

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Home of the Cougars September 2020

Culture of Hope

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SVCS Community,

Happy 2020-21 school year! Even though there will be many changes to our school day as we know it, we are looking forward to having our staff and students with us, either in person or remotely, as we look forward to a very productive school year.

If you are not aware, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) both released their guidance documents for return to school plans. At a special Board of Education meeting on August 4, 2020, the Board of Education voted to adopt the reopening plan and have all of our students return to school for in-person learning five days a week. **Students will return to school on September 14, 2020.** The district will continue to offer families a choice between sending their students to school each day or having their students learn remotely through virtual learning.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION/ASK QUESTIONS

As always communication is critical. We have developed a webpage that is solely dedicated to information regarding a return to school in September. <https://sites.google.com/stockbridgevalley.org/back-to-school-updates/home>



MAIN REQUIREMENTS OF NOTE IN THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

- All students and staff must have their temperature taken prior to entering a school facility. This should be done at home by the individual staff member and by the parent/guardian of a student prior to arriving at school.
- All students and staff must wash their hands upon entering a school facility and will be required to wash their hands throughout the day.
- All staff and students must submit a daily health screening assessment related to contact with COVID-19.

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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.

- Schools are strongly encouraged to 'cohort' students meaning that once students enter a classroom with a group, movement throughout the building will be restrictive. Students must be socially distanced in the hallways and in classrooms. This most likely means 12 students per class.
- Supplies will not be shared.



- Masks must be worn by staff at all times while working with students. Students are required to wear masks while moving throughout the building or when social distancing is not possible.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in all classrooms.
- Transportation will be provided, however, students must wear a mask at all times and be social distanced on a bus. Hand sanitizer is not permitted on school buses due to the flammability.
- Meals will be served to all students regardless of if they are in-person or virtual learning students. However, as of now, meals will no longer continue to be free of charge for students. Families must submit the traditional Free and Reduced Lunch Application to re-qualify for this benefit.
- For a more comprehensive list, please review the guidance documents linked below.

Grading will follow the same grading system as was followed at SVCS prior to the school closing in March for in-person learning and remote/virtual learning. Attendance will be taken daily for our in-person learning students as well as our remote/virtual students.

VISITORS AND BUILDING USE

At this time, only essential visitors are allowed in the building. Any parent/guardian that needs to pick a child up from school will be required to wait in their vehicle while the student is escorted out to the car. All parent meetings will be held virtually. Any individual that is permitted into a building will be required to wear a mask and to have a temperature screening and complete the health assessment survey. After hours facility use is going to be strictly prohibited at this time. We will re-evaluate the situation later in the year depending on the recommendations of the DOH and NYSED.

HELPFUL LINKS/INFORMATION

NYSED Reopening Schools Guidance

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/reopening-schools/nys-p12-school-reopening-guidance.pdf>

DOH Interim Guidance on Reopening Schools

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/PreK_to_Grade_12_Schools_MasterGuidance.pdf

NYS COVID-19 Testing Site Locator

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/videos.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc> - CDC COVID19 Informational Videos <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>

NYS COVID-19 Testing Site Locator

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/business/stay-home-when-sick.htm> - CDC's Stay Home When You Are Sick Information

Syracuse.com Synopsis of the NYSED Guidance Document

<https://www.syracuse.com/schools/2020/07/ny-schools-reopening-we-read-145-pages-of-rules-on-masks-andwoodwinds-so-you-dont-have-to.html>

Stay Safe,

Cindy

Mrs. Cindy Stocker
Superintendent of Schools

 @SvcsSuper

MESSAGE FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL

Hello SVCS Families!

The start of a new school year is upon us. The word "new" holds more meaning than ever before as this year starts unlike any we have experienced before. This summer, our focus remained on getting our students and staff back into the building safely and as smoothly as possible. You can find lots of information about the school reopening plan on our district website.

Despite the many changes, our mission remains the same, "To empower students through education." Students are at the forefront of every decision we make. They will continue to have access to academic opportunities such as advanced courses, dual-credit college courses, and CTE electives. I want to thank our teachers for their innovation in redesigning their curriculum delivery in such a short period, all while advocating for continued student engagement and quality of content.

At this time, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for our maintenance staff for all of their hard work this summer to get our school ready for day one. I feel privileged to be a part of the Stockbridge Valley School Family.

Please reach out to me at any time with questions, concerns, and ideas. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to our school year ahead.

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Andrea Smith
7-12 Principal
315-495-4450

Lilly Norrs earned High Honor status for the 2019-20 4th quarter marking period. Apologies to Lilly for her name being omitted from the high honor roll in the June newsletter.



Maintenance staff have been hard at work getting the school ready for students on September 8th!



