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STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

Central School District Newsletter



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

An invitation to apply for the position of Superintendent of Schools went out last spring. Many fine candidates came forward and expressed an interest in this key leadership position. Ms. Jacklin Starks, Madison Oneida BOCES District Superintendent worked closely with the Stockbridge Board of Education. Many stake holders became involved with the Board of Education as they moved closer to making their final selection. Faculty, support staff, community and students were all an integral part of the challenge.

On September 13, 2013, the Board of Education hired Dr. Mathis Calvin, III as this district's Superintendent of Schools, effective mid-November 2013.



Dr. Mathis Calvin, III

Dr. Calvin comes to SVCS from Rochester. He is married and the Calvins have three children. His list of accomplishments prior to coming to the Stockbridge/Munnsville area is extensive:

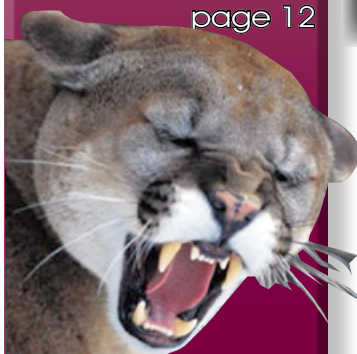
- Superintendent – NYS School for the Blind, Batavia, NY
- Director, Pupil Services, Special Education, Letchworth Central School, Gainesville, NY
- Academy Director of Instruction (Home Principal), Rochester, NY
- Middle School Dean, Charter School, Rochester, NY
- Teacher – Elementary 3-6 and Special Needs, BOCES and Rochester

Special thanks to all that made this a smooth transition. Please extend a warm SVCS welcome to Dr. Mathis Calvin, III. I am very confident that everyone will be pleased with this choice.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick J. Curtin

Dr. Patrick J. Curtin, Interim 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.



CURRICULUM UPDATE CURRICULUM UPDATE CURRICULUM UPDATE

Summary of Common Core Learning Standards in New York State Education

In January 2011, the NYS Board of Regents adopted the NYS P-12 Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS). The New York State P-12 CCLS were implemented in NYS schools at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

The Common Core Standards were created through a collaborative effort of the National Governor's Association Center for the Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The standards were developed by key stakeholders in the field including teachers, school administrators, and content experts. The final standards were released in June 2010. The CCLS have been adopted by forty-five states across the United States.

In the summer of 2011, NYSED developed 12 instructional shifts from the Common Core that educators could adhere to so that curriculum materials

and classroom instruction are aligned with the CCLS. There are six shifts each in ELA and Mathematics.

In the 2012-2013 school year all teachers in grades Prek-8 implemented CCLS aligned instruction. NYS provided materials, modules for all grade levels. Although every grade level does not have all of their modules, each grade level has 2 or more modules for ELA and Mathematics.

During the 2013-2014 school year educators have access to a full menu of open-source ELA and Mathematics curriculum modules across grades P-12, all of which should be accompanied by curriculum based professional developments. All CCLS curriculum at grade levels 3-8 for Math and ELA will be assessed by NYS at the end of each school year.

At Stockbridge Valley our staff has been using the NYS modules since November 2012. Grades K-8 have adopted and adapted modules in all grade levels.

Our staff provided an informative session on K-2 Common Core curriculum during our open house. Further sessions will be planned to provide information for parents on this challenging curriculum.

At the October 8th board meeting, Madison Oneida BOCES staff developers provided us with an informative presentation on what Common Core looks like in our classrooms.

(All information on the CCLS has been obtained from the [engageny](http://www.engageny.org/) website.)

<http://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-p-12-common-core-learning-standards/>.

Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation



Golfers gathered for the shotgun start of the 8th Annual Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation Golf Tournament at Barker Brook Golf Club. The Tournament was won by the Class of 2012 Team, with Brandon Pupp, Ryan Thorna and Nick Miaszek. Ladies Longest Drive was won by Ann Oot!

It was the most successful Tournament ever held by the Foundation, the weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time. Good course, good golf, good food, good time, good friends and a very good cause.



"Building" Educational Organizers

A very special thanks goes out to Mr. Terry Ford. Mr. Ford is a great carpenter and also the fa-



ther of our very own Ms. Ford! He has built two shelves that are now forever housed in Stockbridge Valley CSD. He uses 1800's barn wood from local barns he deconstructs and then recycles the wood to make different pieces. Anyone who has stopped in to take a look has fallen in love with his work. If you have any interests in having something constructed for your home, office or your classroom, please feel free to call him at (315) 825-5331. Mr. Ford, thanks again for your help and craftsmanship!

