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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

As you are all aware, this year's budget vote is quickly approaching. The development, formulation, presentation and eventually the approval of a district annual budget is a long and complex process. With hard work and creative thinking, the Board of Education has once again adopted a first-rate budget. This budget furthers its tradition of ensuring that school budgets are:

- FISCALLY SOUND,
- FLEXIBLE (provides for flexibility within budget codes);
- FULL PROOF (provides for emergencies should they occur); and
- FLOW (has enough cash flow available should State Aid be withheld). Additionally, this year's budget adheres to the Board's goal of ensuring a low tax impact by **KEEPING THE BUDGET UNDER THE TAX LEVY LIMIT.**

In addition, this year's budget furthers the Board's commitment to excellence by preserving our current programs, staff and services while also making program enhancements. Highlights from the budget include the following:

Total Budget: \$10, 429, 833
% Increase over 2013-14: 1.95 %
\$ Increase: \$199, 141

State Aid \$7,354,006
Local Support \$3,075,827
Estimated Tax increase \$.15/thousand

(Note: For a property with a market value of \$100,000 the estimated tax increase would be \$10.50 more)

Board of Ed Adopted March 11, 2014

It should also be noted, SVCS receives additional support from the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation, Parent Teacher Student Organization, Booster Club, American Legion and many community members. For everyone's support, we are grateful.

In the near future, we will have this year's budget hearing & meet the Board of Education Candidate presentation (May 13th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.) Additionally, this year's budget and Board of Education Member vote is set for May 20th, 2014 from 10 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please come out and vote. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Yours in Education,

Mathis Calvin, III

Mathis Calvin, III Ed. D.
School Superintendent



STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District is the education of all of its students, including but not limited to, the areas of intellectual, social, physical, and psychological growth.

The purpose of this education is to give each student the skills, knowledge, understandings of relationships, ability to analyze and solve problems, and guidance in moral, social, and ethical behavior necessary to become an independent being, able to function in an ever increasingly complex global and technological society.

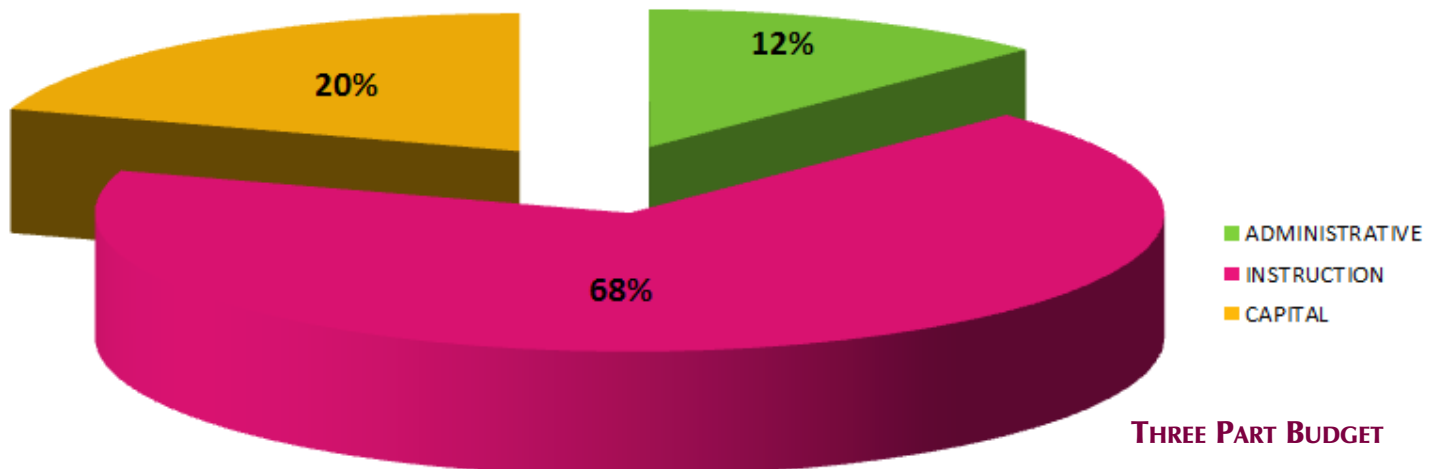
In pursuing this endeavor, the members of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District and its community will strive to mold a society in the image that it wishes to be, rather than accepting it as it is.



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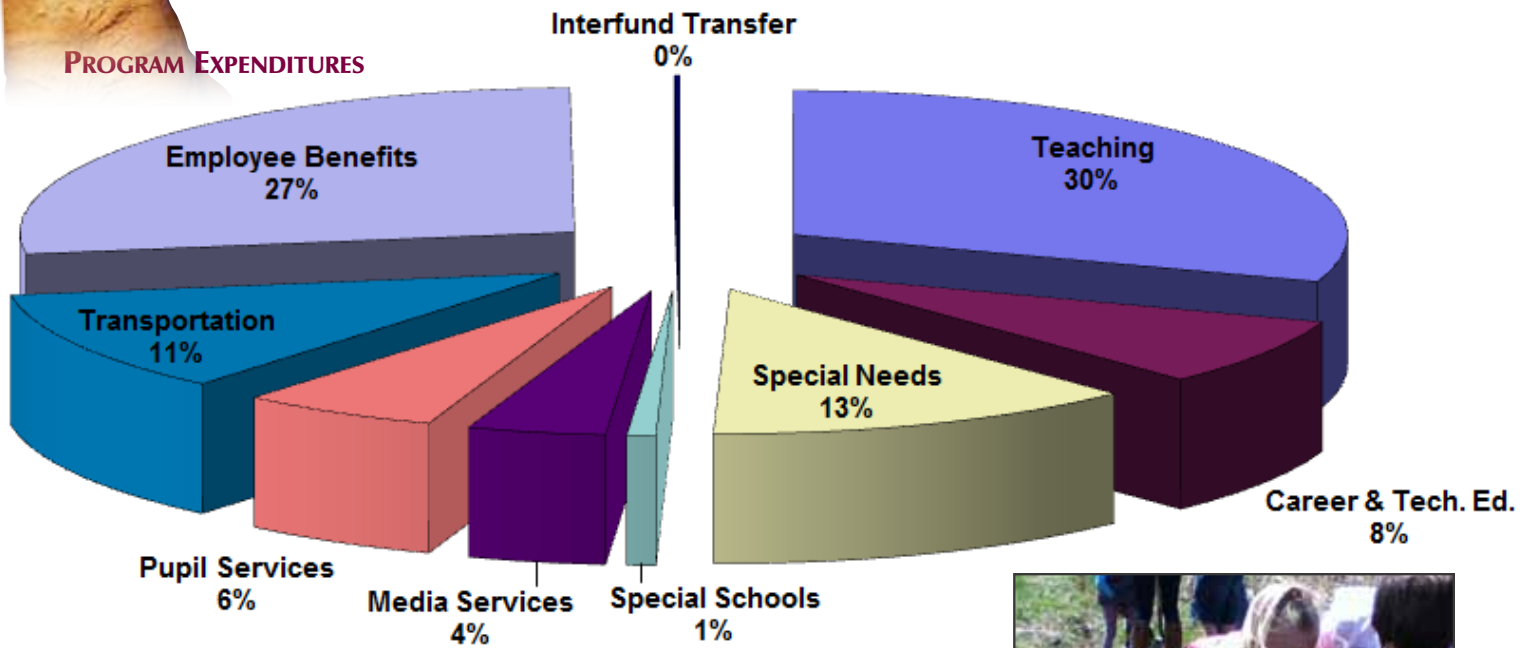
2014-2015 PROPOSED BUDGET - THREE PART SUMMARY

