

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER / BUDGET

Home of the Cougars

May 2024

Culture of Excellence

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SVCS Families and Community,

We are pleased to present you with the 2024-2025 budget for the Stockbridge Valley Central School District. The focus of our work continues to be achieving academic excellence and providing a well-rounded student experience that develops positive, productive citizens for the future. Our school Board of Education, administration, teachers and staff continue to align our budget priorities with our mission "**Culture of Excellence: Empower ALL students through exemplary educational experiences to safely learn and grow.**" As always, it is our goal to develop a spending plan that is fiscally responsible to our taxpayers, in both the short and long term, while maintaining the strong education programs that are important to our students' success. When developing this budget we focused on 4 key areas.

1. **Minimize** tax impact,
2. **Ensure** that the resources are targeted to student needs,
3. **Build** fiscal stability and
4. **Support** new and innovative student programs.



This year the Stockbridge Valley School District is proposing a budget below the district's maximum allowable tax levy limit. This budget maintains all of our current student programs and services.

We invite all residents to attend a public hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Stockbridge Valley High School Library to share your thoughts or questions.

There will also be an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Board of Education during the public hearing. **The District will vote on the proposed 2024-2025 budget on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

If you have questions, please contact me at 315-495-4400 or cgraves@stockbridgevalley.org, or visit our website at www.stockbridgevalley.org for more information.

Sincerely,

Mr. Corey Graves
Superintendent of Schools

Join Us for the Blueprint for Excellence Stakeholder Team!

Dear Stockbridge Valley Community,

You are invited to be part of our annual Blueprint for Excellence Stakeholder Team meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the SVCS Library. Each year, our district brings together parents, community members, staff, the leadership team, and Board of Education to shape our Blueprint plan for the upcoming academic year. This plan, known as the Stockbridge Valley "Blueprint for Excellence," guides every committee and initiative in our district.

This year, the plan was crafted collaboratively by nearly 30 team members and refined by our leadership team before

being adopted by the Board of Education. Our priority areas for this year included; Student Experience, Staff Experience, and Community Experience.

If you are passionate about contributing to our district's success and want to join our stakeholder team, please contact Corey Graves, Superintendent, at 315-495-4400 or email cgraves@stockbridgevalley.org

We look forward to working together to shape a bright future for our students and community!

SVCS MISSION/VISION

Mission: Culture of Excellence: Empower ALL students through exemplary educational experiences to safely learn and grow.

Vision: SVCS is student-centered, where ALL children, staff and the community are valued, acknowledged and actively involved.

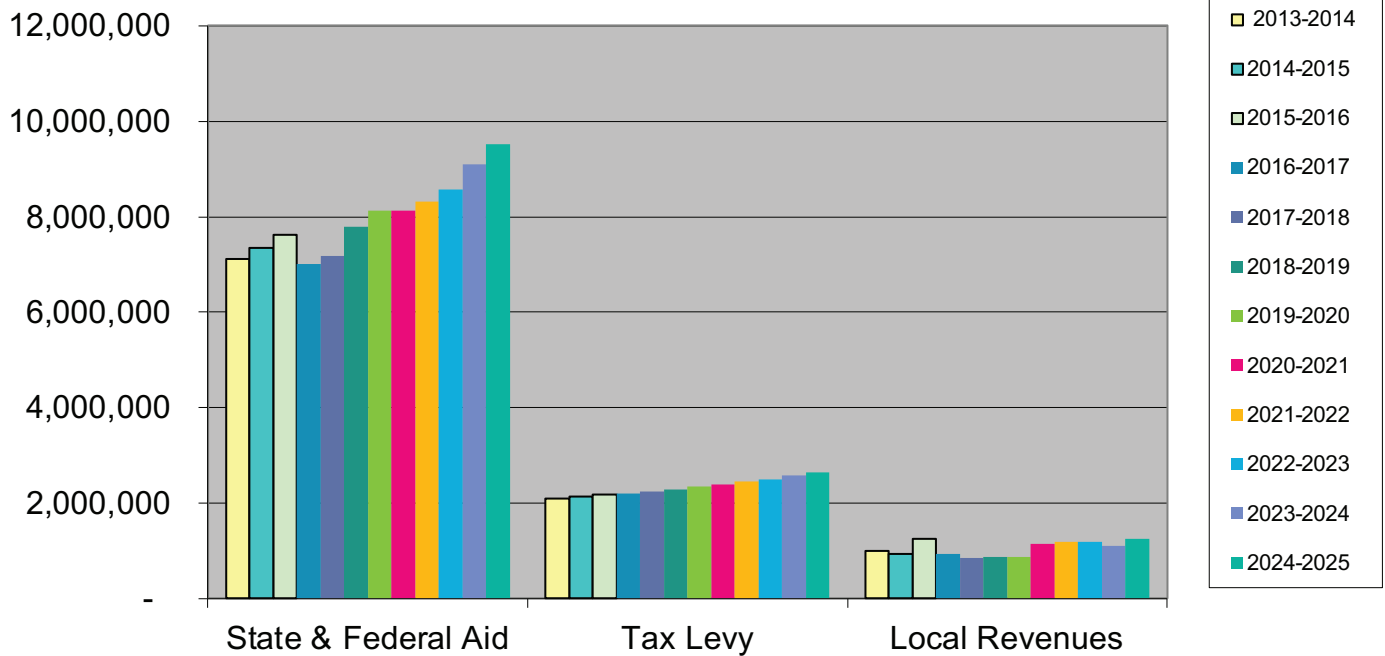
PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25

