SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

RAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the Cougars

We Empower Students Through Education

The 2018-19 school year is off to a great start! I hope all of you have been enjoying the fall. I know I say this every year; however, it is always hard to believe how fast the days go once school begins.

October 2018

FOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

Here are a few updates for all of you!

Stanley Leone Jr

We started off the year inspired by the author of **No Place Like Hope**, Stanley Leone Jr. Stanley spoke about his difficult life growing up and how important it is for educators to listen to and understand their students. Stanley's message was heart felt and inspiring. He spoke about a model that we would like to adopt at school. Our faculty and staff will attend training over the next several years.

Cameras

Our first Smart Bond project is complete. The district bought all new cameras with the Smart Bond money and added several cameras to our system. The additional cameras are one piece of our effort to increase the safety of the school building. As a reminder, when entering the building during the day, please use the elementary tunnel and sign in at the Business Office. I appreciate all of you that have done this since the beginning of school. This helps us know who is in the building in case of an emergency.

Fire Safety

Speaking of safety, October is fire safety month! I would like to thank the Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department for all they do for the school and their continued partnership.

ELA and Math Assessments

Thank you for allowing your students to participate in the ELA and Math Assessments last spring. Our participation rate in the spring was 91%, just short of the state required 95. The tests will continue to be two days this year. Every question has been written by a group of teachers, and most questions are released to be used for professional development. The district reviews the data for program gaps so that we can continually improve our instructional practices to meet the needs of all of our students. I am thankful that we have the ability to do this again as we did in the past, as it is a tool that will bring us closer to our mission. Thank you for supporting our efforts.

November

As we move into November, I look forward to seeing so many of you at the play. "Grease" will be amazing. The students and faculty actors that are involved in the play are very excited.

I also look forward to honoring our Veterans again this year at our Veteran's Day Breakfast on November 8, 2018

I wish all of you a great fall and Happy Holiday season.

Sincerely,

Cindy Stocker

Cindy Stocker • Superintendent

Stockbridge Valley Central School District Mission & Vision Statement

Mission: We empower students through education.

Vision: We aspire to be recognized as a high-performing school district that instills excellence and graduates all students prepared for college or a career.



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News from the High School Office

In September we welcomed the students back and had an eventful first 5 weeks, we are off to a great start. The FFA completed their Apple and Mum sale. The Drama Club had auditions for their musical "Grease". The Freshmen and Sophomore classes had their annual back to school dance. We welcomed parents and families to the building for our Open House. It was so great to get back into the swing of things.

The highlight of the beginning of the year is often our Spirit Week, Pep Rally, Tailgate, and Rivalry Game vs. Madison. The

students were decked out for our themed days all week and showed their support for all our fall athletes at the Pep Rally. Over 100 people showed up for the tailgate to send off our varsity soccer teams to play at SUNY Morrisville against Madison. The games were spirited contests and I couldn't be more proud of our community after this event. It is always great to see us all come together to support a common cause. Go Cougars!!

I look forward to the fall and can't wait to show off my vocal skills in "Grease" in early November. I hope you all are enjoying our fall weather and look forward to seeing people at one of our events in the coming months.

Lastly, please follow me on Twitter(@SVCS_Kilian) for important updates and reminders about what's happening at Stockbridge Valley.

Mr. Kilian

Mr. Kilian, 7-12 Principal



Jr. and Sr. High Students visited SUNY Polytechnic Institute for Manufacturing Day. 2013 SVCS alumnus, Justiss Usborne, was there on behalf of Specialty Metals where she is employed in the Human Resources department.

Important Dates to Remember

- 10/21-10/27/18: FFA National Convention
- 10/26/18: Family Fall Fun Night
- 11/2-11/3/18: Drama Club presents "Grease"
- 11/9/18: End of Marking Period 1

Please call our office with any questions you have, 315-495-4450.