*Custodian,
Dan Graves*



Erin Belanger's internship this summer focused on COVID-19 signage throughout the school.



SVCS BUS ROUTES

2020-2021 Bus Routes and Double Runs (subject to change)

NOTE: BUS STOPS FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN VILLAGE

Bus 111 #1	Leave garage 7:10 Rt 46 South to Pratts Rd., Rocks Rd. to Cramer Rd., right on Cramer Rd. to Fearon Rd. turnaround, return to Cramer Rd., right on Rocks Rd. to Hendricks, return to right on Fearon Rd., left on Pratts Rd. to Blue Creek Rd., right on Pratts Rd. to left on Stockbridge Falls Rd. to right on Freeman Rd., return to Williams Rd. to School.	Bus 106 #2	Leave school at 8:10 Rt 46 south to Valley Mills, left on Valley Mills Rd., right on East Hill Rd., right on Cole St., left on upper Mosquito Point Rd. to Strain Rd., right on Trew Hill Rd., left on Morris Rd., right on Rt. 46, left on Phillips Dr., turnaround return to Rt. 46, left on 46, right on Park St., left on Valley Mills Rd. to Williams Rd. to school. First stop Jones Mosquito Point Rd.
Bus 111 #2	Leave school 8:10 Rt 46 South to Lynch Rd., right on Lynch Rd., right on Pratts Rd., left on Rt 46 back to school. First stop Spring Rt. 46	Bus 112 #1	Leave garage 7:10 Rt. 46 north, left on Smith Hill Rd., right on Bishop Rd. to Peterboro Rd., left on Peterboro Rd. to turnaround, return Peterboro Rd., left on Burleson Hill Rd., right on Vedder Rd. to Forest Ave. to turnaround, return Vedder Rd., left on Burleson Hill Rd. to Peterboro Rd. to Rt. 46 north to Oneida Indian Nation. Return Rt. 46 to Williams Rd. to school.
Bus 117	Leave garage 6:00 Pickup VVS Middle and High School students to arrive at VVS at 7:20 a.m. and IMN at 7:25 a.m. Pick up student to go to House of Shepard.	Bus 112 #2	Leave school at 8:10, left on Rt. 46 north onto Middle Rd., left on Greene Rd., left on Rt. 46 south to Williams Rd. to school. First stop Bernet West Rd.
Bus 107 #1	Leave garage 7:15 Rt. 46 south, right on Pratts Rd., right on Stockbridge Falls Rd., right on Williams Rd, left on Moore Rd. to turnaround, right on Williams Rd. to turnaround at Phillips, right on Stockbridge Falls Rd., left on Brown Rd. right on Stockbridge Hill Rd. to Rt 46 to school.	Bus 115 #1	Leave garage 7:15 Valley Mills Rd. to East Hill Rd., turnaround at Relyea Dr., return to Valley Mills Rd. to Snell Rd., turnaround and return to Valley Mills Rd., left on Middle Rd. to Rte. 46 to Williams Rd. to school.
Bus 107 #2	Leave School at 8:10 Right on Rt. 46 South to Pratts Rd., right on Pratts Rd., left on Lower Falls Rd to turnaround, return to Stockbridge Falls Rd. right on Stockbridge Falls Rd , left on Freeman Rd to school. First stop Masters South Main St.	Bus 115 #2	Leave school at 8:00, left on Rt. 46 north to Greene Rd., right on Greene Rd., right on Middle Rd. to Rt. 46 south to Williams Rd. to school. First stop Orcutt Middle Rd.
Bus 106 #1	Leave garage 7:15 Rt 46 south to Valley Mills Rd., left on Valley Mills Rd. to East Hill Rd. to Relyea Dr., turnaround, back to East Hill Rd., to Cook Rd. to Blowers Rd. turnaround and return to East Hill Rd., right on Cole St. to Morris Rd. turnaround, left on Cole St. return to East Hill Rd., left on East Hill Rd., left on Valley Mills Rd. cross Rt 46 return to school.	Bus 116 #1	Leave garage 7:05 Rt. 46 north to Greene Rd., right on Greene Rd., left on Middle Rd. to turnaround by tennis court, return to Peterboro Rd. to Rt. 46, left on Haslauer Rd, right on Valley Mills Rd, right on Rt. 46 to turnaround at Ferris, return to Rt. 46, right on Williams Rd. to school.

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SVCS 2020-21 BUS ROUTES

Bus 116/105 #1 Leave garage at 7:30 right on 46 south, turnaround at fire house, 46 north to barber shop turnaround at Ferris pole barn, 46 south to Williams Rd. to school.

