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STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

Central School District Newsletter

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

Greetings by way of Stockbridge Valley Central School. Let me first start by saying, **THANK YOU** for being so welcoming to me. Many of you have stopped in to see me or have spoken to me out in the community. During our visits and/or discussions, you've all made me feel very welcomed. It is because of your support that I have been able to "hit the ground learning." To add to this, the children and staff of our school have also been a pleasure to work with. Our students are bright and insightful. Additionally, our teachers truly care and are committed to ensure that our children receive an outstanding education.

As of today, January 21, 2014, I have completed more than 60 days of my 100 day entry plan. This plan, which is posted on our school website, is designed to help me as I continue to learn more about our district. In keeping with this plan, I am in the process of organizing and/or facilitating several forums (parent, teacher, and community). Please know, I am inviting all of you to take part in these groups



or to either stop in or call me to let me know your opinions and thoughts about our school.

Aside from my entry plan, the Board of Education and I are also now working closely on developing our districts 2014-15 school budget. Our goal is to make certain that we continue our district's history of providing a fiscally sound budget. In an effort to do so, we are working diligently to ensure that the 2014-15 budget is:

- Flexible:** it provides for flexibility within budget codes
- Full Proof:** it provides for emergencies should they occur; and
- Flows:** has enough cash flow available should State Aid be withheld.

To add to this, our priority is to assure that our Budget development process:

- Is focused on balancing the community's desire for both excellent school programs and reasonable taxes by diligently evaluating current practices, proposed expenditures and revenue sources other than taxes.
- Ensures that SVCS graduates have the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed so that they can compete in a demanding and technologically sophisticated global marketplace. This will include support for innovative instructional models and programs that have proven to be effective ways to deliver

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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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services, as well as support for the professional development necessary for such innovation.

- Engages the community to share their perspectives and values regarding the school programs they wish to support with their tax dollars; and
- Involves active lobbying of state legislators to reform the mandates outside of school districts' control that currently drive up costs in the areas of instruction, personnel and construction.

Given this priority, within the next couple of months the Board of Education and I will be soon publishing more details about the 2014-15 Budget. All community members

will also be invited to take part in our series of community budget meetings. Please be advised, a copy of this year's budget calendar is provided in this newsletter and is also posted on our school website. We will also post on our website upcoming dates for community budget meetings in the near future.

With that said, again let me thank you all for your support in advance. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours in Education,

Mathis Calvin, III

Mathis Calvin, III Ed. D. • School Superintendent

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

Petitions will be available March 21, 2014 - April 21, 2014 in the District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Terms begin July 1, 2014.

Contact Pam Mennig in the District Office for more information.

Sport Physicals

In February, parents of students in grades 6-11 will be receiving sports physical questionnaires. If your child is interested in participating in sports during the 2014-15 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 March 21, 2014. No student will have a physical without a completed and signed questionnaire. The physicals will be done in April and May 2014. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Greene at 495-4500.

Sweethearts & Heroes

Stockbridge Valley Central School District was fortunate enough to bring the "Sweethearts and Heroes" assembly to our entire student population. On Thursday, January 16th, Tom Murphy, profes-

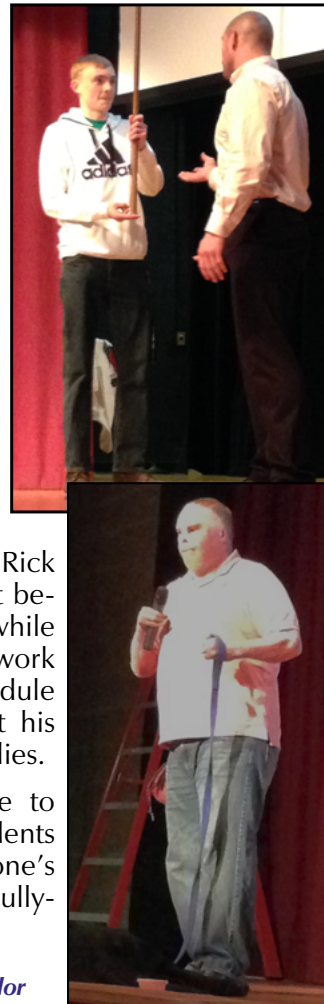
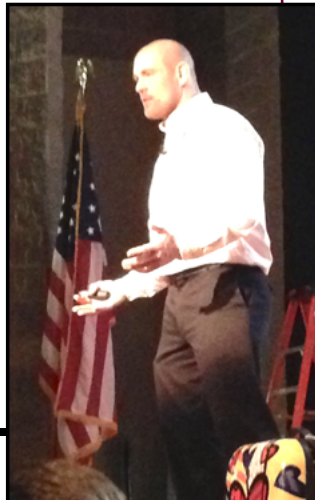
sional undefeated mixed martial arts competitor and UFC veteran, made his way to Stockbridge to put on an assembly that the faculty, staff and students will never forget. "Sweethearts and Heroes" is truly a one of a kind anti-bullying presentation that aims to educate our entire society on the impact of bullying.

