

# Home of the Cougars... STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY Central School District Newsletter

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

There was no more perfect week to begin here at Stockbridge Valley CSD. I was able to attend Girls Soccer Senior Night and National Honor's Society Induction. The ceremonies were different and yet both captured the importance of each event and the need to acknowledge and celebrate our students' accomplishments. These ceremonies also gave me the opportunity to begin to get to know the students and community. I look forward to listening as you share your vision for your children with me.

Here at SV we aspire to be a high performing school district that empowers students through education. Why do we do this? Our goal is to help all of your children reach their full potential so they become contributing members of the community. School as most of us experienced has changed, while at the same time the interests and learning habits of children have changed. As educators we need to spark that interest and build on the student's ability to think and innovate as they prepare for an ever changing future. We also need to stay focused on the fact that the same foundational skills continue to exist today as they have

always existed. We need to graduate students that are creative, work with people, and are able to communicate their thoughts and feelings to others in a respectable manner. These skills will help them be successful in any field of work that they choose. I thank all of you as you continue to contribute your ideas, your time, and your support for learning.

I am very happy to be part of this community and have the opportunity to serve as your Superintendent. In closing, I must share a story from this morning. I had a young student walk up to me and ask if I was the new "Super Person"? I smiled and said that we are all super people but if she meant Superintendent then yes, I am. This small exchange just made Monday my very favorite day of the week. I look forward to many more Mondays with your children.

Best Regards,

*Cindy Stocker*

Cindy Stocker, Superintendent of Schools

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Please take a moment to review the Emergency Response procedures used at SVCS. A reminder - by law, if a school is in an emergency situation parents are not allowed to enter the building.

**Shelter-In-Place:** Used to shelter students and staff inside the building.

**Hold-In-Place:** Used to limit movement of students and staff while dealing with short term emergencies.

**Evacuate:** Used to evacuate students and staff from the building.

**Lockout:** Used to secure school buildings and grounds during incidents that pose an imminent concern outside of the school.

**Lockdown:** Used to secure buildings and grounds during incidents that pose an immediate threat of violence in or around the school.

## 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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We want to personally thank the community for their overwhelming support of our School Spirit Week that took place during the week of October 5. In addition to community members and staff volunteering at the tailgate event, donations of baked goods, hot dogs and rolls, chips and soda poured in. Without the donation of valuable time and food items, this event would not have been possible. Thank you for your on-going support for the students of Stockbridge Valley.

**School Spirit Week**

During the entire week leading up to the Stockbridge vs. Madison game at Morrisville State, students and staff members participated in School Spirit Week at SVCS.

On Monday, the halls were flooded with students who wore college apparel that reflected their favorite college. On Tuesday, each grade level wore tie-dye clothing. Class Color Day dominated the school on Wednesday while Twin Day was the school theme on Thursday. Of course, Friday was reserved for maroon and white day in preparation of our afternoon pep rally.

The pep rally consisted of fun filled activities including, Hungry Hippo, Tug of War and a Relay Race. The culmination of the pep rally included the staff and students breaking into an impromptu dance. It was obvious by all of the smiles that everyone had a great time. Please check out the High School webpage to see the pictures that capture this event.

The fun filled week continued on Saturday, when students, staff, families and alumni attended a tailgate party in the parking lot. During the tailgate, volunteers served hotdogs and snacks. Meanwhile, the students had a blast decorating cars, dunking staff and students in the dunk tank and playing Kan-Jam, Ladder Ball, and Cougar Cup.

After two outstanding and close games, the Madison Blue Devils took the wins. We'll get them next year Cougars!

*Ms. Gina Terzini* • 7-12 Principal

**Stockbridge Valley Attends Oneida College Fair**

On Thursday, October 8, 2015, Oneida High School hosted their college fair. Over thirty Stockbridge Valley juniors and seniors attended the fair. They were able to visit with representatives from over eighty colleges and universities throughout New York state and surrounding areas. Representatives from the Army, Military, Navy, and National Guard were also present along with local banks that provided college checking account information for students. It was a very helpful and informative time for all!