Bus 113 #1 Leave 7:00 Rt. 46 south to Williams Rd. to right on Stockbridge Falls Rd., left on Peterboro Rd. to N. Butler Rd, turnaround at N. Butler and return to Lower Falls Rd., right on Streeter Rd., right on Johnson Rd. to Jones Rd. turnaround, return to Streeter Rd., right on Pratts Rd., left on Lynch Rd., left on Rt. 46, right on Morris Rd. , left on Cole St., left on Mosquito Pt. Rd. to Hatalia turnaround, left on Cole St., left on East Hill Rd. to Station Hill Rd., turnaround to East Hill Rd. to school.

Bus #113/105 #2 leave school 8:10 46 south to Lynch Rd. turnaround, 46 North to Williams Rd. to school. First stop Douthit.

Bus 109 #1 Leave garage 7:10 46 south, right on Pratts Rd., right on Stockbridge Falls Rd. to Siloam. Left on Peterboro Rd., right on Creek Rd. to turnaround at Couture's, return Creek Rd., right on Butler to turnaround, return to Creek Rd., left on Peterboro Rd., right on Stockbridge Falls Rd., left on Freeman Rd.

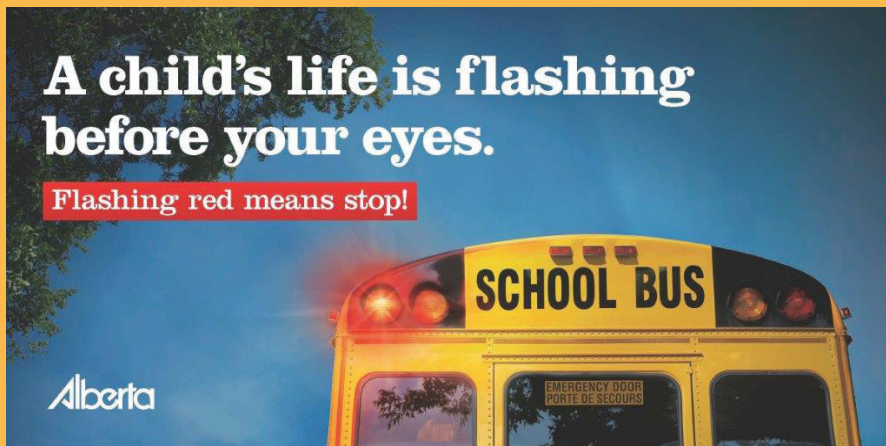
Bus 109 # 2 Leave school at 8:05 second run will be exactly the same as first run with the exception of Butler Rd. First stop will be Ellerbruch Creek Rd.

Bus 110 #1 Leave Garage 7:05 Rt 46 south, left on Valley Mills Rd., right on East Hill Rd. to Cook Rd., turnaround at Hatalla Rd. Cook Rd. to right on Tiller Rd., right on Sullivan Rd., left on Barr Rd., turnaround return Barr Rd., right on Graves Rd., right on Peterboro, left on Kenwood Ave., turnaround old Oneida Ltd. Return Kenwood Ave., right Peterboro Rd., left Middle Rd. to Williams Rd. to school.

Bus 110 #2 Leave school at 8:05 Rt. 46 south left on Valley Mills Rd., right on East Hill Rd. to Cook Rd. to Hatalla Rd., right on Hatalla Rd., turnaround return Hatalla Rd. onto Eaton Rd., turnaround return Eaton Rd. to Cook Rd., right on Cook Rd., right on Tiller Rd. to Sullivan Rd., left on Sullivan Rd. to turnaround, return Sullivan Rd., right on Tiller Rd., right on Cook Rd., right on East Hill Rd., left on Valley Mills Rd. onto Williams Rd. to school. First stop Carney Hatalla Rd.

**A child's life is flashing
before your eyes.**

Flashing red means stop!



In the interest and safety of all students, staff, and community residents, please observe all school traffic patterns and be reminded that School Vehicles Only are allowed to turn left out of the main parking lot. We appreciate all efforts in providing for safe bus transportation, and vehicles moving about the campus.

BUS RULES

Please recognize the importance of cooperation for the safety of your transportation system.

Your responsibilities as students are as follows:

