



RAIDER PRIDE

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STUDENTS, STAFF CELEBRATE THE POWER OF INDEPENDENCE

Visually impaired students at the Seneca Valley Senior High School visited the quaint town of Harmony this month to practice pedestrian crossing in observance of White Cane Awareness Day (Oct. 15). It is set aside to celebrate the achievements of those who are blind or visually impaired and the importance of the white cane, as it's used as a tool to help keep them safe and navigate through the environment.

Ms. Jessica Sloan, Midwestern Intermediate Unit (MIU) IV Teacher of the Visually Impaired, supervised her students, junior, Nick Berger and senior, Elizabeth Demaster as they practiced crossing intersections with their white canes.

Both Mr. Berger and Miss Demaster have Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI). While they do have a lot of usable vision, their brain struggles to process what the eyes are seeing due to damage in cortical pathways to the brain. Both Mr. Berger and Miss Demaster have difficulty with depth perception skills, so the cane can allow them to identify curbs with ease at street crossings, and to ascend and descend steps safely.

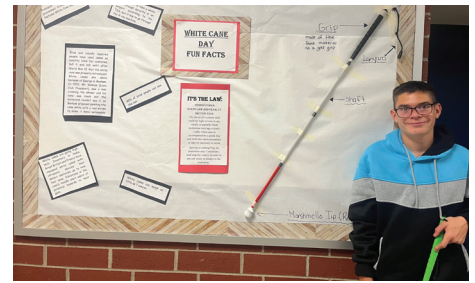
“You can identify a white cane from other canes, because the shaft is white, and there is at least six inches of red at the



bottom,” said Ms. Sloan. “Many times, the cane is made of reflective materials to help drivers spot it at night, and a fun fact is that the cane grip is made of the same material golf clubs have on their handles to allow for the traveler to have a secure grip even in the rain, snow, or if their hands are sweating in the heat.”

Additional enrichment activities took place on campus to recognize White Cane Awareness Day. Mr. Berger created a bulletin board with facts about the white cane, Miss Demaster created and distributed white chocolate covered pretzels resembling white canes and sophomore, Ciara Schneider worked with SVTV by creating a diagram that demonstrates the different parts of the white cane.

Ms. Sloan added, “In my opinion, the most important aspect of White Cane Day is to bring awareness to the community



about the white cane and how it provides independence and safety for individuals who are visually impaired.”

Ms. Sloan currently works with 35 students from across the District who have visual impairments including four high school students who are using the white cane. Mr. Berger and Miss Demaster continue working on analyzing intersections to determine if they are safe to cross, and to use the cane to cross streets at non controlled intersections and intersections controlled by stop signs. They next phase they will practice with Ms. Sloan is crossing intersections controlled by stop lights.

To read more, view the article in the Cranberry Eagle. [Seneca Valley celebrates White Cane Awareness Day - Cranberry Eagle](#)



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 4 SAT Testing, SHS, 7:30 a.m.
- Nov. 6 Release of Report Cards, Grades 7-12, School Board Meeting Work Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 10 In-Service Day, No School for Students
- Nov. 13 School Board Meeting Regular Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 22-27 District Holiday, No School
- Nov. 29 Report of Student Progress Release, Grades K-6

For more dates, visit: www.svsd.net/WebCalendar

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



THANK A PRINCIPAL

October is National Principals Month – a month to celebrate our Principals and remember how important their work is in every school. Principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives. Through their vision, dedication, and determination, Principals provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success. We encourage you to join us in this celebration by sharing your appreciation with our Principals.

Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School

Principal: Mrs. DeeAnn Graham
Acting Assistant Principal:
Ms. Taisia Papariella

Ehrman Crest Elementary School

Principal: Ms. Lauri Pendred
Assistant Principal: Ms. Tesin Amoscato

Ehrman Crest Middle School

Principal: Mr. Timothy Eiler
Assistant Principal: Dr. Bridget Miller

Haine Elementary School

Principal: Dr. Kristen White
Assistant Principal: Mr. Thomas McKelvey
Acting Assistant Principal:
Mr. John Hickman

Haine Middle School

Principal: Dr. Erin Wilcher
Assistant Principal: Mr. Jeremy Womer
Acting Assistant Principal:
Mr. John Hickman

Rowan Elementary School

Acting Principal: Dr. Tina Wentz
Assistant Principal: Ms. Jessica Parker
Acting Assistant Principal:
Mr. Alex Krajniak

Ryan Gloyer Middle School

Principal: Dr. Anthony Babusci
Assistant Principal: Mr. Robert Raso
Assistant Principal: Ms. Trisha Butschle
Acting Assistant Principal:
Mr. LaVarr Stephens-Howling

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School

Principal: Mr. Chet Henderson
Assistant Principal: Ms. Quincy Gildea
Assistant Principal: Mr. Dan Guerra

Seneca Valley Senior High School

Principal: Mr. Robert Ceh
Assistant Principal: Ms. Megan Lizewski
Acting Assistant Principal:
Ms. Natalie Green

Seneca Valley Academy of Choice

Principal: Dr. Denise Manganello
Assistant Principal: Ms. Amanda Mallin ■



National Principals Month!

Thank you for all that you do!

'LAVENDER HAZE'

Seneca Valley students danced the night away in a "Lavender Haze," at the Seneca Valley 2023 homecoming.

Leading up to the homecoming dance, students and staff participated in a Spirit Week, full of celebrations and fun theme-days.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, hundreds of people attended and enjoyed the SV Homecoming Carnival, Homecoming Parade and fireworks display on the district's secondary campus in Jackson Township.

The carnival had a variety of food booths with nachos, pulled pork sandwiches, apple crisps and more. Various booster groups also ran game booths such as a bean bag toss, a photo booth and giant Jenga. The parade featured the award-winning Seneca Valley "Roaring" Raider Marching Band, local fire trucks and floats created by student sports teams and organizations. The evening concluded with a fireworks display.

Kara Pasquale was crowned queen and Miles Bowman king during Seneca Valley's Homecoming pregame festivities at NexTier Stadium on Friday, Oct. 6. Miss Pasquale is the daughter of Richard and Melinda Pasquale of Zelenople. Mr. Bowman is the son of Scott and Diana Bowman of Cranberry Township. The homecoming football game at NexTier Stadium ended with a win against Hempfield, 42-13.

