



RAIDER PRIDE

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SV STAFF SWEEP HONORABLE AWARDS

A PASSION THAT'S CONTAGIOUS – AND OUTSTANDING!

Mr. Mike Manipole, Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) Health and Physical Education Teacher, received the Ann Moniot Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Award for the 2023-24 school year from the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education (PAMLE).



This award is presented to a middle level educator who has made professional contributions that have positively influenced middle level education and students within their school, has a passion for teaching that is contagious to those around them, and is someone who creates positive and caring relationships with their students and their colleagues.

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TEACHING THE MUSICIANS OF TOMORROW

Mrs. Tracy Glass has an unwavering dedication and commitment to the art of music and her many accomplishments will be noted as she makes her way to Erie, PA, to accept the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Citation of Excellence in Teaching Award for District 5!



Mrs. Glass currently serves as an instrumental instructor for students in grades 4-6 at Seneca Valley, as well as a director of beginner band, fifth grade band and sixth grade band performance ensembles. In her roles, she supports students at three schools: Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School and Ehrman Crest Elementary/Middle School.

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INSPIRING THE MAGIC OF MUSIC

Walking into Ms. Chessa Fernandez-Crum's classroom isn't your typical experience. Upon entering, you're greeted with a grand piano and eager students who are ready to sing!



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A LOOK BACK AT 2023-24 SV ALL-STARS

The SV All-Star Club is an awards program to express our gratitude to Seneca Valley classified employees, bus drivers and security guards who are often the unsung heroes of our schools.

Visit [Communications / SV All-Star Club \(svsd.net\)](https://www.svsd.net/communications/sv-all-star-club) to view previous winners from Sept. 2023 - Feb. 2024.



Ms. Carol Jamison
Mult. Supports
Paraprofessional



Mr. Tom Buchanan
Maintenance Team
Member



Ms. Kate Rawson
Technology
Support Assistant



Ms. Patti Ristey
Technology
Support Assistant



Ms. Diane Taylor
Maintenance Team
Member



Ms. Kelly Bommer
Cafeteria Manager

To read about this month's All-Star Winner, Kelly Bommer, see page 27.

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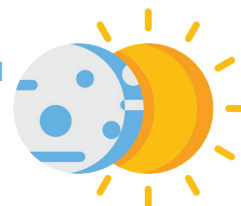
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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 29-April 5	Spring Break, No School for Students
April 8	School Board Meeting, Work Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
April 15	School Board Meeting, Work Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

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

Click here to read
the Early Dismissal
Procedures for
Monday,
April 8, 2024



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"Mr. Manipole approaches every day with a positive energy that is really unlike anyone else I know," said Dr. Tony Babusci, Ryan Gloyer Middle School Principal. "All the kids feed off that positive energy, and they know they're in the presence of someone who really cares about them. An underrated characteristic of Mike is his work ethic. He puts in as many hours as any teacher I know and oftentimes leaves school and goes directly into serving his community."

The Association of Middle Level Education (AMLE), formerly the Pennsylvania Middle School Association (PMSA), was established in 1973 and serves as a voice for professionals, parents and others interested in the educational and developmental needs of young adolescents (youth 10 – 15 years of age). AMLE is the only national educational association exclusively devoted to improving the educational experiences of young adolescents.

"I am truly honored and humbled to accept the Ann Moniot Outstanding Middle Level Teacher award," said Mr.



Manipole. "This recognition is not just a personal achievement but a testament to the collective dedication and hard work of the incredible students at RGMS, as well as the outstanding team of teachers and administrators I am fortunate to collaborate with. It is so important to try to make students know they are valued and to make them smile. We never know what a person is thinking or how they feel each day, it is a great opportunity to

hopefully brighten a person's day! It is a privilege to be part of such a remarkable community that values education and fosters an environment of growth and learning."

AMLE has over 35,000 members in more than 46 countries including teachers, principals, parents, college faculty, central office administrators, educational consultants and community

leaders. In addition, AMLE has nearly 40 state, provincial and international affiliates that work to provide middle level support at a more local level, including PAMLE.

PAMLE is the leading advocate for middle level education in the state of Pennsylvania and the association (PAMLE) will promote and enhance the role of middle level education in Pennsylvania. ■

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In addition, Mrs. Glass orchestrates special ensembles, summer music camps and special music performances for the students in her school(s).

"I am incredibly proud of Mrs. Glass for earning this recognition," said Ehrman Crest Middle School Principal, Mr. Tim Eiler. "She embodies and represents the spirit of our music program and school. Her passion for excellence and her ability to convey a top tier learning experience for our students set her apart."

Mrs. Glass is dedicated to her profession and is an advocate for the arts and student success. In addition to directing band for

grades 4-6, Mrs. Glass is often found organizing opportunities for additional performances throughout the year. Her students play ensembles at local events, Pittsburgh Pirate games and even in the school hallways during the holidays.

"I am honored to receive the 2024 PMEA Citation of Excellence in Teaching Award for District 5," said Mrs. Glass. "I am thankful every day that I have the opportunity to teach young band students and help them discover their potential through music. It is humbling to be recognized for the work I do." ■

INSPIRING THE MAGIC OF MUSIC Story continued from pg. 1

This Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) Choir Director has created a creative space that allows students to not only embrace their passion for music, but to have fun as they collaborate, harmonize and bring music to life. Inspiring her students one note at a time, it's no surprise that this dynamic instructor is slated to receive the 2024 Butler County Symphony Association's Outstanding Music Educator Award.