	2013-14 Adjusted Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Inc./Dec. from prior year
Proposed Program Budget			
Teaching Regular Instruction	2,170,653	2,132,106	(38,547)
Career & Technical Instruction	471,352	532,884	61,532
Programs for Students w/Special Needs	866,590	887,323	20,733
Special Schools/Programs	66,049	59,156	(6,893)
Media & Computer Technology Services	282,877	282,536	(341)
Pupil Services	398,944	407,036	8,092
Interfund Transfer	10,000	10,000	-
Transportation Services	793,564	805,389	11,825
Employee Benefits	1,826,894	1,921,470	94,576
TOTAL	6,886,923	7,037,900	150,977
Capital Expenditures			
Facility & Grounds Operation & Maintenance	622,725	614,259	(8,466)
Debt Service	1,245,150	1,252,390	7,240
Employee Benefits	213,533	224,586	11,053
TOTAL	2,081,408	2,091,235	9,827
Administrative Expenditures			
Board of Education	11,428	11,503	75
Central Admin./Finance	378,511	385,321	6,810
Central Services	239,891	243,366	3,475
Instructional Administration	300,369	311,150	10,781
Employee Benefits	332,162	349,358	17,196
TOTAL	1,262,361	1,300,698	38,337
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	10,230,692	10,429,833	199,141

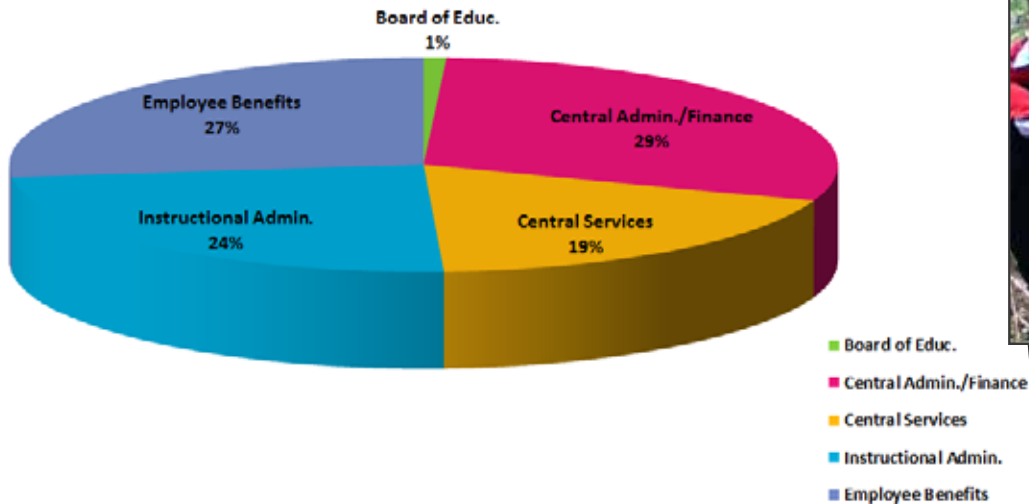




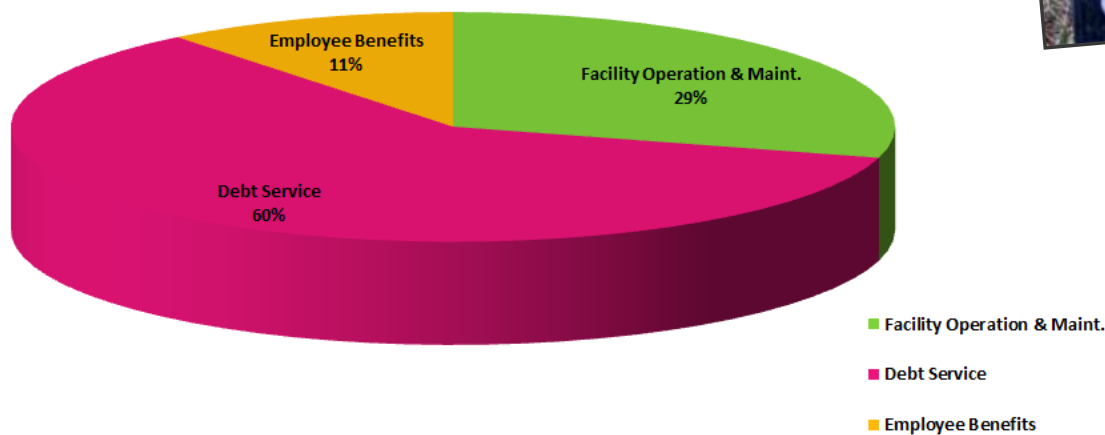
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES



ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

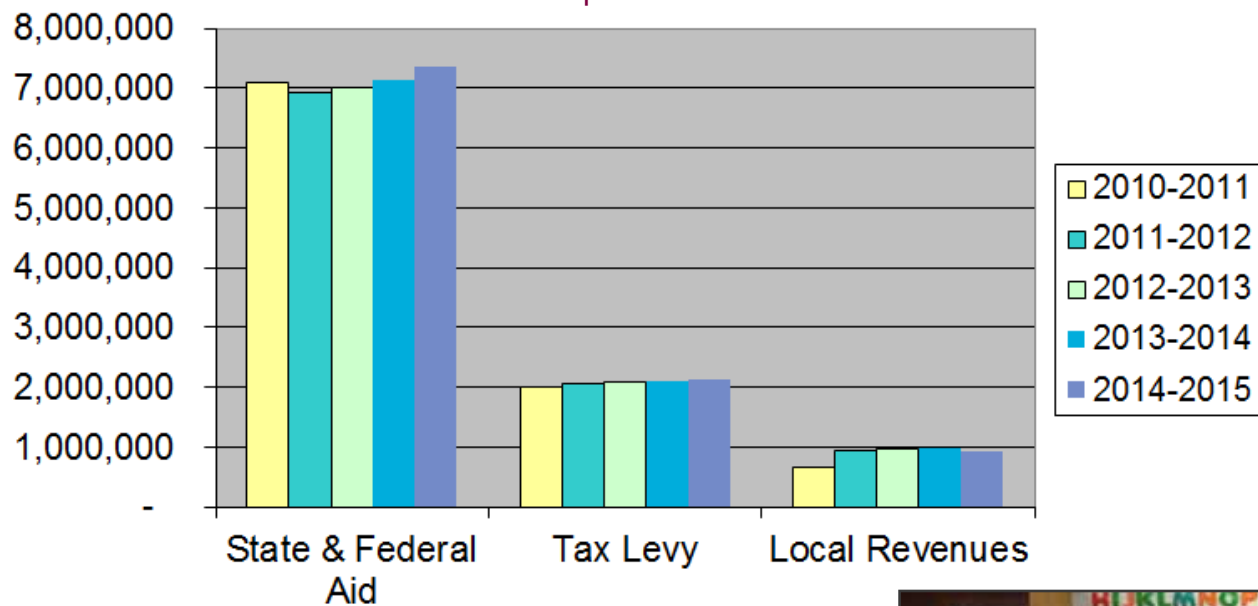


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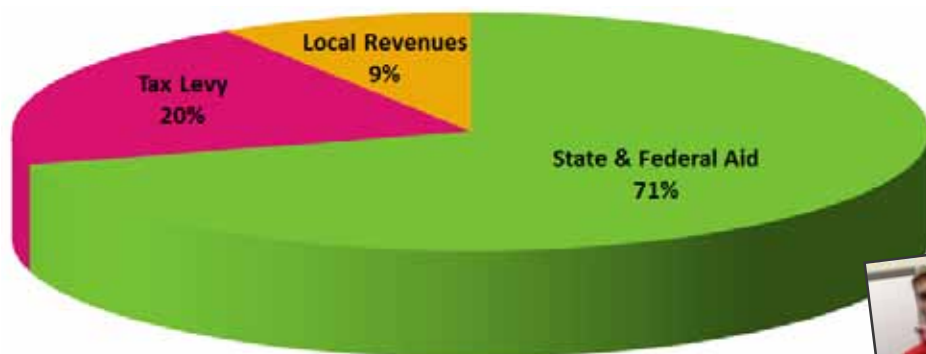




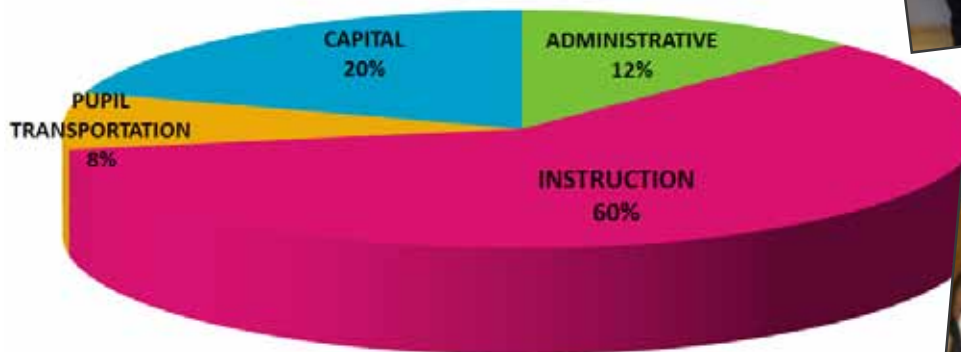
Revenue Comparison - 2010 to 2015



WHERE IT COMES FROM



WHERE IT GOES





3RD ANNUAL MUNNSVILLE COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALES

Watch for
more
details!

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 16, 2014

Sponsored by the Stockbridge Valley Ruritan

For more information, please call 495-4445



Superintendent Calvin Advocates for SVCS Students

In an effort to advocate for Stockbridge Valley CSD students, in early March, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mathis Calvin, traveled to Albany to meet with several State elected officials (State Senator David Valesky and State Assemblymen William Magee). During these meetings, Dr. Calvin encouraged these officials to increase state aid to our district and to others within our region. Dr. Calvin shared, "We need additional aid for our students... without increased state aid we are unable to fully provide a sound education to the children in our district and throughout our region." To add to this, Dr. Calvin also addressed the following regional needs with officials:

Need # 1: *ELIMINATION OF THE GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT (GEA) AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL FUNDING THAT IS EQUITABLE, FAIR, CONSISTENT AND PREDICTABLE:*

- Schools in this area are good stewards of public monies with 98% of our budgets approved by our communities. This region has suffered from teacher lay-offs, program reductions and diminished student services as a result of the Gap Elimination Adjustment and inequitable state aid funding.

Need #2: *IMPLEMENTATION OF MEANINGFUL MANDATE RELIEF:*

- The Governor and legislators have not followed through with meaningful mandate relief as promised when the tax cap levy regulations were enacted.
- Amend Triborough specific to step increases.
- Appropriate funding for all mandates.
- APPR regulations and implementing the Common Core has increased local expenditures.



Need #3: SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL'S – REGION'S MISSION: WE NEED STATE OFFICIALS TO COMMIT TO A CHILDREN FIRST AGENDA:

- The legislative agenda has included the implementation of Gap Elimination Adjustment, Annual Professional Performance Review, Dignity for All Students, Increased student testing and implementation of the Common Core curriculum. Elected officials must allow the 53,000 children in our region (Oneida, Madison, and Herkimer) to have the same educational opportunities as children throughout other areas of New York State. A child's access to a high quality program should not depend on their zip code. Our children deserve the opportunity to be college and/or career ready and able to compete in a global society.

Need #4: RETURN FUNDS TO HIGH NEEDS, LOW WEALTH SCHOOL DISTRICTS:



- The Governor includes grant money in his State Aid Proposal, but these funds should be returned as targeted aid for high needs, low wealth school districts (30 of these districts are located in our region).
- Continued inclusion of grant monies in State Aid proposals does not help our students or our schools. Our schools do not have the staff or resources to compete for the grant monies contained in New York's State's School Aid proposals.
- Superintendent Calvin plans to continue meeting with State officials to ensure that SVCS receives the necessary funding that it is entitled to.

Superintendent Calvin Participates in Dialogue with NYS Commissioner of Education

On April 23, 2014, Superintendents from the region were invited to a regional luncheon with the NYS Commissioner of Education, Dr. John King, and the Deputy Commissioner of Education, Mr. Kenneth Slentz.