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Earlier this month, seniors chose 20 classmates to represent their homecoming court. Senior queen candidates included Jenna Allman, Brynn Aloj, Paityn Armstrong, Addison Barbe, Ava Frazier, Mia Humphreys, Kara Pasquale, Gracie Rape, Kaley

Testa and Ayla Ward. Senior king candidates were Miles Bowman, Lucas Boyle, Lucas Chvilicek, Casey Clawson, Mike DeDuca, Matt DeDuca, Cenzo DiTullio, Quinn Gallagher, Sean O'Shea and Jose Tinoco.



Shoutout to SV Student Council for all their hard work planning the Homecoming parade, carnival, pep rally and dance! ■



ROCK YOUR SCHOOL

Today, and everyday...our students ROCK!

Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) rolled out the red carpet to celebrate the national Rock Your School event on Sept. 29, an initiative created by Get Your Teach On (GYTO) with the goal of encouraging schools to create new and unique educational experiences. Students celebrated with rock star outfits, star-studded classroom decor, rockin' activities and fun paparazzi photo ops! ■



ROLLING OUT THANKS

We are so thankful for our bus drivers!

Last month, building principals and staff celebrated our amazing SV bus drivers with special appreciation breakfasts.

SV is very thankful to have so many incredible school bus drivers who are committed to ensuring the safety of our students as they travel to and from school each day.

Don't forget to let your school bus drivers know how much they are appreciated by giving a wave and saying, "Thank you!" ■



READY TO GLOW

This month, Ehrman Crest elementary and middle schoolers participated in a school-wide Glow Run.

Leading up to the all-day event, students held a kickoff assembly, fundraised and participated in fun dress-up theme-days.

Donations were received from all 50 states and four countries and students raised over \$35,000, surpassing their goal and earning extra rewards at the event. During the event, principals made special appearances, Iceburgh the Penguin celebrated with students and principals and teachers got pied in the face!

The Glow Run was organized to help raise money for school-wide educational experiences, field trips, assemblies, author visits and more. Congratulations to Ehrman Crest students, staff and volunteers! ■



CVE COMMUNITY DAYS

Late last month, students and staff at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) participated in Community Days. Students learned how to be safe, kind and responsible in all school spaces including on the bus, playground and in the cafeteria. Teachers and students met in classroom meetings to create mission statements and engage in rapport-building activities. The day also featured a special read-aloud by author Joe Kulbacki, who read his book, "The Think It Through Crew." ■



CVE LOVES TO READ!

The Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) Fall Book Fair returned for another year of reading festivities. Students selected their favorite books and trinkets. They also took guesses at the number of mini pumpkins in a jar to win a grand prize. Additionally, donations were raised through a Coin Wars competition

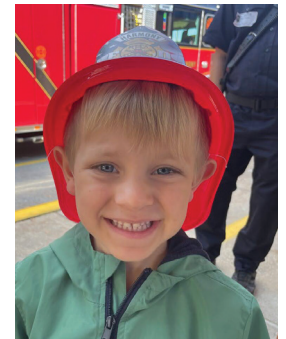


against grade levels. The winner of the competition is rewarded with a popsicle party for the whole grade and all proceeds benefit the CVE library. ■



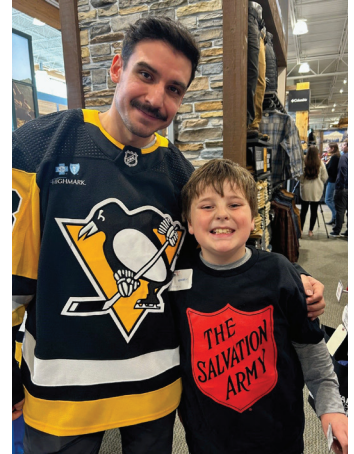
A FOCUS ON FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY

As part of National Fire Prevention week, local firefighters visited kindergarten students at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) earlier in the month. While there, firefighters taught students about fire prevention, safety protocols, emergency procedures and the role of the fire department. Students enjoyed getting a close-up view of the fire equipment and big fire trucks. They also raised over \$600 in collected donations for local fire stations! ■



SHOPPING WITH THE PENGUINS

It's true what they say: teamwork makes the dream work! The Pittsburgh Penguins proved that recently when they partnered with the Salvation Army and DICK'S Sporting Goods in Cranberry Township to help students shop for winter gear. Many thanks to all involved with Project Bundle Up! ■



GOING FOR GOLD

After a four-year hiatus, Olympic Day returned to Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) in a grand way. Students participated in a building-wide Olympic Day on Oct. 13.

With each homeroom representing a different country, students began the day with an opening ceremony to kick-off Olympic games. Events included rowing, curling, swimming, track events, table tennis, chess, hockey, shoot-out, bobsledding, home run derby, paper airplanes, tumbling, a chili cook-off and more! To top off the the day, seventh and eighth grade Olympic spirit award winners faced off against SV School Resource Officers (SROs), Officer Pipkin and Officer McGee.

“Nothing brings a school community closer than the display of Olympic Spirit by participants and spectators during events such as the cannonball or duck walking competition,” said Ryan Gloyer Middle School Assistant Principal, Mr. Robert Raso. ■



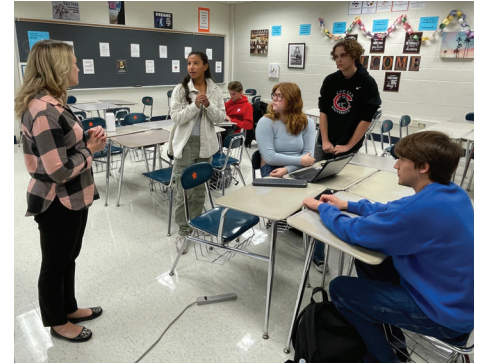
HOT OFF THE PRESS

Seneca Valley's newspaper club is ramping back up and they have an exciting year in store for their readers! With plans to cover news from all across the District, The Seneca Scout will feature school news, events, sports, opinions and editorials, reviews and creative writing.

The Seneca Scout updates their paper with new stories every Thursday in print and online at [**The Seneca Scout - The student news site of Seneca Valley Senior High School. \(svsd.net\)**](http://The Seneca Scout - The student news site of Seneca Valley Senior High School. (svsd.net)). Printed copies of The Seneca Scout are FREE and can be found throughout the senior high school in the main office, library, cafeteria, Guidance office and Raider Roast. Additionally, copies will soon be made available in the intermediate high school.

Currently, The Seneca Scout has 10 students in the newspaper club and seven students within journalism class that contribute stories to the paper.

Senior Caleb Magill, news page designer, plans to modernize The Seneca Scout website throughout the year and hopes to create a new logo for the newspaper as well.



