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# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

## Central School District Newsletter

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### **SVCS Mission: We Empower Students Through Education**

It is a new calendar year, which often brings new resolutions, new promises and new beginnings. I have had the pleasure of being your superintendent for three months now. In this time I have gotten to know some of you, but certainly not all of you, and I plan to continue to build strong relationships with as much of the community as possible in the future. I am deeply grateful for the support that this community provides to the school, and it is my mission to build partnerships and increase communication with the community.

Stockbridge Valley's mission statement is strong and reflects the community's desire to empower our students with confidence and fortitude. We need to encourage our students to face challenges with a problem solving mind-set that will help them

strive for excellence even if faced with barriers or first failures. This is the kind of character that we want to develop in our students.

Over the past four years we have experienced a convergence of education reforms. The new education reforms brought changes to state testing, the teacher and principal evaluation system (APPR), and the common core standards. The common core standards have been met with much debate. In the spring of 2015 parents across the state chose to opt their children out of taking the NYS English Language Arts and Math assessments. Many districts experienced upwards of a 50% Opt Out rate. Stockbridge Valley experienced an average of a 30% Opt Out rate on each grade level. The Governor and our new Commissioner of Education, MaryEllen

Elia have heard the concerns of educators and parents, recognized that the implementation of the common core standards and the testing schedule were flawed, and established a task force that gave 21 recommendations to the governor and the commissioner. In response to the public and to the task force, the tests will be shortened and there is a four-year moratorium placed on the coupling of assessment results to teacher and principal evaluations. The Commissioner also plans to make the results of the assessments available to school districts sooner and be more transparent regarding the test questions so that districts can use the tests for data analysis.

You can access the entire report here- <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-recommendations-common-core-task-force>.

### **Two Seats Open for S.V.C.S. Board of Education**

Petitions will be available March 18, 2016-April 18, 2016 in the District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Terms begin July 1, 2016

Contact Pam Mennig in the District Office for more information.

## *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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During the community forum and my interviews for this position, I was very clear regarding my stand on Opting Out of the NYS assessments. Here at Stockbridge Valley we use the information from the assessments; however, we value the whole child and recognize that the results of these assessments are one data point and not a total picture of each child's performance. I do not believe that allowing our students to Opt Out of an assessment supports their overall growth or teaches them the values that we strive to teach and I firmly believe that the students' participation in these assessments will prepare them for future academic challenges. As your superintendent, I urge you to allow your children to accept the challenge of these assessments in the spring to support both their academic growth and our evolving educational system that is working to create the best possible learning environment for your children. If you have concerns please discuss them with your child's teacher, principal, or me. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Common Core standards and the NYS assessments.

Just as I have asked you and your children to meet challenges with a problem solving mind-set; the district must also meet challenges with that same mind-set.

Stockbridge Valley, along with all other school districts in the state, has met many state funding challenges over the past six years. Beginning in the 2009-10 school year we faced a Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). This adjustment is monies that were withheld from schools. Our Governor and our legislature have responded to the pressure from school districts and next year they will restore most or all of the GEA depending on the district. This is of minimal assistance to Stockbridge Valley as the remaining funds for this year equaled \$1775.<sup>00</sup>. The GEA is only a portion of the funding issue. There continues to be an ongoing struggle for fair funding for education across the state, acknowledging

that fair does not always mean equal. In serving this district I will continue to advocate for a change in the School Foundation Aid formula to address the inequitable funding of school districts. I joined the superintendents in Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer County at the end of January to meet with our legislatures regarding this issue and advocated for fair funding for our schools and your children.

### Updates for the Community:

Below find updates about the *Fuel Island Project*, *Bus Referendum*, *Capital Project*, *Smart Bond Act*, and *Strategic Planning Process*.

#### **Fuel Island Project:**

I am happy to say that the *Fuel Island Project* is nearing completion. We were blessed with great weather that helped this project move at an accelerated pace. The fuel island is a necessary addition to maintain efficient functioning of the district. We are grateful that the Village has agreed to enter into a share with the district, as it enabled us to pursue and complete the project.

Several teachers and community members have given me ideas regarding the appearance of the tank in the fuel island. I am investigating the possibility of having our art students paint a mural on the tank that would be up to SVCS Cougar standards! I see this as an opportunity for authentic learning and expression. Thank you all for the great input, I appreciate the thoughts.

#### **Bus Referendum**

The district has also been met with a declining enrollment just as many other districts in New York State. Please see the *School Bus Referendum* information sheet on page 15 of this newsletter. I know the community is concerned that even with the declining enrollment the District has maintained the same number of busses in the fleet. With that in mind, the Board of Education and the District devised a plan this year to reduce the fleet by

one bus while maintaining the flow of transportation aid.

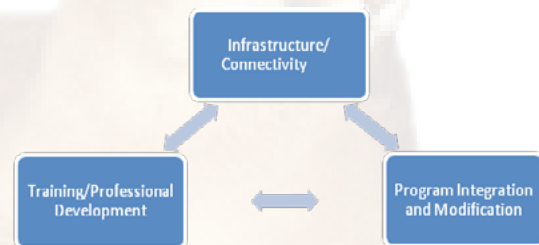
#### **Capital Project**

Currently, the project is under review by NYS Education Department. This process can take anywhere from 10 to 12 months.

