

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

Central School District Newsletter

January 2018

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

We Empower Students Through Education

I often write about the mission of Stockbridge Valley -

"We Empower Students Through Education."

Education, however, does not begin and end with academics. Education is about strength in intelligence and strength in character. It is our responsibility to develop both. In the previous newsletter, I wrote about the six character traits that we are emphasizing at the school.

Courage
Optimistic
United
Generous
Ambitious
Resilient

RESPECT

As we continue to stress these character traits within our school community, I am proud of the actions from our students, faculty and staff that support these traits. In particular, I will mention the Weekend Backpack Program that will be starting soon to help some of our families with food for the weekend and the outpouring of generosity we have witnessed for the Clark family benefit. It is

definitely a mark of who we are as a community, our unconditional care and our #prideinthebridge. Along with a mission, it is necessary to recognize the importance of constant and continual improvement.

It is with the importance of uniting community and continual improvement in mind that we move forward with the district initiatives. These initiatives are in the graphic to the left, and our focus for the year with the goal of building a strong community in mind.

Cindy Stocker

Cindy Stocker
Superintendent of Schools



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

Greetings from the High School Office. Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are finding 2018 a happy and healthy one. The 7-12 side of Stockbridge Valley has been quite busy since our last newsletter. Our fall sports season ended and our musical, "Mary Poppins", was a rousing success. The winter sports season has begun and we have several teams enjoying some real success.

Our new schedule has been fantastic for our students and I have had all kinds of opportunities to see great instruction and learning taking place. I've had the privilege of being a food judge for student chefs, re-learn geometry and algebra, engage in discussion about great works of literature, interpret paintings, and observe science experiments. We are now at the halfway point of the school year and students are settled in nicely. I expect to continue to see all kinds of great teaching and learning as the year progresses.

Our "Be a Cougar" program has been very successful and we have had both teachers and students be nominated for their acts of courage, optimism and unity. In the coming months we will highlight how being a Cougar also means being generous, ambitious, responsible and resilient. I am so proud of our students in their efforts to build these characteristics and be the best young women and young men they can be.

As winter weather has already hit us hard, I encourage students to prepare for the cold weather. Students often arrive at school ill prepared for the harsh Central New York winter and I want to remind parents to make sure your kids are leaving the house with coats, hats, and warm clothes each morning. Student safety is one of our biggest concerns and as we have already seen the weather can often get bitterly cold.

Finally, we have now had two 5 week progress reports sent home as well as Marking Period 1 grades. The process of educating young people is collaborative among teachers and staff at school and parents and other support systems at home. Stockbridge Valley encourages parents to be actively involved in the education of their children. In turn, our teachers aim to keep parents regularly informed of student progress. Remember, students are expected to go after school for extra help if they are struggling in their classes. Teachers are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:40 to 3:16 to provide support and late bus transportation is provided on these days. In addition, our teachers are flexible in providing chances for students to get the necessary support they need. Please be in contact with teachers and the high school office so we all can do what is best for our kids.

Mr. Kilian

7-12 Principal Intern

Habits of a Successful Student

Being a student is hard work, especially in grades 7 through 12. You suddenly have much more independence and have to figure out how you are going to get homework done, eat dinner, go to practice/work, and then manage to get to bed at a reasonable time. It's not easy trying to figure how to balance this new set of responsibilities. However, if you have good habits in place, I can promise you that it will get easier. The following habits below are listed to help you become a more successful student:

ATTENDANCE!! – This is by far one of the most important habits to have to become a successful student. Did you know that you are considered chronically absent for only missing 2 days of school a month even if they are excused? This is because the more you are absent from school, the more behind you get in your classes. This adds to the buildup of homework and catching up on missed material which only leads to more stress/anxiety. The more you can get to school, the better.

Stay Organized – Use an agenda to keep track of when your assignments are due and set aside specified time every day to complete work and study. Keep

your locker and backpacks neat, this will help you be better prepared for class.

Sleep – Getting a good night's sleep along with eating a good breakfast is imperative to help you to focus on your work throughout the day.

Take Notes – Taking notes allows you to be more engaged during class and helps you better prepare and study for tests.

Ask Questions – Don't be afraid to ask questions or for extra help if you don't quite understand what is going on. Teachers are available Tuesday through Thursday to stay after school to help students.