1. Masks must be worn at all times while students are on the bus.
2. Reasonable behavior is expected of all students.
3. Be on time for your pick-up.
4. Obey and respect your driver. If students are assigned seats by the driver, they are expected to keep them unless permission to change is granted.
5. WALK, do not run to your bus.
6. Older students should help smaller ones.
7. Students must be seated at once upon entering a bus and must remain seated until the bus stops.
8. Keep your head and hands inside the bus. There should be no “horseplay” either inside or outside the bus, or unusual loudness in the way of shouting, laughing, or unnecessary confusion.
9. Do not annoy or distract your driver.
10. Know the location of the emergency door, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, cooperate in bus emergency drills. Tampering with equipment or emergency device is prohibited at all times.
11. Keep your bus clean – eating and drinking on the bus is forbidden. It is your classroom on wheels. Students must not leave litter of any kind on the bus.
12. Smoking is not allowed on the bus.
13. Be ladies and gentlemen – profanity and vulgarity are out.
14. Exit orderly – avoid crowding or pushing, wait for driver’s signal to step forward before entering the bus at the school grounds. STAY BACK WHEN THE BUS IS PULLING UP. This is true at any time, including 3:16, sports runs and field trips.
15. Wait for the driver to signal before you cross a road.
16. Students should cease all noise at danger points, such as stop signs, railroad crossings, etc. where the bus has to stop.
17. No animals, bundles, large parcels, large instruments, shall be carried on the school bus.
18. If a student who does not normally ride home with you wants to ride your bus, make sure he or she has written permission from their parent and has submitted it to the principal’s office in advance.
19. Treat a school bus as a valuable piece of property. Avoid marking and defacing it.
20. Throwing snowballs, or any other objects in the loading zone, or at buses is prohibited.
21. Occasionally your bus goes to other schools in other communities. It carries your school name “STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY”. Remember, you are representing your school.
22. Any serious violation of these rules can result in suspension of transportation privileges for students involved.

MESSAGE FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

Greetings from the Elementary Office!

We hope you have been having a relaxing, enjoyable summer making memories and doing things you love!

During the summer, Mrs. Karen Byron and myself have been working tirelessly to ensure that this school year is wonderful for students, families, and faculty. The custodial staff is doing an amazing job of readying our beautiful school for the first week of September, and teachers have already begun their beginning of the year preparations.

At Stockbridge, we have been eagerly anticipating the time when our students and families return to us in September. The school is just not the same without all of your excitement and enthusiasm! While this year may look different than previous years, our commitment to our children remains the same. Our staff will provide a safe, nurturing environment for all students to learn, grow, and have fun while following the new protocols we must put in place.

This year will be different but amazing. There continue to be changes in protocols as we get new information. I will update you throughout the year as changes happen and new protocols may need to be put into place. Working together we will make this year a great one for our children.

Please don't hesitate to call our office if you have any questions at 315-495-4550 or email me at jsuber@stockbridgevalley.org

Thanks!

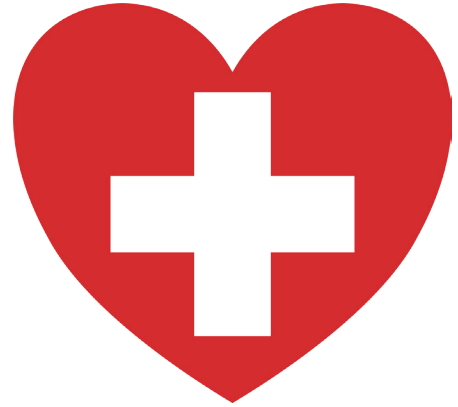
Julie Suber
K-6 Principal
315-495-4550



FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

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 groups 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 complete and sign your name below and return this form to:

Mrs. Mattie Shea, School Nurse
Stockbridge Valley Central School
6011 Williams Rd.
Munnsville, NY 13409

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2019-2020 School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

SVCS FFA IS GOING STRONG



As we all know, COVID has really affected everybody's plans and has made it very hard to do the things we all love such as sports, school, and FFA competitions and events. Luckily, many FFA chapters have been able to step up to the challenges that this virus keeps throwing at us by turning fully virtual this summer. The Stockbridge Valley FFA has given our members a chance to go on virtual tours to Barbland Dairy, North Star Orchards and John Madden Sale and Show Barn.

Camp Oswegatchie offered a monthly “Camp in a Box” with Camp O “merch” and fun activities to do over Zoom calls with the NY State FFA Officers and camp staff. This was a great experience for 17 of our members to really get involved with others and attend leadership workshops. One of Stockbridge Valleys Vice Presidents, Myah LaFave, said that she really enjoyed the opportunity to still be able to have FFA events and be able to grow as leaders in our organization, even during COVID.

With the help of Google Meet and Zoom, the Stockbridge advisors have been able to reach out and do officer training and SAE (supervised agricultural experience) meetings. Every Wednesday, each officer would meet with other officers from the Hamilton, Morrisville-Eaton, and Madison FFA chapters to go over expectations and duties of their positions. One of the officers, Tristan Ellerbruch, thought it was a pretty good experience and that it helped him realize what direction he wants to go in as both an officer and an FFA member.

The Stockbridge chapter also put out an activity to get more members involved in the community with the Garden Gnome Challenge. The challenge encourages our members to share the bounty of their garden or by purchasing fruits/vegetables from a local farmers market and giving the produce to a neighbor!

