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Central School District Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT...

We have transitioned into fall very well. Classroom and subject demands occupy our time. The Common Core State Standards: Shifts for students, parents and teachers motivate and challenge everyone towards the long term goal of career and/or college readiness. Now the benefits of strategic planning, staff development and on time implementation will make a huge difference.

Some important events are on the horizon...

Peter Pan the Musical:

November 9th & 10th, 2012. From all indicators, this show will be wonderful. Truly an experience for the entire family. Special thanks and recognition of the S.V.C.S. Drama Club.

End of First Marking Period:

November 9th, 2012

Athletics:

The fall season for soccer has come to a close. Athletes from middle through high school were excellent participants. Coaches,

players, parents and fans were extremely supportive. The winter sports season gets under way this month. We all look forward to another successful season – "Basketball!"

FFA Citrus Fruit Sale:

Begins November 15th.

PTSO Christmas Bazaar:

Saturday, November 17th.

Winter Concerts:

High School – December 6th, 2012.

Elementary – December 13th, 2012.

Best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable Thanksgiving! And for all the hunters, good luck, return safe.

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.



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SLOW DOWN! ONE WAY! SCHOOL BUSES HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY!

Campus Safety is a priority to all of us here at Stockbridge Valley and we need your help. We have noticed that there have already been several reports involving speeding and drivers going the wrong way on the one

way entrance to our campus. Please help keep our children safe. School policy allows our licensed students in good standing the privilege to drive and park their cars on campus with mutually signed permission from

their parents. Overall, our approved drivers have been doing well, but we are finding that some "guests" on our campus are driving erratically. Please keep an eye on our children and report any speeding or erratic driv-

ing to school administration or law enforcement. Remember our campus speed limit is **20 MPH**. Please report any incidents, concerns or comments to Mr. Petrilli at 495-1805. Thank you.

Many New Faces at S.V.C.S.

Meet our new staff...



**Jenny Camenga -
Guidance Counselor**

I grew up in Lowville, NY and went to Lowville Academy where I graduated in 2005. I attended SUNY Oswego from 2005-2009 majoring in psychology and a minor in sociology. I stayed at SUNY Oswego for graduate school where I received my Masters in School Counseling and a Certificate of

Advanced Study in Learning and Physical Disabilities. I really love working at Stockbridge Valley as it reminds me of Lowville as everyone knows each other and it is a really friendly and welcoming atmosphere here.



Stephen Dodge - Music

I live in Canastota and come to Stockbridge with 11 years of music teaching experience. I play the piano and the guitar and look forward to filling in for Mrs. Belanger to continue the traditions that have been established in the music department. I will also be helping direct the musical "Peter Pan."



Tory Ferlo - Spanish

Hola, I'm Señorita Ferlo, from Rome New York, where I attended Rome Free Academy. I enrolled at Utica College and majored in Adolescent Education and Spanish, as I decided to follow my roots and become a Spanish teacher since my grandmother is from Santander, Spain. At Utica College, I

was on the Women's Soccer team and also boxed. I recently graduated from SUNY Cortland this May, with my M.S.Ed.

in Second Language Education – Spanish. I coach Girls Varsity Soccer at Rome Catholic and would love to help out in the athletic department any way possible here at Stockbridge Valley. I'm excited about being here until February and look forward to the fun times that are ahead of us all! ¡Hasta luego!



Sara Ford 7-12 English/Reading

Hello Students and Parents! My name is Sara Ford and I am the new 7th and 8th grade English teacher at Stockbridge. I also work with some of the fifth graders in a supplemental reading and writing program. I grew up in

Bouckville, New York and attended Madison High School (I know, I know.) I attended SUNY Oneonta for my undergraduate work in Adolescent English Education 7-12. I went to SUNY Cortland for my graduate work and earned a degree in Literacy 5-12. I have become familiar with S.V.C.S. through my student teaching experience in 2009-2010 and also substitute teaching from 2010-2012. I am so excited to finally be a part of the S.V.C.S. team and I look forward to all of the great times yet to come.