Students in all grade levels engaged in various role playing and activities on stage that gave them the tools they needed to become someone's sweetheart or hero.

The students in high school were in for a special treat, when Tom brought out one of his heroes, Rick Yarosh, a Binghamton native and a retired Sergeant from the U.S. Army who was badly burned and injured in Iraq. Rick further explained that he does not believe he is a hero for what he did while serving the country, but for the work he does now. When Rick's schedule allows, he is able to join Tom at his "Sweethearts and Heroes" assemblies.

It was an awesome experience to have them both speak to our students and to empower them to be someone's hero and to take a stand against bullying in our school.

Mrs. Cameron • SVCS School Counselor





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From the Guidance Office...

As college acceptance letters begin to trickle in during the next few months, be sure that your seniors bring in a copy to the Guidance Office so we can shine a spot light on them in the upcoming newsletters! We would like to CONGRATULATE the following students on their College Acceptance:

Whitney Alsheimer

Mohawk Valley Community College, Morrisville State College

Joseph Anderson

Mohawk Valley Community College

Connor Bartlett

Herkimer County Community College

Jason Brummer

Buffalo State College, SUNY Brockport

Alonzo Byron

Paul Smiths College

Dhia DeGroat

Wells College

Zachary Cunningham

Mohawk Valley Community College

Nicole Jacobs

Herkimer County Community College

Samantha Jackson

Morrisville State College

Bradley Kiehn

Morrisville State College

Samuel Lyman

Mohawk Valley Community College

Cassandra Marshall

SUNY Albany, SUNY New Paltz

Allyson Mennig

Mohawk Valley Community College, Paul Smiths College

Kylie Phillips

Herkimer County Community College

Stephanie Roberts

Mohawk Valley Community College

Morgan Rood

Morrisville State College

Dana Smith

Morrisville State College

Justyn Virgil

Mohawk Valley Community College

Stephen Weismore

Mohawk Valley Community College

Dominique Wright

Mohawk Valley Community College, Wells College



Save The Date ...

It's that time of year again! We want you to book your calendar NOW! We will be offering our math review classes again this year. These classes are designed to help your child navigate the state assessment. We break down the difficult topics and try to offer strategies and extra review. Below you can find the times and topics. We will meet in Mrs. McLean's room to start the classes. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to e-mail us at jmclean@stockbridgevalley.org or msmith@stockbridgevalley.org. Thanks for your support!

	7th Grade (3:30-5:00)	8th Grade (5:30-7:00)
April 8 th	Statistics & Probability	Functions of Geometry
April 10 th	Percent and Proportions	Linear functions
April 22 nd	Expressions & Equations	Integers & Scientific Notation
April 23 rd	Rational Numbers	Linear Equations
April 24 th	Expressions & Equations	Linear Equations
April 28 th	Ratio & Proportion	Transformation Geometry
April 29 th	Percent Review	Similarity



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Summer School Reunion

It's been a while since the sun has shown bright on the valley (sigh), so the summer school kids had a little summer school reunion to reminisce about the fun times we shared in August. We got together after school on December 11th and celebrated with a pineapple upside down cake and some fun fall stories. During our summer



school days, we read a story that included characters that were eating pineapple-upside cake. We engaged in a discussion on whether anyone has ever had pineapple upside-down cake. Now we can all say we have had it and in the words of Rachael Ray – YUMM-O! We shared how we are doing in school this year and we also talked about our upcoming holiday plans. We had a great reunion!

