



# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

## Central School District Newsletter

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### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### Upcoming Votes

Don't Forget!! Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, is the day the district-wide vote is held for the 2011-2012 school budget. Although our district was hit hard with cuts to our state aid, I believe we again have come out with a spending plan that provides opportunities for our students and represents a fair spending plan for our taxpayers.

Our public presentation of the budget will occur on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Charles E. Stratton Auditorium. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions/questions/concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at [cchafee@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:cchafee@stockbridgevalley.org) or call 495-4400. Thanks!!

#### Coffee with the Superintendent

Do you have suggestions/concerns/comments that you'd like to share about our school? Do you have thoughts about the merger study with Madison or any other topic? If so, stop by the American Legion for an informal meeting with the Superintendent. Date and time is:

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 9 am**

*Charles Chafee*  
Superintendent of Schools

### "IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS"

#### Bullying Prevention

Is your child being bullied? Do you know of a child who is being bullied? Having recently attended a workshop on bullying prevention, I am eager to include in this newsletter some materials which help to clarify **"What is bullying?"** and **"What can be done about bullying."** (see pages 17 & 18) This information is reprinted from a book written by Barbara Coloroso titled **"The Bully, The Bullied, and The Bystander"** and can be ordered from her website [www.kidsareworthit.com](http://www.kidsareworthit.com).

The SVCS school district takes complaints of bullying seriously and we plan to implement some of the guidelines recommended by Ms. Coloroso over the coming months in an effort to end bullying once and for all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help battle this issue and we appreciate your support!!

### 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.

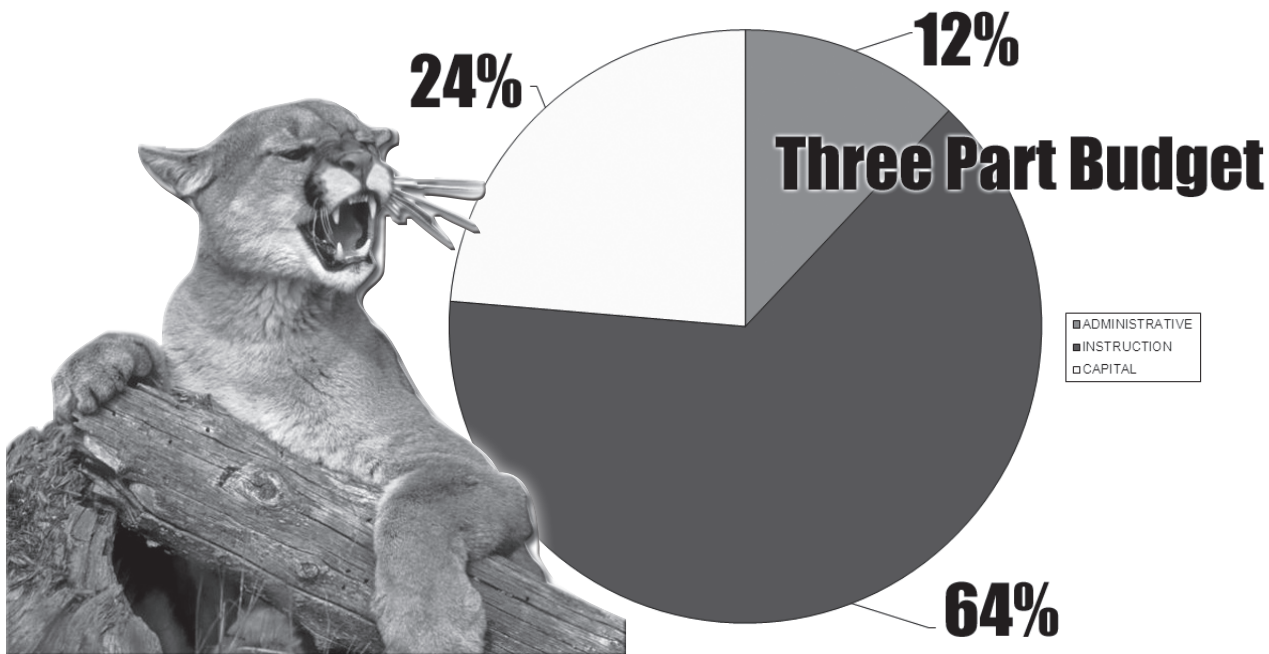
In pursuing this endeavor, the members of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District and its community will strive to mold a society in the image that it wishes to be, rather than accepting it as it is.



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## Three Part Budget Summary...

	2010-11 Adjusted Budget	2011-12 Proposed Budget	Inc./Dec. from prior year
<b>Proposed Program Budget</b>			
Teaching Regular Instruction	2,201,682	1,993,209	(208,473)
Career & Technical Instruction	384,605	390,827	6,222
Programs for Students w/Special Needs	1,104,170	1,022,577	(81,593)
Special Schools/Programs	62,642	57,240	(5,402)
Media & Computer Technology Services	299,129	297,460	(1,669)
Pupil Services	382,487	363,690	(18,797)
Interfund Transfer	10,000	10,000	-
Transportation Services	688,210	666,935	(21,275)
Employee Benefits	1,518,397	1,573,056	54,659
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,651,322</b>	<b>6,374,994</b>	<b>(276,328)</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			
Facility & Grounds Operation & Maintenance	666,919	665,118	(1,801)
Debt Service	1,046,849	1,460,517	413,668
Employee Benefits	197,476	217,821	20,345
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,911,243</b>	<b>2,343,455</b>	<b>432,212</b>
<b>Admin. Expenditures</b>			
Board of Education	11,798	11,410	(388)
Central Admin./Finance	373,935	373,682	(253)
Central Services	234,031	228,791	(5,240)
Instructional Administration	284,379	287,276	2,897
Employee Benefits	266,624	292,863	26,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,170,767</b>	<b>1,194,022</b>	<b>23,255</b>
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	<b>9,733,332</b>	<b>9,912,471</b>	<b>179,139</b>





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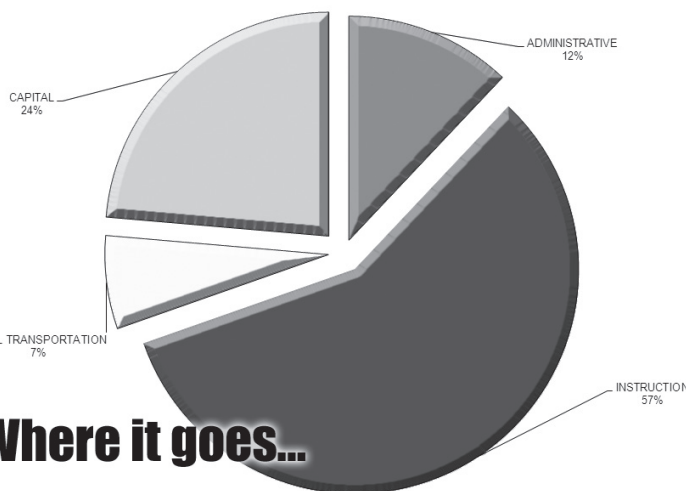
## 2011-2012 Budget

ADMINISTRATIVE	1,194,022	11.9%
INSTRUCTION	5,708,059	57.6%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	666,935	6.7%
CAPITAL	2,343,455	23.6%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	9,912,471	100%

Local Revenues  
9%

Tax Levy  
21%

Where it comes from...



Where it goes...

