

RAIDER PRIDE

A State and National Award-Winning Publication

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EHRMAN CREST RECOGNIZED GLOBALLY

The Seneca Valley School District continues to take learning to new heights and has now garnered international media attention with the addition of its newest building, Ehrman Crest!

Early Thursday morning, Nov. 10, TIME released its list of the best inventions of 2022, and we're excited to announce that Ehrman Crest Elementary/Middle School made the list!

As stated by TIME, "Ehrman Crest models the future of educational institutions." According to their website, TIME editors highlighted the most impactful new products and ideas from around the world. They evaluated each contender on a number of key factors, including originality, efficacy, ambition and impact. In their review of the building, TIME noted Ehrman Crest's harmonic walls that educate about sound, fractions, and energy; graphic walls with animals and numbers; and magnetic walls that let kids study local ecology. Ehrman Crest is the only educational institution chosen for any category and one of just six best inventions to be featured in the design category.

"I am incredibly proud of this designation. We approached the design of Ehrman Crest with the intent of creating a space that, in and of itself, was an interactive teaching tool," said Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools. "There are learning opportunities everywhere you look; in our flooring choices, on our walls,



in our window panes, even the canopy covering the outside entrance. We believe this announcement reinforces our efforts and we are pleased that we can serve as a model facility for other K-12 schools across the country and even the world. It's an exciting time to be a part of Seneca Valley."

Click here to see the article: Ehrman Crest Elementary/Middle School: The 200 Best Inventions of 2022 | TIME

Get an inside look at Ehrman Crest and hear from District Administration and Architectural Design teams:

SenecaValleySD - YouTube

Watch highlights from the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Ehrman Crest Elementary / Middle School Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony -YouTube



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DATES TO REMEMBER

| Dec. 5 | School Board Reorganization Meeting, IHS Auditorium, 5 p.m. |
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| Dec. 10 | ACT Testing, SHS, 7:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 20 | Senior Holiday Event, IHS Auditorium, 12:30 p.n |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 | Winter Break, No School |
| Jan. 9 | School Board Meeting Work Session, SHS Auditorium, 7 p.m |
| Jan. 17 | School Board Action Meeting, SHS Auditorium, 7 p.m. |
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For more dates, visit: www.svsd.net/WebCalendar

DECEMBER

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TIME-LY SCENES FROM EHRMAN CREST ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL



The hallways at Ehrman Crest Elementary School were filled with balloons, smiles and laughter during the school's first parade, Balloons Over Ehrman Crest.



Students utilize collaborative spaces for group learning.



Community members enjoy visiting the building during the Ehrman Crest Public Tour that took place on Sept. 24, 2022.



Students are enjoying the unique learning spaces like Creativity, Innovation and Research Center (CIRC).



The use of the circular ramp teaches students about complex shapes and construction geometry.



Ehrman Crest models exciting new ideas around how corridors and walls are used; how the building and surrounding natural environment can be teaching tools.



The rooftop garden and solar panels both allow students to go outside and explore how things are grown and how energy is collected and repurposed.



A variety of large-scale magnetic wall maps are used throughout the building to document data such as ecological information of the surrounding site.

MAKING SLEEPING MATS FOR VETERANS IN NEED

Students at Haine Middle School are combining creativity and sustainability to help veterans in need by constructing sleeping mats made from recycled grocery bags.

Mats for Veterans is a school club that makes mats for homeless veterans. Club sponsor, Ms. Christine Roe, special education teacher at Haine Middle School said that the club meets once a week during activity period, and often students will meet to work on the project during their homeroom if they're available. On average it takes 750 plastic bags and 250 hours to complete all the tasks associated with making a single mat.

Students work very hard sorting through donated bags, flattening bags, cutting the bags into strips, making plarn (plastic yarn) and crocheting the mats. After the mats are complete, they are donated to the Cranberry Elks, who then distribute the sleeping mats to those in need.









STUDENTS AT EHRMAN CREST MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR VETERANS

Ehrman Crest Middle School (ECMS) hosted a Veterans Recognition Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the middle school cafeteria. The breakfast consisted of about 50 veterans along with the students who invited them as their special guests; making the total nearly 100 people.

Veterans and students enjoyed a delicious breakfast while listening to the ECMS Band perform "The Star-Spangled Banner" and hearing poems and essays written by students about the importance of honoring veterans. The ECMS Orchestra also performed "My Country Tis of Thee," and the breakfast concluded with sixth grader, Sara Bajack playing "Taps."

The Veterans Recognition Breakfast started about 10 years ago at the former Evans City Middle School and has evolved over the past 5-7 years which now includes musical performances and student-led speakers.

This was the first in-person Veterans Recognition Breakfast since the fall of 2019, and the very first one at the new Ehrman Crest Middle School.

Ms. Maria Landolina, STEP (Short Term Enhancement Program) teacher at ECMS organizes the Veterans Recognition Breakfast and has been doing so for many years.





"Our Veterans Day celebration is important to me primarily because I want our veterans to know how much we appreciate them, but also because there's something very humanizing about our students getting the chance to interact with them. It's important for the students to understand that these aren't just people in war movies or history books—they're parents, grandparents, siblings, human beings. These veterans have unique lives and stories to tell, and it's a privilege for our students to hear these stories and fully understand what it means to be a veteran," said Ms. Landolina. "I also







have a personal connection to this day, with my father, husband, and two of my sons being past or current military members."

REMEMBERING A HERO

Seventh and eighth graders of Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) gathered during an annual assembly where they learned firsthand about the student, teacher and soldier for which their building was named.

Sgt. 1st Class Ryan A. Gloyer, an SV graduate of 2000, died courageously in battle in Afghanistan on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel. In 2018, Seneca Valley Middle School was renamed Ryan Gloyer Middle School to pay tribute to this fallen hero. During the assembly, Ryan's father (who also served in the U.S. Navy), friends and SV graduates spoke about his life, legacy and the impact he made on the lives around him.

To read more about the life and legacy of Sgt. 1st Class Ryan A. Gloyer, visit our website.









CLASSROOMS WITHOUT BORDERS

For the fifth consecutive year, seventh and eighthgrade students in gifted education classes at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) had the opportunity to closely explore and learn about the Holocaust through an interactive and collaborative workshop in partnership with Classrooms Without Borders.