Mrs. Smith, Summer School Teacher

ing, confidence building, and leadership. Students left the conference feeling empowered and ready to make a difference at SVCS, especially with regard to bullying within their own social groups. Overall, it was a very educational and meaningful experience!

Sincerely,

Morgan Rood, Teen Institute President

Ms. White, Teen Institute Advisor



What's the Buzz on the Bee?

A special congratulation goes out to our Spelling Bee winner, Ms. Adriene Byron! She is off to the next level of the Scripps Bee. Our second place runner up, Kathryn Wojsiat, will join her. This next level of competition will be a written bee. These two young contenders will be asked to spell 35 words correctly. This is very exciting news and we wish them well. Best of luck from your teachers and friends at SVCS!

Mrs. Smith, Spelling Bee Coordinator

News from Teen Institute

On November 21, 2013, members of Teen Institute attended the Students Against Destructive Decision Making (S.A.D.D.) conference in Oneida, NY sponsored by BRIDGES of Madison County. Students from various school districts in Madison County met to discuss strategies and "action plans" promoting good decision mak-

National Honor Society Christmas Service Project

After the successful fall projects including "Jacks for Jude" in which the Honor Society students sold paper jack o lanterns on Halloween Day with proceeds benefiting St. Jude's Hospital and an overwhelmingly successful Thanksgiving Food Drive, the National Honor Society began their Christmas project. The students collected monetary donations from SVCS Faculty and Staff. On December 12th, they took their donations to Toys R Us and shopped for the Toys for Tots program. Students divided up the money and bought presents and toys for children in need. After





a morning of toy shopping, the students headed to the Henry P. Smith Post #24 American Legion Toys for Tots Collection Center. The Legion works in conjunction with the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. The students donated five giant Santa sized bags of toys. It was a wonderful Christmas-time service project. The Honor Society looks forward to their Valentine's project for the American Heart Association and their annual American Red Cross Blood Drive in March.

Mrs. Murphy,
NHS Advisor



Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a busy holiday season! We worked with Miss Benatti's high school art class to make a gift for our parents. We also enjoyed a day of crafts and making gingerbread cookies with our families!

*Mrs. Peto &
Miss Taylor*

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

On Thursday, December 19, 2013, the ninth grade English classes traveled to Syracuse Stage to see a production of Charles Dickens' classic tale **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**. The ninth grade curriculum includes the novel so the students were excited to be able to see a live version of the story. This particular production was adapted by Romulus Linney and directed by Peter Amster.

Research shows that students who participate in or are exposed to the arts demonstrate higher academic achievement, stronger self-esteem, and better ability to work with a goal in mind. Live performance provides children and young adults with a unique sensory experience that enriches classroom study and promotes creative expression and cultural awareness. Each season, Syracuse Stage engages nearly 30,000 students from all across New York State with a variety of programs and SVCS ninth grade English students were pleased to be included in that number.

Mrs. Murphy, HS English

Grade 3

Whoa! Can you believe we are nearly halfway through the school year already? I guess time does fly when you're having fun! Speaking of fun...it's that time of year when the third graders start gearing up and preparing for the NYS tests that will soon be approaching in April. We will need all the practice we can get! So any words of encouragement will be very beneficial.

We have been working hard as a class tackling through the Common Core ELA and Math curriculum one day at a time. We are becoming smarter and more improved at what we do every day with the help of each other and parental support. We also find ways to still have fun and





work together as a team to accomplish our academic goals to become more successful.

Another exciting countdown is the days remaining until Baby Laraby's expected arrival on April 10th. The students are super excited and have been great and very helpful. They enjoy watching my belly grow larger by the day! I personally can't wait to introduce Baby Laraby to my wonderful class. We are all looking forward to our future endeavors!

From our class to yours, Happy Winter (it's almost over!)

Erica Laraby

News from Room 206!

Throughout the month of December and January, the seventh grade class has been busy raising money for an organization called "Water for Sudan". Inspired by the book, *A Long Walk to Water*, the students wanted to donate money to the organization, which provides clean water for villages in Sudan. Their efforts included a can and bottle drive, a change drive, and a t-shirt sale. The can and bottle drive and the change drive ended on January 17th. However, the t-shirts are still for sale. Everyone within the school and the community has been extremely generous and helpful during our fundraisers. On behalf of the Class of 2019, I would like to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to the SVCS Educational Foundation for their kindness, and also to the SVCS community for their contributions.