Three Part Budget Summary

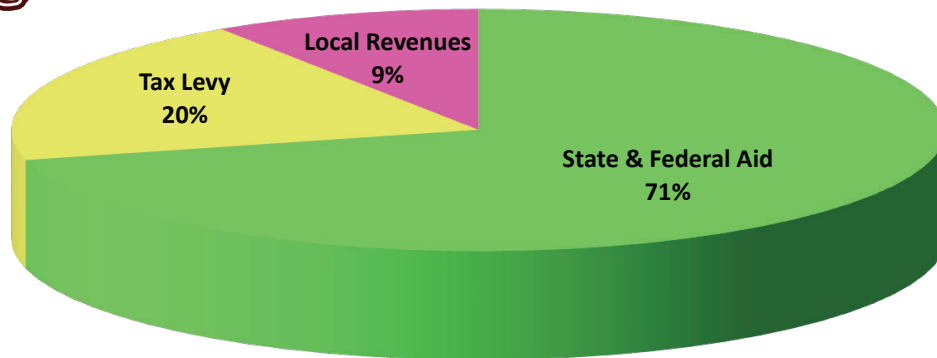
	2023-24 Adjusted Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget	Inc./Dec. from prior year
Proposed Program Budget			
Teaching Regular Instruction	2,776,748	2,864,763	88,015
Career & Technical Instruction	643,308	705,485	62,177
Programs for Students w/Special Needs	1,385,531	1,600,998	215,467
Special Schools/Programs	69,170	103,494	34,324
Media & Computer Technology Services	421,747	438,194	16,447
Pupil Services	555,831	571,138	15,307
Interfund Transfer	21,600	21,600	-
Transportation Services	918,568	1,054,785	136,217
Employee Benefits	2,361,553	2,389,806	28,253
Total	9,154,056	9,750,263	596,207
Capital Expenditures			
Facility & Grounds Operation & Maintenance	702,272	741,411	39,139
Debt Service	988,925	978,644	(10,281)
Employee Benefits	246,502	240,810	(5,692)
Total	1,937,699	1,960,865	23,166
Administrative Expenditures			
Board of Education	13,881	14,132	251
Central Admin./Finance	486,399	502,249	15,850
Central Services	351,257	359,369	8,112
Instructional Administration	402,219	413,316	11,097
Employee Benefits	435,183	417,606	(17,577)
Total	1,688,939	1,706,672	17,733
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	12,780,694	13,417,800	637,106



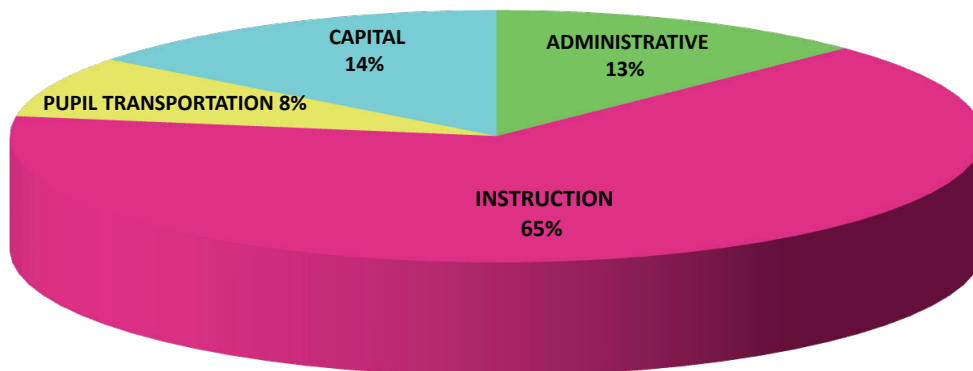
REVENUE COMPARISON 2013-14 TO 2024-2025



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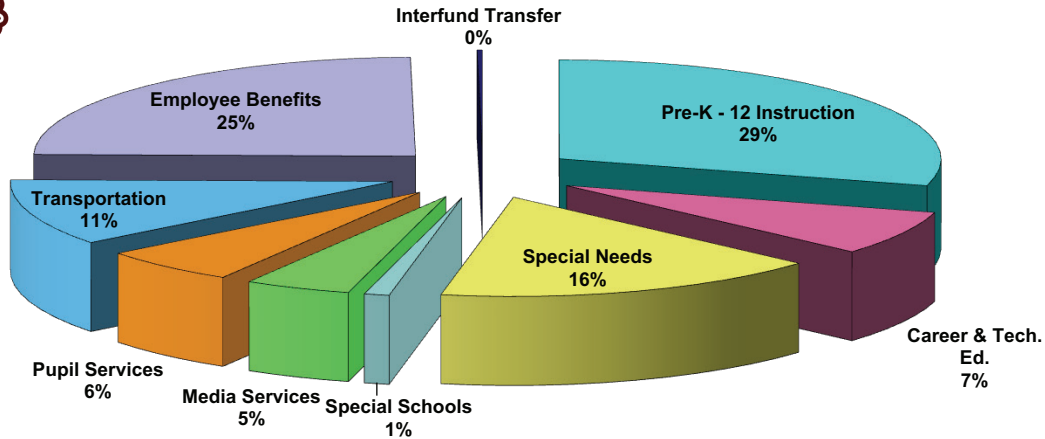


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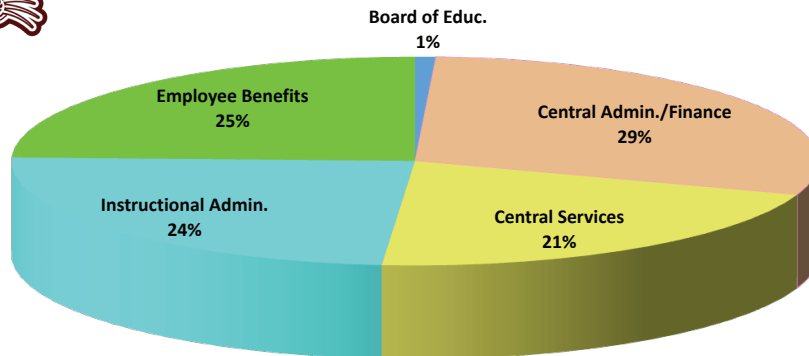




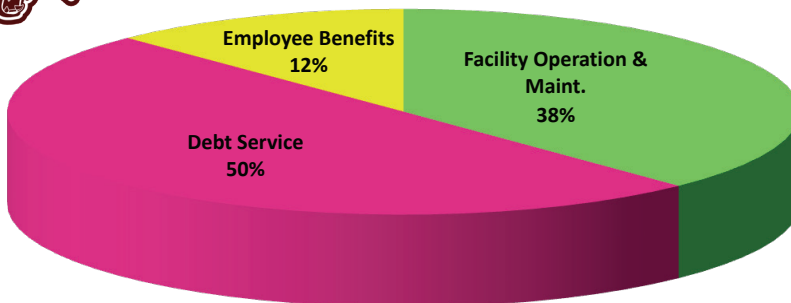
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES



