



SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

Central School District

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Members,

As we prepare to welcome our students, staff and parents/guardians to the 2024-25 school year, I would like to share my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support during our recent budget vote. Your collective efforts and dedication to our school district have once again demonstrated the strength and unity of our community. With the approved budget, we can continue to provide a high-quality education and enriching experiences for all our students. While the budget's passage is a significant victory, we also recognize the ongoing challenge of securing resources to keep our schools at the forefront. In the coming months, we will be exploring new sources of revenue to supplement our budget to directly benefit our students' learning environment and reduce the burden on taxpayers.

In the meantime, there's exciting news on several fronts. First, the long-awaited resurfacing of the tennis courts is underway, providing a fantastic space for students and community members alike to enjoy. This project will likely be completed by the time of this printing, and we look forward to seeing everyone enjoy the new courts. Second, in our ongoing efforts to connect and communicate more effectively with our community, we've launched a new Facebook page (Sauquoit Valley Central School District) where you can witness the incredible activities and achievements of our students in the classroom, on the stage and on the playing field. Be sure to follow us to stay connected. Third, we're thrilled to announce that all students in the District will again enjoy free meals throughout the school year. This removes a significant burden from many families and ensures our students are well-nourished and ready to learn. Free meals for all students has been an amazing change for our community, but we have seen a reduction in the number of income applications (formerly "free and reduced meal applications") that we have received. Completing these forms helps the District qualify for different types of funding and programs on a federal and state level, so please take the time to complete and submit these forms. Thank you!

This past year, we bid farewell to the following employees who retired:

Kristine DePerno | Darlene Hutchinson | Mary Kuhn
Linda Moore | Cheryl Richards | Beth Thomas

On behalf of the District, I would like to thank and commend our retirees for their many years of dedicated service to our students. I wish them health and happiness in retirement.

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SEPT2024
NEWS + VIEWS

CALENDAR (CLOSINGS)

SUPERINTENDENT'S DAY

October 11

COLUMBUS DAY

October 14

VETERANS DAY

November 11

THANKSGIVING RECESS

November 27-29

WINTER RECESS

December 22-27,
December 30-31 &
January 1-3

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 20





We are currently seeking replacements to fill positions vacated by both retirements and resignations, and at the time of this printing, we are pleased to announce the hiring of the following new staff members to our District:

Devin Clive | Robert DeCarr | Nathan DePerno | Laura Flagg | Kaitlin Flint | Katherine Strieter

I'd also like to recognize the following organizations that support our students, including the SV Fine Arts Boosters, SV Foundation, SV Sports Boosters and SV Parent Teacher Organization. Each group helps foster a strong sense of community and enhances the educational and extracurricular experiences for our students. Some are already planning for the upcoming school year with wonderful events designed to engage students, parents/guardians and the community. Please remember, these activities rely heavily on the time and talent of volunteers like you. I encourage you to explore the many opportunities to volunteer with these organizations and contribute to these fantastic events.



I wish all our students, staff and parents/guardians a very successful school year and I would like to again thank you, the school community, for your unwavering support of our students and the District.

Sincerely,

David Stayton
SUPERINTENDENT

DRIVERS NEEDED

We are looking for bus drivers on a full-time or part-time basis. Drivers must meet Oneida County Civil Service regulations. A CDL license with a "P" and "S" endorsement is preferred to drive a bus, but we will assist in training and you must be 21 years old. High school diploma or GED is required. We're also looking for school bus attendants who must be 19 years old. All applicants must fill out a Sauquoit Valley CSD application found at www.svcasd.org under departments/business office/employment opportunities; on the right, click "bus driver application." Please print and mail it or drop it off to SVCSD. An Oneida County Civil Service application must also be filed by visiting ocgov.net; please specify Sauquoit Valley Central School District. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the supervisor of transportation at 315.839.6318.

