

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Home of the Cougars

May 2022

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SVCS Families and Community,



What a year it has been! We are proud of the sense of normalcy the District has been able to maintain by making the school experience as traditional as possible. This would not have been possible without the efforts of our students, teachers, staff or the support of our community.

We are pleased to present you with the 2022-2023 budget for the Stockbridge Valley Central School District. As always, it is our goal to develop a spending plan that is fiscally responsible to our taxpayers, in both the short and long term, while maintaining the strong education programs that are important to our students' success while addressing missed learning that occurred as a result of the pandemic. We continue to examine all programs with a critical eye to ensure they remain effective and are operated in an efficient manner. We have carefully scrutinized each line of the budget to confirm the proposed spending is necessary and appropriate. We have given great attention to maximize revenues to maintain the long-term financial health of Stockbridge Valley.

The goal of this proposed budget is to provide students with a number of diverse programs, giving them many opportunities to continue to grow and be successful. The proposed budget reflects a 2.18% increase in spending. This increase will provide us with additional opportunities to enhance and maintain our strong programming. This budget maintains all of our current programs.

The proposed 2022-2023 tax levy reflects a 1.96% increase from the 2021-2022 budget. The New York State tax cap limit requires districts to apply an eight-step formula to determine the tax levy limit a district can propose. We have applied this formula to determine our tax levy for this proposed budget.

We invite all residents to attend a public hearing on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Stockbridge Valley Central High School Library to share your thoughts or questions. **The District will vote on the proposed 2022-2023 budget on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

With the assistance of the Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department and local law enforcement, S.V.C.S. will be conducting an evacuation drill on Wednesday, May 11 at 1:30 p.m. Students will be returning to the building after the drill and dismissal will be at the normal time.

If you have questions, please contact me at 315-495-4400 or [cgraves@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:cgraves@stockbridgevalley.org), or visit our website for more information.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Corey Graves*

Superintendent of Schools

### IN SUMMARY

Board of Education Adopted .....	April 5, 2022
Total Budget .....	\$12,233,610
Tax Levy Increase.....	1.96%
Budget Hearing .....	May 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Budget Vote.....	May 17, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Absentee Ballots Due.....	May 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

### 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.

## **CANDIDATES FOR THE SVCS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**There are two seats, currently held by Doug Reed and Mike Gough, open for the Board of Education. Both seats are for three-year terms from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025.**

### **DOUG REED**



**H**ello, my name is Doug Reed. I have had the privilege to serve on the SVCS board for many years. I am a lifetime resident of the district and would love the opportunity to serve another term as a representative of the residents of our district. I will continue to work to ensure our students are afforded the best possible education and opportunities. I will also represent the taxpayers to make sure we are doing this in the most efficient way possible. Please, always feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Thank you for your support over the years and I look forward to help move the district forward in the future.

### **MIKE GOUGH**



**M**y name is Michael Gough, and I have been a resident of the Stockbridge Valley School District for over thirty years. I am currently a member of the school board and served during the hiring of our new superintendent. The time spent interviewing and meeting with potential candidates was time well spent as we hired someone who is doing a great job and has good intentions for our district. In addition, we had to work together as a team to navigate the struggles caused by COVID. I think we did a great job keeping the students safe and at the same time focused on learning. I am looking forward to serving another three-year term; and look forward to your support during the election.

## **BUDGET HEARING/VOTE DETAILS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stockbridge Valley Central High School Library to share your thoughts or questions and to meet the candidates running for the SVCS Board of Education.**