The Seneca Scout's editor-in-chief, senior Felicity Scott has been involved with the newspaper club for a year now. She wants to pursue journalism after she graduates and feels like The Seneca Scout is preparing her for the future.

"My favorite process of the newspaper is hearing everyone's story ideas and putting

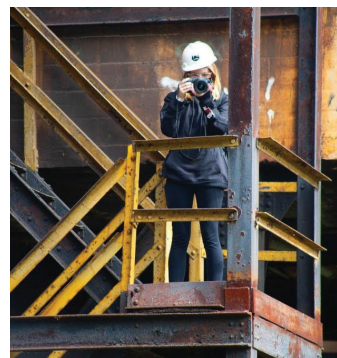
them together for the layout," said Miss Scott. "I think journalism is an important part of our society and The Seneca Scout is helping me prepare for a potential career in this industry. Not only do I write articles, but I also have a leadership role, and I'm learning how to communicate better in a group setting, which will be helpful for college and a career." ■

HAVING A BLAST

Late last month, students from Seneca Valley's Documentary Production class took a trip back in time with their cameras and equipment to interact with Pittsburgh's industrial past. Nine students embarked on a self-guided videography tour of Carrie Furnaces, a long-closed blast furnace and popular location for major film and television productions located along the Monongahela River in Swissvale. In addition to learning the history of the massive iron mill, students searched for the most interesting angles and details to complete their own poetic documentaries.

Inspired by a series of abstract films created in the early 20th century, the short poetic documentary project requires students

to find a great variety of interesting shots using multiple lenses and other equipment. The goals were to give students a unique location for honing their shooting and editing skills, provide a bit of local history and give them an outlet for expressing their creativity. Additionally, their visit to the Carrie Furnaces gave them a sneak peek at a location that will house state-of-the-art film production studios for major Hollywood films in the coming years. The Documentary Production class is taught by Mr. Dan McKosky. ■



Saving Lives & Stopping Predators



This is Alicia's Story

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Seneca Valley Senior High School Auditorium

***A parent and staff presentation presented by
Alicia Kozakiewicz followed by a question-
and-answer session.***

After becoming the victim of an Internet luring and abduction, and following a miraculous rescue by the FBI, Alicia "Kozak" Kozakiewicz created an awareness program that addresses Internet safety and awareness education.

Her mission is to not only promote the importance of online safety, but to also advocate for missing and recovered persons, and to battle against child sexual exploitation and human trafficking. If you have a child (or children) in your life, you don't want to miss this!

This parent/guardian and staff event is intended for adults only (no students or children should attend).

This program is funded by the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF).



NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOGNIZES STANDOUT STUDENTS

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recently announced Seneca Valley seniors Lucas Boyle, Alexander Kim and Shivani Umesh as a Semifinalist in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

As a Semifinalist, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Kim and Miss Umesh will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. From over 16,000 Semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the next level of the program where these students will have the opportunity to earn a National Merit Scholarship and, ultimately, the Merit Scholar® title.

In addition, Seneca Valley seniors, Lydia Miller and Lihini Ranaweera, have also been named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. Miss Miller and Miss Ranaweera were recognized by the NMSC for their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry.

“To be recognized as a National Merit semifinalist is quite an honor, but we must recognize the work that went into that recognition for the past 11 years,” said Seneca Valley Senior High School Principal, Mr. Bob Ceh. “These young learners have been tireless in their dedication to challenge themselves and rise to this level of accomplishment. We are proud of them and look forward to their continued contribution to Seneca Valley and to the world beyond our walls.”

Over 1.3 million juniors in more than 21,000 high schools entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

For more information on the National Merit Scholarship Program, visit www.nationalmerit.org. ■



Pictured (L to R): Seneca Valley Senior High School Principal, Mr. Bob Ceh, Seneca Valley Seniors Alexander Kim, Shivani Umesh and Lucas Boyle.



Pictured (L to R): Seneca Valley Seniors Lydia Miller and Lihini Ranaweera.

ERADICATE HATE

Late last month, Seneca Valley teachers and administrators attended the Eradicate Hate Global Summit at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. This event is the most comprehensive anti-hate conference in the world. It unites experts and leaders from around the globe who are dedicated to eradicating all forms of hate-fueled violence. The purpose of the Summit is to provide a unique, multidisciplinary forum to share ideas and build working relationships to drive the development and deployment of effective approaches to reduce hate-fueled violence.

Mr. Ashley Porter, Supervisor of Equity and Title IX Coordinator, attended the event, along with Ms. Carrissa Miller and Ms. Catherine Smolter, Learning Support Teachers from the senior high school; Ms. Michele Russo, English Teacher at the intermediate high school; teachers from Ryan Gloyer Middle School, Ms. Skylar Meier, Health and Physical Education, Mr. Gregory Smolinski, Gifted Support and Mr. John Roman, Math; Ms. Jessica Scerbo, ELS Teacher at Rowan Elementary School; and Ms. Melissa Bonicky and Ms. Nicole Moorman, Guidance Counselors from Ehrman Crest.

This event was very impactful for our SV faculty, and it brought together leaders from government, academia, journalism, business, and the nonprofit sector. The three days consisted of international keynote speakers, panelists and a variety of break-out sessions.



Pictured front row (L to R): Ms. Melissa Bonicky, Ms. Skylar Meier, Ms. Carrissa Miller and Ms. Catherine Smolter. Back row (L to R): Ms. Jessica Scerbo, Ms. Nicole Moorman, Mr. Gregory Smolinski, Mr. Ashley Porter, Ms. Michele Russo and Mr. John Roman

“The prominent theme that emerged from the conference, and my biggest takeaway, was the human need for connection and belonging,” said Ms. Bonicky. “The Summit provided a forum for members of various sectors to examine root causes of hate and acts of violence from a multidisciplinary lens—not only to shine light on the problem but to network together to forge solutions responsive to individual and group needs in our ever-changing world.”

“I am so lucky to be a part of the Seneca Valley family and our schoolwide dedication to be kind,” added Mr. Roman. “I was in a room with amazing individuals who’ve presented information at the United Nations, and it was eye opening to listen to people who are so passionate about ending hate.” ■

RGMS MUSICAL 'FINDING NEMO, JR.' MAKES A SPLASH AT SV

The Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) cast and crew of "Finding Nemo, Jr." is adding the final touches for their upcoming performances.

