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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT...

At S.V.C.S. We Are Always Learning

The second semester provides us with a mini New Year opportunity. We continually improve with strong motivation and due-diligence. An atmosphere created by effective leaders promotes learning and achievement at all levels. Based on research, these indicators or thresholds, if placed into practice, do produce results.

- Plan lessons based on data driven information. Adopt a road map for rigor and adapt to meet all students' needs.
- Observe, evaluate and provide meaningful feedback to students.
- Plan, plan, plan! Guarantee strong lessons.
- Grow professionally. Instruction and

learning are complex variables. Always stay on the cutting edge.

- Create a strong culture among students. It is always ok to be interested in your academic pursuits.
- Support all teachers and support staff. Encourage students to be motivated for life.
- Leadership comes from all the adults. School personnel can be more successful if there is plenty of family support.

Ref. P.B. Santoya

Collectively we will change destinies and lives as we give all of our students the education they need and deserve.

Dr. Patrick J. Curtin, Interim Superintendent

Social Media

A wonderful array of communication tools for the young and old. Cell phones for voice and pictures, Facebook – Twitter – Blogs and U-tube can and should be used in a positive manner outside of school.

CAUTION – *We find that young students, late elementary through grade 12, are not making sensible choices re. their use of these media opportunities. What is said to and or about someone does have consequences. Please know about Social Media and teach these young people the importance of their proper use. Way too much time is spent dealing with the aftermath of many troublesome messages.*

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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Community Advisory Committee

The Stockbridge and Madison School Districts applied for and received funding to conduct a two district feasibility study. To facilitate this study, the S.E.S. Study Team Consultants were appointed. This study was designed to gather information and provide facts and recommendations to the Boards of Education regarding the potential reorganization of one or both districts.

The consultants worked closely with a Board appointed "Community Advisory Committee." These community members, from Stockbridge and Madison, met seven times at rotating locations from March through December.

At their most recent and final meeting, with the Community Advisory Committee, on December 12th, the consultants shared three "What If" scenarios. These documents provide a detailed "What If" draft road map and framework to implement the overall student program in existing facilities, in a financially prudent and responsible manner.

1. A "What If" Program/Staffing Picture of a Reorganization of the Two School Districts into one. (Based on the Program Vision Discussion

of Opportunities for All Pupils by the Joint Community Advisory Committees.)

2. A "What If" Picture of a Pupil Transportation Plan for a Reorganized School District based on the Prime Building Use and Grade Configuration Options Identified by the Joint Community Advisory Committee. (Including school day times, transportation times and bus runs.)
3. A "What If" Financial Picture of a Reorganization of the Two School Districts into One (Based on the Program Visions Ideas of the Joint Advisory Committees for Opportunities for All Pupils.)

Essentially, the work for the Joint Community Advisory Committee is finished. We appreciate very much, their time, collaboration, insights and data analysis. All of their voluntary efforts were related to the possibility of a reorganized Stockbridge Valley C.S. and Madison C.S. into one School District.

Next Step for the Study Team: Based on what we have learned with the Joint Community Advisory Committee since

March, the Study Team will draft a study report. The study is sent to the State Education Department for their review and approval.

As directed by SED, such a draft study is not a public document. After review and approval by the State Education Department of the study, the Study Team will arrange for public copies of the study and then host a community meeting in each of the two districts to present the findings of the study.

After the community meeting presentations of the findings by the Study Team, the Boards of Education enter a phase over a few weeks for community meetings hosted by each Board to discuss the findings and to listen to community perceptions. After this public period, the Boards deliberate to decide if reorganization of the two school districts should be presented to each respective community for an advisory referendum ("straw vote") that is a tool to judge interest by the communities to proceed to a binding referendum.

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

Petitions for the Board of Education will be available March 15th – April 22nd, 2013 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the District Office. Two Board of Education seats currently held by Thomas Jones, III and Michael Oot will expire on June 30th, 2013. The public vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, 2013. Terms begin on July 1st, 2013. Contact Pam Mennig, District Clerk (495-4400) for more information.

Global Connect

Stockbridge Valley Central School District has a telephone communication system, Global Connect. The district uses the system to notify parents and students of events, school closings, and of student absences in a timely manner.

Some parents have notified us that the message they received has been incomplete. This is occurring on cell phones which have a recorded music message. Global Connect will begin delivery of its message when the music begins. This may cause the message to be distorted.

If you have any concerns with Global Connect please call Principal Mary Anne Iritz at 495-4550.

Delays and Closings

In the event that school is delayed, closed or after school activities are cancelled, announcements will be aired on the following TV/radio stations: WKTV-Channel 2, YNN, WSTM-TV Channel 3, WIXT-TV Channel 9, WIBX-AM 950, WODZ-FM 96.1, Lite 98.7-FM98.7, WFRG-FM 104.3, WNTQ/WNDR, WMCR, WOUR, WUMX, WTLB, WKLL.



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Free and Reduced Lunch

Reminder: Free and Reduced Lunch forms are available online at stockbridgevalley.org, click the "District" tab and "Food Service" or call 495-4400. You may apply anytime during the year if the need arises.

School is Open for Walkers

The school is open for people interested in walking indoors. The building is open from 5-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday evenings. Entrance is through the Elementary Tunnel. Please bring walking sneakers with you to prevent slips due to wet floors.

