



SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

Central School District

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Members,

As I type this, we are embracing fall and the vibrant colors that make this season so festive. A walk across our beautiful campus reveals other exciting changes, such as fresh coats of paint on building entrances and the high school facade. We've also added banners and window decals proudly featuring our Red Hawk mascot, a symbol that continues to enjoy strong support from our District community. If you've attended a sporting event recently, you may have spotted "Rocky" the Red Hawk cheering on our athletes.

Since our last publication this summer, we've welcomed several new staff members to our team, and I'm pleased to announce the addition of:

Paul Baker | Katie Buckingham | Michael Flagg
Jennifer McCarthy | Makenna Sheppard | Katherine Strieter

As we approach the end of the first quarter, we trust that our students are adjusting to their new schedules and rising to meet academic expectations. We encourage students to continue striving for excellence, laying the groundwork for lifelong learning, and getting involved in extracurricular activities and sports to enrich their school experience. For parents, now is an ideal time to reflect on your child's progress. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the school if your child needs support.

On November 23 and 24, our Parent-Teacher Organization will once again present the Fine Arts & Craft Show at the middle school. This event is a key fundraiser for the PTO, which plays a vital role in supporting our students and district. I encourage everyone to attend and show your support.

This fall, we were proud to offer a variety of sports, including boys and girls modified, JV and varsity soccer; modified and varsity eight-person football; cheerleading; varsity and modified field hockey (in partnership with New York Mills UFSD); gymnastics (in partnership with New Hartford CSD); boys and girls varsity cross country; and girls tennis. Congratulations to our teams for their hard work this season, especially those who advanced to sectionals:

- **Girls tennis** won the League title and the Center State Conference tournament.
- **Girls soccer** reached the quarterfinals, where they lost to Westmoreland CSD.
- **Boys soccer** reached the quarterfinals, where they lost to Manlius Pebble Hill School.
- **Boys and girls cross country** will compete in the Section III Championships in early November.

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NEWS + VIEWS

CALENDAR (CLOSINGS)

VETERANS DAY
November 11

**THANKSGIVING
RECESS**
November 27-29

WINTER RECESS
December 23-
January 3

**MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY**
January 20

LUNAR NEW YEAR
January 29

**MID-WINTER
RECESS**
February 17-21

PLEASE NOTE:
School closings
(weather related)
will be sent via
ParentSquare
and on TV.

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We are proud of all our fall athletes for their dedication and efforts!

You may be aware of the growing focus on managing cell phone use in schools. Governor Kathy Hochul has been hosting listening sessions around the state to discuss the impact of smartphones and social media on students. While we anticipate potential legislation on this issue, we're awaiting more details. Rest assured, we will keep you informed as our District addresses this matter through school assemblies and parent presentations. We also plan to gather feedback from students, parents and staff as part of this process.

With winter fast approaching, please keep in mind that any school closures, delays or cancellations of afterschool activities will be communicated through ParentSquare and local media. On especially cold mornings, we encourage students to wait inside and watch for the bus rather than standing at the bus stop. Our drivers will be instructed to wait a bit longer during these cold months to accommodate this.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone of the volunteer opportunities available with organizations such as the SV Fine Arts Boosters, SV Foundation, SV Sports Boosters and the SV Parent-Teacher Organization. These groups are instrumental in fostering community spirit and enriching our students' educational and extracurricular experiences. A big thank you to the students who have already volunteered during school events!



As always, we are deeply grateful for the community's continued support of our district and its commitment to helping us prepare our students for bright futures.

Sincerely,

David Stayton
SUPERINTENDENT

ROCKY RED HAWK MASCOT

Drumroll, please! After two rounds of student voting, we're thrilled to announce that our new school mascot has been named Rocky. A huge thanks to all the students who participated in the naming process and to our community for embracing this furry and feathered friend. Let's give a warm welcome to Rocky!





