

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Home of the Cougars Winter 2025

Culture of Excellence

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Exploring a Path Forward

Dear Stockbridge Valley CSD Community,

I am pleased to share with you some recent updates and initiatives from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) that are designed to ensure high-quality learning opportunities for all students across our state. These initiatives reflect a collaborative and innovative approach to education, aiming to provide equitable opportunities for all students in our region and beyond.

Throughout New York State, school districts have been encouraged to work closely with neighboring districts to identify and implement strategies that meet the diverse needs of students. By sharing resources and aligning practices, schools can enhance their offerings while fostering a more connected and supportive educational environment. Specifically, in our region, discussions have focused on better aligning school start and end times as well as coordinating master schedules. These adjustments could pave the way for greater collaboration in areas such as elective course offerings, special education services, transportation, extracurricular activities, and athletics.

At Stockbridge Valley CSD, the concept of resource-sharing is not new. As far back as the mid-1990s, we partnered with a neighboring district to create a Boys JV/Varsity volleyball team. Over the years, we have successfully expanded our collaborative efforts to include shared programs in track and field, wrestling, cross country, golf, swimming, soccer, and football. We have also shared special education programs, our bands and choruses have partnered for shared concerts, and we've maintained strong relationships with local colleges to offer dual enrollment and on-campus college courses. The regionalization approach builds on this foundation



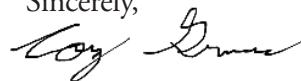
by encouraging us to broaden our scope, incorporating additional academic courses and extracurricular activities. These partnerships have become increasingly vital as our enrollment continues to decline, allowing us to maintain the high-quality education, diverse elective offerings, and extracurricular opportunities that our students deserve.

In addition to these regional initiatives, NYSED is leading a statewide effort to reimagine what it means to earn a New York State diploma. The Portrait of a Graduate initiative, developed through the work of the NYS Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures, introduces new flexibility in assessing student learning and awarding course credit. Moving forward, students may not be required to pass traditional Regents exams to graduate. Instead, schools will have the opportunity to explore alternative pathways, including performance-based assessments, to evaluate and recognize student achievement.

These changes represent a forward-thinking approach to education, one that aligns with the values and priorities of our community. By embracing collaboration and innovation, we are ensuring that Stockbridge Valley students continue to have access to exceptional learning opportunities, preparing them for success in college, careers and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these exciting developments. Together, we can build an even stronger foundation for the future of education in our district.

Sincerely,



Corey Graves
Superintendent of Schools

SVCS MISSION/VISION

Mission: Culture of Excellence: Empower ALL students through exemplary educational experiences to safely learn and grow.

Vision: SVCS is student-centered, where ALL children, staff and the community are valued, acknowledged and actively involved.

GREETINGS FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Families, and Community Members,

We were so grateful to have recent graduates come back to their Alma Mater to inform juniors and seniors of what life is like after graduation. Recent graduates, Sophia Stevens and Madison Nolley, spoke to our students about what to expect in college, how to live with roommates you'd never met before, budgeting, and also what it's like to eat in the dining hall by yourself (no big deal - everyone does it). We also spoke with Kenneth Wilkenson and Mary Beecher who came back to talk with students about their successes in finding work right out of high school. They talked about their hourly rate, not being exactly what you take home in a paycheck as taxes and insurance take a huge chunk of it. They were asked questions about taking accountability for themselves and getting up and to work on time, as well as their interactions with coworkers. They also spoke about starting to save for retirement at such a young age. Lastly, Elizabeth Collins spoke with students about hard work throughout college, changing your major, and taking classes that interest you. Thank you to all of these graduates who have come back to give their perspective on life after graduation.

Last month, students and staff in our Mentoring Program bonded over solving clues to escape from the Break-Out box. They solved clues and puzzles to figure out the combination of five locks to find the surprise inside. Both staff and students give their time to work together to build a strong relationship.

Next month, several of our teachers will again meet with teachers from Madison and Morrisville Schools to discuss best practices, review data and work through challenging Science standards facing our students. Through collaboration we hope to provide the best opportunities for our students to prepare them for Regents testing and future careers.

On March 14, 2025, staff will participate in a series of workshops that will feature presentations focused on new tools used for student engagement, artificial intelligence, interventions to violent behavior, empowering students, changes in New York State requirements for graduation and project-based learning.