Stockbridge Valley Alum Donates Special Gifts

S.V.C.S. 1992 alumnus, Chris Mennig, recently visited Stockbridge Valley bearing gifts. He delivered 150 Nike t-shirts promoting Stockbridge Valley basketball. The t-shirts were distributed to all basketball players prior to the 2012-13 season and proudly worn during warm-ups.

Currently, Chris is the Evaluator/Events Coordinator for Blue Star Basketball and U.S. Junior Nationals in Champaign, IL. Blue Star Basketball is a national scouting service that ranks and evaluates girl's basketball players across the nation for colleges and media. He has also served as the assistant coach



Chris Mennig, Class of '92 and Shane Johnson sporting Cougar t-shirt.

for women's basketball at Arizona State University, University of Illinois, Illinois State University, Brown University and St. Bonaventure University.

The S.V.C.S. students, coaches and administration would like to extend a special thank you to Chris Mennig for his generosity and support of the Stockbridge Valley Basketball Program.

From the Guidance Office

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 9, 10 & 11:

It is that time of year again! Course selection is right around the corner. Each year, Mrs. Cameron sits down with every student in grades 9-11 to begin planning for the upcoming years and start talking about what pathway students would like to pursue. Starting March 4th, every Junior and Sophomore will have an individual meeting with Mrs. Cameron for their "Junior Interview" and/or "Sophomore Session". This is an opportunity for each student to sit down and discuss a variety of things, such as: course selection for their senior year, college planning, SAT/ACT testing. Each student will have a College Board account created (if they do not already have one) to use in assisting them with college searches, planning and researching a major. Junior interviews typically take about 30-40 minutes and Sophomore Sessions are about 30 minutes. Scheduling meetings with Freshman will begin April 1st. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings! If you would like to schedule a time to come in for your child's meeting, please contact Mrs. Cameron at least a week before the "starting" dates (3/4 and 4/1) to set up a time.

Mrs. Cameron, 495-1908 • ccameron@stockbridgevalley.org

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the school year 2013-2014 will be held at Stockbridge Valley Central School on Monday, March 4, 2013 through Friday, March 8, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the elementary office. Any child who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2013 is eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten. Even if a child attends the Pre K program, they still need to be registered for kindergarten.

Registration is necessary before a student can begin school. It is not necessary for the child to be present at the time of registration. However, the District requires that a parent bring the child's birth certificate, official immunization record of his or her shots and proof of residency (mortgage/lease or utility bill). Any pertinent legal papers should also be provided at this time. According to New York State Law, all

children must have a certificate showing complete polio, diphtheria, regular measles, German measles, mumps, varicella and hepatitis B immunizations before entering school.

If the established dates are not convenient, parents may contact Ms. Tami Singer in the elementary office at 495-4550 to make other arrangements.



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7th & 8th Grade Citizenship Program

We are implementing a new positive proactive behavior management plan with the 7th & 8th graders called the Citizenship Award. It is based on behavior and points. In the months of March and June, students who have not accumulated more than the determined amount of points, will be able to attend Middle School specific field trips. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Tonia Davis, Administrative Intern at 495-4550.

Sport Physicals

In February, parents of students in grades 6-11 will be receiving sports physical questionnaires. If 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 22nd, 2013. No student will have a physical without a completed and signed questionnaire. The physicals will be done in April and May 2013. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Greene at 495-4500.

Save The Dates!

Please jot down the dates below and make every effort to make them a priority for your 7th and 8th grader. It is very important that we study and practice for our State Exams this year. Similarly to last year, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McLean will be offering review nights in order to prepare and maximize your child's success on our state exams. Last year these sessions proved very effective for the participants and we hope to help your child reach their maximum potential. Following last year's schedule, each night will center on a specific topic and we will review them using many learner-focused strategies. The 7th grade times will be from 4:30-6 p.m.; the 8th grade times are 6:30 -8 p.m. Please look for additional information to follow!

Tuesday	March 26 th
Monday	April 1 st
Wednesday	April 3 rd
Tuesday	April 16 th
Thursday	April 18 th
Tuesday	April 23 rd

Hope to see your child there!

Mrs. Smith & Mrs. McLean

Math AIS ROCKS!

We are moving and shaking in Math AIS – literally. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Smith have been trying to motivate and tap into multi-learning styles this quarter. It is very important for

the students to be engaged learners. Allowing them the opportunity to learn math while incorporating their other senses is very important, as it activates the gross motor skills and



other intellectual skills making for a well-rounded student. For a home – school connection, please have your child visit the link: <http://mathsnacks.com/> or <http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html> - even if only for 15 minutes a day. A great suggestion for 3rd and 4th grade is: http://www.mathplayground.com/balloon_invaders.html. This site focuses completely on multiplication and division in a fun interactive game. Enjoy!

Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Smith

Library/Media Center

I was lucky to be the facilitator at the recent Leatherstocking Conference for founder and owner of TeachingBooks.net, Nick Glass. The Leatherstocking Conference is a regional conference of librarians from Herkimer, Oneida, Madison and Jefferson Lewis counties. It was a delight to facilitate the digital presentation Mr. Glass made. Using Adobe Conference, Nick presented and I typed in questions other librarians had about the data base. Not unusual, most of the questions had to do with how to present materials specifically linked to the exemplars in the New York State Common Core. There are lesson plans and multimedia materials available for each text listed in the Exemplar list. Additionally I found materials specific to individual classroom teachers and the books they are reading. Our interim Spanish teacher, Tory Ferlo, also received a treasure trove of materials to use. All in all, the 14 participants and I left wide-eyed finding so many resources available. The first task when I returned to S.V.C.S. was to email the materials to the appropriate teachers. You can also access them at home with your children! Go to <http://www.moboces.org/databases>. Click on Teaching Books.net. Your password is info4u.

Mrs. Aronowsky, Media Specialist



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Classes Work Together to Create Masterpieces



Miss Bennati's Mixed Media class and Mrs. Waldron's Woodworking class collaborated on a project making paper mache mounted animal heads. The students learned about 3-dimensional design sculpting the heads out of newspaper and paper mache.

Templates for wooden mounting plaques were designed and given to the Woodworking Class who applied skills of cutting, routing, sanding and staining to complete the finished plaques. The animals are on display in the Business Office.

Art Club



The Art Club has been working on various activities this year including face painting at the Oneida Legion, making tombstones for the FFA Haunted House, painting a new nature trail sign, and making Christmas ornaments to give to local families. We have also held bracelet making workshops and will be conducting more workshops in the spring featuring new projects. Our activities for spring include illustrating a new cougar design, creating a second nature trail sign, and designing a new school mural.

Miss Bennati

Senior Class

The Snow Ball, sponsored by the Senior Class of 2013, was a success! A great time was had by all... everyone looked beautiful! If you had your picture taken you can visit <http://photosbyjean.instaproofs.com>, click on Snow Ball and view photos. You may order additional prints or enlargements.

The Senior Class has been busy fundraising for their trip to New York City in



April. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts. Another way to support the Seniors is to drop off your cans and bottles at the Oneida Bottles & Cans Return Business across from the Glenwood Plaza and just mention Senior Class of 2013.

Mrs. Basford-Koe & Mrs. Oot

Honor Societies Help Community

National Honor Society

For a Christmastime service project, the National Honor Society students in grades 11 and 12 spent the day at Hope House in Utica. They prepared meals, served meals, cleaned the storage pantries and wrapped presents. Established in 1992, Hope House has served nearly 100,000 meals to hungry and homeless people of the inner city Utica area. In addition, Hope House provides countless hours of safe ha-



ven from the streets where people find a stable and caring environment. The students worked at Hope House on December 10th and are looking forward to helping out again next Christmas.

Mrs. Murphy





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National Junior Honor Society

On Tuesday, December 18th, 2012 the 9th grade student members of the National Junior Honor Society, along with NJHS advisor Mrs. Rasmussen and Guidance Counselor, Miss Camenga, visited the Syracuse Rescue Mission on Gifford Street in Syracuse to help serve the lunch meal to 197 people ministered to by the Rescue Mission. The nine member team all worked in the kitchen to prepare the meal, set it up, and serve directly to the patrons, and clean up after. With smiles and Christmas cheer we served 197 meals in one hour. Some of the students prepared sack lunches with donations provided, others put together the bags that would



provide silverware, napkins, and salt and pepper with the Christmas meals that would be delivered on Christmas day.

It was a great experience to be of service within our extended community, and to realize how truly blessed we each are in our homes and community of Stockbridge Valley.



This spring the NJHS will be selling Sneaker cut outs from February 15 through March 15 to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Juvenile Diabetes is a chronic disease in which the pancreas can no longer produce its own insulin. Samantha Jackson is a former NJHS member and a current High School Honor Society member who was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes. She is the 2013 Utica area Teen Ambassador for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. All money raised from the Sneaker sale and Shamrock Dance will go to support Juvenile Diabetes Research.

The S.V.C.S. National Junior Honor Society is a service organization that looks for opportunities to serve our community through worthy causes. A HUGE thank you from us to all those who help support our efforts for this worthy cause.

Mrs. Raz

Class of 2014

The Class of 2014 has been planning for their Junior Prom. The class officers are: President, Morgan Rood, Vice President, Dana Smith, Treasurer, Kylie Phillips and Secretary, Nicole Jacobs. The students have decided to have the prom on Saturday, May 25 at The Palace in Hamilton, NY. The third annual crowning will take place at the Charles E. Stratton auditorium prior to the event to recognize all of the students and to crown the Court for the Class of 2014.

The Junior Class hosted a lunch at the bazaar. Students made delicious wraps and parents donated wonderful casseroles that we sold to make for a successful and fun fundraiser. A 2007 S.V.C.S. alumnus, Kris Roberts (owner of "Just Stick It!") and the Junior Class has teamed up to sell maroon cougar t-shirts. The class had the idea to get other classes to sponsor the t-shirt to help offset the cost. Thank you to the FFA, Stockbridge Valley Teachers' Association and the Math Club for your support!

Mrs. Thomas

What's the buzz on the bee?

A huge congratulations goes out to Darian Eaton and Elizabeth Collins, this year's first and second place winners of our Annual Spelling Bee. I'd like to thank all of our participants this year. I feel it is important to stress that it is so very valuable to challenge yourself. Getting up on stage can be scary and challenging, but our participants overcame their nervousness and participated with pride! I commend all of our competitors! The next round will take place in Syracuse. Your teachers and friends at S.V.C.S. wish you good luck!