Playwright and teacher, Susan Stein directly partners with teachers to develop lessons that will engage students both intellectually and emotionally. Ms. Stein spoke to students about diaries written by young people during the Holocaust and how they can use writing skills to impact their lives now.

Ms. Stein wrote and starred in the one-woman play, "Etty," based on the diaries and letters of Etty Hillesum. Students even got to watch Ms. Stein perform segments from the play for the first time.



"This is the fifth year in a row to have Ms. Stein visit our classrooms. We learn so much from her, and Ms. Stein's background enables her to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the Holocaust," stated RGMS gifted support teacher Mr. Zeke Stroupe. Ms. Stein has appeared in Arthur Miller's "American Clock," directed by Austin Pendleton



and was seen at Luna Stage in "A Parent's Evening." Ms. Stein studied acting at New York University (NYU) Graduate School of Arts and Science and Purchase College, SUNY. She served for 13 years on the faculty of Princeton Day School in Princeton, NJ teaching dramatic literature, playwriting and the history and literature of the Holocaust.

FALL FIELD TRIP TO MORAINE STATE PARK

On a beautiful day in late October, the physical education department at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) took their Adapted Physical Education (PE) class to play a round of disc golf on the Lakeview Disc Golf Course at Moraine State Park. The students in this PE class had been practicing disc golf, and they had a blast playing at one of the area's top courses followed by a splendid fall picnic and walk on the beach!





PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER

As winter is almost here, and snow has made a brief appearance, we want to review our 2022-23 plans for inclement weather closures, also known as snow days.

The <u>first and second</u> inclement weather school closures will work as traditional snow days so that students can enjoy the days:

- Should the first closure occur before Feb. 17, 2023, we will use Friday, Feb. 17, 2023 as the first makeup day for the first closure.
- Should the second closure occur before March 20, 2023, we will use Monday, March 20, 2023, as the second makeup day for the second closure.

Starting with the <u>third</u> inclement weather closure, to and including all other closure days, the District will utilize **livestreaming days** that will run on a student **two-hour delay** so that teachers and students can prepare for livestreaming instruction. **Students will be expected to log on to the SV Portal and access the teacher-provided livestreaming link(s) in the Announcements section.** Logging in is key as doing so electronically collects <u>student attendance</u>. Inclement Weather School/Class Announcements will be made available for student/parent viewing via the SV Portal after <u>9:30 a.m.</u> on the day of the closure.

Here are the schedules for remote learning days starting with the third closure:

• K-6 Schedule on inclement weather CLOSURE days:

10:55 a.m. - 3:25 p.m. - Remote Synchronous Instruction with Students (teachers will post classroom schedules in the announcement section of the portal)

Modified A.M. Kindergarten: 10:55 a.m. - 12:43 p.m.

Modified P.M. Kindergarten: 1:37 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

• 7-8 Schedule on inclement weather CLOSURE days:

10 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Remote Synchronous Instruction with Students

Period 1 - 10 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

Period 2 - 10:30 a.m. - 10:55 p.m.

Period 3 - 11 a.m. - 11:25 p.m.

Period 4 - 11:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

LUNCH - Noon - 12:30 p.m.

Period 5 - 12:35 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Period 6 - 1:05 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Period 7 - 1:35 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Period 8 - 2:05 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



• 9-12 Schedule on inclement weather CLOSURE days:

10:01 a.m.– 2:33 p.m. - Remote Synchronous Instruction with Students

Period 1 - 10:01 a.m. - 10:26 a.m.

Period 2 - 10:30 a.m. - 10:55 p.m.

Period 3 - 10:59 a.m. - 11:24 p.m.

Period 4 - 11: 28 a.m. - 11:58 a.m.

Period 5 - 12:02 p.m. - 12:32 p.m.

Period 6 - 12:36 p.m. - 1:06 p.m.

Period 7 - 1:10 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.

Period 8 - 1:39 p.m. - 2:04 p.m.

Period 9 - 2:08 p.m. - 2:33 p.m.

The above schedule and closure information will be made available via the homepage of the District website (www.svsd.net) anytime the District announces a school closure.

As we have learned, livestreaming can sometimes be disruptive to optimal learning in both the traditional and remote environments. Therefore, we want to ask for your assistance when students are livestreaming:

- <u>Learning environment</u> Students should be ready and prepared to learn. Students should be seated at a table or desk free from distractions. The student should not be traveling in car or livestreaming from a loud environment. Please have student supplies readily available.
- <u>Laptop Cameras</u> must be turned on (students are permitted to blur their background for privacy).
- <u>Laptop Microphones</u> should stay muted until the student needs to speak.

Students unable to livestream due to childcare needs or illness will be given assistance when they return and time to make up the day's assignments.

If you have any extenuating circumstances, you may reach out to your child's individual teacher(s).

I BELIEVE IN...

Ms. Christina King, a third-grade teacher at Rowan Elementary School asked her students a simple question – "What do you believe in?" Her students thought long and hard about this question. They not only provided wonderful responses but also made illustrations as well. Some of their answers might surprise you.

I believe in...

Faith - Abbie Lucas

Truth- Nolan Grupp

The Military and Steam Trains – Andrew Wemyss

Hard Work - Sophie Szweda

Kindness - Kaiden Allen

God - Camdyn Copeland

Kindness - Savannah Carothers

God - Isaac Mueller

Hard Work - Anna Klingensmith

Helping Others - Santino Demaio

Hard Work - Jocelyn Karasack

Helping Others - Matthew



Pictured above:

(Back row L to R): Avery Wellington, Mason Malley, Jude Frost, Aiden, Savannah Carothers, Sophie Szweda and Isaac Mueller

(Middle row L to R): DeAngelo Yandura, Jocelyn Karasack, Andrew Wemyss, Anna Klingensmith, Nolan Grupp, Santino Demaio and Camdyn Copeland

(Front Row L to R): Luke West, Abbie Lucas, Ellie Wokutch, Eliana Kang, Bella Tulandin, Matthew and Kaiden Allen

Friendship - Jude Frost

Hard Work - Bella Tulandin

Getting games on my Xbox - Luke West

Kindness - Ellie Wokutch

Family - Avery Wellington

My Family - DeAngelo Yandura

Giving to Others - Mason Malley

Family and Friendship - Eliana Kang

GIVING BACK TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Students at Haine Elementary learned that giving back to the community is priceless. The building kicked off World Kindness Day (Nov. 13) with a coin drive to support Gleaner's Food Bank in Cranberry Township, and students in grades K-4 were encouraged to donate toward the cause.