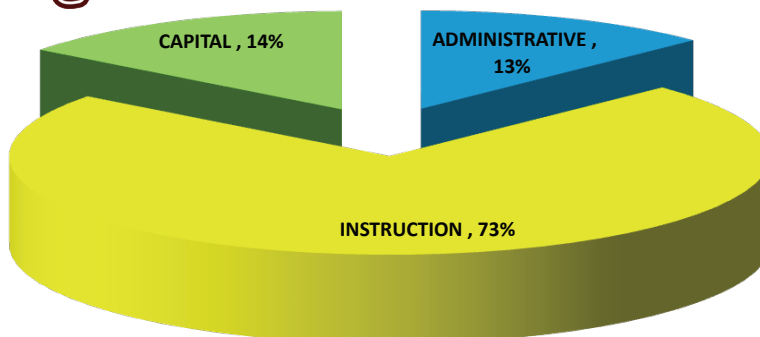
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES



CAPITAL EXPENDITURES



THREE PART BUDGET



QUALIFIED VOTER:

A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election.

If you are not registered with the County Board of Elections, and if you are a U.S. citizen, eighteen years of age or older, a resident of the school district for at least 30 days before the vote, you may apply for an absentee ballot for the school district vote by contacting the office of the District Clerk at 315-495-4400.

CANDIDATES FOR THE SVCS BOARD OF EDUCATION

EVALYN BRAZEAU



During my 33 years teaching, I have guided and mentored students to set goals and priorities, make informed decisions, integrate their curricular and experiential learning and reflect on their growth as they prepare for their future endeavors. I have also connected students to resources, services and programs that will support their educational needs at both the college and public school level. It has also been a priority for me to continue to build and support a diverse, inclusive, and equitable community for students to be successful.

In addition to having a masters in Reading, I have ten years working with diverse populations of traditional-age college students. I have gained knowledge and understanding of college student development. I have learned to be empathetic to their needs while guiding them to success at the college level. I continue to have commitment to equity and inclusion.

The reason for running for the Board of Education is that I live in the school district and I know my experience will help improve the school and the education of our youth.

Please feel free to contact me at 607-745-2912 for any additional information. I look forward to supporting the Stockbridge School district.

KRISTIN GUINTO



Hello, my name is Kristin Guinto and I am asking for your vote so that I may continue to serve on the Stockbridge Valley School Board of Education. Since I first moved into the Stockbridge Valley Central School District, I knew this was a place I would continue to be proud to call home. I live with my husband John, and our two children, Barbara (23) and Alex (21). My children, when they were in school, as well as to this day, are very different. I feel as though their differences offered me the advantage of looking at education with eyes wide open and to search for solutions that may not fit neatly within "the box".

I have served on the SVCS Board of Education for the last 7 years and am seeking re-election so that I can continue to work towards strengthening and supporting our school and its offerings. The Board of Education has worked diligently with the Superintendent of Schools to ensure students are being provided with the best opportunities possible. These decisions are not always easy, but the commitment as a

Board is something I am proud to say I am a part of. I have served as a member of the budget committee for the last 7 years and have worked with the committee to ensure that program offerings and staffing needs are met for our students, at the same time, ensuring that the budget does not burden our community. I have been an active member of the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation since 2009 and am still actively involved in the Drama Club as the parent coordinator. I enjoy being an active member in the school with the students, even when my own children have since graduated.

I believe Stockbridge Valley Central School has many unique opportunities available to the students. Including but not limited to, the diverse club options, the shared services that offer opportunities at a reduced cost, the college course offerings that we continue to increase, and the committed faculty and staff that interact with our students daily and not just in the classroom. All of these contributing factors are just a small piece of what makes me proud to be a part of Stockbridge Valley Central School.

I would be honored to receive your vote to have the ability to continue to serving our community with this Board. Thank you for your time.

CAROL MARSHALL



Hello Stockbridge Residents. My name is Carol Marshall and I am running for my second School Board term for the Stockbridge Valley Central School. During my first term, I served on the school's Safety Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and advocated for our district as the Rural Schools Association representative.

Since moving here, I have become an active member of the Stockbridge Valley FFA Alumni. I have been to several school concerts, musicals and basketball games, both girls and boys. It is clear the heart that the students, teachers and staff have for this school and community. I would love to help keep that spirit alive by contributing my thoughts and voting on the matters that come before the school board.

For me, the main responsibility of a School Board member is to support our student's growth, both academically and socially. As a public school parent of three children that participated in Music, Art, Sports and extracurricular activities, I realize their importance in enriching kids' lives. Teachers and staff also have a tremendous influence on student growth. Support for them is also part of what is expected of a School Board. Community members and taxpayers also have a vested interest in SVCS. We, as board members must keep that in mind as well. Being fiscally responsible for making the best choices for the future of our school is a must. I am a graduate of a small school and can see the possibilities necessary for success for students, teachers and staff. As a current employee at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, I am an advocate for alternate career paths for students. Thank you for your consideration on May 21.

JON STRAIN



Dear Fellow School District Parents and Taxpayers:

Let me reintroduce myself: My name is Jonathan Strain and I have been serving this district for the past 6 years as a Stockbridge Valley School Board member. I have been a member of this outstanding school district for 43 years. My pride for the Stockbridge Valley School District, and the community is overwhelming. I have chosen to live in this community with my wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Jillyan; I could not imagine leaving this area. My daughter is currently in 6th Grade.

I would like your support in running for a third term on the Stockbridge Valley Board of Education. I want to continue to be the voice of parents and the community members who may need help expressing their concerns to a higher level, in whatever aspect of education they may have inquiries about. Once we have mentioned and voiced these concerns within the school board environment, then I, along with the other school board members, can begin addressing and discussing those concerns, working together to obtain solutions. During this past term, we worked together to appoint a new superintendent in August 2021, overcome the challenges of returning the school district to a post-COVID 19 pandemic for all attendees; executed existing capital project; increase curriculum needed, as well as club availability, and cannot over emphasis enough continuing to maintain a safer environment for our children, teachers, and administration. This school district has made tremendous strides in improvements for the school district.

