# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Home of the Cougars July 2023

# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

# GRADUATION

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to address our remarkable senior class. Congratulations, Class of 2023! As you cross the threshold into a world of endless possibilities, remember that you are capable of achieving greatness. May your futures be filled with joy, success, and many adventures. I have no doubt that you will leave an unforgettable mark on the world.

I would also like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the parents/guardians and the entire SVCS community for your unwavering support and commitment to the education of all of our children. Together, we have navigated through yet another successful year, filled with countless achievements, growth, and memories that will forever shape the lives of our students.

Throughout this journey, your support has been the cornerstone of our success. Whether it was attending parent-teacher conferences, volunteering at school events, or simply offering words of encouragement, your



SVCS CLASS OF 2023!

involvement has made a profound difference in the lives of our students. Your dedication to their education and well-being is truly remarkable, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

I am immensely proud of our students' accomplishments this year. They have consistently demonstrated their brilliance in the classroom, creativity throughout our fine arts programs and passion for our extracurricular activities. From academic competitions and athletic events to art exhibitions and community service projects, these achievements are a testament to their hard work, the dedication of our teachers, and the unwavering support provided by each and every one of you.

As we look towards the future, we remain committed to excellence and continuous improvement. Your feedback and input are invaluable to us as we work towards enhancing the educational experience and ensuring that every student reaches their fullest potential.

On behalf of the entire school district, I extend my sincerest thanks to each member of our community for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we have made a difference in the lives of our students.

Please take some time to enjoy the upcoming summer break to bring joy, relaxation, and rejuvenation to all. We eagerly anticipate the start of the next academic year, filled with new possibilities and exciting opportunities to further collaborate and grow together.

# SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Office hours from June 26 to August 25 will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Due to workshops, vacations and other district business, please call ahead to ensure that the person you are coming to see is in the building that day!

Thank you for your continued support, Mr. Corey Graves

Superintendent of Schools

# SVCS MISSION/VISION

**Mission:** We empower students through education.

**Vision:** We embrace a culture of respect and support that allows every student to recognize their worth, realize their purpose, cultivate their passions and achieve their ultimate potential.

# JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

# **MESSAGE FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL**

On May 22, 2023, our grades 7-12 students were able to participate in the Save a Life Tour presentation. With this, the students stepped foot into simulation machines that would show our students what it would be like, not only to drive under the influence, but also to text while driving. Many of our students and staff found driving in these conditions to be very difficult and it



seemed crashing was inevitable. For the safety of our students, as they find themselves with difficult, life-altering decisions to make, I hope they remember this experience and make wise choices.



Bring your tractor to school day!

a bit of hometown pride to our school, as they rode in on their tractors. In hopes of making this an annual tradition here at SVCS. We thank you gentlemen for your support and for kicking this off to a great start.

To our seniors as we bid you farewell, know that our doors are always open, our staff is always here to support you, and we wish you the best of luck as you experience your life and make your dreams come true. Don't forget to enter each challenge with determination and grit as we know you will make us proud wherever your future takes you. Stand up for what is right and just, and always know that you have a

As the year wound down and our students were preparing for Regents exams and graduation, we decided to do something fun by offering a Bring Your Tractor to School Day. On June 1, 2023, our students took the opportunity to drive their tractors to school for the day. Logan Brown, Gabe Smith, Edward DeMenezes, and Braden Renner, all brought Here at Stockbridge Valley, students have the opportunity to earn college credits either on campus as a dual enrollment course or off campus at the actual college site. The 2023 graduating class has earned a combined total of 435 college credits averaging around 21.75 credits per student! This is equivalent to over one semester of college and has little to no cost to the student. These credits come from Tompkins Cortland Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY Morrisville, and Colgate University.

#### Congratulations to the following students:

Amanda Brown Myah LaFave Abigail Reed **Devin Smith Connor Clark** Seth McHugh Jayce Rood Tristan Ellerbruch Joshua Frederick Benjamin Jantzi **Mya Morris** Caeleigh Harrington Nicholas Hofmeister **Rowan Cady** Ava Genge **Riley Lalonde** Peyton Graham Abigail Smith Thyme Baker Hannah Claxton



community of support here in Stockbridge, both in and out of school. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone, staff, students, community members, parents, administration, and the Board of Education, for an amazing school year. I hope that everyone enjoys their summer vacation and gets the rest and relaxation they need to come prepared to work hard in the fall.

Lisa Hopkins 7-12 Principal

# VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

The Valedictorian of the Class of 2023 receives a plaque and an award from the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation and from our generous community donations.

Abigail Reed

# SALUTATORIAN AWARD

The Salutatorian of the Class of 2023 receives a plaque and an award from the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation and from our generous community donations.

Tristan Ellerbruch

## A.G ZELLER AWARD IN AMERICAN HISTORY

This award is given to seniors that are judged to have had the most interest and aptitude in American History. This award is in memory of Professor A.G. Zeller who was principal of Stockbridge Valley Central School from 1924-1949.

Connor Clark

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 54 GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This award is given to a senior boy and girl who have displayed good citizenship in their school and community by performing numerous hours of quality community service.

- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Myah LaFave

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 54 PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

This award goes to a student that exhibits a desire to better serve their community by having future plans to serve their country, or work in public service as a police officer, firefighter, or nurse.

- Ava Genge
- Connor Clark

# BETTY HELMER MEMORIAL AWARD

Betty Helmer committed her life to teaching, helping those in need, and caring for her family. This award in her honor, will go to a student who is pursuing continued education in college or a trade school. Commemorating Betty's love of athletics, the selected student must have participated in a sport in their high school career. The recipient will also have modeled compassion and be an active, contributing member of the community.

- Nicholas Hofmeister
- Caeleigh Harrington

# BRENT SHEA MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is granted to a student who will be pursuing a college degree and who has been active in the agricultural program and a number of extra-curricular activities. This award is funded by the Brent Shea Memorial Fund.

• Abigail Smith

# CHAPIN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AWARD

This award is for a young man or woman with the hopes of continuing their education with business in mind.

Rowan Cady

### CHARLES E. STRATTON MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to an applicant from the graduating senior class with a grade point average of 85% or above, who plans to attend an institution of higher learning. This student has also participated in sports or other activities to better the community. The applications and funding for this award comes from the Stratton Family.