Natalie Fratini - Grade 1

Hello! My name is Natalie Fratini, and I am so excited to be a part of the Stockbridge Valley team of educators! I am teaching first grade and am certainly looking forward to a very successful school year.

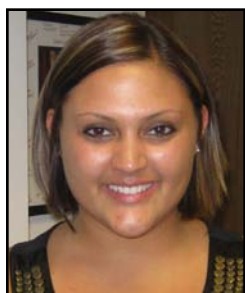
I grew up in Canastota, N.Y. and graduated from Canastota High School. After high school, I ventured to Rochester, N.Y. where I attended Roberts Wesleyan College. In the spring of 2009, I graduated with a Bachelors Degree of Science in Childhood and Special Education. Following my undergraduate studies, I enrolled in a graduate



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program through Capella University and received a Master's Degree in Reading and Literacy Education in January 2012.

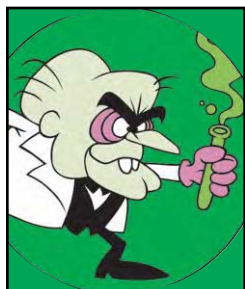
Professionally, I have taught sixth grade, K-3 Reading and 4-6 Math for the Canastota Central School District. Most recently, I fulfilled the 2011-12 school year as a fourth grade long-term substitute teacher here at Stockbridge Valley. As I enter my fourth year of teaching, I am thrilled to embark on another successful year with the dedicated and caring families, faculty and staff here at S.V.C.S.



Erica Laraby - Grade 3

Hello! My name is Mrs. Laraby and I'm beyond thrilled to be apart of the Stockbridge Valley Team! I grew up in Sauquoit, N.Y. and later moved and graduated from New Hartford High School. I then went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from the College of Saint Rose and a Master's Degree from Capella University. I currently reside

in New Hartford with my husband and four pets. This is my first "official" year of teaching and so far, everything is going great! I love my class and the staff here is amazing! I look forward to many more years at Stockbridge!



Michael Maute - 7-12 Science, Earth Science

My name is Michael Maute, a new Science Teacher at Stockbridge Valley. I graduated from SUNY Oswego with a Bachelor of Science in Geology and Geochemistry. After graduating, I worked for several years in both government and private industry as a Scientist. In 2010 I obtained my Masters in Education from SUNY

Oswego and began my teaching career. Prior to coming to Stockbridge Valley, I was a long-term substitute teacher at the North Syracuse Central School District. I'm excited to be at Stockbridge Valley and looking forward to sharing my passion for Science with all the students in the District.



James Smith - Grade 5

I am from Oneida, N.Y. I graduated from Oneida High School in 2005. I went to St. John Fisher College in Rochester and graduated with my Bachelors Degree in 2009. I am currently working on my Master's Degree from Canisius College and hope to be done within the next year! I am very excited to be working here in Stockbridge. I have already met some great people, and

can't wait to meet so many more!



Tami Singer - Office Assistant

I am very happy to be a part of the Stockbridge Valley family. Everyone here from the staff and students to the parents have been very welcoming.

In order to be closer to family, my daughter and I moved to the Canastota area from North Carolina about 4 years ago. Besides North Carolina, I lived in

Atlanta, Georgia and Tampa, Florida for several years. Before joining the staff at Stockbridge Valley, I worked at a local healthcare facility as a staffing coordinator in the nursing department. This position and working with all levels of nursing staff inspired me to return to school and begin classes to become a registered nurse. While this endeavor may take some time, I look forward to spending the next few years here at Stockbridge Valley watching these children grow, excel in their studies and become outstanding citizens for the community.



Julie Suber - Grade 2

Hi! My name is Julie Suber and I am new to Stockbridge Valley Central School District. I am teaching Second Grade and absolutely love my children and families! I grew up in the area and attended Westmoreland Central Schools. I then received my undergraduate degree from Wesley College

in Dover, Delaware and my master's degree from Walden University in reading and literacy. Since graduation, I have lived in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Texas where I have taught first and second grades. My husband is active duty Air Force and was fortunate to have his last duty station be in the area so we are finally home! We are so excited to be next to family and friends to finish his military service. I am so lucky to be teaching at Stockbridge Valley this year. The community, school, families, and children are the best! Thank you for welcoming me and I can't wait for the rest of the year.