*Mrs. Danielle Tesak* • Guidance Counselor

**From the Elementary Office**

We have had a busy start to our school year so far in the elementary school!

Many of our students have been experimenting with the new science kits that we have as part of a partnership with Oneida-Herkimer BOCES. Some of our elementary teachers have attended a training session with other area teachers and have brought back valuable knowledge to their fellow teachers on the kits. This is our first year using them and the feedback from the students has been very positive. Our students are enjoying the hands-on learning that they've been able to experience. We're excited to continue with this partnership!

Our Second Step Character Education program is in full swing. Mrs. Nichole Newman, school counselor, has been visiting classrooms teaching students different aspects of character education. We have also had our first character education program. Our first program was to introduce new students and to refresh the memory of our returning students to the rules and manners that we use in the auditorium. We also introduced our first character trait of the year, "*caring*". When you come to our character education assembly you will see that some aspects have changed. Teachers have been asked to choose two students from each class to receive the character education award for the month. These students will be recognized on stage at the assembly. However, throughout the month as teachers observe behavior demonstrating the character trait of the month, they are rewarding students with cougar paws. Teachers are writing the students name and the action that they observed on the paw and these are on display on the large bulletin board near the nurse's office. There is no limit to the number of paws students can earn and our board is filling up fast! Stockbridge Valley Cougars are full of good character!

Some members of the Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department visited us on October 9 for grade level presentations on fire prevention and safety. Members of the fire department take time out of their busy schedules to come here for the morning and teach us all about fire prevention and what to do in case of an emergency. This is a very informative presentation that these volunteers do for us each year and it is greatly appreciated.

If you haven't already signed up for your parent-teacher conference online, be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Just go to [www.stockbridgevalley.org](http://www.stockbridgevalley.org), click on the Elementary Office link and then Parent Teacher Conferences. Once you click on the "*Book Appointment*" button at the bottom of the screen, you will be walked through the process step by step. When the appointment is scheduled, you will immediately receive a confirmation email and you will also receive a reminder email one day before your conference. If you need any assistance scheduling

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your conference or should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the elementary office at 495-4550.

Open House was a huge success thanks to the support of our community members! It was nice to see so many students in attendance with their families. Parental involvement is an integral part of your child's success at school. Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Mary Anne Fritz • K-6 Principal

## National Honor Society

The National Honor Society students held a successful Casual Day for Cancer. The NHS students collect donations from high school teachers and staff members who bought permission to wear jeans and casual attire to school on Wednesday, September 30. Teachers who donated money to "Dress casual, and help finish the fight against breast cancer" came to school dressed in jeans, flannel, sweatshirts and sneakers. According to Seth Durrant, National Honor Society president and member of the senior class, "The teachers got to wear jeans to school and we were able to send a sizable donation to the American Cancer Society. It was a win-win!"

The Honor Society members work for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in October.

Congratulations to the 2015 National Honor Society Inductees: *Jacob Ax, Saleena Berry, Austin Blanchard, Serene Boronow, Zach Broniszewski, Haley DeMenezes, Kyleigh Jones, Chandler Mann, Olivia Marshall, Rachel Paugh, Lauren Tompkins and Markell Zinkovitch.*

Mrs. Murphy

## National Junior Honor Society

The SVCS National Junior Honor Society was pleased to welcome ten new members to its chapter during the Annual induction Ceremony which was held in the Charles E. Stratton Memorial Auditorium on October 15, 2015: *Raine Boehlert, Brandon Burton, Alexis Ennis, Kelly Greene, Heather MacKay, Dani Lynn Mills, Logan Pederson, Elizabeth Wagner, Joshua Wagner and Makenzi Wilson.*

Congratulations on all of your hard work to achieve this prestigious accomplishment!

Mr. Healy

## SVCS Welcomes Exchange Student

**Thiago Ribeiro De Oliveira** is attending Stockbridge Valley for his senior year of high school. Thiago's host family is *Joanne and Eric Burke* of Munnsville. His hometown is Cuiaba, Brazil, with a population of approximately 550,000.