Ms. Ford, MS English

Noteworthy News

On Saturday, November 3rd SVCS Band members traveled to Syracuse University to see the football team battle Pittsburgh and to watch the Pride of the Orange SU Marching Band. Even though the Orange lost the game by 1 point, we had an awesome time watching the pre-game show on the quad, the half-time show on the field, visiting with Stockbridge alum Kyle Beam, and we even got to sit next to the band during the third quarter!

Congratulations to those students that participated in the Madison County Music Educator's Association January All County Festival of Music. Kevin Miller performed with the middle school band and Ashley Cousino, Kathryn Wojsiat, Madison McHugh and Ally Roher performed with the elementary chorus. Great job!

Congratulations also to Brittany Papa, Sarah Papa and Sabrina Becker for auditioning for and participating in the 2013 Area All State Music Festival in November.

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 in February.

The Drama Club will be performing a Disney Medley at the Talent Show on March 7th. We hope to see you there!

The Music Department would like to welcome Mr. Brian Rorer and Ms. Irene Fiesinger to SVCS. Mr. Rorer and



Ms. Fiesinger are both students from Syracuse University who are student teaching with us this spring. They are a great addition to our department and we are looking forward to working with them!

Mrs. Belanger & Mrs. Meyer, Music Teachers

What's New at the Library...

After receiving a mini-grant from Madison-Oneida BOCES, I had the unique opportunity to attend the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National Conference in Hartford, CT back in November with some of the other local school librarians. Since that time the students and I have been busy reading new books, learning about new authors, and practicing our critical thinking skills.

Check out the Library website to view some of our student's work, which I hope to add to regularly.

Elementary students have also been using our new Library Centers during book check out. After students have checked out their library books, they may choose to "Read to a Book Buddy" (one of our stuffed animals) or





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"Play a Game" with a friend, including checkers, Chutes and Ladders, Candy Land, or Guess Who.

Finally, be on the look out for the Middle School/High School Scholastic Book Fair coming in March. The Library Club will be organizing the book fair to promote reading among our middle and high school students and to raise money to buy new books for our Library. The fair will also be available online with additional book options for our elementary students.



Above: Students from all grades enjoy playing games and reading to their Book Buddies during Library Centers.

Mrs. Ingalls, Library/Media Specialist

Stockbridge Valley's First One-to-One Tablet Project Is A Champion

Mrs. Wright's fifth grade has been involved in a new program where every student in the class has an electronic tablet device to use during the school day. This program was proposed by Mrs. Fisher and enthusiastically embraced by Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Iritz as a trial of one-to-one computing. Each fifth grade student has a LearnPad, similar to an iPad, to use on a regular basis at their desks for research, writing, and project work. The LearnPad is said to be purposely built for education which Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Wright have found to be flexible and easy to use and manage in the classroom.

Since the beginning of the year, the fifth grade has completed several projects integrated with their Common Core ELA studies. They use their LearnPads to read and annotate primary source documents and E-Books, to do research using the school's online encyclopedias, to analyze photographs, do project based learning, and conduct video interviews. In addition to project work, students use the LearnPads for math and writing enrichment and personal inquiry.

As a result of the work being done with LearnPads at SVCS, the Educational Resources Company invited Mrs. Fisher to apply for their inaugural LearnPad Champions program. Sixty five educators were invited to apply based on how the LearnPads were being used in the classroom and a student created video testimonial. Mrs. Fisher was one of eleven educators chosen as a LearnPad Champion. She will be working with the other LearnPad champions from around the world on product evaluation, curriculum development, and professional outreach.

Thomas Meeker says he likes the LearnPads because "They are a better way to learn". You can see Tom and his classmates in their video at this link http://www.teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=320078

Mrs. Fisher, Technology Coordinator





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News from the Retired Stockbridge Valley Teachers Association (RSVTA)

Stockbridge Valley's retired teachers have worked closely with the Stockbridge Valley Teachers Association (SVTA) to form a group called RSVTA. We hope to keep connected to the school and community. At this time, twenty former teachers have joined the group.

Thanks to Dr. Curtin, retirees not living in the district will be able to receive the school newsletter to help them keep connected and, if room allows, will be able to contribute an article.