Additionally, students read the book "Maddie's Fridge," which helped them understand the struggles many families face regarding hunger and how how good friends and a caring community can help.

"Haine Elementary kicked-off Word Kindness Day with a coin drive to support Gleaners Food Bank. We began by reading the book "Maddie's Fridge," which describes the struggles many families face regarding hunger," said Ms. Megan Anderson, second grade teacher at Haine Elementary School. "Then, we discussed how small acts of kindness add-up, and how everyone, no matter the age, has the ability to help others! As a whole school, Haine collected over \$1,700! We loved witnessing the joy students found in giving and were thrilled to support our community!"



BRING YOUR PARENT TO WORK DAY

On Thursday, Nov. 10, Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle School staff invited their parents or special guest for breakfast followed by a visit to their classrooms. Some of the special guests included veterans who then shared stories about their service in the military with the students. As parents and special guests participated in classroom activities, they saw first-hand the important work that our



teachers and staff do to impact students each day.













STUDENTS AT EHRMAN CREST SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

Last month students at Ehrman Crest Elementary/Middle School recognized both Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Red Ribbon Week. On Oct. 21, students and faculty members wore pink in support of breast cancer awareness. The following week students actively participated in a variety of activities during Red Ribbon Week, a national drug prevention program that encourages students to commit to a drug free lifestyle.















The Seneca Valley School District is pleased to present the

24TH ANNUAL SENIOR HOLIDAY EVENT

Tuesday, December 20, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. (Doors open at Noon)

Location: Seneca Valley Intermediate High School
126 Seneca School Road, Harmony, PA 16037

This festive holiday presentation is open to senior citizens living in the Seneca Valley School community. Performances from the Seneca Valley Jazz Band, Madrigal Singers, and Orchestra will take place in auditorium.

The National Honor Society will serve a sit-down holiday meal in the school's cafeteria following the performances.

Extra assistance will be provided by members of the SV JROTC.

The event is **FREE**. However, RSVPs are required by December 13. For more information or to RSVP, attendees are asked to call 724-452-6040, ext. 0.



SV CHS BROADCAST NEWS CLASS OFF TO AN EARLY START

For the first time in several years, SV's video production program is producing its Seneca Scout show in the first semester. Produced by the CHS Broadcast News class, the weekly Seneca Scout show has students writing stories about current events they find interesting, ranging from local to international news. Throughout the week, in addition to research and writing, student journalists shoot and find relevant video footage for their stories, interview experts, make graphics, test all technical equipment and do runthroughs before recording and airing their final show on Fridays. This small but impressive crew has already covered countless District stories, notable academic and artistic accomplishments. sports and entertainment, and various other stories in-depth including an entire show devoted to breaking down the 2022 midterm election results. Audiences can see a new episode of the Seneca Scout every Friday at 7 p.m. on SVTV (Armstrong channel 208), premiering live





on SVTV's YouTube page (youtube.com/senecavalleytv), or streaming live from the SVTV website. The CHS Broadcast News class is a fantastic opportunity for any students interested in journalism, technology, media literacy and video production, all with the possibility of earning college credit.







SV ORCHESTRA STUDENTS ATTEND INAUGURAL PMEA FESTIVAL

On Nov. 3, students in the Seneca Valley Orchestra program, grades 7-9 participated in the inaugural Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Junior High String Fest. The festival was held at Beaver High School, under the direction of guest conductor Dr. Jeffery Tedford. Elizabeth Browne, Seneca Valley freshman violinist, received the only solo awarded at this festival. SV students enjoyed the opportunity to perform with students from neighboring schools and the opportunity to participate in their first PMEA festival. Orchestra director Sarah Miller said, "This is a great opportunity for orchestra students to experience a PMEA festival at the junior high level. I was so excited that PMEA was able to offer them this opportunity." Following the success of the first District 5 Junior High String Fest, this event will now be held annually to enrich the musical education of orchestra students in our area.



Pictured L to R:

Top Row/Back:
Kyle DeMaster (bass, 7th),
Dylan Neal (violin, 9th), Mia
Grant (bass, 9th), Jaycie
Kinney (violin, 9th), Kadence
Metz (violin, 9th), Artie Covell
(violin, 9th), Addison Hartzell
(violin, 8th) and Shann Israel
(cello, 8th).

Bottom Row: Roshini Umesh (violin, 9th), Addie Weaver (violin, 9th), Maddie Tresky (violin, 9th)

PMEA HONORS CHORUS

Each year, the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) in District 5 holds auditions for the Honors Chorus Festival. The three-day event provides students the opportunity for enrichment and personal growth. All students in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties are eligible to audition.

Congratulations to these 23 outstanding Seneca Valley students who qualified for the 2022 PMEA Honor Choir. The festival concluded with a concert on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Westminster College. The 9-12 choral department is under direction of Mrs. Bobi-Jean Alexander and Mrs. Claire Barker.



Soprano I

Anya Maschmeier - Chair 1 - Grade 12 Natalie Palmer - Chair 3 - Grade 11 Shayla Kemp - Chair 10 - Grade 9

Soprano II

Maddie Tresky - Chair 2 - Grade 9

Elia Honeycutt - Chair 10 - Grade 12 Giulia Siegfried - Chair 11 - Grade 11

Alto I

Elizabeth Hixon - Chair 1 - Grade 12

Leta Hixon - Chair 1 - Grade 12

Ella Gemperlein - Chair 3 - Grade 11 Emma Zelesnak - Chair 4 - Grade 11 Josie Sherman - Chair 12 - Grade 11

Alto II

Ayla Alexander - Chair 1 - Grade 10 Dorothy Vogel - Chair 5 - Grade 12

Tenor I

Nathan Capizzi - Chair 9 - Grade 9 Colton Marley - Chair 3 - Grade 12

Hunter Connell - Chair 4 - Grade 12 Jackson Hugus - Chair 5 - Grade 11

Christian Schuster - Chair 10 - Grade 10

Bass I

Callum Williams - Chair 1 - Grade 11 Graham Logue - Chair 4 - Grade 11 Isaac Hixon - Chair 5 - Grade 10

Bass II

Connor Benson - Chair 4 - Grade 11 Josh Cantella - Chair 11 - Grade 11

ADDAMS FAMILY PRODUCTION IS A BIG HIT

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the IHS/SVCL Musical, "The Addams Family," which was performed in the Intermediate High School Auditorium Nov. 9-13. The hilarious antics of the famous characters were played out magnificently by SV students in three



separate casts. Director Bobi-Jean Alexander said, "We are so very proud of the energy and enthusiasm these talented students put into this show! It was incredible to watch all of the casts' interpretations of the characters, as well as the magnificent ancestors and dedicated crew. The show was a huge success, which had audiences engaged and laughing out loud at every performance!"