When asked why he decided to visit the USA, Thiago's response was, "I have always admired this country, I wondered about American life, learning new cultures and studying at college." Education, government and the respect people have are things he likes most about this country. He also shared, "I have no complaints."

Thiago is interested in playing professional soccer. He also likes to listen to music and train his skills.

When asked what he misses most about Brazil (besides family), he answered, "The food." When Thiago returns to his home country he will miss friends, teachers and soccer the most. "SVCS is amazing, public school is better than private schools in Brazil. Thank you everybody for my experience at SVCS."

## Spanish Club

Spanish Club will be raising funds by selling 2016 *Save Around* Coupon books from November 3 until November 21 and at the PTSO Bazaar. Cost is \$20.<sup>00</sup> per book. Make sure to pick up your coupon book from a Spanish Club member! If you have not been asked to buy a coupon book by November 21 and would like to purchase one, please contact Ms. White at [awhite@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:awhite@stockbridgevalley.org). Thank you for your support!

Ms. White • Spanish Teacher

## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is off to a super start! We have all learned the Kindergarten rules, and behave so well that we already "*Filled the Bucket*" and earned a reward. We are enjoying going to specials and eating in the cafeteria, things we didn't get to do in Pre-K.

We have been doing a lot of learning! We have already started learning letters and sounds... we will be sounding out words and reading before you know it! We are publishing books in Writer's Workshop, learning everything there is to know about numbers to 10, and learning all about our five senses.

In September we went on a field trip to **North Star Orchards**. We learned all about apples and cider. We went through a corn maze and each got to choose a pumpkin.

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.



### SVCS Junior National Honor Society Annual Blood Drive

Small Gym

Friday November 13, 2015

9:00am-2:00pm



I give blood. Will you?

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We picked lots of apples and brought them back to school to make delicious apple crisp!

In October we learned about Fire Safety from the Munnsville Fire Department and did a

lot of hands on activities at the FFA Farm Days. Next we get ready for Halloween!

*Mrs. Peto & Miss Taylor*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

New year, new students, and new memories to be made! These past couple months the students and I have been busy getting to know one another, learning our rules and procedures, and establishing a routine. So far we have transformed into reading detectives by searching for clues (details) and finding evidence within in a text. We have also become mathematicians and authors by working together as a class. Students have been crafting true stories during our new Writer's Workshop program and we celebrated

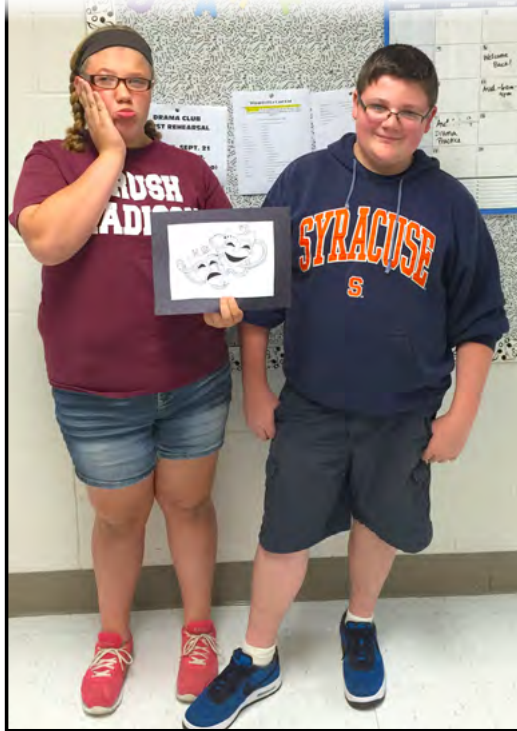


our hard work and accomplishments by inviting Mrs. Byron's 1 grade class to a Cookie and Milk Celebration Party. It was a huge success! As the year progresses and the curriculum gets more challenging, it is very important for not only me but parents as well to focus their attention on their child's needs and wants as it pertains to their education. We are a great supportive team here in 3 grade and together we will make this year a successful one! I look forward to a great year and I thank everyone in advance for the support and encouragement throughout the year!!