As we wrap up our virtual summer we look forward to participating in virtual CDE (career development event) competitions that are being offered by the NYS FFA. Although it has not been our traditional summer, it has been a busy one!

Respectively submitted,
Rowan Cady
Sr. High FFA Co-Reporter

STUDENT PRIVACY-FERPA NOTICE

Dear Parent or Eligible Student:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) affords parents or “eligible students” (students who are over 18 years of age or are entering a postsecondary educational institution) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some of those rights and to provide you with the following contact information for the District’s Records Access Officer: Mrs. Beth Lamb, Business Administrator.

Examples of FERPA rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Written requests for such access may be submitted to the Records Access Officer between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on any school day. Such requests should be submitted on the District’s Application For Inspection of Student Records form that is located in the Office of the Records Access Officer.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate, misleading or an invasion of the student’s privacy rights. A request for an amendment may be submitted to the Records Access Officer during regular business hours. Such requests should be submitted on the District’s Request For Correction of Student Records form that is located in the Office of the Records Access Officer. If the Records Access Officer denies a properly submitted request for an amendment, the person seeking the amendment will be advised of his/her right to a hearing regarding the requested amendment.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. For example, the District may, without consent, disclose:
 - a. Personally identifiable information to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving the School Board; a person or attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist, and including entities that host and disseminate student information such as grades, homework and messages from teachers on the Internet); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
 - b. Appropriately designated “directory information”, unless the parent or eligible student has advised the District to the contrary by filling out and returning the Request To Limit Disclosure of Directory Information form. The primary purpose of the directory information is to allow the District to include this type of information from the student’s education records in certain school publications such as a playbill (showing the student’s role in a drama production), an annual yearbook, an honor roll or other recognition list, a graduation program, or a sports activity sheet (such as a wrestling program that discloses participants’ height or weight), etc. Directory information may also be disclosed to outside organizations such as companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks or other companies. Additionally, Federal Law requires Districts receiving certain federal assistance to provide requesting military recruiters with secondary school names, addresses, telephone listings and possibly other directory information, unless parents or eligible students have advised the District that they do not want their student’s information disclosed without prior written consent.
 4. The right to know that the District has designated the following information as directory information: student’s name, parent’s name, address, telephone number, email address, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent previous educational agency attended by student, photograph, and video images of students engaged in routine activities when those images are not records of the district’s law enforcement unit. If you do not want the District to disclose directory information without your prior written consent, you must complete and return to the District the Request To Limit Disclosure of Directory Information form by October 1, 2020.
 5. The right to file a complaint with the following office if you believe the District has violated your FERPA rights: Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Additionally, please be aware that:

- It is the District’s policy to disclose education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, and,
- The District uses video surveillance cameras on school property and in school vehicles to maintain the physical security and safety of the campus. The District has designated its building principals as its law enforcement unit and has assigned to them the responsibility of maintaining the video surveillance images.

THE NEW YORK STATE DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT



Please read and review the plain language summary below and share with your child. Any additional information may be found in Section 12 of the NYS Education Law and SVCS Code of Conduct Section 1040.

HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION AND BULLYING IS PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL

You should never feel that it is not safe to come to school and participate in all school activities. Students have the right to participate in all educational and extra-curricular activities on an equal basis, as well as, learn in an environment free of harassment, discrimination and bullying. You should never be prevented from concentrating on your schoolwork and school-related activities because another student or school staff member is teasing you, making fun of you, pushing you around or threatening you in some way, because of your race, color, weight, national origin (where your family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex or for any other reason.

A student may not act toward another student in a way that reasonably might make that other student feel threatened or unsafe, or that might reasonably make that other student unable to concentrate on their school work, because of the other student's race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex or for any other reason. It is against school rules for any student or school staff member to do this by physical actions or by verbal statements, including electronic messages. This kind of conduct is not allowed on school property, on school buses, and at all school-sponsored events, as well as any act occurring off of school property when such act creates or foreseeably creates a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment. Should you have a harassment, discrimination, or

bullying concern that you wish to report, you may do so to the following Board appointed

Dignity Act Coordinators:

Julie Suber, K-6 Principal 315-495-4550

Andrea Smith, 7-12 Principal 315-495-4450



When responding to acts of harassment, discrimination and bullying, the school will take an age-appropriate approach to remedy the situation with the goal of prevention and education, as well as, intervention and discipline in mind. We will consider the nature and severity of the conduct, the developmental age of the student engaging in the conduct,

the person's prior disciplinary record and the impact to the conduct on the student at whom it was directed. School employees who witness conduct that may be harassment, discrimination, or bullying, or who receive report of such conduct, are required to report that conduct to the superintendent, principal or designated dignity act coordinators. This should happen no more than one school day later.