Mrs. Smith



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Yearbook

The Desktop Publishing Class is hard at work with the design and production of this year's yearbook. Our co-editors are Clarissa Egelston and Julian Cox. Our treasurer and chief photographer is Jacey Pokorny and our secretary is Meriah Beauvais. The cost of the yearbook is \$55. You can reserve your copy with a down payment of \$25. The elementary yearbook is on sale for \$12.



You can also purchase the yearbook by clicking the Yearbook link on the home page of our website.

After a fire that completely damaged Mrs. McLean's son's family home, the Yearbook class decided that they wanted to help. We conducted a school wide competition to see what grade could raise the most money in coins. After collecting coins for almost 3 weeks, the class was able to present Mrs. McLean a check for her son and daughter-in-law and their 2 young girls for \$1033. The check was presented at the Elementary Character Education program on December 19th. The Third grade won the contest by raising over \$300!

Mrs. Thomas

Marching Band

The S.V.C.S. Marching Cougar Regiment is in full swing and is gearing up for the 2013 season. They will be performing The "Batman" theme at this year's spring and summer parades. The music is written by Danny Elfman who is known for his music for movies such as *Beetlejuice* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. The Drumline welcomed Mr. Christopher Jaquin as their new director this year. We are so excited to have him on our staff. The Marching Band will be selling delicious pies again this spring. Last year's pie sale helped to purchase new uniforms for the color guard and other band equipment. This year we would like to purchase new flags and other accessories for our growing band.

Be on the look out for details about where you can check us out this season!

Mrs. Meyer

Music, Music, Music!

The music students will be hosting the 3rd Annual Music Department Pancake Breakfast and Drawing. Participants will have an opportunity to win experiences such as a hot

air balloon ride, private music lessons, cooking classes, art classes, and more. Come and enjoy a yummy breakfast and visit the FFA maple sugar house too!

March is the month we celebrate Music In Our Schools. This year the music students will put on a concert showcasing songs from movies and musicals. In May, our annual spring concerts will take place. We hope to see you there!



Every year, the Music Department offers students enrolled in band and chorus extra opportunities to perform. This year we have had many students take advantage of these experiences. You'll see their names listed below.

Congratulations to the following students:

6th Grade All County Chorus: Elijah Bandera, Barbara Guinto, Abby Meyers, Kevin Miller

Area All State: Peter Oot, Carolynn Werthman, Matt Papa

7/8 All County Band: Elizabeth Collins

9/12 All County Band: Sarah Papa

What's Happenin' in Room 202?

Seventh graders are doing great! We continue to build fluency and reading skills by reading our book *Maximum Ride* by James Patterson. The kids love the story! If you enjoy a good sci-fi adventure book you may want to give it a try. We continue to build a little extra time in the day to complete assignments while trying to enhance reading comprehension and math skills. It is critical that you have your 7th grader read outside of school at least 15 minutes a day **MINIMUM**.



Eighth graders are also putting their best foot forward. They have finished reading "Maxmium Ride" and it was so enjoyable, they have voted to read the second book in the series of seven. We continue to use technology to enhance our lessons and help keep interests piqued. Your 8th grader should be reading outside of school too— as motivation, you may even want to consider subscribing to a magazine of their choice. Recently the 7th and 8th graders have had a new behavior incentive plan put in place and it has been going very well for room 202! Keep up the great work 7th and 8th graders!

Mrs. Smith



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Teen Institute

Teen Institute is for students in grades 9 through 12. Any student that is interested in making positive changes in the school and/or community is able to join. In addition to our "Lock In", we do various activities throughout the year. So far this year we have supported the DASA initiative by helping during the elementary assemblies, organized an assembly for grades 9 through 12 to show the film "Texting & Driving: It Can Wait" with Al Riley as our guest speaker and attended a leadership conference. Currently, we are strategizing for our Lock In, which will be March 1st and focus on motivation and school spirit. If you would like further information about our club, please contact the TI Advisor, Tonia Davis.

Bereavement Weekend

Any teenager that has lost a friend, loved one or special relationship is invited to Bereavement Weekend at Camp Look Out from July 12th to 14th. There is no cost for the weekend.

The weekend has been created just for teens because of how difficult it can be to deal with a loss of a loved one. The weekend is designed to help the teens understand what is necessary to heal, to deal with their emotional response to their loss and to be able to continue to cherish the memory of their loved one without feelings of great sadness. During this weekend, the teens will also be able to swim, boat, hike and "hang" with other teens who are trying to deal with the similar issues.

Please call/email Tonia Davis at 761-8599 tdavis@stockbridgevalley.org for more information.

Class of 2016 News

The 9th graders are very busy preparing for the next fund raising event.

They will be hosting a soup and chili dinner on March 8th, 2013 prior to the Annual S.V.E.F. Talent Show.

For \$3.⁵⁰ you can enjoy a delicious bowl of chili or a bowl of hearty corn chowder, a slice of corn bread and a drink. We will also be offering a family meal price of \$15.⁰⁰ for 2 adults and 3 children. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 6:45 p.m..

Come join us for an evening full of good food and entertainment.

