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# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

## Central School District Newsletter

Back-To-School 2016



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Dear Community,

I am very excited to be starting the year here at Stockbridge Valley. I have enjoyed the community events this summer and getting to know you better. It has been a wonderful summer and I hope that all of you took some time to enjoy your families.

Here at Stockbridge Valley we have been busy getting ready for the new school year! As you may remember we revisited our strategic plan last year. We continue to be propelled forward by our mission, "We Empower Students Through Education". Education does not start and end with reading, writing, and arithmetic. It is important that we teach our students how to think, problem solve, and make decisions. We also need to encourage our students to be kind, empathetic, and respectful by modeling those characteristics for them. It is our goal to develop the highest potential of our students. I thank you for your support as a community.

As you all know, Mr. Steve Stechyshyn started as 7-12 principal on July 5<sup>th</sup>. I also want to introduce Mrs. Mattie Shea as our new nurse and Mrs. Candace Fisher as our new 7-12 Teacher Assistant. We certainly look forward to working with both of these professionals. I

would also like to introduce Corey Graves as the Athletic Director for SVCS. I am sure you know Corey as one of our PE teachers. He has stepped up to a new role as the Athletic Director and has put in several hours this summer in preparation. We welcome him to this position.

On a different note, you may have heard that Mrs. Courtney Cameron has accepted a position at East Syracuse Minoa School District. Courtney did a wonderful job in our district and she will be missed. We wish her well. Needless to say, we are diligently working at replacing her. As you know, that is no easy task.

I would like to give you a few updates on all that we have been working on this summer and throughout last year. The Elementary Teachers participated in professional development in the area of writing instruction and will be implementing a very direct and aligned approach to teaching writing skills. Mrs. Kate Fisher worked thoroughly last year on developing a coding curriculum that will be implemented this year for grades kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>. You may be asking what is coding? In a nutshell it is computer programming in its simplest form. The coding curriculum is a great

way for students to apply their creative thinking, problem solving, and decision making skills.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade level, the teachers are being trained in Project Based Learning and how to incorporate these strategies into their curriculum. This will support our goal of a middle school program that will better support our students in the transition from elementary school to high school. These strategies used in project based learning are hands on and support the learning styles of students between the ages of 11 and 13.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade level, Chromebooks will be distributed to all students in the beginning of the school year. The use of technology will support our students when they graduate and move on into the work force or college. Please understand that my philosophy about technology is that we need to use it as a tool to better support student learning and their success. Teachers will be receiving professional development on Google Docs, Google Classroom, and all of the various aspects of Google.

The Instructional Coaches/Curriculum Specialists will be working on the alignment of the K-12 ELA and Math cur-

## 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.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

riculums this year. This will include reviewing and analyzing our student data for the purpose of improving our programs.

The District has also partnered with the local Sherriff's Department. The police officers will have an office in the school this year and will be present during the day. The intent of this partnership is to give the officers an opportunity to build relationships with the students and give them information regarding safety and good decision making.

Thank you very much once again for supporting our building project. We expect to receive full approval for the project from the State by the beginning of September. We will work during the year to hire contractors and develop timelines for the project. Most of the work will be completed during the summer of 2017. Any work that is completed or started during the school year will not interfere with instruction. You may recall that the roof is part of the project. With the many heavy rains that we have endured this summer, it became even clearer how much we

need a new roof. Again, thank you for supporting the project and the school district. We have also had two inspections this summer, the first for asbestos and the second for lead in our water. In both inspections, neither substance was detected.

To assist with the traffic flow on our access road and the safety of your children we have installed speed bumps. The STOP sign that was at the end of the access road has also been replaced. After several meetings with the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Village, and the District, it was concluded that a two-way stop is the best way to control traffic in that area. I appreciate the time that Phil Wenzel, Dick Snider, and the DOT has put into this effort.

Continuing with the importance of safety; please use the elementary tunnel to access the building while school is in session, unless you are picking up your sick child from the nurse's office. I also ask that all visitors stop in the business office after entering the building to sign in and pick up a visitor badge. This will help us keep your children safe. If your child does

become sick during the day, you may use the lower lot and enter by the nurse's office to pick up your child.

Also on safety, the State has mandated that we conduct lock-down drills. We will let the community know the week that we are going to conduct a lock-down drill via the school website.

Attendance of your students is very important to their success. I have put several systems in place to encourage their attendance.