• Abigail Reed

# CHARLOTTE PHILLIPS-STRONG MEMORIAL AWARD

The 6th Annual Charlotte Phillips Strong award recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated the potential for a bright future because of his or her participation in classes focused on career education here at Stockbridge Valley in preparation of entering the workforce upon graduation. Charlotte was a 1945 graduate of SVCS.

• Alissa Mazzye

# CLAIRE CLEMENTS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Claire Clements music scholarship recognizes a graduating senior wishing to further their music education. Claire cherished the music department and this award is in memory of her.

• Caeleigh Harrington

## CNY AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship recognizes a student enrolling into college in an environmentally related degree. Grades, academic achievements, and community involvement are taken into consideration for this award.

• Myah LaFave

### DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION-DARS GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This award is for demonstrating qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Each year a student is selected to participate in this essay contest, without knowing the essay topic, but must also qualify in the area of community service.

• Myah LaFave

### DAVID W. FELTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARD

This award is given to a senior who has plans to pursue a career in the healthcare field either academically or professionally.

Ava Genge

# DEBORAH REED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is presented to a senior that exhibits compassion and empathy toward their classmates and the people that they encounter. Through their compassion, empathy and ability to listen, they place the needs of others before their own leaving each situation better for all. This award is given in memory of Deb Reed.

• Abigail Reed

# DOUG MOOT COLLISION AND TRI-KOLOR AUTO BODY AWARD

This award goes to two students who are determined, hardworking, and not afraid to get their hands dirty. Students must be going into the automotive industry after graduation.

- KEEGAN BYRON
- DYLIN CROWLEY

# EAST HILL BOYS COMMUNITY SERVICE SENIOR AWARD

This award goes to two seniors who will be moving on either to further advanced education or the military with high aspirations in life. This individual should certainly be an accomplished student, but also have a great deal of involvement in community service that is contributing to the greater benefit of the Stockbridge Valley/Munnsville community with ambitious goals.

• Tristan Ellerbruch

# ELLEN MARY CASWELL MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given in memory of Ellen Caswell and her daughter Kelsey Caswell-Young. Ellen was a graduate of the Stockbridge Valley Class of 2002 and loved Munnsville. During her high school career, many might remember her as a little bit of a rebel and a young girl who would push the envelope when she could. Ellen may have been seen by some as an average student, but to one of her teachers, she was a "diamond in the rough". This teacher always saw her potential and made sure she told her so. This kindness was something that Ellen carried with her when she found her passion in life. She earned her associate degree in criminal justice from MVCC, her bachelor's degree in psychology from Columbia College and was in the Nursing program at SUNY Morrisville studying to be an RN. Her mother described her as a "jack of all trades" and a "super mom" who loved hunting, camping, boating, yard work, but most of all taking care of her two

young children. Ellen's hard work and determination to achieve her personal and professional goals was something to be admired.

• Riley LaLonde

### MADISON COUNTY AFFILIATED CONSERVATION CLUB

This award is presented to a student that has shown an interest in expanding their knowledge in the conservation and science field.

Charlie Cross

# MALLORY EDDY MEMORIAL FUND

This award goes to a student that has been a long-time resident of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District. This individual is also a positive role model for young children and has not only given to the community but also to the children of Stockbridge Valley.

Amanda Brown

# MARGARET MARSHALL MEMORIAL FFA EMPIRE DEGREE AWARD

The Stockbridge Valley FFA would like to recognize those that have received the Empire Degree, which is the highest level degree that a member can receive from the New York State FFA Association.

- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Myah LaFave
- Abigail Smith
- Alexis Mazzye
- Amanda Brown
- Rowan Cady

### THE MARY LOU HOLLINGSWORTH MEMORIAL AWARD

Mary Lou Hollingsworth was a member of our community who sincerely appreciated the interest young people showed in art. This year's award goes to a senior who has displayed talent in the art area and plans on attending college in the future.

- Mya Morris
- Eleis Roark

### THE MARY MURPHY PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

This award is for a senior who has shown an extraordinary commitment to developing the Stockbridge Valley Performing Arts Department during the past four years of high school. It is given in honor of Mary Murphy, the SVCS English teacher, who started the drama program in 1998 with the school's first musical, "Bye, Bye Birdie." Mrs. Murphy was an inspiration to students wishing to pursue the performing arts both on stage and behind the scenes throughout their high school and college years. Mrs. Murphy's support of those endeavors through her humor, creativity and nurturing spirit are the foundation of Stockbridge Valley's Drama program.

- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Caeleigh Harrington
- Rowan Cady

### MOHAWK VALLEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

The Mohawk Valley Counseling Association awards several scholarships to local high school seniors who are looking to continue their education. Students need to maintain an 85 or higher high school GPA.

- Myah LaFave
- Tristan Ellerbruch

# MUNNSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to a student that will be pursuing their education in the Fire Service or the Medical Field and has met or exceeded the required 60 hours of community service.

- Ava Genge
- Peyton Graham

## NATIONAL FFA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award is given to a student who has extensive involvement in FFA and has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. This student must also be planning to pursue a major in the field of agriculture.

• Myah LaFave

## OFFICER SCOTT HEWELL MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given in memory of Officer Scott Hewell whose father, Rick lives in Munnsville. Scott graduated from high school with the dream of becoming a police officer and went to college to study criminal justice. After graduating college with his degree, Scott realized his dream by graduating from the police academy. Scott started his law enforcement career in September of 2012. At the time of his hire, Stockton, California was considered one of the most dangerous cities in America. In June of 2014, Scott lost his life in the line of duty trying to make his community a safer place to live. This award goes to a graduating Senior who may have participated in a CTE program for criminal justice, intends to pursue higher education or career opportunities in the field of law enforcement.

Peyton Graham

### PATRICIA MARCH-WHITFORD AWARD

This award is given in recognition of the student who has excelled in the field of child development.

Ava Genge

### ROBYN CARINCI MEMORIAL AWARD

Robyn Carinci left behind her husband, Officer Mike Carinci and her two sons Matthew and Nathan when she passed in 2016. She was a teacher throughout her life and instilled the importance of education, being respectful, being polite and always to be humble and kind. Additionally, Robyn was an avid sports fan and ultimate team mom.

Early in 2015 Robyn was diagnosed with stage four cancer. She fought her battle with dignity and courage for about 18 months. During that time, Robyn always remained positive and upbeat. She was more concerned about her family and loved ones than she was about any pain. She did everything in her power to make her remaining time with her family a very special time.