Get Involved – Join a club, sport, or volunteer within the school. It helps build a sense of community and relationships with your peers and teachers.

Study – Try not to cram. Break your material down in chunks and review frequently. Set aside designated time every night to go over your notes. Study in a place with minimal distractions or find a couple peers to study with so you can quiz each other.

If you ever need any help, please stop down to see me!

Mrs. Gleason

Guidance Counselor

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Alumni vs Faculty Basketball

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Senior Class of 2018's Faculty vs. Alumni Basketball game. It was a great time by all and great to see alumni from the class of 1984 all the way up to 2017. This game really showed off the Stockbridge Valley Cougar trait of being UNITED not only as a school but as a community as well. The Senior Class thanks you for your support!



7-12 Dates to Remember

January 26: End of Marking Period 2

February 2: Report Cards Mailed Home

February 9: Snowball to Benefit the Senior Class

February 9: SAT Registration Deadline

February 19-23: Mid-Winter Recess

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

Annual Snowball

"Dancing Through the Blizzard"

Friday February 9, 2018 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Grades 9 - 12

Tickets: \$10 per person • \$15 per couple
(Please see Mrs. Gleason for presale tickets)

Come out, have a great time with your friends, and support the Senior Class!!!

Seniors Use Their Creativity to Raise Funds

Jimmy and Jimmy, two seniors of the class of 2018, are making pallet snowflakes to help fundraise for their Senior trip this year. Large snowflakes are \$15 and small snowflakes are \$8. Orders will be taken through February 9. If you are interested in purchasing a snowflake, please contact the high school office at 315-495-4450 or email Mrs. Gleason at cgleason@stockbridgevalley.org. Thank you for supporting the class of 2018!



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Madison County Youth Bureau Teaming Up With Freshman Class

The Madison County Youth Bureau is working with Stockbridge Valley High School to implement the Leadership Program. This program is currently being offered to the Freshman Class. Year 1 Leadership helps students improve personal skills and leadership abilities. Challenges are offered to students in a supportive environment in an effort to explore personal



strengths and weaknesses, while at the same time learning from others in the group. Each week focuses on a different facet of personal skills and leadership development. Topics that we have covered so far are decision making, goal setting, teambuilding, cooperation, leadership and personality exploration. Students are offered opportunities to exhibit their leadership abilities through facilitating a workshop for Elementary students as well as participating in a Career Exploration field trip at the end of the year. This allows them to apply what they have learned within the group setting to demonstrate individual and team skills.

SVCS National Honor Society**2017 Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**

During the month of November, the National Honor Society conducted their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Once again, the generosity of the Stockbridge Valley was absolutely overwhelming!



Daily, the National Honor Society members made their rounds with their cart, collecting all of the non-perishable food items that students and staff brought to donate. Many teachers even assisted this process



by generously offering rewards for students who brought in items. By the final day of the food drive, the Honor Society had collected a bounty of items that created a small mountain! Over fifteen tightly packed, very heavy cases had been collected and even required the food pantry driver to make more than one trip in order to transport it all. These items are donated to the local food pantry and help the needy in our area (the vast majority in the Town of Stockbridge). On behalf of the food pantry as well as the entire National Honor Society, thank you for your support again this year with this worthy cause.

Mr. Healy

National Honor Society Advisor

FFA News

On Saturday, December 2, the Stockbridge Valley FFA hosted the District V Jr. High Workshop. Students in grades 6th-8th from Mohawk Valley, Waterville, Madison, Hamilton and Stockbridge Valley attended this workshop. District V President, Taylor Rollins started the afternoon off with an icebreaker to introduce the topics of the day. Students then rotated through three different workshops lead by the NYS FFA State

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Officers: President Ethan Keller, Vice President Megan Lamb and Secretary Lindsey Nassimos. The three workshops consisted of each letter of the acronym "IDK" which stood for "I Do Know". The "I" workshop was to let members know that they are worth it and that they are valued. The "Do" workshop was to show FFA members that they shouldn't let obstacles get in their way and learn to face their fears. And finally the last workshop was the "Know" which was letting members know the opportunities that the FFA gives members like Camp Oswegatchie, COLT Conference, 212/360 and much more!

Many members were also interviewed for a promotional video for the 2018 New York State Convention that is being held in Rochester, New York. We ended the afternoon with some old fashion kickball in the gymnasium, answered trivia questions, ate pizza and mingled with our old and new friends we made that night.

