

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY



## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Home of the Cougars Winter 2024

*Culture of Excellence*

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SVCS Families and Community,

We remain focused on our mission to maintain a Culture of Excellence. Students at Stockbridge Valley Central School District benefit from a diverse array of academic, athletic, and artistic opportunities. We remain committed to broadening our course offerings and graduation pathways to ensure every student is well-prepared upon graduation. The dedicated faculty, staff, and community play a vital role in advancing these learning opportunities and fostering the growth of each program. Through collaborative efforts, we are committed to consistently delivering the best educational experiences for our students.

In this edition, you'll discover the many amazing academic and enrichment opportunities available within our school. A comprehensive education, featuring rigorous instruction, diverse extracurricular programs, and athletic opportunities, ensures our students are thoroughly prepared for life upon graduation. Be on the lookout, in January we introduced our Monthly Snapshot, offering additional insights into the daily achievements of our students and reminders of upcoming events for parents and community members to attend. This snapshot serves as a spotlight on the remarkable accomplishments of our students and opportunities for community involvement.



On Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Stockbridge Valley Central School District residents will have the opportunity to vote on the purchase of new school buses.

### BUS REFERENDUM:

This year we will be proposing the purchase of one 65 passenger school bus and one 30 passenger school bus. Regular replacement of buses and school vehicles over the past few years has allowed the district to reduce its maintenance costs, thus creating significant savings for District taxpayers.

I look forward to your continued support. Collaboration as a community makes us stronger.

Sincerely,

Mr. Corey Graves,  
Superintendent of Schools

### THREE SEATS OPEN FOR SVCS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Petitions will be available from  
March 22, 2024 – April 22, 2024 in the  
District Office between the hours of  
8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Three Year Terms begin July 1, 2024

### 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.

## GREETINGS FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

What an exciting weekend we experienced with eleven Madison County Schools participating in the All County Music Festival on January 19 and 20. Led by Mrs. Lindsey Colella, Mr. Adriel Schoeck, and Mr. Jona Syder and accompanied by many community members who worked tirelessly to feed the staff and students for two days. Thank you to all the students who worked behind the scenes to move the percussion equipment between performances and helped to restore our school to its regular function. This is a true testament to how fortunate we are to have a community that comes together to help whenever it's needed. Congratulations to Avery Ellerbruch, Elizabeth Shaver, and Abigail Jantzi who put on an incredible performance during All County. A huge thank you to area schools, Madison Central School District, Morrisville Central School District, Chittenango Central School District and Oneida Central School District who allowed us to borrow equipment, chairs, and percussion instruments.

On March 5, 2024, Mr. Dave Reckess of 3GNY will meet with our students as a third-generation family member of a Holocaust survivor. He will come to give our students his grandmother's account of events she witnessed during World War II. This presentation of first-hand accounts, will bring awareness to events that happened in history and give a perspective that you cannot read in a textbook or get from watching a movie.

On March 15, 2024, the high school staff will participate in a series of workshops that will feature presentations focused on being a grief-sensitive school, artificial intelligence, the health and wellness of adults in stressful careers, cultural awareness and affirming environments. Teachers will receive information and training that will help teachers understand their students better to be more successful at meeting their needs.

As meetings begin to take place for ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders for their course requests for next year, please be sure to ask Mrs. Gleason how to get on track



for getting a college associate degree before graduating high school. Students and families need to begin thinking about this path as early as a student's tenth-grade year.

I'd like to thank families for your continued support of the "Academic Blue Passes" which are helping to hold students accountable for academic excellence before attending extracurricular events.

Lastly, I would like to urge families to push for consistent attendance, as it is one of the most important aspects of a student's academic success. Students who get behind in academic classes feel the anxiety and stress of not being caught up and commonly struggle to understand the material because they were not in attendance for instruction. These students fall into the trap of consistently trying to avoid these struggles by being absent again and again. Jane Demsky, the founder of School Avoidance Alliance, states, "With school avoidance and anxiety, as it builds and becomes more entrenched, it's harder and harder to break out of." Please continue to urge students to attend every day.