I look forward to the 2016-2017 school year! The summer has been wonderful and there is nothing like fall in Stockbridge Valley with all of its beauty- something I appreciate every day. Best wishes to all our students for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

*Cindy Stocker*

Cindy Stocker,  
Superintendent of Schools

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### SVCS Welcomes New Staff Members

**Mattie Shea, School Nurse**



**Candace Fisher, Teacher Assistant**





## **Stockbridge Valley Educator Named Agriscience Ambassador by DuPont NATAA**

### **Outstanding Teacher Will Bring Innovative Learning Techniques to Enhance Classrooms**

LEXINGTON, KY, August 18, 2016 – Erin McCaffrey, agriscience teacher at Stockbridge Valley in Munnsville, N.Y., successfully completed the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual DuPont National Agriscience Teachers Ambassador Academy (NATAA), held at the Iowa FFA Enrichment center on the campus of Des Moines Area Community College in Des Moines, Iowa. Upon completing the program, McCaffrey became an Agriscience Ambassador, joining the other 345 outstanding agriscience teachers from across the country who have earned that designation.

The National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy is a professional development institute sponsored by DuPont and managed by the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). This year, McCaffrey joined other top-ranked agriscience teachers selected to engage in inquiry-based activities and explore state-of-the-art teaching concepts. Ambassador candidates spent the majority of their time exploring effective inquiry-based teaching methods and learning how to draw out the science already present in many agricultural concepts.

The hands-on approach is designed to energize teachers and make them comfortable carrying that learning style back to their own classrooms. Ambassador candidates also visited the DuPont Pioneer headquarters and took part in a panel discussion where DuPont Pioneer employees talked about the qualities they look for in new employees. This will help the teachers prepare their students to be career-ready upon graduation.

"Agriscience teachers are preparing students who will make breakthroughs in agriculture and nutrition needed to feed the world in the next 30 years," said Timothy Glenn, president, DuPont Crop Protection. "NATAA is an important professional development experience that gives teachers the tools to inspire and prepare students who will be tomorrow's agriscience innovators."

NATAA helps teachers open the door for students to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Each class of Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors impacts more than 10,000 students.

Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors also give multiple workshops to their peers, reaching more than 2,000 teachers across the U.S. including Puerto Rico and Alaska. All in all, the program has impacted well over a million students during its course.



The National Association of Agricultural Educators is a federation of state agricultural educator associations with more than 8,000 members. Currently NAAE is focusing on advocacy for agricultural education as well as professional development for and recruitment and retention of agricultural educators. NAAE offers a variety of programs and services to support this mission.

*Press Release from the National Association of Agricultural Educators*

## **PTSO Message**

The Stockbridge Valley PTSO is in need of a volunteer to take over running the Annual PTSO Bazaar. The Bazaar takes place in November and prep work begins in September. If you are interested, please contact me (Barbary) @ (315) 495-2114. If you think someone you know maybe interested, please pass the information on to them and have them give me a call. You will have plenty of help to get acclimated.

Sincerely,

*Barbary Reaves* • Bazaar Chairperson

## **Summer Academy 2016**

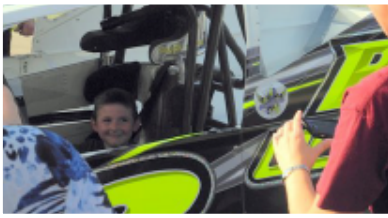
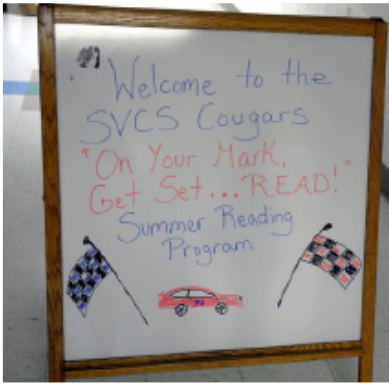
The Stockbridge Valley Summer Academy has concluded for this year. The students had a great time and completed some very impressive projects. They were able to incorporate ELA, Math and Science into their final project.

Our theme this year was animals. The students were visited by the "Zoo to You" program from Rosamond Gifford Zoo. Ms. Kelly Johnson also shared a presentation with our students on the building and design of the new elephant pool at the zoo. Ms. Johnson's daughter, Katy Jacobs, was the project manager for the 1.8 million dollar project. She provided Ms. Johnson with pictures and information about the project to share with our students.

With the help of Ms. Bovalino, Ms. Holmes and Mrs. Jones, the students then went on to build their own elephant pools. Our students were divided into three groups and each group built a pool to share with their families at the End of Summer Academy Picnic on Thursday, July 22.

The Summer Academy at Stockbridge Valley continues to be a successful program that runs every year. The program runs for 12 half-days at the beginning of July. For more information on the Summer Academy and how your child can be a part of the fun next year, please contact the elementary office at 495-4550.