Mathletics News

After 5 meets, the S.V.C.S. Mathletics team is currently in 2nd place for the season. The final meet will be held on Saturday February 9th, 2013 in Hamilton.

Good luck to Mathletes Peter Oot, Carolyn Werthman, Alyson Wilson, Ally Netzbard, Sasha DeMenzes, Sarah Papa, Brittany Papa, John Slator, Haley DeMenzes, Serene Boronow and Devin Bartlett.

Mrs. McLean

Holiday Baskets

The 2012 Community Holiday Basket project was once again successful. Students in agriculture and FACS (Family and Consumer Science) classes worked on making handmade woven and wooden baskets and vinyl record bowls. The FFA generously donated the fresh fruit for the baskets and the FACS classes made the cookies to fill the bowls. On December 20th students in Ms. McCaffrey, Mr. DeBraccio, and Mrs. Waldron's classes spent the day delivering the baskets around the Stockbridge Valley community. A special thanks to Fred



Marshall who volunteered his time to take students to visit members of our community in the Extended Care Facility in Oneida. This great project has allowed our students to learn about community service and to extend the holiday spirit of giving. We look forward to continuing the tradition.

Ms. McCaffrey, Mr. DeBraccio and Mrs. Waldron



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FFA

On Saturday, December 8, the Stockbridge Valley Sr. High FFA held its 3rd Annual District 5 Jr. High FFA Leadership Workshop and Games. Sixty Jr. High Members from Stockbridge, VVS, Hamilton, and Madison participated. Members from each of the schools performed the FFA opening ceremonies to kick off the event. This included Jonathan Perry as Sentinel from VVS, Kallie Jaquay as Treasurer and Kelly Basset as Student Advisor from Hamilton, Zackary Sherman as President, Stephen Tanner as Secretary, Timmy Strain as Reporter from Madison, and Jacob Ax as Vice President from Stockbridge Valley.

Workshops were hosted by three of the NYS FFA officers, Amanda Rhodes, NYS FFA President, Paige Lavandowski,



NYS FFA Vice President and Ryan Willits, NYS FFA Treasurer. They focused their workshops around agriculture and the careers available in the agricultural field. Amanda



Rhodes said, "The Jr. High members were all wonderful to work with and very excited to learn about the opportunities that they have in the agriculture industry."

After the workshops, the members participated in fun team building activities in which they worked with members from different schools to build communication and teamwork skills. After the team building activities the members played a fun recreational game of kickball, with even the state officers joining in. We ended the event with a pizza dinner and cookies. The members said their goodbyes to their new friends before returning to their schools. This event gave the younger members of our district a more age-centered workshop, fit closer to their interests. The Jr. High Members had a chance to meet other young FFA members in their area and build lasting friendships. The Stockbridge Valley Sr. High FFA would like to thank everyone who helped put on this event, especially our state officers for doing workshops. We will look forward to next year when we will hold this event again.

Submitted by

Sasha DeMenezes, Sr. High FFA Reporter

Happenings in Student Council for 2012-2013

Student Council's primary goal is to plan and organize activities and events that will benefit the students of Stockbridge Valley. We are always looking for new ways to give back to the students and make school a place for them to enjoy. For example, the group buys yearbooks for seniors with the highest regents scores and donates funds to other clubs and classes. Student Council arranges spirit weeks and is in the process of planning a pep rally for winter sports teams advancing to sectionals.

This spring, the group plans on selling concessions at softball and baseball games to build the club's funds. Student



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Council has introduced fundraisers to Stockbridge such as Pennies for Patients. During a three-week period, the group will collect spare change from teachers and students to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Student Council is open to students in grades 9-12. New members are always welcome, and we encourage students who want to have a voice and make a difference in their school to join.

By: *Justiss Osborne*, President

Kindergarten Activities

Kindergarten has had a very busy winter so far! In December the K-2 students went to Syracuse to see the "Adventures of Rudolf" play. The students really enjoyed the show and demonstrated what an awesome audience they could be.



Kindergarten also celebrated the holidays by having their families come in to help make Christmas cookies. We got to bake and eat the cookies, make a tree ornament and have a gift

exchange in the classroom. We were glad so many parents could join us.

Each day we work on "Filling the Bucket" with good behavior and kind words. The students did such a great job "Filling the Bucket" that they earned a pajama day with movie and popcorn.

Finally, with all the snow we've had the kids have a blast sledding down the hill! We hope the weather will warm up a little so we can go back outside!

Mrs. Peto & Miss Taylor

Thank you!!!