The *Capital Project* will bring many required upgrades. A few of the items being addressed in the project include: the roof, accessibility between the fields, and upgrades to the parking lots. The installation of new lighting systems and upgraded fire alarm and smoke detector systems will also add to the safety of the school. Instructional space improvements include updating the Family and Consumer Sciences classroom and the Agriculture Building. I intend to keep the community informed as the project moves forward.

#### **Smart Schools Act:**

The *Smart Schools* allocation for Stockbridge Valley is \$635,106.<sup>00</sup>. To maintain the safety of our students, \$200,000.<sup>00</sup> of this money has been reserved for necessary security upgrades to our camera system. The three areas to consider when making improvements in the use of technology for increased learning are:



The district upgraded the infrastructure and connectivity this past summer. The district will address training and Professional Development through district Professional Learning Communities. The remaining \$435,000.<sup>00</sup> is allocated for the following improvements:

- Upgrade the current computers with leading edge classroom technology, including



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video enabled laptops and interactive displays. This upgrade will empower teachers and promote student centered learning methods including flipped and blended learning models of instruction, along with real-time interactive collaboration.

- Increase one-to-one technology for students so that technology is fully integrated with learning at all times, students have access to technology that is used outside of school, and there is no gap in grade levels that have access to the technology.

- Upgrade the computer lab with state of the art technology, 3D and maker technology that will enable students to create and collaborate through project based learning, coding, engineering and artistic design programs.
- Add communication technology that will provide students with access to the world through video conferencing and distance learning.

A public hearing will be planned to provide the community with more details.

### **Strategic Planning Process**

On March 9 and 10, a committee of community members, school employees, administrators, and BOE members will come together to review and revise the Strategic Plan for the district that will move this district closer to our mission and vision. Once this two day process is complete, it will be communicated to the public.

Thank you for your continued support. It is the support from the community that makes SVCS a great district.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Stocker*

Cindy Stocker,  
Superintendent of Schools

## **From the Elementary Office**

### **School Messenger Alerts**

As you know we have been using a School Messenger program to relay messages about school closings, delays, and events. This system has been very effective in getting notices out to our community members. In such, it is imperative that we have accurate phone numbers listed for our students. You will be receiving a copy of the current contact information listed for your child. Please be sure to update ALL phone numbers and email addresses and send this back to the office. You can also receive text message alerts\* with the School Messenger system. To receive text messages, please follow the steps listed below:

1. Text SUBSCRIBE to 68453
2. You will receive the following message indicating that you are signed up to receive text messages:

You're now registered with the School Messenger notification service. Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help.

**\* Although School Messenger is a free service, we do not pay for text messages. Standard text and data rates do apply.**

### **Character Education**

A **HUGE** thank you to the Munnsville American Legion Auxiliary. They sponsored an essay contest for our students in grades K – 6 where our students discussed “**What the American Flag Means to Me**”. The students with the winning essay were each awarded a \$25 gift card to Walmart. The winners

of the essay contest were: *Tegan Grow* and *Kiernan Berger* in kindergarten, *Lauren Peters* and *Nevaeh Bingel* in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, *Scott Rood* and *Hayden Grow* in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, *Barbie Myers* and *Marilyn Jones* in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, *Lily Kiehn* and *Laila Mahoney* in fourth grade, *Alissa Mazzye* and *Myah LaFave* in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and *Ethan Smith* and *Joshua Colvin* in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations to these students on this accomplishment!

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to announce that *Michael Speirs* will be here to perform for our elementary students. Mr. Speirs is a stand-up comedian and former teacher who will be bringing his outstanding anti-bullying presentation titled “**Be an Upstander, Not a Bystander**” to our school. Mr. Speirs brings 19 years experience with a variety of activities, and multimedia resources to engage our students. We are all looking forward to his performance.

### **Report Cards**

Report cards for the second marking period went home on Friday, January 29. Should you have any questions or concerns in reference to your child's grades, please contact your child's teacher. You can find email addresses and phone numbers for all of our teachers on our website at [www.stockbridgevalley.org](http://www.stockbridgevalley.org).

### **Teacher News**

Congratulations to *Erin Belanger* in the Music Department who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Nora Miriam Ruth, on January 30! Mrs. Belanger will be taking a maternity leave starting in February and will return to SVCS in Sep-

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tember. While she is out, *Mrs. Amy Surette* will be filling in. Mrs. Surette is a well versed elementary and middle/high school music teacher who has retired from Rome School District. Mrs. Surette will be teaching all of the regular music classes as well as preparing students for All County Festivals, NYSSMA, and Select Choir performances. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Surette.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome two student teachers to the elementary school. Miss Christina Teetzel will be with Mrs. Michele Wright in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Miss Ashleigh Jaeger will be paired with Mrs. Julie Suber in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We look forward to partnering with Cazenovia College on this exciting step for future teachers in our community.