"We have been under the sea in the past and wanted to revisit the ocean in a new musical," Amanda Armor said as to the reason for this year's musical selection. "Finding Nemo, Jr.' is a fan favorite and has the right mix of characters to highlight the talents that we have at Seneca Valley."

This junior production is a shortened and simplified version of the popular Disney musical, featuring new music by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, who authored the very popular "Frozen" movie series and musical.

The crew has been building costumes, props and decorating set pieces. "The show allows the kids to become very creative using some ordinary objects such as pool noodles and turning them into an underwater explosion of color," Jessica Kavanagh, co-producer said.

The story follows Marlin (Quintin Hixon), an anxious clownfish, and his son Nemo (Gavan Traugh), who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. When Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin must face his fears and set off on an epic adventure across the ocean to find him.

Along the way, Marlin meets a variety of colorful characters, including Dory (Emily Harmanos), a forgetful blue tang; Gill (Gavin Sperry), a leader of an aquarium tank gang; Bruce (Trent Meiers), a hungry shark with a heart of gold; and Crush (Abryana Busser), a "surfer dude" turtle who has some fatherly advice to share.

With Dory's help, Marlin learns to "just keep swimming" and never give up hope. In the end, Marlin and Nemo are reunited, and Marlin learns that it's okay to let Nemo grow up and explore the world.

This is a fun and heartwarming show that is perfect for audiences of all ages that you don't want to miss. Join us on the



"East Australian Current" on Nov. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. For tickets and more information, please visit www.senecavalleytheater.com. ■

SV ORCHESTRA GETS 'SPOOKY' AT THE STRAND THEATER

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, students from the Seneca Valley Chamber Orchestra performed their second annual community Halloween Concert at the Strand Theater! This spooktacular evening included costume contests, door prizes and, of course, Halloween-themed music performed by our orchestra. The SV Orchestra Department partners with the Strand Theater twice a year to allow orchestra students to perform uniquely themed concerts for community members. The Chamber Orchestra's next Strand Theater performance will be February 22, 2024. More information can be found on the Seneca Valley Orchestra social media accounts and on the Strand Theater's website. ■



PMEA HONORS CHORUS

Each year, the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) in District 5 holds auditions for the Honors Chorus Festival. This year, 24 of those 96 chosen for the choir are Seneca Valley students!

All choral students in grades 9-12 are invited to take on the personal challenge of preparing an Honor Choir audition. Their directors work with them to increase their knowledge of the categories that are scored. These categories include pitch, intonation, rhythm, musical interpretation, technique and tone.

“The students exceeded our expectations,” said Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander, choral director.

“We are very proud of their hard work,” added choral director Ms. Claire Barker. All students from Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties are invited to audition. The three-day festival was held at Westminster College and concluded with a public concert on Saturday, October 28.

Congratulations to the following students:

Soprano I

Madeleine Tomo - Chair 3 - Grade 11
Natalie Palmer - Chair 7 - Grade 12
Shayla Kemp - Chair 11 - Grade 10

Soprano II

Giulia Siegfried - Chair 1 - Grade 12
Madelyn Tresky - Chair 4 - Grade 10
Katie McAdoo - Chair 8 - Grade 11



Alto I

Annika Batavia - Chair 1 - Grade 11
Josie Sherman - Chair 4 - Grade 12
Emma Zelesnak - Chair 6 - Grade 12
Aydan Danylo - Chair 10 - Grade 10
Scarlett Christensen - Chair 11 - Grade 11
Addison Grassa - Chair 12 - Grade 11

Alto II

Ella Gemperlein - Chair 2 - Grade 12
Ayla Alexander - Chair 3 - Grade 11
Morgan Roithner - Chair 9 - Grade 10

Tenor I

Nathan Capizzi - Chair 12 - Grade 10

Tenor II

Jacob Maietta - Chair 3 - Grade 10
Jackson Hugus - Chair 4 - Grade 12

Bass I

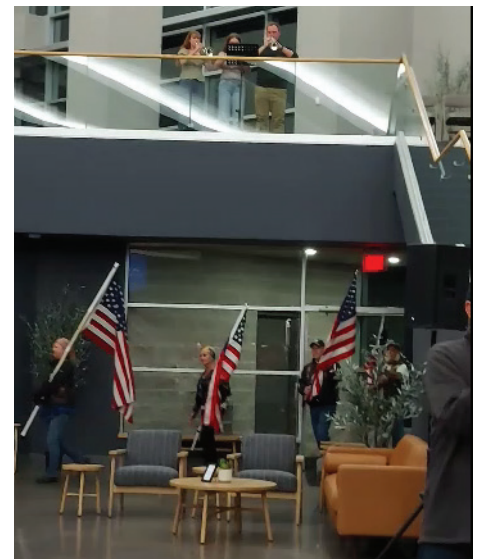
Callum Williams - Chair 1 - Grade 12
Graham Logue - Chair 6 - Grade 12
Isaac Hixon - Chair 10 - Grade 11

Bass II

Josh Cantella - Chair 1 - Grade 12
John Rieger - Chair 5 - Grade 10
Connor Benson - Chair 10 - Grade 12 ■

SV STUDENTS VOLUNTEER THEIR TALENTS TO HONOR VETERANS

Senior trumpeters Quinn Gallagher and Kami Topf, and junior Elora Dabravalskas performed for mission 12 of the Pittsburgh area Honor Flight organization on Sept. 30, at Northway Community Christian Church. The Honor Flight network is a national organization that celebrates America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's monuments in Washington, D.C. Their goal is for veterans to experience the honor, gratitude and community of support that they deserve. When the participating veterans return home after the day trip to Washington, D.C., they are given a hero's welcome. ■



SV MARCHING BAND HOSTS EIGHTH GRADE BAND NIGHT

Our talented eighth grade band students joined the SV “Raider” Marching Band on Friday, September 22, during the football game against Mt. Lebanon. The evening kicked off perfectly with a pizza party sponsored by the SV Band Boosters while Band 8 students wore their free, specialized band T-shirts. The students met with upperclassmen and experienced the excitement and energy of a Friday night performance!

The eighth grade students did a fantastic job playing “Notre Dame,” “The Star-Spangled Banner” and the Alma Mater on the field during pregame with the marching band. They also had a lot of fun playing stand tunes during the game to cheer on the football team. Nolan Warden, a percussionist in the band said,



“Eighth grade night was inspiring and made me want to join the marching band. It was fun and we learned a lot. If I could go back, I would do it 1 million times again.”