The Butler County Symphony Association's Outstanding Music Educator Award brings attention to the excellent and impactful work of a music teacher in Butler County. Ms. Fernandez-Crum will be recognized by the symphony at an upcoming concert, The Music of John Williams, on April 13, at the Butler Intermediate High School auditorium.

"This award is an honor," said Ms. Fernandez-Crum. "I get to come to work to make music with my students and watch them do what they love; I have the best job in the world! I get to witness the growth of our talented singers, not only as musicians but as individuals who have

found their voice through the power of song. I am inspired to continue fostering a love for music, nurturing the talents of our students, and creating a space where the magic of music can thrive."

A proud Seneca Valley alum, Ms. Fernandez-Crum has been teaching music for a total of 12 years, including five years at Seneca. In addition to being the RGMS Choir Director, she is also the vocal director for both the RGMS Musical and the junior cast of the SV All-School Musical. Her goal is to not only teach students to love music but also be good human beings and make the world a better place.

Ms. Fernandez-Crum is also a vocalist, flutist and pianist and has worked with local groups like the Pittsburgh Creator's Project and Circle of Friends Chorus where she was an assistant director for five years.

The Butler County Symphony Association recognizes an Outstanding Music Educator each year as part of their Symphony Honorees event. The award is open to current and former educators in Butler County who teach/taught in public,



private, or parochial schools, kindergarten through college. Music teachers are nominated by community members and the winner is selected by a committee. ■

HONORING A LOCAL LEGEND

In collaboration with the Josh Gibson Foundation, students on the Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) Bobcat Team raised over \$300 to honor the legacy of Charlie Hughes, a Pittsburgh-born African American Professional Baseball player who was buried without a headstone. But now, 43 years later, that all changed thanks to the tremendous efforts of this dedicated group.



Students wrote essays, recorded speeches, designed flyers and asked for donations during their lunch period to help raise money for the initiative.

"They did this all themselves and I'm super proud," said Mr. Mike Conlon, RGMS World History teacher.

According to their website, [Negro Leagues Memorial Markers: A Josh Gibson Foundation Initiative](#), honors the memories of late Negro Leagues players who were buried in unmarked graves. This initiative is designed to raise money to place gravestones at the burial plots of Pittsburgh-area Negro League players. The currently unmarked graves span 13 cemeteries throughout Allegheny County, including Allegheny Cemetery, Homestead Cemetery, Homewood Cemetery and Round Hill Cemetery.

Brendan Schuster, Unmarked Grave committee member at the Josh Gibson Foundation met with students on Tuesday, March 26, to collect the money that was raised. Mr. Schuster surprised students by announcing that the headstone for Charlie Hughes was installed ahead of schedule at the Greenwood Cemetery in Sharpsburg, PA. On behalf of the Josh Gibson Foundation, special plaques were presented to the classroom to celebrate the students' accomplishments and commemorate local baseball legends, Josh Gibson and Charlie Hughes.

"These small gravestone markers in the earth are a reminder to everyone that the love for the game and the pursuit of excellence can triumph over prejudice, embroidering a mark on the rich tapestry of baseball history," said Mr. Schuster. ■

ELEMENTARY ENGINEERS

Second grade students at Haine Elementary School participated in a biomedical engineering challenge, where they created prototypes to assist in the rehabilitation of an injured animal. The students researched, designed and shared their idea with visiting engineers from Mine Safety Appliance (MSA). The MSA engineers gave each group of students feedback on how to improve their designs, and the students implemented the improvements into their prototypes.

Ms. Aimee Kaczmarek, Haine Elementary School second grade teacher, said that her students “greatly enjoyed the engineering project and the visit from April, the engineer from MSA. They learned about the job of an engineer and were able to put it into practice by researching and designing an adaptation for an animal within their group. It was a great experience for the students.” Mrs. Megan Witherell, Haine Elementary School second grade teacher, stated that the task was a



“perfect lead-in for an upcoming turbine engineering unit in science, as well as an animal study unit in ELA.” The students and staff of Haine Elementary School would like to thank the MSA engineers who visited their school. They all learned a great deal about engineering through their collaboration! ■



ROCK'N CREATIONS

Haine Elementary School's Best Buddies chapter hosted their spring activity with a splash of color and creativity! Students got crafty by painting rocks for a future rock garden that will be established outside near the entrance of Haine Elementary School. Two teacher-nominated students from each third and fourth grade classroom as well as students who primarily attend Haine Elementary's Multiple Supports classrooms worked together to paint the rocks, each one a unique expression of their imagination.

Best Buddies is an international organization consisting of volunteers that create opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. At the elementary level, it's about promoting inclusion and friendship among students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities through group activities. ■



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN!

We are pleased to welcome incoming kindergarten students as they prepare for the 2024-25 school year. Kindergarten at SV is an engaging, half-day program with transportation that is provided one way. In order to enroll, children must be five (5) years old on or before September 1 of the enrollment year. Registration at this time is intended to collect pertinent preliminary information, including parent/guardian contact and student records. Learn more about the registration process and required documents at [2024-25 Kindergarten registration is now open \(svsd.net\)](https://svsd.net).



Save the Date!

Kindergarten Countdown

We are thrilled to welcome you to our school community and look forward to the upcoming academic year!

To help your new kindergartener become familiar with our school and meet our staff members, we would like to invite you and your kindergartener to come and visit.