Kyle Wood & Mike Brown - Cleaners

I'm Kyle Wood. I have lived in this area for the past 27 years. I am happy that I found a new place to call home.

Thank you to all who have made me feel welcome!



My name is Mike Brown. I joined the S.V.C.S. staff last August. I'm from Morrisville, NY. I enjoy golfing and travel.

The 3rd Annual Village of Munnsville
**TREE LIGHTING
 CEREMONY**

**Saturday
 November 24,
 2012
 7:00 p.m.**

On Park Street



Fire Truck Parade of Lights Contest
 Sponsored by the Munnsville Volunteer FD



Visit Santa Claus at the
 Munnsville Volunteer Fire Hall
 immediately following the ceremony

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

Rain Date of Sunday, November 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Central School District



~Family Fun Night~

Presents the Strengthening Families Program

Mondays, October 29-December 10

Oneida Library

**Come! Have Fun! Enjoy dinner and an evening
 with your youth (ages 10-14), as you discover
 and create new ideas for building a strong and
 loving relationship.**

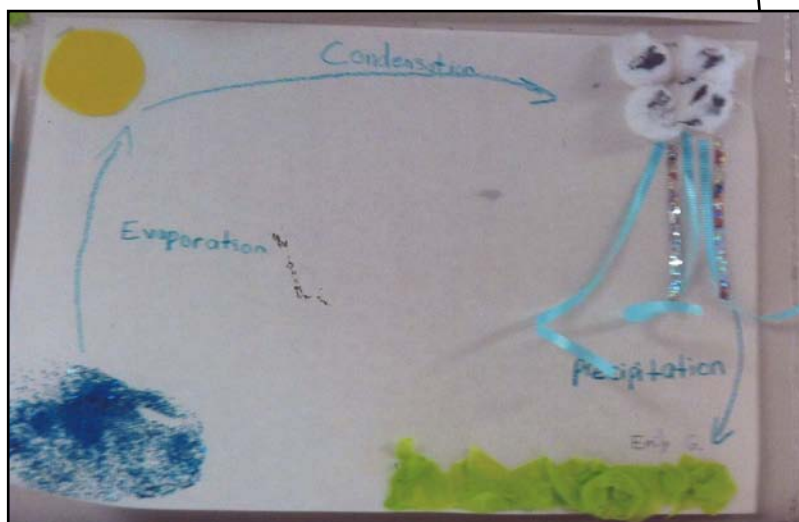
1 night a week for 7 weeks

5:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Dinner will be provided

No fee charged

To register call BRIDGES @ 697-3947





Stockbridge Valley Ruritan

Goodwill, Fellowship and Community Service
P.O. Box 175, Munnsville, NY 13409

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

The Stockbridge Valley Ruritan Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 4, from 8 a.m. - noon at the Stockbridge Valley Central School Cafeteria. Adults \$6.00, Students \$4.00, children under 5 free and the Family Deal; 2 adults and children \$20.00. In the spirit of the Ruritan slogan, "Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service" the Stockbridge Valley Ruritan's plan to use the proceeds to improve the Community Fair. We will also be collecting can goods for the local food bank. We hope that the community will support us in these efforts and enjoy a great breakfast.

Sincerely,
Members of the Stockbridge Valley Ruritans

Ruritan Pancake Breakfast



*Sunday, November 4
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

\$ 6.00 Adults
\$ 4.00 Students
Under 5 free

Family Meal Deal: Two adults and all children
in the family \$ 20.00

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to
improve the Community Fair.

Ruritans are dedicated to creating a better community!