We recognize a senior that also embodies all that Robyn held dear

with the Robyn Carinci Memorial Award. This senior is active in extracurricular activities, excels in the classroom, shows humility and is kind to others.

• Benjamin Jantzi

# ROSS SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD

The Ross Smith Memorial Agriculture Award is given in memory of Ross Smith, a life-long Stockbridge Valley resident. Ross grew up as a child on a farm on Falls Road before moving down to the farm on Valley Mills Road at the age of 8. After he retired, Ross returned to his family land on Falls Road where he passed away in 2023.

Ross continued operating the family farm on Valley Mills where he raised a family with his wife Mary. He was a hard working and well-respected man in this community. The family and friends of Ross Smith wish to give this award to a Senior who wished to pursue an Agriculture related career after graduation, but more importantly embodies Ross's love for farm, family, and the Stockbridge Valley.

Alexis Mazzye

# RURITAN AGRICULTURAL AWARD

This award is for the senior who achieved the highest class average and completed four years of high school agricultural education.

• Myah LaFave

### RURITAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to two seniors who exemplify the Ruritan ideals of fellowship, citizenship, and goodwill and community service.

• Tristan Ellerbruch

# RUTHIE KIEHN MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Ruth Dymes Kiehn was a 1981 graduate of Stockbridge Valley Central School who was born into a family that dedicated their lives to public service in our community. Her father and brother were professional firefighters, her mother was one of the first women to join the Emergency Rescue Squad for the Munnsville Fire Department and her son Kyle currently works for an ambulance corps. Her Mom Marie and her sister, Audrey Burleson were also long-time employees of Stockbridge Valley. Upon graduation, Ruthie followed in her family's footsteps of public service and became a LPN Nurse at Oneida Hospital working in the Medical Surgical and operating room. Ruthie will be long remembered for the compassionate care she gave her patients, her comical sense of humor that put them at ease during stressful medical procedures and the commitment she made to being the very best nurse her patients needed her to be under the most difficult circumstances. Ruthie was a wellloved and respected member of the Oneida Hospital family and this community. This award is being given by her husband Ken, son Kyle, the Dymes & Kiehn families,

friends and colleagues of Ruthie to a student who is pursuing a career in Nursing; in hopes they walk in the footsteps that Ruthie has left behind for the nurses of tomorrow to follow.

• Ava Genge

# RWE RENEWABLES AMERICA LLC AWARD

This scholarship is given to students who plan on pursuing higher education in related fields of the environment, renewable energy, agriculture or engineering. Students must successfully demonstrate effort and desire to explore the area of renewable energy.

- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Charlie Cross
- Alexis Mazzye

# SARAH BENNATI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Sarah Bennati Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Sarah Bennati, a beloved art teacher in the Stockbridge Valley School District from 2001-2021. Ms. Bennati unexpectedly passed away at the young age of 47. She was cherished by her students as she accepted each one of them for their unique qualities and interests. Ms Bennati was always willing to help students reach their art potential even if they were not creatively gifted. She also had a special talent for making people laugh with her witty humor. This award honors her talent in the arts, her gift of helping students reach their potential, and her unique, creative spirit.

Each year a \$1,000 scholarship

will be awarded by the Bennati Family to a graduating senior who meets the selection criteria. To be considered for this scholarship, the student must be a graduating senior in good academic standing who plans on continuing their education in a technical postsecondary institution or a two or four year college. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a major in the visual or performing arts or education; however, the family wants to honor two students who are respected by the faculty, lives with integrity, and has a good sense of humor.

- Amanda Brown
- Myah LaFave
- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Abigail Reed

# SCOTT HIGGINS MEMORIAL PHYSICS AWARD

Scott Higgins was an exceptional young man and was very well liked by the students and staff at Stockbridge Valley. Scott excelled in science and aspired to become a science teacher. He loved to skateboard but still maintained an average of 97 in Regents Physics. This award is given in his memory to the graduating senior with the highest average in Regents Physics.

Abigail Reed

# SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS

- Rowan Cady Volleyball, Golf
- Connor Clark Soccer, Golf
- Charlie Cross Soccer, Basketball, Baseball
- Tristan Ellerbruch Basketball, Baseball
- Joshua Frederick Golf

- Ava Genge
  Soccer
- **Peyton Graham** Volleyball, Softball
- Caeleigh Harrington Volleyball
- Nick Hofmeister Basketball
- Ben Jantzi Soccer, Basketball, Baseball
- Layla Jayson Basketball, Softball
- Caden Jones Golf
- Riley LaLonde Soccer
- Alexis Mazzye Soccer, Basketball, Softball
- Alissa Mazzye Soccer, Basketball, Softball
- Seth McHugh Basketball
- Abby Reed Soccer, Volleyball, Softball
- Abby Smith Soccer, Basketball, Softball
- Brienna Tehan Basketball, Softball

# SECTION III SCHOLAR ATHLETES

- Abigail Reed
- Tristan Ellerbruch

# SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

These seniors were selected based on their skills and dedication.

- Charles Cross
- Benjamin Jantzi
- Abigail Reed

# STATE OF NEW YORK ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

These scholarships are presented to the students of each graduating class based on overall academic performance in high school, as well as SAT scores.

- Abigail Reed
- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Benjamin Jantzi

### STATE OF NEW YORK – ATTORNEY GENERAL TRIPLE "C" AWARD

This award recognizes two seniors for showing character, courage and commitment. Whether excelling in academic pursuits, participating in community service, displaying leadership among their classmates, or overcoming personal challenges; they inspire and provide hope for the future.

- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Connor Clark

# STATE COMPTROLLER DINAPOLI'S STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award is presented each year to students who have excelled academically and have shown leadership potential by volunteering his or her time to serve the school or community. Comptroller DiNapoli sends his sincere congratulations and best wishes to the graduating Class of 2023.

Abigail Smith

# STEVEN READY MEMORIAL MUSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in memory of Steven Ready to commemorate his love of music and passion for percussion. This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has shown great appreciation and talent for music.

• Tristan Ellerbruch

#### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY AGRICULTURE AWARDS

These awards are given to graduating seniors who have taken five or more Agriculture Classes.

- Alexis Mazzye
- Keegan Byron
- Connor Clark

## STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY ART AWARD

This award is given to a senior who has done an outstanding job in art at Stockbridge Valley School.

• Scott Josephs

### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY BOOK CLUB AWARD

This award is given in memory of David Follett to a graduating senior who likes to read.