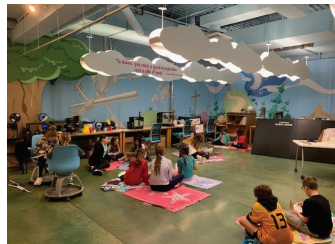
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For more information on Kindergarten Countdown, register your child today for the 2024-25 Kindergarten enrollment year at www.svsd.net/24-25KRegistration



READ ACROSS AMERICA

This month, schools districtwide celebrated Read Across America Week, an annual event promoting reading and literacy among students of all ages. From fun-filled reading challenges, book donations and creative storytelling sessions, our students collaborated in a variety of ways and embarked on a literary adventure! ■



SIGNS OF SPRING

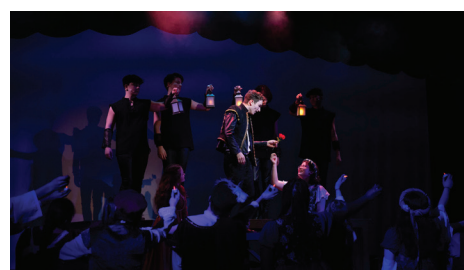
Spring is in the air and Ehrman Crest Elementary second and fourth graders recently shared some sunshine, spending time visiting the residents at Luther Court in Zelenople. Residents joined in on the fun and helped students make three different spring-themed crafts.

Ms. Tammie Wylie and Mr. Josh Sektan introduce students to collaborative work both at school and in the community. Everyone agreed there were lots of smiles from all involved! ■



'SOMETHING ROTTEN!'

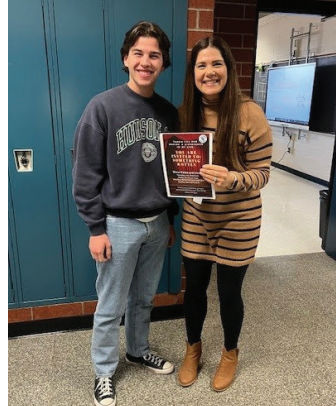
Congratulations to the entire cast and crew of "Something Rotten!" for five amazing performances this month! They were all met with standing ovations and rave reviews! ■



A HEARTFELT INVITATION

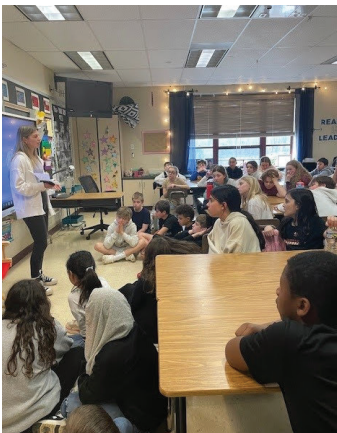
Before Seneca Valley's talented student performers took the stage, members of the SV All-School Musical continued the tradition of inviting impactful teachers to attend a performance of the production "Something Rotten!" This "pinning" ceremony

included a personal invitation and themed pin and was a wonderful way to show appreciation for the roles teachers play in the lives of students! ■



LESSONS ON LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

Members of the Student-Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) have been traveling to classes at Haine Middle School and Ehrman Crest Middle School to talk with students about the transition to the secondary campus and the importance of kindness, leadership and being a good teammate. The middle schoolers enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and learn from student leaders. ■



KINDNESS, COMMUNITY AND FUN

Students at Rowan Elementary School (RES) welcomed the Ryan Gloyer Middle School Hope Squad on March 5, for their first Learn, Explore, Act, Develop (LEAD) sister-school activity. The Hope Squad students worked with kindergarten and first grade students through stations teaching and modeling our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) school-wide expectations. This includes what it looks and sounds like to be safe, be kind and be responsible in different areas of the school.

Additionally, RES students and faculty members enjoyed an indoor “beach” day as a special school-wide reward. In support of Rowan’s PBIS program, students focused on being kind to reinforce Random Acts of Kindness Week where everyone worked together to earn enough hearts (awarded to

students being kind) to fill a golden bucket, earning everyone a fun-filled day. At the end of February, teachers signed up to visit Rowan’s “beach” which included beach yoga, quiet reading, mindful coloring and creating kindness cards for a local senior living community. ■



FROM THE GARDEN TO THE GLASS

Students in Mrs. Tracey Lowe's fifth grade class at Haine Middle School recently finished their unit on hydroponics by drinking their harvest in homemade smoothies. The class discussed healthy food choices, the super foods they grew like kale and spinach and ways to incorporate healthy choices into their diets. Students also enjoyed trying the mint and basil they harvested in their berry/banana smoothie! What a great (and tasty!) way to celebrate National Nutrition Month! ■



DIVING IN AT CIRC TANK

Students at Ehrman Crest Middle School (ECMS) recently took on the challenge of designing and creating innovative projects to present to a panel of judges at CIRC Tank. Throughout the year, students have been considering various challenges with products and coming up with ways they could make them better. Working in groups, students created “mini companies” to discuss and research their various ideas to come to a consensus on the inventive creations that they would construct.

To conclude the project, students presented their self-made inventions to the “Shark Tank” judges made up of community members and Seneca Valley staff.

Twelve winning teams were selected to visit Inventionland on March 14, and compete against each other. The following top three teams will move on to the Regional Competition at Inventionland in May.

The first place title was given to team Pet Berry led by students Allison Konopka, Violet Ostrum, Mackenzie Perschke, Billy Pfaffle and Ashley Prouty. These innovators created a new attachment to a dog leash that holds the

bags needed for cleanup and storing extra snacks. It's even shaped like a bone!

Second place was won by the team Beautiful You! The company, led by Gabriella Foster, Cadence Pile, Laela Stroud and Carmella Vtipil, innovated the Smear-Me-Not-Mask. It's a simple, reusable and washable device that covers the under-eye area for use when applying mascara.