Yearbook Dates to Remember

Monday, October 1:	Yearbooks on Sale! Jr./Sr. High \$40.00; Elementary \$12.00
Friday, November 16:	Senior Section and Photos are DUE to Ms. Ingalls via Google Classroom!
Saturday, November 17:	PTSO Bazaar! Reserve your 2019 Yearbook in the Cafeteria
Saturday, December 1:	Jr./Sr. High Yearbook Prices Increase to \$45.00
Friday, February 1:	Yearbook Prices Increase to \$50.00; Elementary \$15.00
Friday, February 15:	Family and Friend Advertisements for Seniors DUE to Ms. Ingalls
Friday, March 1:	Business Advertisements are DUE
Week of March 4:	Elementary Buddy Pictures!
Thursday, May 23:	***Yearbook Signing Event!!!*** Yearbooks are handed out!



Greetings from the Elementary Office!

We can't believe that an entire month of school is behind us. It seems like yesterday we were welcoming our smiling students back on the first day of school! Yet, parent-teacher conferences are just around the corner on November 9 and November 20. Don't forget to sign-up online to secure the conference spot of your choice! Here are some highlights of our month.

Fire Safety

The Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department provided fire safety training for our students. Our students learned about setting up a safety plan and how to evacuate a house fire. They watched the firefighters put on their firefighting equipment so that if they had to be rescued they would know what the firefighters looked like. Lastly, students got the opportunity to see all the equipment in the fire truck and even spray the firehose! Thank you Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department!

Character Education

Our elementary school counselor, Crystal Reynolds, has been visiting classrooms discussing our first character trait of the year, Courageousness. The first assembly is October 26. At this month's assembly, we will be awarding our courageous cougars and our first graders and fourth graders will be presenting our next cougar trait, Ambition.

Intramurals

We have started our first session of intramurals. Intramurals are a wonderful opportunity for our 5th and 6th grade students to learn teamwork and sportsmanship and begin to prepare for modified sports in 7th and 8th grade. There are four 5-week sessions of intramurals throughout the year. Please encourage your child to sign up.

Lego[®] Club

Mrs. Latella and Miss Smith have started a Lego[®] Club for students in 3rd and 4th grade. Lego[®] Club meets every Tuesday after school for a six-week session. Students have been engineering new and interesting projects with their Legos. They are also using Legos to solve S.T.E.A.M. challenges.

I am pleased to say that we are continuing with our flexible schedule in the Library again this year. I am working closely with our classroom teachers throughout the school to introduce or reinforce information literacy skills within the context of the curriculum. Elementary students from Pre-K to 6th grade are coming to the Library at least once every 8 days for book checkout and mini-lessons that tie into their classroom curriculum and/or navigating the Library. High school students in 8th grade join me every other day to talk about banned

Elementary Student Council

Student representatives in grades 4 - 6 meet monthly to discuss how they contribute to the school community. Officers were elected at their first meeting: Secretary - Scott Rood, Treasurer - Madison Hartle, Vice-President - Marisa Maiura, and President - Jadalyn George.

Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee is scheduled for November 29 at 1:00. Practice for our elementary participants has begun and will continue every Wednesday through November 14 from 2:45 – 3:15 in room 105. Elementary participants must attend at least 4 of the 6 practices.

Student Pick-up, Drop-off and School Visits

If you are dropping off your child after 8:00 a.m. or visiting the school for any reason, please come to the elementary tunnel and sign in at the Business Office. The business office staff will contact the person you are here to see. If you are bringing your child to school late or picking them up early, staff will call either the elementary or high school office and you will meet your child in the appropriate office to sign them in and/or out.

If you are picking your child up at the regular dismissal time, you may sign them out in the cafeteria at the end of the school day.

Halloween

The annual Halloween parade will be October 31 at 1:15. Weather permitting, we will parade around the bus circle. If the weather does not cooperate with us, we will parade through the school. Families are welcome to join us for this Stockbridge Valley tradition.

When choosing a costume for your child, please remember that while scary costumes may be ok to wear trick or treating, these can be scary for some of our younger students. For school purposes, please choose costumes that do not include weapons, blood, or that are excessively scary.