Stockbridge Valley FFA Members Megan Lamb and Austin Nolley are getting National FFA Attention.

Megan Lamb and Austin Nolley have recently received attention from National FFA. Megan Lamb was first noticed when she was contacted as being a Proficiency Finalist. She was one of four in the nation to be selected for this award. She was chosen for her work in the field of Agriscience Research Plant Systems. Megan first had to fill out an application to the State Level. She then won the Gold

Proficiency for the New York FFA. After that she went on to represent the State of New York for the National FFA Proficiency contest for Agriscience Research Plant Systems. Although she didn't win she made her FFA chapter and home state proud.

Austin Nolley has also recently been recognized nationally for receiving a National FFA grant to expand his SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience). He was recognized for this accomplishment in December 2017 when he received the 2017 Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET) SAE Grant in the amount of \$1,000 from AET. To acquire this award he first had to fill

out an application pertaining to his goat production SAE about what he does and how he hopes to spend the money. He was one of 152 receiving a grant out of 3339 people who submitted grant applications. Austin was

then interviewed by a local newspaper reporter to explain his future plans and his future goals.

This has been an exciting time for the Stockbridge Valley FFA Chapter and they hope to continue this trend as the FFA heads into the contest season.

The Stockbridge Valley FFA goes to the 90th National FFA Convention and Expo!

This year the Stockbridge Valley FFA attended the 90th National Convention and Expo held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members from the Stockbridge Valley FFA that attended were Jimmy March, Joshua Wagner, Beau Burke, Jared Couture, Michael Andrews, Barbara Guinto, Michael Wagner, Brandon Burton, Brandon Eastman, Austin Nolley and Adriene Byron. Megan Lamb also attended the Convention as The New York State FFA Vice President, New York State FFA Delegate, and a final 4 Proficiency Award Winner. She participated in the Agricultural Research Plant Systems area.

On the first day of the Convention trip, we all got up bright and early Sunday morning to meet the bus at 7:30. We then went to a beet processing plant called Love Beets in Rochester with their parent company in the UK. The next day we headed to Lincoln Electric, a welding and electric product provider. Here we got to see the manufacturing process and try out the Vortex, a virtual welding simulator. Next we went to The Anderson's, a feed processing and shipping company. At this stop we got to sit down with some of the executives and talk about what the company does and jobs they offer. After this we got to visit their grain elevators and storage facilities.

On Tuesday we toured a 3,500 dairy cow farm in Michigan. Here we got to tour the feed commodities barn, the free stalls and the milking parlor along with their manure processing building. Our last tour was the Wolf Park in Indiana, where we were able to learn about how the wolves are raised in



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captivity and studied so that we can learn how they interact within a pack. They also had several coyotes, foxes and bison.

Wednesday night we went to the opening session of the 91st National FFA Convention. Here we got to listen to the keynote speaker, Laila Ali. We also heard from the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue. For

the next day we went to the 2nd General Session and the 4th General Session. In the 4th General Session we heard from Ashley Willits who delivered her retiring address about giving people our best love. During this session, we also had the opportunity to hear from motivational speaker, Mick Ebeling, founder of **Not Impossible**, and **The Principles of Technology for the Sake of Humanity**. He had the opportunity to travel to Sudan and work with this little boy named Daniel,

who happened to have both of his arms blown off while hiding behind a tree with his arms crossed and when the shrapnel landed, it unfortunately took both of his arms. Mick spent the next year working with Daniel to build him robotic arms and David was more than happy to work with Mick so he would have arms again. Normally this type of project would cost \$750,000 but Daniel only paid \$100 for this project to have robotic arms.

New York and Stockbridge Valley made their appearance during the 6th General Session when our very own Megan Lamb went on stage for her Proficiency Award in Agricultural Research Plant Systems. She



Ag. Business students building snowmen

was one of four finalist in this national competition! As the convention was winding down to its last days and hours, the Stockbridge Valley FFA attended the 7th General Session which we had the opportunity to hear Jon Petz's motivational speech about some magic tricks and how life is like magic. As we traveled back to our hometown we watched the 9th Gen-

eral Session on the bus T.V. and got to hear the National FFA President, David Townsend, who visited New York during the State Fair. David chose our chapter to have dinner with him and the NYS Officer Team based on our fair booth, "100 years of Agriculture". During dinner we got to know David and in his retiring address he mentioned some students from Stockbridge Valley: Alex Smith, Ethan Smith, Abby Smith, Austin Nolley, Logan Godaire, Josh Wagner and Michael Wagner who showed pride in their chapter, the National FFA organization and their State Fair booth.