The third place spot was awarded to team World-Wide Sports led by Mason Dewitt, Dina Gworek, Parker Hopkins, Whitney Matvya and Tanner Boros. These students designed a sports safety sock complete with an adjustable strap, pocket for shin guard and a built-in ankle brace.

All talented student inventors showed impressive determination and collaboration! ■



EXPLORE EXHIBITION

Haine Middle School's FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Explore Exhibition was a huge success, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm of our students. Students presented their designs in front of a gym full of parents; participated in a variety of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities; and viewed the Pennsylvania FLL Championship finals.

"The Haine students were the best public speakers in the room," said Mr. Jeremiah Friday, Haine Elementary School gifted support teacher. "The students were all smiles and said they learned a lot and had a great day." ■



THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS

Students at Haine Middle School recently embarked on an expedition of discovery into the diverse world of professions! Students had the opportunity to hear from over 20 presenters covering all five SV Career Pathways and holding careers as an orthodontist, pilot, paralegal, FBI agent, author, flight nurse and many more! A special thank you to all of the presenters and those who helped make the day a success! Students asked great questions and gained useful experience about their careers of interest. ■



YOU ARE SPECIAL

School Resource Officer (SRO) Chris Pipkin is seen here enjoying his visit with Ms. Rachael Gales' first-grade classroom at Haine Elementary School. To the delight of students, Mr. Pipkin was a "mystery reader" who shared the story, "I Color Myself Different," spending time with students during and after to encourage them to embrace their unique differences and love their true selves.



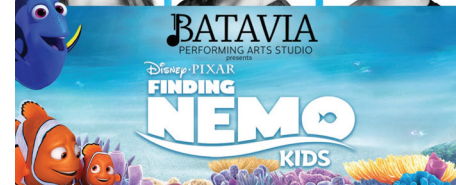
"One student said he learned that it's okay to be different," said Ms. Gales. "Another said that it doesn't matter being different. You are special."

A big thank you to Officer Pipkin for joining in this special moment with the class! ■



SWIMMING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to the nine SV students who recently performed in Batavia Performing Arts Studio's production of Disney's "Finding Nemo Kids!" They did a great job entertaining audiences and making a splash!



ROLLIN', POPPIN' AND RAISING FUNDS

The SV Unified Bocce teams proudly completed their 2023-24 season! The Raiders Blue team finished sixth overall and the Raiders Black team went to playoffs placing third in the Butler Division.

Members of the Unified Bocce team participated in the Pittsburgh Polar Plunge sponsored by the Special Olympics. Team members plunged into freezing cold

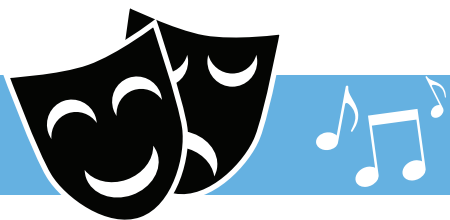
pools with their teammates to celebrate inclusion! With the help of Seneca Valley, the team has raised over \$2,500 for Special Olympics Pennsylvania.

Additionally, The SV Unified Bocce team celebrated Spread the Word Inclusion Day on March 6 and also hosted their fourth annual Polar Pop event on March 8, to help raise awareness and funds for Special

Olympics and Unified Sports.

The SV Polar Pop directly contributes to the Pittsburgh Polar Plunge, an event that raises funds and awareness for Special Olympics Pennsylvania. In the past three years, SV has raised over \$10,000 and currently raised over \$5,000 this year! ■





MUSIC IS A LIFELONG SKILL

The Seneca Valley community should be proud that, in addition to all of our amazing groups and activities that exist, there is a vibrant musical organization made up of musicians from the surrounding area. The Harmony Zelenople Community Band (HZCB) has been in existence for over 30 years.

Founder Ms. Susan VanArsdale created the group as an opportunity to provide a place for adults to play their instruments again in a fun and relaxing environment. Little did she know that the group would not only expand to its current roster of over 80 musicians, but that community bands are quite a popular activity around the country. The HZCB is unique in that its membership is made up of community members, Seneca Valley alumni, SV teachers and students, all of whom recently came



together for an eight-week season which culminated in a concert held March 24, at the intermediate high school auditorium.

This year's concert featured an exciting variety of musical styles from a Sinatra Medley to a majestic piece representing Mt. Everest, and a few marches in between. Continuing a tradition of featuring members of the band as soloists, Andrew Karns (SV Class of '97) performed an alto sax solo titled "Persuasion."



Also featured in this concert was a trumpet trio comprised of Neil Jackson, Barry Cody and Dave Jarrett, performing the crowd pleaser "Bugler's Holiday."

The HZCB is co-directed by Ms. Sara Snyder and Mr. Varden Armstrong, instrumental music teachers at Seneca Valley. The band will resume rehearsals in January of 2025 and welcome new members. ■

'THE SENECA SCOUT' - STRONGER THAN EVER

For the first time in several years, SV's video production program has been able to produce "The Seneca Scout" show for this entire 2023-24 school year. Produced by SV's College in High School (CHS) Broadcast News class, "The Seneca Scout" weekly broadcast allows students to write stories about current events they find interesting, ranging from local to international news. Throughout the week, in addition to research and writing, student journalists shoot and find relevant video footage for their stories, interview experts, make graphics and videos, test all technical equipment, and complete run-throughs before recording and airing their final show on Fridays. The small, but impressive, first and second semester crews have already covered countless district stories, notable academic and artistic accomplishments, sports and entertainment, and current world events.

Additionally, students have produced polished and in-depth news reports detailing the All-School Musical, this year's Raider Reset efforts, the district's distinction as a Lighthouse school, the inaugural Ryan Gloyer 5k, and a behind-the-scenes look at the Raider Roast in the senior high, to name a few.