*Please bring a can good for the local food bank
Thank you for your support!*



SVCS Drama Club presents

PIERS CHATER ROBINSON'S

PETER PAN

MUSICAL

*Friday, November 9 &
Saturday, November 10
7 pm*

*Charles E. Stratton
Memorial
Auditorium*

*Tickets:
Adults \$7
Students and
Children 10 & Under \$5
May be purchased in the
District Office
Contact Pam Mennig*



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3rd Grade

Well, September has come and gone so quickly and before we all know it Halloween, Thanksgiving, and of course...the snow will be here! Our class has been working hard learning topics such as the continents and oceans, the water cycle, numeration, and number sense. We've been practicing daily learning how to write paragraphs and mastering the difference between fiction and non-fiction stories. We just started multiplication!! Feel free to quiz the students when you see them for any extra practice that they can squeeze in.



Any student of mine will tell you that I keep them busy and working hard, but we also like to have fun and be creative along the way. For proof of that, come visit the downstairs elementary for an insight of just how creative our class can be! We have displayed our talents out in the hall for all to see. Our classroom door is surrounded by friendly ghosts and says, "Mrs. Laraby's Class is Spooooook-tacular." I personally feel I am blessed to have such an amazing classroom of terrific students. From my class to yours, "Happy Fall."

Mrs. Laraby

Music is in the Air

Fall is in the air and the music department is in full swing. The band and chorus are working diligently on their winter

concert music, students are practicing for All County auditions and Area All State, and the drama club is gearing up for a great show.

On September 26th, we welcomed Miles Matthew John Belanger into the world. Congratulations to Erin and Evan Belanger on the birth of their first child!

While Mrs. Belanger is out for maternity leave, Mr. Dodge will be teaching general music and chorus, as well as serving as the music director for the drama club. He is a great addition to our staff and we are lucky to have him.

We hope to see you at our production of Piers Chater Robinson's *Peter Pan* on November 9th and 10th at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the district office. See you in Never Neverland!

2012 Spelling Bee News

We are getting ready for another g-r-e-a-t spelling bee at S.V.C.S. This year the actual bee will take place on Friday, November 16th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium. At the close of the bee we will announce two winners to advance in the competition. Our winners will travel with their families to Syracuse to compete in the next level of the spelling bee. This usually takes place in January. For the past few years, S.V.C.S. has enjoyed participating in the Scripps Bee and we hope to continue the tradition! Good luck & study up! "Bee" Happy!

Mrs. Smith

Dignity Act for All Students

New York State has a new policy called The Dignity Act for All Students (DASA), which was implemented on July 1st, 2012 and bestows that all students in public schools have the right to an education free of discrimination and harassment. The Dignity Act includes, but is not limited to, acts of discrimination and harassment based on a student's race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious prac-



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tice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (defined to include gender identity or expression), or sex. At S.V.C.S., we are proactively promoting the policy with a myriad of student interactive assemblies through a partnership with Mr. Robert Newberry for grades 3 through 11. In addition, we

have presented the Code of Conduct to all middle school and high school grade levels and have planned future guest speakers. NO child should be afraid to attend school or feel unsafe while at school.

DASA in Classes

What is DASA? DASA stands for the Dignity for All Students Act which states that all students have the right to an education in a safe, welcoming and caring environment. Many teachers are creating lessons that continue to weave a theme of anti-bullying in order to keep the message fresh and consistent for our students. The students have been attending mini-workshops to reinforce that bullying is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. In this particular example the students were asked to take a minute to reflect on what bullying means to them

Students Learn Importance and History of U.S. Flag

Members of the Munnsville American Legion Post 54 along with Cadet Charles Wilson, Jr. recently presented two age appropriate programs to our children centered around the history of the United States flag.



SVCS 7th Graders in Writing Contest

Three 7th graders submitted their writing to a Scholastic national writing contest. Af-



ter reading an intense non-fiction article in Scope Magazine, Beau Burke, Sara Collins and Alyssa Crandall wrote a response essay answering a contest question. They should be very proud as time was tight and we were able to get the essays out with a few days to spare! I wish them the best of luck as the panel reads papers from all over the country!