After contacting people at the school for permission, the RSVTA contributed a basket to the PTO Bazaar. Jackie Meneses put together a fabulous basket (with a chair!) from the RSVTA. Both Jackie and Mel Henriksen volunteered at the Bazaar as well.

To show support for the SVTA members, RSVTA has provided holiday goodie bags thanks to Coleen Wentworth and Mel Henriksen. The group (Janice Hedglon, Jennifer Follett, Jackie Meneses and Linda Dunn) also provided coffee and donuts for the SVTA's January meeting.



HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL

November 2013

Grade 4

HIGH HONOR

Grace Bump
Autumn Dailey
Jillian Jacobs
Leo Jayson
Rachel Mennig
Autumn Mills
Alexander Smith
Ethan Smith
Ashley Wilson
Adam Wojsiat

Grade 5

HIGH HONOR

Rebecca Ax
Adriene Byron
Camdyn Cross
Ethan Enslow
Alexander Guinto
Thomas Meeker
Rachel Wilson

Grade 6

HIGH HONOR

Jayson Clarke
Alexis Ennis
Madison McHugh
Dani Lynn Mills
Savannah Roark
Sierra Tucci
Elizabeth Wagner
Joshua Wagner
Makenzi Wilson
Kathryn Wojsiat

Grade 4

HONOR

Jameson Backer
Hailey Bernet
Joshua Colvin
William Douthit
Alyssa Enslow
Tyler Fisher
Reilly Gardner
Brooke Gillespie
Emily Gurbacki
Sarah Hofmeister
Lisa Powless
Nevaeh Randel
Emma Sanford
Dylan Skellham
Devin Smith
Alexandra Spring
Robert Wagner

Grade 5

HONOR

Austin Coe
Tanner Dager
Zachary Fleming
Logan Godaire
Hannah Greene
Lillian Mazzullo
Austin Nolley
Samantha O'Herien
Wyatt Reed

Grade 6

HONOR

Sarah Bender
Brandon Burton
Andrea Collins
Dylan Curtis
Branden Eastman
Kelly Greene
Thomas Lynch
Heather MacKay
Jonathan Marland
Chad Masker
Logan Pedersen
Gage Sellers
Jaden Snow
Michael Wagner



Honor Roll Honor Roll Honor Roll

Grade 7

HIGH HONOR

Madeline Cross
Haylee Eaton
Aliyah Frederick
Barbara Guinto
Kaleb Jones
Devyn Marshall
Kevin Miller
Madison Piersall

Grade 8

HIGH HONOR

Dylan Anderson
Devin Bartlett
Alaina Beane
Elizabeth Collins
Beanna Flynn-Tong
Megan Lamb
Maryanne Mathews
Catherine Meeker
Raymond O'Herien
Ashleigh Staudt
Megan Trew
Joshua Wagner

Grade 9

HIGH HONOR

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

Grade 10

HIGH HONOR

Ryan Wilson

Grade 11

HIGH HONOR

Sabrina Becker
Kally DeGroat
Brianna Dygert
Taylor Eaton
Noah Henderson
Rachel Jackson
Emily Laurin
Brittany Papa
Sarah Papa
Breanna Randall
John Slator

Grade 12

HIGH HONOR

Dhia DeGroat
Sasha DeMenezes
Samantha Jackson
Nicole Jacobs
Cassandra Marshall
Allyson Mennig
Bailea Porter
Stephanie Roberts
Morgan Rood
Stephen Weismore
Dominique Wright

Grade 7

HONOR

Melissa Bartlett
Wyatt Becker
Melanie Gardner
Breann Moot
Cory Phoenix
Hannah Reaves
Lainie Sheldon
Jasmine Vaillancourt
Jared Werthman
Andrew Wilson
Jacob Wilson

Grade 8

HONOR

Jared Couture
James Egelston
James March
Kassandra Reaves

Grade 9

HONOR

Zachary Broniszewski
Adrianna Cox
Haley Harrington
Alexis Moyer
Patrick Parker
Kendra Webb





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Grade 10

HONOR

Dustin Bartlett
Seth Durant
Katelyn Green
Jarret Jacobs
Tiffani Jacobs
Jessica Montana
Ronica Roberts
Jordyn Sanford
Dani Webb