No matter how diverse our background, the Stockbridge Valley Board of Education works unendingly in providing a great educational experience for our students, all the while maintaining a safe environment for learning. During the past several years a lot of worldly events have affected how we become more adaptable to coexisting with each other while at the same time maintaining a healthy, safe environment for educational learning to continue. Pressures to make accurate changes keeping everyone safe caused many tough decisions to be met, without bringing our own personal beliefs or politics into the equation. With my tenure on the School Board, I have served on the Policy Committee and the Building Committee, all the time concentrating on the benefits to the students and the taxpayers with the decisions I have made.

Jon Strain continued

If re-elected to a third term on the Board of Education, I not only look forward to decisions affecting my child, but every child within the district. Whether the board discusses educational resources, safety, staffing and faculty concerns, and/or building and grounds concerns, please feel confident that I too am making decisions as a parent first and then as a taxpayer. Although board members have diverse backgrounds, one thing is apparent when we work together for the good of our school district-the children, their education, and their safety are always our forethought.

I look forward to your vote for my continuing to serve our community on the Stockbridge Valley School Board. Let us continue keeping Stockbridge safe and community-oriented, while maintaining excellent educational learning for our children. They are our future!

KAYLA ROBERTS



Hello Stockbridge Residents. My name is Kayla Roberts and I am excited to run and serve on the School Board for Stockbridge Valley Central School District. I have been a Munnsville resident since August of 2022, but have been a part of the Oneida area for the last 15 years. I knew once we made the move from NC back home to Central NY, that Munnsville instantly felt like home. I knew that I wanted to raise my family similarly to how I was raised in a K-12 small town community in Edmeston, NY. I live with my husband Andrew, and our two children, Cooper (7) and Charleigh (5) and our several animals that we raise on our little homestead. Both of our children are students at SVCS. I immediately fell in love with the school community the moment I stepped foot on campus. I recognize the positive impact a small town and district can provide my children in contrast to what a larger district cannot provide. SVCS has continued to show my family acceptance, a strong educational foundation,

and an incredibly supportive small-town community! I'm always amazed at the educational opportunities, hosted school events, and extracurricular activities that take place throughout the school year at Stockbridge. These are some of the many reasons I am expressing my interest and wanting to serve on the School Board.

I have over twelve years of educational experience as a K-12 Professional School Counselor. I spent the first 10 years of my career working with elementary aged students and have spent the last 2 years at Madison-Oneida BOCES as a High School Counselor. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from SUNY Oswego and a Master's Degree from Syracuse University in School Counseling with my CAS in Multicultural Populations. I have a wide range of knowledge and expertise in all areas of education; social-emotional learning, nationwide and research-based programming, implementation of data, special education, working with community supports, and bridging the gap at community levels both at the micro and macro levels. Additionally, I have sat on many district level boards as an educator. With my background, I have an extensive understanding of school policies, K-12 curriculums, obtaining visions and objectives for districts, and most importantly, advocating for public education. As a parent, I see and understand the current impacts and challenges that districts face and I have a wealth of knowledge that can support students, staff and our community. Growing up in a K-12 district myself, I am always advocating for the needs of what the community desires and continuing to enrich what is already working. As a future School Board member, my desire is to support students' growth both academically and social-emotionally. I want to continue the great work the current board is already accomplishing. I am optimistic that I can serve as an additional support to the community, while also bringing new perspective and knowledge to my team. I am eager to meet with students, teachers, staff, and community members to gain insight and direction of the community needs. I recognize that accountability is forefront and am committed to adhering to the district's needs and budget. I would be honored to receive your vote to have the new opportunity to serve with this board to only continue the diligent work that is already being done.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Dear families, students, and community members,

As we reach the home stretch, we have much to celebrate and much still to come. We are looking forward to so many things including; Prom, Middle School Semi-Formal, Honor Roll Breakfast, District-Wide Art Show, Spring Concerts, FFA State Convention, Senior Awards Night, and of course the long-awaited, well deserved, graduation. We are very proud of our Seniors as they have strived for excellence throughout their high school careers. This week, we announced the top ten students of the graduating Class of 2024 and we couldn't be more proud of their academic achievements, community service endeavors, and the character of the humans they have grown to become. Thank you to all family members, school staff, and community members who have helped shape the wonderful people who will be graduating on June 28.

New York State Assessments for Math are on May 7 and 8, as well as for Science on May 15. Our first regents exam will take place on June 4 for Algebra. The remainder of our regents exams will begin on June 14. Please help us ensure students are well-rested, have eaten a great breakfast, and are ready to do their best. We appreciate your support with all the testing.

Thank you to everyone who has been working on attendance and promptness to school, and thank you to those who already do this daily. It makes such a difference in the education of students to be present every day and get the information they need for success here at SVCS. We truly appreciate your efforts.

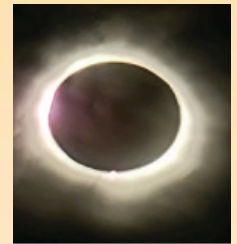
Recently we participated in spirit week and held a pep rally to support all those in spring sports and to give us that final push through to the end of the year. We shared a moment of silence to honor the Syracuse fallen police officers and showed respect for their efforts to make our world a safer place to live. By the end of the event, teachers competed in bubble suits against each other to claim victory and the top ten students and all of our athletes were recognized for their efforts. Great job Student Council for hosting such an amazing event.

In closing, thank you all for your continued support as we work towards a Culture of Excellence. This is an amazing community to work with and I am grateful every day for such incredible students and colleagues. Have an amazing end to the school year. As always, please reach out if there is anything I can help you with.

Mrs. Lisa Hopkins, 7-12 Principal

CAMP OSWEGATCHIE TRIP TO SEE THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Our students were recently given the great opportunity to travel to Camp Oswegatchie in Croghan, NY to see the solar eclipse. What an incredible experience at such a beautiful place. Students in 6 through 12 grade went on nature hikes and mingled with students from other schools as they played volleyball, and gaga ball, a new game for me to see. I even got to enjoy throwing around a football with a few of our seniors. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience as the skies grew dark and the field fell silent. Students from SVCS and other area schools were able to see and feel this remarkable change together. Such an amazing experience.