As meetings begin to take place for ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders for their course requests for next year, please be sure to ask Mrs. Gleason how to get on track for getting a college associate degree before graduating high school. Students and families need to begin thinking about this path as early as a student's tenth-grade year. I'd like to thank families for your continued support of the "Academic Blue Passes" which are helping to hold students accountable for academic excellence before attending extracurricular events.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you ever need anything at lhopkins@stockbridgevalley.org or 315-495-4450.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Lisa Hopkins
7-12 Principal



Recent SVCS graduates talk to current students about life after high school.

UPCOMING NEW YORK STATE ASSESSMENT DATES

April 9-10	Grades 3-8 ELA Exam
May 1	Grades 5 and 8 Science Exam
May 13-14	Grades 3-8 Math Exam

STUDENTS SHINE AT SCHOLASTIC ART SHOW

Stockbridge Valley Art Department is proud to announce the students whose artwork has been recognized in this year's Scholastic Art Competition. The art show is now on view at the Whitney Building at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. Art students will be invited on a field trip to see the full Scholastic art show in February. Congratulations to all!



Blake Whipple
Silver Key
Photography



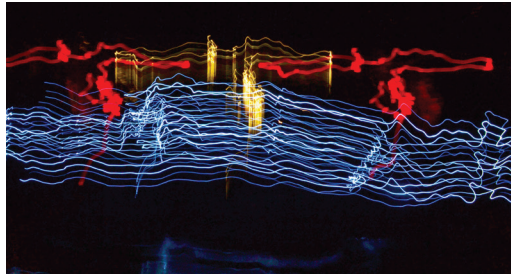
Ameera Panebianco
Honorable Mention
Drawing & Illustration



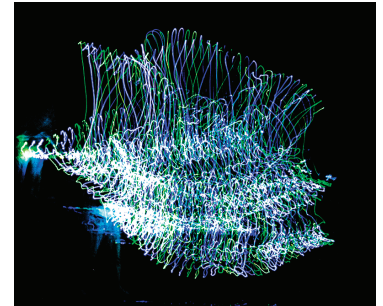
Dylan LaFave
Honorable Mention
Drawing & Illustration



Ella Hopkins
Honorable Mention
Photography



Thomas Jones IV
Honorable Mention
Photography



Wyatt Douthit
Honorable Mention
Photography

Jack Josephs
Honorable
Mention
Photography



Kaelyn Rahauiser
Honorable Mention
Photography

WINTER WHEREABOUTS

During the winter, Stockbridge's FFA chapter is in a multitude of different places, for various events and experiences. At the end of December students of different agricultural classes were tasked with the preparation and execution of holiday baskets that were then delivered to members of the community who could use some cheer around the holidays. As the new year began, 28 junior and senior high members took off to Camp Oswegatchie for Winter Weekend.

Winter Weekend is a three-day excursion filled with leadership, teamwork and fun. Students left school Friday afternoon and arrived at camp later in the day. Upon their first evening, students memorized a motion from parliamentary procedure and took part in icebreakers to warm up the atmosphere. They split up into groups led by the Stockbridge Valley officer team and later took a night hike to explore camp after dark. Saturday was a busy day for the students as they competed in The Amazing Race, a team-building activity, to earn points for their team, as well as trivia to test their agriculture and FFA-related knowledge. The busy day was balanced by fun in the snow, indoor games, sledding, and another hike to the most famous rock in camp. Finally, Sunday was a short day, the students packed their things and readied Sutliff for the next group of kids. Overall, members learned responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and self-awareness all from a single weekend away from home.

January was a busy month for the FFA. After Winter Weekend, four senior high officers took on the Ignite



Conference where they learned how to apply their leadership in a way that brightens up the room and inspires others. They learned how to identify their strengths and weaknesses and how to optimize them to reach their goals. Finally, the officers identified what broke their hearts, found a possible solution to this problem, and what steps they'll take in the future to help this issue.

The Sunday after the Ignite Conference, members of all ages came together to put on a pancake breakfast for the community. This taught members teamwork and food preparation safety. We would like to thank the community members who joined us for the breakfast. All profits go to the Carl Widger Memorial Scholarship to send students to national-level FFA events such as the National FFA Convention and the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC.)

February is going to be another big month. On the 8th, the Stockbridge Valley FFA Alumni will host a Quarter Auction in the school's gym. Check the Alumni's Facebook page for more information. The FFA will then attend the Farm Show at the State Fairgrounds, selling maple products.