Trumpet player Emma Sannes said, “It

was one of the best things I have done in my life.”

It was a wonderful evening to showcase such great students and to get a glimpse into the future successes of the band program! ■

SETON HILL MUSIC FACULTY VISIT SV

On September 28, students in the band program worked with and performed for brass faculty members from Seton Hill University. Dr. Christopher Marra, Director of instrumental activities at Seton Hill, rehearsed and held a clinic for students in Band 7, Band 8 and Wind Ensemble. He commented on not only the amazing quality of musicianship but also on the behavior and respect of the students he worked with throughout the day. Dr. Marra was joined by three other Seton Hill faculty members: Dr. Ted DiSanti,

Mr. Jason Allison and Mr. Algirdas Matonis. This group of professors performed for the students but also held a brass masterclass for students in the brass Individual Musicianship classes



as well as for band students in grades 9-12. During the masterclass, SV seniors Bridget Scott and Kami Topf, and junior Noah Bracht performed challenging solos

for their peers and Seton Hill faculty members. These students did an excellent job and represented themselves very well! ■



SV PRODUCTION OF 'FOOTLOOSE'

Seneca Valley students participated in the IHS/SVCL fall production of "Footloose" Oct. 19-22. The show included a mixture of students who have a lot of performance and technical experience, as well as those who have never been on stage or participated in stage crews at all. From the start of rehearsals to the final curtain, they had only six weeks to complete the show. Students of all age levels did an outstanding job working together toward a common goal. Thanks to the audiences for dancing along in the final Megamix with the cast and crew! Through continued support, this show has grown steadily over the past ten years. It has become a tremendous opportunity for students at all experience levels to participate. The student leadership and mentoring within the show is exciting. Congratulations to the cast and crew on an amazing job entertaining and uplifting audiences!! Thanks to all who supported the show, it was a great success! ■

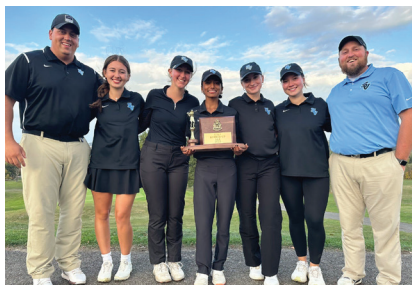




STARTING THE YEAR WITH RECORD-BREAKING SEASONS!

While most fall sports have not yet started their post-season play, two Raider teams – girls golf and girls tennis – have completed their seasons in record-breaking fashion. The girls varsity golf team surprised the entire WPIAL team championship field with their runner-up finish earning one of six playoff berths in the PIAA Girls 3A Team Golf Championships held at the Penn State University Blue Course. At the one-day championship event, the Raiders finished in fifth place. Out of 116 AAA teams in the state, to place fifth is quite a seasonal accomplishment! Prior to the team championships, senior Lihini Ranaweera finished in third place at the WPIAL Girls Golf 3A Individual Championships and earned her second opportunity to compete at the PIAA Championships, and she did not disappoint! Lihini's two-day total of 152 was good enough to finish in the top-nine of the championships earning herself a PIAA 3A Girls Golf Championship medal. We congratulate Lihini and the PIAA state qualifier girls golf team (Madison Sharek, Sarah McCullough, Rylin Barbe and Cassie Dague) on an amazing 2023 season!

The girls tennis team, under head coach Eric Grove, had a record-breaking 2023 campaign, qualifying for the WPIAL 3A Girls Tennis Team Championships and sending a singles player, senior Kylie Staudt to the WPIAL 3A Girls Tennis Individual Championships. By virtue of her top-four finish at the section singles tournament, Staudt qualified for the WPIAL finals, seeded 16th and had to face the eventual runner-up from Penn Trafford. While the result was not what Staudt expected, we applaud her tenacity throughout the singles bracket and the fact that she was the first Raider girls tennis player to qualify for the WPIAL Individual Championships in 15 years! The team completed their season with an overall record of 10-8 and 4-3 in section play.



Their fourth-place finish in the section rewarded the Raiders with a spot in the WPIAL Team Championship bracket as the 14th seed, squaring off against 3rd seed Mt. Lebanon. Seedings held true to form as the Raiders fell 5-0 to close out their fantastic 2023 season. We congratulate Coach Grove and the entire team on their performances this fall! ■

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT DATES FOR RAIDER ATHLETICS

Winter Sport Information

- **Nov. 8, 2023:** Final Drug & Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals for Winter Sports in Senior High School
 - 30 physicals offered 2:45-5:15 p.m.
- **Nov. 9, 2023: **Deadline**** for winter sport paperwork; all papers due in athletic office.
- **Nov. 17, 2023:** First official day of winter sports - mandatory tryouts begin this day.
 - For tryout schedule, please contact the coach directly. Coaches contact information is located on athletics website under [Participation Information](#) tab.

Reminders for 2023-24:

- **ALL** paperwork for winter sports due in athletic office no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9. Coaches will not accept paperwork at the first day of tryouts.
- The PIAA mandates the CIPPE Section 6 form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.
- All required paperwork for 2023-24 athletics participation is available on Parent Portal or Athletics website. Paperwork includes PIAA CIPPE Sections 1, 2, 5 & 6 and Drug Test Consent Form.
- IF a student played a fall sport, the only paperwork needed is PIAA CIPPE Section 7 and, if applicable, PIAA CIPPE Section 8 - these forms can be dated no earlier than Oct. 6, 2023.
- All student-athletes must register in the Parent Portal under "Sports Registration" before the start of each season.
- Tryouts are mandatory. Student-athletes are expected to attend every tryout session. ■

FALL SPORTS UPDATES

Following successful regular seasons, many Raider fall sport teams begin postseason competition in late October and early November. A recap of the remaining fall sports, including postseason results, will be shared in the November issue of *Raider Pride*. ■

WHAT IS SALT?

The Student-Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) was founded in the 2022-23 school year with the following four focus areas: Service, Advocacy, Leadership and Team.

The mission of SALT is: to provide student-athletes with a voice. Members of SALT have the privilege of representing the student-athlete body; they act as liaisons between athletics and administration. They prioritize growth as an individual – academically, athletically, and personally.

At the start of the 2023-24 school year, SALT members broke into the following seven teams: Raider Buddies, Community Service, Recognition, Increased Attendance, Special Programming, Student-Athlete Experience and Student-Athlete Development. Each team creates its own goals and strategizes plans to meet with success.