### Reminder

As the temperature outside decreases and the snowfall increases, it is important that all of our students are dressed and prepared for the weather. Many of our classes go outside on a regular basis and we want to be sure that our students are covered. Please try to send your child to school in boots, warm coats, hats, gloves and snow pants when needed. If you need assistance acquiring any of these items for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will try to help with this.

*Mrs. Iritz*, Elementary Principal

*Mrs. Byron*, Elementary Secretary

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the school year 2016-2017 will be held at Stockbridge Valley Central School on Monday, February 29 through Friday, March 4, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the elementary office. Any child who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2016 is eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten. If your child attends the Pre-K program, they still must register for kindergarten.

Registration is required before a student can begin school. It is not necessary for the child to be present at the time of registration. The following documentation is required for registration: child's birth certificate, official immunization record (showing proof of complete Polio, Diphtheria (DPT), Measles, German Measles, Mumps (MMR), Varicella, and Hepatitis B vaccinations), proof of residency (copy of lease, utility bill) and pertinent legal papers.

If you have any questions, please visit our calendar of events page on our website at [www.stockbridgevalley.org](http://www.stockbridgevalley.org) or contact the Elementary Office at 315-495-4550.

### Second Grade

Second graders at Stockbridge Valley have been very busy learning all about technology! During the month of

December, they were all able to learn how to use simple code to program a 3D printer. The second graders took advantage of the 3D printer that we had on loan for several weeks to create a holiday keepsake to enjoy at home. These 3D printed Christmas tree ornaments were the result of learning how to program or code a 3D printer to create something original. It all started with an online pro-



gram that allowed the second graders to use a drag and drop method of coding using symbols and shapes. They quickly decided to put a cone on top of a cylinder to create a tree design. Then the students added spheres for ornaments and even a star on top! After the prototype was printed, it was quickly realized that modifications needed to be made in the original design for it to function correctly. Second graders were problem solvers and added an additional inverted cone between the cone of the tree and the cylinder of the trunk. It worked perfectly! The second graders learned some computer coding and, with a little persistence and determination, created a concrete example of their hard work.

*Miss Bovalino & Mrs. Suber*



## From Your School Nurse

### Sport Physicals

In March, parents of students in grades 6-11 will be receiving sports physical questionnaires. If your child is interested in participating in sports during the 2016-17 school year and you would like your child to have a sports physical by the school physician, this questionnaire must be completed, signed and returned to the nurse's office by April 22, 2016. No student will have a physical without a completed and signed questionnaire. The physicals will be done in May and June 2016. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Greene at 495-4500.

### Written Excuses

Please remember, when a child is absent, late or excused early from school, a written excuse from the child's parent or guardian is required per Board Policy 7005:

*All instances of excused absence require a written parent/guardian excuse within three (3) school days of absence. The excuse must identify the date/time of absence, reason for absence, tardiness or early departure and parent/guardian signature. Students failing to present an excuse prior to an early departure or upon reporting back to school following an absence or tardiness within three (3) days of the absence will be subject to the absence being recorded as "unexcused" with the possibility of denial of course credit as defined in Board of Education Regulation #7005.1.*

Thank you for your cooperation,

*Mrs. Greene, R.N.* • School Nurse

## Library News and Events

It has been a busy year in the Library! Kindergarten is learning about fiction and nonfiction books and just celebrated A.A. Milne's birthday with a Teddy Bear Picnic. First grade is working on recognizing facts and opinions, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is practicing their public speaking. Third grade just finished a large unit on the Dewey Decimal System and will soon begin their Country in a Bag research project. After building a Christmas tree made of books in December, 4<sup>th</sup> graders are learning how nonfiction books are organized by being assigned a shelf in the library. Students in grades 5 and 6 have been hard at work researching and creating websites, as well as learning about plagiarism and copyright. They also participated in the Hour of Code ([www.code.org](http://www.code.org)) in December! Middle school families should be sure to ask their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders how their library research projects and debates are going.

The Library Club has also been busy. The MS/HS students are preparing for the Teen Book Fest in May and the



Logan Brown sharing his research on Dale Earnhardt, Jr.



Makenzie Spring reviewing fiction and nonfiction.

(315) 495-1809 if you are interested and available after school (2:45 - 3:15).

I'm looking forward to the New Year and working with your students. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Ms. Amanda Ingalls* • Library Media Specialist

## Senior Class of 2016

The Senior's have held several successful fundraisers since the beginning of the school year and we have several fundraisers planned over the next few months. Parents should have received a letter home with the following information.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Ball Dance

Friday, February 5 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Snacks & Refreshments will be served  
Cost is \$15 per couple and \$10 for Single

### Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sale

February 8 - 26  
Delivered just in time for Easter

### Bottles & Cans Drive

Saturday, February 13  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Seniors will be out in the Community asking for your bottles and cans.

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**Spaghetti Dinner**

Friday, March 4 • 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cost \$8 for Adults, \$6 for Students (Ages 3-12), Free for Children under 3

\$25 for a Family of 4 - 2 adults and 2 children

Come out and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner and stay for the SVEF Annual Talent show. The Senior's will also be selling snacks during intermission.