On our way home we mingled with our new/old friends and may have shed some tears once we left them. As FFA members, whether it was our first time or our last time, it was sure a fun time and a fun ride!

Reported by;

Michael Wagner

Sr.High FFA Reporter

Austin Nolley

Sr.High FFA Reporter

Noteworthy News

Congratulations to those students that participated in the Madison County Music Educator's Association January All County Festival of Music. Elizabeth Collins, Emma Copperwheat and Alissa Mazzye performed with the bands and Emilee Lust, Kassidy March, Madison Nolley, Courtney Gurbacki and Summer Boronow performed with the elementary chorus. Great job!

The SVCS Marching Cougar Regiment is looking for new members for the band and drumline. No previous experience is required. If you think you are tough enough to join our team, see Mrs. Matteson. Rehearsals begin in March.



Our annual Prism Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6. A prism concert is a continuous musical experience featuring both instrumental and choral ensembles, as well as solos and small groups. This year the theme is "The Wonderful World

of Walt Disney." We hope to see you there!

Mrs. Belanger & Mrs. Matteson
Music Teachers

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As we finish the second marking period, our classes are busy learning and growing as we approach the 100th day of school very shortly! In Kindergarten, students are learning about gravity and motion. They are also hard at work reading "popcorn" words along with their letters, sounds, and pattern books. First graders have just finished a unit on informational writing. They used the Voice Thread App on their iPads to record their informational writing, share this with the class, and offer feedback to classmates. Our second grade students have begun their "Flat Stanley" project in which Flat Stanley travels across the world and comes back to share his adventures with the class! In third grade, students are studying global climate while also writing informational books. They are experimenting with weather by making their own weather instruments such as barometers to record observations. Fourth graders are reading a variety of texts and identifying themes. They are then making connections between these stories and themes to their personal lives. In fifth grade, students are learning how to collect and organize information from different genres of nonfiction informational resources including books, documentaries, interviews, and articles. Sixth graders are learning about sound waves by creating their own instruments to demonstrate how sound waves work. They are working with seniors in the technology room to build the instruments, and Mrs. Belanger is teaching them how to tune their instruments. Sixth graders will be performing a song using these instruments as well. Ask a Stockbridge student what exciting learning opportunities are happening every day!

We have some important dates coming up in the Elementary as well.

Pre-K registration is on February 14. Any child who will be 4 years old by December 1 is encouraged to register. Representatives from Madison Oneida BOCES will be available outside the elementary office from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Kindergarten Registration is March 5-8 from 9 am to 3 pm in the elementary office. Any child who will be 5 years old by December 1 should register. Packets will go home with current Pre-K students. If you need a packet, stop in anytime to the elementary office. We will also mail one to you if your child is not currently in school. To register you will need the completed packet, birth certificate, immunization record, last physical, and proof of residency.

Marking Period 2 report cards go home with students on February 2nd.

Mid-Winter Recess is February 19-23.

We continue to celebrate being a COUGAR by recognizing exemplary character traits during our monthly Character Education Assemblies. We have celebrated being Courageous, Optimistic, United, and Generous so far this year. Our next month's assembly will be on February 15. We will be focusing on Ambition. Pre-K has started to join us for our primary Character Education Assembly while third grade has begun attending the student run intermediate program. Congratulate our Cougars on their awesome character when you see them!

Mrs. Suber
K-6 Principal Intern

Mr. Dana Chapman
K-12 Interim Principal

Attendance Matters

At Stockbridge Valley, attendance is a priority. In order for our children to learn, they must be here. Of course, when a child is truly sick he/she should stay home. However, when children are out for other reasons as well days can accumulate very quickly.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of the school year. In a 180-day school year, this is missing 18 or more days of school by the end of the year. Chronic absenteeism includes all excused and unexcused absences. Missing just 2 days of school a month will mean a child is chronically absent.

Being absent from school on a regular basis can lead to lower achievement rates among those students, decreased graduation rates, and limited future employability.