45th ANNUAL
SAUQUOIT VALLEY

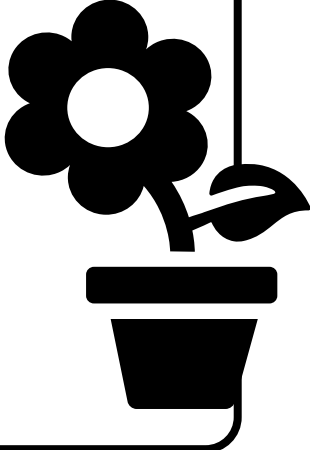
FINE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOV **NOV**

23 & 24

GARDEN CLUB



The Sauquoit Valley Garden Club welcomes new members! If you are interested in gardening, floral design, conservation and hands-on activities, consider joining us! For more information or to join, please contact Marge Mortis at 315.520.4548 or margem173@yahoo.com.

FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

THRIFT STORE AND FOOD PANTRY
2348 MAIN STREET IN CLAYVILLE

CLOTHING | HOUSEHOLD ITEMS | FOOD

If your family is in need of help for back-to-school supplies or if you have any questions, please call 315.839.5303, leave a message and we'll get right back to you. Follow us on Facebook: Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors.

HOURS

MONDAYS
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
AND 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

The Sauquoit Valley Central School District uses current Integrated Pest Management practices to reduce the use of pesticides in our buildings and on our grounds. It may be necessary, however, to use pesticides periodically during the year. New York State law requires that schools maintain a list of staff and parents who wish to receive written notice 48 hours prior to a pesticide application at their school facility. If you wish to be included on this notification list, please contact Scott Gillette at 315.839.6333.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT & MANAGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the ASBESTOS Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1987 (AHERA), a copy of the Sauquoit Valley Central School Building Inspection Report and Management Plan is available for review during normal school hours or by appointment. Please contact Scott Gillette at 315.839.6333 if you need to set up an appointment or have any questions.



LIBRARY HOURS

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Clayville Library

SERVING THE GREATER SAUQUOIT VALLEY

2265 Oneida St. Clayville, NY 13322
315.839.5893 (phone) | 315.839.5070 (fax)

Public Computers - Reference Materials - Current Best Sellers - Magazines - Current Release DVDs & Blu-Rays
Games - Puzzles - Legos - Copy & Fax Services - Wi-Fi Access - After School Hours - Reading Nook

You can request items from the Clayville Library's shelves or from elsewhere in the MidYork system by accessing www.midYork.org or calling the library at 315.839.5893.

A NOTARY PUBLIC IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.

Call the library to set up a time.

Join in our "Kid's Choice" Story Hour at 5 p.m. every Thursday. Enjoy a story of your child's choosing and then a craft to accompany the story! Lots of fun and "action" for your preschooler!

Legos in the Library is every Saturday from noon-2 p.m. Bring a friend & let your imaginations loose!

Take & Make craft kits are available to children throughout the month.

Our Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month. Join us for a good read and good company.

The Clayville Library Association in conjunction with Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors' tutoring program for students in grades second through eighth continues.

Program Details:

- Students in need of extra attention will have access to tutoring sessions (math and reading) provided by certified teachers.
- Your child will be assessed by a certified educator and placed into the program to work on targeted skills while also trying to match the learning style of the student.
- Students must live within the Sauquoit Valley School District and need financial assistance for private tutoring.
- If you have a student who needs extra assistance with math or reading skills, contact the Clayville Library for more information.

Sign up for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge at the Clayville Library:

This FREE program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she enters school - a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. This program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years.



FREE / REDUCED PRICE MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Despite meals being free again this year, we are still asking families that qualify for free/reduced lunch to fill out an income collection form. The application can be completed by visiting ezmealapp.com. Information submitted through this website is confidential. We are making this request for multiple reasons:

It will likely result in the District receiving additional funding from the New York State government.

The form may qualify eligible families for benefits such as waived fees for SAT exams and/or Advanced Placement exams.

Thank you for your assistance!