Please contact the high school office if there is anything you need, or if we can help you in any way at 315-495-4450 or [lhopkins@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:lhopkins@stockbridgevalley.org).

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Lisa Hopkins  
7-12 Principal

### UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

March 5	Dave Reckess, 3GNY Holocaust Presenter
March 14	STEAM Night
March 15	Superintendents Conference Day and Teacher Workshops
May 11	Prom
June 4	Algebra I. Regents Exam
June 14-25	Regents Exams
June 28	Graduation

## PHYSICS STUDENTS NAIL RUBE GOLDBERG CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Physics students in Ms. O'Mara's class on successfully getting their Rube Goldberg machine to work! The students were tasked with creating a machine to complete a simple task, and after two weeks of constant work, they chose to blow up (and pop) a balloon. Despite the potential for errors, the successful run was captured on tape. "This marks my first year of catching a full run without any outside help being recorded. Feel free to check out the video for a glimpse of their hard work and the mess it created in my classroom before it disappears. Enjoy the viewing pleasure and the proof that it really does work!" said, Ms. O'Mara.

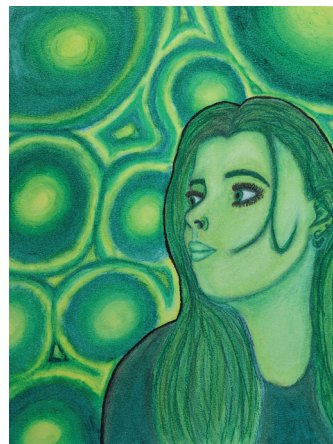


**Watch the video:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gNuIma4gfY8i1nQ9UjOrIKv74dWk2ryU/view>

## TC3 DRAWING AND PAINTING ART ELECTIVES

Stockbridge Valley is now offering two art electives for college credit through Tompkins County Community College. This fall semester, we offered TC3 ART120 Drawing I for our high school students. Students studied blind contour line drawing, upside down drawing, sighting, portraiture, one and two-point perspective. Students will receive three credits for passing and completing this course. Starting January 29, those same students will be enrolled in TC3 ART115 Painting I. In this painting course, students will learn about Impressionism, Cubism, Expressionism, and Color Field. Students will work with acrylic paint and watercolor. They will also learn how to stretch their own canvases. Here are some of their drawings from the fall semester.

Mrs. Mary Beth Maguire  
7-12 Art



*L to R: Alex, Summer and Adaline. Top photo: Lilly*

## STOCKBRIDGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SPELLING BEE

On December 1, 15 students from Stockbridge Valley Central School District demonstrated their spelling skills in the Spelling Bee at school. Students from 4th to 8th grade worked hard to get ready for the event, spending time practicing. Congratulations to everyone who took part, as well Mrs. Byron, Spelling Bee Advisor.

**WINNERS:** Photo L to R:

First place: Bianca Hartle-More

Second place: Liam Plasse

Third place: Daniela Voyku

Fourth place: Christopher Chapin



## STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA NEWS

The month of January has been a busy one with the FFA involved in numerous activities including Winter Weekend, our annual pancake breakfast, and the Ignite Conference.

Winter Weekend was a fun-filled getaway to Camp Oswegatchie on January 5-6 with 23 Stockbridge Valley and 11 Morrisville-Eaton students participating. They engaged in team-building activities, played various trivia and card games, solved breakout boxes, played pool, and enjoyed the snowy outdoors.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast, a delicious fundraiser, welcomed the community to indulge in pancakes, eggs, sausage, and hash browns prepared by FFA students. Profits from the breakfast contribute to the Carl Widger Memorial Scholarship, supporting students attending the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) this July.

The Ignite Conference, a day event held in Marathon, New York, focused on enhancing students' team and leadership skills.

Next month will be busy with Leadership Development Events at the district level and the FFA Alumni Quarter Auction. District LDE competitions will be held on February 3 at Hamilton High School, where FFA



members will participate in contests that allow them to gain real-world skills. The competitions include Prepared Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Creed, People in Agriculture, Conduct of a Chapter Meeting, Parliamentary Procedure, and Agriculture Issues.