During the luncheon, Superintendent Calvin was one of three superintendents who represented our Madison Oneida BOCES. Specifically, Dr. Calvin led discussion for the region that was focused on how schools are doing with curriculum implementation that supports the Common Core Learning Standards. Dr. Calvin shared: Current SVCS efforts with Common Core implementation; professional development offerings and coaching that has been put into place for SVCS staff; and supports offered to teachers on how to best monitor progress.

School Stakeholders Engage In Strategic Planning

On April 23 - 24, 2014 several school stakeholders were engaged in two days of District Strategic Planning. This activity is in response to School Superintendent's, Dr. Mathis Calvin, entry plan. Embedded in the plan is a section entitled, "Next Steps" which is focused on the district engaging in planning activities for the future.



Stakeholders who participated were engaged in intense planning activities with Prisms Strategic Planning Facilitator and President, Sean Brady. Dr. Calvin remarked, "The last two days have been intensive, thought-provoking and exciting. I am extremely excited about the good work that school stakeholders and I are engaged in. Within the next couple of weeks we will have a strong tool to use that will guide the work that we do for our students in the near future."



The next series of meeting days are scheduled for May 6-7, 2014. Shortly thereafter the Strategic Plan will be presented to the community and the Board.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 • 7:00 pm @ SVCS

There will be an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Stockbridge Valley Central School Board of Education on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the budget presentation. Get to know the candidates and find out their views of the issues facing Stockbridge Valley.

Candidates for the Board of Education:



Jaime Renner

Hi, my name is Jaime Renner. I am a 1996 graduate of Stockbridge Valley. I am a business owner in the district. I own Little Leaps Home Day Care, a New York State

licensed child care on Middle Rd. My husband, Rob, is a dairy farmer and is also a Stockbridge Valley graduate. We are both active members of the community. We have four children that attend school at Stockbridge. Caleb (16) and Hunter (15) are both in the 10th grade, Andrew (13) is in 8th grade and Braden (7) is in 1st grade. My children are involved in many different sports as well as very active in FFA.

Our district has many needs, including offering an educational environment that stresses the belief that all children can succeed. I would like to contribute as an active advocate for the children of the district. We live in a great community and we have an obligation to focus on issues regarding our children's education in order to help them to be as successful as they can be. I would like to be on the school board to be a part of the solution to provide our students and children with the best educational experience we as a district can offer them.

I hope you will consider voting for me on May 20.



Thomas Hollingsworth

My name is Thomas L. Hollingsworth, Jr. I am a graduate of the SVCS Class of 1966. I have been married to my wife, Luann, for thirty-six years. I have two children, Cale is in the military and Hillary is a

teacher in North Carolina.

I spent three years from 1966-1969 in the U.S. Army. I worked most of my life as a mechanic and am now retired. I have spent the last seventeen years coaching American Legion Baseball. I've also coached nine years of varsity baseball at Hamilton, two years of modified softball and one year of varsity baseball at SVCS, as well as six years of basketball at SVCS.

I served one and a half terms on the SVCS Board of Education and twenty two years with the American Legion. I have been active in the community for fifty-five years.



Niki Maiura

Hello.

My name is Niki Maiura and I would be honored to serve on the Stockbridge Valley School Board. I grew up in Munnsville, attended

Stockbridge Valley and I sincerely value the education that I received at this school. When it came time for my own child to start her schooling, there was no question where I wanted her educated. There has always been a strong sense of community in the school and vice versa. I would like her to experience and be part of that connection.

I have a strong belief that all students have the ability to learn and all students should be afforded that opportunity. I am keenly aware that we are amidst economically challenging times. I assure you that all decisions that I make will be well thought out, student-focused and fiscally responsible.

I will work together with current Board members, district personnel and the community to best meet the needs of this district. It would be my privilege to have your vote and serve on this Board.

Don't Forget to Vote!

Tuesday, May 20, 2014



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Congratulations to Sasha DeMenezes and Dhia DeGroat!

2014 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Valedictorian

Sasha DeMenezes



Sasha DeMenezes has earned the title of Valedictorian for the Stockbridge Valley Class of 2014. Sasha is the daughter of Becky and Kevin Frost and Edward and Vicki DeMenezes. She is planning to attend college and major in Engineering. Sasha has been accepted to RIT, Drexel University, Wells College, SUNY IT, Morrisville State College and Roberts Wesleyan College. At this time, she is undecided on which college she will attend.

Sasha has earned many awards throughout her high school year. She is the recipient of the Clarkson University High School Achievement Award, the Baush & Lomb Honorary Science Award and the Computing Medal Award. While at SVCS, Sasha has participated in FFA, Honor Society, Math Club and Science Club. She has volunteered at the Special Olympics, collected toys for "Toys for Tots", worked at the Utica Hope House, the Syracuse soup kitchen and at Red Cross blood drives.

When asked to describe a highlight of her high school career, Sasha replied, "The greatest highlights of my high school career were Science Club trips. After working at basketball games and the All-County Music Festival for fundraising, it

was nice to go on a trip that everyone that deserved it could go on. Every year we found something educational, but still super fun."

Salutatorian

Dhia Marie DeGroat



Stockbridge Valley's Class of 2014 Salutatorian honors go to Dhia DeGroat, daughter of Inez and Duane DeGroat. Dhia has been accepted to Syracuse University, Drexel University, Cazenovia College, Clarkson University, Alfred University, RIT, LeMoyne College, Wells College and Nazareth College. She plans to attend Syracuse University and major in engineering.

Dhia's honors and recognitions include the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology, Clarkson University Leadership Award, the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University and the Ceramic Association of New York Award and the Cornell Book Award Honorable Mention. Dhia has been actively involved in the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Girl Scouts, Athletics and Science Club. She has acquired many hours of community services by volunteering her time at the Canastota Wanderer's Rest Society, Canastota VFW and the Special Olympics.

Dhia states, "Attending the Engineering Sciences program at BOCES during my senior year has been one of the most incredible experiences of my high school career. The opportunities and connections that the program opened me up to have helped me grow into an intelligent, driven young woman – ready to take on life after high school."