SAUQUOIT VALLEY FOUNDATION

NEWS

The 10th Annual Witch Way is the 5K? was held on a beautiful day on October 6! It was a great day for kids and adults to run, laugh and enjoy each other and the Sauquoit Valley Community! For complete 5K results, please visit TNT Timing.

The Sauquoit Valley Foundation would like to thank all of our sponsors: Elite Physical Therapy Tailored Design+Build, TNT Timing, Edwards Ambulance, McRorie-Peo Agency, Sauquoit Valley PTO, Greenscapes Landscape Co., Windy Hill Orchards, Pumpkin Junction, Twin Orchards and Price Chopper Market 32. The Foundation would like to thank all the volunteers, including SVCSD staff, students and community members. This fun event could not have happened without them. A big thank you to the Clayville Fire Department, Paris Hill Fire Department, Sauquoit Fire Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police and the Town of Paris Highway Department who provided road safety during the 5K run.

We hope to see you again next year! Bring your neighbors and friends to participate in this fun event!

The Sauquoit Valley Foundation continues to sell bricks to pave the community walkway around the Sauquoit Valley High School stadium. Engraved bricks are available in different sizes and can be purchased through the Sauquoit Valley Foundation at sauquoitvalleyfoundation.org or at SVCSD.org. Visit the "Community" section, then click on "SV Foundation" and use the "Events and Fundraisers" link to print out an order form and mail it back to us at:

*Sauquoit Valley Foundation
2601 Oneida Street
Sauquoit, NY 13456*

For further information or updates on events, visit our website or visit us on Facebook.

Mark your calendars for July 21, 2025 for our 20th annual golf tournament at Cedar Lake Golf Club. Come join us for a wonderful day of golf!

The Sauquoit Valley Foundation continues to be an active group dedicated to the school and community. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the High School Board Room. All are welcome.



45th ANNUAL SAUQUOIT VALLEY
**FINE ARTS &
CRAFTS SHOW**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOV

23

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**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 – 8 P.M.

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

Town of Paris Historical Society



Step back in time with us! Join the Town of Paris Historical Society and unearth the rich tapestry of our local heritage. Discover fascinating stories, artifacts and events that shaped our community. Genealogical information from each of the five hamlets that comprise the town of Paris is available. Preserve history, make friends and cherish our shared past. Join us today!

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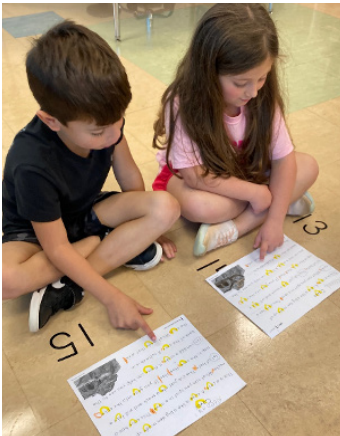
Hours: Saturdays by appointment and Thursdays 1-5 p.m.

Monthly Meeting: First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. from March-December at the Museum

WALK TO READ

Written by: Jeanice Gigliotte

We are so proud to share that our new Walk to Read program has begun with tremendous success. This is following last year's efforts to dive deeply into learning about how the brain learns to read. Sauquoit Valley has had the opportunity to work with the Reading League for several years and we are happy to be applying the best practices we have acquired.

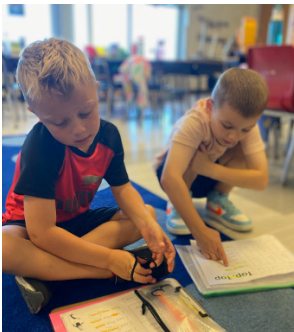


All eight sections of our K-2 classes, and seven sections of grades 3-4, are now participating in small group reading instruction, which allows us to tailor the lessons to each student's specific needs. If you are a parent with a child in our elementary school, you have likely seen the parent reports from our DIBELS assessments.

We are working in teams to analyze these assessments to determine the needs of each group.