We want to provide all of our students with the best opportunities for success. Here are some tips and strategies that can help at home in getting your children to school:

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Introduce your child to his/her teachers and classmates before school starts to help them transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

ELEMENTARY NEWS **ELEMENTARY NEWS** ELEMENTARY NEWS**2017 Spelling Bee**

On November 17th, thirty-one SVCS Cougars in grades 5-8 competed in the annual Spelling Bee Competition. Students put forth their all and the top four winners advanced to the next level of the competition. The overall champion was Adam Wojsiat; runners up were Alex Smith, Myah LaFave and Jadalyn George. These students traveled to O.C.C. on January 13th to participate in the local written bee. Congratulations to our all our spellers!

Ms. Peterson

Spelling Bee Coordinator

COUGAR SPORTS **COUGAR SPORTS** COUGAR SPORTS**2017 SOCCER RECAP****From Coach Genge...**

Another Boys Varsity Soccer season has come to an end. It certainly was interesting! When we started training in August, I wasn't quit sure what type of season we were in for, but I soon came to realize with a great mix of athleticism (and heart), we were going to compete in a way that would give our opponents all they could handle. After eight games into the season we found ourselves with a 5-3 record, which included an impressive four-game winning streak! Through those eight games, the Cougars were led by Andrew Renner with seven goals.

Defensively the boys were very stout, led by Wyatt Reed with four shutouts. The most noteworthy victory of the year had to be the 1-0 win against, defending sectional champs, McGraw. A feat that has not been accomplished in nearly 17 years! It was a game that the boys will never forget.

The second half of the season did not go the way we intended, but the fight and effort the boys displayed did not go unnoticed; most notably was the match against Madison (under the lights) at

Morrisville State. Although it was a 1-0 defeat, I couldn't have been more proud of the work the boys put into that game. Unfortunately, the challenges our team faced left us on the outside of the sectional tournament. Although we didn't end the season the way we hoped, it was a very exciting season!

On the field, the boys had accomplishments that the program hadn't seen in years. On AND off the field, these young men are fantastic individuals. They are great teammates, and representatives of the school and the soccer program. I am extremely proud to have coached these boys. Wins and losses come and go, but the memories and relationships with friends and families will last a lifetime! A special thanks to the parents and SVCS community for your support this year.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Coach Ron Jantzi for all he brought to the program. He is a great coach and even better person to look up to.

From Coach Kiser...

The Girls Varsity Soccer Team finished the 2017 season with a 6-5-1 League record, putting them tied for third place and 7-8-2 overall. This was the seventh consecutive year that the Lady Cougars qualified for post-season sectionals.

The team entered sectionals as a 15 seed and traveled to Fabius Pompey the number 2 seed. Down 1-0 at half the girls came out in the second half determined to change the momentum of the game and that's exactly what they did, taking the lead 2-1 with just 5 minutes remaining and holding on for the win and one of the greatest wins and upsets in many years for the Stockbridge Valley Girls Soccer Program.

The Lady Cougars ended the year with 6 CCL All Stars; 3 first team, 1 second team and 2 honorable mention. Senior Elizabeth Collins tallied nearly 200 saves in the goal and 8th Grader Jill Jacobs was 2nd in the league in scoring. The team will lose eight seniors this year but will look to fill some of those key positions next year with 13 players returning.

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November 2017

6th Grade

HIGH HONOR

Mary Beecher
Summer Boronow
Logan Brown
Jack Cross
Edward DeMenezes
Hunter Divens
Elizabeth Dungey
Abigail Fisher
Bradley Gurbacki
Lily Kiehn
Siena Marzan
Dylan Nazel
Madison Nolley
Jacob Osborn
Joseph (Rocco) Pizzuto
Nicholas Smith
Sophia Stevens
Paige Webb

HONOR

Nathan Baker
Rebekah Carey
Brayden Franklin-Whaley
Courtney Gurbacki
Joshua Kiehn
Kassidy March
Austin Zaleski

7th Grade

HIGH HONOR

Evan Baker
Amanda Brown
Charles Cross
Tristan Ellerbruch
Ava Genge
Caeleigh Harrington
Benjamin Jantzi
Hayla Josephs
Myah LaFave
Riley LaLonde
Abigail Reed
Abigail Smith
Devin Smith