We look forward to working with you in ensuring a safe and harassment/bullying free school environment for your child. The full version of the Code of Conduct is available on our web site and a copy may be obtained from the District Office. Please keep us informed and encourage your child to inform one of the Dignity Act Coordinators or staff members they feel more comfortable with, when sharing they do not feel safe or are being harassed/bullied while at school.



STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

2020-2021 Student Program Calendar

September 2020						
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Students: 13 Staff: 17						

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Students: 21 Staff: 21						

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Students: 17 Staff: 17						

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Students: 16 Staff: 16						

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Students: 19 Staff: 19						

February 2021						
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Students: 15 Staff: 15						

March 2021						
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Students: 23 Staff: 23						

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Students: 16 Staff: 16						

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Students: 20 Staff: 20						

June 2021						
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Students: 19 Staff: 19						

	School Not in Session
	Supt. Conference Days
	Regents Examinations
	Student Half Days
	Planned Emergency Days

Sept 1-2	Supt. Conf. Days	Dec. 23-Jan.1	Winter Recess
Sept 7	Labor Day	Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day
Sept. 8-9	Supt. Conf. Days	Feb. 15-19	Mid-Winter Recess
Sept. 10-11	Planned Emergency Days	April 2-9	Spring Recess
Sept. 14	First Day of School	May 31	Memorial Day
Oct. 12	Columbus Day	June 25	Last Day Elementary
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day (Observed)	June 25	Regents Rating Day Commencement
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Recess		

	1st Semester	2nd Semester	Total
Student Days	86	93	179
Teacher Days	90	93	183

WHAT IS ESSA?

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a law that outlines how states can use federal money to support public schools. In January 2018, the federal government approved New York State's plan to spend the approximately \$1.6 billion the state receives annually under ESSA.

Why does it matter?

New York State is committed to ensuring that all students succeed and thrive in school no matter who they are, where they live, where they go to school, or where they come from. Since fall 2016, New York State asked for feedback to design a plan that improves equity, access, and opportunity for all students.

1. New York State values a well-rounded education for all. For ALL SCHOOLS.

- English language arts
- Math
- Science
- Progress in learning English (for those who are learning English as an additional language)
- Chronic absenteeism (absent 10% or more instructional days)



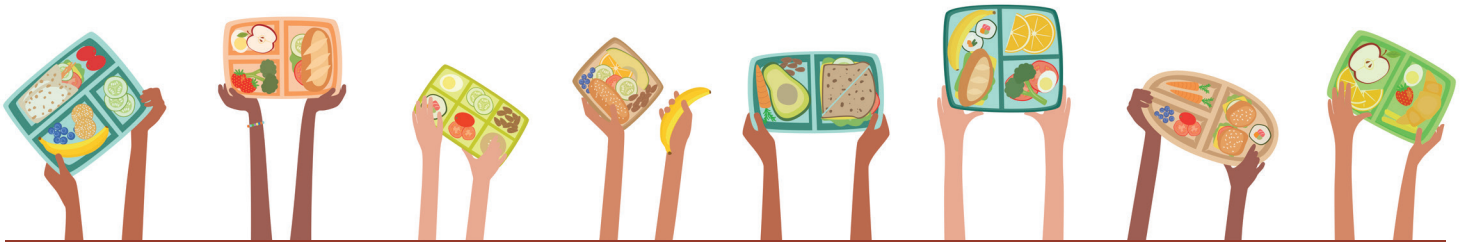
For HS Students:

Social studies

Graduation rate

College, career, and civic readiness index: taking advanced coursework, earning technical education certificates, etc.

- Reduce testing time and improve testing experience.** State tests in grades 3-8 English and math have been reduced from three days to two days each. The law requires that 95% of students in each tested subgroup take the appropriate state tests. New York State will work with parents, schools, and districts to increase participation. Translate tests into more languages.
- New York State will help teachers and school leaders be ready for success and ensure that all students have access to an excellent educator.** The state will look at changes in how teachers and leaders are prepared to make sure they are ready on day one. Attract and keep teachers.
- New York State is piloting a process to ask parents for additional help when their child's school is identified for improvement.**
- New York State will provide parents with a more complete picture of their child's school.** New public reports will show information on student test scores, graduation rates, and other outcomes for schools, districts, and the state, consistent with privacy laws.