Mrs. Smith & Ms. Ford

New Earth Science Teacher

Mr. Bryan Freeman became part of the SVCS faculty in late October. He is joining the science department, with his primary focus on Earth Science. Mr. Maute resigned this position in September to accept a teaching position in Liverpool. We wish Mr. Maute well and welcome aboard Mr. Freeman!





From the Music Department...

The Stockbridge Valley Music Department has many upcoming events that we hope you can attend. Our winter concerts are always fun and help put everyone in the holiday spirit. The high school Winter Concert is on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The Elementary Winter Concert is on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

This year's Area All-State performance is on November 22, 2013 at Oneonta College. We have three members of our music department participating in Area All State this year. They are Sabrina Becker, Brittany Papa and Sarah Papa. Congratulations to them on this great musical achievement!

In classroom music news, Mrs. Belanger's Guitar Ensemble is building guitars, thanks to a grant from the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation. Several members of the high school band are taking a field trip to see a Syracuse University football game on November



23. We are especially excited to see the marching band half time show!

The Drama Club will be presenting "*The Little Mermaid Jr.*" on November 8 and 9, 2013. This is the magical story of a mermaid who longs to be human. Along the way, there is lots of singing, dancing and even a crustacean band! Tickets will be on sale soon in Mrs. Mennig's office. We hope you can join us for a musical event this fall!

Written by the Music Department, Chorus Council and Band Officers

Kindergarten Fun

Kindergarten is off to a fantastic start! We have all learned the rules in the classroom, hallway, and playground. It has been exciting for the Kindergarten students to go to Music, P.E., Computers, Art, Library, and to eat in the cafeteria! We have learned a lot about the writing strokes, blending sounds, and numbers to 10. We also started the school year learning about nursery rhymes & fables, and the five senses! We recently



had a visit from the Munnsville Fire Dept. and were able to see the fire trucks.

Mrs. Peter & Miss Taylor, Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Laraby's Third Grade

One month down, nine to go! As September came and went so fast, we learned about each other and got adjusted to Third Grade! Our class has been working hard tackling the new Common Core material. We have been learning our multiplication and division facts and slowly mastering them one day at a time. We also have transformed into "reading detectives" to investigate books more in depth using our knowledge and key evidence from the books we have been reading in class. Slowly but surely, the students are progressing in their own ways. I am proud of each and every one of them for their continuous hard work as they reach for their academic goals. We will continue to grow as a team and learn from one another to become the best we each can be. After all, Third Grade is full of STARS!!



From our class to yours, Happy Fall!

Erica Laraby • Third Grade Teacher

Photography Contest Winners



TROY POSLOSKI

Two Stockbridge Valley Digital Photography students received awards in the 1st Annual Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library Photography Contest held at the Sherrill Library. Senior Troy Posloski won a first place award for his

photos taken on a school field trip to the Syracuse Zoo. Recent graduate Julie Cox received a second place award. The photographs were chosen for display during September and were voted on by visitors to the library. An award ceremony was held on October 4th for the winners. Congratulations to both for outstanding work in photography!

Miss Sarah Bennati, 7-12 Art Teacher



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What's New at the Library

In addition to meeting Mrs. Ingalls, their new Library Media Specialist, students coming back to school this year may have noticed some changes in the Library. Thanks to the help of some student and community volunteers, as well as the hard working summer staff, we were able to inventory the entire collection; shift the books and shelves around for easier access; and install an additional SmartBoard on the Elementary side for interactive lessons.

All classes are off to a great start listening to some fun stories, learning to navigate the Library, and checking out books. The Pre-K and Kindergarten are learning proper book care and listening to books by Eric Carle. The 3rd Graders are learning about the Dewey Decimal System and 5th & 6th Grade are learning to use our library catalog OPALS and other library databases for research.



At left: New look to the Elementary side of the Library with a new story time rug and SMARTBoard®.

At right: Some students of the 7th Grade LMS Class using NoodleTools and working on their research projects.



The 7th and 8th Graders are working on a research project re: a topic of their choice. Students have learned how to narrow a topic; find sources using OPALS, Library databases and search engines; and cite those sources using NoodleTools. Our next steps are to take notes and save them on NoodleTools, create an outline, and begin writing our papers!