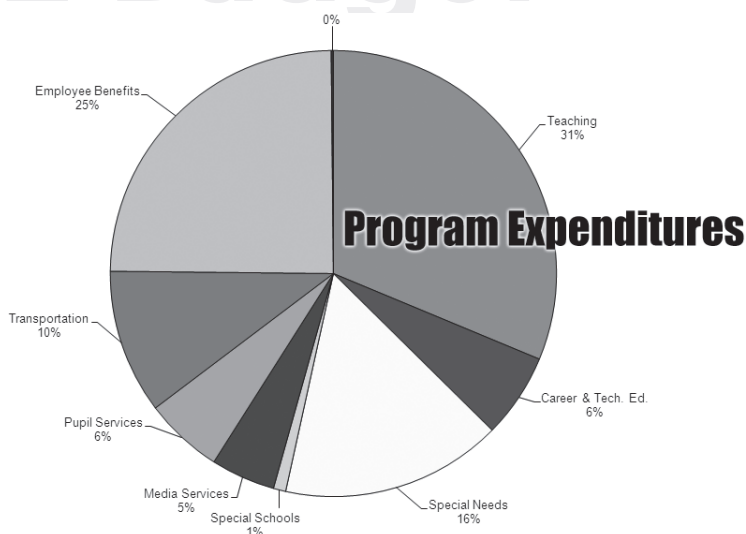
### Estimated Revenues 2011-2012

State & Federal Aid	6,925,883	70%
Tax Levy	2,045,525	21%
Local Revenues	941,063	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,912,471</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2011-2012 Budget

### Program Expenditures 2011-2012

Teaching	1,993,209	31.3%
Career & Tech. Ed.	390,827	6.1%
Special Needs	1,022,577	16.0%
Special Schools	57,240	0.9%
Media Services	297,460	4.7%
Pupil Services	363,690	5.7%
Transportation	666,935	10.5%
Employee Benefits	1,573,056	24.7%
Interfund Transfer	10,000	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,374,994</b>	<b>100%</b>







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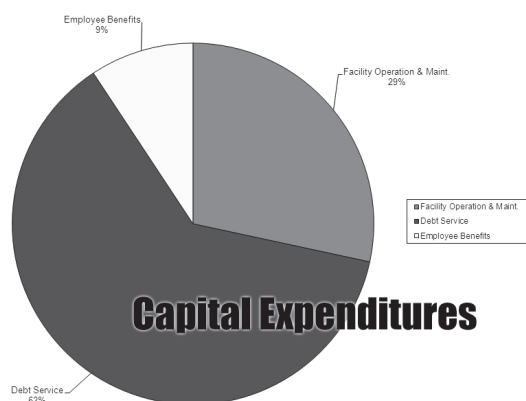
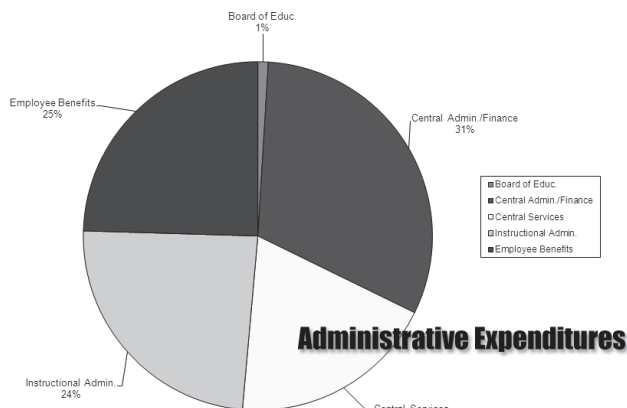
## Admin. Expenditures 2011-2012

Board of Educ.	11,410	1.0%
Central Admin./Finance	373,682	31.3%
Central Services	228,791	19.2%
Instructional Admin.	287,276	24.1%
Employee Benefits	292,863	24.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,194,022</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Capital Expenditures 2011-2012

Facility Operation & Maint.	665,118	28.4%
Debt Service	1,460,517	62.3%
Employee Benefits	217,821	9.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,343,455</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES MEET THE CANDIDATES MEET THE CANDIDATES

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 • 7:00 pm in the Charles E. Stratton Auditorium**

*There will be an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Stockbridge Valley Central School Board of Education on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. prior to the budget presentation. Get to know the candidates and find out their views on the issues facing Stockbridge Valley.*

### Thomas Hollingsworth



My name is Tom Hollingsworth and I am running for another term as a Stockbridge Valley Central School board member. I have been a resident of Munnsville for the past fifty years. After graduating from S.V.C.S.,

I served in the United States Army, spending most of my time in Germany. My wife, Luann, and I have been married for 32 years. We have two grown children, Cale who is currently serving in the military in Afghanistan, and Hillary who is a psychologist in North Carolina.

I have been a leader in the Munnsville community for many years. I have coached girls and boys basketball, baseball and softball teams and still enjoy attending games. Currently I am the manager and for the past nine years, the commander of the Munnsville American Legion. The Legion has worked together with various school/community groups to sponsor successful events that have benefited both the school and the community.

My tenure on the Board of Education has been both a rewarding and a challenging experience. The school has undergone some major changes in the past four years, including the hiring of a new superintendent and more recently the renovation project. It is no

small task to educate today's youth yet be conscientious of the financial burden being imposed upon the tax payers. I wish to continue serving our students and community, so that we can succeed in today's financially troubled world.

### Jacob Byron

Hello. For those of you that don't know me, my name is Jake Byron. I am a lifelong resident of Stockbridge, currently residing on N. Main Street in Munnsville. My wife Karen and I have three children, Alonzo 14, Adriene 8, and Keegan 5, all who attend SVCS. I am a 1997 graduate



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of SVCS. Karen and I own our home, and are taxpayers of the district.

With these difficult economic and political times that we are facing I believe it is important to have a representative on the school board that has a strong interest on behalf of the taxpayers and the students. I have served 2 terms (6 years) on the school board, holding the offices of both President and Vice President. During my time on the board, we have undergone a major building project, conducted a Superintendent search, and been faced with numerous other issues and challenges.

I believe that we have a wonderful school, faculty and staff, and great community. With your help I can continue to not only maintain the quality of education we offer, but improve student opportunities as well. Although I want and hope to give the students more, I believe it is very important to do this by keeping taxpayers in mind. When the board puts together a budget with a tax levy increase I am directly affected as well. I am proud to be a SVCS grad, and hope my children will be as well. I chose to remain in Stockbridge and hope to see people consider moving to our district after seeing what an excellent school district we have.

### Michael Oot



I'm Mike Oot, married to Annie, and I live with my two SVCS student children, Emily and Peter on the east side of the Stockbridge Valley. I am an attorney, my wife works in the school as a Teaching Assistant. I've served on the SVCS School Board before, from 2001 - 2007, five of those years I was lucky enough to serve as the President. I am a co-founder, Vice President and Member of the Board of Directors of the Stockbridge Valley Education Foundation. I have also served

on the Shared Decision Making Committee at the School.

I am running again for the SVCS School Board because I believe that the school has lost it's focus. The evidence for this is clear: This year the school had a choice, they could leave the educational programs intact without risking student performance or they could spend \$200,000 in cash on, rather than finance, school buses. They made the choice to pay the cash for the school buses leaving the school with a budget that reflects the loss of an English teacher, two or three other teaching positions, potentially some class advisors and the loss of a stipend for a very valuable FFA advisor. Those reductions amount to \$180,000, or, put another way, \$20,000 less than the buses. Bad choice. Very bad when you consider that funding for transportation is almost fully aided by the State and Federal Governments and worse, the aid for this will only return to the school slowly, over time, as if they had financed it.