SEPTEMBER 2020 STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL

Meal Prices	K- 5	6-12
Breakfast	\$1.25	\$1.25
Lunch	\$2.25	\$2.25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7 Labor Day NO CLASSES	8	9	10	11
14 Chicken Patty on a Bun Steamed Carrots / Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cup	15 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce/Roll Broccoli (steamed) Assorted Fruit/Apple	16 BBQ Chicken/Roll Green Beans / French Fries Assorted Fruit	17 Roasted Turkey/Roll Potatoes / Peas & Carrots Assorted Fruit/Orange	18 Cheese or Garlic Pizza Carrot Sticks / Dip Assorted Fruit Cup
21 Hot Dog on a Bun Tator Tots / Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cup	22 Beefy Loaded Soft Taco Rice / Carrots / Salsa Assorted Fruit/Apple	23 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Green Beans / French Fries Assorted Fruit Cup	24 Italian Dunker / Meat Sauce Broccoli (steamed) Assorted Fruit/Orange	25 Cheese or Garlic Pizza Carrot Sticks / Dip Assorted Fruit Cup
28 BBQ Pork on a Bun Sweet Fries / Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cup	29 Chicken Fajita/Cheese/Salsa Romaine Lettuce/ Tomato / Corn Assorted Fruit/Apple	30 Chicken Parm Mini Sub French Fries / Green Beans Assorted Fruit Cup		

SERVED DAILY

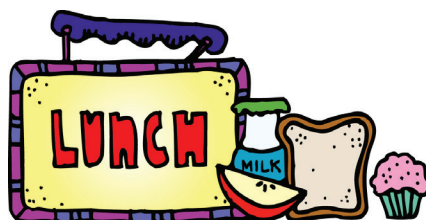
Assorted Fruit Cup AND/OR Fresh Fruit

CHOICE OF MILK—FAT FREE WHITE, FAT FREE CHOCOLATE, OR FAT FREE STRAWBERRY & 1% WHITE

Ala Carte Daily Choices

K-8 –PB&J Sandwich or Cheese Pizza

9-12 –Cheese Pizza or Asst. Salad or Chicken Patty





STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Plans are being made to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. We hope your child is looking forward to the new school year while understanding the need to be flexible.

We wish to encourage the participation of your child in the school lunch program for the coming year. Please review the information regarding the Free/Reduced Price Breakfast and/or Lunch program and be assured that all information is handled in a confidential manner and is not specifically identifiable as children enter and exit through the serving line.

We understand that finances in many households change over time, therefore, if eligible, we encourage you to complete the Free/Reduced Application for the Breakfast/Lunch program, as it also directly supports and relates to the District's eligibility for State Aid in financing our school programs. If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Kathy Carney at 315-495-1909.

For the 2020-2021 school year, breakfast and lunch prices are as follows: breakfast- \$1.25 and lunch will be \$2.25 per child (lunch price has increased per Federal Regulation). Our lunch menu must meet required guidelines while we also continue to introduce new items. During health related restrictions, menus may change and/or be limited in choices.

Additionally, the district will continue to offer the "My SchoolBucks" online service, which allows parents to pay for school meals via credit/debit card or electronic check and monitor student cafeteria purchases, balances, and spending limits. Please check the Parent Resources on the District Web Page for information about how to enroll.

If you have any questions regarding the Breakfast/Lunch program, please contact Ms. Kathy Carney, at 315-495-1909. You may also contact the school for information at 315-495-4400.

We look forward to supporting the nutritional needs of your child and a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Beth S. Lamb, Business Administrator

Date Withdrew _____

Attachment Va F ____ R ____ D ____

2020-2021 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call **(315)-495-1909**, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to:

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
6011 WILLIAMS ROAD, PO BOX 732
MUNNSVILLE, NY 13409-0732

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- ____ - ____

I do not have a SS# ☐

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or LatinoRace (Check one or more) : ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Ms Kathleen Carney – 6011 Williams road Munnsville, NY 13409.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: (315)-495-1909. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDIPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDIPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

Foster Child: A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

Financially Independent: A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

Current Gross Income: Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income – gross sales minus expenses only – not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: Kathleen Carney Title: School Cook Manager

Telephone Number: (315)-495-1909

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Stockbridge Valley Central School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.25**; lunch costs **\$2.25**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Kathleen Carney, 6011 Williams Road Munnsville, NY 13409 (315)-495-1909.**
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Beth Lamb (315)-495-4446** or blamb@stockbridgevalley.org to see if they qualify.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **(315)-495-1909** if you have questions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **BETH LAMB 6011 WILLIAMS ROAD MUNNSVILLE, NY 13409 (315)-495-4446.**
12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

**2020-2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK**

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPRI), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPRI case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPRI case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Carney

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

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MADISON COUNTY

Brookfield Food Cupboard

2416 Beaver Creek Road, Brookfield, NY 13314 Hours:
By appointment only (315-899-3343)

Canastota Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

144 Center St., Canastota, NY 13032 Hours:
Last week of month, Monday-Friday: 11:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m.