The Quarter Auction, a fundraising event for the Stockbridge Valley FFA Alumni, will take place on February 10 at the school. You might be wondering what a Quarter Auction is, so here's a brief explanation: for your \$5 admission price, you receive four paddles to bid on different prizes. With every bid, you pay a quarter per paddle that you want to hold up. Numbered chips are drawn, and if your number is called, you win the item. This family-friendly event helps raise money for our FFA members to attend conferences and conventions throughout the year. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jade Nystrom  
Sr. High FFA Print Reporter

# HONOR ROLL NOVEMBER 2023

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Olivia Divens  
Olivia Greene  
Emma Mish  
Owen Mobbs  
Lily Relyea  
Natalie Shaw  
Greg Truman  
Deklin Wright

### HONOR

Julia Douthit  
Macie Moot  
Henry Pond  
Brady Plasse  
Alexcia Schon  
Jillyan Strain

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Devynn Bingel  
Gauge Churchill  
Jasper Clark  
McKenzie Davis  
Avery Ellerbruch  
Joseph Jones  
Freda Josephs  
Ryleighann Kern  
Matthew Marshall  
Marshal Moot  
Myah Pizzuto  
Hunter Relyea  
Levi Shea  
Tucker Wallace

### HONOR

Karalynne Carmon  
Shyleigh Eford  
Jacob Tysco  
Blake Wilson

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Anna Baker  
Kiernan Berger  
Logan Cady  
Serenity Chapin  
Chance Craft  
Jayden Croniser  
Madison Divens  
Aven Hofmeyer  
Ernest Moot, III  
Liam Plasse  
Lena Snyder  
Jasmine Springer  
Maiya Trew  
Daniela Voyku

### HONOR

David Bonvicino  
Collin Hartle

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Lyla Cross  
Alyssa Fisher  
Delilah McEathron  
Addisyn Mendez-  
Martin  
Paislee Stevens  
Aspen Tucci

### HONOR

Aliya Bartlett  
Bethany Benishek  
Alexander Cullen  
Eddie DeMenezes  
Greggory Eddy  
Thomas Jones, IV  
BethAnn Mason  
Jade Nystrom  
Jacob Swain-Rohr

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Rileigh Berger  
Rebekah Cullen  
Gabrielle Davis  
Evan Ellerbruch  
Hayden Grow  
Abigal Jantzi  
Jack Josephs  
Dylan LaFave  
Nathaniel Lumbrazo  
Elizabeth Shaver  
Lilly Stevens

### HONOR

Kaiden Chapin  
Esther Claxton  
Tryston Elford  
Magavin Moot  
Ameera Panebianco  
Kiley Snow  
Mallory Tysco

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Hailey Beecher  
Marlie Brummer  
Levi Claxton  
MaKayla Cureton  
Kendra Genge  
Jadalyn George  
Madison Greene  
Madison Hartle  
Emily Mobbs  
Anthony Shaw  
Hannah Sherman  
Shayden Tiff

### HONOR

Ethan Benishek  
Emma DeMenezes

Wyatt Douthit  
Carter Highers  
Ella Hopkins  
Serena Keville  
Barbara Myers  
Kaelyn Rahauiser  
Braden Renner  
Kaden Wilson

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Mary Beecher  
Ella Bonvicino  
Summer Boronow  
Logan Brown  
Jack Cross  
Edward DeMenezes, III  
Hunter Divens  
Dominick Eddy  
Abigail Fisher  
Lily Kiehn  
Siena Marzan  
Madison Nolley  
Nicholas Smith  
Sophia Stevens  
Spencer Tiff  
Paige Webb  
Austin Zaleski

### HONOR

Zachary Berger  
Rebekah Carey  
Tyler Kampf  
Joseph Pizzuto  
Carman White



**Congratulations!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

Greetings from the Elementary Office!

I hope this message finds you well as we dive into the heart of the school year. It's my pleasure to share some exciting updates and highlights from our wonderful elementary school community.



- **SOCK DONATION DRIVE IN HONOR OF SARAH BENNATI**

Our compassionate and caring Elementary Student Council organized a sock donation drive in honor of the late Sarah Bennati. I am delighted to announce that our generous community rallied together, and over 200 pairs of warm socks were donated to a local homeless shelter. This act of kindness truly reflects the spirit of unity and compassion within our school.