Listen to our latest "Voices" podcast episode as Mr. Varden Armstrong talks about the upcoming 24th Annual Senior Holiday Event ■





UNPRECEDENTED EXCELLENCE

There are many long days and nights as the Director of Athletics & Activities but in those hours, I often get to witness extraordinary accomplishments by our students. This fall has been an absolute privilege to witness greatness at a level not commonly seen in sport. For the graduating seniors (pictured here) of our Raider boys' soccer program, they will leave a legacy which might not ever be surpassed. In their final three seasons these seniors have won 60 games against three losses and three ties. They brought home three straight section titles, two WPIAL titles, one WPIAL runner-up trophy, two PIAA state titles and one PIAA runner-up trophy. It is quite the accomplishment to reach a WPIAL championship game and an even greater feat to find yourself on the grand stage of a PIAA state championship game. To reach both of those milestones for three consecutive seasons is nothing short of unprecedented excellence and it is a testament to the work of these studentathletes and their coaches - George Williams, Jay Roman, and Scott Stewart. I have been awed this season as I watched a team carry the target on their backs and



rise to the occasion night in and night out. Not since September 24, 2020 have the Raiders lost to a section opponent - that is 36 straight matches without a loss. So. when the Raiders fell to Pine-Richland in the WPIAL championship game this season shock waves were felt by all. But, as George S. Patton Jr. once said, "The test of success is not what you do when you are on top. Success is how high you bounce when you hit the bottom." Losing a WPIAL title is not necessarily "the bottom" but for this program it was unfamiliar territory and the measure of their success would rest on how they responded. Their rebound was to a height not seen at the state championships since 1996. Following their WPIAL championship loss, the Raiders went on a four-game winning streak, outscored their opponents



18-3, and registered the largest goal differential (six goals) in a state final since 1996. For a team that carried the burden all season long of the top-ranked team in state rankings and top-10 placement in national rankings, the decisiveness of their victory left no doubt of the unprecedented excellence of this program. In closing, I will end with George S. Patton Jr. again, "Pressure makes diamonds."

A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

The Seneca Valley community was recently recognized by the WPIAL as the top 6A school in their 2nd Annual Food & Fund Drive with the Pittsburgh Food Bank. Juniors Kara Pasquale, Emerson Peffer, Kai West and Owen Yarussi accepted the District's banner at the recent WPIAL Sportsmanship Summit. THANK YOU #SVRaiderNation for your generosity! #SVRaiderPride





BOYS SOCCER WINS SECOND STATE TITLE IN THREE SEASONS!!

On the strength of a well-balanced attack and stingy defense, Raider boys' soccer ran the table in the PIAA 4A soccer bracket to bring home their second state title in three years. This was the program's third consecutive appearance in the state title game and following Saturday's result, there was no denying who the top team in Pennsylvania was! PIAA championship play began with a 7-3 rout of State College in State College, PA. Gavin Loya was the "Man of the Match" recording four goals. Cole Kamarec. Will Bruno, and Connor Oros would add their names to the scoresheet as well. In the quarterfinal round, Will Bruno had his night scoring two of the Raiders' three goals and Kamarec, for the second consecutive game, chipped in one more. The semifinal round would be a revenge game - a rematch of last year's state final - as SV faced off with Conestoga at Chambersburg H.S. Following a scoreless first half - on the backs of some brilliant defense and standout goalkeeper play from Ryan



Krumenacker - Max Marcotte and Lova would score all the goals needed on the night and the Raiders were on their way to the state championship. It is hard to find a "Man of the Match" in a decisive 6-0 win at the state finals but the honor goes to senior goalkeeper Krumenacker who emphatically denied a Lower Merion penalty kick less than three minutes into the match. His save escalated the team's confidence and energy to indescribable levels and the Raiders were off on a scoring frenzy. Kamarec scored two goals and Marcotte and Oros with one apiece and the lead was 4-0 at half. Lova and Evan Howard would round out the scoring sheet in the second



half and Seneca Valley were the PIAA 4A BOYS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS! Congratulations to a remarkable team of young men and an outstanding staff of George Williams, Jay Roman, Scott Stewart, and athletic trainer Noah Martin. When the moment called, you rose to the occasion with meticulous preparation and virtuoso play.

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS - CLASS OF 2023

Many Raider studentathletes made their college
commitment official with
the early signing period
starting in mid-November.
We congratulate these
seniors in achieving their
goals of continuing their athletic and
academic careers at the next level. Each
of you are tremendous representatives
of Raider Athletics and we are very
proud of your efforts in the classroom, in
competition and in the community.

| Name | Sport | College/University | Major |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Tyler Chappell | Wrestling | Univ. of Pittsburgh | Business/Marketing |
| Addie Fisher | Soccer | Saint Vincent College | Psychology |
| Chloe Leonard | Soccer | Queens University | Exercise Science |
| Julia Lozowski | Soccer | Univ. of Tampa | Undecided |
| Sara Weigel | Soccer | Robert Morris Univ. | Mech. Engineering |
| Abby Weis | Soccer | Univ. of Mount Olive | Biomedical Sciences |

FALL SPORT POSTSEASON RECAPS

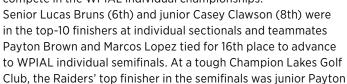
At the WPIAL Championships held on the campus

Cross Country

WELVE of California University (PA), Raiders boys' cross country finished in third place, overall, as a team and in the process qualified two runners for the PIAA Championships the first weekend of November. Eli DeWitt finished 18th overall at WPIALs and teammate Max Smith was right on his heels in 19th place. These performances earned them both an opportunity to compete in Hershey at the state meet where Eli finished his career by running 17:26.7, good for 60th place out of 237 competitors. Max, running in his first state championship meet, came in at 17:53.8, good for 104th place. Congratulations to both runners for qualifying for the state championships.