• Myah LaFave

#### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY BUSINESS OFFICE LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award was established in the "Spirit of Giving to Others"; it is intended for a graduating senior who exemplifies strong work ethics, demonstrated service to others, volunteerism and also a commitment to higher education.

Rowan Cady

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CLAY TARGET CLUB SENIOR AWARD

The Stockbridge Valley Clay Target Award is for those seniors who have competed in clay target or sporting clays. The senior recognized today was among the first members to start up the club and/or qualified for Nationals.

• Keegan Byron

### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY COUGAR TIMES NEWSPAPER AWARD

This award is given to students who have made the school newspaper a success.

- Eleis Roark
- Caeleigh Harrington

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CULINARY CLUB AWARD

This award goes to a High School Senior who has been an active and contributing member of the SVCS Culinary Club.

Layla Jayson

### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY ENGLISH AWARD

This award is given to two seniors who have done an outstanding job in English at Stockbridge Valley.

- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Myah LaFave

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT

The Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation wanted to present an award to a student that has shown growth at school or is seen as an inspiration to others.

• Myah LaFave

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE AWARD

This award is granted to a senior that has proven themselves to be a strong contributor in the field of family and consumer science.

Connor Flagler

### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA ALUMNI AWARD

This award is given to a FFA member who is pursuing a degree in the Agriculture field.

• Abigail Smith

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

This award goes to a student who has exemplified what it means to be not only an outstanding student but a citizen. Throughout the year this student has been an advocate, scholar, and volunteer. This student has stepped up on numerous occasions to do what is right and not what is easy. Without a doubt, this student will go on to do great things in the community and beyond.

- Caeleigh Harrington
- Devin Smith

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE TRAILBLAZER AWARD

This award is being presented to two seniors who have never stopped marching to the beat of their own drum. They have always had a positive outlook on situations even when things were difficult. This student captured our attention through their kindness towards others and outgoing personalities. It has not always been about getting straight A's throughout high school, but about showing their growth

and commitment in reaching their personal and academic goals.

Thyme Baker

### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY LONGEVITY AWARD

This award is given to a senior who have been Stockbridge Valley students the majority of their school career.

- Jayce Rood
- Connor Flagler

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY MATH CLUB AWARD

This award is granted to the three seniors that have always participated in and been active members of the SVCS Math Club and Mathletics.

• Abigail Reed

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY MATHEMATICS AWARD

This Math award is given to the two seniors that have always been strong leaders in Math and always willing to help others.

- Abigail Reed
- Tristan Ellerbruch

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD

This scholarship is application only, the award will be given upon completion of the first semester of college and registration for the second semester. This award is given to a graduating senior who has displayed dedication to their school and community during high school. This student is conscientious in both academic studies and school activities and shows commitment in their community involvement.

Amanda Brown

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY PERSEVERANCE AWARD

This award goes to seniors who have shown perseverance in obtaining their high school diploma.

- Connor Flagler
- Mya Morris
- Nevaeh Whipple

### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ HEALTH AWARD

This award will go to a senior boy and girl who have dedicated many years to sports and activities which involve keeping healthy.

- Alissa Mazzye
- Benjamin Jantzi

### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AWARD

This award will go to a senior who serves as a role model for other students, is active in the school and community, and plans to enter the field of Education.

Amanda Brown

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD

This social studies award is given to a senior who has shown strength and interest in social studies.

• Myah LaFave

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY SCIENCE AWARD

This Science award is given to a senior who has shown strength and interest in Science.

Joshua Frederick

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY SCIENCE CLUB AWARD

This award is given to graduating seniors who have been an active

and contributing member of the Stockbridge Valley Science Club.

- Connor Clark
- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Abigail Reed
- Benjamin Jantzi
- Abigail Smith

### STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY SPANISH AWARD

This award is granted to two seniors who have shown and proved great strength in Spanish.

- Tristan Ellerbruch
- Benjamin Jantzi

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded upon successful completion of all course work in the first semester of college and registration for the second semester. It will be granted to a student who is conscientious in both academic studies and school activities and is planning a career in teaching.

- Myah LaFave
- Tristan Ellerbruch

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY TECHNOLOGY AWARD

This award is granted to a student who has a strong interest and knowledge in technology.

- Joshua Frederick
- Tristan Ellerbruch

### SUPERINTENDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award is given to two students who have demonstrated leadership, service to the community and academic excellence, to encourage their education beyond high school.

- Abigail Reed
- Tristan Ellerbruch

#### THOMAS BENNETT MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented in memory of Thomas B. Bennett, a long-time community baseball coach who exhibited a desire to succeed despite difficult circumstances. This award was initiated for a college bound senior and was designed to honor the "Spirit of Adventure" attitude of Mr. Bennett and the ability to succeed, regardless of the obstacles or barriers one may encounter while being kind to others.

• Caeleigh Harrington

# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

This award goes to a senior boy and girl who have shown commitment to excel in academics and athletics. The dedication shown to your school, teammates and to yourself is a true indication of the quality individual you have become and future leaders you will be tomorrow.

- Abigail Reed
- Benjamin Jantzi

### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AWARD

This award will go to two seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in Technology Education.

- Dylin Crowley
- Charles Cross

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE AWARD

This award will go to two seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in Mathematics and Science.

- Abigail Reed
- Tristan Ellerbruch

#### VALLEY BREEZE AWARD

This award goes to the seniors who dedicated their time and effort to make the yearbook a success.

- Connor Clark
- Tristan Ellerbruch



Thank you to all the special donors that made the 2023 Senior Class Awards Night possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

# SUMMER SCHOOL PESTICIDE NOTICE

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

# JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

# 2023 JUNIOR PROM



**D**rom has come and gone and what a fun night it was! The Enchanted Evening Junior Prom was held on Saturday, May 13th at FB Gill, a beautiful barn venue owned by our very own, Mrs. Thomas. All that hard work and planning by the Junior Class of 2024 paid off as we had a successful night of dinner, dancing, laughing and memories! Our junior prom court consisted of our attendants, Sophia Stevens, Paige Webb, Logan Brown, and Dominick Eddy. Prom prince and princess, Edward DeMenezes and Abigail Fisher. And lastly our prom king and queen, Austin Zaleski and Summer Boronow. It was a great year of fundraising and getting together for class meetings. I'm glad I was your advisor this year to oversee all that you accomplished. Good luck your senior year!