SAUQUOIT VALLEY FOUNDATION

NEWS

Congratulations to the winner of the T-shirt design contest for the Witch Way is the 5K road race and kids runs! The winner of the contest was Mia King. The Sauquoit Valley Foundation (SVF) would like to thank Mr. Hatch for running the contest at the high school and the residents who voted at the art show! Mia submitted a wonderful design that captures the theme of this race. The second place award goes to Hannah Davis and third place went to Callum Torruella.

Watch for information and the design to begin popping up around the community and online on the Foundation website at www.svcasd.org and our Facebook page. Online registration will open in August through our website at www.sauquoitvalleyfoundation.org or www.runsignup.com. It will also be available through school in September. Do not miss this fun community event scheduled for October 6, 2024. Mark your calendars and come to run, cheer on others or volunteer. We hope to see you there!

Engraved bricks are available to place in the Community Walkway at the athletic stadium through the Sauquoit Valley Foundation. Varied sizes of bricks are available and can be purchased online through the Foundation's link under Community on the Sauquoit Valley School District webpage at www.svcasd.org.

The SVF continues to be an active group dedicated to the school and community. Sauquoit Valley Foundation meetings are in person/virtual on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. All are welcome. To join a meeting, please contact Joanne Eisinger at 315.338.4022 and leave a message, phone number and email address.



BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive at the high school will be held **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.**
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, VISIT REDCROSS.ORG.

ANNUAL REQUIRED **EMERGENCY DRILLS**

Please note that in accordance with the District Safety Plan and NYS requirements, we will be conducting safety drills this year. Specifically, we plan to conduct six evacuation drills (also known as fire drills) and two lockdown drills in September. The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. If you have any questions about these drills or our safety procedures, please contact the main office at 315.839.6316.

FOR MORE INFO

Please feel free to visit the SVHS website at <http://highschool.svcsd.org> for more information including:

- **2024-2025 Back to School Letter**
(important for parents/guardians and students)
- **2024-2025 Student Handbook**
- **2024-2025 Supply List**
- **2024-2025 Plan for Excellence**
- **Medication Form**
- **Driving/Parking Form**
- **Daily announcements**
- **Teacher websites and email addresses**
- **Absence reporting form**
- **School newsletter**
- **Student newspaper**
- **Athletic calendar**
- **And much more!**



BUS ROUTES

ROUTE 2 PARIS HILL

Sulphur Springs Rd. from Green Crossing to Doolittle Rd
 Brennan Road from Miller to Tormey
 Tormey Rd
 Shanley Rd from Rt 12 to Old
 Route 12
 Fountain St
 Route 12 to Burnmaster Rd
 Burnmaster Rd
 Snowden Hill Rd
 Kohler Rd
 Paris Green
 Doolittle Rd to Sulphur Springs Rd
 Paris Hill Road
 2729 Sulphur Springs Rd

ROUTE 6 CASSVILLE/PARIS STA

State Route 8 [S] From the Bus Garage to Larson Rd
 Larson Road
 Main St., Cassville
 Summit Rd to Davis Road
 Greens Crossing Rd from Summit Rd.to Crooked Hill Rd
 Brennan Rd from Canning Factory to Miller Rd
 Canning Factory Rd
 Hardscrabble Rd
 Reservoir Rd
 Sulphur Springs Rd from Reservoir Rd to Jaclyn Ave
 Jaclyn Ave
 Jennifer Lane

ROUTE 8 SAUQUOIT

Oneida Street from the Bus Garage to Willow Brook Lane
 Willow Brook Lane
 Orchard St
 Butler Rd
 Emerald Hill Drive
 Sunset Drive

ROUTE 10 RED HILL ROAD/WILLOWVALE

Oneida Street From Grange Hill Rd to Roberts Rd
 Oxford Road
 Irving Avenue
 Wakefield @ Irving Ave.
 Huxford Place (S) @ Willowvale Ave
 Huxford Place (N)
 Hand Place
 Roberts Rd from Oneida St to Mohawk St
 Red Hill Road
 Grange Hill Road

ROUTE 14 CLAYVILLE

Sulphur Springs Rd from the Middle School to Greens Crossing Rd
 Green Crossing Road to Crooked Hill Road
 Crooked Hill Road to Clayville
 Oneida Street, Clayville
 Lake Street @ Oneida St Clayville
 Main Street, Clayville
 Railroad St. @ Main St., Clayville
 Dewing Ave
 Church St. from Main St to Gridley Place

ROUTE 16 CHADWICKS

Mohawk Street from Pinnacle Road to Elm St
 Elm Street
 School Street @ Elm St.
 Church St.
 Pear St @ Elm St.
 Hamilton St. @ Church St.
 2614 Oneida St.