Mrs. Suber

Mrs. Suber, K-6 Principal Intern

What's New in the Library?

books and using evidence to persuade people of their argument. Stop into the Library some time and you could see students checking out new, interesting, and "Just Right" books; using our OPALS Library Catalog to unlock the answers in our BreakOut EDU games; listening to a story at the carpet; visiting with our dwarf hamsters Henry I and Henry II; hanging out in our comfy chairs; and so much more!

Students in grades 4 - 6 are invited to join the Elementary Library Club once a

month after school for a time to explore, build, and create in our Makerspace! Teams lined the halls with some awesome marble runs built out of pool noodles and duct tape in September. Between October and December (visit our Book Fair in November!), we will hold our first ever "Salt Dough House Bake Off!" Students will graph, engineer, bake, and construct a "gingerbread house" made out of salt dough.

Finally, the High School Library Club is getting ready for the Book Fair! Join us

November 13 - 20 and on Saturday, November 17 at the PTSO Bazaar to help support the Library Clubs and get some great reads for the Holidays!

As always, thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Mrs. Inéalls

Mrs. Ingalls, Library/Media Specialist





Breakfast time for Henry I and Henry II; they love their treats!





Mrs. Fowler helps some 6th graders use the OPALS Library Catalog to solve the clues and unlock the box in this BreakOut EDU game.

Elementary Library Club students participate in our 3rd Annual Marble Run Challenge after school in September.

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Summer Provides Stockbridge Valley FFA Members Many Opportunities

Stockbridge Valley FFA had a busy summer, from conferences and summer camp to many days spent at the State Fair. After kicking the summer off with 24 members attending a week at Camp Oswegatchie, the fun continued as Michael Wagner and Barbara Guinto both attended the Washington Leadership Conference in the Nation's capitol. Through workshops and other activities they learned how much of a difference they could make in their community. They were also given the opportunity to interact with FFA members from all over the United States, influencing the way they saw the issues at hand.

It doesn't end there! Austin Nolley attended the INTENSE conference where he was given the chance to explore agriculture colleges and career opportunities within New York state. Austin had the chance to visit and stay on campus at SUNY Cobleskill, Paul Smith College, Morrisville State College, Cornell University and SUNY Alfred, the five colleges

that offer agriculture degrees in N.Y. He learned about the college application process and what the responsibilities in many agriculture careers consist of.

To finish off the summer, FFA members spent twelve days at the Great New York State Fair doing a number of Career Development Events (CDE) competitions and other activities. Ethan Smith, Alex Smith, Gabe Smith, Austin Nolley and Myah LaFave all volunteered at Ag Career Day, helping inform the public about careers in the agriculture field and why those careers are so important. Gabe Smith, Alex Smith, Tanner Dager, Adriene Byron, Edward Demenezes and Michael Wagner all volunteered at Maple Day, handing out samples of maple products and talking to the public about the process of making maple syrup. Ethan Smith, Alex Smith, Gabe Smith, Rachel Mennig, Abby Smith, Myah LaFave and Rocco Pizzuto participated in the CNY Gladiola Show and NYS Gladiola Show. They also made and gave out corsages

made of gladiolas to the public as community service to the Gladiola Society. Michael Wagner, Austin Nolley and Adriene Byron attended the AIM conference, learning about all the opportunities FFA offers and ways their chapter can get involved. Austin Nolley, Becca Ax and Logan Godaire also competed in the Perfect Burger Contest where they received second place honors for their mac and cheese stuffed burger.

Members also went above and beyond in CDE competitions this year, with a number of placings:

Vegetable and Crop ID: Austin Nolley placed 6th, putting the Sr. High team in 5th place. The Jr. High teams placed 1st and 4th, with Myah LaFave placing 1st individually, Madison Nolley placing 2nd, Rocco Pizzuto placing 3rd, and Alexis Mazzye placing 7th.

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Horse Judging: The Jr. High team placed 2nd, with Abby Smith placing 1st, Alexis Mazzye placing 7th, Madison Nolley placing 8th, and Myah LaFave placing 9th.

Agronomy: Austin Nolley placed 10^{th} for Sr. High and Rocco Pizzuto placing 1^{st} for Jr. High. That put the Jr. High team in 1^{st} place.