### **BUDGET VOTE:**

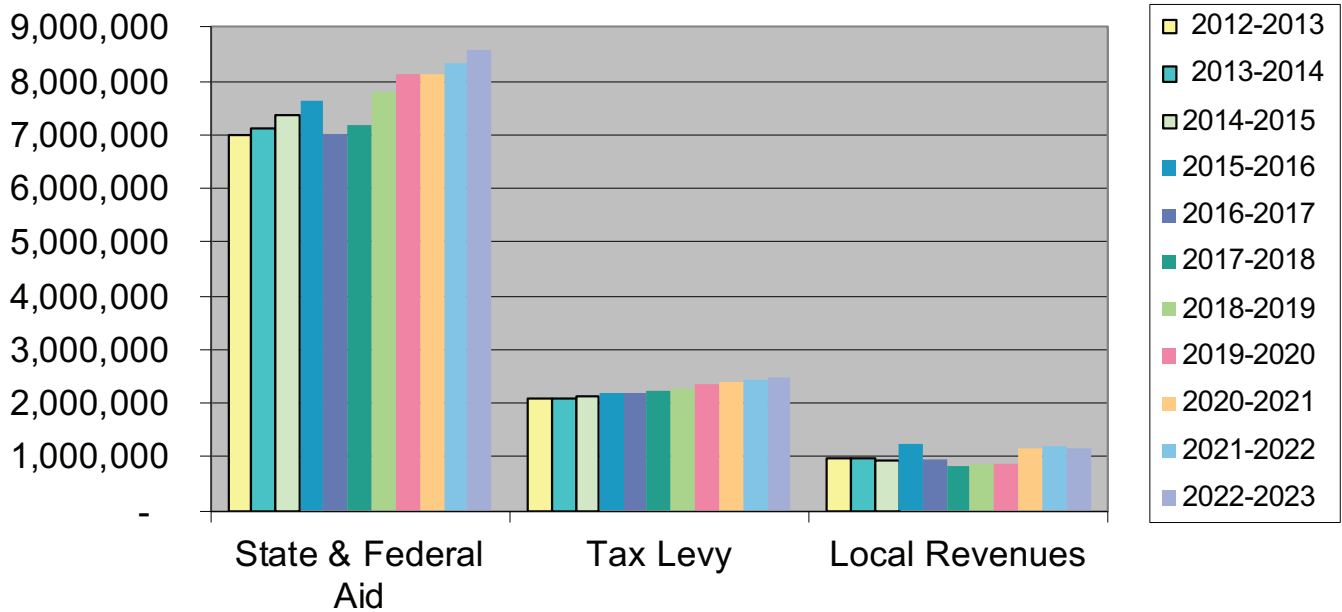
**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. SVCS foyer by the nurses office.**

**PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-23***Three Part Budget Summary*

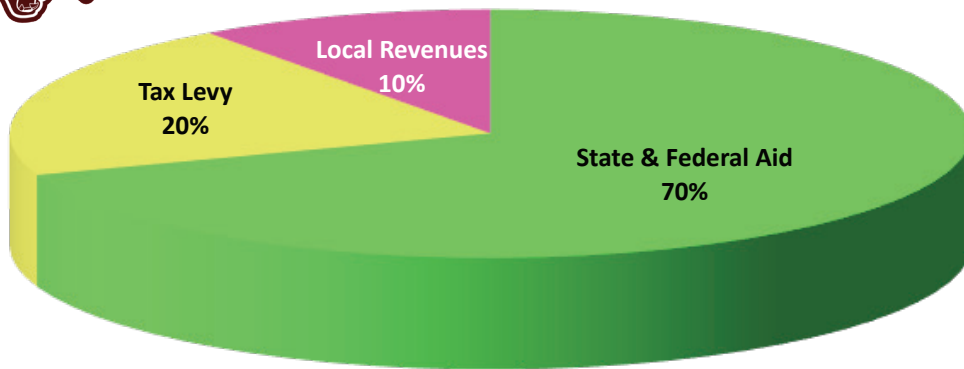
	2021-22 Adjusted Budget	2022-23 Proposed Budget	Inc./Dec. from prior year
<b>Proposed Program Budget</b>			
Teaching Regular Instruction	2,657,004	2,697,102	40,098
Career & Technical Instruction	494,907	530,995	36,088
Programs for Students w/Special Needs	1,393,845	1,397,467	3,622
Special Schools/Programs	36,830	39,479	2,649
Media & Computer Technology Services	387,122	401,373	14,251
Pupil Services	443,015	445,921	2,906
Interfund Transfer	21,600	21,600	-
Transportation Services	795,335	836,410	41,075
Employee Benefits	2,303,887	2,372,569	68,682
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,533,545</b>	<b>8,742,916</b>	<b>209,371</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			
Facility & Grounds Operation & Maintenance	651,667	666,548	14,881
Debt Service	928,481	941,738	13,257
Employee Benefits	238,436	244,279	5,843
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,818,584</b>	<b>1,852,565</b>	<b>33,981</b>
<b>Administrative Expenditures</b>			
Board of Education	12,781	12,950	169
Central Admin./Finance	457,225	464,810	7,585
Central Services	332,879	337,648	4,769
Instructional Administration	379,364	386,072	6,708
Employee Benefits	438,126	436,650	(1,476)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,620,375</b>	<b>1,638,129</b>	<b>17,754</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>11,972,504</b>	<b>12,233,610</b>	<b>261,106</b>