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**"Get Ready, Get Set ... READ!"**

The SVCS Cougars Summer Reading Program started the summer off with bang July 12 when recent graduate Kyle Kiehn brought his stock car to share with the students and staff. Participants learned all about racing, sat in the car, and watched Kyle take a couple of spins around the parking lot. Meeting every other Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m., our next meeting was on July 26 where participants learned about how slow and steady wins the race after listening to Mrs. Ingalls read "The Hare and the Tortoise: a fable from Aesop" by Helen Ward, and met up for some Olympic style relay races on the green grass. Congratulations to all our winners! In keeping with the race theme, we built and painted race cars on August 9 to race on our last program date, August 23. We also had a coloring contest, so please check out the SVCS Library website for our winning entries! Thank you to everyone who participated in the program this year and remember to turn in your Summer Reading Logs for a FREE BOOK!

**Alumni Spotlight**

Katy (Johnson) Jacobs graduated from SVCS in 2004. Upon graduation from SUNY ESF 2009, Katy began working for Appel-Osborne Landscape Architecture in Syracuse as a Landscape Designer. In 2014, she earned her NYS licensure as a Registered Landscape Architect/LEED Green

Associate. Katy has been the Project Manager for the new \$1.8m Elephant Pool, observation deck and Events Terrace at the Rosamond-Gifford Zoo, designed the Class of 1989 SUNY Oswego Memorial Plaza commemorating classmates lost in the Lockerbie Bombing and on 9/11, as well as the Project Manager and Lead Designer for several capital projects in many regional school districts. Katy has also designed and will oversee construction of SVCS's new playground that will be built in the 2017-2018 school year. Katy is married to Chris Jacobs, also a SVCS Class of 2004 graduate.

Chris works as a NYS licensed Professional Land Surveyor and is the Laser Scanning Manager for Delta Engineering in Vernon, NY. Chris has won numerous international awards for his mastery of laser scanning technology, beating competitors from across the world in competitions held in Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The couple resides in Stockbridge.

*If you know of someone who should be in the SVCS Alumni Spotlight, please contact the District Office at 495-4400 or [pmennig@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:pmennig@stockbridgevalley.org)*

**Welcome to the Family**

Congratulations to the Bingel Family! Baby Savana was born July 27, 2016 weighing in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. Proud parents are Board of Education member, Herb and P.E. Teacher, Malary.

**PIZZA NIGHT!!!**

The Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation will be sponsoring "Pizza Night" from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on September 22. Pizza, salad and beverages will be available to purchase prior to:

**Open House, Thursday, September 22, 2016  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Dear Parents/Guardians & Staff,

The Stockbridge Valley Central School uses **Integrated Pest Management** practices to reduce the use of pesticides in the Stockbridge Valley buildings and on the grounds. 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 C. S. Pesticide Representative  
P.O. Box 732, 6011 Williams Rd. • Munnsville, NY 13409