Audiences can watch new episodes of "The Seneca Scout" every Friday at 7 p.m. on SVTV (Armstrong channel 208), premiering live on SVTV's YouTube page (youtube.com/senecavalleytv), and streaming live from the SVTV website. The CHS Broadcast News class is a fantastic opportunity for any students interested in journalism, technology, media literacy and video production, all with the possibility of earning college credit. ■



PLEASE NOTE: Moving forward, all Seneca Valley 7-12 grade performing arts performances and shows that are part of a curricular class will no longer be formally charging admission. This includes band, choir, orchestra and dance. These organizations will be accepting voluntary donations at performances that will benefit students in the same manner as ticket sales did in the past. This change is a result of a desire to better delineate curricular vs. extracurricular events and performances (sporting events, marching band events, musicals, plays, etc.) and provide equitable opportunities and family experiences.

EXPANDING MUSICAL HORIZONS AT PMEA

Sixteen Seneca Valley chorus members in grades 10-12 recently participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region Chorus held March 6-8, at Mars High School. The chorus festival includes students from Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington and Westmoreland counties. This year, Seneca Valley had more students qualify by audition for the chorus than any other school in the region!

Music was selected by Dr. Hannah Carr, originally from Ireland, and included selections written in Latin, Norwegian and Gaelic in addition to English pieces. Dr. Carr, of Kutztown University, directed students and encouraged them to expand their social, emotional and musical horizons through collaboration in singing, discussion and even Irish dancing. "This was a talented and special regional choir group who performed an incredibly energetic and impressive concert," said Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander, high school choir director. Based on audition results at the festival, the following students will be advancing to the All-State Choir Festival in April: Ayla Alexander, Giulia Siegfried, and Graham Logue.



PMEA Region Chorus participants:

Ayla Alexander, Annika Batavia, Connor Benson, Josh Cantella, Nathan Capizzi, Ella Gemperlein, Isaac Hixon, Graham Logue, Jacob Maietta, Katie McAdoo, Natalie Palmer, John Rieger, Giulia Siegfried, Madeleine Tomo, Madelyn Tresky and Emma Zelesnak. ■

ON THAT NOTE

Seven Seneca Valley Orchestra and Band students were selected to participate in the PMEA Western Region Orchestra Festival that was held March 21-23, at Butler Intermediate High School.

Based on audition results, Isabella Muthler (viola) will be advancing to the All-State Orchestra in April.

Western Region Orchestra is a select group of students who have advanced through audition to the regional level of the state festival process. Western Region Orchestra comprises students from PMEA regions one and three. Students are led by Ms. Sarah Miller, secondary orchestra director.

The guest conductor for the festival was Dr. Christopher M. Cicconi, professor of Music Education, Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra at Towson University. Students performed a beautiful concert of musical works from "Appalachian Spring," "Pines of Rome," "American Salute" and "Summon the Heroes."

Participants:

Elizabeth Browne - violin, Tristan Conrad - cello, Isaac Hixon - French Horn, Isabella Muthler - viola, Jake Pieszak - violin, Ava Platt - viola, and Morgan Roithner - viola ■



THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CENTURY

The Seneca Valley Madrigal Singers recently performed at the Zelienople Rotary Club's Centennial Celebration Banquet as they celebrated 100 Years of service to the community and surrounding areas! The performance was well received with an unexpected and enthusiastic standing ovation. This formal event was held at the Stables at Connoquenessing, where students and Rotary members were also able to meet and share stories of music, service and even international travel opportunities. Congratulations to the Zelienople Rotary Club for this milestone! Thank you to our Seneca Valley Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander, for answering the call to musically uplift those who strive to keep our SV community strong. ■



SV MARCHING BAND PERFORMS AT DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM

The Seneca Valley Marching Band recently returned from a successful (and magical!!) trip to Orlando, Florida where they performed at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom on March 15. Selected through an application process, the marching band performed ahead of the afternoon character parade. Senior clarinetist Caitlin Dugan shared that "it was so cool to see so many families in the crowd cheering as we marched down Main Street." In addition to the parade, the SV Pom Pon squad participated in a dance workshop presented by the Disney Imagination Campus. Members of the squad got to work with one of Disney's dance instructors and learn a portion of a routine that is currently on stage throughout Disney Parks. They also had the opportunity to give a "final performance" that was much like the real event. Students were able to spend time at Magic Kingdom, EPCOT and Hollywood Studios, as well as attend a Medieval Times performance. Junior Sylvia Heilman shared, "It was really rewarding to



get the opportunity to perform in Disney; a once in a lifetime experience."

The Seneca Valley Marching Band is directed by Mr. Varden Armstrong, Mr. Bob Babick, Mr. Brian Croach and Ms. Sara Snyder. Pom Pon advisors are Ms. Missy Armstrong and Ms. Katie Huttinger. Color Guard advisors are Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander, Ms. Caitlyn Cindrich and Ms. Cassie Pagani. ■



ORCHESTRA HOSTS 'CELLO AND BASS DAY,' FOSTERING COLLABORATION ACROSS GRADE LEVELS

On March 8, students gathered for a special musical day celebrating lower string instruments at the first Cello and Bass Day! Ehrman Crest Middle School (ECMS) welcomed 66 cello and 16 bass players from each of our schools to learn special techniques and pieces specifically for their instrument.