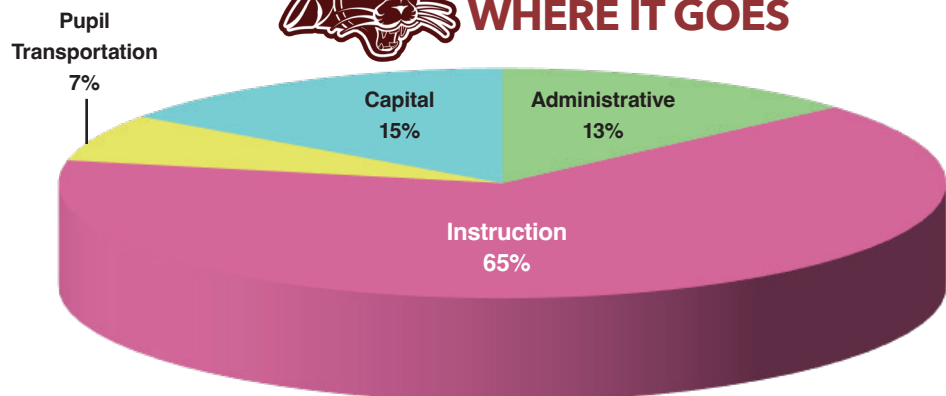
## REVENUE COMPARISON 2012-13 TO 2022-2023