## **Stockbridge Valley Central School 2016-2017 Bus Routes and Bus Stops (subject to change)**

### **NOTE: BUS STOPS FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN VILLAGE**

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|---------|--|---------|---|
| Bus 99  | Leave garage 6:00 - Pickup VVS Middle and High School students and IMN to arrive at VVS at 7:20 a.m. and IMN at 7:25 a.m. Return to school. Pick up Morrisville and Hamilton students and proceed to those schools.  | Bus 108 | Leave 7:00 - Rt. 46 south to Pratts Rd. to Stockbridge Falls Rd. right on Peterboro Rd. to turnaround at N. Butler Rd. Return to Stockbridge Falls Rd. to lower Falls Rd. to 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 turnaround. Left on Cole St., left on East Hill Rd. to Station Hill Rd. turnaround, return to East Hill Rd., to school.                  |
| Bus 101 | Leave garage 7:15 - Rt. 46 south, right on Pratts Rd., right on Stockbridge Falls Rd., left on Lower Falls Rd. to turnaround. Return to Stockbridge Falls Rd. to right on Williams Rd., left on Moore Rd. to turnaround, to right on Williams Rd., left on Stockbridge Falls Rd. to left on Brown Rd., to right on Stockbridge Hill Rd. to Rt. 46 to school.   | Bus 109 | Leave garage 7:00 - Rt. 46 south to right on Williams Rd., right on Stockbridge Falls Rd. to Siloam. Left on Peterboro Rd., right on Creek Rd. to turnaround at Burleson Hill Rd. Return Creek Rd., right on Butler to turnaround. Return to Creek Rd., right on Stockbridge Falls Rd., left on Williams Rd. to school.   |
| Bus 103 | Leave garage 7:15 - Rt. 46 south to Valley Mills Rd. Left on Valley Mills Rd. to right on East Hill Rd. to right on Relyea Dr., to turnaround. Back to right on East Hill Rd. to left on Cook Rd. to left on Blowers Rd., turnaround and return to Cook Rd. to left on East Hill Rd., right on Cole St., right on Trew Hill Rd. to right on Morris Rd., to left on Cole St. to upper Mosquito Pt. Rd. to Strain Rd. to Morris Rd., to Rt. 46. Right on Rt. 46 to Quarry Rd., then north on Rt. 46 to school. | Bus 110 | Leave Garage 7:05 - Rt. 46 south to left on Valley Mills Rd., right on East Hill Rd. to left on Cook Rd. to left on Eaton Rd. to turnaround. Return to Cook Rd. to right on Tiller Rd., left on Sullivan Rd. to turnaround. Return on Sullivan Rd. to Town line turnaround. Right on Barr Rd. to turnaround. Return Barr Rd. to right on Graves Rd., left on Peterboro Rd. to left on Middle Rd. to school.   |
| Bus 105 | Leave garage 7:25 - Valley Mills Rd. to Snell Rd., turnaround, right on Valley Mills Rd. to Middle Rd. Left on Middle Rd. to Greene Acres Trailer Park, continue Middle Rd. to Rt. 46 to school.   | Bus 111 | Leave garage 7:00 - Rt. 46 south to Lynch Rd. Right on Lynch Rd. 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 turnaround @ Hendricks, return Rocks Rd. to left on Fearon Rd., left on Pratts Rd., to Blue Creek Rd, right on Pratts Rd. to Streeter Rd. Left on Streeter Rd. to Johnson Rd., right on Johnson Rd. to Jones Rd. to turnaround. Return Jones Rd. to Johnson Rd., left on Streeter Rd. to Pratts Rd. Left on Pratts Rd. to Rt. 46 to school. |
| Bus 106 | Leave Garage 7:30 - Rt. 46 South to Phillips Dr. turnaround. North on Rt. 46 to right on Valley Mills Rd. to right on East Hill Rd., turnaround at mouth of Relyea Dr., return to Valley Mills Rd. to right on Rt. 46. Bus Stop at Barber Shop, proceed to turnaround at Ferris circular drive, south on Rt. 46 to Mills Stop, Diner Stop. Right on Williams Rd., Church St. Bus Stop, left on Freeman Rd. to turnaround, return to Williams Rd. to school.  | Bus 112 | 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 107 | Leave garage 7:05 - Rt. 46 north to Greene Rd., right on Greene Rd. to left on Middle Rd. to turnaround by Tennis Court, return to Peterboro Rd., right on Peterboro Rd. to Rt. 46 to left on Haslauer Rd., right on Valley Mills Rd. to Williams Rd. to school.   |         |   |

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

**Flashing red means stop!**



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### BUS RULES

Please recognize the importance of cooperation for the safety of your transportation system. Your responsibilities as students are as follows:

- Reasonable behavior is expected of all students.
- Be on time for your pick-up.
- 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.
- WALK, do not run to your bus.
- Older students should help smaller ones.
- Students must be seated at once upon entering a bus and must remain seated until the bus stops.
- 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.
- Do not annoy or distract your driver.
- Know the location of the emergency door, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, cooperate in bus emergency drills. Tampering with equipment or emergency devices is prohibited at all times.
- 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.
- Smoking is not allowed on the bus.
- Be ladies and gentlemen - profanity and vulgarity are out.
- 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.
- Wait for the driver to signal before you cross a road.
- Students should cease all noise at danger points, such as stop signs, railroad crossings, etc. where the bus has to stop.
- No animals, bundles, large parcels, large instruments, shall be carried on the school bus.
- 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.
- Treat a school bus as a valuable piece of property. Avoid marking and defacing it.
- Throwing snowballs, or any other objects in the loading zone, or at buses is prohibited.
- Occasionally your bus goes to other schools in other communities. It carries your school name "STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY". Remember, you are representing your school.
- Any serious violation of these rules can result in suspension of transportation privileges for students involved.

### ***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 and Discrimination is prohibited at school***

You should never feel that it is not safe to come to school and participate in all school activities. You should never be prevented from concentrating on your schoolwork because another student or a 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 (where their family comes from), 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 prohibited on school property, on school buses, and at all school sponsored events.



## **NCLB- Title I**

### **Annual Parental Notice on Teacher Qualifications**

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, this is to advise you that 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 C. S.  
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, 2016, 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.

## **WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR SCHOOL...**

### **Box Tops**

Please help us earn money for our school. Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper®, Kleenex®, Progresso® soups, Betty Crocker® Cake Mixes, LAND O LAKES® and many other products in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to our school to be added to our Box Tops Bin -- each one is worth 10¢ for our school.