The School Administration also presented to the Board a proposal to pay \$7,500 per year for a grant writing program that would duplicate BOCES services already paid for. Thankfully, the Board didn't approve it. To cut a \$2,000 stipend for an admittedly beneficial FFA adviser and at the same time propose spending \$7,500 on services the taxpayers have already paid for, displays an insensitivity to the dozens of community members who showed up to support the FFA program advisor and reflects an unfortunate set of values.

I deplore the cuts at the school. If you will give me that chance, I will work hard to sharpen the focus of the school on the task of properly allocating taxpayer dollars and generating the only profit a school should have: well educated children; it's those kids standing on the stage at the end of their Senior year, well equipped, well educated and ready to face their next step, whether

college or the world; This is the profit of a school.

### John Wagner



Hello, my name is John Wagner and I am a candidate for re-election to the Stockbridge Valley Central School Board of Education. It has been an extreme pleasure to serve the last six years representing the residents of the Stockbridge Valley Central School system and with your support I look forward to another three years of service to the students, parents and residents of SVCS. I would like to thank those people who signed my petition and gave me the opportunity to place my name on the ballot.

I reside on Sullivan Road in Munnsville with my son Joshua age 11, who is a student within the Stockbridge Valley school system. I am a 1994 graduate of Stockbridge Valley, 1996 graduate of SUNY Morrisville with an AAS Degree in Agricultural Business and a 1998 graduate of SUNY Cobleskill with a BT Degree in Agricultural Enterprise and Marketing.

As a lifelong resident of the district and former graduate, I feel that I have a good understanding of the issues that face a small rural school system such as ours. Issues such as unequal state aid funding, rising health and retirement costs, increasing energy costs and of course, issues that concern taxation and the Indian Land Claims. Another reason I feel I have a good understanding of the issues is that I work on some of these very same issues everyday in my job as a public relations liaison for the New York Farm Bureau. I also continue to assist in the operation of my family's 250 acre crop farm.

Our district is in the midst of some very exciting times, with the recent completion of the EXCEL building



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project we have installed much needed building and athletic field upgrades and additions of new technology to our classrooms that will continue to allow us to bring our students the best in education at a cost the taxpayers can afford. I am pleased to report that as promised there is NO local tax impact as a result of the EXCEL building project, New York State building aid revenue will match our expenses for the life of the pay-out of the project resulting in no direct tax impact to District residents. I am proud to say that over the past six years as a member of the board we have not brought forth a tax increase of more than 2% and in the 2007-08 year the increase was 0% and in 2009-10 it was .24%; which I believe is unheard of in this region. We have done all this without significant cuts to program and without lay-offs. We continue to offer the children of our district great educational opportunities and at the same time stay cognizant of our responsibility to the taxpayers of the SVCS District. In my last three years on the board we as a board have been able to NOT use RANS (Revenue Anticipation Notes) to bridge our finances in the Fall of each school year as we await our State Aid payments, thus saving the District the cost of interest on these RANS. We have also been able to purchase our school buses with cash payments each Spring saving the District residents financing and legal fees. I stand by my record of doing what is right for kids at the same time balancing what is right for the taxpayers of the Stockbridge Valley.

Over the past six years I have learned a lot about the education system but still have much to learn and would welcome the voters support in returning me to the board for another three year term so that I can continue my education. In my six years I have had the opportunity to serve as both President for the last two years and previous to that Vice President of the board. I also had the opportunity to serve on the EXCEL

building committee, serve as a member of the board's finance and audit committee and have been given the opportunity to serve as Stockbridge Valley's representative to the Madison-Oneida BOCES board of education.

Many challenges lie ahead for our school district and our community in the coming years. We must be open to change and be willing to look at all the possibilities that exist, we can no longer just continue to do things the way we always have. Our small rural district needs to think outside of the box for solutions to the challenges we face, we cannot expect the Federal or State government to come to our rescue.

Once again, I would like to thank those individuals who believed in my candidacy enough to sign my petition. I would encourage everyone to come out and vote on the 17th of May and let your voices be heard through the ballot box.

### Tracie Nolley



My name is Tracie (Strain) Nolley. I am a 1993 graduate of Stockbridge Valley.

My husband and I have two children. Our oldest, Austin is in the Second

Grade and Madison is in Pre-K.

As a graduate of Stockbridge Valley, I know and understand how our school can be a positive influence in the lives of our children. As a mother of two, I want to insure that our school maintains its high level of academics, allowing our students the opportunity to experience technology available at schools across the nation, and provides a safe and community oriented environment for learning.

This coming year is going to be the financially challenging year that the state government has been talking about.

As we all know, state aid has been cut therefore leaving the local taxpayer to foot the bill. In order to keep the programs we have, we will have to make some tough decisions when it comes to cuts. I believe that when cuts are made they should be made across the whole district and not to one particular club, sport or department.

In talking with members of the community, I have been asked many times what my decision would be if faced with a merger vote today. As of today, my vote would be NO! I would vote no at this time because there are many unanswered questions such as transportation, building use and cost savings to the taxpayer.

I look forward to representing the community on the school board.

### Charles Wilson, Sr.



My name is Charles F. Wilson, Sr., I was born and raised in the Munnsville area. My parents are Frank & Faye Wilson. I have three brothers and four sisters, all of us raised up at the

dairy farm on the East Hill.

I have been married to my wife Tammy for twenty-four years. We have two children that attend Stockbridge Valley School. Charles Jr. is a senior, he will graduate Valedictorian of the 2011 class. He will be attending Clarkson University this fall for aeronautical engineering. Alyson will be a junior in the fall with plans of entering the medical field upon graduation.

I graduated from Stockbridge Valley in 1981 and received an Associates degree in business from SUNY Cobleskill in 1983. Shortly after college I served in the United State Air Force advancing to aircraft armament system specialist working with conventional and nuclear



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weapons. After the military I was employed with Niagara Mohawk for four years as an alarm station operator at Nine Mile Point, NY. At this time I returned to Munnsville to raise my family and for the past fifteen years have owned and operated Liberty Auto, LLC in Wampsville.

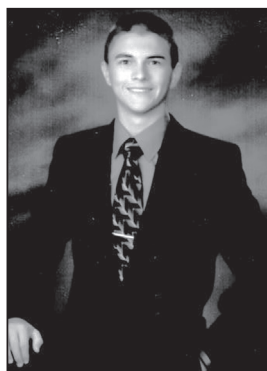
Our family is very active in the school activities and in the community. I am on the Planning Board for the town of Stockbridge. I have been an active member and president of the Stockbridge Valley Ruritans for the past five years. I am also on the Agricultural Advisory Board and at present am helping

to charter a FFA Agricultural Alumni for the Stockbridge Valley FFA.

If elected to the Board of Education, I will strive to do my absolute best in managing and guiding this school district to the choices that are in the best interest of the students and of the taxpayers of this community.

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### **2011 Valedictorian Charles Wilson, Jr.**



Charles Frederick Wilson Jr., son of Charles Sr. and Tammy Wilson of Munnsville, N.Y., has achieved the honor of Valedictorian for the Class of 2011 at Stockbridge Valley Central School. Charlie has been accepted to Clarkson University where he plans on studying Aeronautical Engineering and also partake in the Air Force ROTC.

Charlie has been involved in many extra-curricular activities and has held various titles throughout his high school career: Math Club (President 2010-11), National Honor Society (President 2010-11), Drama Club (Vice President 2010-11), Student Council, Varsity Soccer (Team Captain 2010-11), JV/Varsity Basketball (Team Captain 2008-09, 2010-11),. Charlie also became Scuba Diving P.A.D.I. certified in 2010.

Charlie has earned many awards and recognitions during high school: Eagle Scout Award 2010, Boy's State, L.E.A.D. USA Leadership Organization, National Honor Society of High School Scholars, numerous Math, Science, History and English Awards, Clarkson University Leadership Scholarship, Alfred University Art Award, Air Force Math and Science Technology Scholarship Award.