**Annual Faculty vs. Alumni Volleyball Game**

Friday, March 11, 2016 • 6:30 p.m.

Fun, food, prizes and the best Game ever...

If you are an alumnus and would to play in the Alumni Game, please let us know!

The Seniors thank you in advance for your continued support in their endeavor to take a Senior Class trip to Washington D.C. this spring!

*Ms. Basford-Kee*

Senior Class Advisor • 495-1931

**Congratulations**

We would like to CONGRATULATE all of the students listed below on their College Acceptance!

Zachary Burke ..... Niagara Community College

Hunter Middleton-Tompkins ..... HCCC  
Cazenovia College

Brianna O'Connor ..... OCC, MVCC

Andrew Jacobs ..... OCC

Jordyn Sanford ..... OCC, SUNY Oswego

Carolann Chaires ..... SUNY Delhi

Jarret Jacobs ..... SUNY Cobleskill  
Morrisville State College

Dustin Bartlett ..... The College of Saint Rose

Dani Webb ..... SUNY Cobleskill

Nicholas Ahles ..... Utica College

**One of Our Own**

A very special thanks goes out to **Alonzo Byron**. Alonzo graduated in June of 2014 from Stockbridge Valley. Alonzo graciously came back to his school during his military leave to share his experiences in the Air Force. One thing that is very important to high-school students is to be given opportunities to hear what options are available to them upon graduation. The transition from high school

to their next phase in life can be scary, but it can also be adventurous. Alonzo talked about how SVCS supported him. He gave some advice to the freshman about things he wished he would have done differently during his high school years here at SVCS. He filled us in on his experiences leaving home for a very long period of time, basic training, his graduation ceremony, and concluded with his current career. We just wanted to take this moment to thank Alonzo not only for coming in to speak with us but also for his service to our country.



*Mrs. Smith*

**SVCS Celebrates Spelling!**

This year we were able to send four winners to compete at the next level of the Scripps



Spelling Bee. Our first place winner was **Ethan Smith**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; second place winner was **Nicole Aldasch**, 7<sup>th</sup> grade. **Brandon Burton** and **Camdyn Cross** also joined them in the next round of spelling. Congratulations to these four students. Keep up the good work!

*Mrs. Smith*

**Pass The Plate Please!**

Pre-Algebra is awesome! We try to shake it up and keep the kids moving on a daily basis. The kids were given eight plates that they were required to pass around the circle. Each plate had eight different problems on it and each student had to answer one question per plate and continuously pass that plate around the circle. This is just one strategic example of how we have been trying to infuse kinesthetic learning into our daily math world here at the 'Bridge!



## Stockbridge Valley Central School Agriculture Teacher Selected for Educator Award

NEW ORLEANS – Erin McCaffrey, agricultural educator at Stockbridge Valley Central School in Munnsville, N.Y., is one of only six individuals nationwide who received the National Association of Agricultural Educators Teacher Mentor Award, given at the NAAE annual convention in New Orleans on November 19.

McCaffrey has served as a supervising teacher for three student teachers. This type of mentoring allows for daily in-



person interactions that help these potential agriculture teachers grow. McCaffrey is able to sit down and evaluate her student teachers' lesson plans and help them develop student management skills.

After the budding teachers complete their student teaching experience, they continue to stay in touch, which allows for further exchange of ideas and support. At the beginning of their experience all of McCaffrey's student teachers spend a week observing her teaching, allowing them an opportunity to see what she expects of her students. During the second week they start teaching one class and work their way up to teaching a full schedule within three weeks. Every day, McCaffrey and her student teacher sit down to discuss how the instruction and classroom management was handled for the day.

In addition to daily support, she provides her student teachers with access to all of her teaching resources and encourages them to use other resources such as NAAE's Communities of Practice, which is a professional networking site for agricultural educators.

"As a teacher I believe that mentoring is the essence of our profession. Often, we only see ourselves as mentoring our students; however many of us mentor fellow teachers every day. I believe that making a conscious effort to provide beginning teachers the support they need is not only essential but also rewarding," said McCaffrey.

Each of the six regional Teacher Mentor Award winners was recognized at the NAAE convention in New Orleans. CEV Multimedia sponsors the Teacher Mentor Award. NAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators. Its mission is "professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service." The NAAE office is located in Lexington, Ky.

*Press Release from the National Association of Agricultural Educators*

## Stockbridge Valley FFA Receives Donations from Local Businesses

Stockbridge Valley FFA and Summit Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Oneida teamed up to participate in **The Next Crop Project**. This program is the Ram® Truck brand's way of turning the focus on the future leaders of agriculture. It is a celebration of and investment in tomorrow's biologists, chemists, veterinarians, business leaders, entrepreneurs and farmers. On November 7, 2015 supporters of the FFA went to Summit and test drove vehicles. For every test drive Summit and Ram® Trucks donated \$20.00 to our FFA chapter. We would like to thank all those individuals that stopped by Summit and took a test drive, we were able to raise \$540.00!!!