*Mrs. Laraby*

### Noteworthy News...

The SVCS Music and Drama Departments are in full swing this fall! We are very excited to present **"The Wizard of Oz"** on November 6-7 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale October 26, 2015. Order yours from Pam Mennig in the District Office!



Mark your calendars now for the winter concerts. The Elementary Choral night will include a fantastic mini musical entitled **"The Christmas Star."** Be on the lookout for your child's teacher to appear on stage as a fruitcake or Santa Claus! We hope to see you there on December 9 at 6:30 p.m.

This concert will feature students in grades 1-6!

Over the summer, two of our talented students attended a Musical Theater Camp at the Bogardus Performing Arts Studio. *Devin Bartlett* and *Elizabeth Collins* gained skills in acting, singing, and dancing over the course of a week. Look for them as the Tin Man and Glinda in the upcoming performance of **"The Wizard of Oz."**

### FFA News

Over the summer we had several FFA members compete in competitions at the State Fair. The Senior high members that competed were *Megan Lamb*, *Jarret Jacobs*, *Serene Boronow*, *CJ Skellham*, *Jimmy March*, *Josh Wagner*, *Elizabeth Collins*, *Hailey DeMenezes*, and *Dani Webb*. The top finishers for senior high were *Megan Lamb*, *Dani Webb*, and *Jarret Jacobs*. *Megan Lamb* placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Environmental/Natural Resources Identification and Nursery Landscape, and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tree Identification. *Dani Webb* placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Meat Identification and *Jarret Jacobs* placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Nursery Landscape. The junior high members that competed were *Logan Godaire*, *Alex Smith*, *Ethan Smith*, *Rebecca Ax*, *Austin Nolley*, *Tom Meeker*, and *Branden Eastman*. The top finishers for junior high were *Ethan Smith*, *Logan Godaire*, *Tom Meeker*,

Branden Eastman, Austin Nolley, and Rebecca Ax. Logan Godaire placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> in Vegetable Crops/Horticulture Identification, Agronomy, Dairy Foods, and Environmental/Natural Resources Identification, respectively. Austin Nolley placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Environmental/Natural Resources Identification and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wildlife Identification. Branden Eastman placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Vegetable Crop/Horticulture Identification, Tom Meeker placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Vegetable Crop/Horticulture Identification, Ethan Smith placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dairy Foods and Alex Smith 5<sup>th</sup> in tree identification. Our Nursery Landscape team consisting of Megan Lamb, Serene Boronow, Jarret Jacobs and Jacob Ax will be competing at the National FFA Convention, October 25 to November 1. Overall the FFA members did very well in their competitions at the State Fair.

Catherine Meeker • Reporter

### Zach Burke Australia Bound

SVCS Senior, Zachary Burke, has been invited to participate in the **Down Under Sports Tournaments** hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. Zach is honored to be an ambassador of not only his community and state, but also his country. He will be participating in this international event on the East Conference Wrestling Team during the summer of 2016.



### Ram® Truck Brand to Make a Donation to Local FFA for Every Test Drive Taken

On November 7, 2015 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA will hold a test drive fundraiser at SUMMIT CHRYSLER® DODGE® JEEP® RAM® to raise money for the chapter. The event is part of a national program of fundraisers held at participating dealerships across the country in celebration of the future of agriculture.

FFA members, alumni, friends, and the general public are invited to go to the dealership, located at **1553 Upper Lenox Ave, Oneida, NY 13421**, and take a test drive in a new Ram truck. For each test drive completed during the fundraiser, Ram will donate \$20 to STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY up to \$2,000. SUMMIT CHRYSLER® DODGE® JEEP®

RAM® will have a full lineup of 2015 Ram® trucks available for participants to experience and drive. Volunteers from the dealership and the chapter will be on hand to assist during the event. Anyone age 18 or over, with a valid driver's license, may drive and earn a donation.