Dairy Foods: Alexis Mazzye placed 2^{nd} , putting the Jr. High team in 2^{nd} .

Meat ID: The Jr. High team placed 1st, the result of Abby Smith placing 1st, Alexis Mazzye placing 3rd, and Madison Nolley placing 5th.

Nursery and Landscape: the Sr. High team placed 2nd, with Austin Nolley plac-

Horse Judging: The Jr. High team placed ing 4th, Adriene Byron placing 6th, and Lo-rd, with Abby Smith placing 1st, Alexis gan Godaire placing 7th.

Dairy Handler: Becca Ax and Gabe Smith competed.

Wildlife ID: The Sr. High team placed 8th and Tanner Dager placed 9th individually. In Jr. High, Edward DeMenezes placed 2nd, Abby Smith placed 3rd, Myah LaFave placed 7th, and Alexis Mazzye placed 8th, putting the Jr. High teams in 1st and 4th place.

Tree ID: Austin Nolley placed 3rd, putting the Sr. High teams in 5th and 10th place. For Jr. High, Madison Nolley

placed 2nd, Edward DeMenezes placed

Kindergarten is off to a great start!

We are all amazing artists! We have been drawing pictures, and we are just beginning to add words to our drawings. Our reading skills are fabulous too! We can look at books, point to words, and retell the stories.

We have been working on identifying the colors, and spelling them! Every day we practice writing our names, sing nursery rhymes to sharpen our rhyming skills, work with numbers to 5, and we are learning about our 5 senses!

Kindergarten recently took a field trip to North Star Orchards to learn about apples! We found our way through a corn maze, went on a hay ride to see animals, and got apples and pumpkins. We also saw how cider is made.

In October, we learned about Fire Safety from the Munnsville Fire Department. We will start to learn sight words, make label books, and most exciting of all, we will wear our costumes in the Halloween Parade!

Mrs. Kramer's and Mrs. Peto's Kinderéarteners



5th Grade

Ms. Stedman's 5^{th} grade class decided to go on a nature walk to gather data and information to improve their writing

3rd, Myah LaFave placed 4th, Abby Smith placed 5th, and Alexis Mazzye placed 9th, placing the teams in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

Environmental and Natural Resources: Austin Nolley placed 7th, putting the Sr. High team in 5th. The Jr. High teams placed 1st and 2nd, with Edward DeMenezes in 1st, Abby Smith in 2nd, Myah La-Fave in 3rd, and Alexis Mazzye in 4th.

Congrats Stockbridge Valley FFA to a very successful summer!

Adriene Byron

Adriene Byron, FFA Reporter





skills! Our first writing unit this year focuses on personal narratives. Students are required to write a personal narrative story using as many details and high level vocabulary words as they can. Students were struggling to write their stories with vivid details. I thought it would be a great idea to take the students outside and have them truly focus on what is around them by using their five senses. They were required to write down as many details as they could during our walk. If the students saw "grass" they couldn't just write grass, they had to expand and put an adjective before or after the noun. Students loved this activity and it has truly helped their writing!

Happy Fall Y'all!

Ms. Stedman

Ms. Stedman . 5th Grade Teacher

From the Nurse's Office....

The district's School Health Services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

Vision

Distance and near acuity for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.

Color perception screening for all newly entering students.

Hearing

Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.

Scoliosis

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all girls in grades 5 and 7, and boys in grade 9.

Health Examinations are also required for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, and Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11.

A letter will be sent home if there are any findings on the screening done at school that would cause concern or need medical follow-up. Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Backyard Coop

Sam Smith and Kaleb Jones after finishing nesting boxes for the chicken coop in Backyard Ag/Rural History class.





Duct Tape Couture



Clothing and Housing class sport fashions they created

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Chaperones and volunteers needed



Chaperones and volunteers needed for upcoming Musical Production of "Grease". Must be approved to chaperone based on school requirements.

If interested please call the school offices and they'll put you in touch with our Parent Coordinator.