Students attended instrumental sectionals where they learned, performed and recorded a new piece of music, all within the span of a few hours! Orlando Wike, Haine Middle School sixth grade bass player, noted, "It was cool to see the bass players from my grade at the other schools – I already knew them from football!" Seventh grade cellist Jacquelyn Lu commented,

"I was seated next to a really talented younger cello!" Students worked incredibly hard to bring this music to life in such a brief time frame. Ms. Miller, secondary orchestra director, commented, "It was unbelievable to see so many cellos in one room! In my years of performing, I have never seen this number of cellos perform together and they did it so well!" The music department hopes to continue this experience for years to come and expand it to all instruments of the string orchestra.

A special thank you to our two artists in residence Ms. Younga Reitz and Ms. Emily Tarantino for sharing their cello and bass expertise with our students. ■





WINTER SPORTS FINAL RECAP

Boys Swimming & Diving

Leading the way for SV Raider boys Swimming & Diving was the diving trio of Isaiah Clerkley, Miles Miller and Colin Stevens. Clerkley reclaimed the title of WPIAL champion and was joined on the podium by Miller (4th) and Stevens (6th). Our swimmers represented at the WPIAL championships in all three relays – 200 Medley Relay (19th); 200 Free Relay (18th); and the 400 Free Relay (19th), along with Tyler Snow, who finished 17th in the 100 Back.



Medalists from WPIAL & PIAA Championships:

Boys team WPIAL & PIAA medalists

- **Diving, 1m** – Isaiah Clerkley, 1st place; Miles Miller, 4th place; Colin Stevens, 6th place
- **PIAA** – Isaiah Clerkley, 1st place; Miles Miller, 10th place

Girls Swimming & Diving – 3rd Place Finish at WPIALs

Raider Girls Swimming & Diving finished in 3rd place at the WPIAL Championships behind North Allegheny and Fox Chapel. The Raiders were able to bring home quite a few medals and qualified all three relays and two individuals – Bella Kling (100 Back) and Katie Bookwalter (100 Breast) – for the PIAA Championships at Bucknell University. Listed below are the medal-winning performances from both the WPIAL and PIAA. Congratulations, girls on a great season.

Medalists from WPIAL & PIAA Championships:

Girls team WPIAL & PIAA medalists

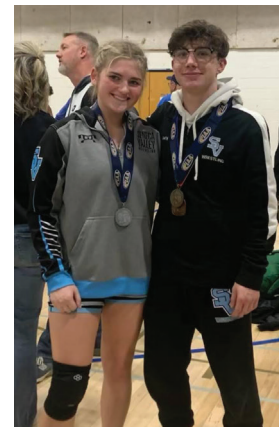
- **200 Medley Relay** – 3rd place (Lena Rothrock, Katie Bookwalter, Bella Kling, Audrey Wolfe)
- **PIAA** – 8th place (Lena Rothrock, Katie Bookwalter, Bella Kling, Sasha Myers)
- **200 IM** – Alissa Wilson, 5th place
- **50 Free** – Sasha Myers, 8th place
- **100 Fly** – Bella Kling, 6th place
- **200 Free Relay** – 7th place (Sasha Myers, Lena Rothrock, Audrey Wolfe, Morgan Baker)
- **100 Free** – Sasha Myers, 5th place; Morgan Baker, 8th place



- **100 Back** – Bella Kling, 6th place
- **100 Breast** – Katie Bookwalter, 5th place
- **400 Free Relay** – 5th place (Morgan Baker, Bella Kling, Alissa Wilson, Sasha Myers)
- **Diving, 1m** – Ali Waters, 6th place

Raider Wrestling – Sends two to PIAA Championships

The boys and girls wrestling program each sent one representative to the PIAA State Championships. Senior Connor Smith repeated as a medalist, earning an eighth-place finish at 121 lbs. In the first-ever girls bracket, Hannah Hornick finished one round short of medalist status. Only a sophomore, we can be certain Hornick will have a return to the Hershey Giant Center in the next couple of seasons.



Wrestling Medalists from WPIAL & PIAA Championships:

- Connor Smith (121 lbs): WPIAL, 4th Place; PIAA, 8th place
- Hannah Hornick (148 lbs): WPIAL, runner-up; PIAA West Regional, runner-up



Girls Basketball

As reported in our February issue, Raider girls basketball qualified for the WPIAL Championships where they ran into a buzz saw in the form of the Norwin Knights, the eventual WPIAL 6A Champion. The girls were countered with tenacious defense and lights-out shooting, falling in the quarterfinals 58 – 20. We thank our departing seniors – Kaydence Kilhof, Emerson Peffer and Allison Sevin – for all of their contributions.

Ice Hockey

Raider Ice Hockey finished their regular season in third place in the PIHL standings and faced the Mt. Lebanon Blue Devils in the opening round of the Penguins Cup playoffs. The Raiders came off the ice a 4-0 winner and advanced to take on the Tigers of North Allegheny (NA) in the semifinals. Unfortunately, the Raiders spotted the Tigers an early 3-0 first-period lead and were unable to overcome the deficit, closing the gap to 3-2 before an empty-net goal made it 4-2 NA with 24 seconds remaining. Congratulations to the team on another fantastic season! ■

THE ELEGANCE OF EXCELLENCE!