Grade 11

HONOR

Dakota Bumpus
Krista Collins
Kelsey Cousino
Toni Curtis
Colton Dailey
Christopher Eastman
Michael Gough
Aaron Hartle
Alex McCarthy
Gary Meyer
McKayla Morris
Matthew Piersall
Austin Seeber
Austin Sirles
Brittany Ward

Grade 12

HONOR

Whitney Alsheimer
Joseph Anderson
Connor Bartlett
Kelly Berger
Jason Brummer
Mark Carpenter
Nathan Durant
David Howlett
Kendra Phillips
Kylie Phillips
Dana Smith
Jonathan Smith
Cody Soullas
Liam Swinney
Chance Tripp

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Stockbridge Pre-Kindergarten Program Fall 2014

Now Accepting Applications:

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

A high quality Early Childhood Education Program for eligible children who will be 3* or 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2014.

Applications are available as follows:

- Stockbridge Valley Elementary School office
- Download: www.moboces.org - website
- By calling Madison-Oneida BOCES at 361-5903

* We must first offer the class to all district resident 4 year olds, and then we will know if we are able to offer any additional openings to 3 year olds.



SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT MUNNSVILLE PACK 7 CUB SCOUTS

FEBRUARY 17, 2014 • COME JOIN US 5-8 P.M.

AT THE MUNNSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

ALL YOU CAN EAT

SALAD • BREAD • MEATBALLS • SPAGHETTI • DESSERT • COFFEE, TEA & WATER

ADULT \$8.⁰⁰

CHILDREN 4-10 \$5.⁰⁰

3 AND UNDER FREE WITH ADULT PURCHASE

OTHER DRINKS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR, AT YOUR EXPENSE

5-8 P.M. OR UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT - "TO-GO" DINNERS AVAILABLE

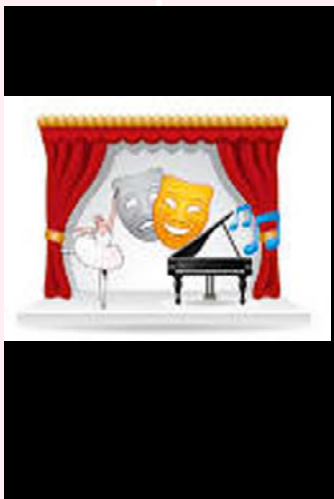




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9th Annual Talent Show

Sponsored by

**The Stockbridge Valley
Educational Foundation**



March 7, 2014

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 24 in the S.V.C.S. District Office



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January 2014

Dear Stockbridge Valley Business Owners and Community Members,

Believe it or not, the SVCS Eighty-Sixth Commencement Ceremony is less than one hundred school days away. The Stockbridge Valley Seniors are busy preparing for the colleges of their choice. All seniors have aspirations and hopes for their future. Every year Stockbridge Valley Central School hosts a Senior Class Night for our graduating class. This class night is important to our seniors because this is an opportunity for them to receive awards and scholarships in recognition of their success.

Throughout the years, Stockbridge Valley Central School has been very fortunate to count on monetary donations from parents, faculty/staff members and community business owners to fund these awards. The donations are placed into a general scholarship fund and are then used to recognize members of the class for their academic achievement, service to the community and dedication to SVCS. At this time, we are again requesting your charitable donation to help us honor the students that have helped make our community and school district a place of which we can be proud of.

On behalf of the Guidance Personnel, Faculty/Staff Members and the Administration, we are extremely proud of the Class of 2014, and for the potential of their future accomplishments. If you feel you can support our seniors at this time, we kindly ask that you return your contribution made payable to Stockbridge Valley CSD Treasurer at P.O. Box 732, Munnsville, NY 13409 or stop by the Business Office by Friday, May 2, 2014.

