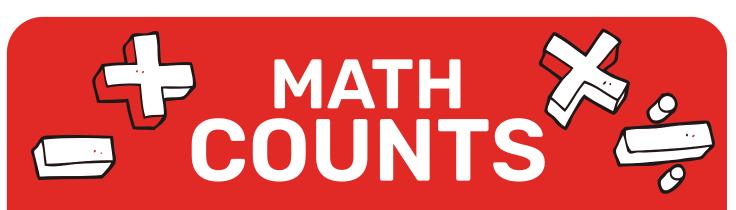
Our student walkers practiced axe throwing, with a blow-up axe of course, along with having a hula hoop contest and other activities to warm up for the actual walk. Along the event route, we were cheered on by everyone on the side of the road, even the Big Frog 104 mascot, along with receiving treats like ring pops and oranges. We made it through three-fourths of the walk before it really started raining hard, so we "swam" our way to the finish line and finished with cold, wet smiles on our faces! A big thank you to the following students who gave up a few hours to help such a great cause: Lilly Baird, Logan Barsuch, Louis Brindisi, Emma DeCarr, Sahntee Dikar, Mason Enjem, Violet Kidder, Lia Lalliar, Logan Reed, Yasmina Selmi, Stella Sen and Nicholai Yeletchko. Also, thank you to Lilly Brennan, Claire Cardillo and Gianna Marcello for donating to our team, despite not being able to participate the day of the event.

In the end, we raised \$3,694.24 to help those affected by heart disease. This just proves that Sauquoit really does have heart! Hopefully next year will bring even more fun and some better weather!

# FREEDOM WRITERS MOVIE NIGHT

On March 8, we held our annual "Freedom Writers" movie night. Students showed up in their pajamas, armed with pillows and blankets, ready to watch the movie based on one of our favorite units in sixth grade. Some students participated in a "Freedom Writers" movie trivia scavenger hunt before and during the movie and "The Freedom Writers Diary" and "Dear Freedom Writer" books were given as prizes. Of course, no movie night is complete without sending a selfie of our group to Ms. G out in California to let her know that we are having a great time! Not only were the popcorn and snacks amazing, but so was the movie's message of tolerance and perseverance.





The Sauquoit Valley Middle School MathCounts team of Lily Bianco, Lillyan Brennan, Margaret Davis and Sam Wolczanski competed at the state level MathCounts competition in Saratoga Springs on March 2. MathCounts is a national non-profit organization that strives to engage middle school students in fun, challenging math programs intended to expand their academic and professional opportunities. This year's Sauquoit Valley Middle School MathCounts team consists of 18 total members who meet weekly to practice and prepare for various levels of competition throughout the school year.



#### **MARKING PERIOD 2**

#### HIGHEST HONORS LIST

#### **GRADE 5**

Brown, Erin Busch, Mason Cardillo, Maggie Day, Mason Dellea, Rachel DelMedico, Chloe Freitag, Sarah Huyck, Olivia Jerzak, Grace Kachanovich, Liana Lopiccolo, Mia Lupia, Charlotte Merrell, Charlotte Nora, Lily Paciello, Harper Porter, Alexis Rapke, Teagan Sherman, Lyvia Simon, Samuel Sullivan, Millie Thall, Avery Vivacqua, Caleb Woods, Phoenix

#### **GRADE 6**

Barsuch, Logan Boone, Elsie Cardillo, Claire Collins, Abigail Dikar, Sahntee Enjem, Mason Gagnon, Elaina George, Elliana Kidder, Violet Merrell, Julia Reed, Logan Selmi, Yasmina Sen, Stella Valeriano, Phoebe Vivacqua, Connor Weeks, Alzaina Yaletchko, Nicholai

#### **GRADE 7**

Barker, Kenedi Brennan, Lillyan Crowe, Shae Davis, Margaret Grimes, Jacquelyn Hoch, Nikeya Juliano, Alexa LoGalbo, Owen Nora, Jackson Rabkavets, Kseniya Reile, Harper Sacco, Alexander Stephens, Landon Stoddard, Mason Yearby, Kaylin

#### **GRADE 8**

Busch, Lauri Chmukh, Karina Cromp. John Cuthbertson, Alexa Lewandrowski, Dani-Raye Madore, Jack Nolan, Alexa Pellegrino, Gianna Roberson, Luke