### **Help Our School Get Free Equipment!**

Log on to [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com) to register your Price Chopper AdvantEdge card for our school code 16793. This will automatically earn credit for the school every time you use your advantage card.

Check [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com) to make sure you are registered to help our school.

### **Target's Take Charge of Education**

Sign up for Target's Take Charge of Education. Visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. Then visit any Target store or go to Target.com/redcard to get a Redcard. Use your REDcard whenever you shop and Target will donate up to 1% of your purchase to our school.

### **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

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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: 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, 2016.
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.





***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 group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

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

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

**Mrs. Mattie Shea**, School Nurse • Stockbridge Valley Central School  
6011 Williams Road, Munnsville, NY 13409

***Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2015-2016 School Survey.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

***2016 Soccer Schedule*****Boys Varsity Soccer**

Mon, Aug 29	Home vs Canastota (Scrimmage)	4:30
Wed, Aug 31	Home vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Fri, Sep 2	Away vs Brookfield	4:30
Wed, Sep 7	Away vs DeRuyter	4:30
Fri, Sep 9	Away vs. Cincinnatus	4:30
Mon, Sep 12	Home vs Richfield Spr.	4:30
Wed, Sep 14	Away vs BVM	4:30
Fri, Sep 16	Home vs Madison	4:30
Mon, Sep 19	Home vs Otselic Valley	4:30
Wed, Sep 21	Away vs McGraw	4:30
Wed, Sep 28	Home vs Brookfield	4:30
Fri, Sep 30	Home vs DeRuyter	4:30
Sat, Oct 1	Away vs Otselic Valley	8:00 pm
Mon Oct 3	Away vs Richfield Spr.	4:30
Sat, Oct 8	@ SUNY Morrisville vs Madison	8:00 pm
Tue, Oct 11	Home vs BVM	4:30
Fri, Oct 14	Home vs McGraw	4:30

**Boys Modified Soccer**

Mon, Sep 19	Away vs. DeRuyter	4:30
Wed, Sept 21	Away vs McGraw	4:30
Fri, Sep 23	Away vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Mon, Sep 26	Home vs Madison	4:30
Wed, Sep 28	Home vs Brookfield	4:30
Fri, Sep 30	Home vs. DeRuyter	4:30
Fri, Oct 7	Home vs. Otselic Valley	4:30
Tue, Oct 11	Away vs Otselic Valley	4:30
Wed, Oct 12	Away vs. Madison	4:30
Fri, Oct 14	Home vs McGraw	4:30
Wed, Oct 19	Home vs. Cincinnatus	4:30
Fri, Oct 21	Away vs. Brookfield	4:30

**Girls Varsity Soccer**

Fri, Aug 26	Home vs VVS (Scrimmage)	10 am
Thur, Sep 1	Away vs McGraw	4:30
Fri, Sep 2	Home vs Canastota	4:30
Tue, Sep 6	Home vs Cincinnatus	4:30

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Fri, Sep 9	Home vs Richfield Spr.	4:30
Tue, Sep 13	Home vs DeRuyter	4:30
Thur, Sep 15	Away vs Otselic Valley	6:00
Fri, Sep 16	Away vs Canastota	7:00
Mon, Sep 19	Away vs Brookfield	4:30
Tue, Sep 20	Home vs Madison	4:30
Tue, Sep 27	Home vs McGraw	4:30
Thur, Sep 29	Away vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Fri, Sep 30	Home vs Brookfield	4:30
Wed, Oct 5	Away vs Richfield Spr.	4:30
Thur, Oct 6	Away vs DeRuyter	4:30
Sat, Oct 8	@ SUNY Morrisville vs Madison	6:00
Tue, Oct 11	Home vs Otselic Valley	4:30

**Girls JV Soccer**

Tue, Sep 20	Away vs DeRuyter	4:30
Fri, Sep 23	Away vs VVS	4:15
Mon, Sep 26	Away vs Morrisville	4:30
Wed, Sep 28	Home vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Fri, Sep 30	Away vs Fabius Pompey	4:30
Mon, Oct 3	Home vs Poland	4:30

Wed, Oct 5	Home vs VVS	4:15
Fri, Oct 7	Away vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Tue, Oct 11	Away vs Poland	4:30
Wed, Oct 12	Home vs DeRuyter	4:30
Fri, Oct 14	Home vs Morrisville	4:30
Mon, Oct 17	Away vs Mt. Markham	4:30
Wed, Oct 19	Home vs Mt. Markham	4:30