- **WINTER CONCERTS AND MUSICAL TALENT**

The winter concerts for grades 1-6 were a tremendous success. Our students showcased their musical talents, bringing joy and harmony to all who attended. It's heartwarming to witness the growth and confidence displayed by our young performers. A special thanks to our dedicated music teachers, Mrs. Colella and Mr. Schoeck as well as all of our elementary staff for their hard work in preparing our students for these memorable events.

- **EXCITING ELEMENTARY CLUBS**

In addition to the Student Council, this year we have four other exciting elementary clubs: Wellness Club, Art Club, Library Club, and Jr. FFA. They meet directly after school. Students are able to take the late bus home. These clubs provide unique opportunities for our students to explore their interests, make new friends, and engage in enriching activities beyond the classroom.

- **STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY PTSO**

A heartfelt thank you to the Stockbridge Valley PTSO for organizing a fabulous Holiday Craft Fair and Bazaar, as well as the wonderful Elf Shoppe in December. These events provided our students with the opportunity to shop for special gifts for their loved ones.

Save the date for the PTSO Spring Social on April 5.

It promises to be a delightful evening of community, camaraderie, and celebration. The PTSO is always looking for volunteers to help with all of these amazing opportunities for our students. They meet in the school library at 4 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Kindergarten registration will take place during the week of March 4. We look forward to welcoming our newest members to the Stockbridge Valley Elementary family.

Pre-K registration is scheduled for March 21 from 3 pm to 6 pm. Don't miss the chance to enroll your child in our outstanding Pre-K program.

For more information about these upcoming registrations, please contact the elementary office at 315-495-4550.

As we continue to navigate the school year together, I am grateful for the support and involvement of our dedicated parents, teachers, and community members. Your commitment to our students' success makes Stockbridge Valley Elementary School an exceptional place for learning and growth.

Wishing you all a wonderful and prosperous new year!

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Julie Suber, K-6 Principal



*Students participate in Wellness Day*

## MULTIPLICATION FACT CHALLENGE

Students in grades 4-6 kicked off their 21 Day Multiplication Fact Challenge on January 5, 2024. Classes participated in an Around the World fact challenge and our grand prize winner was James Carney. Great job James!

For 21 school days, students practiced one multiplication fact “trio” per day. They took quizzes and played games with the facts along the way with the goal of becoming more fluent and automatic with the 21 derived multiplication facts. Basic multiplication facts are used in most other mathematical learning starting in fourth grade.



At the end of the 21 Day Challenge, students who demonstrate growth from the start of the challenge to the end of the challenge and show that they are fluent with the facts will earn a prize. We can't wait to celebrate our students!

Students in grades K-6 will have the opportunity to estimate how many pieces of candy are in the jar. Students can place their estimates from February 5 - 14, 2024. The student who estimates the closest to the actual number of pieces will win all of the candy in the jar! Good Luck!

Mrs. Michele Wright  
Elementary Math Teacher

## Register your child for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 School Year

**If your child will be 5 years old by December 1, 2024, they are eligible to register for Kindergarten.**

**When:** Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 8, 2024 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Where:** The Elementary Office (6011 Williams Road - Munnsville NY)

**How:** Kindergarten Registration Packets are mailed home to current Pre-K students. The packet will also be available to download on our website. [www.stockbridgevalley.org](http://www.stockbridgevalley.org). If you would like one mailed to you, please call the elementary office at 315-495-4550.

## RED RIBBON WEEK

Mrs. Grosso's Civics students, along with School Counselor, Mrs. Gleason, participated in Red Ribbon Week activities at the end of October. These activities included planting red tulips to add beauty to our campus and, hopefully, remind students each year, when they bloom, to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Red Ribbon Week is a drug use prevention campaign, and here at Stockbridge Valley Central School, it is part of our school values to keep our bodies and minds strong and healthy, which includes not misusing substances.