Culminating a career that includes back-to-back WPIAL titles and multiple team and pool records, senior diver Isaiah Clerkley can now add STATE CHAMPION to the resume. In a state championship event holding a substantial lead, Clerkley put on a daring display of sheer athleticism and diving talent. Even after what some might call a botched eighth dive, Clerkley still managed to defeat the next closest competitor by 77.90 points. As a comparison, in 2023 when Clerkley finished as state runner-up, the margin between first and second place was 3.35 points! As I sat on the pool deck amongst the meet officials, I could hear their comments: "Has he missed one yet?" "What

is the state record?" "He is just so clean on his entry." And while we know Isaiah did "miss" one dive, there is no disputing the power of his takeoffs, the complexity of his executions and elegance of his pure vertical entries. Oh, and about that record – not since 2014 when the current PIAA record of 596.15 points was established, has anyone scored near Clerkley's total of 570.40 – a new Bucknell Pool record I might add! Quite simply, Isaiah Clerkley put on a masterpiece of 1m diving and those in attendance were the beneficiaries of his diving distinction. We congratulate Isaiah and wish him well at Penn State University where he will continue his diving career in the Big 10!

- Heather Lewis, Athletics & Activities Director ■



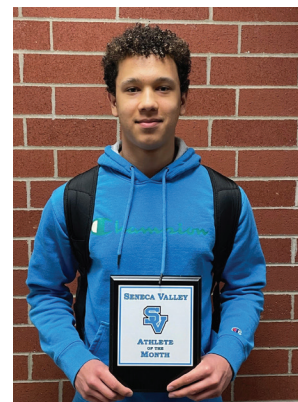
ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, FEBRUARY 2024

The Female Athlete of the Month for February was girls wrestler **Hannah Hornick**. The sophomore had a stellar season wrestling in the 148 lb. weight class. Hannah went 14-9 during the regular season which earned her the seventh seed at the 2024 Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Girls Wrestling Championships. She went 3-1 on the day to earn a silver medal and qualify for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA)

Girls Wrestling West Regionals. Hannah again came in second place and qualified for the inaugural PIAA Girls Wrestling State Championships. She placed in the top-10, falling one round short of a state medal. She ended her season with a record of 23-15. We recognized Hannah as the February Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Hannah!



The Male Athlete of the Month for February was senior boys diver **Isaiah Clerkley**. Isaiah had an incredible regular season with multiple record-breaking performances. He first broke Seneca Valley's 23-year-old six-dives record of 318.80 with a score of 331.90. He then proceeded to break his own record five more times, finishing his Seneca Valley career with a six-dives score of 370.70. Isaiah also broke Seneca Valley's 11-dives record with a score of 583.35, besting the previous record of 522.5. He then completed a clean sweep during postseason championship events. He came in first place at the 2024 WPIAL Diving Championships with an 11-dive score of 583.35, to repeat as WPIAL Champion. Isaiah then blew away the competition with another gold medal performance at the 2024 PIAA Diving Championships with a score of 570.40, more than 75 points ahead of the second-place finisher. For an impressive season, we recognized Isaiah as the February Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Isaiah! ■



COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2024

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

Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Amari Henson	Football	Walsh University	Entrepreneurship



VO-TECH MINI-GRANTS AVAILABLE

Recently, representatives from Cranberry Township, Ms. Karen Newpol and Mr. Jerry Andree, as well as Ms. Annie Mersing, Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) Development Director, toured the Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School (BCAVTS) in hopes of learning more about the programs offered and how the SVF Vo-Tech Mini-Grant program is helping students pursue this career path. The trio was able to visit each of the 16 programs being offered at BCAVTS including Culinary Arts, Heavy Equipment Repair, Sports Medicine and Welding.

Ms. Mersing stated, “The opportunities available for students are nothing short of incredible.” The BCAVTS continues to provide a valuable asset to the region by helping students develop critical thinking skills through a combination of classes and hands-on learning experiences which will allow them to apply academics to real-world problems. Mersing added, “The [Foundation] is very excited to remove any financial barriers for SV students wanting to pursue this path and develop the skills needed for post-secondary success – whether that be going to college or beginning their careers.”

For a complete list of vo-tech programs and additional information, visit their website at www.butlertec.us.


Students interested in an SVF Vo-Tech Mini-Grant can apply here: <https://forms.office.com/r/DeKWwFk8mC>

Funds may be used for the supplies and equipment required to attend the program and is available on a first come, first served basis for eligible students. ■




Pictured, from L-R: Ms. Taylor Gall-Ruggiero, BCAVTS school counselor, Mr. Blake Beatrice, Workforce Development Coordinator; Ms. Annie Mersing, SVF Development Director; Mr. Jerry Andree and Ms. Karen Newpol, Cranberry Township Representatives






VO-TECH MINI-GRANTS



The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) is providing financial assistance to SV students to purchase the supplies & equipment required to attend Butler Co. Area Vocational-Technical School. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible students. Apply today!



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THE HARLEM WIZARDS ARE COMING TO SV!

The SV Foundation is thrilled to announce an upcoming Harlem Wizards event that will not only bring joy and entertainment to our community but also contribute to an important cause - the high school's Learn, Explore, Act, Develop (LEAD) program.

LEAD is the district's goal to support students' social and emotional needs and help them thrive. At the Seneca Valley Intermediate and Senior High Schools, the LEAD group of students and staff are driving a "SV Norms" movement that highlights positive behavior and attitudes to shape students into productive members of society. All proceeds from this exciting event will benefit this initiative.

The Harlem Wizards are renowned for their dazzling basketball skills, incredible athleticism, and, of course, their unmatched ability to entertain audiences of all ages. This event promises to be a spectacular experience for everyone involved, especially our elite team of SV ALL-STARS (pictured here) who will confidently take on the Wizards and showcase their own athletic abilities on the court.