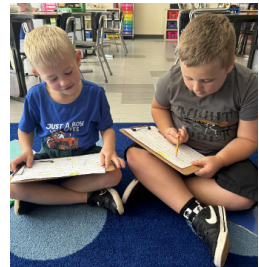
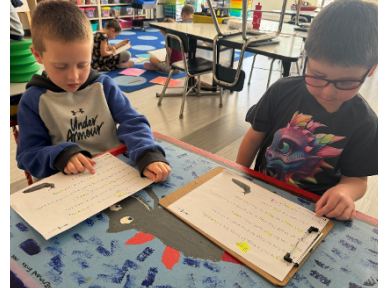
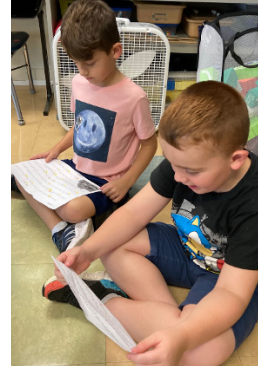


During the 40-minute sessions, we're focusing on systematic instruction that covers oral reading fluency, phonemic awareness, sound drills, chaining, spelling

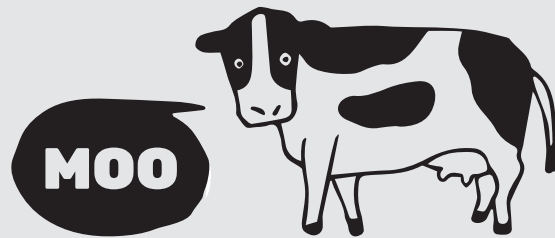


sound-out words, and dictation of words and sentences. Students are enjoying the targeted support and their success. Ask your child about these things – we hope they are excited to share! Our teachers are enjoying the opportunity to witness growth with their reading fluency each week.

Students and teachers have embraced the opportunity to mix with their peers and work with different teachers. Our goal with this program is to significantly strengthen reading ability throughout our building. We are optimistic that we're off to a great start, and we are grateful for the continued support of our Sauquoit Valley families!



ADOPT A COW PROGRAM



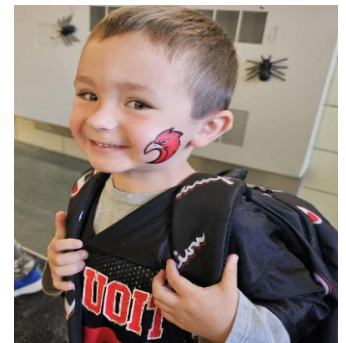
Mrs. Mancino's third grade classroom is participating in the Adopt a Cow Program and has adopted a live calf growing up on a dairy farm in Cortland!

Our calf will not be living in our classroom, but will continue to live on the farm by our host farmer. We will receive monthly updates about our cow that include information, pictures and videos. These updates include lessons and activities related to her life cycle, growth, how she is cared for on the farm and how milk is produced on the farm. We are excited to follow her journey on the farm while we bring agriculture into our classroom!



SAUQUOIT VALLEY IS EMBRACING THE RED HAWK SCHOOL SPIRIT!

With our new logo taking effect, Sauquoit Valley is embracing the new Red Hawk spirit! We are ready to soar high and take on the year with enthusiasm and pride. As the Sauquoit Valley Red Hawks, we stand united, ready to show off our school spirit and determination in all that we do. From our classrooms to the athletic fields, the Red Hawk spirit burns brightly, fueling our success and inspiring us to reach new heights. We are proud to be the Sauquoit Valley Red Hawks, and we can't wait to see what this year has in store!



SECOND GRADE FIELD TRIP TO CLAYVILLE LIBRARY

Second grade students from Sauquoit Valley Elementary School recently enjoyed an exciting field trip to the Clayville Library. Their visit included a performance by The Bubbleman, who engaged the children with his



mesmerizing bubble artistry. After the show, the students had the opportunity to browse the library's collection and check out a book to take home. As a special treat, each student received a goodie bag filled with fun items.