"Together with SUMMIT CHRYSLER® DODGE® JEEP® RAM®, we hope to raise up to \$2,000 in one day," said Erin McCaffrey, FFA Stockbridge Valley Co-advisor. "This is a great opportunity for our friends and family to lend their support without having to reach into their own pockets. One-hundred percent of the Ram® Truck donation goes directly to our local FFA program."

"We would like to invite everyone to come out and join us at the dealership," continued Gregory Pawliw. "Take a short test drive in the Ram® truck of your choice, and help raise money for the next crop of leaders in the agriculture community."

All test drive participants will also be entered into the 2015 FCA US LLC National Giveaway for a chance to win \$45,000 toward any eligible Chrysler®, Jeep®, Dodge®, Ram® Truck, FIAT®, or Alfa Romeo® vehicle.

Ram's relationship with the National FFA Organization spans more than 60 years. With the premiere of its "Farmer" video during the broadcast of Super Bowl XLVII, the Ram® Truck brand declared 2013 the "Year of the Farmer," and launched a year-long initiative to bring national attention to the significance of the American farmer. Ram® donated \$1 million to the National FFA Organization after views of the "Farmer" video on the Ram® Truck brand website reached a 10-million view milestone in less than one week. "The Next Crop Project", launched in 2014, is Ram® Truck brand's way of turning the focus even more directly on the future leaders of agriculture. It is a celebration of, and investment in, tomorrow's biologists, chemists, veterinarians, business leaders, entrepreneurs and farmers. During its inaugural year, "The Next Crop Project" raised more than \$100,000 in a single day for the National FFA Organization in support of chapter leadership programs.

### A Blast from the Past! Yearbook Sale

Relive all your memories with a copy of an old yearbook!

All old yearbooks are \$5.<sup>00</sup>/each. Purchase them at the PTSO Bazaar on Saturday, November 21 between 9 AM - 3 PM in the Cafeteria.

**Don't forget to reserve your 2015 - 2016 Yearbook too! Bring in this ad for \$5.<sup>00</sup> off a Jr./Sr. High School Yearbook or \$3.<sup>00</sup> off an Elementary Yearbook.**

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**Thank You!**

Thank you to the SVCS culinary students, Mr. DeBraccio and the SVCS kitchen staff for providing a delicious reception to thank Interim Superintendent, Michael Sandore and welcoming new Superintendent, Cynthia Stocker, to SVCS.

**Library News and Events**

*Friends discovering a great audiobook!*



*Introduction to the Dewey Decimal System in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.*

Thank you,

*Mrs. Ingalls*

**Character Counts at SVCS**

SVCS Elementary Character Education Program is off to a "caring" start. We had an assembly with all of the elementary students and our SVCS Cougar made a surprise appearance. We discussed the character trait, "caring". All students that were recognized for their "caring" nature received a cougar paw. All of the "caring" cougar paws are displayed on the bulletin board outside the auditorium. At the Character Education assembly at the end of the month, all of those "caring" paws will be put in a basket and one paw will



acter trait which is "**citizenship**".

*Mrs. Thomas*

Character Education Committee

**Elementary Art**

SVCS Elementary Art students all joined together to make a family tree. We all expressed our individuality by each



making our own leaf. We joined all of our unique leaves to create one large and colorful tree!

*Mrs. Thomas*

Elementary Art Teacher

**Be at the Bee!**

**Friday, November 20, 2015 • 1:15 p.m.**

**Charles E. Stratton Memorial Auditorium**

**We'll "bee" delighted to see you there!**



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## 2015-16 Winter Sports Schedule

### Girls JV/Varsity Volleyball

Thu, Dec 3	home vs Brookfield	5:30
Mon, Dec 7	home vs Cincinnatus	5:30
Thu, Dec 10	home vs DeRuyter	5:30
Sat, Dec 12	home vs CCL	9:00 am
Mon, Dec 14	away vs McGraw	5:30
Mon, Dec 21	away vs Remsen	6:00
Mon, Jan 4	away vs BVM	5:30
<b>@ Cazenovia College • Varsity only</b>		
Tue, Jan 5	away vs Brookfield	5:30
Thu, Jan 7	away vs Cincinnatus	5:30
Sat, Jan 9	away - Mount Markham Tournament	
Mon, Jan 11	away vs DeRuyter	5:30
Thu, Jan 14	home vs McGraw	5:30
Tue, Jan 22	home vs BVM	5:30
<b>Varsity only</b>		
Mon, Jan 25	home vs Remsen	5:30
Sat, Jan 30	home vs TBD	10:00 am
<b>SV Tournament Varsity only</b>		