Charlie has made community service a huge part of his life. He has taken advantage of almost every opportunity presented to him to better serve his community. He has accumulated over 200 hours of community service through various activities including helping out with the Stockbridge Valley Ruritan Community Fair and yearly cookie distribution for the Girl Scouts. Charlie also accumulated over 100 hours of community service working on his Eagle Scout Project:

the sign by the Carlon Field entrance informing people of upcoming events.

When asked what the greatest highlight or personal accomplishment of his high school career was, Charlie answered, "A personal accomplishment was earning my eagle rank in Boy Scouts. This day was a highlight because the reward was well worth the ten plus years of hard work, determination and commitment. Accepting my Eagle Scout Award was a great day in itself. This was because my friends and family gathered to help celebrate with me. The support I received made that day most memorable."

After college, Charlie looks to pursue a career in the Air Force and become a Helicopter Pilot.

### **2011 Salutatorian Hilary Trew**



Hilary Trew has earned the distinction of being Salutatorian for the Stockbridge Valley Class of 2011. She is the daughter of Douglas and Nancy Trew of Munnsville, N.Y. Hilary has been accepted to Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Buffalo, Clarkson University, St. John Fisher, LeMoyne College, Daemen, Buffalo State, SUNY Cortland and Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She is planning to attend the University at Buffalo or the Rochester Institute of Technology and majoring in Biology. Hilary's career plan is to become a physician's assistant.

Hilary has participated in many extra-curricular activities during high school: Science Club, Drama Club, Mathletics, Culinary Club, Select Choir, Yearbook Club (Secretary 2010-11), National Honor Society (Vice President 2010-11), Varsity Soccer, Track and Cheerleading.





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Hilary has served her community by volunteering her time at the Oneida Healthcare Facility, American Red Cross Blood Drives, Erie Canal Bike Trip and at various food drives.

When Hilary was asked what her greatest high school achievement was, she responded, "Being accepted into the Madison-Oneida BOCES Allied Health Partnership. It opened my eyes to the many opportunities the medical field provides thus allowing me to know the career I wanted to venture into."

## Tim Green Visit

Tim Green came to Stockbridge Valley Central School on February 15<sup>th</sup> with a very important message for the students. "Follow your dream and chase it," he told the group of third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Green is a former defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons. His career there lasted eight years. "I had to retire because I was getting older, I had a couple of knee surgeries and there were new opportunities coming along," Green said. "I had a three book deal, and a chance to broadcast for Fox, everything was pointing towards this transition."

Green is also a life-long resident of Central New York. He currently coaches football at Skaneateles high school. "I grew up here, went to Syracuse (University) and I really liked it, so I stayed," he said.

As for the transition from NFL player to author, Green said it was a natural choice. "I was an English major at SU and it was a dream of mine," he said. "I started writing when I got to the NFL." Green writes novels for both children and adults. He has over 20 books on the shelves.

During his speech, Green stressed the importance of education to the students. "School is more important than sports,"



he said. "You can always count on your education." Green was the co-valedictorian of his graduating class at SU. Green plans to keep touring and talking to students all over. "I've

been speaking for three-and-a-half to four years, it's something I enjoy doing," he said. The students at Stockbridge were the 301<sup>st</sup> group he had spoken to.

To find out more about Green or to purchase one of his books please visit [www.timgreenbooks.com](http://www.timgreenbooks.com).

*By Kristin Clark*

## Pennies For Puppies

The week of February 7-11, 2011, the National Junior Honor Society held a "Pennies For Puppies" fundraiser. Students were asked to bring in extra change to benefit Freedom Guide Dogs. Freedom Guide Dogs is an organization in Cassville, New York that raises and trains dogs to help the blind, people with disabilities



and people who have suffered injuries in the armed services. During the fund raising week, Nicole White from Freedom Guide Dogs brought in one of their dogs, Felix, explained what they teach the dogs to do and had demonstrations for the elementary classes. Students were able to raise over \$450 throughout the week. As part of the fundraiser, there was a contest to see which class could bring in the most change. Miss Wentworth's class was the winner and won an ice cream party. Thank you to everyone that donated!

For more information on Freedom Guide Dogs visit their website at [www.freedomguidedogs.org](http://www.freedomguidedogs.org).

*By Cassie Marshall*

## Rabies Clinic

The 2011 Madison Co. Public Health Dept. Rabies Vaccination clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 from 5-7 p.m. at the Munsville Highway Garage on Main Street. Public Health Law requires all dogs, cats & ferrets to be vaccinated by the age of 4 months. All animals must be properly restrained (leash and collar/harness or cage/pet carrier). A voluntary \$5.00 donation per pet is requested to help defray clinic costs. All animals must be at least 3 months of age. Please remember to bring your pet's previous vaccination record. Proof of prior vaccination is required to qualify for



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a three-year certificate. To schedule an appointment or learn about additional clinic locations, please call 366-2526 or log on to [www.healthymadisoncounty.org](http://www.healthymadisoncounty.org).

### **Junior Prom**

The Junior Prom Crowning will be held in the Charles E. Stratton Auditorium on Friday, May 6 at 6:45 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

### **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks will arrive in the beginning of June. Reserve your own copy today! \$50-tax included

### **Grief Weekend at Camp Look Out**

Any teenager that has lost a friend, loved one or special relationship is invited to Bereavement Weekend at Camp Look Out from July 15-17. 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 same issues.

Please call Tonia Davis at 495-1927 or at 829-2406 for more information.

### **Camp/Sports Physicals**

REMINDER TO PARENTS: Any child in grades 6-11 who still needs a sports or camp physical for the 2011-12 school year, please contact Mrs. Greene at 495-4500.

### **FFA News**

The members of the Stockbridge Valley FFA look forward to yet another busy month. Most recent on the agenda for the students was Duck Days. They traveled up to Camp Oswegatchie on April 30<sup>th</sup> where they worked on cleaning up the grounds. The following morning, the chapter worked/ran the annual pancake breakfast. Last year over 800 people were served! The great Adiron-Duck Race followed the breakfast where 4,000 ducks raced down the Oswegatche River to the finish line. It was great to see some familiar faces there.

The Sr. High FFA members are starting a "Partners in Active Learning Support" (PALS) program. PALS is a mentoring program that allows members to interact with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and serve as positive role models that help to

build students self-esteem and assist mentees in goal setting. While assisting the mentees, FFA members will teach them about agriculture through hands on activities.

Submitted by

*Alyson Wilson*, Sr. High FFA Reporter

### **Stockbridge Valley FFA Participates in the Sub-State CDE Contest**

On Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, members of the Stockbridge Valley FFA Chapter traveled to Lowville to compete in the central region sub-state contests. Chapter members had been preparing since January for their respective career development events.

Sadie Kelly competed in the Senior People in Agriculture contest where she designed a poster about six different careers in agriculture and gave a speech about one of those careers. Cassie Marshall did her personal best at presenting the five paragraphs of the FFA creed and interpreting the meaning for a panel of judges. The Stockbridge Valley Parliamentary Procedure team, consisting of Matt Phillips, Dana Smith, Danielle Smith, Alyson Wilson, Dustin Snider, David Howlett, and Meghan Marshall, placed third in competition. The parliamentary procedures contest requires students to run a ten minute mock meeting in order to display their knowledge of parliamentary law. Jacob Ax placed first in the Junior People in Agriculture contest, where he created a poster showing the many different careers in agriculture, and gave a speech on one of the careers. Jacob will be representing the Stockbridge Valley FFA at the State FFA Convention, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> in Cobleskill

Submitted by

*Ms. McDougal*, Agriculture Student Teacher

### **You are Invited to the Annual FFA Banquet**

The Stockbridge Valley FFA would like to invite you to our annual FFA Banquet. The banquet will be held in the SVCS cafeteria on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, with a social hour at 6 pm and dinner served at 7 pm. Following dinner we will move to the auditorium for an awards ceremony. The chapter will recognize its members' achievements and will honor individuals in our community and school who support our chapter and help us to reach our goals.