The students were grateful for the warm welcome from Ms. Becky Hassett, Clayville Library Director. Ms. Hassett's dedication to enrich the lives of the Sauquoit Valley Elementary School students over the years has been truly appreciated. The school community wishes Ms. Hassett all the best in her well-deserved retirement!



FIRE PREVENTION

Did you know that the month of October is Fire Prevention Month? The goal of fire prevention is to raise fire safety awareness and to help protect homes. At Sauquoit Valley Elementary School, we were fortunate enough to have our local fire departments help educate our young students on numerous fire safety tips. Students were taught about **Stop, Drop and Roll**, talking with their parents about creating a meeting place, the importance of calling 911 and to always to test smoke detectors in the house. After an all-school assembly was held, all students were then able to go outside and actively participate with various pieces of fire equipment. How cool is it to spray an actual fire hose?!



A big thanks to all the volunteer fire personnel that were present! We appreciate the Clayville, Sauquoit and Cassville volunteer fire departments for providing equipment for the students!



SVCSD TEACHER APPRECIATION PROGRAM

Erika Thall – First Grade Educator

The elementary school is excited to name Mrs. Erika Thall for the SVCSD Teacher Appreciation Program sponsored by T5 Insurance Services. First and foremost, our school is continuously impressed by the rapport Mrs. Thall creates with her students each year! It is not only natural and instinctive, but her compassion for students and ability to make a connection with them beyond the curriculum is inspiring. It is very clear that each student in her classroom is loved, respected and safe.

While keeping the learning needs of each student in mind, Mrs. Thall is able to integrate various levels of differentiated instruction into her daily routines effortlessly, so that each student feels confident and comfortable. She maintains positive relationships with her classroom families and has fostered a strong school-to-home connection through frequent communication. For all of those reasons and more, we are thankful that SV has Mrs. Thall on our team! Congratulations!

ABIGAIL'S

ATHLETES 2024 CHALLENGE

Abigail's Athletes, Inc. & The Freitag Family



We are so proud of all the pre-K through grade 8 students and staff who participated in the Abigail's Athletes Challenge this fall. Your hard work and efforts paid off. The elementary school went 6,402 miles while the middle school went 14,065 miles. Each and every mile completed raised a dollar towards pediatric cancer research. That is a total of \$20,467 that the two schools raised this September.

We'd also like to thank the Sauquoit Valley Racing Red Hawks Intramural Running Club! On September 25, the Racing Red Hawks hosted Abigail's Athletes at the track and the community came out to run 388 miles in the rain. A special thank you to Coach Dan George and the girls varsity soccer team for running miles with us. In addition, we'd like to thank Jody Hildreth for creating our pumpkin prize awards, and Michael's Greenhouse along with Gingerbread Bake Shop for donating goods to our bake sale. It really was a wonderful sight to see all the kids running together in the fight against childhood cancer.

We are so grateful to our Sauquoit Valley School community, and all our sponsors. The following businesses and individuals made this challenge possible:

Utica First Insurance

Elite Physical Therapy & Sports Training

Grande's Pizzeria & Restaurant

The McSweeney Foundation

Mike & Paula Fitzgerald

Foundeo Inc.

Empire Recycling

Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors

Gigliotti's Driving School

Rockford Auto

Murad & Murad

Caruso Orthodontics

Steet Toyota

Falchi's Carpet Cleaning

Enjem's Flooring

Your generosity and support has amazed us once again! Thank you,

Abigail's Athletes, Inc.



Sauquoit Valley Central School COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Elementary School

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"When we give children advice or instant solutions, we deprive them of the experience that comes from wrestling with their own problems."
— Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk"

Here's a little thought experiment. Think about raising your children not for when they are four or seven or thirteen. Imagine that they are now eighteen years old and leaving the house to go out into the world. What does their skillset look like? Can they handle it when things don't go their way? Can they confidently communicate their wants and needs to others? Advocate for themselves? Can they do their own laundry? Cook basic meals? Can they problem solve in different situations? Can they manage their money effectively?