**Girls Modified Soccer**

Tue, Sep 20	Home vs Madison	4:30
Fri, Sep 23	Away vs McGraw	4:30
Mon, Sep 26	Home vs DeRuyter	4:30
Tue, Sep 27	Home vs McGraw	4:30
Wed, Sep 28	Away vs Brookfield	4:30
Fri, Sep 30	Away vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Mon, Oct 3	Away vs Otselic Valley	4:30
Tue, Oct 4	Home vs Brookfield	4:30
Thur, Oct 6	Away vs DeRuyter	4:30
Tue, Oct 11	Home vs Otselic Valley	4:30
Thur, Oct 13	Away vs Madison	4:30
Thur, Oct 20	Home vs Cincinnatus	4:30

## Stockbridge Pre-Kindergarten Program

### *Fall 2016 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, 2016.

***Applications are available as follows:***

- Stockbridge Valley Elementary School office
- Download: [www.moboces.org](http://www.moboces.org) - website
- By calling Madison-Oneida BOCES at 361-5903

***"Traffic Safety Reminder"***

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.



## STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

### Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Stockbridge Valley Central offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.25; lunch costs \$1.85. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.25 for breakfast and \$0.25 for lunch.

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: Ms. Kathleen Carney, 6011 Williams Road, Munnsville, NY 13409 315-4955-1909.
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. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
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.
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 Mrs. Beth Lamb, 6011 Williams Road, Munnsville, NY 13409 315-495-4446 to see if they qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
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 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: MS HOLLIE ACKERMAN, SCHOOL LUNCH DIRECTOR, ONEIDA, NY 13421 315-363-6900 EXT #7.
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.

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 21,978	\$ 1,832	\$ 916	\$ 846	\$ 423
2	\$ 29,637	\$ 2,470	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,140	\$ 570
3	\$ 37,296	\$ 3,108	\$ 1,554	\$ 1,435	\$ 718
4	\$ 44,955	\$ 3,747	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,730	\$ 865
5	\$ 52,614	\$ 4,385	\$ 2,193	\$ 2,024	\$ 1,012
6	\$ 60,273	\$ 5,023	\$ 2,512	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,160
7	\$ 67,951	\$ 5,663	\$ 2,832	\$ 2,614	\$ 1,307
8	\$ 75,647	\$ 6,304	\$ 3,152	\$ 2,910	\$ 1,455
* Each Add'l person add	\$ 7,696	\$ 642	\$ 321	\$ 296	\$ 148

*School lunch is available to all students. Students may choose a full lunch or purchase individual items such as milk. Payment for lunch/breakfast can be made on a daily basis or funds can be placed in an account to draw upon. Parents can limit what a student may purchase with funds by writing a note to the Food Service Staff.*

**How to Apply:** To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit an Eligibility Letter for Free Meals received from the NYS Education Department, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR 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 FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, 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 that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

**Reporting Changes:** The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. 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.

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

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, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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**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. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. 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 certification 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.



## 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 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. All children with the same case number may be listed on the same application. If anyone in your household receives SNAP, all children living in your household are eligible to receive free meals at school.

### ***Direct Certification:***

If you receive SNAP or TANF, send in the Eligibility Letter from the NYS Education Department instead of completing the application. Make a copy for your records.

### ***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.

### ***Gross Income:***

Is money earned or received by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions.

#### **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
- Strike benefits
- 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

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.

### ***Current Income:***

Your income at the present time before deductions. 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.

### ***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:

**Ms. Kathleen Carney, School Lunch Manager**

Telephone Number: 315-495-1909

## STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL Free and Reduced Price Meal (Free Milk) Policy.

### 2016-2017 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

Free Eligibility Scale						Reduced Price Eligibility Scale					
Free Lunch, Breakfast, Milk						Reduced Price Lunch, Breakfast					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 15,444	\$ 1,287	\$ 644	\$ 594	\$ 297	1	\$ 21,978	\$ 1,832	\$ 916	\$ 846	\$ 423
2	\$ 20,826	\$ 1,736	\$ 868	\$ 801	\$ 401	2	\$ 29,637	\$ 2,470	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,140	\$ 570
3	\$ 26,208	\$ 2,184	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,008	\$ 504	3	\$ 37,296	\$ 3,108	\$ 1,554	\$ 1,435	\$ 718
4	\$ 31,590	\$ 2,633	\$ 1,317	\$ 1,215	\$ 608	4	\$ 44,955	\$ 3,747	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,730	\$ 865
5	\$ 36,972	\$ 3,081	\$ 1,541	\$ 1,422	\$ 711	5	\$ 52,614	\$ 4,385	\$ 2,193	\$ 2,024	\$ 1,012
6	\$ 42,354	\$ 3,530	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,629	\$ 815	6	\$ 60,273	\$ 5,023	\$ 2,512	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,160
7	\$ 47,749	\$ 3,980	\$ 1,990	\$ 1,837	\$ 919	7	\$ 67,951	\$ 5,663	\$ 2,832	\$ 2,614	\$ 1,307
8	\$ 53,157	\$ 4,430	\$ 2,215	\$ 2,045	\$ 1,023	8	\$ 75,647	\$ 6,304	\$ 3,152	\$ 2,910	\$ 1,455
Each Add'l person add	\$ 5,408	\$ 451	\$ 226	\$ 208	\$ 104	Each Add'l person add	\$ 7,696	\$ 642	\$ 321	\$ 296	\$ 148

**SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Households:** Households which that currently include children who receive SNAP but who are not found during the DCMF, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) must complete an application listing the child's name, a SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member, or provide an Eligibility letter for free meals/milk from the NYS Education Department

**Other Households:** Households with income the same or below the amounts listed above for family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals (or free milk). They may do so by completing the application sent home with the letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to **Ms. Kathleen Carney**, School Lunch Manager.

The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), State health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or the Child Nutrition Act (CNA). The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The school district does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year

the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals (free milk).

Foster children are eligible for free meal benefits. A separate application for a foster child is no longer necessary. Foster children may be listed on the application as a member of the family where they reside. Applications must include the foster child's name and personal use income.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision.

**Ms. Hollie Ackerman**, School Lunch Director, whose address is Seneca Street, Oneida, NY 13421 315-363-6900 ext #7 has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information, and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding: the SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number; the names of all household members; on an income application the last four digits of the social security number of the person who signs the form or an indication that the adult does not have one, and the amount and source of income received by each household member. In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

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

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, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
2016-2017 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 (name/school). Call (phone number), if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

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"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 Amount / How Often	Child Support, Alimony Amount / How Often	Pensions, Retirement Payments Amount / How Often	Other Income, Social Security Amount / How Often	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

I do not have a SS# ☐

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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, submit a Free Meals/Milk Eligibility Letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions.. Sign the application and return the application to Ms. Kathleen Carney, School Lunch Manager. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer 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 SNAPs, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.**

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (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 FDPIR 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) 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 FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.

**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order 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.

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

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, 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 adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR 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.

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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](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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)  
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# September 2016 STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>Did you know...</i></p> <p>Shakespeare did not mention September in any of his plays?</p>				
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Labor Day No School</p> <p><b>**USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer**</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Superintendent's Day No Students</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Superintendent's Day No Students</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Meal Prices K-8 9-12</p> <p>Breakfast \$1.25 \$1.25 Lunch \$1.85 \$1.85</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>French Toast Sticks Breakfast Sausage Carrot Sticks Juice cup</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Chicken Patty on a Bun Tator Tots Baked Beans Banana</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Cheese OR Garlic Pizza Tossed Veggie Salad Assorted Fruit Cup</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Hot Dog on a Bun*** Sweet Potato Fries Boston Baked Beans</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>Deli Choice Turkey or Egg Salad French Fries Apple</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Chicken Nuggets /Roll Rice Corn</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>"Sampler Lunch" Chicken Tenders/Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce/Dip French Fries Chilled Fruit Cup</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Hard Or Soft Tacos/Cheese Shredded Lettuce/Tomatoes Refried Beans/Salsa Apple Slices</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Pepperoni OR Garlic Pizza Broccoli (steamed) Assorted Fruit Cup</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Grilled Chicken Wrap Garden Lettuce/Tomato Green Beans Orange Wedge</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>BBQ Rib on a Bun Tortilla Chips &amp; Salsa Coleslaw Fruit Cup</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Hamburger on a Bun Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese Baked Beans Assorted Fruit</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Cheese Filled Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Corn Grapes</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Taco OR Garlic Pizza Carrot Sticks Assorted Fruit Cup</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Turkey or Tuna Wrap Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese Rice Frozen 100% Juice Icee</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Meatball Sub with Sauce Peas and Carrots Peach Cup</p> <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup Tater Tots Assorted Fruit</p>

## A La Carte

K-8  
6oz Yogurt with String Cheese and Roll  
PB&J Sandwich on Whole Grain Bread  
9-12  
Asst Deli Sandwich on Whole Grain Bread  
Asst Salad with Whole Grain Roll  
Chicken Patty Hamburger