From the Principal's Office

As the third quarter ends, we look forward to a successful fourth quarter for all of our students. It's hard to believe we have less than 40 days of school left! Some important upcoming dates are listed below. As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Mary Anne Fritz

K-12 Principal

Upcoming Events

May

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| May 6 | FFA Greenhouse Sale Begins |
| May 7 – 10 | FFA State Convention |
| May 13 | 6:30 pm: Board of Education Meeting |
| May 14 | 6:30 pm: Elementary Spring Concert |
| May 15 | 9:00 am: Dynamo Music Assembly for grades 6-12 |
| May 17 | Math and Science Club Field Trip to Niagara Falls |
| May 19 | 2:40 pm: Safety Committee Meeting |
| May 20 | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm: Budget and Board of Education Vote |
| May 21 | 7:00 pm: High School Spring Concert |
| May 23 | Stockbridge Valley will be participating in the Oneida Memorial Day Parade |
| May 25 | Munnsville Memorial Day Parade |
| May 26 | Memorial Day, No School |
| May 29 | FFA Banquet |

June

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| June 2 | Grades 4 & 8 NYS Written Science Test |
| June 4 | High School FFA Meeting |
| June 6 | 10:30 - 1:00: SVCS School Picnic |
| June 7 | FFA Greenhouse Sale Ends |
| June 8 | Stockbridge Valley will be participating in the Boxing Hall of Fame Parade in Canastota |
| June 10 | Board of Education Meeting |
| June 12 | Senior Class Night |
| June 12 | Jr. High FFA Meeting |
| June 13 | High School Locker Clean-out |
| June 16 | High School End of Marking Period |
| June 17 – 25 | Regents Exams |
| June 20 | 1:15 pm: 6 th Grade Graduation & Awards Ceremony |
| June 22 | Baccalaureate Service |
| June 23 | Kindergarten Graduation |
| June 27 | Class of 2014 Graduation |
| June 30 | Report Cards Mailed Home |

From the School Nurse

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Under section 2164 of the New York State Public Health Law, all children born on or after January 1st, 1994 and entering, repeating or transferring into the 6th grade are required to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis) vaccine. This law took effect September 1, 2007.

All 10 year old students entering 6th grade will be required to receive a Tdap vaccine when they turn 11 years old. As of July 1st, 2014, they will also be required to have two doses of the varicella vaccine.

Thank you for your cooperation, any questions please call the nurse's office at 495-4500.

Sincerely,

Nancy Greene

School Nurse

Faculty vs. Alumni Basketball Game

The Stockbridge Valley Class of 2014 would like to say THANK YOU to the community, faculty, staff, students and SVCS Alumni for all the support that was given! The Faculty vs. Alumni game was held on Friday, March 28th, 2014 in the large gym. There were well over 100 people who attended the game to cheer on faculty and alumni players. The game was non-stop and full of good times and laughter. Half-time included a skills competition for the crowd to participate in. A special thank you for the numerous donations from parents and families for the bake sale and basket give away. The seniors were truly blown away by all the support shown and money donated toward their class trip.

Class of 2014



Teen Institute News

On Friday, February 28th, 2014 the SVCS community observed "P.S. I Love You Day." This day was created in 2012 by a New York high school student who lost a family member to suicide. Due to her tragic loss, she set out to create a day with the purpose of raising awareness in prevention of bullying and teen suicide by simply reminding others that they are needed and loved. SVCS Teen Institute members had the opportunity to meet the creator of P.S. I Love You Day and therefore became inspired to sup-



port her cause. In order to spread the message that each individual in our community is needed and loved, SVCS students, faculty, and staff joined together to wear purple on this day. To continue this message, we ask you to please always remember, "You are needed in this world. You are loved."



Safe Prom Guest Speaker

In partnership with BRiDGES of Madison County, Teen Institute welcomed Matt Bellace, Ph.D. to address the 9-12 grade student body on the topic of substance abuse prevention. Dr. Bellace is a psychologist and well known stand-up comedian who travels the country speaking to students. He delivered a hysterical presentation which motivated students to surround themselves with positive friends and to make good decisions. Students were left with the message to achieve "natural highs" in life, such as laughter and artistic expression, rather than turning to harmful substances.

Morgan Rood,

Teen Institute President

Ms. White,

Teen Institute Advisor

¡Noticias de las clases del español!

Spanish Class News

Spanish 7 students wrote children's "opposites" books to demonstrate their mastery of numbers, animals, and adjectives vocabulary. Then, we paired the 7 graders with 3rd grade reading buddies, who had also been studying animal vocabulary during Spanish Enrichment, to conduct small group read alouds! We had a lot of fun sharing stories and learning new words! The 3 graders even challenged the 7 graders to a friendly game testing "Los Animales" vocabu-



lary and won!
¡Bien hecho
3L!

Spanish 8 students conducted research projects of Spanish speaking countries using Google Apps for Education. Students were able to collaborate with each other and communicate with Ms. White interactively through Google Drive,

whether they were online at school or at home. The projects turned out fabulous and everyone learned a lot about technology and different Spanish-speaking countries!

Check out Ms. White's Classroom webpage for updates on each course and links to online study tools!

Sinceramente,

Señorita White



National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society helped raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association from February 15th thru March 20 by selling Shamrocks and hosting the annual Shamrock Dance. Just over \$300 was raised to help find a cure and to provide needed medicine and accommodations to kids with MD. Thank you to ALL in the community who helped support this great cause.



Mrs. Rasmussen



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Noteworthy News

Spring is in the air and the Music Department has been busy! To celebrate March as Music in Our School Month, the students performed Stockbridge's first ever Prism Concert on March 4. A Prism Concert is a musical experience where groups perform continuously throughout the auditorium using a spotlight. The event featured the bands, choruses, guitar ensemble, as well as several soloists and small groups.

Stockbridge Valley played host to this year's Madison County Music Educators All County Music Festival. We welcomed some of the best musicians from over a dozen different schools to a weekend full of great music making. Stockbridge was represented in each performing group: Megan Lamb in 7-8 Chorus, Sabrina Becker in 9-12 Chorus, Brittany Papa in 9-12 Orchestra, and Kelly Greene, Sierra Tucci, and Makenzi Wilson in 5-6 Band. Congratulations to our student musicians and a huge thank you to the SVCS staff, administration and parents who helped to make this event a success.

Several of our students will be participating in the NYS-SMA Solo Music Festival in Norwich on May 9. They are Kevin Miller, Elizabeth Collins, Brittany Papa, Kyleigh Jones, Serene Boronow, Devin Bartlett, and Sabrina Becker. Each student will perform a solo they have prepared for a judge and receive feedback. We wish them the best of luck!

On May 15, the music department will be hosting the band Dynamo consisting of graduate music students from Belmont University in Nashville, TN. These musicians come from a variety of classical and jazz education systems and have extensive experience teaching and playing music professionally. Their music combines elements from various styles including jazz, R&B and funk. Dynamo will be presenting an assembly to our students and then leading a master class with the concert bands. We are especially excited to welcome John Murphy, Mrs. Murphy's son and a member of the band, and Dynamo to our school!