If you or someone you know is struggling with substance misuse, there are many local resources you can access, including the school counselors Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Carbone, Mrs. Rickard, and Mrs. VanSlyke, as well as programs at BRiDGES. BRiDGES staff can be reached for a free, confidential conversation at 315-697-3947, or you can visit their website at [bridgescouncil.org](http://bridgescouncil.org) to learn more!"



## Stockbridge Pre-Kindergarten Registration



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

FREE Full Day Pre-K program for 4 year olds

**Our in person registration will take place on  
Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**3:00pm-6:00pm**

**at Stockbridge Valley Central School**

\*Please call 315-361-5903 or email [mutegg@moboces.org](mailto: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](http://www.moboces.org)



## SVCS MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DRIVE

Hello Stockbridge Community,

In preparation for the next school year, the Stockbridge Instrumental Music Department is hosting an Instrument Drive in time for spring cleaning for everyone! The drive will be held on March 2 from 9 am to 12 pm at the cafeteria entrance. If you have any band-related instruments that are in working condition, and want to give back to the school, we will gladly take them off your hands for our students. This will allow more students to participate in the instrumental arts here at Stockbridge Valley School District. The main instruments we are currently looking for are saxophones, trumpets, and trombones, but any others are absolutely welcome. If you have an instrument and are unsure of its quality, don't be afraid to come anyway for us to check it out!

If you would like to make a donation and this time is not convenient or if you have any questions, feel free to email me at [aschoeck@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:aschoeck@stockbridgevalley.org).

Musically yours!  
Mr. Adriel Schoeck  
Instrumental Music Teacher



## ALL COUNTY



## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY

This is a friendly reminder about our safety procedures for drivers and pedestrians. When you are on school grounds, and especially during student drop-off and pick-up times, please stay alert! Each year thousands of people die in traffic accidents associated with distracted driving. Obey speed limits. Pedestrians may suddenly cross a roadway when you least expect it, and children may suddenly run into the street.

It is winter, and roads and sidewalks can be more slippery than you think! Prepare and give yourself extra time at home and for the drive to school!

I know you might be in a hurry to get to work or your next destination. Please keep your vehicle in the drop-off line, unless signaled to pull around by the SRO, as you pull up to the curb. As the line moves forward, please move forward. During pick-up, the same procedures should be followed. Don't pull out and pass parked cars.

Please be patient and look at me for my hand signals. I will direct when you can move. Please know that I will always try to give pedestrians the right-of-way, and will clear the road so you may drive safely forward.

Since we do not have a specifically designated "crosswalk" at the lower drop-off/pick-up area from the school gymnasium sidewalk to the parking lot, I am requesting students and teachers to cross close to where I am positioned, so I can more safely cross all pedestrians and vehicles in groups.

In closing, let's keep each other safe, and remember, If you see something, say something!

Officer Hopkins, School Resource Officer

STEVEN HOPKINS  
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



Steven Hopkins, SRO, served as a soldier in the Army, worked as a police officer and a detective, served as a homeland security agent, and had the privilege of being a college professor.

Hopkins holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School and also a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Albany Rockefeller College

He can be reached at: 315-495-1932  
Email: [shopkins@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:shopkins@stockbridgevalley.org)

## Stockbridge Valley Central School District

### WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME WITH ILLNESS

It can be hard to know when to send children to school if they tell you that they do not feel well. Usually, the best place for them is in school, but there are some times when keeping them home to rest or call for an appointment with your health care provider is recommended.

**Please keep your child home and/or contact your child's doctor for:**

- Fever greater than 100.0° (taken by mouth)
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Severe sore throat along with fever and feeling ill for more than 48 hours, or after exposure to Strep throat infection
- Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts
- Large amounts of mucous (liquid) from their nose, with face pain or headache
- Severe ear pain or fluid coming from the ear
- Severe headache, especially with fever

If your child has a fever, it is not a good idea to give them medicine like Tylenol or Advil and send them to school because as soon as the medicine wears off, the fever may return and you will be called to come and pick up your child.

**Please keep children home for 24 hours after the fever ends or they have completed 24 hours of medication if prescribed by your health care provider.**

If you find your child is frequently asking to stay home from school, if they are falling behind or appear anxious about school, or if there does not appear to be any physical symptoms, contact your school nurse and your health care provider to discuss your concerns.