Raider Buddies is a program whereby our SALT members visit elementary schools to engage with “Lil Raiders,” and share lessons on what it means to be a great teammate, how to be an awesome leader and the importance of valuing all team members in their classrooms. Most recently, SALT members visited Haine Elementary and spent



the day sharing their wisdom of sports, reading to students and embracing the beautiful day during recess!

Additional objectives our SALT members have accomplished and implemented include the annual student athletic pass, \$1 nights for students at team events, creating a SALT Instagram account and weekly SALT segments on the morning announcements to promote our teams and special accomplishments of our student-athletes, and prioritizing a menu of eventual speakers. ■



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

The Female Athlete of the Month for September was senior girls golfer Lihini Ranaweera.

Lihini has anchored the Raiders golf team to a 10-4 regular season record including a second-place finish in section play. She maintained a 9-hole average of 38 and her lowest score on the year was a 34. She also scored a 35 against Mt. Lebanon in a match which saw the Raiders break the 170 mark, winning 168-177. She came in first place at the SV “Climb the Ridge” tournament along with a fourth-place finish at the Erie McDowell Invite that featured over 80 female golfers from the Western Pennsylvania area. She was also one of two Raiders to qualify for the first round of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) 3A Girls Golf Championships after coming in second place in sectionals with an 18-hole score of 75. Lihini was also recognized as the Week Four Scholar Athlete of the Week by 22 The Point’s Friday Night Rivals. We recognized Lihini as the September Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Lihini!



The Male Athlete of the Month for September was boys golfer Payton Brown.

A senior, Payton has had a great season on the links with a 9-hole average of 39.91. He was a team medalist in two matches, including scoring a season low of 36 in a match versus Shaler. Payton left his best golf for the postseason, finishing in the top 27 at sectionals with an 18-hole score of 80. He was one of five Raiders to make the cut and represent Seneca Valley at the first round of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) 3A Boys Championships. During first round play, Payton qualified for the finals in dramatic fashion, scoring an eagle on the par-5 18th hole to finish with a score of 82 and above the cut line. He competed as Seneca Valley’s sole representative against 38 others for a chance to qualify for the state championships, unfortunately missing the cut. For an impressive month, we recognized Payton as the September Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Payton! ■



LET'S RUN FOR RYAN!

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 5, for the inaugural SFC Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run! Presented by Westinghouse and hosted by the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF), this incredible event serves to spread community awareness of the life and legacy of SFC Ryan Gloyer by highlighting the many amazing attributes this man possessed; to remind students and the entire community of Ryan's ultimate sacrifice for our Country; and even more importantly, preserve his legacy of being inclusive, selfless, dedicated and a true patriot.

The race will begin at 9 a.m. on the beautiful campus of Seneca's secondary schools. Because of course logistics, it is necessary to shut down Seneca School Road for approximately 1 hour. We ask participants and guests to arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. Please also note that the American Legion will perform a 21-gun salute prior to the race at approximately 8:50 a.m. A 50/50 raffle will be available at the event, so be sure to bring cash!

Thank you to the many people and businesses who have committed to support this event, including the following:

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We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all participants, sponsors, donors and the community for your support of this event. All proceeds will benefit Ryan Gloyer Middle School and the Ryan Gloyer Memorial Scholarship.



PRESENTED BY:



Inaugural 5K Walk/Run
In Memory of SFC Ryan Gloyer
 November 5, 2023 - 9 a.m.
 SV Secondary Campus, Harmony, PA



If interested, donations to this event can be made here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/PA/Harmony/RyanGloyerMemorialRun>

WE LOVE SV ALUMNI AND NEW FRIENDS

It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of Seneca Valley Alumni and new friends at homecoming this year. Thank you for visiting our booth and connecting with us.

If you would like to keep up with SV Foundation news, initiatives and events, connect with us here!



'I LED THE PLEDGE'

We are 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" during school board meetings.

For the Oct. 2 work session meeting, we were joined by Eliana Kang, a fourth grader at Rowan Elementary School. Eliana's favorite subjects in school are science and art. She enjoys drawing animals, especially axolotls, and would like to be a veterinarian when she grows up.



Eliana King with, from L-R, Ms. Kathy Whittle, Board President and Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent.

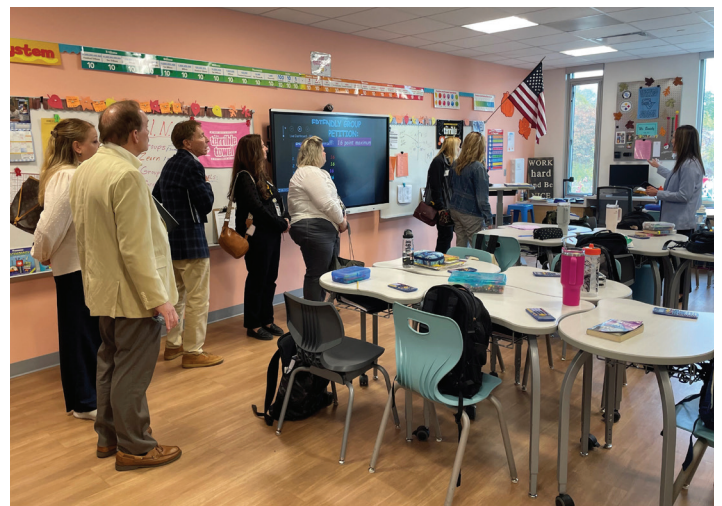
For the Oct. 9 regular session meeting, we were joined by Damian Kennedy, a Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC) second grader. Damian loves science, all things trains and plans to become a train engineer/conductor when he grows up. ■



Damian Kennedy with, from L-R, Ms. Kathy Whittle, Board President and Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent.

AASA DISTRICT LEADERS TOUR EHRMAN CREST SCHOOLS

The American Association of School Administrators (AASA), a professional organization with more than 14,000 educational leaders across the United States, organized a tour of Ehrman Crest recently with districts from all around western Pennsylvania. These leaders joined us on Oct. 12 at the school to learn more about this successful building project that united Seneca Valley and the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh in a planned effort to advance bold new opportunities for school design. Ehrman Crest, named a 2022 "Best Invention" by TIME, models exciting new ideas around how corridors and walls are used; how the building and surrounding natural environment can be teaching tools; how adaptability allows for constant curation of physical learning spaces; and how space can take students on learning journeys. We were proud to share this innovative facility with our public-school neighbors. ■



SV ALL-STAR

For the month of October, we are pleased to announce the newest member inducted into the SV All-Star Club, Mr. Tom Buchanan, District Maintenance Team Member.