Boys Golf

Raider boys golf qualified four out of sectionals to compete in the WPIAL individual championships.



Brown, shooting an 86. Unfortunately, no SV golfer advanced to

the WPIAL finals.

Girls Golf

For the first time in program history Raider girls golf qualified two - Lihini Ranaweera and Madison Sharek



section title and Madison finished fourth. At the WPIAL finals Lihini brought home runner-up honors and Madison's fifth-place performance earned her trip, along with Lihini, to Penn State's Blue Course for the PIAA championships. In State College, Lihini finished tied for 15th in the state for girls 3A golf and Madison came in at 23rd. Both players are juniors and will look forward to a return trip in 2023. Congrats Lihini and Madison for making program history!

Girls Soccer

Coach Mark Perry's squad finished the season with a record of 13-2-2, falling to eventual WPIAL



champion North Allegheny in the WPIAL semifinals by a score of 3-2. Senior Kendall Walton scored both goals for the Raiders and the team fought valiantly in a back-and-forth affair. The Raiders' only other loss on the season came at the hands of North Allegheny as the teams split their regular season games. Congratulations Raider Girls Soccer on an outstanding season!

Girls Vollevball

Additional Honors

Marcotte, Connor Oros

GIRLS SOCCER

Mia Humphreys, GK

Lindsey Price, Def

Additional Honors

1st Team

PIAA All-State - Beaux Lizewski, Connor Oros

WPSCA Player of the Year - Beaux Lizewski

A rarity in WPIAL playoff brackets, the top three teams - North Allegheny, Pine-Richland, Seneca Valley - in WPIAL girls volleyball Section 1 earned



the top-3 seeds for the WPIAL championships and the brackets played out to form. The third-seeded Raiders advanced through postseason play with a 3-0 win over Baldwin and 3-1 win over Peters Township, setting up a third meeting with the secondseeded Rams of Pine-Richland. Unfortunately, the Rams' had our number and we fell 3-0 in the WPIAL semifinals. It has been five years since the Raiders advanced to the semifinal round and we congratulate Coach Poirier and this team on a great season.

WPSCA All-WPIAL - Will Bruno, Beaux Lizewski, Max Marcotte, Connor Oros

2nd Team

WPSCA All-WPIAL - Mia Humphreys, Lindsey Price, Ayla Ward

Ayla Ward, For

Abby Weis, Mid

WPSCA All-Section - Mia Humphreys, Lindsey Price, Kendall Walton, Ayla Ward,

WPSCA All-Section - Will Bruno, Ryan Krumenacker, Beaux Lizewski, Gavin Loya, Max

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED IN FALL SPORTS

The Big 56 Conference recently announced its fall sport honorees in football, boys' and girls' soccer and girls' volleyball and the Raiders were well represented. The following Seneca Valley student-athletes were recognized for their excellence on the field and court.



FOOTBALL

1st Team 2nd Team Chris D'Appolonia, OLB Graham Hancox, QB Lucas Lambert, OG Devin Webb. OT

Luke Lawson, DB Aiden Lyczek, TE

BOYS SOCCER

1st Team 2nd Team Will Bruno, For Cole Kamarec, For Beaux Lizewski, Mid Ryan Krumenacker, GK Connor Oros, Mid Jeremiah Laslavic, Def Gavin Lova. For Max Marcotte, Mid

Honorable Mention T.I. Border, II. B.

Honorable Mention

Ben Hankinson, Def

Ben Randall, Def

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 2nd Team 1st Team Ollivia Congdon, OH Alex Krzan, L

Bria Stepp, S

Abby Weis

Additional Honors

All-WPIAL – Ollivia Congdon (1st Team), Bria Stepp (2nd Team), Alex Krzan (3rd Team) WPIAL All-Section – Ollivia Congdon, Alex Krzan, Bria Stepp

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ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN - DONATE \$10 TODAY

The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) is excited to launch its Annual Support Campaign and hopes to have your support as we wrap up our 10th year in existence. As families, staff, community members and alumni, you understand how special Seneca Valley is, and the SVF is proud to fund the things that make SV extra special.

Things like...

- Encouraging students through early literacy, STEM and global citizenship initiatives
 most recently a fully funded field trip to the Flight 93
 Memorial for students at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS)
- Supporting educators with classroom enhancements, learning experiences, teacher-inspired projects and professional development
- because we value our teachers' commitment to excellence in academics
- Ensuring our campuses are welcoming for all, have various styles of learning opportunities and offer state-of-the-art equipment in places like the robotics and biotechnology labs

This year alone, SVF has invested over \$75,000 into our nine schools. We work hard to connect with local businesses, collaborate with community organizations and utilize federal, state and local grants to bring these things to SV - but we need additional resources and support. We need YOU! Your generosity will allow us to keep doing what we are doing. Please help us continue our mission by donating just \$10 (or more if you are able) to culminate our 10th year.

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flier below, online at https://
www.mightycause.com/story/
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by mailing a check payable to
the Seneca Valley Foundation
and sent to the District
Administration Center located
at 124 Seneca School Rd.,
Harmony, PA 16037.













We fund the extras that make Seneca Valley Schools extra special



Discover our Impact: www.svsd.net/SVFoundation



Donate to our Annual Support Campaign Today!



SECRETARIAL POSITIONS

Seeking knowledgeable applicants with strong interpersonal and communication skills for permanent 12-month (\$30,636/year salary) secretarial positions. Requirements: Must pass the district secretarial test when scheduled. High attention to detail required. Must be able to multi-task in fast paced work environment. Submit required information to www.svsd.net/Employment. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.







APPLY TODAY!

To learn more and apply, visit www.svsd.net/HumanResources or call (724) 452-6040

Benefits of working at Seneca Valley:

- Competitive wages and benefits
- Outstanding professional development
- · Commitment to supporting diverse faculty and staff
- Inclusive and motivated students and engaged families
- · Commitment to community service
- · Exceptional facilities

The Seneca Valley School District is committed to advancing equity and embracing diversity and inclusion in the workplace. EOE.