Mrs. Erica Laraby Jr. Class Advisor



# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA WISH MRS. WALDRON A HAPPY RETIREMENT

rs. Waldron has left such an **W**impact on the Stockbridge Valley FFA. Whether it be helping prepare contestants or going on stage for the advisor of state officers or sleeping on a bench, she is always there for the FFA members. Mrs. Waldron could either be found in Mrs. Smith's room, behind her desk, in the woodshop, or just casually walking around the halls. Not only has she left an impact on the FFA but also the Stockbridge community by supporting local businesses, being involved in community organizations and volunteering at the school beyond her duties with the FFA. We are so excited but also sad to see her retire this year. Her impact and involvement in the FFA will always be appreciated and cherished as we continue on in this new chapter of our lives in the FFA.

Mrs. Waldron has left such an impact on multiple students' lives. I recently interviewed one of the current FFA members Dylan LaFave about how Mrs. Waldron has impacted him not only in the FFA but in the real world. "Mrs. Waldron has pushed me out of my comfort zone and taught me how





to keep pushing no matter what. She has helped me reach my goals in FFA and outside of FFA. Her being one of my former teachers, she taught me more about one of the things I am passionate for which is gardening. She taught me about different ways you can grow plants/crops. She also has helped me realize that it can just take one person to change how someone views life or how the world sees things as long as you speak up for what you believe. She helped me achieve many of my goals in FFA whether it's trying a new contest at Districts, meeting new people from FFA, or running for a chapter officer position."

The Stockbridge Valley Agriculture Program is excited to welcome Mr. Jarrett Burke as the new Ag Technology Teacher and Junior High FFA advisor. We would like to welcome him into the Stockbridge Valley community and can't wait for him to join us on our FFA trips, conventions, banquet, state fair, district competitions, and so much more. We are excited see what Mr. Burke will bring to the Stockbridge Valley community and the FFA chapter.

Respectfully Submitted by, Oliva Waldron The Stockbridge Valley 2022-2023 Print Reporter





# JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

# SVCS SCHOLAR ATHLETES

n June 12, the SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College was filled with student athletes

Abby Reed and Tristan Ellerbruch, who were recognized as the SVCS Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively. These exceptional individuals have demonstrated excellence both in the classroom and on the playing field, making them deserving recipients of this prestigious accolade. The Section III Scholar Athlete Award holds great significance within the organization, as it represents the highest academic honor one can receive. In order to qualify for this recognition, studentathletes must have maintained an impressive cumulative grade point average of 90% or higher, while actively participating in varsity competition in a sport sponsored by Section III.



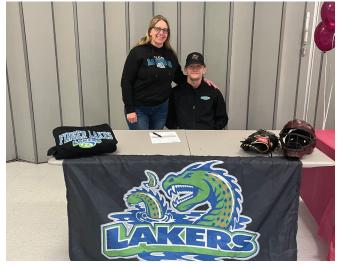
# SIGNING DAY AT SVCS

In April, two of our students, their families and coaches participated in Signing Day at SVCS. Abby Reed will be attending Swarthmore College to study Astrophysics and play softball. Charlie Cross is heading to Finger Lakes Community College to study Natural Resource Conservation and play baseball. Good luck Abby and Charlie!









# JUNIOR CLASS SPECIAL AWARDS

#### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER – THE FREDERICK DOUGLAS AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD

#### - Summer Boronow

This award recognizes a student's commitment to understanding and addressing difficult social issues. The student was recognized for this award based on their leadership and dedication to community action along with strong grades and rigorous courses. Students earning this award would be considered for at least a \$5,000 scholarship each year at University of Rochester totaling \$20,000 over four years.

### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER – THE GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD

#### Madison Nolley

This award recognizes a student's strong leadership skills in school and around the community; high grades in challenging courses and extensive involvement in extracurricular activities. Students earning this award would be considered for at least a \$5,000 scholarship each year at University of Rochester totaling \$20,000 over four years.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER – THE BAUSCH & LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - Nicholas Smith

This award recognizes a student's strong leadership skills in school and around the community; high grades in challenging courses and involvement in extracurricular activities. Students earning this award would be considered for at least a \$5,000 scholarship each year at University of Rochester totaling \$20,000 over four years.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER – XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Spencer Tifft

This award recognizes a student with

a strong interest in innovation and/or information technology and displays high achievement in this area. Students earning this award would be considered for at least a \$5,000 scholarship each year at University of Rochester totaling \$20,000 over four years.

#### KEUKA COLLEGE GEORGE H. BALL COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR JUNIORS

#### – Mary Beecher, Summer Boronow, Lily Kiehn, Siena Marzan, and Sophia Stevens

The Ball Community Achievement Award will be rewarded to students based on qualities that embody the values of Keuka College including academic excellence, leadership, service, social responsibility, integrity and an appreciation for diversity. This award will grant students with a \$40,000 scholarship that may be used over four years of study at Keuka College.

#### WELLS COLLEGE 21ST CENTURY LEADERSHIP AWARD – Siena Marzan and Abigail Fisher

This award honors student's outstanding commitment to academics and leadership. The students receiving this award are exemplary students who have demonstrated the qualities in leadership and community service. In honor of these accomplishments, the scholarship committee from Wells College is happy to award the 21st Century Leadership Award. This Award is valued at \$10,000 a year for four years of study at Wells College.

#### THE CLARKSON UNIVERSITY 2022 LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENTS AWARDS

- Clarkson High School Achievement Award: Edward DeMenezes, III Clarkson High School Leadership Award is: Nicholas Smith Clarkson University would like to acknowledge two students who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities, have an academic interest in Engineering, Business Science or Liberal Arts, be a positive contributor to our school and community, and also be in the top 15% of the Junior class. The winner of these two awards would qualify for either a \$80,000 or a \$100,000 tuition scholarship over four years.

#### ELMIRA COLLEGE KEY AWARD - Riley LaLonde

This award is given to students who demonstrate outstanding school and community leadership. The Key award winners will receive a \$20,000 scholarship at Elmira College. **Lily Kiehn and Abigail Fisher** 

#### THE KAZUO INAMORI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AT ALFRED UNIVERSITY AND THE CERAMIC ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK - Nicholas Smith

This award is presented to a student for outstanding academic achievement in high school mathematics, science and English, as well as being an outstanding citizen in your school and community. This scholarship is valued at \$2,500 a year for up to 4 years.