Covered dish dinner will include meat and cheese platter, rolls and dinner service provided by the chapter, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. The Stockbridge Valley FFA Alum-





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ni will host a Chinese auction during dinner to help raise money for chapter scholarship funds. Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our members and thank those who have supported us through out the year.

## **St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event HUGE Success!**



Thank you to everyone for supporting and attending our St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser, we had a wonderful turnout. We shaved almost sixty heads, sold some really great silent auction items, and snacked on some delicious treats. Through everyone's fundraising efforts we raised approximately \$13,000 for childhood cancer research. Thank you again for all of your support and we look forward to an even better event next year!

## **Pre K Program**

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Pre-K families came together to a Family Game Night in Stockbridge where multiple centers and games were set up for family participation and enjoyment. Students initially played games with supervised staff, while parents were able to learn more about the new Pre-K social-emotional curriculum called Strong Start. Family carry-over activities were discussed and encouraged by teachers and Eileen Allen.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, registration occurred for Fall Pre-K for all students who will be 4 years of age by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. If you know of any families who have not yet registered a potential Pre-K student, please have them call the elementary office 495-4550 or 361-5903 to obtain an application or more information.

Community Helpers have been the focus of March learning and the Pre-K students have been able to hear about different jobs when parents have volunteered to come in and discuss their job. Students have had an opportunity to dress

up and role play various jobs (mailman, construction, nurse) as well as discuss relevant vocabulary to these jobs.

April 14<sup>th</sup> was Pre-K Farm Night at Stockbridge Valley. This was an exciting evening of various activities to enhance the student knowledge and understanding of farms and related animals.

From April 4<sup>th</sup>-April 14<sup>th</sup> all Pre-K students collected canned food for a local family who had a house fire. Mrs. Didio's class collected the most food out of all the classes in the elementary school and even had their picture on the front page of the Oneida Dispatch!

## **Elementary Art News:**

The following students had artwork selected for the Earlville Opera House Art Show: Kathleen Fabrizi, Logan Pedersen, Erica Eaton, Carly Condes, Mary Mathews, Ashleigh Staudt, Kassie Reaves, Elizabeth Collins, Catherine Meeker, Evan Wagner, Karalyn Kiehn, Haley DeMenezes, Markell Zinkovitch, Olivia Marshall, Jasmine Rood, Christopher Eaton. Congratulations for a job well done!

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter**

The fifth grade classes have been a beehive of activity. We are immersed in our regular curriculum, exciting projects and state test preparation.

The Character Ed trait for the month of March was "responsibility" which 5<sup>th</sup> graders demonstrated with great enthusiasm at the Shining Star Morning Program assembly. All students participated in a skit displaying many ways to show responsibility. It ended with a cheer spelling RESPONSIBLE in which the audience participated as well.

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, fifth graders, many family members, and school administrators took a flash to the past. Our students impersonated a famous Civil War leader and presented dynamic speeches highlighting their accomplishments. These presentations were enhanced by music, posters, and costumes.

In our science classes, students are learning about the importance of protecting the environment. A key part of this study is the earth's water cycle. Fifth graders have created collages that depict this crucial understanding. Our pupils have proven that imagination and science can be closely linked. The final products are on the hall wall for your viewing pleasure.

In the weeks ahead we will continue to cover important topics. We encourage the students to keep up the good work and remain focused and responsible.

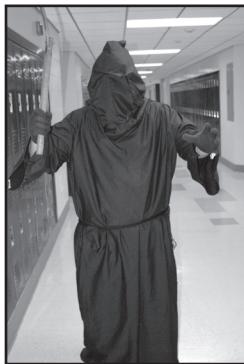
*Mrs. Henriksen & Mrs. Meneses*





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## KICK BUTTS DAY



National Kick Butts Day is a day for youth to stand out, speak up, and seize control in the fight against tobacco by raising awareness about tobacco use. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, Teen Institute, supported by staff, administration, faculty and SVCS students, celebrated Kick Butts Day. The Grim Reaper visited 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms selecting students to represent the deaths caused by tobacco products. Each student or staff member that participated wore a t-shirt sponsored by Reality Check. The

day ended with an assembly, lead by TI President Marriah Gough and TI Vice President Clinton Hayford. In addition, the SVCS students were the first to see the film "Change", a short film created by teens from Central New York about the impact of tobacco marketing.

A special thanks goes out to Marriah and Clinton for all their hard work in getting tough messages out to SVCS students and their dedication to Teen Institute. The school and community should be very proud of these two wonderful students!

*By Mrs. Davis, Teen Institute Advisor*

## From the Music Department...

Spring is here and that means it's almost concert time! Mark your calendars now for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for the high school concert and May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for the elementary concert. Please notice the change in the elementary date-it is different than what is on the district calendar.

Marching band is in full swing and the group is preparing 2 songs with a special opener written just for the SVCS drumline. Come out and support them at the spring and summer parades. See the district calendar for exact dates.

Congratulations to the following students for being accepted into the 2011 All County Ensembles: Emily Oot, Peter Oot, Carolynn Werthman, Dale Durant, Travis Kirk, Kyle Beam, Makayla Glauer, Kim March, Haley DeMenezes, Kayla March, Haley Harrington, Olivia Marshall, and Jacob Ax. Way to go! Mrs. Belanger and Mrs. Meyer are very proud of you!

In April, a select group of students ventured to Watertown High School to participate in the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Festival. These students prepared a solo and were judged based on various musical skills. This type of festival helps students hone in on their musicality and technique. Participating in NYSSMA also

opens up the chance to be selected for the prestigious Area All State and Conference All State Ensembles.

Also in April, the band and chorus students went on a musical overnight tour of the Big Apple! Fun was had by all students as they watched a live Broadway show, "*The Lion King*", and visited musical venues throughout NYC. It was a great experience for the students to see the culture of a bustling metropolis.

The Music Department would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation for their generosity! With their help, 38 students were able to attend the NYC trip at a reduced cost. We would not have been able to go on this trip without their support! We'd also like to thank the community and staff for helping the students raise money toward trips and events. Fund-raisers make it possible for every student to have the chance to participate in the events we offer. We could not have met our goals for the students without you!

## Drama Club

The Stockbridge Valley Drama Club would like to extend sincere thanks to all who made this years production of "*Willy Wonka*" a reality. A special thank you to Mrs.



Belanger, Ms. Bennati, and Mrs. Waldron for their hours of hard work and planning, the show would not have gone on stage without you! With a cast and crew of just over 100, we successfully produced one of the largest shows in our area and put on two sold out performances. The community support for this event was second to none and it truly made this a special event for our kids. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL & A JOB WELL DONE!

*Special Note: Thank you to the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation for helping to purchase the cast t-shirts. We appreciate all you do for our school!*



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## Running Club

The Stockbridge Valley Running Club held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Hot Foot Run & Walk" on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Runners from across central New York, along with walkers, took on the beautiful day in town. This is the race's first year as part of the Grand Prix series of races throughout central New York. "Numbers were up from last year", says race director Ray Brych and wants the community to know "Our club is for everyone, every age in the community regardless of your level."