**SERVED DAILY**  
Assorted Fruit Cup  
Fresh Fruit

**CHOICE OF MILK**  
1% White, Fat Free-White, Fat Free-Chocolate, or Fat Free Strawberry

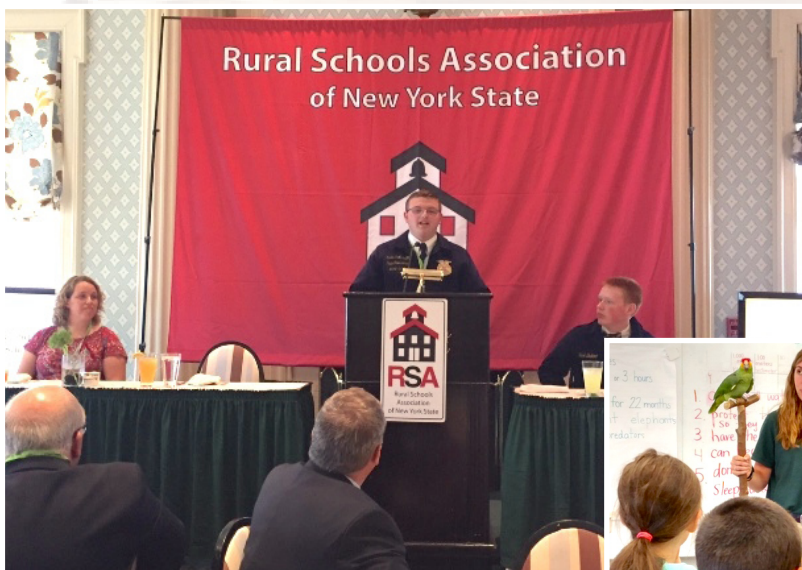
## School News

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Superintendent Day—No Students

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Back

Breakfast \$1.25  
Lunch \$1.85

\*Menu subject to change\*



DISTRICT NOTICE **DISTRICT NOTICE** DISTRICT NOTICE

**AUCTION**  
**Put on by**  
**the FFA**  
**Alumni**  
**to support**  
**students**  
**going to**  
**National**  
**FFA**  
**Convention**  
**in October**

# FFA!

## **AUCTION** **September 24, 2015**

Viewing/Registration Time:  
4:30 PM

Auction Time: 5:30 PM

Food Available For Sale



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- Recess/Vacation Days
- Superintendent's Conference Days
- Regents Days

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CSD

## 2016-2017 Student Program Calendar

17 Student Days

### September 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5 Labor Day	6 Supt. Conf. Day	7 Supt. Conf. Day	8 CLASSES BEGIN	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

15 Student Days

### February 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 Presidents' Day	21 Mid-Winter Recess	22	23	24
27	28			

19 Student Days

### October 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
10 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21 Supt. Conf. Day
24	25	26	27	28
31				

22 Student Days

### March 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17 Supt. Conf. Day
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

18 Student Days

### November 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23 Thanksgiving Recess	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Thanksgiving Recess
28	29	30		

14 Student Days

### April 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday
17 Spring Recess	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

17 Student Days

### December 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26 Winter Recess	27	28	29	30

22 Student Days

### May 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29 Memorial Day	30	31		

20 Student Days

### January 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Winter Recess	3 CLASSES RESUME	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16 Dr. King Day	17	18	19	20
23	24 Regents Exams	25	26	27
30	31			

17 Student Days

### June 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13 Regents Exams	14	15	16
19 Regents Exams	20	21	22 Regents Rating Day	23
26	27	28	29	30

#### Supt. Conference Days

September 6 & 7 • October 21 • March 17

#### Regents Days

January 24 - 27 • June 14 - 22 • Regents Rating Day, June 23

#### Recess/Vacation Days

September 5 ..... Labor Day  
 October 10 ..... Columbus Day  
 November 11 ..... Veterans Day  
 November 23 - 25 ..... Thanksgiving Recess  
 December 26 - Jan. 2 ..... Winter Recess  
 January 16 ..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 February 20 ..... Presidents' Day  
 February 20-24 ..... Mid-Winter Recess  
 April 14 ..... Good Friday  
 April 17-21 ..... Spring Recess  
 May 29 ..... Memorial Day

#### STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS • 181

September ..... 17 days  
 October ..... 19 days  
 November ..... 18 days  
 December ..... 17 days  
 January ..... 20 days  
 February ..... 15 days  
 March ..... 22 days  
 April ..... 14 days  
 May ..... 22 days  
 June ..... 17 days

Classes start on September 8<sup>th</sup>

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Mrs. Mary Anne Iritz, *K-6 Principal*  
Mr. Steve Stechyshyn, *7-12 Principal*  
Mrs. Beth Lamb, *Business Administrator*



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495-4445

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495-1908

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495-4590

#### ***Head Custodian***

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495-4495

#### ***Cafeteria Manager***

Ms. Kathy Carney  
495-1909

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495-1905

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Ms. Pam Mitchell  
495-4599

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495-4500