In the end, the winter months are a very busy time for the FFA, but it is also very rewarding for both new and old members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebekah Cullen
Sr High FFA Reporter



HONOR ROLL NOVEMBER 2024

6TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Avalee Bingel
Cate Byron
Landon Cheatham
Caleb Collins
Jacob Henry
Ayla Hofmeyer
Kaitlyn West
Carter Wilcox

HONOR

Madelyn Coe
Adisyn Lonczak
Mercedes Marshall
Miranda Moot
Lucy O'Toole
Evelyn Shaver
Svanna Stevens
Greyson Truman

7TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Averi Buell
Lane Denslow
Olivia Divens
Julia Douthit
Olivia Greene
Lukas LaLonde
Emma Mish
Owen Mobbs
Tavien Panebianco
Evan Phillips
Henry Pond
Lily Relyea
Natalie Shaw
Jillyan Strain

HONOR

Abigail Bailey
Annabella Croniser
Macie Moot
Gregory Truman

8TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Devynn Bingel
Karalynne Carmon
Jasper Clark
McKenzie Davis
Avery Ellerbruch
Joseph Jones
Freda Josephs
Ryleighann Kern
Matthew Marshall
Myah Pizzuto
Hunter Relyea
Tucker Wallace
Blake Wilson

HONOR

Hunter Cady
Marshal Moot
Levi Shea

9TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Anna Baker
Serenity Chapin
Jayden Croniser
Madison Divens
Collin Hartle
Aven Hofmeyer
Liam Plasse
Lena Snyder

HONOR

Logan Cady
Sean Franklin-Whaley
Ernest Moot III
Nathan Shaw
Jasmine Springer

10TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Nevaeh Bingel
Lyla Cross
Greggory Eddy
Alyssa Fisher
Thomas Jones IV
Marisa Maiura
Delilah McEathron
Addisyn Mendez-
Martin
James Peterson
Paislee Stevens
Aspen Tucci

HONOR

Alexander Cullen
Eddie DeMenezes
Leah Flaherty
BethAnn Mason
Jade Nystrom

11TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Rileigh Berger
Rebekah Cullen
Gabrielle Davis
Evan Ellerbruch
Hayden Grow
Abigail Jantzi
Jack Josephs
Dylan LaFave
Nathanyel Lumbrazo
Ameera Panebianco
Elizabeth Shaver
Kiley Snow
Lilly Stevens
Mallory Tysco

HONOR

Kaiden Chapin
Magavin Moot
Olivia Waldron

12TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Hailey Beecher
Marlie Brummer
Levi Claxton
Emma DeMenezes
Kendra Genge
Jadalyn George
Madison Hartle
Marilyn Jones
Phoebe Masters
Emily Mobbs
Marcus Moot
Barbara Myers
Kaelyn Rahauiser
Braden Renner
Cole Russ
Anthony Shaw
Hannah Sherman
Shayden Tiff
Kaden Wilson

HONOR

Ethan Benishek
Wyatt Douthit
Carter Highers
Ella Hopkins
Natalie McCabe
Sullivan Tiff



Congratulations!

SVCS JUNIOR ELIZABETH SHAVER SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS 2025 NAFME EASTERN HONOR CHOIR



Stockbridge Valley Central School District is proud to announce that Elizabeth Shaver has been selected for the 2025 National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Eastern Division Honor Mixed Choir, an elite ensemble featuring top high school vocalists from across the region. This eight-part choir is comprised of 200 talented students representing nine states.

Elizabeth earned this honor as one of only 25 Soprano 1's selected for the choir, placing her among the top vocalists in the region. She is one of six Soprano 1's and one of 13 total Sopranos chosen from New York State.

“We are incredibly proud of Elizabeth Shaver and her outstanding achievement in being selected for the 2025 NafME Eastern Division Honor Mixed Choir. This recognition reflects not only Elizabeth’s dedication and musical talent but also the strength of our music program and the support of our entire Stockbridge Valley community. Her success brings immense pride to our district, and we are thrilled to see her represent us at this incredible event showcasing the most talented student vocalists,” said Superintendent of Schools, Corey Graves.

The Senior Class is once again sponsoring the Alumni Volleyball and Basketball Games!!!

Alumni Volleyball Game:

- Friday, March 14th

Alumni Basketball Game:

- Friday, March 28th

At SVCS! Doors Open at 6pm, events start at 6:30.

Adults \$3, Students \$1, under 5 free

Thank you for supporting our Senior Class Trip to _____!!!