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

Mr. Randy Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds shared, "I am very proud and honored to have joined with Ms. Heather Lewis, Athletics & Activities Director in nominating Mr. Tom Buchanan for the SV All-Star Club award."

"Tom just celebrated his 12-year work anniversary with the District," said Mr. Miller. "He is such a reliable, hard-working member of our staff. He always maintains a positive attitude, has a smile on his face and is willing to help others at any time."

Mr. Buchanan currently works in the senior high school where he is an integral part of the buildings & grounds staff and is invaluable in assisting the athletics & activities department by supporting the many events that occur in the evenings. Mr. Buchanan sets up equipment for various athletics events in the gym as well as meetings occurring throughout the high school.

"I want to congratulate Tommy on his recognition this evening," said Ms. Lewis. "Our world in athletics is centered around teams, teamwork and teammates. Without hesitation, I can say Tommy is a wonderful teammate to the athletics department. He works tirelessly to make sure our events in the senior high are set up in a timely manner and he is always on-hand and willing to assist with anything we need. A familiar phrase I hear from Tommy is his question, 'Are you ok - anything you need?' He is always looking out for us and always willing to offer a helping hand.



Pictured from L - R: Mr. Randy Miller, SV Buildings and Grounds Director, Ms. Kathy Whittle, Board President, Mr. Tom Buchanan, Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Heather Lewis, Athletics Director

Even more important than his tireless work ethic, Tommy is genuinely one of the nicest human beings I know. He is always so positive, and his humor is very much appreciated!"

"Tommy is a valuable member of this District and a key piece in the success of all that we do in athletics and activities," Ms. Lewis added. "While I know it does not

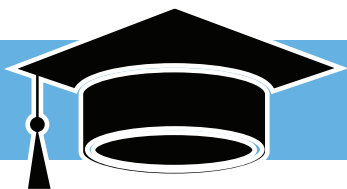
do justice to how much I appreciate him, I want to thank him for everything he does for us and this District."

October 2 was National Custodial Workers Recognition Day. We want to give special thanks to all custodial workers and maintenance personnel who do such a wonderful job with the upkeep of our buildings throughout the District. ■

NOMINATE A TEACHER FOR PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is encouraging Pennsylvanians to nominate an outstanding educator to be the Commonwealth's 2025 Teacher of the Year. The Teacher of the Year program celebrates excellence in teaching and honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the young people of Pennsylvania. Nominations will be accepted until December 15, 2023. The finalists are selected from applicants and recognized in Harrisburg each fall. Pennsylvania's 2025 Teacher of the Year will be announced at a state awards ceremony in early December 2024 and will represent the Commonwealth at various

local, regional, and national functions culminating in the National Teacher of the Year ceremony at the White House. Through the National State Teacher of the Year (NSTOY) program, PDE identifies and honors exemplary teaching and classroom practices across the commonwealth. NSTOY annually recognizes a professional who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn; who has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; and who plays an active and useful role in both school and community. Learn more and/or nominate at [Teacher of the Year \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov). ■



Alexandra Todd, SV '09, is currently working as a news reporter for KDKA CBS Pittsburgh. We asked her to catch us up on what she is doing and how Seneca Valley influenced her life and career.

Q: Catch us up. Tell us what you're doing today:

A: I am a news reporter for KDKA CBS Pittsburgh! I am so excited to join a fabulous team of talented journalists at such an iconic and historic station.

I graduated from New York University and earned my master's degree at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Chicago.

I spent the past two years working as a weekday morning anchor at Dakota News Now KSFY in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I also received an Eric Sevareid Award from the Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association for my feature story on a Sioux Falls hairstylist creating a safe place for adopted children in the community.

While at Northwestern, I worked as an anchor and video reporter on "Chicago This Week" and hosted a segment on arts and entertainment called "A & E with Alexandra T" on CAN TV. I also created and produced a mini documentary, "Heart and Soul," about the impact of Chicago street art during the pandemic, as well as an explainer video called "Pittsburghese" on my hometown with 69K views.

Q: What might (someone) be surprised to know about you?

A: I have traveled to 34 countries!

Q: How did Seneca Valley help you become the person you are today, both personally and professionally?

A: Seneca Valley helped me learn how important balance is—with school work and time, with friends and family. I learned the importance of getting things done promptly and learning how to do your best work.



Q: What do you think makes Seneca Valley such a special place to learn and grow?

A: There are so many avenues to find yourself as a young person. Whether it is through a great teacher or mentor, finding life-long friends or choosing different activities to grow and challenge yourself, SV has options for everyone.

Q: Who was your favorite teacher/coach/SV staff member?

A: Mr. Sample, Advanced Placement (AP) US History teacher.

Q: What is one of your favorite memories from your time at Seneca Valley? We'd encourage you to recall a moment or event that had a particularly strong influence on your life.

A: There are so many memories from



middle school and high school at Seneca Valley that I hold dear, like chorus trips, being part of the musicals, cross country and art classes. Overall, I am still best friends with the core group of girls I met on the first day at SV. I cherish those friendships more than anything and am so excited to be back home to see them again.

Q: If you had one message for teachers or staff, what would it be?

A: Thank you for all of your hard work shaping and educating the youth of SV!

Q: What do you wish other people knew about Seneca Valley?

A: Seneca Valley is a great place to grow on your educational journey! It is big enough that you can find yourself and make mistakes while also participating in new endeavors and activities ■



HELPING YOUR KIDS MANAGE MEDIA CONSUMPTION DURING WAR TIME

A horrific tragedy is happening in the Middle East. It is yet another call to action for adults to proactively mitigate the negative impacts of media seen by our kids and teens.

Discussed below includes three steps to help protect our kids from the downsides of social media and overall screen time, especially given the prevalence of violence, misinformation, and distressing content right now.

Many teens feel that staying well-informed is a sign of solidarity and is the right thing to do. However, there are many cracks in this logic. While there is no need to contest their thoughts on this directly, it is important to create safeguards around what and how much every child, young and old, is seeing.

1. Know what news they are getting exposed to.

Ask your kids where they hear and see things about the Middle East conflict and other hard news. This is key because it might be from places we haven't even considered. Perhaps they are watching YouTube videos. Some teens have shared that there is a TV in the cafeteria with news on it at their high school. Many see things on Instagram or TikTok.

2. Discuss the problems of getting online media.

There are many problems with the media diet getting fed to kids. One issue is that the more shocking a video or image is, the more plays it will get on social media. The business model favors eyeballs on screens; thus, platforms like X (formally Twitter) and others have little incentive to prevent such content from being disseminated.