We also started a Library Club for students in Grades 7 – 12 who are interested in helping make the Library the “hub of the school!” Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month. For more information on what’s going on at the Library, including forms and links for our 7th and 8th Grade classes, please visit the SVCS Library website.

Mrs. Amanda Ingalls, Library Media Specialist

Yearbook News

The 2014 Yearbook is on sale now. Hardcover yearbooks are \$55 and elementary yearbooks are \$12. Please reserve your copy before January 17 when the price will be \$60 for a hardcover yearbook and \$15 for an elementary yearbook.

While supplies last, a 2013 yearbook may be purchased for \$25 with any purchase of a 2014 yearbook for \$55. Please contact Mrs. Thomas for details.

NJHS Sponsors Blood Drive

The National Junior Honor Society will be hosting its annual fall blood drive on Friday, November 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community members are welcome to attend. You may call the Red Cross to set an appointment, or call Mrs. Rasmussen at 495-1912 between 9:00-9:30 or 2:00-3:30.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library Offers FREE BOOKS for Children

Thanks to some generous donations, the Literacy Coalition of Madison County NY (LCMC NY) has partnered with Stockbridge Valley CSD to offer free books for resident children ages 0 – 4 with the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.* Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed directly home to your child, all you have to do is read to them! For more information and to sign-up, please see the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Registration Form in the SVCS District Newsletter. Registration forms can be brought to the school or mailed to:

Stockbridge Valley CSD

Attn: Mrs. Amanda Ingalls, Library Media Specialist
6011 Williams Road • Munsville, NY 13409.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Amanda Ingalls at (315) 495-4400 or aingalls@stockbridgevalley.org

See page 5 for registration form!

**Funding is limited, so sign-up fast to secure your child's enrollment.*

PTSO

The Stockbridge Valley PTSO will be having the first meeting of the school year on Thursday, October 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the SVCS Library. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining the PTSO. We are in need of someone to be chairperson of the PTSO Elf Shop in December. If you have any questions please email Karen Byron jakekarenbyron@yahoo.com or Alison Peto apeto@stockbridgevalley.org.



What is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is...FREE!

It sounds almost too simple to be true, but by reading regularly with your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library will help you read with your child. There are many reasons parents do not read to their child, but we can eliminate one of them. Every child will have books of their very own, at no cost to you, thanks to the Literacy Coalition of Madison County NY which has secured funding from the Gorman Foundation, Central New York Community Foundation, the Colgate University Konosioni Honor Society, the Dorothy C. Lichtenberg Memorial Fund and Dolly Parton.

Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. He/she can look forward to new and exciting reading adventures from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library until he/she turns 5 years old as long as you remain a resident of Stockbridge Valley Central School District. Should the child move outside SVCS, he/she automatically exits the program.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a FREE GIFT to our children! *All you have to do is read to your children.*

Who Is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fourth birthday) of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Stockbridge Valley Central School District.

2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (form must be approved and on file with Stockbridge Valley Central School Library).

3. Notify Stockbridge Valley Central School Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at library at the address on this brochure in order to continue receiving books.

4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns 5 or you move out of Stockbridge Valley Central School District.

How Can I Help?

Do you know a preschool child in the Stockbridge Valley Central School District who is not receiving Dolly Parton's Imagination Library? Give their parents a registration form and encourage them to fill it out and mail it to the address below. Telling them about this FREE program can make a huge difference in their future and the future of our community.

If you know of a business, organization or individual who would like to donate funds to support this gift to your children, donations can be sent to:

"Imagination Library Fund of the Literacy Coalition of Madison County NY"

220 Broad St.

Oneida, NY 13421; (315) 363-3050

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Official Registration Form

Privacy Statement: This information will not be used for ANY other purpose than the Imagination Library

1st preschool Child's FULL name _____

Child's Date of Birth ____/____/____ Sex M F Phone _____

2nd Preschool Child's FULL name _____

Child's Date of Birth ____/____/____ Sex M F Phone _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Child's Home Address _____

Address

City

Street

Zip Code

Parent/Guardian's Email Address _____

"This child (These Children) is (are) resident(s) of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District."

Signature _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received ____/____/____ Group Code _____

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



Stockbridge Valley Drama Club
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Disney
**THE LITTLE
MERMAID**

Friday November 8, 2013

& Saturday November 9, 2013

Curtain 7:00 p.m.