UPCOMING SVCS EVENTS

Junior Prom - May 11, Grand March at 5:00-5:45 pm, Prom 7:00-11:00 pm at Best View Barn
4846 Brown Road, Munnsville

Honor Roll Breakfast 7-12 - May 21 at 9:00 am

District Wide Art Show - May 21 at 5:00 pm

FFA Banquet - June 6 - 5:30 pm

Varsity Sports Spring Awards Night - June 4 at 6:00 pm

Senior Awards Night - June 12 at 6:00 pm

MOBOCES Graduation - June 10 at 6:00 pm at Vernon Downs, Vernon

Graduation Rehearsal - June 27 at 8 am

Graduation Ceremony - June 28 at 6:00 pm

SVCS ANNOUNCES 2024 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN



L to R: High School Principal, Lisa Hopkins; School Counselor, Cassandra Gleason Valedictorian, Nicholas Smith; Salutatorian, Sophia Stevens; Superintendent, Corey Graves; and Administrative Intern, Nicole LaFave.



NICHOLAS SMITH, VALEDICTORIAN

Stockbridge Valley Central School proudly announces the Class of 2024 Valedictorian - Nicholas Smith. Nick is the son of Cindy and Andy Smith. He has been accepted to Clarkson University and will attend there in the fall to pursue a career in Computer Engineering.

Nick has been an active member of the SVCS FFA, Clay Target Club and National Honor and Junior Honor Societies. He was the recipient of the High School Leadership Award from Clarkson University.

Outside of school life, Nick has provided many hours of community service. He volunteers his time for fundraising events for the Lebanon Federated Church. Nick also volunteers at the Vernon National Shooting Preserve.

When asked to describe a personal accomplishment of his high school career, Nick stated, "One highlight of my high school career was completing the Rube Goldberg machine in physics with Edward. In all of the years that this challenge has been attempted, we were the first class to do it successfully."

Best wishes, Nick!!

SOPHIA STEVENS, SALUTATORIAN

Stockbridge Valley Central School proudly announces the Class of 2024 Salutatorian - Sophia Stevens. Sophia is the daughter of Chad Stevens and Lynn Shelley. She has been accepted at SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Geneseo, Gonzaga University, University of Albany and the University at Buffalo. Sophia plans to attend SUNY Oneonta or University at Albany to study Early Childhood Education.

Sophia has earned many honors and awards including the George H. Ball Community Achievement Award (Keuka College), Colonel Emerging Leader Award (Wilkes College), Business & Leadership Award (RIT) and the DAR Good Citizen Award. She has received scholarships from SUNY Albany, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oswego and SUNY Geneseo.

Sophia has volunteered her time for several causes: National Honor Society's Blood Drive, Food Drive and backpack program. She also has been a member of the Science Club, Spanish Club, Math Club and Marching Band. This year, Sophia served as the Vice President of Science Club and Secretary of the National Honor Society. She also played Varsity Soccer and Basketball. She was named 2020-21 Rookie of the year and 2023-24 captain for Girls Varsity Basketball.

For her most significant accomplishment in high school, Sophia stated, "One of my proudest accomplishments was most recently being named the SVCS Class of 2024 Salutatorian, something I've looked forward to since I was a little girl. It is truly gratifying to have this honor, knowing the years of hard work, dedication, and resilience I've shown. However, I wouldn't be the student I am today without my extracurricular achievements in various school sports, clubs, and organizations as well. I strongly believe that my participation in both shaped me into a well-rounded Salutatorian, student, and human being."

Good luck, Sophia!

**STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY
CLASS OF 2024 TOP TEN!**

Nicholas Smith
Valedictorian

Sophia Stevens
Salutatorian

Lily Kiehn
Abigail Fisher
Siena Marzan
Summer Boronow
Mary Beecher
Madison Nolley
Edward DeMenezes
Ella Bonvicino

WELCOME ISLA!

Isla, the school's therapy dog, has made a great transition into our building. She loves greeting kids as they come into the building and enjoys all the attention they give her throughout the day. Isla had the chance to visit Miss Gough's classroom during Read Across America Day to teach students about what a therapy dog does and the different types of therapy dogs.

Mrs. Gleason, School Counselor (Isla's mom)

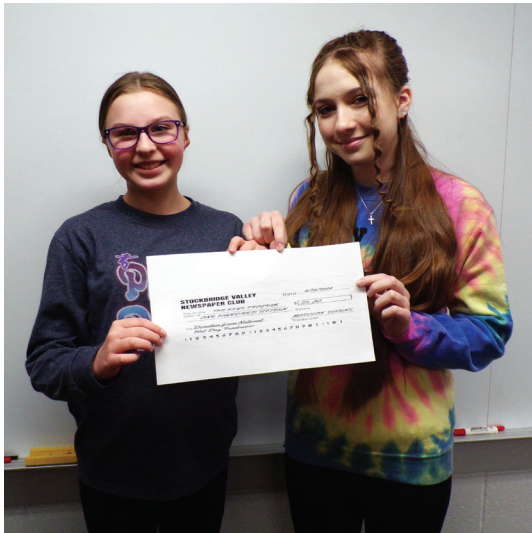


THANK YOU FROM THE JUNIOR CLASS!

Thank you to everyone who supported our bottle drive that benefitted the Junior Class of 2025. We made a total of \$845.55! Did you know we have an account at Cash for Cans in Oneida? It is located at 1035 N. Main Street. The account is open year-round so if you would like to donate cans or bottles, just stop in and ask the clerk helping you to add your donated funds to our account. All our fundraising throughout the year helps the Juniors to put on a successful prom.

Prom this year will be held at Best View Barn right here in Munnsville on Saturday, May 11. The Grand March will be held at 5:00 pm in the Charles E. Stratton Auditorium at the school on that day. All are invited to attend!

Mrs. Laraby
Junior Class Advisor



Pictured: Aven Hofmeyer and Madison Divens

Absent: Daniela Voyku, Anna Baker, Serenity Chapin and Marilyn Jones

NEWSPAPER CLUB

The Stockbridge Valley Cougar Times Newspaper Club recently celebrated National Hat Day on March 28. For \$1 per student and staff member, everyone was able to wear a hat for the day. All proceeds from the fundraiser were donated to the KEYS program in Sherrill in honor of "Music in Our Schools" month, which is held every year in March.



The KEYS program is a local non-profit organization that brings music, hope, and smiles to children impacted by cancer and life-threatening illnesses through music outreach, advocacy, and education.