#### ALFRED UNIVERSITY "OUTSIDE OF ORDINARY" AWARD - Madison Nolley

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated character that exemplifies an individual that is inspired by others. This student is viewed as a leader who embraces academic exploration and seeks to grow by participating in a community that values diversity, creativity and independent thinking. This student possesses the positive attitude, academic initiative and social awareness that embodies true Saxon Spirit. This award is renewable for each year of undergraduate study in the amount of \$18,000 or \$30,000 depending on their chosen Alfred University major.

# JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

# JUNIOR CLASS SPECIAL AWARDS

#### **ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

This award is given to students who demonstrate outstanding leadership, service and achievement. The award winners will receive a waived application fee and \$76,000 scholarship (\$19,000 annually). - Nicholas Smith - Science and Math Sophia Stevens - Business and Leadership

#### WILKES UNIVERSITY COLONEL **EMERGING LEADER AWARD**

- Lily Kiehn Siena Marzan Sophia Stevens **Edward DeMenezes** This award is in recognition of student's outstanding achievement in academics and extracurricular activities. The students have demonstrated aptitude in leadership, scholarship, and

service. This award guarantees at least \$2,000 annually for up to four years at Wilkes University totaling \$8,000.

# **CLAY TARGET CLUB**



The SVCS Clay Target Team had a very successful **I** year. They placed first in their conference with Nick Smith placing second and Olivia Waldron placing first. Cade Zaleski and Liam Plasse finished ninth, James Peterson finished twelfth, Alex Cullen finished fifteenth and Edward DeMenezes placing sixteenth. Rounding out the team is Zack McCabe.

On June 10, the team traveled to Bridgeport for the state trap competition. The team competed against 86 other teams with 687 individuals. The team placed tenth for varsity and twenty-first overall. Placing were as followed Olivia Waldron 6th for females, Nick Smith tied for 62nd, Alex Cullen tied 109th, Cade Zaleski tied for 117th, James Peterson tied for 137th, Liam Plasse and Edward Demenezes tied for 151st.

The team is currently shooting for the National Sporting Clays Championship. They have qualified for Nationals in Mason, Michigan and will be traveling there at the beginning of July.

# **ALUMNI NEWS**

lass of 2011 SVCS alumnus, Charlie Wilson, Jr. is the author of "Adventures of Huey the Helicopter Firefighting With Friends" which he dedicated to his niece. Rumour.



# **TECH 8 CLASS**



Alex Cullen woodworking project for Tech 8 class. He used a router and Dremel tool to carve out his sign.

# HONOR ROLL APRIL 2023

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

# **HIGH HONOR**

Devynn Bingel McKenzie Davis Gauge Churchill Avery Ellerbruch Joseph Jones Hunter Relyea Tucker Wallace Blake Wilson

#### HONOR

Madelyn Backer Hunter Cady Kaitlyn Fowler Karalynne Carmon Jasper Clark Freda Josephs Ryleighann Kern Marshal Moot Myah Pizzuto Levi Shea

### 7<sup>™</sup> GRADE

#### **HIGH HONOR**

Anna Baker Kiernan Berger Logan Cady Serenity Chapin Jayden Croniser Madison Divens Collin Hartle Aven Hofmeyer Abigail Hopkins Ernest Moot Liam Plasse Lena Snyder Jasmine Springer Maiya Trew Daniela Voyku

# HONOR

Christian Bigness Parker Brink Chance Craft Sean Franklin-Whaley Brystal Gillespie Traci Kampf

### 8<sup>™</sup> GRADE

### **HIGH HONOR**

Lyla Cross Alyssa Fisher Thomas Jones Colton Kiehn Addisyn Mendez-Martin Jade Nystrom James Peterson Paislee Stevens Aspen Tucci

### HONOR

Greggory Eddy Leah Flaherty BethAnn Mason Delilah McEathron Jacob Swain-Roher

### 9<sup>™</sup> GRADE

HIGH HONOR Rileigh Berger Rebekah Cullen Evan Ellerbruch Abigail Jantzi Jack Josephs Dylan LaFave Nathanyel Lumbrazo Elizabeth Shaver Lilly Stevens

### HONOR

Esther Claxton Gabrielle Davis Hayden Grow Kiley Snow Olivia Waldron

# 10<sup>™</sup> GRADE

#### **HIGH HONOR**

Hailey Beecher Marlie Brummer Emma DeMenezes Madison Greene Madison Hartle Marilyn Jones Emily Mobbs Anthony Shaw Hannah Sherman

### HONOR

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# 11<sup>™</sup> GRADE

### **HIGH HONOR**

Mary Beecher Ella Bonvicino Summer Boronow Rebekah Carey Edward DeMenezes Abigail Fisher Lily Kiehn Siena Marzan Madison Nolley Nicholas Smith Sophia Stevens

# HONOR

Logan Brown Jack Cross Tyler Kampf Joseph Pizzuto Carman White Austin Zaleski

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

# **HIGH HONOR**

Amanda Brown Keegan Byron Rowan Cady Connor Clark Charles Cross Tristan Ellerbruch Ava Genge Caeleigh Harrington Benjamin Jantzi Scott Josephs Myah LaFave Riley LaLonde Mya Morris Abigail Reed Eleis Roark Abigail Smith Devin Smith

#### HONOR

Hannah Claxton Dylin Crowley Connor Flagler Joshua Frederick Layla Jayson Alexis Mazzye Seth McHugh

# HONOR ROLL JUNE 2023

# 6<sup>™</sup> GRADE

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#### HONOR

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# HONOR

Delilah McEathron Jade Nystrom James Peterson

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# **HIGH HONOR**

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# HONOR

Gabrielle Davis Ameera Panebianco Mallory Tysco

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### **HIGH HONOR**

Marlie Brummer Madison Greene Madison Hartle Marilyn Jones Emily Mobbs Anthony Shaw Hannan Sherman

#### HONOR

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### HONOR

Rowan Cady Hannah Claxton Dylin Crowley Connor Flagler Seth McHugh



# Congratulations! YOU DID IT!

# MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

#### To the Class of 2023 -

I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors! It has been really awesome watching you grow from 7th grade on and I can't wait to hear about all the awesome things you are going to do. Please don't forget that if you have taken a dual credit course and plan to go to college, you must request your transcripts from the colleges you took these courses at. Please contact me if you need assistance, these transcripts can only be requested by you! Your official high school transcripts have already been sent.