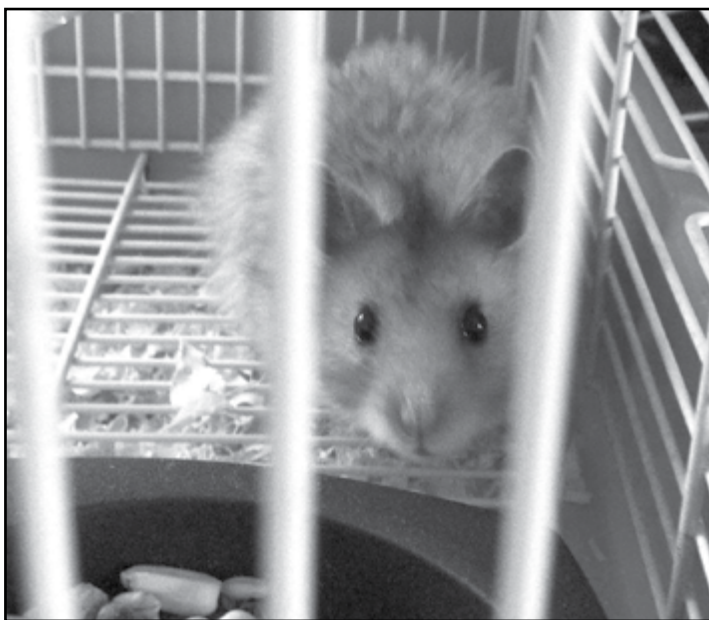
To Mrs. Bennati's 6th period Art Class for helping us make the Christmas present for our parents! Our families loved our "hand-made" calendars!

From *Mrs. Peto's & Miss Taylor's*

Kindergarten Classes

Grade 3 - Mrs. Laraby

Can you believe we are already halfway through the school year? Time sure flies when you are having fun! Speaking of fun... my class has been working hard these last couple of months learning cool new tricks to remember their multiplication and division facts. Stop by our classroom hallway to see who is winning our "Multiplication Football Game". It's the boys verses the girls and they are working together as a team to tackle their facts and get their football players moving down the field. The boys take the lead... for now!!



Another exciting thing has happened in our class... we have added a new member to it. No, not a student... but our class pet!! A hamster named Mutley. He received his name from Alex Smith who won our class contest by bringing in the most canned goods during the can drive. The students really enjoy Mutley and I can tell he loves them by the way he always hides from them in his home (wink wink).

As we start approaching the months leading up to the state test, we will be working extremely hard as a class to get everyone test ready. Wish us all luck!!

From our class to yours, Happy Winter!

Mrs. Laraby

Character Education

The Elementary Character Education Program has been off to a very successful start this year. In October we had our Annual Halloween Parade and got Halloween safety Tips from Trooper Byron and Trooper Taylor.



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At the November Character Ed. Program we had the honor of having over 25 local Veteran's join us for the Veteran's Day breakfast, and to be recognized for their service to our country. Each branch of the military, and its members, were acknowledged with a banner and invited on stage. Mr. Dodge worked with the elementary students to prepare a special song, "*We Will Not Forget*," which they sang to the Veteran's.

In December we were introduced to the character trait - FAIRNESS! Ms. Wentworth's 6th graders taught us about fairness so we can work on demonstrating it throughout the school year.

Thank you to the PTSO for purchasing "Character Counts at S.V.C.S." tee shirts for all the kindergarten students, and students new to the District. It's nice to see all the elementary students wearing maroon on Character Ed. Day!

Deck the Halls Contest

The Elementary students got into the Holiday spirit by decorating a bulletin board outside their classrooms for the annual "Deck the Halls" contest! The bulletin boards had to be completely created by the students. Everyone had fun decorating the halls and walking around to see what the other classes had created. The faculty and staff were given the task of choosing the best displays, which was very difficult since all the boards looked fantastic! The PTSO provided prizes to the top 3 winners...

- 3rd Place- Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Burleson's AIS Classes
- 2nd Place- Mrs. Laraby's 3rd Grade
- 1st Place- Miss Bovalino's 2nd Grade

Congratulations to everyone! You really made S.V.C.S. look great for the Holidays!

PTSO News & Upcoming Events!

Elf Shop

The 2nd Annual PTSO Elf Shop took place in December. The purpose and goal of the Elf Shop is to encourage the S.V.C.S. Elementary students to demonstrate good character traits in an effort to earn tickets. With the tickets they earn, the students are given the opportunity to do their holiday shopping in a safe environment at school, and with the independence and responsibility of choosing affordable gifts for their friends & family. All the students did a great job earning tickets! The PTSO would like to thank the members from the community who volunteered at the Elf Shop to assist the students with their shopping! Your help is greatly appreciated!

Movie Night


On Friday, February 8th, the PTSO is partnering with Reality Check to host an Elementary Dinner And A Movie Night!

Pizza & salad will be served in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. prior to a 6 p.m. showing of the movie "**Brave**". All preschool-6th grade students & their families are welcome! That day will be a designated "Pajama Day" for the preschool-6th grade students and they are encouraged to wear their pajamas to the movie! We look forward to a fun night with food, raffles, games, & a movie! A flyer with all the details will be sent home with the Elementary students. If you are interested in helping out at the Dinner And A Movie Night, please contact Alison Peto at 495-1816.

The PTSO alternates the monthly meeting times between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. in hopes to accommodate anyone who is interested in attending. The next PTSO meeting will be Tuesday, March 19th at 3:30 in the S.V.C.S. Library. We will be planning the Annual PTSO Spring Social. We hope you can make it!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT NIGHTS AT THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH

The Syracuse Crunch would like to recognize any Stockbridge Valley student who has received a grade of "A" in any of their classes with a free ticket to one of their games (see flyer below.) Any interested students, please see Mr. Petrilli for ticket information.



In recognition of a job well done, the Syracuse Crunch would like to provide you with a complimentary ticket to celebrate at one of the games below. Guests attending the game with you will have access to additional discounted tickets. Keep up the great work!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT NIGHTS AT THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH

WAR MEMORIAL ARENA 7:30 P.M.