Special thanks to our major sponsor again this year, The Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation, for all their efforts and support. The Running Club would also like to thank Stockbridge Valley Foods for donating all the course and post-race water. Providing their professionalism to ensure everyone's safety on the road, the race wouldn't be possible without the Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department and the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Brych says, "Once the cannon goes off, all my worries about safety are over knowing they are there."

Men's overall winner was Rich Cohen (17:17), women's winner was Amanda Hatfield (20:30). Race results are posted on the school website: [www.stockbridgevalley.org](http://www.stockbridgevalley.org)

Next year's race is on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Thank you to all 2011 race participants. See you next year!

## Sports Booster Club

I am sorry to announce that we will be unable to have basketball skills and drills this spring. We hope to have basketball in the fall before our gym gets too busy with other activities.

The Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. This year tee time is at 12:00, cost is the same as last year- \$70 per person. We are looking for sponsors, door prizes and most of all GOLFERS. It's a Sunday afternoon of fun and food. For more information feel free to call me at 264-3948.

Thank you for the continuing support.

*Curt Couture*

## Letter from the President's desk!



May is upon us and the Ruritans are in full gear. At our April meeting we are helping two FFA students attend the Washington Leadership Conference- Josh Jacobs and Dustin Snyder. The club is also funding one of the boys to attend Boys State in July.

Our May meeting will be held at the American Legion in Munnsville. We will be celebrating our 30th year as a chartered club. We would like to invite past chartered members to the banquet.



The Ruritans would like to invite everyone to the Community Fair – Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>! We will start the event off with the Annual Firemans Parade through Munnsville on Friday evening, followed by the fireworks display at dusk. We will have antique tractors, music, vendors, food, and much, much more! Put a star on the calendar for July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and join us in celebrating our small community!!

Any questions about the upcoming events or if you would like to become a member, please email [cfwilsonsr@yahoo.com](mailto:cfwilsonsr@yahoo.com) or call 315-829-3837. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Charlie Wilson, Sr.* • Stockbridge Ruritans





# HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL HONOR ROLL

**April 2011**

## Grade 4

### HIGH HONOR

Madeline Cross  
Darian Eaton  
Aliyah Frederick  
Barbara Guinto  
Kaleb Jones  
Kevin Miller  
Hannah Reaves  
Lainie Sheldon  
Jasmine Vaillancourt  
Jared Werthman  
Andrew Wilson



### HONOR

Melissa Bartlett  
Lyndsey Collins  
Melanie Gardner  
Trevor Graves  
Colby Haley  
Archie Linnaberry IV  
Breann Moot  
Abigail Myers  
Coleton Paliotta  
Cory Phoenix  
Richard Smith III  
Samuel Smith  
James Staelens, Jr.

## Grade 5

### HIGH HONOR

Dylan Anderson  
Elizabeth Collins  
Megan Lamb  
James March  
Maryanne Mathews  
Catherine Meeker  
Sylvia Meyer  
Robert Morris  
Ashleigh Staudt  
Evan Wagner  
Joshua D. Wagner



### HONOR

Devon Barton  
Alaina Beane  
Carly Condes  
Jared Couture  
Alyssa Crandall  
Karalyn Kiehn  
Zachary Montana  
Raymond O'Herien  
Andrew Renner  
Erin Sanford  
Christopher Skellham  
Brianna Smith  
Megan Trew

## Grade 6

### HIGH HONOR

Charles Ax IV  
Austin Blanchard  
Blair Bloss  
Zachary Broniszewski  
Haley DeMenezes  
Annella Graham  
Haley Harrington  
Jordan Jacobs  
Kyleigh Jones  
Chandler Mann  
Olivia Marshall  
Alexis Moyer  
Patrick Parker  
Erin Raymond  
Gabriella Russ  
Nickolas Smith  
Lauren Tompkins  
Joseph Tucker  
Kendra Webb  
Derrick Wing  
Markell Zinkovitch

### HONOR

Saleena Berry  
Seth Cousino  
Adrianna Cox  
Kathleen Fabrizi  
Kayla March  
Douglas Marshall  
Savanna Mason  
Dillon Sansone  
Alexander Snell  
MaKayla Thompson  
Logan Vineall  
Alec Virgil

## 5<sup>th</sup> Marking Period

### High Honor

#### Grade 7

Nicholas Ahles  
Dustin Bartlett  
Haley Bartella  
Carolann Chaires  
Seth Durant  
Katelyn Green  
Tiffani Jacobs  
Jude Klish  
Hunter Middleton  
Jessica Montana  
Ronica Roberts  
Jordyn Sanford  
Dani Webb

#### Grade 8

Kally DeGroat  
Brianna Dygert  
Michael Gough  
Rachel Jackson  
Emily Laurin  
Teresa Meeker  
Alex Opperman  
Brittany Papa  
Sarah Papa  
Joseph Seeber  
John Slator  
Michael Staudt

#### Grade 9

Dhia DeGroat  
Sasha DeMenezes  
Samantha Jackson  
Mariah Nichols  
Kylie Phillips  
Morgan Rood



**Grade 10**

Jacob Broniszewski  
Julian Cox  
Lisa Curtis  
Timothy Meeker  
Peter Oot  
Matthew Papa  
Jacey Pokorny  
Justin Sirles  
Tyler Smith  
Justiss Usborne  
Carolynn Werthman  
Alyson Wilson  
Samantha Yates

**Grade 11**

Louisa Bartlett  
Dale Durant  
Makayla Glauer  
Alexander Kiehn  
Brittany Lalonde  
Samantha Manaseri  
Kimberly March  
Craig Marshall  
Ryan Mennig  
Nicholas Misiaszek  
Jonathan Netzbund  
Emily Oot  
William Pegg  
Jay Pokorny  
Teagan Porter  
Brandon Pupp  
Robert Reeder  
Christopher Rifenburg  
Randi Sheldon  
Stephanie Stewart  
Ryan Thorna  
Morgan Vineall

**Grade 12**

Johnathan Clarke  
LaRae Egelston  
Marriah Gough  
Teena Graham  
Clinton Hayford  
Benjamin Henderson  
Eryka Nolan  
Graham Phillips  
Michael Roberts  
Teckhya Rood  
Ethan Russ  
Trew Hilary  
Charles Wilson

**Honor****Grade 7**

Zachary Burke  
Alexis Cockrum  
Andrew Jacobs  
Jarret Jacobs  
Kelsey Linnaberry  
Paul Mathews  
Caleb Renner  
Seth Squires  
Kody Trew

**Grade 8**

Dakota Bumpus  
Kelsey Cousino  
Aaron Hartle  
Anthony Kowanes  
McKayla Morris  
Alexandra Netzbund  
Theadora Reaves

**Grade 9**

Connor Bartlett  
Jason Brummer  
Alonzo Byron  
Zachary Cunningham  
Tyler Harrington  
Hailey Jacobs  
Nicole Jacobs  
Cassandra Marshall  
Kendra Phillips  
Bailea Porter  
Troy Posloski  
Dana Smith  
Cody Soullas  
Chance Tripp

**Grade 10**

Kyle Beam  
Meriah Beauvais  
Marisha Burton  
Cody Collins  
Jacob Crawford  
Taylor Denison  
Clarissa Egelston  
Brittany Huckabone  
Joshua Jacobs  
Evan Kinney  
Kelsey Kinney  
Meghan Marshall  
William Wyant

**Grade 11**

Christopher Baker  
Torell Chaires  
Richard Denison  
Kaylene Flores  
Travis Kirk  
Jesse Lyman  
Jolene Mitchell  
Justine Sanford

