



BUILDING COMMUNITY

At the official opening of school for teachers this year, I had the privilege to watch an incredible video put together by our Communications Department highlighting a summer Classrooms Without Borders trip for some of our faculty. The message for each of us was about building communities and eradicating hate. As I listened to my colleagues' stories, I began thinking of how their shared experiences relate to the world of athletics and activities and it dawned on me: teams. As Director of Athletics & Activities, my world centers around teams – not just sport teams, but teams in the arts, activities and clubs. As much as we think of a football team and all its moving parts, so, too, do I think of our award-winning Raider Marching Band as a team of moving parts. We are not privileged to awe-inspiring musical and theatrical performances without teamwork. The Video and Tabletop Games clubs in Ryan Gloyer Middle School allow students from the Cougars, Condors and Lions to build connections through shared interests. As the video played on, our purpose became clearer

and clearer – what we do in Athletics & Activities is provide so many students the opportunity for community connections through common interests. We provide opportunities for leaders to emerge organically; we get to witness personal growth and team accomplishments through dedicated work and sacrifice. We witness joy in its purest form, and we guide through unimaginable heartbreak in defeat. Through every trial and tribulation, as teammates, we show up for one another. What better lesson to learn in life than showing up for one another? As I look ahead to the 2023-24 school year my goal is simple: for each student who comes through our department, it is my hope they learn the value of being the absolute best teammate they can be – not just in school, but in life. For #SVRaiderNation, in celebration of all our differences, it is my hope we can all show up and be the best Raider teammate for one another. Building community – that is what we do in Athletics & Activities. ■

NEW IN 2023-24 STUDENT ATHLETICS PASSES

In collaboration with the Student-Athlete Leadership Team (S.A.L.T.), the Seneca Valley Athletics Department is pleased to offer a year-long student athletic pass for all Raider sports home contests on our campus for the 2023-24 school year.

The pass will be \$50 and will entitle the name holder - who presents the Athletics pass along with valid ID (SV ID, License) - to free entry for our regular season home contests.

Any Seneca Valley student in grades K-12 is eligible to purchase a 2023-24 annual student athletic pass.

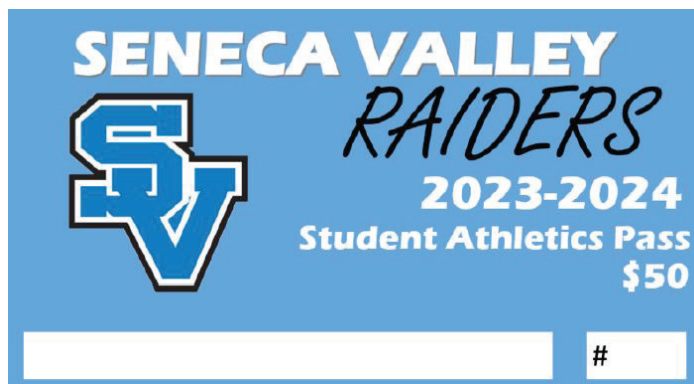
Passes may be purchased in the Athletic Office located in the lobby of the Senior High School. Passes are available for sale from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Passes may be purchased with a **check made payable to S.V.S.D. or with cash**. No credit cards accepted.

Terms of Use for Annual Student Athletics Pass

1. The pass entitles bearer for one student paid admission to any regular season SV home athletic contest.
2. Must be presented with SV Student ID.
3. Only valid for regular season SV home games.
4. Pass does not allow for reentry into venue.
5. Lost passes will not be replaced.
6. Passes are non-transferable.
7. Pass is not accepted at any WPIAL and/or PIAA playoff contest hosted on our campus.

Special Event Nights

- Sept. 15, 2023: Veterans Recognition Night, Home Football vs Pine-Richland



- Sept. 21, 2023: Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Senior High School
- Sept. 22, 2023: Hall of Fame Recognition & Youth Night, Home Football vs Mt. Lebanon
- Sept. 29, 2023: Senior Night, Home Football vs Butler
- Oct. 5, 2023: Homecoming Carnival & Parade, Secondary Campus
- Oct. 6, 2023: Homecoming Night, Home Football vs Hempfield
- Oct. 27, 2023: Pink Night Game, Home Football vs North Allegheny ■

TRAILBLAZING TALENT

Mimi Skowronski, a rising seventh grader at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS), is paving the way for girls sports.

Last month, Miss Skowronski was welcomed to KDKA's Talk Pittsburgh show to share her experience competing on a national level in wrestling and playing football for Seneca Valley.

Read more at [KD Kids Club: Mimi Skowronski - CBS Pittsburgh \(cbsnews.com\)](https://www.cbsnews.com) ■

SAVE THE DATE!

Seneca Valley Alumni will return to their “home turf” to be recognized for their outstanding athletic achievements made during their time as students at the 2023 Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame (HOF) Induction Ceremony.

This year’s 2023 Induction Class includes Conor Barrett ('08), Patty Brain Cekella ('86), Alexandria Karika ('12), Brooke Gilliland Klatt ('97), Anthony Laslavic ('98), and Ryan Vilella ('13).

The SV Sports HOF committee will be honoring these inductees the weekend of Sept. 21-22.

The Induction Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, in the senior

high school (SHS) auditorium and is free for all to attend. This ceremony will be preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) in the SHS cafeteria. Dinner tickets can be purchased [here](#). Tickets MUST BE purchased by Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Inductees will also be recognized at the football game at NexTier Stadium on Friday, Sept. 22.

All are welcome to attend and recognize these inductees for their contribution to Seneca Valley Raider athletics!

For more information, please contact Wayne Roccia at 724-816-0698 or via email at wroccia@zoominternet.net. ■



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