Ways to order your tickets:

1. Mail completed order form to: Syracuse Crunch- 500 South State St. Sy., 13202
2. Pre-order tickets by calling Todd Cross at (315) 423-4444 ext. 25
3. Bring this flyer to the On-center Box Office to receive a discount

Name: _____ School: Stockbridge Valley
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Game Date: Feb 8 vs Adirondack Feb 9 vs Albany Feb 23 vs Springfield
of tickets: One (1) Comp ticket Additional: \$5.13 +
CC # _____ Exp / / Sec Code: _____
Checks made payable to the Syracuse Crunch



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Thank You

Dear S.V.C.S. Community,



My family and I would like to thank you for all of your generosity, support and compassion afforded to us during this difficult time. Words can never express how grateful we all are.

When tragedy strikes in any of our lives, who are the first responders? It is your dearest and closest family and friends. These are the people who hold you close when you are sad, who weep with you and for you, who offer you a sympathetic ear, and who hold you close in their hearts. This describes all of you. Stockbridge Valley isn't just a town nestled in the valley of Madison County. It is a place filled with kind, caring people who care deeply about the people they refer to as "their own."

If anyone were to look inside my heart, they would find each and every one of you there. Thank you doesn't seem enough. It is all that can be said. Thank you!

My family and I would like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and safe New Year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McLean and family

8th Annual Talent Show

Sponsored by
The Stockbridge Valley
Educational Foundation

Tickets:
Advance Sale \$3
At the Door \$5
Contact 495-4400



COME EARLY (5:30 PM-6:45 PM) AND ENJOY A
DELICIOUS BOWL OF CHILI OR CORN CHOWDER,
CORN BREAD & BEVERAGE FOR \$3.50
(FAMILY RATE - \$15 FOR 2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN)
SPONSORED BY THE SVCS FRESHMAN CLASS.



March 8, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Charles E. Stratton Memorial
Auditorium

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Fall 2013

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

A high quality Early Childhood Education Program for eligible children who will be 4 years of age on or before December 1st, 2013.

Applications are available as follows:

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



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Grade 4

HIGH HONOR

Rebecca Ax
Adrienne Byron
Emma Copperwheat
Camdyn Cross
Tanner Dager
Ethan Enslow
Alex Guinto
Aleric Hoffmeister
Lillian Mazzullo
Thomas Meeker
Austin Nolley
Rachel Wilson

HONOR

Nicole Aldasch
Logan Godaire
Hannah Greene
Erin Marshall
Samantha O'Herien
Wyatt Reed
Matthew Wike



Grade 7

HIGH HONOR

Dylan Anderson
Devin Bartlett
Alaina Beane
Elizabeth Collins
Jared Couture
Megan Lamb
James March
Maryanne Mathews
Catherine Meeker
Sylvia Meyer
Ashleigh Staudt
Megan Trew
Evan Wagner
Joshua Wagner

Grade 5

HIGH HONOR

Alexis Ennis
Madison McHugh
Sierra Tucci
Elizabeth Wagner
Makenzi Wilson
Kathryn Wojsiat

HONOR

Sarah Bender
Brandon Burton
Jayson Clarke
Todd Conklin
Dylan Curtis
Branden Eastman
Kelly Greene
Thomas Lynch
Heather Mackay
Jonathan Marland
Chad Masker
Dani Lynn Mills
Daniel Olmsted
Logan Pedersen
Savannah Roark
Jasmine Rood
Gage Sellers
Jaden Snow
Michael Wagner

Grade 8

HIGH HONOR

Jacob Ax
Saleena Berry
Serene Boronow
Haley DeMenezes
Lenny Gary
Annella Graham
Chandler Mann
Olivia Marshall
Lauren Tompkins
Markell Zinkovitch

Grade 6

HIGH HONOR

Madeline Cross
Haylee Eaton
Aliyah Frederick
Barbara Guinto
Kaleb Jones
Kevin Miller
Madison Piersall
Lainie Sheldon
Jasmine Vaillancourt
Jared Werthman
Andrew Wilson

HONOR

Melissa Bartlett
Wyatt Becker
Darian Eaton
Melanie Gardner
Trevor Graves
Breann Moot
Abby Myers
Coleton Paliotta
Cory Phoenix
Hannah Reaves
Richard Smith
Sam Smith

Grade 9

HIGH HONOR

Haley Bertella
Seth Durant
Tiffani Jacobs
Amelia Wolsey



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Grade 10 HIGH HONOR

Sabrina Becker
Kally DeGroat
Brianna Dygert
Taylor Eaton
Aaron Hartle
Rachel Jackson
Emily Laurin
Teresa Meeker
Alex Opperman
Brittany Papa
Sarah Papa
John Slator
Michael Staudt

Grade 11 HIGH HONOR

Connor Bartlett
Jason Brummer
Dhia DeGroat
Sasha DeMenezes
Samantha Jackson
Nicole Jacobs
Cassandra Marshall
Morgan Rood
Dana Smith
Jonathan Smith

Grade 12 HIGH HONOR

Meriah Beauvais
Clarissa Egelston
Timothy Meeker
Peter Oot
Matthew Papa
Jacey Pokorny
Justin Sirles
Danielle Smith
Tyler Smith
Justiss Usborne
Alyson Wilson