Remind children to throw away used tissues, cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, keep their hands away from their face, and to wash hands often with soap and warm water will help keep everyone healthier.



Please call us with any concerns or questions.

Mattie Shea, RN  
School Nurse  
Stockbridge Valley CSD  
(315) 495-4500

## HEAD LICE INFORMATION AND PREVENTION

This is a reminder that head lice infestation typically is a community problem brought into the schools unintentionally by unsuspecting children. The peak time that children become infested with head lice is in the summer, because of sleep overs at camps, slumber parties, and vacationing, but lice are present in all communities year round. Because head lice are so small, the symptoms of itching may not develop for weeks or even months after infestation. Parents and children alike often do not even know there is a problem unless the parent inspects a child's head closely and often. We encourage you to make "head checks" part of your weekly routine.

### WHAT TO LOOK FOR AT HOME:

- Adult head lice are tiny, wingless insects which are about the size of a sesame seed and live close to the scalp. They cannot jump or fly.
- They are usually light brown or grey, often blending in with your child's hair color.
- They move quickly and shy away from light, making them difficult to see.
- Their eggs, or nits, are smaller and silver, yellowish or white in color and attach to the hair shaft, close to the scalp.
- The nits resemble dandruff but, unlike dandruff, they are difficult to remove and will not wash off or blow away.
- Head lice should be suspected when there is intense itching, and head scratching especially at the nape of the neck and around the ears. The itching tends to become worse at night
- All household members and other close contacts should be checked, and those with evidence of an active infestation should also be treated at the same time.
- Hair should be treated with the shampoo or crème rinse recommended by your child's physician. There is no scientific evidence that home remedies are effective treatments.
- Begin removing the nits with a nit comb. ALL nits need to be removed to prevent re-infestation. Checking the hair and combing with a nit comb every 2-3 days for 2-3 weeks after treatment may also help prevent re-infestation.
- Family bed linens, clothing, hats and towels worn or used by the infested person in the 2 days prior to treatment should be washed in very hot water and dried on very hot air. Non-washable items may be dry cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag for 2 weeks.
- Personal articles such as combs, brushes and hair clips should also be washed in very hot water.
- Vacuum carpets, upholstery, pillows and mattresses which may have been used by a person with head lice.
- Notify close contacts so that they can monitor for lice as well.
- Remind your child not to share coats, hats, brushes or hair accessories.
- Children with long hair are advised to keep it pulled back tight in ponytails, braids, or buns to minimize exposure.
- More resources can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html>



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Mrs. Julie Suber, K-6 Principal

January 2024

Dear Community Members,

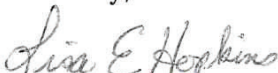
The SVCS 96<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony is getting closer. The Stockbridge Valley Class of 2024 is getting ready for their new journey beyond high school. Some students are busy preparing for college life, some for the military and others are moving directly into careers. Our seniors are starting to receive college acceptance letters and the excitement is building. We are proud to say that students from Stockbridge Valley have been accepted to Clarkson University, SUNY Cortland, Rochester Institute of Technology, Niagara University, Iowa University, Keuka, St. Elizabeth's College of Nursing, LeMoyne, SUNY Morrisville, and Mohawk Valley Community College, just to name a few.

As many of you are aware, each year Stockbridge Valley Central School hosts a Senior Awards Night for our graduating class. This night is important to our seniors because this is an opportunity for them to receive awards and scholarships in recognition of their successes. Throughout the years, SVCS has been very fortunate to receive monetary donations from parents, faculty/staff members, community business owners and organizations to fund these awards. The donations are placed into a general scholarship fund and are then used to recognize members of the class for their academic achievement, service to the community and dedication to SVCS. At this time, we are hoping for your charitable donation to help us honor the students that have helped make our community and school district a place of which we can be proud.