The Music Department's End of the Year celebration will be held on May 30. This will be the culmination of a weeks worth of events in our Amazing Race competition as well as an opportunity to give out end of the year awards including The Golden Music Stand, the most coveted prize of them all. We are looking forward to a great event!

Lastly, we would like to thank Ms. Irene Fiesinger, our student teacher, for her hard work and dedication to our program. The students and staff have enjoyed working with her and we wish her well as she nears her graduation from Syracuse University.

The band and chorus have several upcoming performances. We hope to see you at many of them!

- Wednesday May 14 - Elementary Concert
- Wednesday May 21 - High School Concert
- Friday May 23 - Oneida Memorial Day Parade
- Sunday May 25 - Munnsville Memorial Day Parade
- Sunday June 8 - Boxing Hall of Fame Parade
- Friday July 4- Hamilton 4th of July Parade

Mrs. Belanger & Mrs. Meyer

Mathletics

Congratulations to the SVCS Mathletics team for bringing home The Silver this season. The team comprised of *Seniors*: Dhia DeGroat, Sasha DeMenezes, David Howlett; *Juniors*: Brittany Papa, Sara Papa, John Slator, Ally Netzbant; *Sophomores*: Seth Durant, Ryan Wilson, Tiffani Jacobs; *Freshman*: Haley DeMenezes, Serene Boronow and 8th grader: Devin Bartlett.

The team clinched the 2nd place title by winning the last meet of the season by 4 points. This victory earned the team enough points to move from third place to second place for the season.

Here is an example of a typical question given to our mathletes to solve:

One Christmas tree light flashes every 2 minutes and another Christmas tree light flashes every 3.5 minutes. If both lights flash together at 6 PM, what is the first time after 7 PM of the same evening that both lights flash together?

Do you want to know the answer to the question? See a mathlete today! They will be happy to solve it for you.

Mrs. McLean





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FFA

On March 30th the Stockbridge Valley FFA traveled to South Lewis School where FFA students participated in Leadership Career Development Events (CDE). CDE's are contests students participate in to practice their leadership skills. They range anywhere from public speaking, where you write a speech in advance and memorize it to extemporaneous speaking where you have to write a speech in only 30 minutes and present it to the judges. Students put a lot of hours into succeeding in their competitions. The following students will be moving on to participate at States in just a few weeks: Jacob Ax will be competing in Sr. Prepared Speaking and Megan Lamb will be competing in Jr. Extemporaneous Speaking.

Submitted by,

Hunter Middleton

Sr. High FFA Reporter

FFA Farm Days

Stockbridge Valley and Hamilton FFA are happy to present FFA Farm Days on May 16th. This is an event to spread knowledge of the numerous aspects of Agriculture. The day will feature: mini pedal tractor pull, various farm animals, dairy princesses, Chobani yogurt, a yarn spinning station, farm machinery, tractor drawn wagon rides and much more. All SVCS elementary students and the HCS 2nd grade will be participating through their classes. FFA Farm Days will also be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SVCS AG Facilities. For more information, contact Erin McCaffrey, SVCS Agriculture Teacher via e-mail: emccaffrey@stockbridgevalley.org or call 495-1935.

You are Invited to the Annual FFA Banquet

The Stockbridge Valley FFA would like to invite you to our Annual FFA Banquet. The banquet will be held in the SVCS cafeteria on May 29, 2014, with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Following dinner, we will move to the auditorium for an awards ceremony. The chapter will recognize its member's achievements and will honor individuals in our community and school who support our chapter and help us to reach our goals.

Covered dish dinner will include meat and cheese platter, rolls and dinner service provided by the chapter, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. The Stockbridge Valley FFA Alumni will host a Chinese auction during dinner to help raise money for chapter scholarship funds. Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our members and thank those who have supported us through out the year.

National Technical Honor Society

Madison-Oneida BOCES recently inducted the following students into the National Technical Honor Society: Morgan Rood, Samantha Jackson, Dana Smith, Stephen Weismore and Connor Bartlett.



Burke Wins Section III Title



Congratulations to Section III Wrestling Champion, Zach Burke! Zach competed at the SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College and became the Section III Champion in the 120 pound weight class. He then traveled to Albany to wrestle at the State Championships.

Coach Peto Gets 200th Win



On Thursday, April 24, 2014, Girls Varsity Softball Coach, Chris Peto, reached a coaching milestone garnering the 200th win of his softball coaching career. The Lady Cougars defeated McGraw on the memorable evening by the score of 19-6. Congratulations Coach Peto!



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YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

High School Yearbooks..... \$55.⁰⁰
Elementary \$12.⁰⁰

Contact Kristen Thomas at 495-1932 or
kthomas@stockbridgevalley.org

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been very busy these past few months. In February we celebrated the 100th day of school! The students brought in collections of 100 things, made a snack using 100 treats and counted to 100, just to name a few.

Throughout March we participated in the Reading Challenge. We all read as many books as we could. Mrs. Peto's kindergarteners read so many books they each received a free book from Scholastic!

We are all so happy the weather has warmed up. We have finally been able to go outside for recess! Next up, we will begin preparing for our Kindergarten Graduation in June.

Mrs. Peto & Miss Taylor

Kindergarten Teachers

Grade 3

Spring is FINALLY here and state assessments are completed. Now we can focus on what the rest of the year has yet to bring our way. Throughout the last two months, my class has been working extremely hard to get themselves "state test ready."



They did their personal best and I could not be happier. A "fun day" is in store for each and every one of them for a job well done. The last few months, the students will be working on transforming into "fourth graders" and preparing for their journey upstairs. This has been a great year, we all

have had our ups and downs and overcame them with the help of each other, like a team should!

In closing, as promised... the baby Laraby update! Bryce Hunter made his appearance on Saturday, April 12 at 1:53 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. He will be in soon to meet all the students and staff!

Mrs. Laraby

Character Counts at SVCS

The kindergarten-6th grade students have done an awesome job demonstrating the character traits we have learned so far: Cooperation, Patience and Perseverance. Hundreds of students have received Shining Star Student Awards and Bus Awards at our program. Our next trait will be Respect. Keep up the great work!

We have also had very informative and entertaining news reports from our 6th Grade News Team! The 6th graders have worked hard to write their own news, weather and sports reports. They are doing a great job keeping SVCS informed!