HONOR

Layla Jayson
Alexis Mazzye
Ethan Snell

8th Grade

HIGH HONOR

Grace Bump
Alyssa Enslow
Emily Gurbacki
Jillian Jacobs
Rachel Mennig
Autumn Mills
Nevaeh Randel
Ethan Smith
Ashley Wilson

HONOR

Hailey Bernet
Jace Douthit
Tyler Fisher
Sarah Hofmeister
Lisa Powless
Alexander Smith
Alexandra Spring
Adam Wojsiat

9th Grade

HIGH HONOR

Rebecca Ax
Adriene Byron
Emma Copperwheat
Camdyn Cross
Markalynn Eaton
Erin Marshall
Thomas Meeker
Austin Nolley
Wyatt Reed

HONOR

Dakota Crowley
Tanner Dager
Zachary Fleming
Hannah Greene

10th Grade

HIGH HONOR

Raine Boehlert
Brandon Burton
Todd Conklin
Alexis Ennis
Brittany LaShure
Heather MacKay
Dani Lynn Mills
Elizabeth Wagner
Joshua Wagner
Makenzi Wilson

HONOR

Sarah Bender
Andrea Collins
Kelly Greene
Jonathan Marland
Abby Tucker
Michael Wagner

11th Grade

HIGH HONOR

Melissa Bartlett
Wyatt Becker
Madeline Cross
Aliyah Frederick
Kevin Miller
Madison Piersall
Hannah Reaves
Jasmine Vaillancourt
Jared Werthman
Andrew Wilson

HONOR

Lucas Basford
Melanie Gardner
Breann Moot
Julia Shelley
Samuel Smith

12th Grade

HIGH HONOR

Dylan Anderson
Devin Bartlett
Alaina Beane
Elizabeth Collins
Megan Lamb
Maryanne Mathews
Catherine Meeker
Sylvia Meyer
Kassandra Reaves
Ashleigh Staudt
Megan Trew
Evan Wagner

HONOR

Beau Burke
Jared Couture
Karalyn Kiehn
James March
Jaydelyn Moot
Robert Morris
Kayla Smith



Madison County Residents...

Stoneleigh Housing Inc. administers a Federally funded, not-for-profit, weatherization program for low-income residents of Madison County at no cost to you. Please call our office at **315-697-3737** to see if you are eligible for this program. Stoneleigh Housing Inc. provides assistance in helping to lower your monthly fuel and electric consumption.



Stockbridge Pre-Kindergarten Program Fall 2018 Registration

Madison-Oneida BOCES • New York State Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Program

A high quality Early Childhood Education Program for eligible children who will be 4 years of age on or before **December 1, 2018**.

Applications are available as follows:

- **Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
Stockbridge Valley Elementary School
- **Stockbridge Valley Elementary School office**
- **Download: www.moboces.org - website**
- **By calling Madison-Oneida BOCES at 361-5903**



Three (3) Seats Open for S.V.C.S. Board of Education

Petitions will be available March 16, 2018 - April 16, 2018 in the District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Terms begin July 1, 2018



A very special THANK YOU to EVERYONE who supported the "Paws for the Cause" benefit for the Terry Clark family on January 27. The outpouring from the community, school staff (current and retired), friends (near and far) and SVCS students was incredible. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.



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January 18, 2018

Dear Stockbridge Valley Faculty and Staff;

Believe it or not, the SVCS 90th Commencement Ceremony is less than ninety school days away. The Stockbridge Valley Class of 2018 is getting ready for their new journey beyond high school. Some students are busy preparing for college life, some for the military and others are moving directly into careers. Our seniors are starting to receive college acceptance letters and the excitement is building. We are proud to say that students from Stockbridge Valley have been accepted to Western Michigan, University of Albany, Clarkson, Potsdam, Morrisville, Hartwick, Oswego, Oneonta, Cazenovia, Geneseo, Utica, Cobleskill, and Le Moyne to just name a few.

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

If you feel you can support our seniors at this time, we kindly ask that you return your contribution made payable to Stockbridge Valley CSD Treasurer at P.O. Box 732, Munnsville, NY 13409 or stop by the Business Office by Friday, May 11, 2018.

Thank you in advance for your continued support as we pay tribute to the deserving students of this community. As a donor you are invited to our Senior Class Night which will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018. If you would like to attend this year's event, please contact Sandy Wagner in the High School office at 495-4450.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jon Kilian
Interim High School Principal

Mrs. Cassandra Gleason
Guidance Counselor

Ms. Cynthia Stocker
Superintendent of Schools

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA ALUMNI

is sponsoring a

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Quarter Auction Paddle Party



Bring your quarters to join the fun...