ROUTE 20 PINNACLE ROAD

Pinnacle Road from Oneida St to Mohawk St
 Loughlin Road
 Echard Road
 Roberts Road from Mohawk St to
 Graffenburg Rd.
 Graffenburg Road
 Mallory Road
 Roberts Road from Graffenburg Rd to Bennett Road
 Bennett Road
 Mill Place
 Griffiths Place

ROUTE 22 ALBANY ROAD/ FRANKFORT AREA

Roberts Road from Bennett Road to Albany Road
 Butcher Road
 Albany Road
 Bouck Road
 McIntyre Road
 Higby Road
 Jackson Road
 Hacadam Road

ROUTE 26 CAMPBELL RD

Pinnacle Rd from Mohawk to King Road
 King Road from Pinnacle Rd to
 Mohawk St
 Mohawk St from King Road to Pinnacle Road
 Campbell Road
 Cobane Road

ROUTE 30 HOLMAN CITY ROAD

Holman City Road
 Church Road
 Gridley Place
 Catlin Ave
 Gridley Blvd.
 Jones Road
 Mohawk Street from King Rd to Holman City
 King Rd. from Holman City Rd to Mohawk St
 Cedar Lake Rd

ROUTE 32 SAUQUOIT/BLEACHERY AVE

Oneida St. from Willow Brook Lane to Grange Hill Road
 Valley Place
 Pleasant View Road
 Kay Circle
 Florence Court
 Bleachery Ave.
 Bleachery Place



UNIVERSAL
PRE-K
BEGINS
SEPT 4

ELEMENTARY
OPEN HOUSE
SEPT 12

GRADES K-2
6:00 - 6:30 P.M.

GRADES 3-4
6:30 - 7:00 P.M.

ELEMENTARY
PICTURES
SEPT 25
& SEPT 26

TITLE I

Annual Parent Meeting

The Sauquoit Valley Elementary School is a qualifying school for federal Title I monies. For several yeras, our elementary school has received Title I funds to support students who require additional academic intervention services in reading and math. These services are overseen by our Title I staff consisting of two reading specialists and three teacher assistants. Students, who require further academic intervention services in reading and math, receive regular instruction in their classroom and further supplemental instruction with our reading specialists. On September 12, 2024, each classroom teacher will discuss the Title I program and process with the parents in attendance at the elementary school open house.

Any questions pertaining to the Title I program may be directed toward Mr. Putnam, Elementary School Principal at 315.839.6339.



Sauquoit Valley **PTO**

We are looking forward to another great year! The Sauquoit Valley Parent Teacher Organization invites all parents of students to join. As parents and teachers, we believe in the importance of school social activities, the safety of our children and are committed to a strong education! Sign-up sheets to volunteer will be available at all open houses. Monthly meetings for the 2024-2025 school year will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the dates listed. We encourage all to attend and bring a friend! For more information, please call 315.839.6339 or email sauquoitpto@gmail.com.

Meeting Dates

OCT 2
Elementary School

NOV 6
Middle School

DEC 4
High School

FEB 5
Elementary School

MAR 5
Middle School

APR 2
High School

MAY 7
Elementary School



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

On May 1, 2024 the Mary E. Kaut Chapter of National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) inducted 32 seventh and eighth graders. Membership is based on the values of citizenship, scholarship, leadership, community service and character. This year's guest speaker was Jacob Jouben. Jacob is a former member of this chapter of NJHS and current Sauquoit Valley senior and National Honor Society vice president. Members of the current chapter were also in attendance and helped conduct the ceremony.