We also received a donation from Farm Credit East. Farm Credit East hosts an annual golf tournament and chooses a local not-for-profit organization to donate the money to. This year they chose to donate \$500.00 to 10 area FFA chapters and Stockbridge Valley was one of them. We cannot thank them enough for their generous donations and are grateful for all of the support we received from them not only financially but also by serving as judges for CDE contests and as a source of information on financial issues.

The chapter plans to use these funds to help pay for students to attend the 212/360 Conference in Syracuse at the end of January. 212 focuses on individual leadership for members looking to build leadership skills and 360 is excellent for older students with leadership experience, helping them to recognize the potential they have to impact their chapter, school and community around them. Stockbridge Valley will have 14 students attending this conference to bring back their newly learned leadership skills to the chapter and community.

Submitted by

*Catherine Meeker* • Sr High FFA Reporter



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Congratulations to those students that participated in the Madison County Music Educator's Association January All County Festival of Music. *Nevaeh Randel, Rachel Menig, Ethan Smith, and Jace Douthit* performed with the Sixth Grade Chorus made up of some of the best student musicians in Madison County. 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. Meyer. Rehearsals begin February 22.

The Music department traveled to Symphoria's Holiday Concert in Syracuse in December. Students enjoyed a night on the town with dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse followed by the performance at the Civic Center in downtown Syracuse. A wonderful time was had by all.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Amy Surette to the SVCS Music Department faculty. She will be with us while Mrs. Belanger is on maternity leave through the end of the year. Welcome, Mrs. Surette, we are excited you are here!

Our next concert will be on Tuesday, March 1 to celebrate **Music in Our Schools Month**. This will be our annual Prism Concert, meaning the music is performed continuously from various locations in the auditorium and groups are illuminated with a spotlight. This year's theme is **"Out of the Darkness and Into the Light."** This concert will feature many pop songs and include a unique piece performed by the Wind Ensemble that involves glow sticks!

The Drama Club will be hosting a 5k Color Run and Fun Run on April 10, 2016. More information is included in this newsletter.

We hope to see you at our next event!

*Kirsten Meyer* • Instrumental Music Teacher, 315-495-1919

**A New Program at SVCS**

Dear Stockbridge Valley Families,

Stockbridge Valley Central School is implementing a new fundraising program called **My School Color Run**. The My school Color run program intends to go beyond traditional fund raising. Rather than sell goods, this program aims to engage the entire student body in a fitness initiative designed to instill a life-long healthy way of living. Proceeds will benefit the SVCS Drama Club.

We're extremely excited about the launch of the My School Color Run Program at our school. We're looking

forward to involving our entire student body and faculty in a fun and healthy program. We want to engage the entire community and encourage local businesses and individual community members to get involved.



Registered student runners will receive a pledge form they can use to ask for donations and pledges from friends, family and neighbors in the community to help them reach their fundraising goal. There is also an opportunity for businesses to sponsor our run.

The color celebration run will be open to the public. It will be held on April 10, 2016 here at SVCS. Interested participants can register for the run by visiting [SVDrama-Run.eventbrite.com](http://SVDrama-Run.eventbrite.com) or by completing a paper registration form prior to the event. Register early, as the price increases after March 11, 2016. Please note that student runners are required to complete a separate permission slip. Anyone interested in more information or a paper application can contact Mrs. Meyer.

Please check us out on Facebook – Stockbridge Valley Drama Club.

Thank you for your help in making this fundraiser a success!

Sincerely,

*Kirsten Meyer* • Music Teacher  
kmeyer@stockbridgevalley.org

**TECHNOLOGY AT SVCS****STEM**

I am certain that all of you have heard about the **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) movement in schools. We have started our own **STEM** movement at Stockbridge Valley

**COLLABORATIVE 3D ENGINEERING:**

SVCS students were recently exposed to 3D printing and engineering design when we borrowed a 3D printer from the MORIC. Students in grades 2, 8 and 12 learned the necessary skills to design in 3D and were then able to print their designs. As an outgrowth of this learning, Mrs. Vanderlan approached Mrs. Fisher with a design challenge to create a custom hand brace for a student whose needs are not met with a commercially available splint. Stockbridge Valley is investigating a possible collaborative project between SVCS Seniors and students from the VP-Tech program at Herkimer BOCES to meet this challenge. We will keep you informed as the project develops.

*Mrs. Fisher* • Technology Coordinator



Dear Parents & Spectators,

The Stockbridge Valley Administrative Team and Coaching Staff would like to thank you for your attendance at our athletic events. Interscholastic athletic events are among the most popularly attended school sponsored activities. Spectators at an athletic contest, take on the important role of representatives of our school district. Actions are seen and comments are heard by family and friends, opposing fans, local community residents, the media, coaches and athletes. Our school district expects that all spectators will conduct themselves in a way consistent with our theme of respecting the rights, person and property of others.

In response to feedback regarding Stockbridge Valley spectator conduct, we would like to take this opportunity to review the Stockbridge Valley Central School District guidelines for spectators.