We have a (semi) controlled environment with our children for those first eighteen years. Consider adding more responsibilities and challenges a little bit at a time so that when they leave your house for the real world, you are confident that you have prepared them as much as possible.

Here are just a few examples:

- Have them order for themselves when you are out to eat. Practice what you want them to do ahead of time.
Ex: 1) Look right at the person. 2) Speak slowly, clearly, and confidently.
- Have them pick out a meal/dish and help you cook/prepare it. When they tell you that they are bored, say something to the effect of, "That's okay. It's good to be bored sometimes." This teaches them to tolerate minor discomfort.
- Consider using an allowance program that helps them to manage their money. (We will be providing much more detailed information on an excellent allowance program in the next News & Views).

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Middle School

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Is your child struggling with anxiety? Middle Schoolers face unique challenges that can contribute to an increase in anxiety. Middle school is a time of shifting friendships and pressures to fit in. Concerns about making friends, dealing with peer pressure, and facing potential bullying can be big sources of stress. The workload in middle school often increases, with more difficult subject matter and higher expectations for performance. The fear of falling behind or not meeting expectations can be overwhelming. This is a time of significant physical, social and cognitive changes. These changes can affect self-esteem and contribute to feelings of insecurity.

Tips for parents to help support an anxious student:

- Set achievable goals for your child. Focus on them doing their best rather than striving for perfection. Help them break down big tasks into smaller, manageable steps.
- Establish a daily routine. Plan your child's morning routine and evening activities to include time for homework, dinner, and a wind-down before bed. A consistent routine helps reduce chaos, uncertainty, and self-doubt.
- Get them organized. Planners or digital tools can help your child to keep track of assignments, tests, and extracurricular activities.
- Do they have someone they trust to share concerns and feelings with? It could be a teacher, counselor or friend. Talk to your child about how they let out their feelings. Anxiety and worry only grow bigger when we try to cover it up.
- Focus on the positives. Remind your child of the things they enjoy about school, such as seeing friends, participating in favorite classes, or joining clubs. Keeping a positive mindset can help reduce anxious thoughts.
- Maintain good school attendance. Frequent absences from school can increase feelings of anxiety towards school.

If you feel that your child is in need of additional support, please reach out to a School Counselor!

Character All-Star Awards

Middle School Character All-Star Awards are back! All-Star students are positive role models who demonstrate good decision making abilities, and are honest, kind, and responsible members of our school community. Every other week, we will be awarding our All-Stars with a shoutout on the announcements, a certificate of recognition and an ice cream coupon! We will be featuring our award recipients each month, beginning with the next installment of News & Views!





RACING RED HAWKS

The Racing Red Hawks running program kicked off their fall session on September 11. There are more than 90 runners participating this year, spanning from grades 3-7. Each week the kids strive to increase their running abilities through various running games and races. On September 25, the Racing Red Hawks partnered with Abigail's Athletes to run 388 miles in support of pediatric cancer research. The fall season has been a great success and we look forward to holding another session in the spring.



"FREEDOM WRITERS" MOVIE NIGHT

On September 27, we held our annual "Freedom Writers" Movie Night! Fifty-eight students showed up in their pajamas, armed with pillows and blankets, ready to watch the movie based on one of our favorite units in sixth grade, "Freedom Writers." Several Freedom Writers themselves, along with Ms. Gruwell, were a part of the production of the movie to ensure that it correctly depicted what happened back in her classroom, Room 203. Because of that, the movie is the perfect way to bring this part of our unit to life! And, of course, no movie night is ever complete without sending a selfie of our group to Ms. G out in California to let her know that we were having a great time at her movie night! Not only were the popcorn and snacks amazing, but so was the movie and the Freedom Writers' message that together, we can "turn on a small light in a dark room" in order to make our world a better place.