WELCOME, MR. CHET HENDERSON

During Seneca Valley's School Board Meeting last month, board members approved the appointment of Mr. Chet Henderson as the District's new principal of Seneca Valley Intermediate High School.

Raised in Washington, Pa., Mr. Henderson planted his roots in southwestern Pennsylvania and has over 15 year of experience in education. Mr. Henderson joins us from the Washington School District (WSD), where he served as principal of Washington High School, grades 9-12 for the past five years.



Mr. Henderson brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, having served in several educational roles for WSD since 2007, including as a social studies teacher, cyber teacher, dean of students and district safety and security coordinator. He also has an extensive background as a coach for track and football.

"I want to gain a better understanding of the District, the Intermediate High School and the students that we serve. In working with the administration team and our teachers, I want to continue to push ahead with the Pathways Initiative in place, while providing my insight and beliefs. A major goal of mine is to ensure that upon graduating high school, students have a plan for what they want to do upon graduation. Therefore, we as an IHS team must ensure that we have provided students with the educational background, access and supports needed to successfully take the next step in life," said Mr. Henderson. "I am excited to join the SV community and look forward to working with our staff, families and community resources to best serve our students."

Mr. Henderson earned his Bachelor's (Social Studies and Mid-Level Math) and Master's (Educational Leadership: Administrative Program for Principals with K-12 Principal Certification) degrees from California University of Pennsylvania. He's also currently working toward his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh.

"We are very fortunate to have Mr. Henderson join us as principal of the Intermediate High School. His achievements as an educator and academic leader are a perfect fit for Seneca Valley as we continue to raise the bar for student success," said Dr. Matthew McKinley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction, grades 7-12. "We look forward to bringing him into the planning and facilitation of various initiatives and learning from him as well."

Mr. Henderson replaces Dr. Matthew Delp who left the District and is now serving as the Assistant Superintendent at the Franklin Regional School District.







On Wednesday, Nov. 16, the IHS Student Council sponsored "Chat with Chet," an informal event where staff members got the opportunity to enjoy a complimentary beverage from Sweet Sips and meet Mr. Henderson.

Gavin Cress, sophomore and president of the IHS Student Council said, "We're very excited to welcome Mr. Henderson to the building. The student council does a lot of things like service projects and host events that acknowledge our teachers and administrators. We think this event is important because it gives everyone the chance to shake Mr. Henderson's hand, talk to him and get to know him more."









SV ALL-STAR: EHRMAN CREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SECRETARY RECOGNIZED FOR 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

For November, we are pleased to announce the newest member inducted into the SV All-Star Club, Ms. Colleen Kamarchik, Ehrman Crest Elementary School (ECES) Secretary.

The SV All-Star Club is an awards program developed by the District to express our gratitude to Seneca Valley classified employees (secretaries, paraprofessionals, maintenance, cafeteria) and bus drivers who are often the unsung heroes of our schools. We intend to recognize a new member of this elite all-star club each month.

Lauri Pendred, Principal of Ehrman Crest Elementary School shared, "I've worked with Colleen for almost 20 years, and she is extremely dedicated to her job. She has always strived to serve others, and she welcomes people to our school and helps them feel at ease as they enter our building."

"Ms. Kamarchik takes her role of supporting teachers and all staff very seriously. She is committed to serving teachers to get them what they need to instruct their students. She has been dedicated to managing, recruiting and retaining quality substitutes by listening to them, understanding where their strengths are and matching them to grade levels and special areas. Having been a paraprofessional herself and having a daughter who is a teacher, she knows the importance of supporting those staff members. I couldn't have asked for a better partner all of the years I have been an administrator. She is so very worthy of this recognition," said Ms. Pendred.

Ms. Kamarchik has been a paraprofessional and secretary for the Seneca Valley School District for 26 years. She spent six years as a paraprofessional at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) before arriving at the former Evans City Elementary School, now Ehrman Crest Elementary School.

"I am honored to have been chosen to be in the All-Star Club, in which I could name many more to join me. Working for Seneca



Pictured from L-R: Seneca Valley Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Tracy Vitale, Ehrman Crest Elementary School Secretary, Ms. Colleen Kamarchik and Seneca Valley School Board President, Mr. Jim Nickel.

Valley has been a true blessing, and just knowing that I could make a difference, even a small one, assisting our teachers, staff and our administrators, just makes my heart happy," said Ms. Kamarchik.

Dr. Tracy Vitale, Seneca Valley Superintendent of Schools said, "Ms. Kamarchik goes above and beyond in all she does for this District. She is at all times incredibly professional, efficient and has a calming presence while serving on the front lines as a secretary at Ehrman Crest Elementary School. We can't thank her enough for her many years of dedicated service."

'I LED THE PLEDGE'

Seneca Valley School District's School Board meetings were held on Nov. 7 and 14. We were pleased to continue the tradition of inviting elementary students from Seneca Valley's K-4 schools to lead the members of the School Board and public in saying "The Pledge of Allegiance." For the Nov. meetings, Ehrman Crest Elementary third grader, Mikah Anderson-Baldt and Rowan Elementary first grader, Jena Yousef did the honors. Both of these students did a fantastic job!



Jena Yousef with, from L-R, Dr. Sean McCarty, Assistant Superintendent, Grades K-6 and Mr. Jim Nickel, Board President



Mikah Anderson-Baldt with, from L-R, Mr. Jim Nickel, Board President and Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent

SV STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS GET INSIDE LOOK AT MSA

To provide additional support for career opportunities for students, SV teacher representatives from all departments within the Senior High School attended a full-day career experience at the Mine Safety Appliance (MSA) Headquarters in Cranberry Township on Nov. 11. MSA Safety Incorporated is the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety products that protect people and facility infrastructures. In total, about 45 SV staff and faculty members attended the tour and had positive feedback about the event. Here's what some of the staff had to say:

It was great to hear about MSA's culture, amazing potential for lifelong careers for our students

in a variety of areas (not just engineering) and with an assortment of points-of-entry, as well as the diverse career paths for employees. Their feedback and advice on what our students should be doing now to better prepare to be well positioned to enter the workforce was valuable. Also, the food was great, and the hard-hats were a memorable gift that will keep MSA in the forefront of my mind every time I look at it (displayed prominently in my classroom... let's get to work!)