Grade 7 HONOR

Beanna Flynn-Tong
Karalyn Kiehn
Raymond O'Herien
Kassandra Reaves
Kendall Smith
Jacob Wolsey

Grade 8 HONOR

Austin Blanchard
Haley Harrington
Kyleigh Jones
Kayla March
Alexis Moyer
Patrick Parker

Grade 9 HONOR

Nicholas Ahles
Dustin Bartlett
Katelyn Green
Jarret Jacobs
Hunter Middleton-Tompkins
Jordyn Sanford
Dani Webb

Grade 10 HONOR

Dalton Arnold
Dakota Bumpus
Krista Collins
Colton Dailey
Christopher Eastman
Michael Gough
Noah Henderson
Jesse Howlett
Ian Isbell
McKayla Morris
Alexandra Netzbant
Breanna Randall
Brittany Ward

Grade 11 HONOR

Whitney Alsheimer
Rebecca Collins
Destiny Davis
Nathan Durant
Hailey Jacobs
Bailea Porter
Troy Posloski
Stephanie Roberts
Cody Soullas
Stephen Weismore

Grade 12 HONOR

Marisha Burton
Cody Collins
Julian Cox
Lisa Curtis
Austin Eaton
Shiel Lamb
Meghan Marshall
Brooke McCarthy
Tiffany Nazel
Samantha Yates





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, and taking possession of new buses prior to starting school in September.

How Many Buses Are We Proposing To Buy?

One: 1 - 66 Passenger School Bus to replace #87
(2002 - 11 year old bus with 92,671 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	\$109,500. ⁰⁰	\$109,500. ⁰⁰
Estimated Finance	\$ 11,497. ⁵⁰	\$ 11,497. ⁵⁰
Total Purchase & Finance Cost	\$ 120,997.⁵⁰	\$ 120,997.⁵⁰
State Aid @ 90%	\$108,897. ⁷⁵	\$108,897. ⁷⁵
Final Cost to the Taxpayers		\$ 12,099.⁷⁵

Estimated Aid:

Year-1: \$ 23,159.²⁵
 Year-2: \$ 22,469.⁰⁰
 Year-3: \$ 21,779.⁵⁵
 Year-4: \$ 21,089.⁷⁰
 Year-5: \$ 20,399.⁸⁵

Estimated Local Share 1st Year: \$2,573.²⁵



OTHER TRANSPORTATION/FLEET INFORMATION:

Industry Standards/Best Practices

At Stockbridge

- | | |
|---|--|
| • 10% of a bus fleet is replaced on an annual basis | • The goal is to replace 2 buses per year
<i>(contain maintenance costs with a consistent replacement plan)</i> |
| • The useful life of a 65-72 passenger bus is approx. 10 years | • 13% of SVCS's large buses are 10 years or older |
| • The useful life of a 7, 20, or 30 passenger mini-bus is 5 years | • 60% of SVCS's small bus fleet are 5 years or older |

District's Current Bus Fleet:

Large Buses - 15 Small Buses - 3 Van- 1

Voting Information:

- District must obtain a 60% (Sixty per centum) voter approval to purchase buses and bond the debt.
- Eligible Voter - 18 years of age and resident of District for a minimum of 30 days.

School Bus Proposition

VOTE

MARCH 12, 2013

10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

School Foyer

For more information contact...

Dr. Pat Curtin, Interim Superintendent @ 495-4400
 or Beth S. Lamb, Business Administrator @ 495-4446

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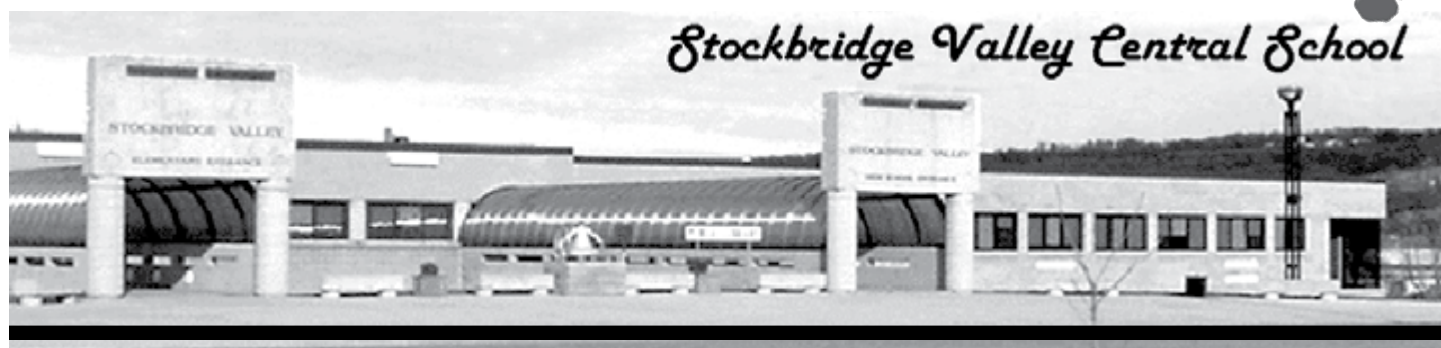
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Mr. J.T. Mann
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Cafeteria Manager

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
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