### **Guidelines for Spectator Conduct at Interscholastic Athletic Events**

The following rules of sportsmanship for spectators at School District events outline how you can contribute to making these contests a positive experience for all persons in attendance:

- Learn the rules of the sport so that you can understand and appreciate the action that takes place
- Treat visiting players, coaches, cheerleaders and fans with courtesy as you would a guest in your own home
- Accept that athletics are a learning experience for the participants and value the athletes' efforts
- Respect the integrity and judgment of officials
- Cheer for your team, not against your opponent
- Show concern for an injured player, regardless of the team
- Follow the facility rules set by the game-site management /administration
- Do not attend events under the influence of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc.) that will alter your thoughts and reactions to the situations of the contest

### **Guidelines for Adhering to SVCS Facility Rules**

The following behaviors are unacceptable by spectators at SVCS athletic sites:

- Cheers/chants/songs/signs/banners and gestures which are obscene, taunting, disrespectful or derogatory
- Displays of anger or profanity that draw attention away from the contest
- Throwing any object within the stands or onto the playing surface
- Standing during play in any area other than the identified spectator section of the bleachers; no standing on the court or field
- Not complying with officials' decisions regarding the use of artificial noise makers (Section 3 contest) and sounds meant to distract players at key times in the contest
- The use of "silly string," confetti, or like products in the gym
- The use of tobacco and alcohol containing products and or any illegal substances on school district property

In closing, we must cheer on our children and friends but, at the same time model appropriate sportsmanship. The SVCS Administration wants to make it clear to athletes and fans that poor sportsmanship is not acceptable. Parents and fans who engage in negative cheering, or make disparaging remarks toward the officials, players, coaches or other fans, will be removed from the game.

**SVCS SPORTS SVCS SPORTS SVCS SPORTS****Stockbridge Valley Students Claim "Athlete of the Week" Honors**

During the winter sports season, the following students earned the Oneida Dispatch's "Athlete of the Week" distinction: Tiffani Jacobs, Volleyball; Olivia Marshall, Basketball; Zach Burke, Wrestling. Congratulations, student athletes!

*Tiffani Jacobs**Olivia Marshall**Zach Burke***Marshall Nets 1000**

Stockbridge Valley Junior, Olivia Marshall, is the first SVCS woman to score over 1000 points in her basketball career. Olivia reached this milestone at the Madison Christmas Tournament on December 30 where she scored 31 points to lead the Lady Cougars to victory over Otselic Valley.

*Olivia Marshall pictured with her mom, Holly, sister, Cassie and dad, Ron*

**HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL**

November 2015

**Grade 6****HIGH HONOR**

Grace Bump  
Jace Douthit  
Tyler Fisher  
Emily Gurbacki  
Sarah Hofmeister

Jillian Jacobs  
Leo Jayson, III  
Rachel Mennig  
Autumn Mills  
Lisa Powless  
Nevaeh Randel

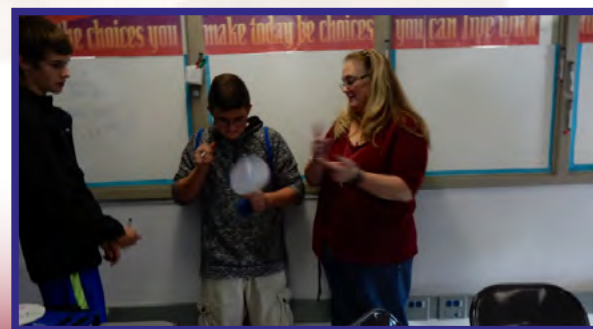
Alex Smith  
Ethan Smith  
Alexandra Spring  
Ashley Wilson  
Adam Wojsiat

**HONOR**

Hailey Bernet  
Josh Colvin

Reilly Gardner

Emma Sanford  
Dylan Skellham





# HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL

November 2015

## Grade 7

### HIGH HONOR

Rebecca Ax  
Adriene Byron  
Camdyn Cross  
Markalynn Eaton  
Ethan Enslow  
Logan Godaire  
Hannah Greene  
Thomas Meeker  
Austin Nolley

## Grade 10

### HIGH HONOR

Alaina Beane  
Elizabeth Collins  
Jared Couture  
Megan Lamb  
James March  
Maryanne Mathews  
Catherine Meeker  
Ashleigh Staudt

## Grade 7

### HONOR

Emily Carey  
Austin Coe  
Tanner Dager  
Alexander Guinto  
Rachel Wilson

## Grade 10

### HONOR

Dylan Anderson  
James Egelston  
Isabelle Elford  
Karalyn Kiehn  
Sylvia Meyer  
Jordan Simonds  
Megan Trew  
Evan Wagner  
Joshua Wagner

## Grade 8

### HIGH HONOR

Raine Boehlert  
Brandon Burton  
Alexis Ennis  
Kelly Greene  
Heather MacKay  
Dani Lynn Mills  
Elizabeth Wagner  
Joshua Wagner  
Makenzi Wilson