Thank you in advance for your continued support as we pay tribute to the deserving students of this community. As a donor, you are invited to attend this year's Senior Class Night which will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014. If you wish to attend, please contact Sandy Wagner in the Guidance Office at 495-4450.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

SVCS Administration & Guidance Department



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Budget Preparation Schedule for 2014-2015 Budget Development

October 8, 2013	Tuesday	Budget Preparation Schedule Adopted by BOE
November 12	Tuesday	Resolution to Approve March Bus Proposition
December 4	Wednesday	Distribute Budget Info.- Forms to Staff
January 24, 2014	Friday	Instr. Staff Budget Requests Due to Principal
January 26	Sunday	Pub. of Legal Notice- Bus Referendum (#1 of 4)
February 6	Thursday	Pub. of Legal Notice- Bus Referendum (#2 of 4)
February 11	Tuesday	Draft Admin. & Capital Budgets distributed to Board of Education
February 13	Thursday	Instruct. Staff Requests Due to Business Office
February 20	Thursday	Pub. of Legal Notice- Bus Referendum (#3 of 4)
February 28	Friday	Submit Property Tax Levy Cap Calculation
March 3	Monday	Mail Newsletter on Bus Referendum
March 4	Tuesday	Pub. of Legal Notice- Bus Referendum (#4 of 4)
March 4	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.- Public Hearing: Bus Referendum
March 11	Tuesday	Bus Referendum Vote: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., School Foyer
March 11	Tuesday	Draft Program & Transportation Budgets distributed to BOE- Budget Discussion
March 21	Friday	Petitions Available- Nominations for Candidates for BOE Seats
March 25	Tuesday	Optional Special BOE Mtg.- Budget discussion (if Needed)
April 2	Wednesday	BOCES Annual Meeting
April 8	Tuesday	Publication of Legal Notice (#1 of 4) Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting
April 8	Tuesday	BOE to Adopt Budget & Prop. Tax Report Card
April 9	Wednesday	Sub. Property Tax Report Card to SED-End of Day (If Approved by BOE on 4/8/2014)
April 20	Sunday	Publication of Legal Notice (#2 of 4)
April 21	Monday	Last Day for Submittal of Petitions Nominating Candidates for BOE Seats by 4:00 p.m.
April 22	Tuesday	BOCES Administrative Budget & BOE Vote
April 25	Friday	Last Day for BOE to Adopt Proposed Budget
April 28	Monday	Last Day to Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED
April 29	Tuesday	Budget Newsletter to Printer
May 1	Thursday	Publication of Legal Notice (#3 of 4)
May 6	Tuesday	Budget Newsletter Returned from Printer & Mailed
May 6	Tuesday	Budget Available at District Office & Public Library
May 11	Sunday	Publication of Legal Notice (#4 of 4)
May 13	Tuesday	Budget Hearing- SVCS Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
May 13	Tuesday	Last Day to Mail Absentee Ballots
May 14	Wednesday	School Budget Notice Mailed to All District Residents
May 20	Tuesday	Annual Budget /Board Vote- 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



SVCS SCHOOL BUS REFERENDUM Information Sheet

Why Should We Vote Now for School Buses?

The District continues to reduce 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?

One: 1 - 66 Passenger School Bus to replace #90
(2004 - 10 year old bus with 86,826 miles)

Dispose of: Sell, trade or scrap to highest bidder.

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

	66 Passenger	Totals
Estimated Purchase Cost	\$109,700. ⁰⁰	\$109,700. ⁰⁰
Estimated Finance	\$ 0. ⁰⁰	\$ 0. ⁰⁰
Total Purchase & Finance Cost	\$ 109,700.⁰⁰	\$ 109,700.⁰⁰
State Aid @ 90%	\$98,730. ⁰⁰	\$98,730. ⁰⁰
Final Cost to the Taxpayers		\$ 10,970.⁰⁰

Estimated Aid:

Amortized & paid over 5 years - \$19,746.⁰⁰/year



OTHER TRANSPORTATION/FLEET INFORMATION:

Industry Standards/Best Practices	At Stockbridge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% of a bus fleet is replaced on an annual basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goal is to replace 1-2 buses per year <i>(contain maintenance costs with a consistent replacement plan)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The useful life of a 65 passenger bus is approximately ten years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6% of SVCS's large buses are ten years or older
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The useful life of a 7, 20, or 30 passenger mini-bus is five years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 66% of SVCS's small bus fleet are five years or older

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 the District for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

School Bus Proposition

VOTE

MARCH 11, 2014

10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

School Foyer

For more information contact...

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or Beth S. Lamb, Business Administrator @ 495-4446



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The View from SVCS



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495-4590

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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 during the Winter - your school is open for Walkers!!

The school is open for people interested in walking indoors. The building is open from 5:00-8:00 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.



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