### 2015 Girls Modified Volleyball

Fri, Nov 13	away vs Brookfield	4:30
Mon, Nov 16	home vs Hamilton	4:30
Wed, Nov 18	away vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Mon, Nov 30	away vs DeRuyter	4:30
Wed, Dec 2	home vs McGraw	4:30
Fri, Dec 4	home vs Brookfield	4:30
Mon, Dec 7	away vs Waterville	4:30
Wed, Dec 9	home vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Fri, Dec 11	away vs Hamilton	4:30
Wed, Dec 16	home vs DeRuyter	4:30
Fri, Dec 18	away vs McGraw	4:30
Mon, Dec 21	home vs Waterville	4:00

### Girls Varsity Basketball

Fri, Dec 4	home vs McGraw	6:00
Mon, Dec 7	away vs Madison	6:00
Wed, Dec 9	home vs Richfield Spr.	5:30
Thu, Dec 10	away vs Brookfield	6:00
Mon, Dec 14	away vs Cincinnatus	6:00
Wed, Dec 16	home vs Westmoreland	5:30
Thu, Dec 17	home vs DeRuyter	6:00
Mon, Dec 21	home vs Otselic Valley	6:00
Tue, Dec 29	away vs Madison	1:30
<b>Madison Christmas Tournament</b>		

Wed, Dec 30	away TBD	1:30 or 3:15
<b>Madison Christmas Tournament</b>		
Sat, Jan 9	away vs Hamilton	1:00
Mon, Jan 11	away vs McGraw	6:00
Wed, Jan 13	home vs Madison	6:00
Fri, Jan 15	away vs Richfield Springs	5:30
Wed, Jan 20	home vs Brookfield	6:00
Fri, Jan 22	home vs Cincinnatus	6:00

Wed, Jan 27	home vs Hamilton	6:00
Mon, Feb 1	away vs DeRuyter	6:00
Thu, Feb 4	away vs Otselic Valley	6:00
Tues, Feb 9	away vs Westmoreland	6:00

### Girls Modified Basketball

Thurs, Jan 21	away vs Brookfield	4:30
Mon, Jan 25	away vs McGraw	4:30
Wed, Jan 27	home vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Fri, Jan 29	home vs DeRuyter	4:30
Mon, Feb 1	home vs Madison	5:00
Wed, Feb 3	home vs Otselic Valley	4:30
Fri, Feb 5	home vs Brookfield	4:30
Wed, Feb 10	home vs McGraw	4:30
Fri, Feb 12	away vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Tue, Feb 23	away vs DeRuyter	4:30
Fri, Feb 26	away vs Madison	5:00
Mon, Feb 29	away vs Otselic Valley	4:30

### Boys JV/Varsity Basketball

Tue, Dec 1	home vs BVM	5:30
Tue, Dec 8	home vs Brookfield	5:30
Wed, Dec 9	away vs Richfield Springs	5:30
Tue, Dec 15	home vs Cincinnatus	5:30
Tue, Dec 29	away vs Morrisville	5:00

#### Madison Christmas Tournament

Wed, Dec 30	away vs TBD	5:00 or 6:45
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#### Madison Christmas Tournament

Mon, Jan 4	away vs BVM	5:30
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#### @ Cazenovia College