## Grade 11

### HIGH HONOR

Jacob Ax  
Saleena Berry  
Austin Blanchard  
Serene Boronow  
Zachary Broniszewski  
Haley DeMenezes  
Lenny Gary  
Chandler Mann  
Olivia Marshall  
Savanna Mason  
Rachel Paugh  
Lauren Tompkins

## Grade 8

### HONOR

Todd Conklin  
Brittany LaShure  
Logan Pedersen  
Sierra Tucci

## Grade 11

### HONOR

Adrianna Cox  
Kyleigh Jones  
Kayla March  
Patrick Parker  
Nickolas Smith  
Markell Zinkovitch

## Grade 9

### HIGH HONOR

Madeline Cross  
Aliyah Frederick  
Devyn Marshall  
Kevin Miller  
Madison Piersall  
Hannah Reaves  
Lainie Sheldon

## Grade 12

### HIGH HONOR

Nicholas Ahles  
Dustin Bartlett  
Seth Durant  
Tiffani Jacobs  
Paul Mathews  
Jessica Montana  
Jordyn Sanford  
Dani Webb  
Ryan Wilson

## Grade 9

### HONOR

Lucas Basford  
Haylee Eaton  
Melanie Gardner  
Barbara Guinto  
Kaleb Jones  
Samuel Smith  
Jasmine Vaillancourt  
Jared Werthman  
Andrew Wilson

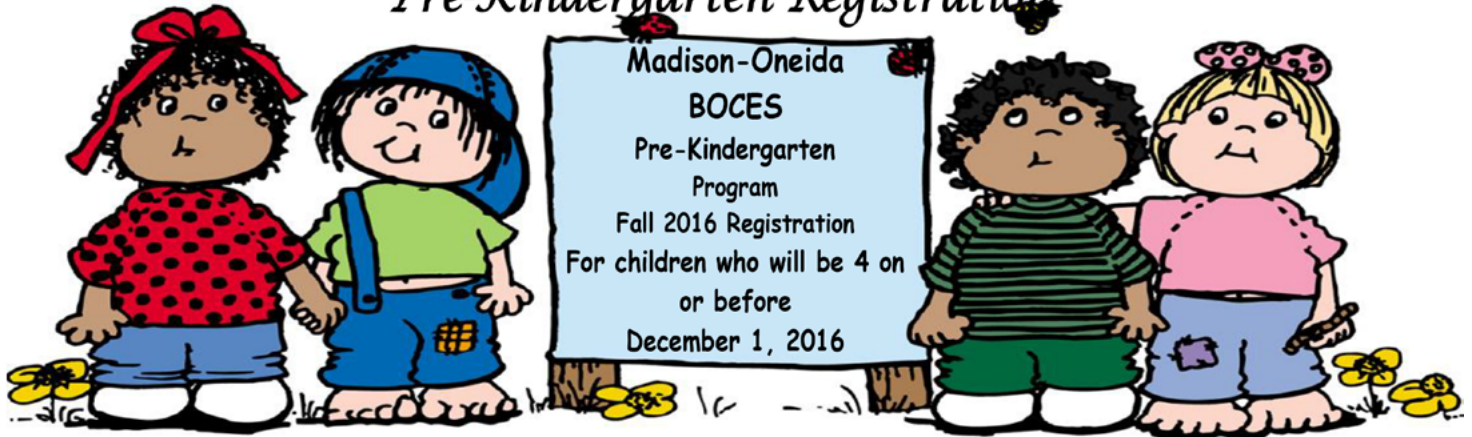
## Grade 12

### HONOR

Zachary Burke  
Andrew Jacobs  
Jarret Jacobs  
Kelsey Linnaberry  
Hunter Middleton-Tompkins  
William Myers  
Thiago Ribeiro De Oliveira  
Kody Trew

# DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

## Pre-Kindergarten Registration



We offer a  
high quality educational  
Early Childhood Program  
for eligible children in the  
following school districts:

**Stockbridge**

### \*You must bring to registration:

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization record
- Proof of residency  
(current mortgage/lease or utility bill)

\*Certified teachers  
and assistants/aides  
\*Transportation  
provided  
\*Parent involvement

**LOCATION TO REGISTER:**  
**Stockbridge Pre-K Registration**  
at Stockbridge Valley Elementary

For questions or further information call Madison-Oneida BOCES Early Childhood Program at 361-5903.  
Application packets are available at your local elementary school office or visit our website at [www.moboces.org](http://www.moboces.org)





## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

### Stockbridge Valley Central School 2015 - 2016 Yearbook

ATTENTION STUDENTS, PARENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF!

Reserve your copy of 2015 - 2016 SVCS Yearbook! Remember all of those special moments with your friends and family from class, clubs, sports, and much more!

The Jr./ Sr. High School Yearbook will contain classroom pictures from the Elementary School.

**Jr./Sr. High School Yearbooks (Hardcover) \$55.00\***

**Elementary Yearbooks \$15.00**

\*For a limited time, prices will go up again after February 12th!

The Jr./Sr. High School Cover is going to have an awesome cougar on it!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher / Home Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your choice(s) below.