#### HONORS LIST

## DeCarr, Abigail

DelMedico III, Michael Fiore, Adeleia Foley, Kalea Kravec, Zaylee Miller, Emily Prouty, Lilly Santiago-Becker, Ellasandria Tallman, Liam Werthman, Terrence Wood, Blake Worden, Russell

**GRADE 5** 

#### **GRADE 6**

Bliss, Nevaeh Call, Parker Flynt, Lily Handzel, Eden Lee, Isaiah LoCash, Juliana Lovrencic, Logan Nichols, Leah Nolan, Jacob Quesnelle, Elissa-Rose Spicer, Izabella Taylor, Gavin Wood, Evan Zachary, Devin

#### **GRADE 7**

Aylesworth, Evan Bianco, Lily Bodendorf, Gabriel Carangelo, Ava Christensen, Neia Coffin, Gavin Griffiths, Olivia Hale, James Kimball, Haylee Macrina, Sophia Miller, Matson Nattress, Bryce Rocker, Jaxen Wolak, Makayla Wolczanski, Samuel

#### **GRADE 8**

Beratta-Urriola, Denis Boone, Evalyn Cosens, Morgan DelMedico, Chase Ekes, Olivianna Fredericks, Addison Harvey, Lia Krupa, Daniel Marceau, Cole Patrick, Luke Prouty, Addison Swiderski, Matthew Walker, Lincoln Williamson, Liam

#### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

**GRADE 5** Davies, Ella

Davis, Andrew Dean. Zacharv Dodge, Luella Doerr, Alexis Holmes, Alexandria Hryb, Michael Hudson, Lauryn Kelly, Lilly Loughlin, Jovonna Mackey, Remington Malone, Maxx Misiaszek, Alivia Moore, Frank Parslow, Tristan Peckham, Colin Peduri, Jacob Reed, Sage Shaul, Jasmine Silchuk, Samuel Talerico, Andre VanEtten, Olivia Weeks, Amerah Wratten, Arieanna

#### **GRADE 6**

Allen, Charlotte Baird, Lilly Ballard, Annalise Brindisi, Louis Corleto, Kelsev DeCarr, Emma Haberek, Avery Jones, Luke Lallier, Lia Marcello, Gianna Screeder, Deegan Sumner, Cecilia Tylutki, Virginia Vaber, Mason

#### **GRADE 7**

Allen, Parker Alsante, Hannah Angiulli, Emma Baker, Savannah Biamonte, Camerin Calenzo, Julianna Colosimo, Leo Davies, Caleb Gehringer, Adriana Hughes, Olivia Jalowiec, Brennan Kellmurray, Raegan Kotary, Mila Lopiccolo, Austin Noonan, Trenton Parslow, Landon Polarolo, Cameron Quesnelle, Elijah Silchuk, Matthew Tompkins, Liam Wadsworth, Charlotte

#### **GRADE 8**

Allen, Alexandra Angiulli, Logan Barrett, Silvanna Benn, Hailey Brown, Shealvn Call. Bravdon Cardillo, Grace Colucci, Michael Cromp, James Curriere, Angelia Femia, Chace George, Olivia Hartnett, Doyle Hartnett, Lottie Jalowiec, Jacob Kachanovich, Anastaciya Lallier, Luke Larsen, Colton Leao, Jiana Luchsinger, Gaberiel Meeker, Colin Sullivan, Addison Tarasevich, Victoria Vaber, Levi Weibel, Stella







We are happy to announce that the third-quarter winner of the Sauquoit Valley High School Perseverance Award is Blake LoGalbo!

Blake was nominated by Ms. Arcuri who wrote, "I would like to nominate Blake LoGalbo for the Perseverance Award. Blake was injured earlier in the year and has not been able to do many of the things that he loves. Despite this, Blake has come in every day with a positive attitude, is always willing to do what is asked of him and is polite, kind and enjoyable to be around. Blake displays all of the qualities that this award represents."

Blake will receive a certificate and a \$25 Amazon gift card. Congrats Blake!