## WHERE IT COMES FROM



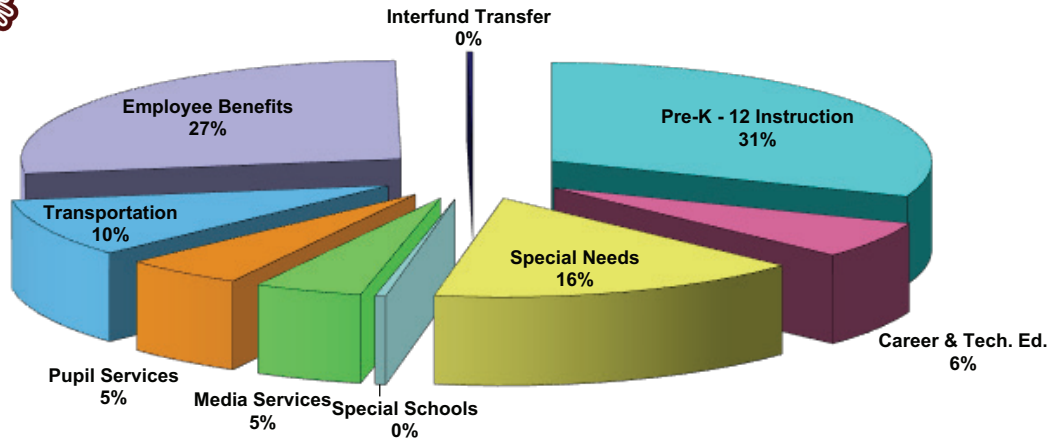
## WHERE IT GOES



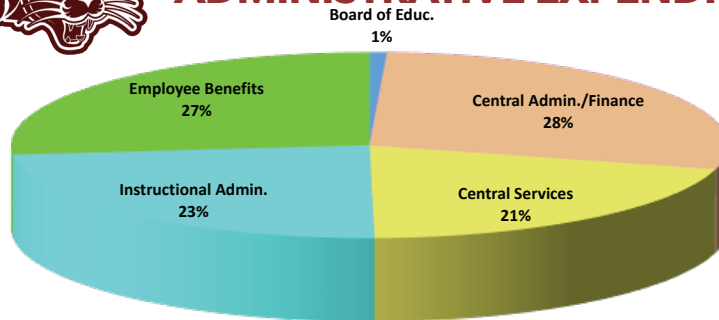




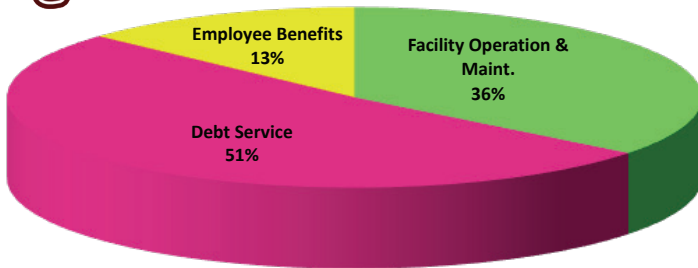
## PROGRAM EXPENDITURES



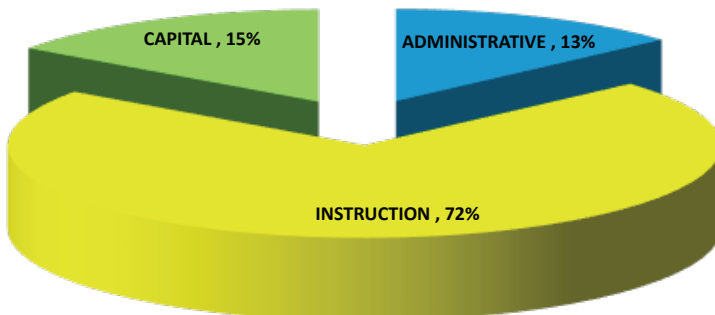
## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES



## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES



## THREE PART BUDGET



### QUALIFIED VOTER:

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

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

## SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 11,972,504	\$ 12,233,610	\$ 12,198,860
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$ 261,106	\$ 226,356
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.18 %	1.89 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 2,445,898	\$ 2,493,904	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 0	\$ 0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ 0	\$ 0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 2,445,898	\$ 2,493,904	\$ 2,445,898
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,445,898	\$ 2,493,904	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 2,445,898	\$ 2,493,904	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,620,375	\$ 1,638,129	\$ 1,637,229
Program Component	\$ 8,533,545	\$ 8,742,916	\$ 8,731,066
Capital Component	\$ 1,818,584	\$ 1,852,565	\$ 1,830,565
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p><i>In projecting the contingency budget for 2022-2023, the District has assumed a total of \$34,750 of non-contingent items to be removed from the proposed budget.</i></p>			
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>	Description	Amount	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

\*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgts@nysed.gov](mailto:emscmgts@nysed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$ 584.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Stockbridge Valley School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at Stockbridge Valley Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the School Foyer, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine. Any qualified voter wishing to obtain an Absentee Ballot, should contact Pamela Mennig, District Clerk, at (315) 495-4400.

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



As our school year begins to wind down, the pace only seems to quicken. The final two months are filled with final projects, assessments, events, and field trips!

### ASSESSMENTS:

State assessments field testing, and Regents are back in full force. Please note that all students in the Regents level course will be required to take their

exam this June. The exam calendar can be found on page 10. Students in US History and Government will have their regents on June 1, 2022. This will be the first year students are tested on the new standards. Mrs. LaFave has been working tirelessly to prepare her students and I am very confident in her and our students! For more information please reach out to Mrs. LaFave or visit: <http://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/united-states-history-and-government-framework>

### EXCITING HAPPENINGS:

#### eSports

Mr. Lehmann has been working in tandem with our tech team to launch a pilot eSports program. Already over 20 students have expressed interest. What is eSports and how can it benefit our students? eSports is a rapidly growing realm of competitive and cooperative gaming. Much like sports teams, students will gather together to practice specific games and strategize. From there they will compete with other local schools, and join larger tournaments, with the hopes of qualifying for nationals. Many colleges and universities look to recruit players to their teams and offer many scholarships.

Students also gain valuable and marketable soft skills needed in the workplace; leadership, communication, collaboration, etc. as well as many tech skills that future employers are looking for. We are so excited to see where Mr. Lehmann can take his team!

#### Dances are back!

Our first dance in two years was a huge success. Thank you to Mr. Healy and the 10th grade class for hosting this fundraiser. Students in grades 6-8 came out in full force to hang out with friends and have a great time.

The Junior Prom will be held on June 4 at Mrs. Thomas's beautiful venue. All juniors and seniors are expected to attend the Pre Prom Presentation on April 28. A huge thank you to Oneida City School District for inviting us to join their presentation facilitated by local first responders.

Warmest regards,  
*Mrs. Andrea Smith, 7-12 Principal*



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDENTS RAISING DOUGH

Students in Mr. DeBraccio's Entrepreneurship class are making dough and bread and hoping to turn the skills they learn into their own entrepreneurial business. Part of the Family and Consumer Science class at Stockbridge Valley, students came up with the name of their business, 'Loafin Around'. The design of the logo and label was created by Alex, a student in Mr. DeBraccio's classroom.