There will be:

- Concessions
- Chuck-a-Duck
- Basket Raffles
- Lots of laughs!!!

Interested in playing? Email...

- nlafave@stockbridgevalley.org
- nthurston@stockbridgevalley.org



MESSAGE FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

Greetings, Stockbridge Valley Families,

As we enter the new year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful events that have taken place at our elementary school and highlight some exciting opportunities coming up for our students and families.



First, I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supported our **third annual sock donation drive** in honor of Sarah Bennati. Thanks to your generosity, we collected an incredible **250 pairs of socks**, which were donated to the Trinity Church to help those in need in our community. Your kindness and contributions truly embody the spirit of giving, and we are so proud of our students and families for coming together to make a difference.

We also celebrated the holiday season with a **successful elementary winter concert**, organized by the talented **Mrs. Colella and Mr. Schoeck**. The performance showcased the hard work and creativity of our students, who brought joy and holiday cheer to everyone in attendance. Thank you to our music teachers for their dedication and to all who joined us for this memorable event!

In addition to our regular academic programs, our students have been enjoying a variety of extracurricular opportunities through our **elementary clubs**. From exploring creativity in **Art Club** to developing life skills in **Junior FFA**, fostering a love of reading in **Library Club**, building and innovating in **Lego Club**, staying active with **Intramurals**, promoting healthy habits in **Wellness Club**, and practicing leadership in **Elementary Student Council**, there is truly something for everyone to enjoy and grow from.

Another highlight this season was the **Stockbridge Valley PTSO's Elf Shoppe**, where students had the opportunity to shop for meaningful gifts for their loved ones. The annual **Holiday Bazaar** brought families together and added to the festive spirit in our school community. Thank you to the PTSO and all the volunteers who made these events a huge success!

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce several important events and opportunities for our families:

Kindergarten Registration Week: March 3-7. If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall, be sure to stop by to complete the registration process and prepare for this exciting milestone.

3rd Annual STEAM Night:

March 13 at 5 p.m. Join us for an evening of hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities hosted by our high school science team. This year's theme is Natural Disasters and is completely free! This will also be our **PreK Registration Night** for children ages 3 and 4. Come explore engaging activities and register your child for PreK starting this fall.

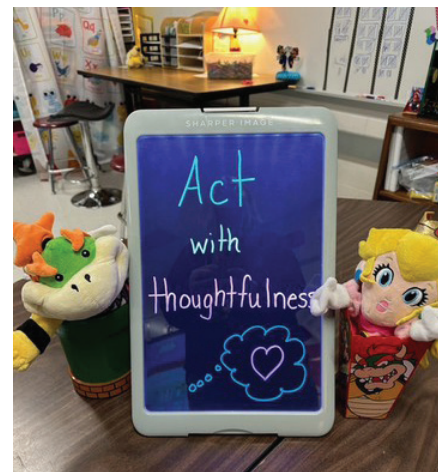


PTSO Spring Social: April 4 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. It promises to be a delightful evening of community, camaraderie, and celebration. The PTSO is always looking for volunteers to help with all of these amazing opportunities for our students. They meet in the school library at 3:30 on the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Thank you for your continued support of our school, staff, and students. Together, we are creating a vibrant and nurturing environment where all children can thrive. Let's keep the momentum going as we embark on the second half of the school year!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Julie Suber
K-6 Principal



SVCS YOUTH BASKETBALL



Boys 5th & 6th Grade Youth Basketball

1st row: Bryce Alter, Dominic Learned, Ryder Davis.
2nd row: Jacob Henry, Rhyder Dye, Ashton Grow, Coach Josh Enslow, Greyson Truman, Caiden Carney, Eli Enslow, Chase Shea, Carter Wilcox, and Grayson Berger.



Girls 3rd-6th Grade Youth Basketball

1st row: Mercedes Marshall, Miranda Moot, Savana Bingel, Lacie Huckabone, Alexis Huckabone, Avalee Bingel, Lucy O'Toole, Dallas Jones, Khloe Trew, and Lilly Dye.
2nd row: Zoey Greene, and Jocelyn Hillenbrand.



Boys 3rd & 4th Grade Youth Basketball

1st row: Desmond DiFino, Emmet Denslow, Finn Shea, and Cooper Roberts. **2nd row:** Coach Merrick Marshall, Maverick Marshall, Weston Lane, Gage Geisler, Hunter Henry, and Axton Youngs.