Elementary Art

The following students recently had art work on display at the Earlville Kids Art Show:

Layla Jayson	3
Abby Smith	3
Hailey Bernet.	4
Grace Bump	4
Shirley Coe	4
Autumn Dailey	4
Alyssa Enslow.	4
Brooke Gillespie	4
Emily Gurbacki	4
Sarah Hofmeister.	4
Jillian Jacobs.	4
Rachel Mennig.	4
Autumn Mills.	4
Lisa Powless.	4
Nevaeh Randel	4
Devin Smith.	4
Ashley Wilson	4
Adriene Byron	5
Erin Marshall	5
Lily Mazzullo	5
Alexis Ennis	6
Kelly Greene	6
Jonathan Marland	6
Dani Lynn Mills	6
Gage Sellers.	6
Sierra Tucci	6
Abby Tucker	6
Makenzi Wilson.	6





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What's New at the Library

It has been busy this spring at the Library! We had over 100 students in grades 7 – 12 participate in “DIY @ your Library” during Teen Tech Week using the Flip Cams, reading Nooks borrowed from BOCES, and playing games on the Wii®. The Library Club also sponsored a Middle School/High School Book Fair to promote reading and raise funds to buy books for the library.



Above: Students using Flip Cams and playing Wii during Teen Tech Week at the Library.

In March we also celebrated our Reading Program with a D.E.A.R. event and Guest Readers throughout the month, as well as the Elementary Classroom Reading Challenge. Students in grades K – 6 read 2,944 books and 767 hours in only 3 weeks! Congratulations to Mrs. Peto's class and Mrs. Wright's class for reading the most books and hours and winning our Classroom Reading Challenge. Thank you to the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation, Inc. for donating books to the winners of the Classroom Reading Challenge.

Finally, to celebrate our student's reading success, the elementary teachers and administration got together at the March Character Education Program and hoola-hooped to Pharrell Williams' “Happy” with pink and blue boas! Mrs. Iritz even kissed a “pig”! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this Reading Program and Challenge a success!



*Above: Winners of the Elementary Classroom Reading Challenge, Mrs. Wright's and Mrs. Peto's class, holding the books they received from the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation, Inc. for reading the most hours and books. Mrs. Wright's class read **283** hours and Mrs. Peto's class read **651** books!*



Above: Teachers and Administration celebrating all of our student's success for the March Reading Program and Challenge.



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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Thank you to everyone who donated to the All for Books Community Program during the MS/HS Scholastic Book Fair. We raised \$20.57 for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which put books in the hands of preschool children within our community. Special thanks to the SVCS Library Club who voted to match the money raised by the community, so a total of \$41.14 was donated to help our community's children.

The Dollywood Foundation asks local communities to come up with \$25 per child, per year to cover the cost of books and mailing. The Dollywood Foundation covers the rest, matching the true cost of the program at 5 to 1. Donations are always appreciated and if you would like to make a donation, checks can be made payable to the "Imagination Library Fund of the Literacy Coalition of Madison County NY" with "Stockbridge Valley" in the memo. Donations can be mailed to:

Mrs. Amanda Ingalls
Library Media Specialist
Stockbridge Valley CSD
6011 Williams Road
Munnsville, NY 13409

Also, if you are a resident of the Stockbridge Valley CSD community and you have a child(ren) between the ages of birth to 4 years old, you are eligible to receive FREE BOOKS from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Please contact Mrs. Amanda Ingalls, Library Media Specialist, at (315) 495-4400 or aingalls@stockbridgevalley.org for information on registering your child for this program.

BOCES Early Childhood Program

We offer a high quality educational Early Childhood Pre-K Program for eligible children in the Stockbridge school district.

Madison-Oneida BOCES Pre-Kindergarten Program Fall 2014 Registration for children who will be 4 on or before December 1st, 2014 is still occurring in the Stockbridge school district.



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

PTSO NEWS

The Stockbridge Valley PTSO and Reality Check co-hosted a very successful "Family Night: Dinner and a Movie" on April 4th, 2014. Free pizza, salad, fruit and milk were served to approximately 200 people! The movie featured was Disney's "**Frozen**". Several students won prizes and had pictures taken with cardboard cut-outs of their favorite "**Frozen**" characters. Thanks to all of you who came out to support the PTSO!

The next PTSO meeting will be held on May 13th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the SVCS Library. We will be discussing the upcoming Spring Social to be held on Friday, June 13th. We would love to have new members, volunteers, ideas, etc. We hope you can join us!





HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL

January 2013

Grade 4

HIGH HONOR

Grace Bump
Autumn Dailey
Emily Gurbacki
Sarah Hofmeister
Jillian Jacobs
Rachel Mennig
Autumn Mills
Alexander Smith
Devin Smith
Ethan Smith
Ashley Wilson

Grade 5

HIGH HONOR

Rebecca Ax
Adriene Byron
Camdyn Cross
Alexander Guinto
Austin Nolley

Grade 6

HIGH HONOR

Brandon Burton
Jayson Clarke
Alexis Ennis
Kelly Greene
Chad Masker
Madison McHugh
Dani Lynn Mills
Logan Pederson
Savanna Roark
Joshua Wagner
Makenzi Wilson
Kathryn Wojsiat

Grade 4

HONOR

Jameson Backer
Hailey Bernet
Joshua Colvin
Jace Douthit
Alyssa Enslow
Tyler Fisher
Reilly Gardner
Brooke Gillespie
Leo Jayson
Samantha Jenkins
Lisa Powless
Nevaeh Randel
Dylan Skellham
Alexandra Spring
Robert Wagner
Adam Wojsiat

Grade 5

HONOR

Tanner Dager
Ethan Enslow
Logan Godaire
Hannah Greene
Aleric Hoffmeister
Lillian Mazzullo
Thomas Meeker
Wyatt Reed
Rachel Wilson

Grade 6

HONOR

Sarah Bender
Todd Conklin
Ashley Cousino
Dylan Curtis
Branden Eastman
Thomas Lynch
Heather MacKay
Jonathan Marland
Jasmine Rood
Gage Sellers
Jaden Snow
Sierra Tucci
Elizabeth Wagner

Grade 7

HIGH HONOR

Wyatt Becker
Madeline Cross
Haylee Eaton
Aliyah Frederick
Barbara Guinto
Kevin Miller
Madison Piersall
Hannah Reaves
Jasmine Vaillancourt
Jared Werthman

Grade 8

HIGH HONOR

Dylan Anderson
Devin Bartlett
Alaina Beane
Elizabeth Collins
Jared Couture
Beanna Flynn-Tong
Megan Lamb
James March
Catherine Meeker
Ashleigh Staudt
Megan Trew

Grade 9

HIGH HONOR

Charles Ax
Austin Blanchard
Serene Boronow
Haley DeMenezes
Kyleigh Jones
Chandler Mann
Olivia Marshall
Lauren Tompkins
Markell Zinkovitch





Honor Roll Honor Roll Honor Roll

January 2014

Grade 7 HONOR

Kaleb Jones
Devyn Marshall
Breann Moot
Lainie Sheldon
Andrew Wilson

Grade 8 HONOR

James Egelston
Isabelle Elford
Maryanne Mathews
Kayla Smith
Evan Wagner
Joshua Wagner