Tue, Jan 5	away vs Madison	5:30
Fri, Jan 8	home vs DeRuyter	5:30
Mon, Jan 11	home vs Richfield Springs	5:30
Tue, Jan 12	away vs McGraw	5:30
Fri, Jan 15	away vs Brookfield	5:30
Fri, Jan 22	away vs Cincinnatus	5:30
Tue, Jan 26	home vs Hamilton	5:30
Wed, Feb 3	home vs Madison	5:30
Fri, Feb 5	away vs DeRuyter	5:30
Mon, Feb 8	away vs Hamilton	5:00
Tue, Feb 9	home vs McGraw	5:30

### Boys Modified Basketball

Fri, Nov 13	home vs Brookfield	4:30
Mon, Nov 16	away vs Otselic Valley	4:30
Wed, Nov 18	home vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Mon, Nov 23	away vs Madison	5:00
Mon, Nov 30	home vs DeRuyter	4:30
Wed, Dec 2	away vs McGraw	4:30
Fri, Dec 4	away vs Brookfield	4:30
Mon, Dec 7	home vs Otselic Valley	4:30
Wed, Dec 9	away vs Cincinnatus	4:30
Mon, Dec 14	home vs Madison	5:00
Wed, Dec 16	away vs DeRuyter	4:30
Fri, Dec 18	home vs McGraw	4:30

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Central School District

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Dear Parents & Spectators,

The Stockbridge Valley Administrative Team and Coaching Staff would like to thank you for your attendance at the **“Game Under the Lights”** at Morrisville College. 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
- ✓ Bringing food or drink into the gym; water and sports drinks are allowed only in the team bench area for the athletes and coaches
- ✓ 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. SVCS 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.***

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

# DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



## *Ruritan Pancake Breakfast*



*Sunday, November 1st  
8:00 a.m. - noon  
SVCS Cafeteria*

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



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



*Ruritan's are dedicated to creating a better community & support:*

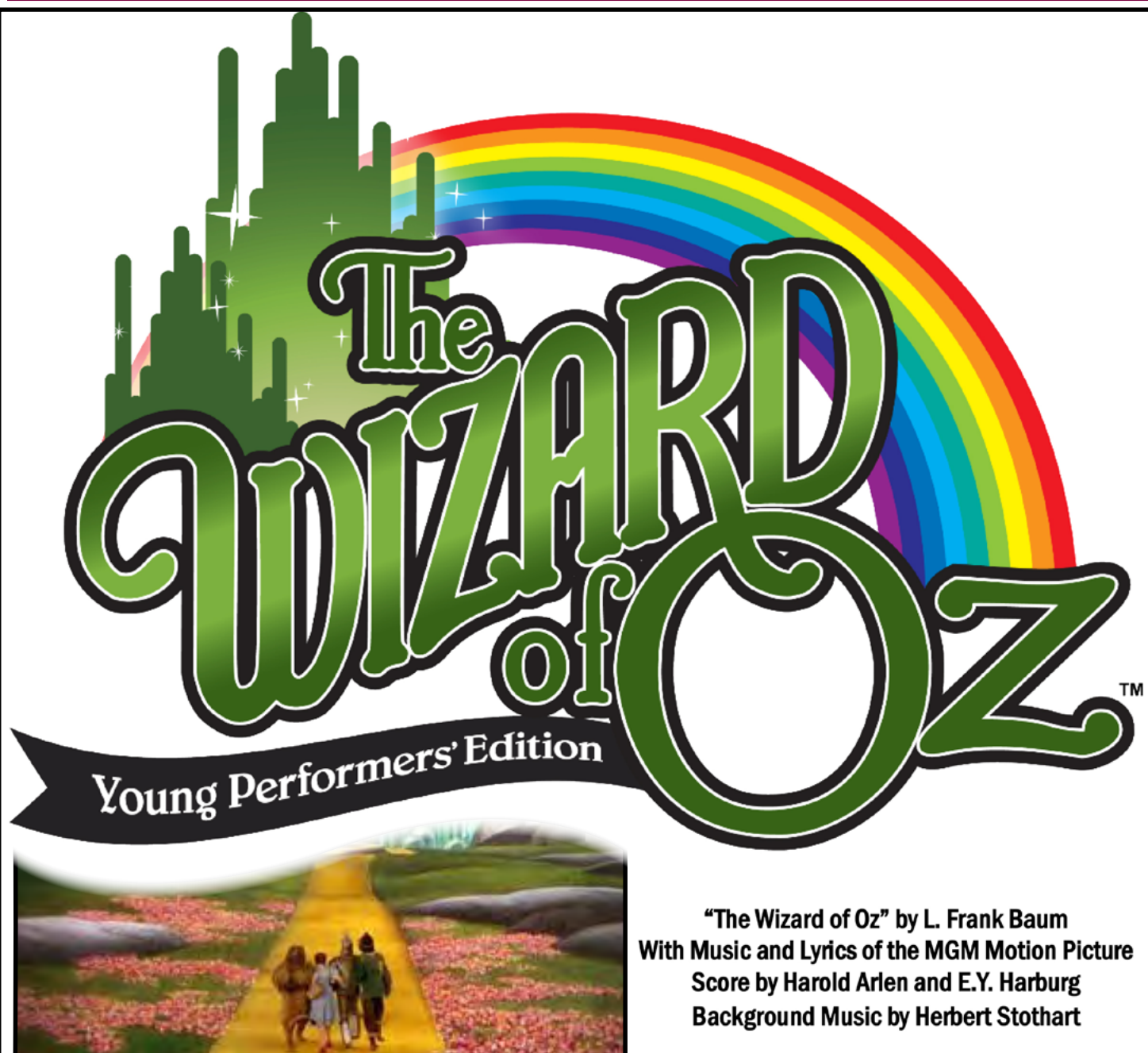
*Student Community Senior Service Scholarships, Dolly Parton Literacy Coalition, Community Fair & Fireworks, Washington Conf. Leadership Development for Students, Local Food Pantry, Stockbridge Youth Sports Program, Madison County Camp, Salvation Army, Community Flower Baskets, Community Garage Sale*