Join Us for Our Third Annual STEAM Night: Explore Natural Disasters

Our school is excited to host the 3rd Annual STEAM Night with the theme "Natural Disasters." This event is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and promises to be an engaging evening for families and the community. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore various hands-on and informational stations, each themed around different natural disasters.

Prepare to dive into interactive activities that demonstrate the mechanics and science behind phenomena such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and more. This event is designed not only to educate but also to inspire curiosity and community involvement.



STEAM Night 2024.

CAVITY-FREE SMILES: PRE-K STUDENTS LEARN DENTAL CARE

On January 16, the Madison County Rural Health Council visited Stockbridge Valley Central School District to present the Cavity Free Kids Curriculum to both Pre-K classrooms. Pre-K teacher Mrs. Sydam shared, “Mrs. Henry engaged our young students in learning about dental care, emphasizing the importance of brushing their teeth twice daily for two minutes.” Mrs. Henry demonstrated proper brushing and flossing techniques, giving students the chance to practice on a large set of teeth models. Each child took home a goodie bag containing a two-minute sand timer, a toothbrush, flosser, toothpaste, a parent information sheet, and a coloring page with crayons. This interactive experience provided students with practical dental hygiene skills and encouraged healthy habits at an early age. The Pre-K program is run by Madison-Oneida BOCES.



Stockbridge Pre-Kindergarten Registration



Madison Oneida BOCES Pre-Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2025 for Children who will be 4 on or before December 1st, 2025

Pre-k Registration is happening!
We will have in-person registration
on March 13th 4pm-6:30pm and
April 8th 11am-1:30pm at
Stockbridge Valley Central School

To register you must have the following:

- Child’s Birth Certificate
- Child’s Immunization record
- Proof of Residency (current mortgage/lease or utility bill with your name and physical address)

We offer a high quality educational Early Childhood program for eligible children in the Canastota school district

- *Certified teachers and teacher aides in each of our four classrooms
- *Free transportation to and from school
- *Parent Involvement

For questions or further information, please call 315-361-5903 or email mutegg@moboces.org. Application packets are also available at your local Elementary school office or our website at www.moboces.org



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Director of Special Education
Lisa Hopkins, 7-12 Principal

January 2025

Dear Community Members,

The SVCS 97th Commencement Ceremony is getting closer. The Stockbridge Valley Class of 2025 is getting ready for their new journey beyond high school. Some students are busy preparing for college life, while others are moving directly into careers. Our seniors are starting to receive college acceptance letters and the excitement is building. We are proud to say that students from Stockbridge Valley have been accepted to Syracuse University, Clarkson University, Le Moyne, RIT, SUNY Oneonta, Utica University, Keuka, Paul Smith's, SUNY ESF, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Potsdam, and SUNY Polytechnic, just to name a few.

As many of you are aware, each year Stockbridge Valley Central School hosts a Senior Class Night for our graduating class. This class night is important to our seniors because this is an opportunity for them to receive awards and scholarships in recognition of their success. Throughout the years, SVCS has been very fortunate to receive monetary donations from parents, faculty/staff members and community business owners and organizations to fund these awards. The donations are placed into a general scholarship fund and are then used to recognize members of the class for their academic achievement, service to the community and dedication to SVCS. At this time, we are hoping for your charitable donation to help us honor the students that have helped make our community and school district a place of which we can be proud.

If you feel you can support our seniors at this time, we kindly ask that you return your contribution made payable to Stockbridge Valley CSD Treasurer at P.O. Box 732, Munnsville, NY 13409 or stop by the Business Office by **Friday, May 2, 2025**.

Thank you in advance for your continued support as we pay tribute to the deserving students of this community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Hopkins
High School Principal

Mrs. Cassandra Gleason
School Counselor

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

SPECIAL BUS REFERENDUM



Home of the Cougars

2025 Information Sheet

Why Should We Vote Now?

Voting now supports financial and long range planning of annual budgets. It also assists the District in predicting transportation aid over the next few years.

What is the District Proposing To Buy?

One (1): **1** - 65 passenger school bus

One (1): **1** - 30 passenger school bus

Dispose of: Sell, trade or scrap vehicles to be replaced to highest bidder.

What Is The Cost To The District For The Proposed Vehicles?