Not only do the students have to measure, mix, and make the dough and bread, they must sell their creations through order forms on the bulletin board outside their classroom, through social media or going door to door. Some ideas for their upcoming businesses are fried dough and cinnamon rolls. Good luck to the students on their future business ideas!





## Congratulations Class of 2022 Val and Sal!



Rachel L. Mennig  
Valedictorian



L to R: Corey Graves, Superintendent; Nevaeh Randel, Salutatorian; Rachel Mennig, Valedictorian; Cassandra Gleason, School Counselor; and Andrea Smith, High School Principal.



Nevaeh G. Randel,  
Salutatorian

### Rachel L. Mennig, Valedictorian

Rachel Mennig has earned the distinction of Stockbridge Valley Class of 2022 Valedictorian. Rachel has been accepted to SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Brockport and SUNY Geneseo. She plans to attend SUNY Oneonta in the fall to pursue a career in Early Childhood/Childhood Education. Currently she is in the New Visions program at MO BOCES doing an internship in Mrs. Peto's kindergarten classroom. Rachel is the daughter of Pam and Lee Mennig.

Throughout high school, Rachel has earned High Honor Roll status and has received several awards including the Youth Advocate of the Year Award Honorable Mention for Reality Check, University of Rochester Fredrick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award, Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award, Clarkson University 2021 Leadership and Achievement Award, Cazenovia College Beacon Award and the SUNY Oneonta Presidential Scholarship.

Rachel has been involved in many extracurricular activities: Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Softball, Science Club, Math Club, Spanish Club, Drama Club stage crew, Student Council, National Honor Society, Select Choir, Community Chorus and Realty Check. She has contributed many hours of community service at Camp Lookout (CIT), Reality Check cigarette butt clean-ups, Wanderer's Rest, serving as an acolyte at the Stockbridge Methodist Church, assisting with the Baccalaureate service, the backpack food service, working at the concession stand during games and elementary field days.

When asked to describe a highlight or personal accomplishment, Rachel stated, "Maintaining high grades while also being involved in several extracurricular activities. I'm proud of this because I have been able to prioritize what's important to me while also having fun. This is something that I hope to take with me through college as well as the rest of my life."

### Nevaeh G. Randel, Salutatorian

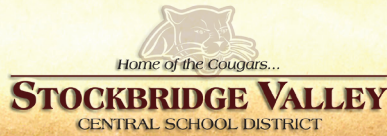
Nevaeh Randel has earned the Stockbridge Valley Class of 2022 Salutatorian honors. Nevaeh will be pursuing a career in ASI – English Interpreting and Social Work. She currently participates in the New Visions Law & Government program at MO BOCES. Nevaeh has been accepted at Keuka College, Cazenovia College, SUNY Fredonia, Buffalo State, SUNY Potsdam, OCC, SUNY New Paltz, LeMoyne College, Cobleskill, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oswego and SUNY Geneseo. She will attend Keuka College this fall. Nevaeh is the daughter of Jennifer Story.

Nevaeh has received many honors and awards including the George H. Ball Keuka College Community Achievement Award, The Clarkson University 2021 School Scholars Award, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award, Alumni Association Award of Excellence – Keuka College. Nevaeh has also been a member of the National Honor Society throughout high school.

Nevaeh's extracurricular activities include Varsity Softball, Science Club, Math Club, Student Council and National Honor Society. She has acquired numerous hours of community service at Camp Lookout (CIT), SVCS Youth Sports, PTSO Bazaar, Mansion House, working concession stands during games, elementary field days, All County Music set up and the backpack food service.

Nevaeh's personal highlight/accomplishment of high school was being accepted into the New Visions Law & Government program. She explains, "This program has given me the opportunity to intern with the Madison County Department of Social Services and the Madison County Youth Bureau. These internships have allowed me to see the real world and problems people face in their everyday lives. I aspire to be a person who helps others to overcome their problems and achieve their goals."