NEW MEMBERS ARE:

Parker Allen
Hannah Alsante
Kenedi Barker
Hailey Benn
Lillyan Brennan
Shaelyn Brown
Shae Crowe
Angelia Curriere
Caleb Davies
Margaret Davis
Jacquelyn Grimes

Nikeya Hoch
Olivia Hughes
Jacob Jalowiec
Alexa Juliano
Raegan Kellmurray
Mila Kotary
Owen LoGalbo
Austin Lopiccolo
Trenton Noonan
Jackson Nora
Landon Parslow

Gianna Pellegrino
Elijah Quesnelle
Kseniya Rabkavets
Harper Reile
Alexander Sacco
Matthew Silchuk
Landon Stephens
Mason Stoddard
Victoria Tarasevich
Kaylin Yearby



MIDDLE SCHOOL
**OPEN
HOUSE**
SEPTEMBER 18

6:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
**PICTURE
DAY**
OCTOBER 2

SCHEDULES

Students' schedules were mailed the first week of August and they should bring them on Wednesday, September 4, the first day of school. If there are any questions or concerns, please call the guidance office at 315.839.6378.

PLANNERS

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED TO
BRING \$4.00

for their daily planners, which will be distributed on the first day of school. The planners are a valuable organizational tool and consistent use is the key to a successful school year. The student handbook is located in the front of the planner. Parents/guardians are required to read through the handbook and to sign and return the included acknowledgement.



Sauquoit Valley High School Yearbook YEARBOOK BUSINESS ADS ARE NOW FOR SALE!

Showcase your business in the book that never loses its appeal.

Students and their families will visit the pages of the yearbook countless times and cherish it for a lifetime.

In addition, proceeds from ad sales are a fundraiser for the yearbook program at our school. We appreciate your support!

BUSINESS AD: ORDER BY 11/30/2024

Business Ad Pricing:

1/2 Page	\$150.00
1/4 Page	\$80.00
1/8 Page	\$40.00

Taxes, service fees, and shipping fees will be added, if applicable. Jostens payment plan available; minimum purchase requirements and eligibility restrictions apply.

CREATE AND ORDER YOUR AD ONLINE!



Step 1

Choose your ad size and layout
(Options may vary by school.)



Full Page Layouts



1/2 Page Layouts



1/4 Page Layouts



Step 3

Enjoy your ad in the yearbook

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the ad revenue used for?

The revenue from advertising sales is used to support the yearbook and help keep it more affordable for everyone.

Can I upload a predesigned digital ad or scan my business card to use as my ad?

Yes, just select the appropriate layout to fit your design and upload your digital file. The layouts with a single photo box that fills the ad work best for this purpose. Please ensure that the file you upload meets the specifications listed in the guidelines.

What type of photo can I upload to create my ad?

The ad designer supports only JPEG file formats.

Can I send my ad directly to the school?

Business ads are created on the Jostens website. Please do not contact or send materials to our school. To create and purchase your ad, go to jostensadservice.com/business.

What are the guidelines for uploading images or a completed ad?

Please use the following guidelines when selecting the photos or complete ad to upload:

- Maximum dimensions of 7000x7000 pixels (49 megapixel)
- Maximum size of 25 MB
- Must be a valid JPEG image
- Must be RGB or Grayscale, not CMYK
- Must be 8 bits per channel (RGB or Gray)



(800)358-0800
jostensadservice.com/business



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*Welcome Back



SVHS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

9TH GRADERS!

Welcome, freshmen!

I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you! The most important thing for you to know is that the door is always open and the counseling office is a great resource for you to use as you navigate your first year of high school. I hope you all have a terrific year!

- Mrs. DeTraglia

10TH GRADERS!

Welcome back, sophomores!

I hope you are ready for another great year. As we continue to navigate your journey through high school, please feel free to schedule a meeting to discuss your post high school plans and share any thoughts you have for your future. I am eager and excited to help you reach your goals!