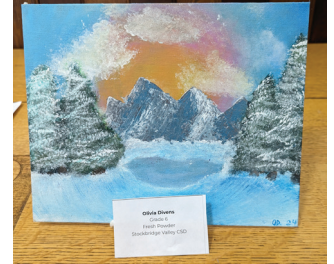
Mrs. Johnson, Newspaper Club Advisor

ART HIGHLIGHTS FROM MS. THOMAS AND MRS. MAGUIRE



COMMON THREAD ART SHOW

The annual Common Thread Art Show was held in March at the Kirkland Library in Clinton. Each year Ms. Thomas and Mrs. Maguire select one work from a student to display alongside the teacher's work at the Common Thread show. Congratulations to Lily Stevens in grade 10 and Olivia Divins in grade 6 for participating in the show.



SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

The Central New York region had their annual Scholastic Art Awards. The region covers a very large geographic area - 14 counties and almost 400 eligible schools in CNY. For most of its history the program has been held in the city of Syracuse. Onondaga Community College has hosted the show since 2000. Each year they adjudicate upwards of 5,000 pieces of art from about 200 teachers and between 80 to 100 individual schools, making this program one of the largest in the country. They draw entries from across the region, not just the immediate Syracuse area. More than 50 professional artists, educators and photographers select award winners during the judging process. They present approximately 1,500 awards each year, and the winning pieces and portfolios get displayed throughout the Whitney Applied Technology Center at Onondaga Community College.

We had three winners this year. Siena Marzan received Silver Key in photography, Summer Boronow received Honorable Mention in photography, and Ameera Panebianco received Honorable Mention in drawing and illustration.



ELEMENTARY CLAY ART PROJECTS

The elementary art classes were once again thrilled to have local ceramicist, Jessica Hofmeyer as our guest artist. Jessica taught each grade how to create a hand-built vessel using just their hands. This event was made possible with funds from the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation, the PTSO and the Art and Ed COSER. The students look forward to working with Jessica every year.



MONO PRINTS



The elementary art club enjoyed making monoprints using acrylic paints and plastic bags. These pieces will be included in the district art show on May 21 at 5 pm.



UKRAINIAN EGG WORKSHOP

The middle/high school art club recently welcomed artist and retired art teacher, Linda Evans. She taught us the art of Ukrainian Easter egg dyeing. The students designed their egg with a pencil, then used a kistka (tool that holds & draws with wax). The students then dipped their egg in colored dye. They repeat this process until the egg was dyed in each specific color. Then they clean off all the wax from the egg. Lastly, the students blew out the egg and varnished it. All the eggs were beautiful!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ART CLUB VISITS MUNSON WILLIAMS



The middle and high school art club took a field trip to Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute. Students and chaperones had guided tours of the Museum, Fountain Elms and The Pratt Munson School of Art. The students enjoyed the Freshman Art show and saw sophomore and SVCS alumni, Sarah Hofmeister.

THE JUNIOR CLASS OF 2025 PRESENTS THE STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

Euphoric Evening Junior Prom

ON SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 2024 FROM 7:00-11:00PM
-Dancing & Snacks-

LOCATION: BEST VIEW BARN ◊ 4846 BROWN ROAD, MUNNYSVILLE

Grand March

WILL BE HELD IN THE STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 5:00PM
JUNIOR CLASS CROWNING WILL ALSO OCCUR DURING THIS TIME

PROM IS OPEN TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS TICKETS ARE ON SALE UP UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 10TH
SEE MRS. LARABY TO PURCHASE THESE ARE FINAL SALE!

SINGLE ATTENDEES - \$25 ◊ COUPLES - \$40.00
WHEN TICKETS ARE PURCHASED, FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PURCHASER
A FORMAL INVITATION TO THE GRAND MARCH WILL BE MAILED

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING PROM, PLEASE CONTACT
ERICA LARABY, JUNIOR CLASS ADVISOR, AT ELARABY@STOCKBRIDGEVALLEY.ORG



Stockbridge Valley
Central School District

HONOR ROLL - JANUARY 2024

GRADE 6 HIGH HONOR

Olivia Divens
Olivia Greene
Emma Mish
Owen Mobbs
Lily Relyea
Natalie Shaw
Jillyan Strain
Gregory Truman

HONOR

Lane Denslow
Julia Douthit
Macie Moot
Kamryn Ostrander
Brady Plasse
Henry Pond

GRADE 7 HIGH HONOR

Devynn Bingel
Karalynne Carmon
McKenzie Davis
Avery Ellerbruch
Joseph Jones
Ryleighann Kern
Matthew Marshall
Marshal Moot
Hunter Relyea
Levi Shea
Tucker Wallace
Blake Wilson

HONOR

Hunter Cady
Jasper Clark
Freda Josephs
Myah Pizzuto
Jacob Tysco

GRADE 8 HIGH HONOR

Anna Baker
Kiernan Berger
Logan Cady
Serenity Chapin
Chance Craft
Jayden Croniser
Madison Divens
Aven Hofmeyer
Liam Plasse

HONOR

Collin Hartle
Ernest Moot, III
Jasmine Springer
Daniela Voyku

GRADE 9 HIGH HONOR

Lyla Cross
Alyssa Fisher
Thomas Jones, IV
Delilah McEathron
Addisyn Mendez-Martin
Paislee Stevens

HONOR

BethAnn Mason
Jade Nystrom
Aspen Tucci

GRADE 10 HIGH HONOR

Rileigh Berger
Rebekah Cullen
Gabrielle Davis
Abigail Jantzi
Jack Josephs
Dylan LaFave

Nathanyel Lumbrazo
Magavin Moot
Elizabeth Shaver
Lilly Stevens

HONOR

Hayden Grow
Ameera Panebianco
Kiley Snow
Mallory Tysco

GRADE 11 HIGH HONOR

Hailey Beecher
Marlie Brummer
Emma DeMenezes
Madison Greene
Madison Hartle
Ella Hopkins
Emily Mobbs
Marcus Moot
Anthony Shaw
Hannah Sherman

HONOR

Kendra Genge
Jadalyn George
Carter Highers
Marilyn Jones
Natalie McCabe
Cole Russ

GRADE 12 HIGH HONOR

Mary Beecher
Ella Bonvicino
Summer Boronow
Logan Brown
Rebekah Carey
Jack Cross
Edward DeMenezes, III
Dominick Eddy
Abigail Fisher
Lily Kiehn
Siena Marzan
Madison Nolley
Nicholas Smith
Sophia Stevens
Paige Webb

HONOR

Zachary Berger
Brittany DeWald
Hunter Divens
Tyler Kampf
Laila Mahoney
Rocco Pizzuto
Carman White
Austin Zaleski

Congratulations

GREETINGS FROM THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE!