**Grade 12**

Cheyenne Dodson  
Emily Lloyd  
Jessa Montclair  
Heather Nazel





## 6<sup>th</sup> Marking Period

### High Honor

#### Grade 7

Nicholas Ahles  
Dustin Bartlett  
Haley Bertella  
Seth Durant  
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Tiffany Jacobs  
Jessica Montana  
Ronica Roberts  
Jordyn Sanford  
Dani Webb

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Graham Phillips  
Ethan Russ  
Hilary Trew  
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### Honor

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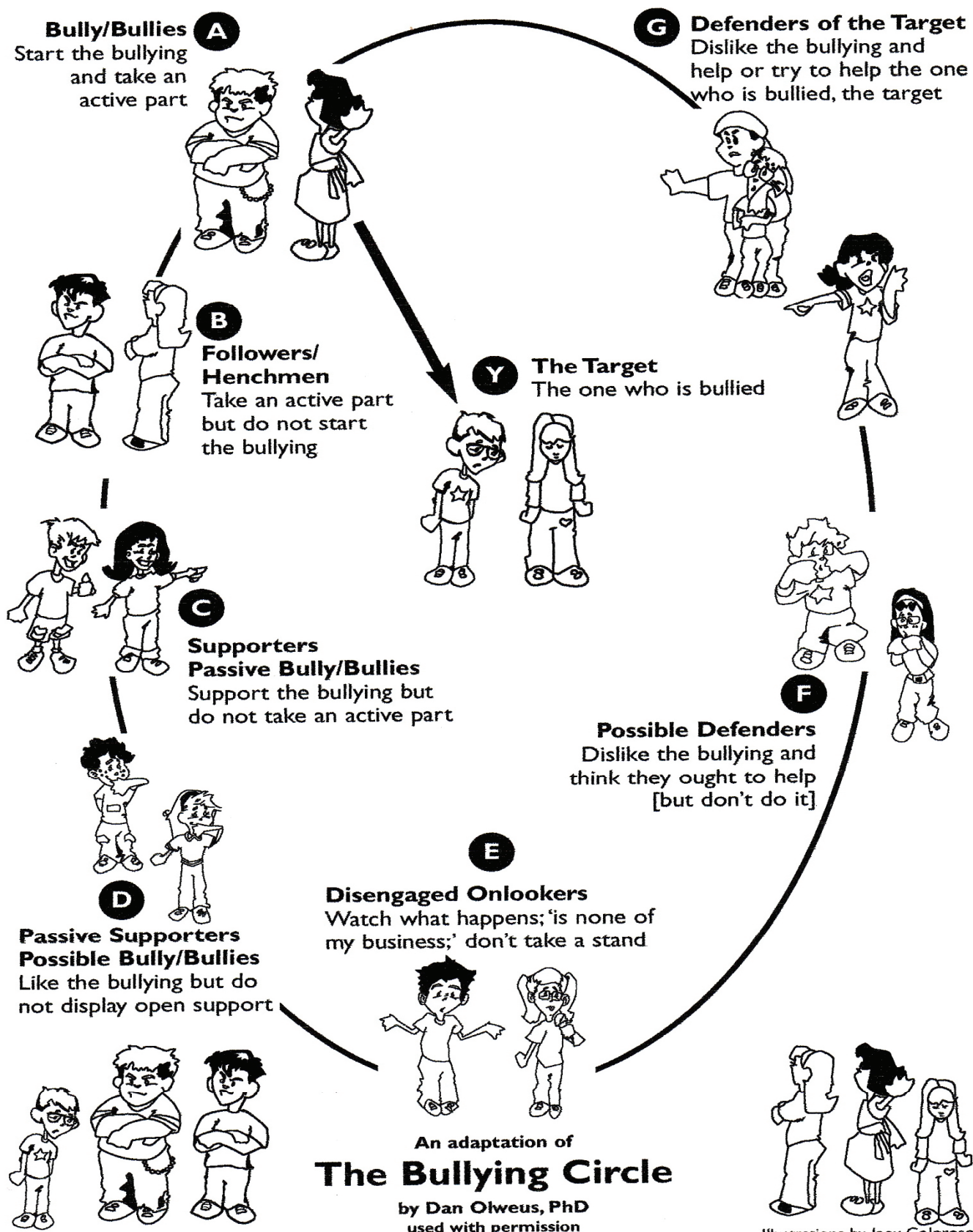
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## the bully

Bullies come in all shapes and sizes. Some are big; some are small; some bright and some not so bright; some attractive and some not so attractive; some popular and some disliked by almost everybody.

Bullying is a conscious, willful and deliberate hostile activity, intended to harm.

### The Four Markers of Bullying

1. An imbalance of power
2. Intent to harm
3. Threat of further aggression
4. When bullying escalates unabated—terror

Bullying is not about anger, or even about conflict. It's about contempt—a powerful feeling of dislike toward someone considered to be worthless, inferior or undeserving of respect. Contempt comes with three apparent psychological advantages that allow kids to harm others without feeling empathy, compassion or shame. These are:

1. A sense of entitlement—the right to control, dominate, subjugate, and abuse another human being
2. An intolerance toward difference
3. A liberty to exclude—to bar, isolate, and segregate a person deemed not worthy of respect or care

### Seven Steps to Stop Bullying

1. Discipline (including the three Rs: restitution, resolution, reconciliation)
2. Create opportunities to "do good"
3. Nurture empathy
4. Teach friendship skills
5. Closely monitor TV viewing, video games and computer activities
6. Engage in more constructive, entertaining, energizing activities
7. Teach ways to "will good"

## the bullied

The one thing that all kids who are bullied have in common is that a bully or a bunch of bullies has targeted them. Each one was singled out to be the object of scorn, and thus the recipient of bullying, merely because he or she was different in some way.

### The Warning Signs

1. Shows an abrupt lack of interest in school, or refuses to go to school
2. Takes an unusual route to school
3. Suffers drop in grades
4. Withdraws from family and school activities
5. Is hungry after school
6. Steals money from home
7. Makes a beeline to the bathroom when arriving home
8. Is sad, sullen, angry, or scared after receiving a phone call or email
9. Does something out of character
10. Has torn or missing clothing
11. Uses derogatory or demeaning language when talking about peers
12. Stops talking about peers and everyday activities
13. Has physical injuries not consistent with explanation
14. Has stomachaches, headaches, panic attacks, is unable to sleep, sleeps too much, is exhausted
15. Plays alone, or prefers to hang with adults

### Why Kids Don't Tell

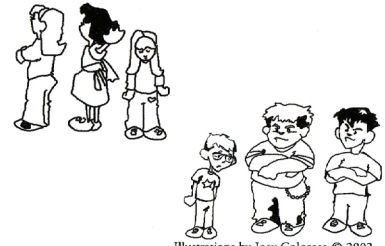
1. They are ashamed of being bullied
2. They are afraid of retaliation
3. They don't think anyone can help them
4. They don't think anyone will help them
5. They've bought into the lie that bullying is a necessary part of growing up
6. They might believe that adults are part of the lie—they bully too
7. They have learned that "ratting" on a peer is bad, not cool

## the bystander

Bystanders are the third group of players in this tragedy. They are the supporting cast who aid and abet the bully, through acts of omission and commission. They stand idly by or look away, or they can actively encourage the bully or join in and become one of a bunch of bullies. Injustice overlooked or ignored becomes a contagion that infects even those who thought they could turn away.