Jr./Sr. High School Yearbook (Hardcover): \$55

Elementary Yearbook: \$15

Add your name on the cover: \$5 / line\*

Add icons: \$5 / icon\*

Total of All Yearbooks: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks should be made payable to SVCS Yearbook.** Return money/checks to Mrs. Ingalls.  
Orders must be received by February 12th. After that date, prices will go up again!

\*Names and icons are reserved for the Jr./Sr. Yearbooks only.  
See Mrs. Ingalls if you do not already have a sheet with the icon options.

**DISTRICT HAPPENINGS**

# 11th Annual Talent Show

Sponsored by

**The Stockbridge Valley  
Educational Foundation**

**March 4, 2016**

**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 22  
in the SVCS District Office



## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



# Stockbridge Valley CSD SCHOOL BUS REFERENDUM Information Sheet

### Why Should We Vote Now for School Buses?

The District continues to minimize maintenance costs by selling, trading, and/or scrapping buses to be retired after June 30th. Voting now supports financial and long range planning of annual budgets.

### How Many Buses Are We Proposing To Buy?

Two (2):  
**1** - 30 Passenger School Bus to replace #99 (2007 bus with 121,311 miles)  
**1** - 9 Passenger Suburban to replace #93

Dispose of: Sell, trade or scrap to highest bidder.  
**3** buses: #93, #94, and #99  
*Reducing overall fleet by 1 (one) bus*

### What Is The Cost To The District For The Proposed Busses?

	30 Passenger	Suburban	Totals
Estimated Purchase Cost.....	\$47,500. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 45,025. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 92,525. <sup>00</sup>
Estimated Finance .....	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>
Total Purchase & Finance Cost.....	\$47,500. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 45,025. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 92,525. <sup>00</sup>
State Aid @ 90% .....	\$42,750. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 40,522. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 83,272. <sup>00</sup>

**Final Cost to the Taxpayers .....\$ 9,253.00**

### Estimated Aid:

**Amortized & paid over 5 years - \$ 16,654.<sup>00</sup>/year**



### Other Transportation/Fleet Information:

#### Industry Standards/Best Practices

#### At Stockbridge

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% of a bus fleet is replaced on an annual basis</li> <li>The useful life of a 65 passenger bus is approximately ten (10) years</li> <li>The useful life of a 7, 20, or 30 passenger mini-bus is five (5) years.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The goal is to replace 1-2 buses per year.<br/><i>(Contain maintenance costs with a consistent replacement plan)</i></li> <li><b>0%</b> of SVCS's large buses are ten (10) years or older</li> <li><b>75%</b> of SVCS's small bus fleet are five (5) years or older</li> </ul> |
|---|---|

### District's Current Bus Fleet:

Large Buses - 15    Small Buses - 3    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 8, 2016

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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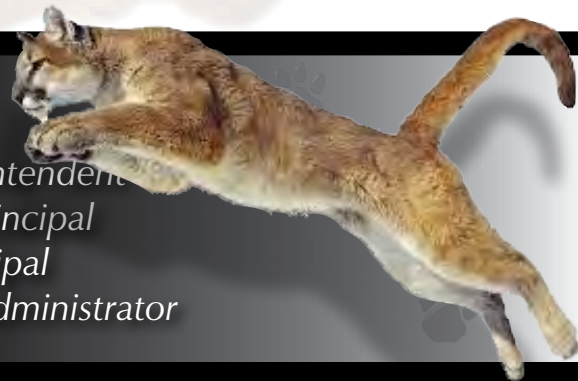
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Barbary Reaves, *Vice President*  
Herb Bingel  
Lindsey Cross  
Thomas Hollingsworth, Jr.  
Niki Maiura  
Jaime Renner

## **LOCAL BOX HOLDER RURAL & STAR ROUTES**



### *Administration*

Ms. Cynthia Stocker, *Superintendent*  
Mrs. Mary Anne Iritz, *K-6 Principal*  
Ms. Gina Terzini, *7-12 Principal*  
Mrs. Beth Lamb, *Business Administrator*



## **CONTACTS**

#### ***Superintendent***

Ms. Cynthia Stocker  
495-4400

#### ***District Office***

Mrs. Pam Mennig  
495-4400

#### ***Business Administrator***

Mrs. Beth Lamb  
495-4446

#### ***K-6 Principal***

Mrs. Mary Anne Iritz  
495-4550

#### ***7-12 Principal***

Ms. Gina Terzini  
495-4450

#### ***Treasurer***

Ms. Kelly Johnson  
495-4445

#### ***Guidance Office***

Mrs. Courtney Cameron  
495-1908

#### ***Interim Athletic Director***

Mr. Chad Newton  
495-1933

#### ***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. Nancy Greene  
495-4500

### ***Stay fit, your school is open for Walkers!!***

The school is open for people interested in walking indoors. The building is open from 5-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday evenings. Entrance is through the Elementary Tunnel. Please bring your walking sneakers with you to prevent slips due to wet floors. If you have any questions/suggestions, please call Pam at 495-4400.