- Mrs. DeTraglia

11TH GRADERS!

Welcome back, juniors!

Continue to challenge yourselves academically! The PSAT will be offered this year on October 29, and please plan to take the college entrance exams (ACT or SAT) in the spring. You will meet with me regarding your plans after high school beginning in February. Have a great school year!

- Mr. Scialdone

12TH GRADERS!

Welcome to your senior year of high school! Meetings will begin at the end of September. During this time, we will form a plan to help you reach your goals for after graduation. Parents are encouraged to participate in senior conferences. Please contact myself or Mrs. Larabee if you wish to attend your child's conference.

- Mr. Scialdone

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sauquoit Valley School Counseling Program is to partner with educators, parents and the community to maximize student potential, foster academic and personal growth and prepare all students to be productive members of society who are college and career ready.

MEET THE TEAM

MRS. DETRAGLIA

9TH & 10TH GRADE COUNSELOR



Hello everyone!

Welcome back to another great school year at Sauquoit High School. I am so excited to start my fifth year as the high school counselor for 9th and 10th grade and hope you all have a wonderful school year.

This year, in addition to being your school counselor, I will also be the high school yearbook advisor. If you are interested in joining the yearbook team, please send me an email so I can send information about our first meeting! Wishing you all a happy and healthy school year!

MR. SCIALDONE

11TH & 12TH GRADE COUNSELOR



Welcome back, all!

I am thrilled to see you all enter your second half of high school. Remember, I am here to support you academically and emotionally and help with college and career prospects. I am also excited to continue as senior class and National Honor Society advisor. Let's make this year your best one yet!

MRS. MILLER

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER



Hi! I am Mrs. Miller and I am the social worker at the high school.

This is my third year working in the high school and I am looking forward to seeing both new and familiar faces!

You will see me around the counseling office and also in your classrooms several times throughout the school year for Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons. I have many fun activities planned!

New this year, I am here every day! Feel free to stop down or email me if you are in need of something :)

MRS. LARIBEE

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSOCIATE



Hello, my name is Mrs. Larabee!

You can contact me for help with scheduling counseling appointments, requesting transcripts or with general questions regarding progress reports, report cards, SABA trips, college tours, college visits or portal access.

I am also the athletic department's secretary and can help with questions related to sports and FinalForms. I am here to help you find answers to all of your questions. If I do not know the answer, I will get you to someone who does or we will figure it out together!

CONTACT US

- Mrs. DeTraglia - Ndetraglia@svcsd.org
- Mr. Scialdone - Pscialdone@svcsd.org
- Mrs. Miller - Vmiller@svsd.org
- Mrs. Larabee - Hlarabee@svcsd.org





HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The high school Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Parents and students are encouraged to stop in and visit classrooms, at their convenience, and meet with teachers. This will be an informal open house; there will be no set schedule and parents/guardians and students will be able to meet with teachers of their choice. Students' 5-week progress reports will be made available at Open House, and those who aren't in attendance will have their progress reports mailed home after the event. As always, we appreciate the support of our parents and community members, and we hope to see you at Open House!

ACADEMIC SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO MULTIPLE ACADEMIC SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES!

Students are encouraged to remain after school for homework assistance in the library each school day from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Bus transportation home is available at 3:15 p.m. (sign-up for transportation home is required in the main office). Instructional staff will be available in the library to provide assistance.

Students are also encouraged to initiate individual meetings with their teachers if they require additional academic support.

Academic Intervention Service (AIS) courses will be scheduled, as appropriate, to provide students with targeted academic support in a particular course. Students may see their counselor to request AIS courses.