Community Action Partnership for Madison County Pantry

3 E. Main St., Morrisville, NY 13408 Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 a.m.-noon

CAZ CARES Food Pantry

101 Nelson St.(Route 20), Cazenovia, NY 13035 Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:30 a.m.-noon

DeRuyter Community Service

Route 13 and Seminary Road, DeRuyter, NY 13052
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Earlville Food Cupboard

First Baptist Church, 9 W. Main St., Earlville, NY 13332
Hours: Tuesday 5-6 p.m.

Friendship Inn Soup Kitchen

12 Madison St., Hamilton, NY 13346 Hours:
Monday 5-6 p.m.

Hamilton Food Cupboard *(includes Madison Central School District)*

1 Mill St., Hamilton, NY 13346 Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday 1-6 p.m.

Karing Kitchen Soup Kitchen

217 Cedar St., Oneida, NY 13421 Hours: Last full week
of month, Monday-Friday: Coffee at 10:30 a.m., Lunch
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Munnsville Family Health Center

5180 Main St, Munnsville, NY 13409
Hours: July 22 and August 19 at 4 p.m. Food Bank of CNY

Munnsville Food Pantry

Williams Road (Congregational Church), Munnsville, NY
13409 Hours: The third Monday of every month: 6-8 p.m.

Mustard Seed Food Pantry

Route 80, Georgetown, NY 13072 Hours: Tuesday
9 a.m.-noon; Wednesday: 9 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m.

Opportunity Shop Food Pantry

128 E. Center St., Canastota, NY 13032 Hours:
Monday-Friday 9-11:30 a.m.

Salvation Army of Oneida Food Pantry

217 Cedar St., Oneida, NY 13421 Hours:
Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

St Patrick's Food Pantry

117 E. Walnut St., Oneida, NY 13421 Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Sullivan Food Cupboard

206 1/2 Tuscarora Road, Chittenango, NY 13037
Hours: Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
(Closed on holidays)

The Compassion Connection Food Pantry

Believer's Chapel, 2657 Seneca Turnpike, Canastota, NY
13032 Hours: The fourth Saturday of every month:
10 a.m.-noon. Staffed Monday through Friday in the
event of a food emergency.

ONEIDA COUNTY

Holy Family Church Food Pantry

4343 Peterboro St., Vernon, NY 13476 Hours: The third
Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and third Monday 5:30-7 p.m.

Town of Verona Food Pantry

5694 E. Main St., Verona, NY 13478 Hours: Tuesday
1-2:30 p.m., second and fourth Thursday 6-7:30 p.m.

The Sherrill Food Pantry

Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 320 Park St., Sherrill,
NY 13461 For more information call 315-363-3244 and
leave a message.

ANNUAL PARENTAL NOTICE ON TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers. If you desire such information, please submit a written request for this information to the attention of:

Ms. Cynthia Stocker
Superintendent
Stockbridge Valley Central School District
P.O. Box 732
Munnsville, NY 13409

Except in extraordinary circumstances, the written request should be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice.

Upon receipt of such request, the District will inform you whether the teachers have met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which they provide instruction, whether any teacher is teaching under emergency or other temporary status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived, and the baccalaureate degree major of the teachers and any other graduate certification or degree they hold, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

The District will also notify you as to whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Stockbridge Valley Central School District Board of Education has designated the following types of student information contained in student educational records as "directory information", which may be publicly disclosed without parental consent: Each student's name, address, telephone listing, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight (if member of athletic team), dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent education agency or institution attended. Parents (or students who are 18 or over) have the right under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

to refuse to permit any or all of such information to be disclosed from their child's education records without their consent, except as provided by law. Any parents (or student who is 18 or over) who refuse to permit disclosure, must notify the school Guidance Counselor in writing at: Stockbridge Valley Central School, P.O. Box 732, Munnsville, New York, 13409 on or before October 1, 2020, of the types of information that they do not want disclosed. Forms to be used for this purpose may be obtained from the Guidance Office at P.O. Box 732, Munnsville or call 495-4450.

ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1987 (AHERA), a copy of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District Asbestos Management Plan is available for review by appointment during business hours. Please contact the LEA Designee at 315-495-4400 if you would like to set up an appointment or if you have any questions.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

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. 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 pesticide program, please contact:

Beth S. Lamb, Business Administrator at:
Stockbridge Valley Central School District
P.O. Box 732, 6011 Williams Rd.
Munnsville, NY 13409

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315-495-1905

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315-495-4599

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315-495-4500

During this current health crisis, you may be considered an essential employee who is still required to work. Childcare placement may be available to essential employees if it is needed. Essential employees are those people who work in health care, are first responders, who work in grocery stores, in transportation, some construction fields, certain non-profit agencies and in food or supply distribution fields.

If you believe that you may qualify, please call the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Child Care Resource Center at 315-223-7850 extension 222.