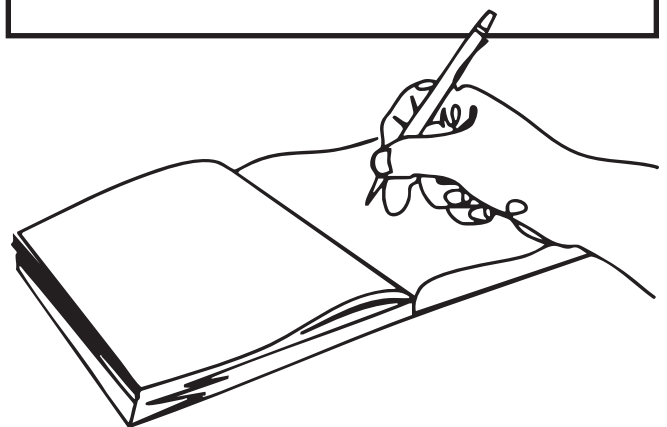
FREEDOM WRITERS VISIT

On October 17, the middle school was excited to welcome Ms. Gruwell and Tony from the Freedom Writers back to Sauquoit!

They spoke with the entire sixth grade class first, who did an amazing job of fundraising money to actually make this visit possible. Mrs. Purrington would like to send a huge thank you to those students who sold drawings, bracelets, candles and so many other homemade items, along with everyone who bought one of those items! After speaking with the sixth grade, Ms. G and Tony talked with students from the seventh and eighth grade about the power of their own decisions in helping them overcome obstacles or in helping them make the choices that are best for them each and every day.

To end this amazing day, we held a Family Night event from 6-8:30 p.m. where students spent the first hour participating in activities that encourage self-esteem, perseverance and confidence. Then, Jadyn Land, our own published student author, read her entry from the book "Dear Freedom Writer." Finally, Ms. G and Tony led the Line Game and encouraged a conversation about how to help our students feel more powerful in being themselves.

We hope that everyone who was a part of the day's activities heard the Freedom Writer message once again and remembered that they have the ability to get through anything because of the power within them.





NEW EMPLOYEES

Sauquoit Valley Middle School is excited to welcome two new staff members to our team!



Katie Buckingham joins us as our new Office Specialist. When you call the middle school or stop by, she will likely be the first person you speak with. Katie is stepping into the role previously held by Cheryl Richards. While we are sad to see Cheryl go, we are incredibly grateful for her years of dedication. We're thrilled to have Katie on board, and she's already off to a fantastic start.

We would also like to welcome Makenna Davoli Sheppard, our new middle school nurse as she fills in until Tatum Zumpano returns. Makenna, a Registered Nurse and a proud Sauquoit Valley alum, is excited to be back and serving our community.

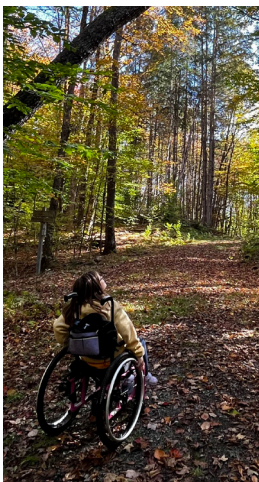
We are delighted to have both Katie and Makenna with us and look forward to a great year ahead!



BLACK RIVER OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP



The middle school physical education department brought the fifth grade class hiking, the eighth grade class kayaking and hiking, and grades 5-6 will be hiking or biking with the Black River Outdoor Education Program. Through these educational and aerobic activities, students are taught the benefits and importance of outdoor recreation, which allows them a chance to better their physical endurance and overall health.