Grade 9 HONOR

Zachary Broniszewski
Adrianna Cox
Annella Graham
Haley Harrington

Grade 10 HIGH HONOR

Seth Durant
Tiffani Jacobs
Ryan Wilson

Grade 11 HIGH HONOR

Sabrina Becker
Kally DeGroat
Brianna Dygert
Christopher Eastman
Aaron Hartle
Rachel Jackson
Emily Laurin
Brittany Papa
Sarah Papa
John Slator
Michael Staudt

Grade 12 HIGH HONOR

Dhia DeGroat
Sasha DeMenezes
Samantha Jackson
Nicole Jacobs
Bailea Porter
Stephanie Roberts
Morgan Rood
Dana Smith
Stephen Weismore
Dominque Wright

Grade 10 HONOR

Nicholas Ahles
Dustin Bartlett
Katelyn Green
Ronica Roberts
Jordyn Sanford
Dani Webb

Grade 11 HONOR

Lauren Bean
Dakota Bumpus
Taylor Eaton
Michael Gough
Noah Henderson
Alex McCarthy
Teresa Meeker
Gary Meyer
McKayla Morris
Alexandra Netzband
Matthew Piersall
Breanna Randall

Grade 12 HONOR

Whitney Alsheimer
Joseph Anderson
Connor Bartlett
Kelly Berger
Jason Brummer
Mark Carpenter
Rebecca Collins
Nathan Durant
David Howlett
Cassandra Marshall
Cody Soullas
Chance Tripp
Heather Wilkins





THE VIEW FROM STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY





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April 2014

Grade 4

HIGH HONOR

Grace Bump
Autumn Dailey
William Douthit
Emily Gurbacki
Jillian Jacobs
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Alexander Smith
Devin Smith
Ethan Smith
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Michael Wagner

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Grade 8 HONOR

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Kassandra Reaves
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Stephen Weismore
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Stockbridge Valley C. S. has implemented **MyLunchMoney**[®], an online service allowing you to manage your student's school meals online.

What is MyLunchMoney?

You can pay* for your student's school meals online using your credit/debit card or electronic check. Additionally, **MyLunchMoney** provides parents with a free account to monitor cafeteria purchases, receive low balance alerts, set spending limits, and place limitations on purchases.



How Do I Enroll?

1. Go to www.MyLunchMoney.com and click "Register for an Account".
2. Create an account for yourself and your children. Your student's district ID number is: <<Student ID>>.
3. Provide your payment information. *Please note there is a **\$1.95** transaction fee every time a payment is made, but all other account features are free of charge.

All information exchanged on MyLunchMoney is protected by the highest levels of internet security, and all content is 100% compliant with COPPA (Child Online Privacy Protection Act) rules and regulations.

If you have further questions, please visit www.MyLunchMoney.com and select the FAQs link. If you need assistance with the enrollment process, please call **MyLunchMoney** Customer Care at 1-800-479-3531.

We hope you enjoy the ease and convenience of **MyLunchMoney**[®]!

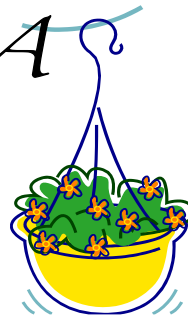
Sincerely,

SVCS Food Service Program





Stockbridge Valley FFA Annual Plant Sale



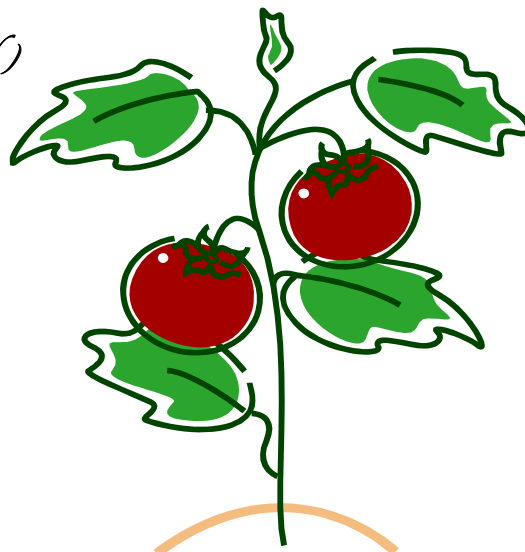
May 6th to June 7th

Open Tuesday-Thursday 2:45 until 5:00

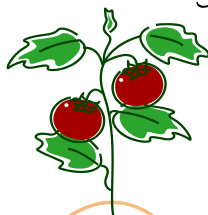
Saturday 10:00-12:00 or by appointment, call 495-1935.

Prices:

<i>6-pack</i>	<i>\$ 2.25</i>
<i>Full tray of 6-pks</i>	<i>\$16.00 (can be mixed)</i>
<i>4" pots</i>	<i>\$ 3.50</i>
<i>6 for</i>	<i>\$18.00</i>
<i>10 for</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>Veggie Singles</i>	<i>\$ 2.50</i>
<i>10 for</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>10" Hanging</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Baskets 2 for</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>



A wide variety of hanging baskets, bedding plants and vegetables are available.



Come early for the best selection!

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE



Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2013-14 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2014-15 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2014-15 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 10,230,692	\$ 10,429,833	\$ 10,392,333
Increase/Decrease for the 2014-15 School Year		\$ 199,141	\$ 161,641
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.95%	1.57%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.46%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$ 2,186,161	\$ 2,228,984	\$ 2,191,484
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 67,948	\$ 0.00	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$ 2,118,213	\$ 2,228,984	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,221,701	\$ 2,254,770	
Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ (103,488)	\$ (25,786)	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,262,361	\$ 1,300,698	\$ 1,299,798
Program Component	\$ 6,886,923	\$ 7,037,900	\$ 7,025,300
Capital Component	\$ 2,081,408	\$ 2,091,235	\$ 2,067,235

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2014-15 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

In projecting the contingency budget for 2014-15, the District has assumed a total of \$37,500 of non-contingent items to be removed from the proposed budget.

List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
None	

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2014-15 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 555.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2014-2015 by the qualified voters of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at Stockbridge Valley C. S. in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the School Foyer at Stockbridge Valley C. S., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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Mrs. Beth Lamb, *Business Administrator*

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495-4446

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Mr. Mark Kiser
495-4590

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Mr. J.T. Mann
495-4495

Cafeteria Manager

Ms. Kathy Carney
495-1909

CSE Office

Mrs. Terry McInerney
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Head Bus Driver

Ms. Pam Mitchell
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School Nurse

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