## Honor Roll - February 2022

### Grade 6 High Honor

Anna Baker  
Logan Cady  
Serenity Chapin  
Chance Craft  
Jayden Croniser  
Collin Hartle  
Tristen Hatch  
Aven Hofmeyer  
Ernie Moot  
Liam Plasse  
David Smith  
Maiya Trew  
Daniela Voyku

### Honor

Kiernan Berger  
Christian Bigness  
Parker Brink  
Madison Divens  
Teagan Grow  
Traci Kampf  
Aniyah Marshall Arce  
Nathan Shaw  
Jasmine Springer  
Sean Franklin Whaley

### Grade 7 High Honor

Aliya Bartlett  
Lyla Cross  
Greggory Eddy  
Alyssa Fisher  
Thomas Jones  
BethAnn Mason  
Delilah McEathron  
Addisyn Mendez-Martin  
Jade Nystrom

James Peterson  
Paislee Stevens  
Aspen Tucci

### Honor

Nevaeh Bingel  
Colton Kiehn  
Daniel Voyku  
Cade Zaleski

### Grade 8 High Honor

Esther Claxton  
Rebekah Cullen  
Gabrielle Davis  
Evan Ellerbruch  
Rileigh Fuller  
Abigail Jantzi  
Dylan LaFave  
Nathanyel Lumbrazo  
Elizabeth Shaver  
Lilly Stevens

### Honor

Hayden Grow  
Maria Josephs  
Kiley Snow  
Mallory Tysco  
Olivia Waldron

### Grade 9 High Honor

Marlie Brummer  
Levi Claxton  
Wyatt Douthit  
Jadalyn George  
Madison Greene  
Madison Hartle  
Marilyn Jones

Emily Mobbs  
Anthony Shaw  
Hannah Sherman

### Honor

Hailey Beecher  
Emma DeMenezes  
Kendra Genge  
Robert Miller  
Sullivan Tift  
Natalya Voyku

### Grade 10 High Honor

Summer Boronow  
Abigail Fisher  
Lily Kiehn  
Nicholas Smith  
Sophia Stevens

### Honor

Mary Beecher  
Logan Brown  
Edward DeMenezes  
Madison Nolley  
Rocco Pizzuto

### Grade 11 High Honor

Rowan Cady  
Connor Clark  
Tristan Ellerbruch  
Ava Genge  
Benjamin Jantzi  
Scott Josephs  
Myah LaFave  
Riley LaLonde  
Mya Morris  
Abigail Reed

Jayce Rood  
Abigail Smith  
Devin Smith

### Honor

Amanda Brown  
Keegan Byron  
Hannah Claxton  
Charles Cross  
Caeleigh Harrington  
Seth McHugh  
Eleis Roark

### Grade 12 High Honor

Hailey Bernet  
Grace Bump  
Shirley Coe  
Alyssa Enslow  
Brooke Gillespie  
Sarah Hofmeister  
Jillian Jacobs  
Nina Madill  
Rachel Mennig  
Nevaeh Randel  
Devin Smith  
Ethan Smith  
Alexandra Spring  
Ashley Wilson

### Honor

Joshua Bravick  
William Douthit  
Tyler Fisher  
Reilly Gardner  
Lisa Powless  
Alexander Smith  
Devyn Wooden



## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MOTIVATED BY HOLOCAUST SPEAKER

Dave Reckess, Executive Director of 3GNY, an educational organization founded by the grandchildren of holocaust survivors, recently shared stories with SVCS students about his grandmother, Bubi Sarah. As a teenager, Sarah escaped a Nazi prison camp in Poland with her family. They had to hide for several years until the end of WWII. After the war, Sarah and her parents immigrated to the United States and started a new life. The students were very engaged during the presentation and asked very well-thought questions.

The mission of 3GNY is “to educate diverse communities about the perils of intolerance and to provide a supportive forum for the descendants of survivors.” For more information, visit [www.3gnewyork.org](http://www.3gnewyork.org)



**DRAFT**

The University of the State of New York  
**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
 Office of State Assessment  
 Albany, New York 12234

**DRAFT**

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2022

*Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.*

June 1 WEDNESDAY	June 15 WEDNESDAY	June 16 THURSDAY	June 17 FRIDAY		June 20 MONDAY	June 21 TUESDAY	June 22 WEDNESDAY	June 23 THURSDAY	June 24 FRIDAY
<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>			<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	
U.S. History & Government (Framework)*	English Language Arts	Algebra I	Global History & Geography II			Geometry  <small>*World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint A Exam</small>	Algebra II	Physical Setting/ Physics	<b>RATING DAY</b>
	<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>1:15 p.m.</b>		<b>Juneteenth Holiday Observed</b>				
	Living Environment	Physical Setting/ Chemistry	Physical Setting/ Earth Science			<small>*World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint B Exam</small>	<b><u>Uniform Admission Deadlines</u></b> Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.		