### Standing Up and Speaking Out

Bullying is challenged when the majority stands up against the cruel acts of the minority. Establishing new norms, enforcing playground rules, and increasing supervision are policy decisions that can help reduce the incidents of bullying. Since much of the bullying goes on "under the radar of adults," a potent force is kids themselves showing bullies that they will not be looked up to, nor will their cruel behavior be condoned or tolerated. Kids need not be bystanders. They can become active witnesses, standing up for their peers, speaking out against injustices, and taking responsibility for what happened among themselves.



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## teasing/taunting

### Teasing

1. Allows the teaser and person teased to swap roles.
2. Isn't intended to hurt the other person.
3. Maintains the basic dignity of everyone involved.
4. Pokes fun in a lighthearted, clever, and benign way.
5. Is meant to get both parties to laugh.
6. Is only a small part of the activities shared by kids who have something in common.
7. Is innocent in motive.
8. Is discontinued when person teased becomes upset or objects to the teasing.

### Taunting

1. Is based on an imbalance of power and is one-sided: the bully taunts, the bullied kid is taunted.
2. Is intended to harm.
3. Involves humiliating, cruel, demeaning, or bigoted comments thinly disguised as jokes.
4. Includes laughter directed at the target, not with the target.
5. Is meant to diminish the sense of self-worth of the target.
6. Induces fear of further taunting or can be a prelude to physical bullying.
7. Is sinister in motive.
8. Continues especially when targeted kid becomes distressed or objects to the taunt.

## four most powerful antidotes to bullying

Strong sense of self, being a friend, having at least one good friend who is there for you through thick and thin, and being able to successfully get into a group—and get out when it does not serve you well.

## if your child is bullied

### Don'ts

1. Don't minimize, rationalize, or explain away the bully's behavior.
2. Don't rush in to solve the problem for your child.
3. Don't tell your child to avoid the bully.
4. Don't tell your child to fight back.
5. Don't confront the bully or the bully's parents alone.

### Do's

1. I hear you; I am here for you; I believe you; you are not alone in this.
2. It is not your fault.
3. There are things you can do.
4. Report the bullying to school personnel.

## how to report

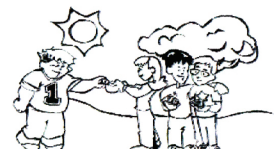
1. Arrange a meeting for you and your child with the appropriate person at the school.
2. Bring to the meeting the facts in writing—the date, time, place, kids involved, and the specifics of the incidents—and the impact the bullying has had on your child as well as what your child has done to try to stop the bullying that didn't work.
3. Work with your child and school personnel on a plan that addresses what your child needs right now in order to feel safe, what she can do to avoid being bullied and to stand up to any future bullying, and whom she can go to for help.
4. Find out what procedures the bully will be going through and what kind of support the school is expecting from the parents of the bully.
5. If you feel the problem is not being adequately addressed by the school, know that you can express your concerns and let the teacher and/or administrator know that you will take the next step to the school district board office and if necessary—especially in the cases of serious abuse and racist or sexist bullying—to the police.

## caring schools

1. Gather information about bullying at school directly from students.
2. Establish clear schoolwide and classroom rules about bullying.
3. Train all adults in the school to respond sensitively and consistently to bullying.
4. Provide adequate adult supervision, particularly in less structured areas, such as on the playground and in the lunchroom.
5. Improve parental awareness of and involvement in working on the problem.

## re-writing the script

The bully, the bullied, the bystander—the interactions involved in such role-playing, though commonplace in our culture, are not healthy, not normal, certainly not necessary, and in fact are devastating to the children playing them. We as parents and educators can rewrite the script and create for our children alternative, healthier roles that require no pretense and no violence. With care and commitment, we can rechannel the behaviors of the bully into positive leadership activities; acknowledge the nonaggressive behaviors of the bullied child as strengths that can be developed and are honored; and transform the role of the bystander into that of a witness, someone willing to stand up, speak out, and act against injustice. A daunting task, but a necessary one.



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## School District Budget Notice

### Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2011 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2012 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2012 School Year*
Total budgeted amount	\$ 9,733,332	\$ 9,912,471	\$ 9,873,221
Increase/decrease for the 2012 school year		\$ 179,139	\$ - 39,250
Percentage increase(decrease) in each proposed budget		1.84%	1.4%
Change in the consumer price index		1.6%	
Resulting est. property tax levy for the 2012 school year		\$ 2,135,525	\$ 2,096,275
Administrative component	\$ 1,173,288	\$ 1,194,022	\$ 1,193,122
Program component	\$ 6,651,318	\$ 6,374,995	\$ 6,362,645
Capital component	\$ 1,911,243	\$ 2,343,454	\$ 2,317,454
<p>* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2012 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. <sup>1</sup> Given the proposed budget is less than the contingent budget as allowed by law, non contingent items only have been estimated and decreased in the above contingency budget.</p>			

### Basic STAR Exemption Impact

#### Estimated Basic STAR<sup>2</sup> Exemption Savings:

	Budget Proposed for the 2012 School Year
Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$ 564.90

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2011-2012 by the qualified voters of the Stockbridge Valley Central School district, Madison County, New York, will be held at Stockbridge Valley C. S. in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the School Foyer at Stockbridge Valley C. S., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> Provide a statement of assumptions made in estimating the contingency budget pursuant to section 2023 of the Education Law.

<sup>2</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



## **Stockbridge Valley Central School District**

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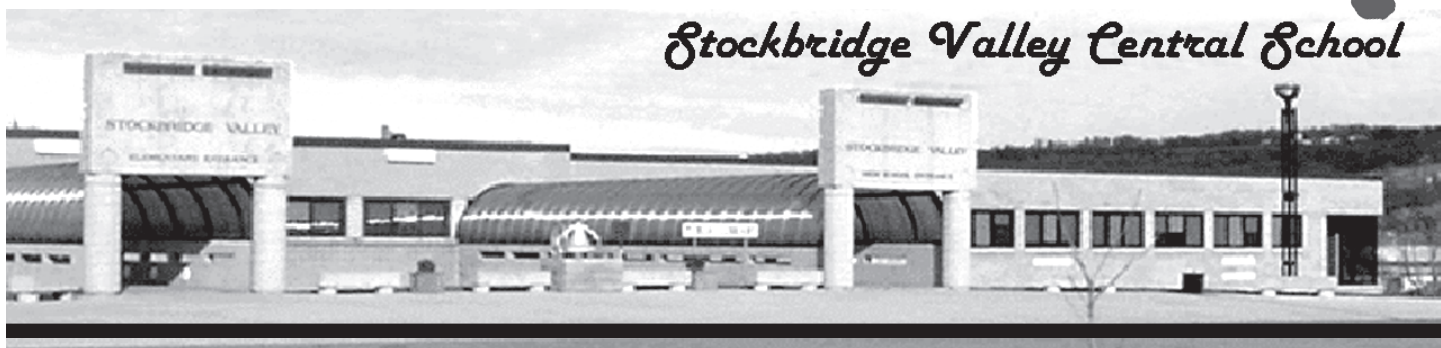
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495-1908

### ***Athletic Director***

Mr. Mark Kiser  
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### ***Head Custodian***

Mr. J.T. Mann  
495-4495

### ***Cafeteria Manager***

Ms. Hollie Ackerman  
495-1909

### ***CSE Office***

Mrs. Terry McInerney  
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### ***Head Bus Driver***

Ms. Pam Mitchell  
495-4599

### ***School Nurse***

Mrs. Nancy Greene  
495-4500

## **WANTED:**

### **OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA**

The Agriculture/Rural History class would like to make a virtual archive of what the Valley used to look like.

All pictures will be scanned and returned to the owners.

*Any questions please call Patty Waldron @ 495-1934 or Kate Fisher @ 495-1839 or SVCS @ 495-4400.*

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