I thought the "family" atmosphere was apparent, and it was nice to learn what exactly a locally based global company is looking for from SV graduates, as we continue to prepare them for the workplace (Career Pathways). Their





willingness to host us further provides the evidence of their support with student-based activities (job shadowing, tours/field trips, etc.) which has me brainstorming how can I involve them within my subject/ classroom.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY RECOGNIZE CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY

On Thursday, Nov. 17, faculty, staff and students from across the District recognized Children's Grief Awareness Day. Students and staff members created "Walls of Support" that displayed encouraging and uplifting notes written by students. Additionally, everyone was encouraged to wear blue on Nov. 17, to show support for all who have grieved the loss of a loved one.

If SV students, staff and/or their families are in need of mental health support services, Care Solace is here to help. Visit www.caresolace.com/seneca. Other mental health resources are also available at Student Services / Mental Wellness (sysd.net)







STUDENTS PLEDGE TO BE ALLIES

Seneca Valley students grades 9-12 celebrated Solidarity Week Nov. 7-11. Solidarity Week is a voluntary student-powered campaign established by GLSEN and dedicated to building collective support for LGBTQ+ students and educators. This week-long program helps people learn about and practice solidarity with different identities.

The week-long activities allowed others to learn about and practice solidarity with their peers and others so all can feel comfortable embracing their true identities. In addition to pledge certificate signings and social media posts, activities included a spirit





week where students were encouraged to wear various colors to show support.

THE RESULTS ARE IN

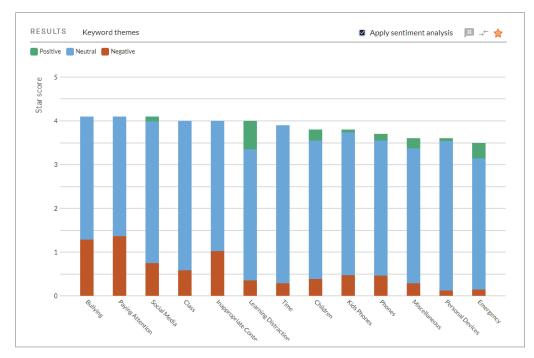
As we shared with our students, parents and staff, the Seneca Valley School District is currently reviewing information and gathering data on both the student use of personal smartphones/smart devices in the school environment and personal use of technology outside of school.

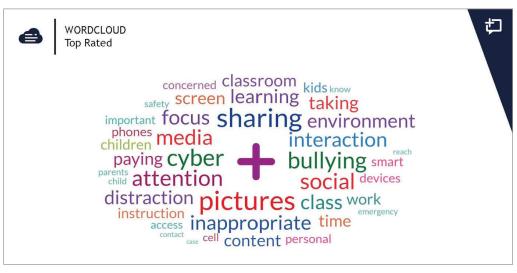
As part of this research, we gathered input from students, staff and parents regarding internet and technology use, especially as it pertains to what takes place in the educational setting.

We utilized a platform called ThoughtExchange, an engagement resource that we have found allows us to connect and build stronger partnerships with our students, staff, families and the larger community. In this ThoughtExchange, we asked students, staff and parents (separate surveys for each group) to respond to one open-ended question regarding the impact of personal technology.

As you can imagine, results were mixed when it came to staff and parent responses versus what students shared. Either way, we are thankful for the more than 1,134 (grades 5-12) student participants, 1,103 parent participants and 331 staff members who took the time to share their thoughts and assist us by rating the thoughts of others.

View the results on our website.





IMPORTANT POLICY UPDATES

Seneca Valley Policy 212, Reporting Student Progress, was updated and unanimously approved by the School Board on Oct. 12, 2022. The change that took place during that approval can be found under the section addressing class rank and details how graduation speakers will be chosen beginning with the Seneca Valley Class of 2024. Such changes were necessary to assist with commencement planning as it is possible multiple valedictorians and salutatorians may be identified based on grade point average (GPA). Once again, the following will take place during Seneca Valley Graduation Ceremonies beginning with the Class of 2024:

- At the conclusion of the third grading period, the top 2% of students in the class will be offered the opportunity to try out for two graduation speaker positions.
- The remainder of the graduating class will be offered the opportunity to try out for one at-large graduation speaker position.
- The class president of the graduation class will complete the "turning of the tassel."

Additionally, it is also important to note **all** valedictorians and salutatorians will be recognized during the graduation ceremony.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

We are committed to the well-being of our students, staff, and families to create a safe and healthy learning environment. In support of our ongoing commitment, we partnered with Care Solace to provide an additional layer of care for our community.

Care Solace helps individuals find mental health care providers and substance use treatment centers.

Their Care Companion™ team is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year to quickly connect you to carefully verified providers in your community.

Students, staff, and families may access Care Solace services in two ways:

- Call (888) 515-0595 at any time. Support is available in 200+ languages. A dedicated Care Companion™ will help you every step of the way to research options, secure appointments, and follow up to make sure it is a good fit.
- For an anonymous search, answer a few questions to get matched with an extensive list of care providers at www. caresolace.com/seneca.

Care Solace is now available for use **at no cost to you**. They will connect you with providers accepting all medical insurances including Medicaid, Medicare, and sliding scale options for those without insurance. All information entered on the Care Solace tool is completely confidential and securely stored.

Mental health looks different for everyone. Below are potential signs your mental health may need attention.

- Racing thoughts, issues focusing
- · Rapid heart beat or breathing
- Restlessness or tension
- Shifts in mood or energy
- Irritability, irrational anger
- Decrease in motivation
- Sleep disruptions or irregularity
- Feelings of worthlessness
- Hopelessness

- Changes in life
- Grief and loss
- Traumatic event(s)
- Worry, fear, or anxiety
- Avoidance, emotional numbness
- Relationship challenges
- Difficulty managing feelings
- Increase in risk-taking behavior
- Excessive substance use

No matter what you're experiencing there is hope and help. Call 888-515-0595 to find the right help for you.

Please note, this service is an optional resource available by choice and is not mandatory to use. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider. In the event of a life threatening

emergency, please call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.

If you are interested in counseling-related services for your child, yourself, or another family member, please contact Care Solace for valuable assistance. This is a complimentary resource provided by Seneca Valley School District.