Mrs. Smith

N.J.H.S. Students Serve Their Community

Former National Junior Honor Society members who have graduated out of the Junior Honor Society, still have a strong desire to serve. On Saturday, October 13th, 2012, they attended the Cure Search Walk at Long Branch Park to walk in honor of their friend, Molly Rose Slator, former S.V.C.S. student who lost her battle with cancer. Molly's family and friends have created the "**Molmonster's Team**" and walk annually at the Cure Search Walk event which raises money to go directly to finding cures for child cancers. To help support



the Molmonster's Team, the National Junior Honor Society members held a hat day for students and a dress down jean day for teachers on Thursday, October 4th. They raised \$211.³⁵ that



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was donated to Cure Search through the Molmonster's Team. Samantha Jackson, Rachel Jackson, Cassie Marshall, parent Traci Jackson, our bus driver, Nicole Marland and Mrs. Raz all volunteered at the Cure Search Walk doing face painting, serving food and clean up. Thank you to all who helped with this worthy cause.

Junior Prom

The Class of 2014 has decided to have their prom at The Palace Theater in Hamilton on May 25th. The crowning will be in the Charles E. Stratton Auditorium prior to the prom. Details and times to follow!

Evacuation Drill

S.V.C.S. recently practiced the effectiveness of their evacuation implementation plan. We partnered with the N.Y.S. State Police, Madison County Sheriff's department, 911 Call Center and the Munnsville Fire Department. We take pride in being able to offer our students and staff the opportunity to practice because it might someday save lives. Our drill was

very successful and we are very appreciative of all the community support.

Holiday Decorating Contesting

The Village of Munnsville will be sponsoring a home Holiday decorating contest to all residents in the village limits. First place is \$75.⁰⁰, 2nd place \$50.⁰⁰, 3rd place \$25.⁰⁰. Show your holiday spirit and pride in your community! Winners will be selected by the village board in January and notified via mail.

Madison County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship

The Madison County Retired Teachers' Association is offering a scholarship to graduated Madison County students. The student must be a college Junior planning a teaching career. Interested persons may request an application from P.O. Box 6, Clockville, N.Y. 13043.

School Lunch

Free and/or Reduced Price meals are continually available. Simply call Hollie Ackerman at 495-1909 for an application or help. Financial guidelines, as well as the Free and Reduced Lunch Application, can also be found on the school's website, www.stockbridgevalley.org. Every attempt is made to accommodate your needs. Using this program helps all children have access to lunch and breakfast every day.



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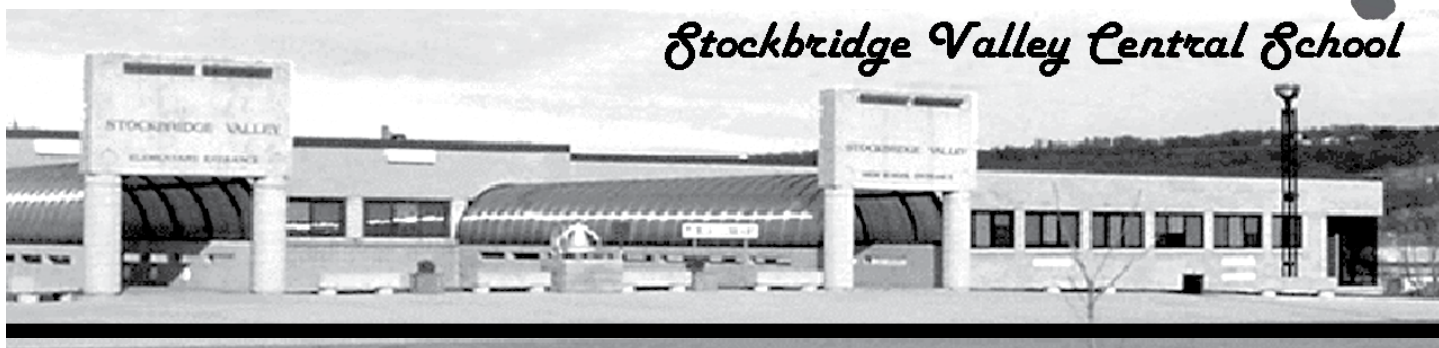
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