From the Athletic Department

Dear Basketball/Volleyball Athletes & Parents,

Our JV/Varsity basketball/volleyball seasons will November 5, 2018. The first 2-3 days of practice will be designated as varsity tryouts and at the end of these days your son/daughter will be informed who will be on the varsity teams. The varsity tryouts are for any student in grades 9-12 or any 7/8 grade student that has been invited by the varsity coach. There will be a mandatory parent meeting to meet the coaches, discuss what's new, and review policies and procedures on November 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

In order to begin practice, all of the following paperwork must be handed in:

- Up to date sports physical on file with school nurse
- Athletic Code of Conduct signed
- Emergency contact form filled out
- NYSED Interval Health History for Athletics forms filled out

If you have any questions, feel free to call:

Boys Varsity Basketball Coach • Rob Renner 315-264-1412

Girls Varsity Basketball Coach • Jay Lehmann 617-894-7603

Girls Varsity Volleyball • Ray Webb 315-750-9118

Boys JV Basketball Coach • Brad Hilts 315-335-4560

Girls JV Volleyball • Rich Collins 315-264-6128

Boys Modified Basketball • Mark Kiser 315-525-3432

Girls Modified Volleyball • Malary Bingel 315-420-8112

Athletic Director • Corey Graves 315-761-8966

Thank you for your continued support,

Corey Graves

Corey Graves, Athletic Director

SVCS Keeper Scores From His Own Goal

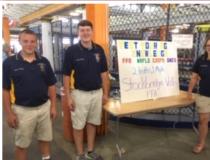
Boys Varsity Soccer Goalie, Wyatt Reed, scores from his own goal box to tie the game 2-2 during the Stockbridge/Madison game under the lights at SUNY Morrisville on October 6. After double overtime, the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Way to go, Cougars!!



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Tailgating "Cougar Style





All you can eat Pancakes, with SVCS FFA Maple Syrup, Sausage, Home Fries, Eggs Coffee, OJ, Milk & Ice Cream

SVCS Cafeteria

Adults \$7.00 Students \$ 4.00 Children Under 5 free

Bring in your Drama program for \$1.00 off your meal Proceeds to be Donated to the Stockbridge Valley Community Holiday Baskets

You're invited to the 48th Annual

P.T.S.O. **Holiday Bazaar**

Free Admission

Crafts, Food, Fun!

One stop shopping for the

Holidays!

2 Gyms Full of Vendors, Breakfast and

Lunch Also Available!

When: Saturday, November 17th

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Stockbridge Valley Central School: 6011 Williams Rd. Munnsville

The 9th Annual Village of Munnsville FIRE TRUCK PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Times

SVCS Library



Saturday *December 1, 2018* 6:30 P.M.

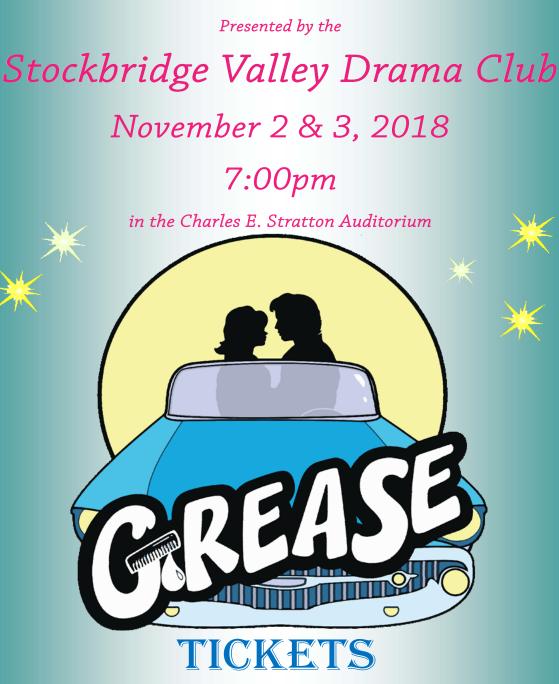
Tree Lighting with Santa at 7:00 PM: Across from the Fire Hall



Hosted by the Munnsville **Volunteer Fire Department** (in partnership with Windstream **Communication**)

*Meet with Santa Claus at the Fire Hall immediately following!!