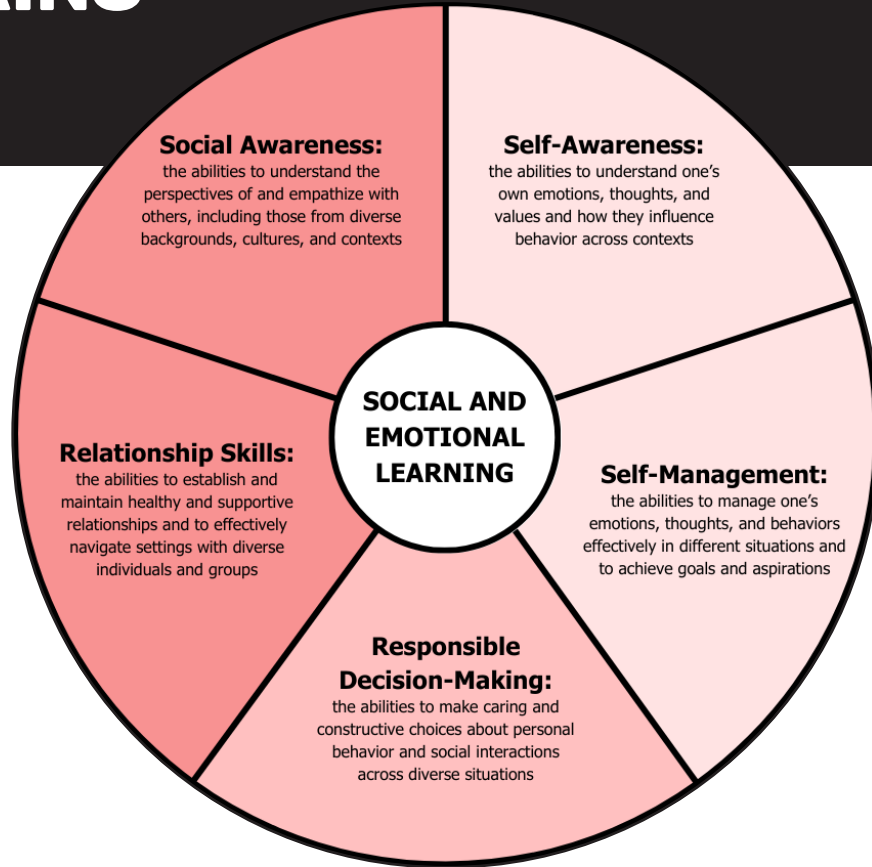


SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH REMAINS A PRIORITY

One of the goals of this year's SVHS Plan for Excellence is to support the social and emotional health of our students. We do this by developing students' knowledge and skills related to the five social/emotional competencies.

We designated October as Self-Awareness Month at SVHS. Throughout the month, students were treated to activities during lunch periods, informative announcements, book displays and other activities to promote the importance of self-awareness.

As always, if you have concerns about the social or emotional health of your child, please do not hesitate to contact our counselors. The counselor for freshmen and sophomores is Natalie DeTraglia (ndetraglia@svcsd.org), and the counselor for juniors and seniors is Pete Scialdone (pscialdone@svcsd.org).



SABA PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES

Sauquoit Valley High School is fortunate to be partnering with the School and Business Alliance (SABA) again this year! SABA will be supporting us to offer the following activities for our students:

- Career speakers and job-based training lessons incorporated into courses
- Freshmen and juniors completing an interest inventory to inform their career exploration pursuits
- Sophomores, juniors, and seniors being able to attend a business tour in the winter, construction career day and manufacturing day
- Sophomores and juniors being able to attend a college tour in the spring
- Juniors and seniors being able to participate in personalized career shadowing experiences
- Juniors and seniors being able to participate in personalized career internship experiences

We will be making announcements and sending ParentSquare messages in advance of these opportunities. We encourage all students to take advantage of these offerings!



NEW PRINCIPAL



We are pleased to introduce the new principal of Sauquoit Valley High School, Mr. Michael Flagg, who is a proud resident of Sauquoit with children in the District. He plans to prioritize understanding the school's unique culture and creating a supportive environment for all students. Mr. Flagg values teamwork and collaboration, and encourages open communication with students, staff, parents and the community. Welcome to SVCSD, Mr. Flagg!

SVHS OFFERS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all of the parents and students who attended the annual High School Open House on October 9! Parents and students were able to obtain five-week academic progress reports and meet with individual teachers. Local organizations, including our own Sauquoit Valley PTO, were on hand. We are grateful for the support of our school community members!