*COMMUNITY FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*

*NEW MEMBERS WELCOME*

*Contact: Dave Cordell- 495-3154*

## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



"The Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum  
With Music and Lyrics of the MGM Motion Picture  
Score by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg  
Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Presented by The Stockbridge Valley Drama Club  
Friday, November 6, 2015 &  
Saturday, November 7, 2015  
7:00 p.m. in the Charles E. Stratton Memorial Auditorium

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

## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Bazaar

Stockbridge Valley Central School

6011 Williams Rd. Munnsville, NY

Saturday, November 21, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



**CRAFTS FOOD RAFFLES FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**Over 50 Booths! Many new and returning vendors.**

**Vendors of many different categories**

**One Stop Christmas Shopping**

## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

**Parents:** Do you want to do some shopping at the PTSO Bazaar without the kids?

**Kids:** Do you want to have some fun at the PTSO Bazaar without the parents?

**Then come to....**

# Santa's Workshop

**OPEN:** Saturday, November 22 between  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the PTSO Bazaar

**Location:** TBD

**Parents:** Drop  
your children off  
**ages 3 and up\***  
to play games,  
hear stories,  
color, watch  
movies, and  
much more!



### Cost

**Individual Child**  
\$3.00 / hour

**Family Plan**  
\$2.00 / child / hour

**Sponsored by SVCS Library Club**

\*Children will not be allowed to leave the room until signed out by the adult who dropped them off.

# DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

## *The 6th Annual Village of Munnsville TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY*

**Saturday**

**\*December 5, 2015\***

**7:00 p.m.**

**NEW LOCATION: Across  
From the Fire House**



**Fire Truck Parade  
of Lights Contest**

*Come vote for your favorite!*



**Hosted by the Munnsville Volunteer  
Fire Department**

**Meet Santa Claus at the Fire Hall  
immediately following the tree  
lighting ceremony**

**Hot chocolate, donuts,  
Santa — FUN!**

## THE VIEW FROM SVCS



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## **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

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Mrs. Mary Anne Iritz  
495-4550

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

Ms. Gina Terzini  
495-4450

#### ***Treasurer***

Mrs. 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. Beginning November 2, the building will be 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.