\* The Conversion Chart for this exam will be available no later than June 24, 2022.

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### March was Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM)

The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children, and to remind community members that school is where all children should have access to music. Stockbridge Valley has two music teachers, Sophia Wright, Instrumental Music Teacher and William Pegg, K-12 Choral/General Music Teacher.



## FFA NEWS

Hello FFA friends! Spring is here and the agriculture classes and FFA have been busy! We had a successful maple session. If you would like to purchase any maple syrup it is available year round online at the SVCS website under Jr. Sr. High/Clubs and Activities/FFA store or by contacting the SVCS business office.

The Horticulture class started planting in early March and things are looking green. The greenhouse will have hanging baskets, bedding plants and vegetables for our Spring Plant Sale. Keep an eye on our school website in our social media for more information on the opening of the greenhouse on May 6.

On March 19, ten members competed in Leadership Development Event competitions at Cazenovia. Those who placed 1st or 2nd have advanced to the state level competitions that will be held at the New York State Convention in May at the Syracuse OnCenter. The following members advanced: Myah LaFave for Extemporaneous Speaking, Madison Nolley for Sr. Prepared Speaking and Employment Skills, and the Parliamentary Procedure team consisting of Ethan Smith, Alex Smith, Tristan Ellerbruch, Amanda Brown, Abby Smith, Madison Nolley and Rowan Cady. Good luck to all who are competing.

We would love to congratulate Myah LaFave for being nominated as the 2022-23 New York State FFA President, and Madison Nolley for being up for election to District 5 President. Offices will be voted on by the delegates at the state convention!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Austin Zaleski*  
 FFA Reporter



## WOODWORKING CLASS PROJECTS



*Students in Mrs. Waldron's Introduction to Woodworking class constructing their projects.*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL



We can't believe spring is finally here! Spring brings blooming flowers and nicer weather along with the return of our end-of-the-year traditions and celebrations. We are excited that all of these will be in-person and open to our school community and families. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the activities below, please contact the elementary office at 315-495-4550. We would be happy to connect you with the right people. You will be receiving more information home about many of these activities closer to their dates.

## WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP AT STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY ELEMENTARY:

- **April 22:** Report Cards sent home
- **April 26 and 27:** Math State Testing
- **April 29:** PTSO Paint Night
- **May 2 through May 6:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 25:** Elementary Spring Concert @ 7 pm
- **May 26:** In-person Pre-K -6 Character Education Assembly @ 1:15 pm
- **June 10:** PTSO Spring Social @ 4:30 pm
- **June 16:** Kindergarten Graduation @ 6 pm
- **June 17:** School Picnic and Field Days time TBD
- **June 20:** Juneteenth - NO SCHOOL
- **June 21:** Sixth Grade Graduation time TBD

*Mrs. Julie Suber, Principal K-6*

## FOURTH GRADERS HAVE ENERGY!



Fourth grade students ended their unit on Energy by creating and building their own energy efficient cars. Some of the energy used in the cars were solar, wind, electric, mechanical, and chemical.

*Mrs. Laraby and Ms. Stedman, 4th Grade Teachers*





## 5TH GRADERS BRING AGRICULTURE TO THEIR CLASSROOM

Fifth graders are participating in the Ag in the Classroom program through Cornell Cooperative Extension. Recently, they took a virtual field trip to Trinity Valley Dairy where they learned about the daily tasks of a dairy farmer and different breeds of cows and the best uses of the milk from each breed. They even got to sample chocolate milk from Trinity Valley.

5th graders are also busy learning how to argue! They are researching two sides of a debatable issue, forming an opinion on the issue, gathering facts to support their opinion and organizing these facts into an argument essay.

*Mrs. Wright and Ms. Getman, 5th Grade Teachers*

## READ ACROSS AMERICA SPIRIT WEEK



All Pre-K through 6th grade classes at Stockbridge Valley celebrated Read Across America week (February 28- March 4) with a calendar of spirit week activities around a whodunit mystery.