Food and refreshments will be available. Please help support our SVCS Classes of 2019 & 2020 with their Senior Trip and Junior Prom fundraising efforts!



Adults -\$7 Students/Children Under 10 - \$5 Family Plan: Two Adults w/ Three or More Children - \$25 Contact Pam Mennig in the District Office 315-495-4400

"Grease: School Version" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

GREASE: SCHOOL VERSION Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey





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STEM Career Exploration Series 2018-2019

A special opportunity to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers in CNY

Did you know that NY companies have more STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) jobs than we can fill? And, the demand for new STEM graduates is twice the amount of non-STEM fields! Come join this exciting new program that will offer students the opportunity to explore various careers in STEM.

Who: Students, aged 12 and older, from any CNY School District, are invited to register. There is no cost for program we want as many students as possible to be able to explore all that CNY has to offer in STEM careers!

Where: Stockbridge Valley High School - 6011 Williams Rd, Munnsville, NY 13409

When: November 15th 6:30pm – 8:00pm

What: The format will consist of presentations, activities and discussions with STEM professionals.

Host: Marguardt Switches: Marguardt has been a successful, international and independent family enterprise for more than 90 years. They are a leading manufacturer in the field of electro-mechanical and electronic switches and switching systems. Their products are used by many well-known automobile manufacturers and our systems are also found in household appliances and other industrial applications. In the field of power tool switches, they are the global market leader.

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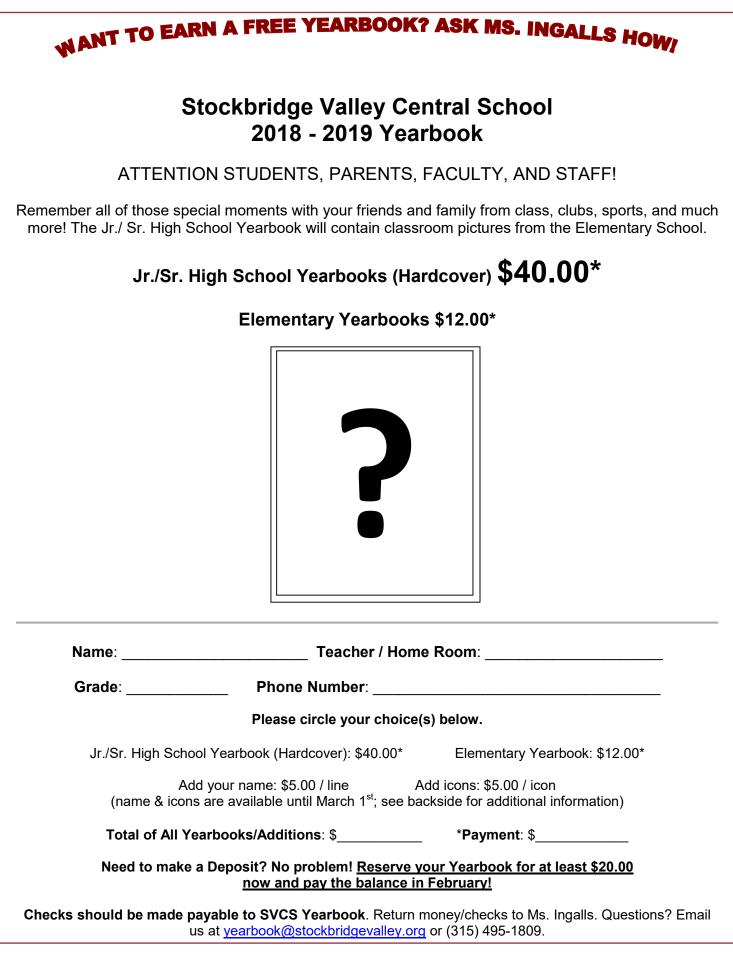
https://www.cnystem.com/careers/

Note: Students who attend a minimum of 4 of the program will be given a certificate recognizing their participation. If you are considering a career in a STEM field, don't miss these sessions!

> Coordinated by Partners for Education & Business, Inc. Questions? Contact Joe Vargo at 448-1012 or joev@macny.org









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