	65 Passenger	30 Passenger	Totals
Estimated Purchase Cost....	\$ 167,100. ⁰⁰	\$ 108,400. ⁰⁰	\$ 275,500. ⁰⁰
Estimated Finance.....	\$ 0. ⁰⁰	\$ 0. ⁰⁰	\$ 0. ⁰⁰
Total Purchase & Finance Cost.....	\$ 167,100. ⁰⁰	\$ 108,400. ⁰⁰	\$ 275,500. ⁰⁰
Est. State Aid @ 90%	\$ 150,390. ⁰⁰	\$ 97,560. ⁰⁰	\$ 247,950. ⁰⁰
Estimated Cost to the District Residents	\$16,710.⁰⁰	\$ 10,840.⁰⁰	\$27,550.⁰⁰
Estimated Aid:			
Amortized & paid to district over 5 years -	\$ 49,590.⁰⁰/year		



Other Transportation/Fleet Information:

Industry Standards/Best Practices At Stockbridge

- 10% of a bus fleet is replaced on an annual basis
- The useful life of a 65 passenger bus is approximately ten (10) years
- The useful life of a 7, 20, or 30 passenger mini-bus is five (5) years.
- The goal is to replace 1-2 buses per year. (Contain maintenance costs with a consistent replacement plan)
- 27% of SVCS's large buses are ten (10) years or older
- 50% of SVCS's small bus fleet are five (5) years or older

District's Current Bus Fleet:

Large Buses - 11 Small Buses - 6 Van - 1

Voting Information:

- Eligible Voter - US citizen, eighteen (18) years of age and a resident of the District for a minimum of 30 days.

2025 School Vehicle Proposition

VOTE

MARCH 11, 2025

12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

School Foyer

Absentee ballots available - contact Pam Dymes at 315-495-4400 by March 4, 2025

Public Hearing: March 4, 2025
6:00 P.M. - Library

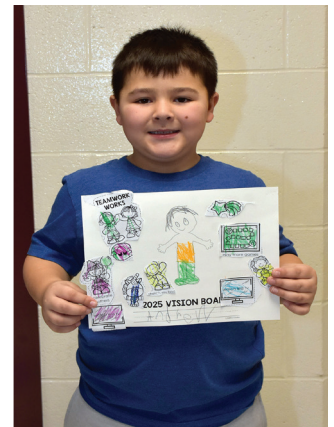
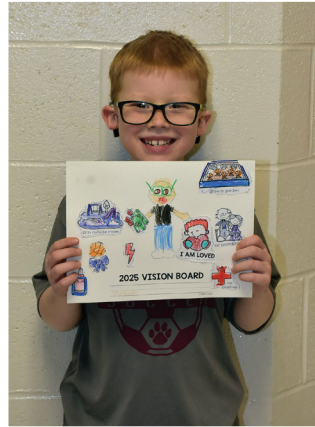
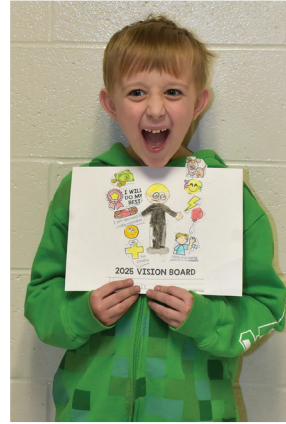
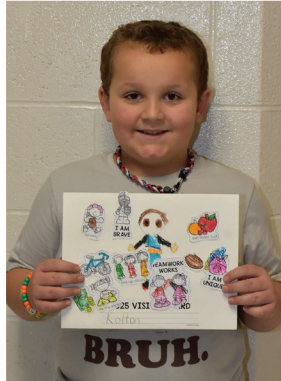
For more information contact:

Mr. Corey Graves, Superintendent @ 315-495-4400

Mrs. Beth S. Lamb, Business Administrator @ 315-495-4446

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FIRST GRADE VISION BOARDS





KEEP THE MEMORIES!

2025

ELEMENTARY: \$16



HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK: \$50



enjoy every moment.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ORDER YOUR STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY YEARBOOK TODAY!

MEET THE NEW RESOURCE OFFICER

We are thrilled to welcome Officer David Ogrydziak as the new School Resource Officer (SRO) at Stockbridge Valley Central School District. Officer Ogrydziak brings a wealth of experience, dedication, and a passion for building positive relationships within the school community.

Officer Ogrydziak's career began shortly after graduating high school when he joined the carpenters union, working alongside his father on commercial construction projects. While remodeling buildings destined to become the Oneida Correctional facilities, he was introduced to state corrections officers, whose career paths inspired him. Motivated by their stories, he took the civil service exam and began a 28-year career in corrections shortly after his 21st birthday.