If you feel you can support our seniors at this time, we kindly ask that you return your contribution made payable to Stockbridge Valley CSD Treasurer at P.O. Box 732, Munnsville, NY 13409 or stop by the Business Office no later than Friday, May 10, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your continued support as we pay tribute to the deserving students of this community. As a donor, please consider attending our Senior Awards Night, on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. If you would like to attend this year's event, please contact Heather Meehan in the High School office at 315-495-4450.

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. Lisa Hopkins  
High School Principal

  
Mrs. Cassandra Gleason  
School Counselor

  
Mr. Corey Graves  
Superintendent

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High School: \$50

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1/2 page: \$55



## STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA

**ALUMNI**

# QUARTER AUCTION



**FEBRUARY 10TH**

**SVCS GYMNASIUM**

**5:00PM PREVIEW**

**6:00PM AUCTION BEGINS**

**ADMISSION \$5.00/PERSON**

**(THIS INCLUDES 4 BIDDING PADDLES)**

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA CHAPTER

CONCESSIONS PROVIDE BY THE CLAY TARGET CLUB

**9th  
MARCH  
9AM-5PM**

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## SVCS COMMUNITY & GRADUATES



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**SUNDAY NIGHTS**

**6:30-8:00PM**

**JANUARY 28-MARCH 24**

For more information, please contact Corey Graves  
([cgraves@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:cgraves@stockbridgevalley.org) or 315-495-4400) or  
Jon Strain ([jstrain@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:jstrain@stockbridgevalley.org))



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# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

## SPECIAL BUS REFERENDUM

### 2024 Information Sheet

#### Why Should We Vote Now?

Voting now supports financial and long range planning of annual budgets. It also assists the District in predicting transportation aid over the next few years.

#### What is the District Proposing To Buy?

One (1): **1** - 65 passenger school bus

One (1): **1** - 30 passenger school bus

Dispose of: Sell, trade or scrap vehicles to be replaced to highest bidder.

#### What Is The Cost To The District For The Proposed Vehicles?

	65 Passenger	30 Passenger	Totals
Estimated Purchase Cost....	\$ 162,750. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 105,250. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 268,000. <sup>00</sup>
Estimated Finance.....	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>
Total Purchase			
& Finance Cost.....	\$ 162,750. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 105,250. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 268,000. <sup>00</sup>
Est. State Aid @ 90% .....	\$ 146,475. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 94,725. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 241,200. <sup>00</sup>

#### Estimated Cost to the

**District Residents \$16,275.<sup>00</sup> \$ 10,525.<sup>00</sup> \$26,800.<sup>00</sup>**

#### Estimated Aid:

**Amortized & paid to district over 5 years - \$ 48,240.<sup>00</sup>/year**



#### Other Transportation/Fleet Information:

Industry Standards/Best Practices At Stockbridge

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|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% of a bus fleet is replaced on an annual basis</li> </ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The goal is to replace 1- 2 buses per year.<br/>(Contain maintenance costs with a consistent replacement plan)</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The useful life of a 65 passenger bus is approximately ten (10) years</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36% of SVCS's large buses are ten (10) years or older</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The useful life of a 7, 20, or 30 passenger mini-bus is five (5) years.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40% of SVCS's small bus fleet are five (5) years or older</li> </ul>  |

#### District's Current Bus Fleet:

Large Buses - 11    Small Buses - 5    Van - 1

#### Voting Information:

- Eligible Voter - US citizen, eighteen (18) years of age and a resident of the District for a minimum of 30 days.

#### 2024 School Vehicle Proposition

# VOTE

## MARCH 12, 2024

### 12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. School Foyer

Absentee ballots available - contact  
Pam Mennig at 315-495-4400 by March 5, 2024

**Public Hearing: March 5, 2024  
6:00 P.M. - Library**

#### For more information contact:

Mr. Corey Graves, Superintendent @ 315-495-4400

Mrs. Beth S. Lamb, Business Administrator @ 315-495-4446

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#### 2024 SCHOOL VEHICLE PROPOSITION

# VOTE



Tuesday, March 12 - 12-8 p.m.  
School Foyer

#### ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

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

#### CONTACTS

##### Superintendent

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Beth Lamb  
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Julie Suber  
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Lisa Hopkins  
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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

#### 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.