SAUQUOIT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NAMED TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

College Board recently announced that Sauquoit Valley High School has been named to the 2024 Advanced Placement Program (AP) School Honor Roll, earning Silver distinction.

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing academic culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit and maximizing college and career readiness.

Sauquoit Valley High School had:

51% of students in the class of 2024 who took at least one AP Exam during high school

31% of students in the class of 2024 scoring a 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam

14% of students in the class of 2024 who took five or more AP Exams

"AP gives students opportunity to engage with college-level work, to earn college credit and placement, and to potentially boost their grade point averages," said Trevor Packer, head of the AP program. "The schools that have

earned this distinction are proof that it is possible to expand access to these college-level courses and still drive strong performance – they represent the best of AP."

Sauquoit Valley High School currently offers seven AP courses as well as fourteen additional courses that grant college credit.

"This recognition is a testament to the hard work that our students and teachers engage in on a daily basis," said Brian Read, principal of Sauquoit Valley High School and director of Instructional Services for the Sauquoit Valley Central School District. "Teachers and counselors are encouraging students to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework. Students are embracing the challenge and learning invaluable skills along the way. We remain committed to fostering a strong academic culture that prepares our students for their postsecondary pursuits."

College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) enables students to pursue college-level studies – with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both – while still in high school. Each AP course culminates in a challenging exam and requires students to think critically, construct solid arguments and see many sides of an issue – skills that prepare them for college and beyond.



Sauquoit Valley High School

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October's Focus of the Month:

Self Awareness

For the month of October, the high school focused on Self-Awareness, a social and emotional competency that is defined as having knowledge of one's character, feelings, motives, and desires. People who are self-aware have the ability to reflect and recognize patterns in their thoughts and behaviors. Some examples include:

- Noticing that you are tensing up before giving a presentation
- Acknowledging your feelings regarding a situation that you do not morally agree with
- Deciding to apologize when you have acted out of character

Students were provided with tools and resources to increase their self-awareness and were also asked to complete a brief survey identifying their current level of self awareness and how they can improve during the month.

November's focus of the month will be **Self-Management**.

A message from **Mrs. Miller**

Social Emotional lessons are off to a great start already this school year. In September, juniors participated in lessons regarding communication and active listening skills. One student had to describe a drawing and the others in the group needed to copy the drawing based only on the description and their own follow up questions. This activity helps promote listening skills, verbal communication, and teamwork! Freshman will begin lessons in October with sophomores and seniors starting up in November. Stay tuned for more updates!





Clayville Library

SERVING THE GREATER SAUQUOIT VALLEY

Public Computers • Reference Materials • Current Best Sellers Magazines
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MEET YOUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR!

Hello, Sauquoit Valley Community! My name is Anasheh Chaharmahali, and I am thrilled to join the Clayville Library Association as your new Library Director. With a strong background in management and a passion for community engagement. My goal is to continue fostering a welcoming space for learning, creativity, and connection. Whether you're a regular visitor or new to our library, I look forward to meeting you and hearing how we can make the Clayville Library an even better resource for all. Thank you for welcoming me – I'm eager to get started!



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.

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.

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

This FREE program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before they enter 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 & 5 years.

The Clayville Library Association in conjunction with Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors has a **tutoring program for grades 2–8.**

Program Details:

- Students in need of extra attention will have access to tutoring sessions (math & 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.

Ludlow Community Room is available for parties, meetings and events this Holiday Season and is "free" to the residents of the Town of Paris. Call the library to reserve the community room for your meeting or event.

The Upstate Mammography Van returns to the Clayville Library this year on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Register by phone: 315-464-2588 or go here: www.upstate.edu/noexcuses

Join Santa & Mrs. Claus for a Christmas story with milk and cookies on Tuesday, December 3 at 6 p.m.

- Come wearing your Christmas pajamas and have your picture taken with the Clauses



BUS 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/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.**



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