The Sauquoit Valley Lions held their annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on March 24 at the Willowvale VFD in Chadwicks. More than 230 Sauquoit Valley community members turned out in support of the event. The SV Lions have been hosting the event in the community since 1971. Twenty-nine Club members in addition to high school student volunteers, adult community volunteers and family members served the attendees throughout the morning. A pancake breakfast, spring raffles and a bake sale were all part of the event. It was a great opportunity to promote the work of the Lions and a good time was had by all in attendance. Thank you to the students of Sauquoit who helped at the breakfast! You made the event so much easier and were good company.

In addition, we are happy to inform you that we have voted to donate \$500 to the youth group who is attending the "Give Kids the World" volunteer trip in Kissimmee, FL at our March meeting. We are pleased to support this opportunity and we look forward to hearing more about this venture. As always, it is a pleasure to serve this fine community.

Connie Griffin | Sauquoit Valley Lions



# SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

# **BUILDING LEVEL UPDATES**

# HIGH SCHOOL

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# **OPTIMISTS YOUTH OF THE MONTH**

Our seniors are chosen based on their involvement in community and school-based activities, as well as their general attitude as good citizens in helping others. Congratulations to our Optimists of the Month:

> DECEMBER: Joy Mozden

JANUARY: JAMES HENCK

FEBRUARY: Morgan Sica

MARCH: ALYSSA PRICE

APRIL: ISABELLA CANARELLI

> MAY: Dawson Parry

**Students are selected based on the Rotarian four-way** test: Must be fair to all, build friendships, be trustworthy

and participate in community service.

DECEMBER: CADEN BEECHER

JANUARY: JAMIE ALLEN

FEBRUARY: Sydney Sallustio

MARCH: Frank Acquaviva

APRIL: HANNAH DAVIS

JULIA ZEGARELLI

#### MARKING PERIOD 2

#### HIGH HONOR ROLL

#### GRADE 9

Brennan, Allyson Brown, Benjamin Burton, Paige Carnevale, Isabella Christensen, Raina Curriere, Lydia Dreidel, Kaylyn Enjem, Mark Freitag, Samuel Kalil, Nora Karpovich, Caroleana King, Mia Miller, Lucielle Rabkavets, Darya Roach, Kaylie Sanders, Nicholas Sherman, Afton Zegarelli, Sophia

#### **GRADE 10**

Call, Margaret Farrell, Julia Jouben, Jared Land, Makayla Makuszak, Julia Steinbacher, Sara Weaver, Brynn Yerman, Kamryn

#### GRADE 11

Davis, Hannah Dawes, Samantha DelMedico, Lorelai Hanna, Nathan Judway, Katherine Lazarek, Addison Polarolo, Madison Rabkavets, Alesia

#### GRADE 12

Canarelli, Isabella DePerno, John Gifford, Abby Jouben, Jacob Judway, Alison Kalil, Olivia Latino, Zachary Peckham, Alexander Porter, Siena Price, Alyssa Roberts, Alexandria Shepherd, Kirsten Timian, Gia Weaver, Alaina Williams, Ava

#### HONOR ROLL

#### GRADE 9

Aylesworth, Hailey Ballard, Tobias Banks, Desiree Brown, Addison Conklin, Emma Cuthbertson, Jaxon Davis, Ryann Dikar, Jenweh Evans-Akins, Amethyst Giannatelli, Lilv Gifford, Madison Grimes, Kenny Handzel, Ellie Kimball, Wyatt Kolmer, Jacob Kotary, Dominik Schultz, Isiah Tibbitts, Gordon Torchia, Angelo White, Parker Williams, Gideon

#### **GRADE 10**

Barker, Broc Critelli, Evan Evans, Brittany Femia, Rocco Fredericks, Madalyn Johnson, Anna Belle Jones, Jack Krupa, Alex Miller, Hannah Montrose, Makayla Mozden, Ben Petteys, Bryce Reile, Owen Williams, Tristyn

#### **GRADE 11**

Banas, Jacob Chandler, Ava Crowe, Carly Decker, Jake Fancett, Emilie Kachanovich, Daria LaSalle, Olivia Lyke, Aiden Maltese, Brayden Marceau, Sydney McGarry, Aidan Messett, Elizabeth Morgan, Mia Perritano, Jaelyn Price, Joan Sallustio, Sydney Tomasso, Sophia Zammiello, Sophia Zegarelli, Julia