And that goes for false information, too. The amount of false information and fake images distributed is a big problem. Check out the blog posts, [How To Think Like A Fact Checker](#) and [Helping Youth Navigate War Videos](#) on TikTok to learn more.



3. Change settings on tech

Have the family bring phones, iPads, and computers to the table and together optimize settings in Youtube, Instagram, TikTok, etc., to improve what and how much gets seen. Here are some pointers:

Instagram

Back in 2022, Instagram launched a setting option called "Suggested content" to help people choose to have less intense violent and sexual content. [Here is how to do it.](#)

YouTube

Disable autoplay. [Here is how to do this.](#) With YouTube's app, one can also stop autoplay.

Also, one can choose "Restricted mode" in the settings, which helps hide content that YouTube deems "potentially mature."

TikTok

Make sure the "For You" page is set to "Restricted mode." The "Restricted mode" still lets in all sorts of videos that may be inappropriate. But in terms of harm reduction, it is worth putting it on. [Here is how to do this.](#)

Also, for TikTok, it can be an ideal time to try out the Family Pairing system with your teen, where you link your account with them and customize their settings, such as the amount of daily use. In the "Family Pairing" tool, you can do things like filter video keywords. [Here is how to do this.](#)

Remember to talk about how we are working on this together so this is not me vs. you. After all, there are ways to get around these types of settings.

Questions to start the conversation:

1. What information about the Middle East and other issues is coming to you online?
2. What are some problems regarding the information and images we get via various platforms?
3. Let's optimize our settings to limit the problems of what and how much we consume.

Article provided by [Screenagers](#) ■



- Did you know school districts provide surrogate parent assistance? A surrogate parent is someone appointed by Seneca Valley to represent a student with a disability. Click [here](#) to learn about the roles and requirements of a surrogate parent. Interested in serving as a surrogate parent? Contact Dr. Jeffrey Roberts, Director of Student Services, at robertsjt@svsd.net or 724-452-6040, ext. 1750.
- Help SV WIN against hunger in the WPIAL Food & Fund drive challenge! For every \$1 donated, the Food Bank can provide up to three meals for families, children and seniors, so [DONATE TODAY](#) and make SV the most giving district for the second year in a row.
- Teacher Nominations - WTAE-TV is launching a Teacher of the Month recognition program for the 2023-24 school year. Each month, from September through May, a teacher will be selected from the many deserving submissions that they receive. The selected Teacher of the Month will receive a \$1000 credit to donorschoose.org, a crowd-sourcing page for classroom project/program funding. In addition, Pittsburgh's Action News 4 will feature that teacher and their story (and possibly a surprise school visit) during a news broadcast, as well as social media. Nomination information can be found at [WTAE Teacher of the Month](#).
- Dr. Ashley Porter, Supervisor of Equity and Title IX Coordinator, and Ms. Michele Russo, SV Intermediate High School English teacher, were among 100 others to discuss racial injustices, mental health, etc., at Chatham University for their annual student summit. Seneca Valley Social Handprints Overcoming Unjust Treatment (SHOUT) members will participate in the full summit next spring. Read more at [Student summit held at Chatham University to discuss mental health, other issues - WPXI](#).
- Congratulations to Dr. Shanea Clancy, SV '04, for receiving BC3's 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award! Read more about her achievements at [BC3's 2023 distinguished](#)

[alumni dedicated to suicide prevention, marginalized groups - BC3 News & Events.](#)

- All students in Pennsylvania public schools, including Seneca Valley, have access to **free breakfast for the 2023-24 school year**, regardless of family income. Encourage your student(s) to stop for a full breakfast or various grab-and-go items. And new for the 2023-24 school year, families who qualify for reduced meals will now be able to receive lunch for free. If you think you qualify, please apply to receive this benefit and return it to the Seneca Valley Administration Office with attention to Faye Nelson. We encourage you to fill out a Free & Reduced-Price School Meals Application as many programs are connected to your child(ren)'s eligibility. Applications can be found at www.svsd.net/FreeandReduced.
- SV Backpack Flyers - Flyers are updated frequently and feature information on student and community events/activities, including SV's new Fencing Club and SV Cross Country's upcoming Turkey Chase 5K. Learn more at [Backpack Flyers / Backpack Flyers \(svsd.net\)](#).
- Healthy habits - SV's Health Services Department would like to remind everyone to eat well, sleep well, stay hydrated and wash hands frequently. Additionally, they ask that you please stay home or keep your child home when sick, and for 24 hours after fever is gone without medication or 24 hours without vomiting/diarrhea. Thank you!
- 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 \(svsd.net\)](#).
- 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! Driver incentives are now being offered.](#)
- Join the SV Team! [Watch here](#) or visit www.svsd.net/HumanResources to learn more and apply.
- Visit [Niche](#) to view SV rankings ■

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. ■



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Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent

Reality Tour, the only parent/child drug prevention program in Butler County, has educated over 14,000 residents. Parent/Child prevention education is the key to protecting families. It is recommended by that all SVSD Area students (especially those in 6th grade) attend a Reality Tour with a parent or guardian.

Reality Tour is held from 6-8 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 8070 Rowan Road. All registration is online at www.RealityTour.org. The fee is \$6 per person. (Families on free & reduced lunch register at no charge.)

Attend Reality Tour with your CLASS

2023

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Sept. 21 - **ECMS:**
Rooms 2097, 2100, 2131

Oct. 19 - **Haine:**
Rooms 302, 307, 308

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Rooms: 304, 309, 310

Feb. 15 - **Haine:**
Rooms 312, 313, 314, 316

Mar. 21 - **ECMS:**
Rooms 2104, 2125, 2130

Apr. 18 - **ECMS:**
Rooms 2105, 2110, 2111

May 16 - **ECMS:**
Rooms 2115, 2117, 2118

Attend with your class **OR** any date. No homework due day after you attend Reality Tour.
Dates may fill quickly. Register now! Youth age 10-18 must attend with their own parent or guardian.

Parents: DEA issued a national alert on Xylazine, an animal tranquilizer in the illegal drug supply. It is present in our county. Vaping has caused a heightened concern for prevention. In the US students are transported to the ER after taking ill from vaping THC and even fentanyl. Reality Tour puts special emphasis on teen vaping and the associated risks.

"These could have been the most important hours I ever spend with my son." – From a father who attended with his son.

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