Bid to win many great items!

February 10 in the

SVCS cafeteria

6:00 pm preview

6:30 pm auction begins

Admission \$5.00/person

(This includes 4 bidding paddles)

Refreshments Available

All proceeds will directly benefit

Stockbridge Valley FFA Chapter



 KEEP
CALM
AND
TALENT
ON

13th Annual Talent Show

Sponsored by

**The Stockbridge Valley
Educational Foundation**
**March 9, 2018****7:00 p.m.**
**Charles E. Stratton Memorial
Auditorium**
Tickets:**Advance Sale \$3****At the Door \$5****Contact 495-4400**
 Advance sale tickets will be available
after February 26
in the SVCS District Office

SAVE THE DATE!

March 16, 2018**6:30 p.m.**

TRIVIA Night

at SVCS

Sponsored by

THE STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

- Proceeds to benefit the students of SVCS
- Questions tailored for 7-12 students and adults
- Prizes will be awarded to the top teams
- Food & beverages will be available for purchase

 Admission: \$5 per person \$3 per student/Sr. Citizen
(up to 6 people per team)

Cougar Logo Needed

Design a logo for SVCS



Submit your original artwork for consideration to become the official SVCS Cougar image. Students, district staff and community members are welcome to participate. **Submission deadline is Wednesday, February 28, 2018**, and must be submitted to the district office.

Guidelines:

- ▶ Free of copyright infringement
- ▶ No clip art
- ▶ Digital and printable
- ▶ Name, phone number and email must be included

A district committee will review submissions and select finalists. All decisions are at the discretion of the SVCS district and are final.



Stockbridge Valley CSD

SCHOOL BUS REFERENDUM

Information Sheet

Why Should We Vote Now for School Buses?

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

How Many Buses Are We Proposing To Buy?

One (1): **1** - 65 Passenger School Bus to replace #98 (2009 bus with 99,829 miles)

Dispose of: Sell, trade or scrap to highest bidder.
1 bus: #98

What Is The Cost To The District For The Proposed Bus?

	65 Passenger	Totals
Estimated Purchase Cost.....	\$ 110,000. ⁰⁰	\$ 110,000. ⁰⁰
Estimated Finance.....	\$ 0. ⁰⁰	\$ 0. ⁰⁰
Total Purchase		
& Finance Cost.....	\$ 110,000. ⁰⁰	\$ 110,000. ⁰⁰
State Aid @ 90%	\$ 99,000. ⁰⁰	\$ 99,000. ⁰⁰

Final Cost to the Taxpayers \$ 11,000.00

Estimated Aid:

Amortized & paid over 5 years - \$ 19,800.⁰⁰/year



Other Transportation/Fleet Information:

Industry Standards/Best Practices

At Stockbridge

- | | |
|---|---|
| • 10% of a bus fleet is replaced on an annual basis | • The goal is to replace 1-2 buses per year.
<i>(Contain maintenance costs with a consistent replacement plan)</i> |
| • The useful life of a 65 passenger bus is approximately ten (10) years | • 0% of SVCS's large buses are ten (10) years or older |
| • The useful life of a 7, 20, or 30 passenger mini-bus is five (5) years. | • 60% of SVCS's small bus fleet are five (5) years or older |

District's Current Bus Fleet:

Large Buses - 12 Small Buses - 4 Van - 1

Voting Information:

- Eligible Voter - Eighteen (18) years of age and a resident of District for a minimum of 30 days.

School Bus Proposition

VOTE

MARCH 13, 2018

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

School Foyer

For more information contact:

Ms. Cynthia Stocker, Superintendent @ 495-4400
or Beth S. Lamb, Business Administrator @ 495-4446

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Head Custodian

Mr. J.T. Mann • 495-4495

Cafeteria Manager

Ms. Kathy Carney • 495-1909

CSE Office

Mrs. Terry McInerney • 495-1905

Head Bus Driver

Ms. Pam Mitchell • 495-4599

School Nurse

Mrs. Mattie Shea • 495-4500

The **Food Pantry** is open every third Monday from
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
at Congregational Church, Williams Road, Munnsville.