#### GRADE 12

Brown, Allen Catic, Amina Chiu, Tzu-Jou Giuliano, Nicholas Herrington, Angelina Hinman, Emma Howard, Deacon Khatri, Krish Larsen, Leah Mozden, Joy Nattress, Sydney Prichard, Alex Silchuk, Emily Stoddard, Geovanni Weibel, Evan Zamora, Peyton

#### MERIT ROLL

#### GRADE 9

Carangelo, Maxwell Carbone, Lucia Conklin, Aiden Curtis, Cassandra Freemire, Benjamin Hunt, Brooke LoGalbo, Blake McGarry, Mason Mroz, Jason Perritano, Nicholas Reinhardt, Genevieve Rocker, Gavin Smith, Mairead Sullivan, Kiernan Wadsworth, Campbell White, Jayden Wolczanski, Amelia

#### GRADE 10

Barrett, Isabella Bernat, Stephen Carbone, Enzo Chmukh, Vitaliy Hernandez, Mya Hinman, Thomas Latino, Jacob Lenard, Malia Manzer, Trinity Marcano, Daniel Miner, Alexia Rocker, Rylee Selmi, Sophia Sweet, Brenna Wentrick, Parker Werthman, Lilianna Zayas, Bailey

#### **GRADE 11**

Acquaviva, Frank Beecher, Caden Bradbury, Aubrey Burton, Julia Colucci, Julia Coughlin, Thomas Cruikshank, Alexander Dischiavo, Ella Eichhorn, Theodore Farrell, Mason Foley, SaraAnn Keller, Alexander Kolmer, Kobe Pett, Zachary Regetz, Braden Sacco, Sophia Skoler, Aubrey Snyder, Toryn West, Garrett

#### GRADE 12

Crandall, Allison Evans, Mckenzie Foley, Cheyenne Henck, James Jalowiec, Caden Jaquish, Isabella Johnson, Aaron LoGalbo, Joshua McKenney, Aiden Mudge, Johnny Parry, Dawson Patrick, Kaelin Price, Andrew Smith, Shawn White, Ethan

# Think Pink

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL RAISES MONEY TO SUPPORT LOCAL BREAST CANCER CENTERS

On January 23, the Sauquoit Valley girls JV and varsity volleyball teams held their 14th annual Think Pink Breast Cancer Fundraiser. The gymnasium was packed with spectators and supporters. More than 80 baskets were raffled off throughout the night. With a great turnout and lots of generous support, we were able to raise \$4,000! These proceeds directly benefit the Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) Breast Care Foundation, the Rome Health breast care patients and the Oneida Breast Care Center.

A big thank you to the players, coaches Kevin Perrone and Brittney Kuhn, "Think Pink" coordinator Lindsay Kidder and those volunteers that helped with concessions, ticket selling and raffle items. Thank you again to those that participated in "Think Pink" and helped us in the fight against breast cancer. The opponent that evening was not only Mount Markham, but breast cancer!



#### **BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

SECTIONALS

The boys volleyball team played great, recently winning sectionals. They advanced to regionals, but lost to Catskill.

#### INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

#### STATE QUALIFIERS

Addison Lazare Triple Jump THIRD PLACE **Aaron Johnson** *Pole Vault* SEVENTH PLACE

Nathan Hanna Shot Put GOOD SHOWING

#### WINTER SPORTS

#### BANQUET

At the March 11 Winter Sports Banquet, many student athletes were also recognized as Scholar Athletes.

#### SPRING SPORTS

Spring sports recently began. There are two additions: JV softball and girls golf. Come and support the Sauquoit Valley athletes.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS



We are excited to recommend the following staff to tenure:

NICOLE BECKER SARAH CAMACHO NATALIE DETRAGLIA ANDREA GAGNON GIANNA GIRUZZI CARLI MANCINO

# R E C O G N I Z E D TEACHERS

Stephen Turnbull from T5 Insurance (local resident) has been honoring one staff member of Sauquoit Valley each month. The recipients are nominated by their peers.