Throughout his career, Officer Ogrydziak served in many different facilities across New York State, working with individuals at various levels, including men's and women's facilities. His professionalism and dedication led to promotions and responsibilities that occasionally



required relocation throughout NYS. Upon his retirement, Officer Ogrydziak sought new challenges and was drawn to the SRO role through connections at the Madison County Sheriff's Office. His background, expertise and enthusiasm made him an excellent fit for Stockbridge Valley.

Outside of his professional life, Officer Ogrydziak leads an adventurous lifestyle. He enjoys traveling across North America, Africa, and New Zealand for hunting trips and long-distance snowmobiling adventures. His routes have taken him to Michigan, the Dakotas, Quebec, Maine and New Brunswick.

Officer Ogrydziak is excited to join the Stockbridge Valley community, where he aims to foster a safe and welcoming environment for students, staff, and families. We are confident his experience, approachable personality, and dedication to service will make a positive impact on our school. If you see him around the halls or at school events, be sure to say hello and introduce yourself. We're lucky to have him as part of our team.

Stockbridge Valley FFA Alumni hosts:

Quarter Auction

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February 8, 2025
 Preview starts at 5 pm
 Auction starts at 6 pm

Auction will take place in the High School Gym

FROM THE CLASS OF 2026

We are halfway through the year and prom planning is going great! With the help of our school and community, our fundraisers are doing amazing! **Prom will be May 17, 2025 at the Heritage Barn in Hamilton. A new venue that we are excited to explore!**

Our next big fundraiser is our **March bottle drive**. Date as of now is to be determined so be on the lookout! It will be held at **Cash for Cans in Oneida** which is in the Dollar General Plaza. Bottles and cans can be dropped off anytime throughout the year. Just put the earnings on our account, "SVCS Junior Class of 2026."

We thank you all for the continued support.

Erica Laraby,
 Junior Class Advisor

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Cold and flu season is upon us and the number of reported cases of respiratory illnesses are rising quickly. To prevent widespread illness in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms. To decide whether or not to send your child to school, please consider the following guidelines.

Consider keeping your child at home for an extra day of rest and observation if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- Very stuffy or runny nose and/or a cough
- Mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- Headache
- Mild stomach ache

Definitely keep your child at home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees by mouth. Your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees, by mouth, for a minimum of 24 hours)
- Vomiting or Diarrhea (even once)
- Chills, general malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose

To help prevent the flu and other colds, teach your children good hygiene habits:

- Wash hands frequently
- Do not touch eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue, throw it away and then wash hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Illnesses are usually the most contagious during the first 48 hours. **A child who has a fever should remain at home until “fever free” for a minimum of 24 hours without medication.** Children should also stay home for 24 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

Often when a child awakens with vague complaints (the way colds and flu begin), it is wise to observe your child at home for an hour or two before deciding whether or not to bring to school. Your child should be physically able to participate in all school activities upon return to school. Keeping a sick child at home will help minimize the spread of infections and viruses in the classroom.



Thank you for helping to make this school year as healthy as possible.

Mrs. Mattie Shea RN
School Nurse
Stockbridge Valley Central School District
(315) 495-4500

MENTORING PROGRAM ACTIVITY

In December, students and staff in the districts Mentoring Program bonded while solving clues to escape from the Break-Out box. They worked together to solve puzzles and decipher the combination of five locks, uncovering a surprise inside. This collaborative effort allowed both staff and students to dedicate their time to building a strong relationship.



Register your child for Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 School Year

If your child will be 5 years old by December 1, 2025, they are eligible to register for Kindergarten.

When: Monday, March 3 – Friday, March 7, 2024 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: The Elementary Office (6011 Williams Road - Munnsville NY)

How: Kindergarten Registration Packets are mailed home to current Pre-K students. The packet will also be available to download on our website. www.stockbridgevalley.org. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the elementary office at 315-495-4550.

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2025 SCHOOL VEHICLE PROPOSITION

VOTE



Tuesday March 11 - 12-8 p.m.
School Foyer

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Lisa Hopkins, 7-12 Principal

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School Nurse

Mattie Shea
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TWO SEATS OPEN FOR SVCS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Petitions will be available from March 21, 2025
April 21, 2025 in the District Office
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Three Year Terms begin July 1, 2025