Dear SVCS Families,



As the weather finally warms up, I am delighted to share some exciting updates and upcoming events from our vibrant elementary school.

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to all who attended and supported our recent PTSO Spring Social. Your presence and enthusiasm made the evening truly memorable. It was wonderful to see families come together and celebrate our school community.

In April, our sixth graders embarked on a remarkable journey to Camp Oswegatchie, where they had the unique opportunity to witness a celestial marvel – a solar eclipse! It was an awe-inspiring experience, fostering curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the universe.

In other news, our students in grades 3 through 6 recently tackled the New York State English Language Arts (ELA) exam with diligence and determination. We are immensely proud of their hard work and commitment to academic excellence.

This year, our elementary clubs have flourished, providing students with enriching opportunities for exploration and growth. From the creative endeavors in Art Club to the literary adventures in Library Club, our students have embraced diverse interests and talents. Wellness Club, Student Council, and Junior Future Farmers of America (FFA) have also made significant contributions to our school culture, fostering leadership skills and a sense of community.

For those still eager to engage in physical activity and friendly competition, our intramural program continues to thrive. There is one session remaining for grades 5 and 6, offering students the chance to stay active and build teamwork skills in a supportive environment.

On April 8, 2024, students and staff from SVCS had the opportunity to witness a historic event during the Solar Eclipse Field Trip at Camp Oswegatchie.

Photos by Elementary Principal, Mrs. Suber.



As we approach the end of the school year, mark your calendars for these important dates: Kindergarten Graduation on June 20 at 6:00 PM, School Picnic and Field Days on June 21, and Sixth Grade Graduation on June 24 at 1:15 PM. These events will be cherished moments to celebrate our students' achievements and bid farewell to another successful academic year.

Looking ahead, I am excited to announce that our Summer Learning Academy will run for three weeks for 4 days each week from July 8 through July 25 catering to students currently in kindergarten through fifth grade. Our theme, "Summer Learning Academy is Sunsational," promises a season of fun-filled learning experiences. From exploring the skies with a hot air balloon visit to delving into the mysteries of the universe with a traveling planetarium, there will be no shortage of excitement. Additionally, we have planned a refreshing field trip to the Splash Pad at Verona State Park and an end-of-program picnic to celebrate our accomplishments together.

In closing, I extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and enthusiastic students for making this school year truly memorable. Together, we have created a nurturing environment where every child can thrive and succeed.

Wishing you all a joyful and rejuvenating spring season.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Julie Suber, Principal K-6

SOME IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

- **May 6 through May 10:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 21:** Elementary Spring Concert @ 6pm
- **May 23:** Character Education Assembly @ 1:15pm
- **June 20:** Kindergarten Graduation @ 6pm
- **June 21:** School Picnic and Field Days
- **June 24:** Sixth Grade Graduation time @ 1:15pm



4TH GRADERS MAKE ENERGY EFFICIENT CARS

These past few months have been busy and productive in fourth grade! We have been gearing up and practicing for state assessments while learning strategies to help everyone be successful. Of course, we still find time to stop and have fun every once in a while. Students finished their science unit on energy, and we showcased what we learned by making energy-efficient cars! Students worked through the challenges of hands-on learning using teamwork, perseverance, and collaboration. It was an awesome turnout, and the cars were amazing!

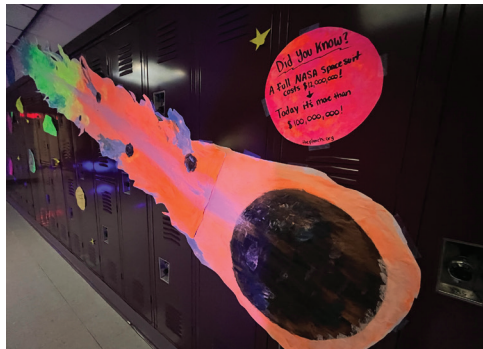
Mrs. Laraby and Ms. Stedman
4th Grade Teachers



STEAM AHEAD IN THE VALLEY

Stockbridge Valley was filled with enthusiasm during the second annual SVCS STEAM night on March 14. The displays showcased everything celestial. Activities ranged from crafting paper tube constellations led by Mrs. Bartlett's Science Club to experiencing Solar Eclipse Views with Ms. O'Mara's Science in Society and Living Environment students. Participants also got creative with Cornell Cooperative Extension's Astronaut Helmet headbands, indulged in Cosmic Cake Pops with Mr. DeBraccio's Culinary Club, enjoyed Phases of the Moon cookies courtesy of Mrs. Wright and Ms. Bovalino, explored Cloud Dough with Mrs. Gleason and the Counseling staff, and delved into Planet Resist Paintings guided by Mrs. Maguire and the Art Club, among other engaging activities.

The event was organized by Science Teachers Ms. O'Mara, Mr. Snyder, and Mrs. Bartlett, with substantial support from both staff and student volunteers.



CENTRAL COUNTIES LEAGUE ALL STARS 2023-24



Volleyball

Siena Marzan, Paige Webb, Aspen Tucci
Honorable Mention: Lynn George, Barbi Myers
Section 3 All Stars: Siena Marzan, Aspen Tucci

Girls Basketball

Karalynne Carmon, Marlie Brummer
Honorable Mention: Rebekah Cullen

Boys Basketball

Kaden Wilson, Carter Highers, Evan Enslow

2024 STOCKBRIDGE YOUTH SOCCER



Open to Stockbridge youth from age 4 through 6th grade.

Cost: \$30

Includes: Stockbridge shirt

Parent must provide: cleats, shin guards, socks & shorts

Register online at tshq.bluesombrero.com/stockbridge
now until Sunday, August 11th. There will be NO late sign-ups.

Age 4 through Kindergarten will be just skills and drills
on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

Grades 1st through 6th will have practices on
Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings at Carlon Field.
Home and away games are held on Saturday mornings.
We play against Brookfield, Madison and Morrisville.