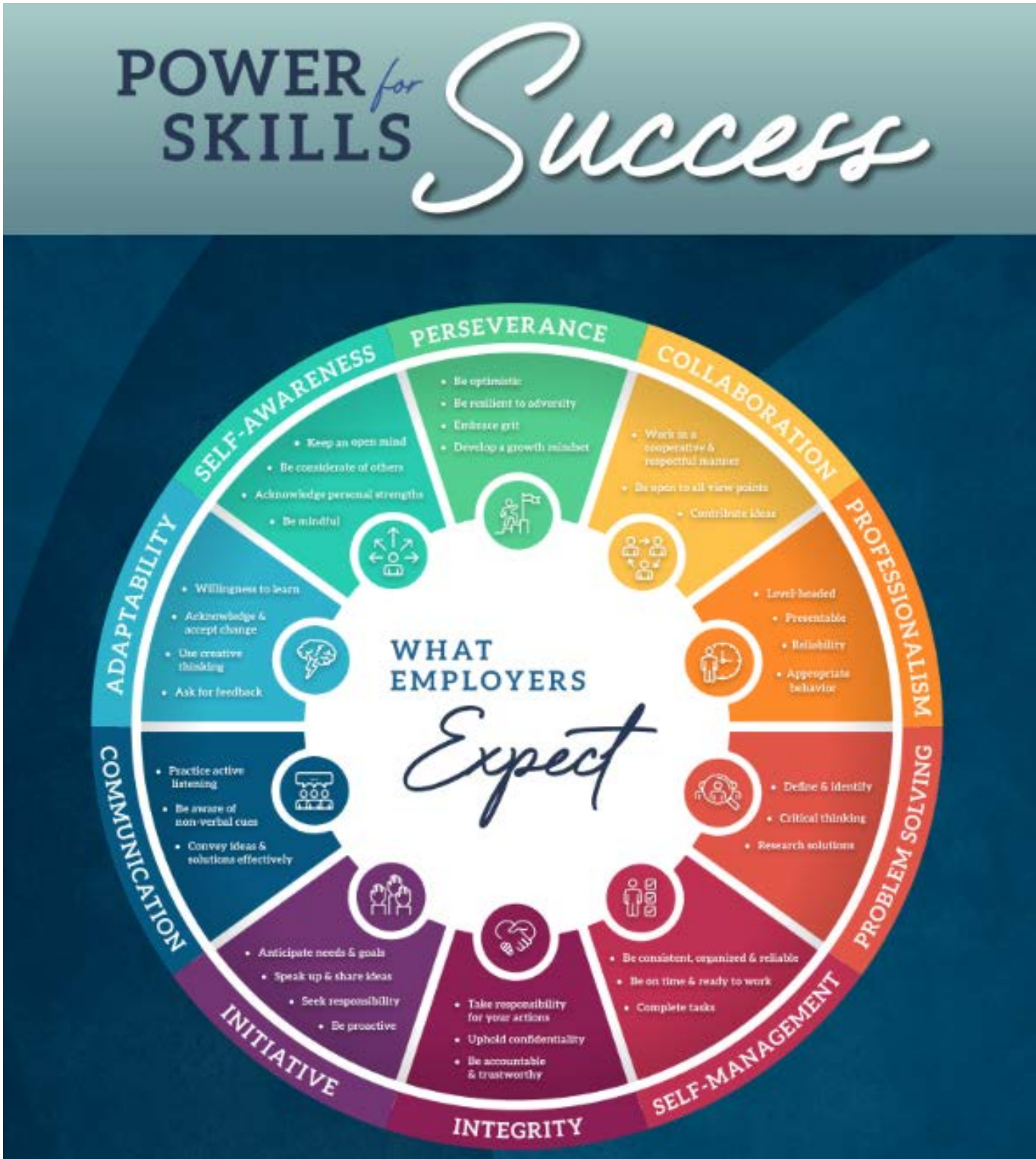
Study halls, when scheduled, also provide students with an excellent opportunity to receive academic support.

JOB SHADOWING, COLLEGE VISIT & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS!

Sauquoit Valley High School will again be partnering with the OHM BOCES School and Business Alliance to offer our students job shadowing, college visit, job site visit and internship opportunities. Information about these opportunities will be shared with students and parents/guardians via ParentSquare and the daily announcements (which are accessible on our website). We are committed to supporting our students in developing plans for their future!