#### To the Class of 2024 -

Welcome to your Senior Year! This is a very exciting and busy year for you all! We will be meeting in the beginning of the school year to discuss applying to colleges, financial aid, scholarships, and other post-graduation plans. The following are somethings that you can start doing this summer so that you may stay ahead of yourself:

#### Start visiting colleges this summer.

It will give you a good idea of what to expect when you get there and if that college would be a good fit for you. Check their websites to schedule a tour as many are returning back to in person. We will also be going to a college fair the beginning of the school year so stay tuned for details!

If you have not taken your SAT's yet, please sign up to take them in September/October. The sooner, the better if you are planning on going to college. Please contact me if you need help to register.

Work on your brag sheets! We use these sheets to write your letters of recommendations that you will need for your college applications and scholarships.

Start thinking about where you would like to go for your Senior trip. Keep in mind – trips that involve overnight and/or special transportation arrangements are very expensive and will require fundraising efforts from everyone in the class! You will work with your advisor next year to get this organized.

SUNY Morrisville - Early College Program. Classes are available to take on campus at Morrisville College for a low fee. Please contact me if this is something you would be interested in doing. You must have your own transportation.

Cassandra Gleason, Guidance Counselor

# **CLASS OF 2023 - POST GRADUATION PLANS**

**Thyme Baker** SUNY Morrisville Ag Business

Amanda Brown Siena College – Psychology/Counseling

**Keegan Byron** SUNY Morrisville – Auto Tech

**Rowan Cady** SUNY Canton -Healthcare Management

**Connor Clark** Army Reserves – Adolescent Education, Social Studies

Hannah Claxton Work

**Charlie Cross** Finger Lakes Community College – Natural Resource Conservation

**Dylin Crowley** SUNY Morrisville – Auto Tech Tristan Ellerbruch RIT – Engineering Connor Flagler Work

**Joshua Frederick** Work

**Ava Genge** Mohawk Valley Community College – Radiology

**Peyton Graham** Hartwick – Criminal Justice

Caeleigh Harrington

Nick Hofmeister OCC

**Ben Jantzi** Utica University – Physical Therapy

**Layla Jason** MVCC – Culinary

**Caden Jones** Work Scott Josephs OCC

**Myah LaFave** University of Albany – Public Policy and Law

**Riley LaLonde** Siena College – Business Analytics

Alexis Mazzye Alfred State College – Agriculture Technology

Alissa Mazzye Finger Lakes Community College – Kinesiology and Human Performance

**Seth McHugh** Point Park University – Journalism/Broadcasting

**Mya Morris** SUNY Potsdam – Psychology

Mark Raymond Work Abby Reed Swarthmore–Astrophysics Eleis Roark SUNY Buffalo –

SUNY Buffalo – International Relations

**Jayce Rood** Southeast Lineman School

**Abby Smith** SUNY Delhi – Veterinary Tech

**Devin Smith** Work

**Brienna Tehan** Work

**Pippa Holmes** MVCC – Culinary Arts

Savanna Keville SUNY Morrisville – Aquaculture Nevaeh Whipple Work

# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

# **MESSAGE FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to reflect on the many accomplishments and growth we have witnessed throughout our district. It has been an exciting year filled with learning, growth, and achievement.

Our students have excelled in all areas of their education. From academic achievements to

artistic and athletic accomplishments, Stockbridge Valley students have made great strides this year. Our dedicated and talented staff has worked tirelessly to provide innovative and engaging learning opportunities for our students, and it has paid off in remarkable ways.

Stockbridge Valley Elementary has also continued to focus on building strong relationships with our families and community members. We have worked together to create a safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environment for all students. Our partnerships with local businesses and organizations have enriched the educational experiences of our students and provided them with real-world connections and opportunities. We have been honored as a National Showcase School for our exemplary work with the Capturing Kids' Hearts Framework.

As we look ahead to the future, we remain committed to providing an exceptional education for all students. We will continue to focus on academic excellence, foster a love for learning, and prepare our students for success in the 21st century.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our parents and community members for your support throughout the year. We could not have accomplished all that we have without your partnership and commitment to our district. I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to continuing our work together in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Julie Suber K-6 Principal



Fourth grade has been busy the last few weeks of school as they were hard at work becoming published authors, as well as attending the field trip to Wonder Works in Syracuse.





Stockbridge Valley Central School District

# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

# YOUTH SPORTS CELEBRATES 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS



Pictured left to right: MaKennah Smith, Karalynne Carmon, Kaitlyn Fowler, Madelyn Backer, McKenzie Davis, Devynn Bingel, Shyleigh Elford, Adalynn Janes and Myah Pizzuto.

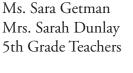


Front row: Levi Shea, Hunter Relyea, Jacob Tysco Back row: Jasper Clark, Marshal Moot, and Liam Nolan.

# **5TH GRADE ZOOLOGISTS**

Fifth graders had fun creating a Volume Zoo! We collected boxes and figured out how we could put our boxes together to make an animal. Then we measured the length, width and height of each box and calculated the volume of each box. We added the volumes of all the boxes we used for each animal together to calculate the total volume of each animal. We then either colored or painted the boxes, named our animals, shared them with the class and put them on display in the hallway.











# K-12 SVCS DISTRICT ART SHOW

SVCS showcased our K-12 students' artistic talents with a district wide art show. It was the evening of the budget vote and the elementary spring concert. It was a well-attended event where our district's families and community came out to celebrate the arts and showed support to the district. Ms. Thomas' elementary

students and Mrs. Maguire's middle and high school students all had artwork displayed throughout the hallways and cafeteria. Drawings, paintings, printmaking,



fashion designs, photography, sculptures, ceramics, CD designs, and wooden birdhouses were all on display. A photo booth of Edvard Munch's famous Scream painting

was available for some interactive fun. It was a great event that illustrates how creative and talented Stockbridge Valley students are.

Ms. Kristin Thomas Mrs. Mary Beth Mcguire Art Teachers

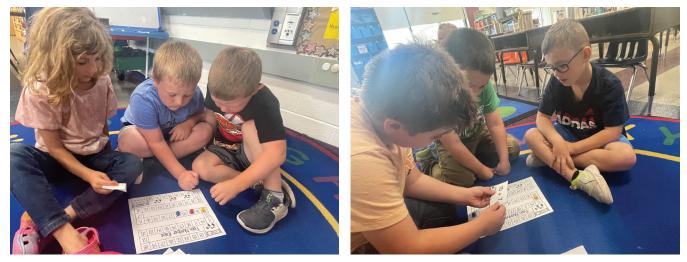








# **PRACTICING TEEN NUMBERS!**



Kindergarteners practice their skills with composing teen numbers.