Charles E. Stratton Memorial Auditorium

Tickets:

Adults: \$7.⁰⁰ • Students/Children under 10: \$5.⁰⁰

Family Plan: Two Adults w/Three or More Children - \$25.⁰⁰

Contact Pam Mennig in the District Office 495-4400

Music by Alan Menken • Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater • Book by Doug Wright • Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film
Music Adapted and Arranged by David Weinstein



Ruritan Pancake Breakfast



*Sunday, November 3
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 \$6.00

Students \$ 4.00

Children Under 5 free

*Family Meal Deal: Two Adults and all students
in the family \$ 20.00*

Proceeds to benefit scholarships for students at SVCS

*Ruritan's are dedicated to creating a better
community!*



SPECIAL EVENTS SPECIAL EVENTS SPECIAL EVENTS

42nd Annual Christmas Bazaar

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

6011 WILLIAMS RD. MUNNSVILLE, NY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2013

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



OVER 50 BOOTHS! • ONE STOP CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

**CRAFTS
FOOD
RAFFLES
PRIZES**





2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2013-2014 STUDENT PROGRAM CALENDAR

Classes start on September 5th
Classes end on June 26th

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

18 Student Days

SEPTEMBER 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Labor Day	3 Supt. Conf. Day	4 Supt. Conf. Day	5 Classes Begin	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				



OCTOBER 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25 Supt. Conf. Day
28	29	30	31	

21 Student Days

NOVEMBER 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27 Thanksgiving Recess	28	29

17 Student Days

15 Student Days

DECEMBER 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23 Winter Recess	24	25	26	27
30 Winter Recess	31			

JANUARY 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Winter Recess	2	3
6 Classes resume	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 Dr. King Day	21	22	23	24
27 Regents Exams	28	29	30	31

Recess/Vacation Days

September 2 Labor Day
October 14 Columbus Day
November 11 Veterans Day
November 27 - 29 Thanksgiving Recess
December 23 - 31 Winter Recess
January 1-3 Winter Recess
January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17 Presidents Day
February 17 - 21 Mid-Winter Recess
April 18 Good Friday
April 14 - 21 Spring Break
May 26 Memorial Day

Supt. Conference Days
September 3 & 4 • October 25 • March 21

Regents Days
January 27 - 30 • June 17 - 25 • Regents Rating Day, June 26

FEBRUARY 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17 Mid-Winter Recess	18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28	

15 Student Days

MARCH 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21 Supt. Conf. Day
24	25	26	27	28
31				

20 Student Days

APRIL 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14 Spring Recess	15	16	17	18 Good Friday
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

16 Student Days

MAY 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30

21 Student Days

JUNE 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Regents Exams	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17 Regents Exams	18	19	20
23 Regents Exams	24	25	26 Regents Rating Day	27
30				

19 Student Days

Student Attendance Days • 181

September 18 days
October 21 days
November 17 days
December 15 days
January 19 days
February 15 days
March 20 days
April 16 days
May 21 days
June 19 days



THE VIEW FROM SVCS



Soccer photos by Jeanne McLean





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Upgraded Library/Media Center

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board of Education

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Administration

Dr. Patrick Curtin, *Interim Superintendent*
Mrs. Mary Anne Iritz, *K-12 Principal*
Mr. William Petrilli, *Assistant Principal*
Mrs. Beth Lamb, *Business Administrator*

Contacts

<i>Interim Superintendent</i> Dr. Patrick J. Curtin 495-4400	<i>K-12 Principal</i> Mrs. Mary Anne Iritz 495-4550	<i>Athletic Director</i> Mr. Mark Kiser 495-4590	<i>CSE Office</i> Mrs. Terry McInerney 495-1905
<i>District Office</i> Mrs. Pam Mennig 495-4400	<i>Assistant Principal</i> Mr. William Petrilli 495-1906	<i>Head Custodian</i> Mr. J.T. Mann 495-4495	<i>Head Bus Driver</i> Ms. Pam Mitchell 495-4599
<i>Business Administrator</i> Mrs. Beth Lamb 495-4446	<i>Guidance Office</i> Mrs. Courtney Cameron 495-1908	<i>Cafeteria Manager</i> Ms. Kathy Carney 495-1909	<i>School Nurse</i> Mrs. Nancy Greene 495-4500

Stay fit during the Fall & Winter - your school is open for Walkers!!

The school is open for people interested in walking indoors. Beginning November 1st, the building will be 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.

**THE JUNIOR PROM WILL BE SATURDAY,
MAY 3, 2014 AT DIBBLES INN.**

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