POWER SKILLS FOR SUCCESS FEEDBACK CONTINUING

This year, SVHS staff will once again be focusing on supporting our students' development of the power skills. The power skills will be incorporated into courses, and students will receive rubric-based feedback on their progress with the skills twice this year (as was the case last year). These skills are likely to lead to personal and professional success. We encourage all students to continuously reflect on their progress with these skills and set goals for improvement.





FRESHMAN & NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation for incoming ninth graders and high school students who are new to the District was held on August 21 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the high school. Freshmen and new students were able to pick up their schedules and student handbooks, find their lockers, take a tour of the building, meet some of our staff members and have their questions answered. We encourage all freshmen and new students not to hesitate to reach out to their counselor, teachers or other trusted staff member for support. We are very excited to welcome the class of 2028 to our school community!

HIGH SCHOOL
**PICTURE
DAY**
SEPTEMBER 16

HIGH SCHOOL
**RETAKE
DAY &
GROUPS/CLUBS
PICTURE
DAY**
OCTOBER 21

IMPORTANT FORMS FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

As has been the case in previous years, we will be asking parents and students to complete a series of forms at the beginning of the school year. The forms will be sent via ParentSquare and will be completed digitally; we will no longer be asking students and parents/guardians to complete and return paper forms.

We will discuss these forms with students (as well as the Code of Conduct and student handbook) during class meetings that will be held on Friday, September 6. At the end of the school day on the sixth, the forms will be sent to parents/guardians and students via ParentSquare. The forms are:

- **Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form**
- **Extracurricular Participation Policy and Eligibility Contract**
- **Photographic/Media Consent Form** (for parents who wish to provide photo consent; students do not need to complete the form)

We ask that all students and parents/guardians complete these forms by Wednesday, September 18. This will ensure that students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, attend dances and fully participate in the SVHS experience. Thank you for your help with this!

Please also note:

Federal law requires high schools to notify the parents/guardians of its students that, if requested, the high school must release to military recruiters the name, address, age, date of birth and phone number of each high school student. The law allows for a secondary student or parent/guardian of the student to "opt out" of the release of this information to the military recruiters. Any student or parent/guardian who is interested in having this information withheld from military recruiters should send a request to the high school main office secretary Ms. Cheryl Tibbitts at ctibbitts@svcsd.org no later than Wednesday, September 18.

Reminders for the start of the year:

- Students are able to enter the high school daily starting at 7:15 a.m. Freshmen and sophomores report to the auditorium, and juniors and seniors report to the cafeteria. Freshmen and sophomores who wish to eat breakfast are allowed to go to the cafeteria to do so.
- Each student will be required to possess a charged Chromebook or laptop for daily instruction. Students are allowed to borrow Chromebooks and chargers from the District, as long as a parent permission form is on file.
- Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns! We can be reached at 315.839.6316.

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Welcome to the Sauquoit Valley class of 2025! The coming year brings a lot of excitement, activities and milestones, as well as important dates, deadlines and payments.

Help us communicate with you (both parents and students) better by downloading, if you haven't already, the ParentSquare or StudentSquare app. We will use Parent/StudentSquare, as well as the senior Google Classroom (seniors should have already received an invite) to share news, forms and upcoming deadlines. Ms. Michelle Babbie and Mr. Peter Scialdone will be your class advisors for the school year. Please reach out to them via Student/ParentSquare, or by emailing mbabbie@svcsd.org or pscialdone@svcsd.org should you have any questions.

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Individual senior conferences will begin towards the end of September. We will discuss plans and goals for after high school and begin the college application process if applicable. Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend - contact Mr. Scialdone to select a time that works best.

While many colleges remain test-optional, more selective schools may require an entrance exam. Please consult with your prospective college's admissions office or contact your school counselor if you are unsure if you need to take an exam.

SAT/ACT SCHEDULE

SAT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024

ACT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Sept 14, 2024	Aug 9, 2024
Oct 26, 2024	Sept 20, 2024
Dec 14, 2024	Nov 8, 2024

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