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2023-2024 Student Program Calendar

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RECCS September 4. October 9. November 10. December 22:24an January 15. February 19:23... March 29. April 12:226. May 27. June 19.

Recess/Vacation Days ★ Superintendent's Conference Days ★

MOBOCES Half-Days ★

Regents/Testing Days ★

17	Student Days	September 2023				
Т	Monday Tuesday		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	
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	4 Labor Day	5 Superintendent's Conference Day	6 Superintendent's Conference Day	7 Classes Begin	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	

20 Student Days	October 2023				
Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	
2	3	4	5 MOBOCES 1/2 Day	6 Superintendent's Conference Day	
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30	31				

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	6	7	8	9	10 Veterans Day
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Recess	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Thanksgiving Recess
	27	28	29	30	

15	Student Days	December 2023				
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21	Student Days	January 2024				
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6 Student Days	February 2024				
Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	
			1	2 MOBOCES 1/2 Day	
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19	Student Days	Ma	arch 202	4	
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	11	12	13	14	15 Superintendent's
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday

۱6	Student Days	April 2024				
I	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	
I	1 No School	2	3	4	5	
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I	22 Spring Recess	23	24	25	26	
	29	30				

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	13	14	15	16	17
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	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31

	17 Student Days June 2024							
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# SCHOOL NEWSPAPER RETURNS TO SVCS

The resurrection of the school newspaper - The Cougar Times – this year was a success. We got a great start to our year when we received a grant thru the Stockbridge Valley Education Foundation for (2) digital cameras to get our newspaper up and running. We had a lot of fun taking pictures of all the happenings around the hallways! We had a staff of 10 students who were able to publish 8 editions of the newspaper, hold a successful Krispy Kreme fundraiser that we co-shared with the



Yearbook Club and sponsor the school Talent Show. We look forward to improving our content for next year and gaining more members!

On May 24th, our Cougar Times Newspaper Club took a field trip to the WSTM3-CNY Central-CW6 News Studios in Syracuse. We were able to visit the control rooms where the engineers, news producers and directors put the daily news broadcasts together. The club then sat in a morning editorial meeting where the multi-media journalists discussed the status of current news stories they are covering with Sean Carroll, WSTM-CNY Central News Director and if needed, had new stories assigned to them. We were introduced to one of the videographers whose only job is to go out at night and film all the crime scenes, accidents and bad stuff that happens while we are sleeping. Dangerous, but important work!

We got to meet Connor Wight, Maggie DeRosiers, Morgan Scott and Brandon Roth who many of us see on the local news every day. Stories they were working on were lead poisoning in children, a meeting with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and the hot button issue right now in Syracuse is about their School Superintendent arbitrarily changing, without community input, the start time of school to a half hour earlier in the morning starting next year. Sean challenged our club to think about how a decision like that would affect our community and the students at SVCS.

Then we got to the best part of our tour – the actual studios. We got to sit behind the anchor desks and have fun with the green screen. We learned how teleprompters work and how the cameras have special hidden mirrors inside them to help the anchors read the news without looking away from the cameras. Other fun parts of our visit included tours of the outdoor Weather Deck, a close-up look at the Weather Authority One Jeep and the Orange Zone podcast studio.

At the end of our tour,

Amy Collins, Station Manager gifted the group with CNY Central t-shirts and pencils, thanking us for our interest in broadcast journalism. We learned a lot of cool and interesting things about how TV news is put together and all the jobs we could explore in the future if we wanted to work in broadcast television. We came back feeling inspired about some of the things we could "talk" about in the Cougar Times for 2023-2024 school year!

Mrs. Kelly Johnson School Newspaper Advisor

# FUTURE ANCHORS!



# REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS REGARDING THE UPCOMING 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

If your child will be taking medicine at school, provider and parent permission forms are needed for both prescription and over the counter medications. New medication permission forms are required each school year.

# NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT:

- Parents or guardians must personally deliver all medication to the school health office (unless a self-carry order form is signed by <u>parent</u> and <u>physician</u>). All Controlled Medications must be brought in by an adult.
- All medication must remain in properly labeled pharmacy or original over the counter (OTC) containers.
- A new prescription/medication form signed by the medical provider is required at the beginning of every school year.
- The parent must sign the medication permission form.

We request that you ask your pharmacist to give you a second identically labeled container for any prescription medications your student will take at school. We also request that you bring small containers of any OTC medications that your student will take. This will allow the School Nurse to send these medications on field trips and comply with New York State laws pertaining to medication storage.

Medication forms may be obtained from the School Health Office, or your physician may use their own form if desired.

New York State law also requires a health examination for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K or K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th , and 11th grade.

Students entering these grades must have a valid physical dated on or after September 7, 2022. Health certificates are required to be submitted within 30 days from the start of the new school year. In regards to vaccinations, New York State Law requires the following for school entrance in the fall:

# **KINDERGARTEN:**

 5- doses of Dtap (unless the 4th dose was on or after their 4th birthday), 4- doses of Polio (unless the 3rd dose was on or after their 4th birthday), 3- doses of Hepatitis B, 2- doses of MMR, and 2- doses of Varicella.

# **SIXTH GRADE:**

• 1-dose of Tdap by age 11

# **SEVENTH GRADE:**

• 1-dose of Menectra (meningococcal ACWY)

# **TWELFTH GRADE:**

• 2-doses of Menectra (meningococcal ACWY), unless the 1st one was received on or after their 16th birthday

# Appropriate certification of immunizations is required for students to attend school in the fall.

If you have any questions, please call or email me at (315) 495-4500 or mshea@stockbridgevalley.org

Respectfully, Mattie Shea, RN School Nurse



# 2023 - 2024 BMI SURVEY

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed, and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to:

Mattie Shea RN (315) 495-4500 <u>mshea@stockbridgevalley.org</u>

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2023-2024 School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

# SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION

























Sixth graders celebrated their moving-up graduation on June 20.









# Stockbridge



For questions or for an application call Madison-Oneida BOCES Early Childhood Program at 361-5903. Application packets are also available at your local elementary school office or visit our website at www.moboces.org

# **BEST WISHES TO OUR RETIREES!**



Toni Vanderlan, Occupational Therapist, Patty Waldron, Ag/Technology Teacher, Barb Collins, Teacher Aide, Cindy Ricketts, Teacher Assistant and Randy Mennig, Cleaner.

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