Students were tasked to solve the mystery by reading books and deciphering clues. Each day, School Librarian, Melissa Grogan, delivered a paper bag to each elementary classroom with a mystery book inside. After the teacher read the book to the class, clues were revealed to help the students uncover who was the culprit in the disappearance of Elementary Principal, Julie Suber's laptop. "One question from the story each day unlocks a clue towards solving the mystery and it is designed to get students excited about reading. They are naturally curious and inquisitive," said Grogan.

On March 2, "Read Across America Day," the 'Mystery Reader' was Superintendent Corey Graves.

On March 4 students examined all the 'evidence' and figured out who they thought took Mrs. Suber's laptop. It was revealed that the culprit was Miss Baker! The last day, students watched the "surveillance footage" to see if their guesses were right. Afterwards, the students were treated to cupcakes donated by the **SVCS Educational Foundation, Inc.**



## ELEMENTARY ART NEWS

Knitting and crocheting have become contagious on the elementary side of the building. The trend is catching on and students are encouraging and helping each other with the skill. Mrs. Thomas has been helping beginners learn to knit on Wednesdays after school. We appreciate any donations of yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks to help students with their future projects. Many thanks to those who have already donated supplies. Reminder: knitting needles and crochet hooks are not allowed on busses.

*Mrs. Kristin Thomas, Elementary Art Teacher*





## WINTER ATHLETICS SEASON ENDS SUCCESSFULLY; SPRING SEASON OPENER IS BRIGHT!

With COVID concerns at the start of the 2021-22 winter season, coaches, athletes and staff were optimistic. Eight teams and 98 athletes took to the court this winter, participating in basketball and volleyball. Spectators, which included families and friends of our athletes, followed the guidelines necessary to be able to attend all of the games and support our athletes. With a handful of cancellations and reschedules, the winter season ended with our Varsity Girls Basketball and Volleyball Teams hosting sectional games! To all of the support staff that helped with site supervision, clock operating, and score keeping, THANK YOU all for helping make this winter complete. Varsity Softball and Baseball had their home openers on Tuesday April 6 versus McGraw on what was a perfect day with the weather and the outcomes of

those games. The Varsity Softball Team won 15-0 in 5 innings and the Varsity Baseball Team won 10-1. Modified Softball was scheduled to kick off their season with a game on Tuesday April 19, but Mother Nature had other ideas. Modified Baseball opened their season on Friday, April 22 against Madison at home. The 2022 spring season, the COUGARS will have 5 teams and 76 athletes competing. Good luck to Varsity Golf and Coach Tillotson, Modified Softball and Coach Moot, Varsity Softball and Coach Peto, Modified Baseball and Coach Carinci and Varsity Baseball and Coach Shanks.

*Mr. Mark Kiser, Athletic Director*



*Senior Boys Basketball Team*



*Senior Girls Basketball Players*



*Senior Night Boys Basketball*



*Senior Night Girls Basketball*



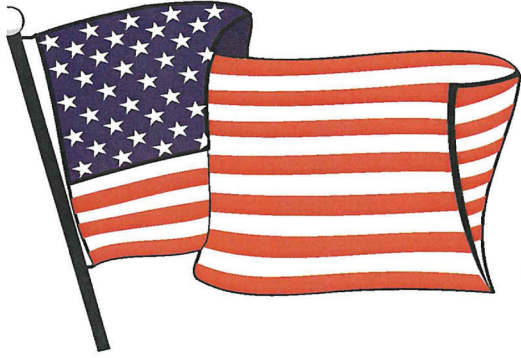
*Girls Volleyball Senior Night*



*Senior Night Girls Volleyball*







**MUNNSVILLE  
MEMORIAL DAY  
PARADE**



**SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022**



**10:00 A.M.**

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY:**

*THE CAMDEN CONTINENTALS DRUM & FIFE CORPS*



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FOLLOW AT CARLON FIELD**

**\*REMEMBERING THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE\***

**Teacher Appreciation Week:  
May 2-6, 2022**

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

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#### BUDGET VOTE

PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET  
AND BOE CANDIDATE VOTE

**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**  
**10:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.**

SVCS FOYER BY THE NURSES OFFICE

#### ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Corey Graves, Superintendent  
Beth Lamb, Business Administrator  
Julie Suber, K-6 Principal/CSE  
Chairperson  
Andrea Smith, 7-12 Principal

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**ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE BUDGET  
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