FYI

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline is comprised of a national network of over 200 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices.

988 LIFELINE

No matter where you live in the U.S., you can easily access 24/7 emotional support.

Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to chat with a caring counselor.

We're here for you.



School Based Mental Health

Frequently Asked Questions for Seneca Valley Parents





About Glade Run

Glade Run currently contracts and provides outpatient counseling services in several school districts located in Allegheny, Butler and Beaver counties, including Seneca Valley School District.

Glade Run operates three school-based outpatient program models: Mental Health Partnership (MHP); Therapeutic Classroom; and Modified Therapeutic Classroom. The school-based therapists conduct initial psycho-social assessments and then provide individual, family and group therapy as determined by the individual student's treatment plan.

What is School Based Mental Health (SBMH)?

SBMH refers to mental health services for school age youth addressing social, emotional and behavioral health along with the ability to cope with life's challenges. Services are delivered in the school setting during the school day and, if needed, can continue during the summer months.

Why is Seneca Valley partnering with Glade Run Lutheran Services to provide school based mental health services?

Seneca Valley cares about it's students and recognizes the need to provide access to services that will support mental wellness within the classroom. Research demonstrates that students who receive mental health support achieve better academically. In addition, classroom behavior, on-task learning, and students' sense of connectedness and well-being all improve as well.

Who will be providing mental health services to my child?

School based mental health services will be provided by licensed therapists through Glade Run Lutheran Services.

As a parent, do I have any financial obligation?

Payment is based on individual insurance similar to your medical insurance. After completing the referral and during the initial phone call from the therapist, parents will be informed of any financial obligation prior to the start of any services.

Where will my child's services take place?

Services are delivered in approved spaces within the school. These spaces have been approved by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (OMHSAS).

Will my child miss class or need to stay after regular school hours?

Appointment times are determined by the student, parent and school counselor and are typically during the school day unless the therapist, student and parent make other arrangements.

Can I participate in my child's therapy?

Therapy is confidential but Glade Run offers Family Therapy as well if the team determines it necessary and/or with a parent/guardian request.

How do I get started?



Referrals may be completed by parents/guardians, teachers, nurses, counselors/social workers or the student him/herself.



This referral is forwarded to Glade Run's outpatient referral coordinator, who verifies student insurance and forwards to the program supervisor for staffing.



At that time, the assigned therapist will contact the student's family to set up intake, which will take place at your child's school. This process is typically completed within 24-48 hours.

For more information about school based mental health services, contact us at 412-661-1827, ext. 113.





BE A ROLE MODEL: 4 WAYS TO BALANCE SCREEN TIME AROUND CHILDREN

One of the advantages of modern technology is that you can be at the playground and scroll through your phone at the same time. We've all been there. We answer emails, catch up on group chats, and try to get in that one last text. The thing is, children notice. They're watching us, watching how we use devices.

Lots of studies show the effects of screen time on kids, and there are guidelines for how much is appropriate at what age. More importantly, kids learn their screen habits from us. But it's common for many parents and caregivers to be distracted by their phones when spending time with their children. These tips can help you balance your own tech use and model healthy habits for the kids.

Set device-free times and zones

When kids are around, set an example by using tech the way you want them to use it. Keep phones away from the dinner table, try not to multitask while using devices, and turn the TV off when no one is watching.

Establish screen-time goals for yourself

The secret to healthy tech use is to establish limits and stick to them. Try using your phone's screen-time features to track how long you use it. Then set some goals for how you'd like to be using your



phone when spending time with family. Be mindful if you find yourself constantly responding to emails and messages during your downtime. Before you check your phone, ask yourself: Why am I checking my phone? If you don't have a good reason, put it down. And if you do pick up your phone in front of the kids, try to explain what you're doing. That way, they know you're using it for a reason.

Keep distractions to a minimum

You probably tell your kids to turn off their devices during homework time. Get rid of the stuff that distracts you, too. Limit notification alerts when spending time as a family, or set your devices to "do not disturb." Try to avoid using devices around

your children on long commutes and journeys or at appointments, too.

Watch and play movies, shows, and games together

Whenever you can, watch, play, and listen with your kids. Ask questions that get them thinking, like Who's your favorite character? What do you think will happen next? This is a great way to have discussions about your values. It will also help kids make connections between what they see on screen and their lives. With older kids, you can draw them out by sharing stuff from your social media accounts.

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- Girl Scouts refurbish, rebuild trail sign in Cranberry – Cranberry Eagle
- The Seneca Valley Junior Class is selling popcorn to help raise money for their senior prom. The group will make a profit of 50% on every sale, so be sure to buy some popcorn! Visit: Poppin Popcorn Online Fundraising
- Our teachers are having some fun planning their Annual STEM Alumni event – check out this video! Stem Alumni 22 Video - YouTube
- Breakfast is now FREE for all students. Click to learn more: Food Services / General Information (svsd.net)
- SV offers voluntary student accident insurance. To learn more and apply, visit: Backpack Fliers / Education/ Resources (svsd.net)
- Effective October 1, Pennsylvania will increase the income threshold for all applicants to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

- (FPIG). With this change, more than 420,000 additional Pennsylvanians in more than 174,000 households will be newly eligible for SNAP and will receive, on average, \$63 a month. To learn more, visit Wolf Administration Marks Hunger Action Month by Expanding Eligibility for SNAP Benefits, Securing Food Assistance for More Pennsylvanians
- The FBI has an awareness campaign to educate the public about the consequences of making hoax threats of violence to schools, events and other public places. The Think Before You Post campaign serves to remind everyone that any threat is taken with the utmost seriousness and will be quickly and thoroughly addressed by law enforcement. Hoax threats are not a joke; they are a crime.
- Seneca Valley residents 62 years of age or older are invited to apply to become a member of the Seneca

- Valley School District Gold Card Club. Membership entitles card holders to attend home athletic events, music, dramatic and other school productions. To apply for a gold card, please visit Parents/Community / Gold Card Club (sysd.net).
- Reality Tour is an accessible substance prevention program that delivers information to get parent and child on the same page
- Substance Abuse Prevention for Parents - CANDLE, Inc. (candleinc.org)
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!
- Drive for SV! Sign-up bonuses are now being offered.
- Join the SV Team! Watch here or visit www.svsd.net/HumanResources to learn more and apply.
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