Please email stockbridgevalleyyouthsports@gmail.com with any questions.
More info is available at: facebook.com/groups/stockbridgeyouthsports.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

"WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS?"



This is a friendly reminder about what might be considered "suspicious" and what we should do when we see it!

The observations of Stockbridge Valley School goers are crucially important to the safety of our community and school. Every day we wake up to our same routines; getting out of bed, collecting our belongings, grabbing something to eat and drink, and out the door in a hurry we go! We need to think outside our daily routines.

As citizens and residents of the Stockbridge Valley School District, the safety and security of our community depends on us being observant and vigilant in preventing potential threats from becoming damaging or harmful to our way of life. Think of this, every day, more than a thousand of us travel to and from our school each day. We see a lot of things! We observe situations, people behaviors, positions of different things, and vehicles parked and moving.

Suspicious activity is any observed behavior or things, that may indicate to you, that a crime is about to occur, is occurring, or just occurred; a vehicle parked in an unusual place, people running or acting like they don't belong, a person with a weapon, someone acting nervous or looking over their shoulder, a person in a location that is restricted, or wearing clothing that hides their identity. Perhaps it might be someone who has or is making threats to harm themselves or others, who may need help and assistance, before they act. This list could go on and on as you know.

Trust your instincts. If the hair on the back of your neck goes up, or if you say to yourself "This doesn't look right", then you should report it to authorities. You can tell them it may be nothing, but it looked unusual to you, and provide a detailed description of what you saw.

Let's keep our kids and school safe, and remember, "if you see something suspicious, say something" and report it!

*Officer Hopkins
School Resource Officer*



Stockbridge Pre-Kindergarten Registration



Madison Oneida BOCES Pre-Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2024 for Children who will be 4 on or before December 1st, 2024

**Ongoing registration for FREE full day 4
year old pre-k at Stockbridge Valley
Central School**

*Please call 315-361-5903 or email mutegg@moboces.org for an
application*

**To register you must have the
following:**

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Proof of Residency (current mortgage/lease or utility bill with your name and physical address)

We offer a high quality educational Early Childhood program for eligible children in the Stockbridge school district

*Certified teachers and teacher aides in each of our two classrooms

*Free transportation to and from school

*Parent Involvement

For questions or further information, please call 315-361-5903. Application packets are also available at your local Elementary school office or our website at www.moboces.org





SVCS
Greenhouse

Wide variety of hanging baskets, bedding plants, vegetables, and herbs

Open
May 10-June 8

FRIDAY
🕒 5 PM - 7 PM


SATURDAY
🕒 10 AM - 12 PM

Additional appointments available by contacting Erin Smith

📞 315-525-6138 ✉️ esmith@stockbridgevalley.org

Understanding Tick Bites and Lyme Disease

How to prevent tick bites



How to remove a tick


1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure to remove the tick. Avoid twisting or jerking.
3. Clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

Notes:

- Remove the tick as soon as possible to reduce your chances of getting an infection from the tick bite.
- Don't use nail polish, petroleum jelly, or a hot match to make the tick detach.
- If tick mouthparts remain in the skin, leave them alone. In most cases, they will fall out in a few days.

Protect yourself:

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. Always follow product instructions.
- Wear clothing treated with permethrin.
- Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.
- Check for ticks daily. Ticks can hide under the armpits, behind the knees, in the hair, and in the groin.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.

 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

287706-A January 9, 2018

Dear Summer School Parents/Guardians & Staff,

The Stockbridge Valley Central School uses Integrated Pest Management practices to reduce the use of pesticides in the Stockbridge Valley buildings and on the grounds. It is unlikely that the Stockbridge Valley campus will use pesticides this summer. New York State law requires that schools maintain a list of staff and parents who wish to receive written notice forty-eight (48) hours prior to a pesticide application at their school facility if the building will be occupied within seventy-two (72) hours of an application. If you wish to be included on this notification list, or would like further information on the Stockbridge Valley's pesticides program, please contact Beth S. Lamb, Business Administrator at 315-495-4445 or write to:

Stockbridge Valley C. S.
Pesticide Representative
P.O. Box 732, 6011 Williams Rd.
Munnsville, NY 13409



May 6-10, 2024

Thank you Stockbridge Valley teachers
for your hard work and dedication
to our students!

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 12,780,694	\$ 13,417,800	\$ 13,377,450
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$ 637,106	\$ 596,756
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.98 %	4.67 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 2,568,515	\$ 2,645,430	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 0	\$ 0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ 0	\$ 0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 2,568,515	\$ 2,645,430	\$ 2,568,515
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 1,069	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,593,515	\$ 2,676,586	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 2,568,515	\$ 2,644,361	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 25,000	\$ 32,225	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,688,939	\$ 1,706,672	\$ 1,705,772
Program Component	\$ 9,154,056	\$ 9,750,263	\$ 9,737,813
Capital Component	\$ 1,937,699	\$ 1,960,865	\$ 1,933,865
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p><i>In projecting the contingency budget for 2024-2025, the District has assumed a total of \$40,350 of non-contingent items to be removed from the proposed budget.</i></p>			
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>			
Description			Amount
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 546.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Stockbridge Valley School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at Stockbridge Valley Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm prevailing time, in the School Foyer, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot. Any qualified voter wishing to obtain an Absentee, Early Mail, or Military Ballot, should contact Pamela Dymes, District Clerk, at (315) 495-4400.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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Kristin Guinto
Carol Marshall
Jaime Renner

BUDGET VOTE

PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET
AND BOE CANDIDATE VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024
10:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.

SVCS FOYER BY THE NURSES OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Corey Graves, Superintendent
Beth Lamb, Business Administrator
Julie Suber, K-6 Principal/Director
of Special Education
Lisa Hopkins, 7-12 Principal

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7-12 Principal

Lisa Hopkins
315-495-4450

Treasurer

Kelly Johnson
315-495-4445

Guidance Counselor

Cassandra Gleason
315-495-1908

Athletic Director

Mark Kiser
315-495-4590

Cafeteria Manager

Kathy Carney
315-495-1909

CSE Chairperson

Karen Carbone
315-495-1905

Head Bus Driver

Brian Leach
315-495-4599

School Nurse

Mattie Shea
315-495-4500

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE BUDGET
AND BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE
MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT CLERK
BY 4:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024.**

FOR SCHOOL NEWS/STORIES PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA SITES:

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