**RECENT WINNERS** 

JANUARY Brett Cardillo HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY Jamie Leigh Accordino MIDDLE SCHOOL

> MARCH Laura Hoffman ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL Alissa Reilly-Stewart HIGH SCHOOL



### **THRIFT STORE AND FOOD PANTRY**

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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. Follow us on Facebook: Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors



NOTIFICATION

The Sauquoit Valley Central School District uses current Integrated Pest Management practices to reduce the use of pesticides in our buildings and on our grounds. It may be necessary, however, to use pesticides periodically during the year. New York State law requires that schools maintain a list of staff and parents who wish to receive written notice 48 hours prior to a pesticide application at their school facility. If you wish to be included on this notification list, please contact Scott Gillette at 315.839.6333.

## **BUILDING INSPECTION**

REPORT & MANAGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the ASBESTOS Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1987 (AHERA), a copy of the Sauquoit Valley Central School Building Inspection Report and Management Plan is available for review during normal school hours or by appointment. Please contact Scott Gillette at 315.839.6333 if you need to set up an appointment or have any questions.



#### "FORE!"

The Sauquoit Valley Foundation has set the date for the annual golf tournament at Cedar Lake for July 22, 2024. This year is the 19th annual tournament! It continues to be the Foundation's major yearly fundraiser. Funds from this golf tournament go directly into an endowment, funding a variety of student-oriented programs within the schools and projects or programs within the Sauquoit Valley Community. Registration for the tournament can be completed online at www.svfgolf.com or by mail using a registration form from our website at www. sauquoitvalleyfoundation.org. All golfers are welcome for a great day of golf at a wonderful golf course! Get a team together and join the fun!

#### **COMMUNITY WALKWAY**

Spring is here and now is the time to order an engraved brick to place in the Sauquoit Valley Community Walkway, located at the high school stadium. Honor a special achievement, high school graduation, graduating class or as a memorial for a loved one. Bricks are available for purchase online at the Sauquoit Valley Foundation website at www.sauquoitvalleyfoundation.org.

#### WITCH WAY IS THE 5K?

Look for upcoming information on the annual "Witch Way is the 5K?" Road Race and kids runs. Returning on October 6, 2024; come run and enjoy the fun!

The Sauquoit Valley Foundation is a charitable, not-for-profit with the mission to promote and support excellence in our schools and the Sauquoit Valley Community. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the high school board room. Come join a meeting and volunteer for an event, program or project with the Foundation!

#### **Sports Boosters Update**

It's hard to believe we're already in the spring sports season! There are so many team and individual accomplishments to be proud of this year, and no doubt many more ahead.

The SV Sports Boosters have had another busy year running concessions, organizing sports banquets and voting to provide funds to athletes and teams; including new uniforms, equipment, sending junior athletes to a leadership conference, providing food to State-level competitors and creating and stocking brand new spirit wear. The Boosters don't stop there, as we've also been planning for the upcoming annual post-prom party, as well as recruiting new members to take over the organization. It takes many hands to do light work, so please consider volunteering with the Boosters to continue providing not only for our student-athletes, but for all SVCSD students. Hardworking board members and volunteers make the concessions, uniforms, equipment, leadership conferences, bonfires, banquets, spirit wear, post-prom parties and scholarships possible.

Please consider attending any of our meetings as we begin to transition to new leadership and seek new volunteers to keep the SV Sports Boosters running. Meetings are held in the high school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 19 and June 9. Lastly, if interested in donating to the postprom party, checks can be made out to SV Sports Boosters (please write "post-prom party" in the memo section) and mailed to Sauquoit Valley High School 2601 Oneida St., Sauquoit, NY 13456. Thank you to our entire community for your ongoing support!



Sauquoit Valley Garden Club is looking for new members. If interested in joining the Club, please contact Dale Rager at 315-749-3175 or email: quarryboys3@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS



# for Outstanding Support of Music Education Enriching the Lives of Children and Advancing Student Achievement

## F A round of applause for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District for being recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation! Congratulations to our dedicated students,

teachers, administrators and community members!

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

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Clayville Library Association's Board of Trustees expresses our gratitude to patrons, neighbors, and friends for supporting our 259 Funding Proposition.

Your confidence will enable the library to maintain its high level of service and programming to our community.

- · 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. •
- Our Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month. Join us for a good read and good company.
- · Summer Reading Program "Adventure Begins at Your Library" starts in July. Watch our Facebook, Instagram and website for further details; it's always a great experience!
- · 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.

#### LIBRARY HOURS

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

Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday <u>3 p.m. - 7 p.m.</u>

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