Event Details: Harlem Wizards vs. SV All-Stars

Date: Wednesday, April 17

Time: 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Venue: Sr. High School Gymnasium



Tickets are on sale now! We encourage you to grab yours early, as this promises to be a sell-out event. Click here to purchase: <https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/>

A limited concessions menu will be available for purchase in the cafeteria thanks to the incredible support of Ehrman Crest PTO and many donations from local businesses. Check out the event page on [Facebook](#) for additional details. Let's come together to make a positive impact on our community while enjoying a night of incredible athleticism and entertainment! ■

REWARDING READERS

"It's the best day ever!" exclaimed a Rowan Elementary School student as building principal, Dr. Tina Wentz, unveiled a gift from the Seneca Valley Foundation - a new BOOK VENDING MACHINE! This cool

addition will provide students with rewards for positive behavior and easy access to their favorite books to encourage a love for reading in our youngest learners. Similar machines have been gifted to Connoquenessing Valley Elementary (CVE) and Haine Elementary School as well. Thank you to our elementary PTO/PTAs for stocking and refilling the machines with books. ■



SV UNVEILS VIRTUAL HALL OF FAME

The Seneca Valley School District honors the achievements of exceptional athletes and championship teams with the unveiling of a virtual Hall of Fame. From epic victories to jaw-dropping accomplishments, the new display showcases those who've paved the way in sports during their time at Seneca Valley.

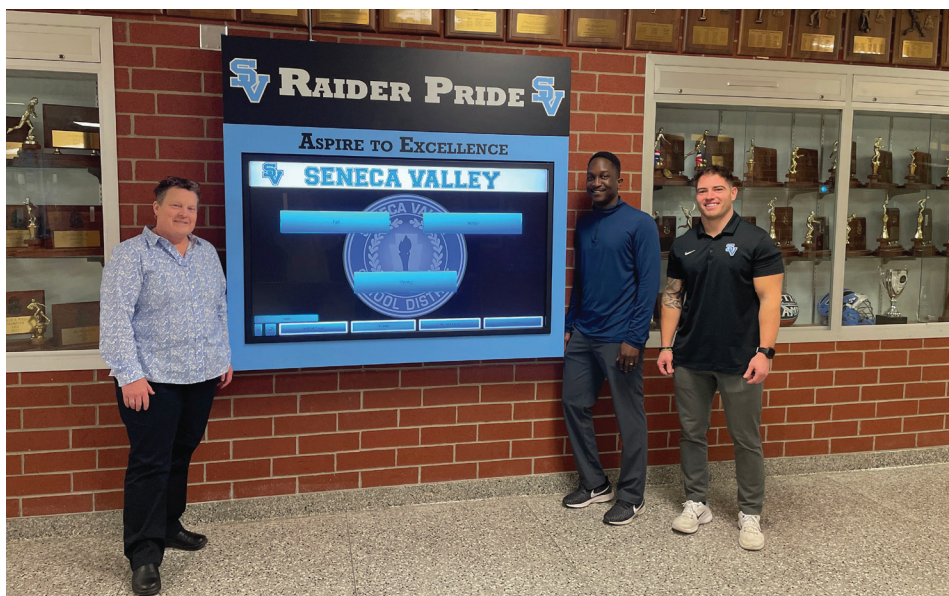
The Hall of Fame features various Seneca Valley sports teams, a record book and significant honors that have taken place throughout SV's athletic history. The virtual Hall of Fame has two locations where it is proudly displayed, one in the Senior High School and another in the Aquatic Center.

This sleek touchscreen interface is adorned with images of iconic moments in Seneca Valley's athletic history and provides the opportunity for students, staff and visitors to scroll through and learn more about SV's legendary athletes. Currently, records go back as far as 1964, and Seneca Valley's Athletics & Activities Department updates the Hall of Fame with ongoing records and photos.

"The virtual Hall of Fame captures the history of Seneca Valley athletics and the legacy of our coaches and student athletes," said Ms. Heather Lewis, Athletics & Activities Director. "You can scroll back in time to view our Hall of Fame, records and championship winning teams – it's essentially a one-stop shop for Seneca Valley athletics. The Hall of Fame allows us to put everything in one place where the community can see it, and it even gives alumni an opportunity to show their children when they come to visit the campus."

The virtual Hall of Fame operates from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. and can be viewed by the public during sporting or other open events taking place at the Seneca Valley Senior High School or Aquatic Center.

Ms. Lewis added, "We are very proud and honored to highlight the accomplishments of our current and former athletes. Our department started gathering data for the Hall of Fame in the fall of '23 and



we're excited to unveil it. We'd like to thank everyone for their hard work on this project, especially our IT and Building and Grounds Departments."

The Seneca Valley virtual Hall of Fame was made possible by generous donations in memory of Jamie Thomas. Jamie along with his wife Laura were parents of SV standout

student athletes: Chase '21, Boys Soccer and Natalie, '23, Cheer & Dance/Track and Field.

For more information about Seneca Valley's virtual Hall of Fame or for potential inclusion, please contact Assistant Athletic Director Mr. Nii Sowa-Doku at sowadokuna@svsd.net. ■

SENECA VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT NAMED 2024 CARSON SCHOLAR

The Seneca Valley School District is proud to recognize Haine Middle School fifth grader Yasmee Fahs who has recently been announced as a 2024 Carson Scholar.



Miss Fahs is one of 570 students across the nation who have the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar.

With this honor, she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award that will be invested for her college education and be formally recognized at the 20th annual Carson Scholars Fund's Pittsburgh Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 7, 2024.

"Yasmee shines brightly as a remarkable young lady and an inspiration for her peers," said Haine Middle School Principal, Dr. Erin Wilcher. "The Carson Scholars Award not only acknowledges her outstanding intellect, but her balance of creativity and kindness. We couldn't be prouder of her achievements."

According to the Carson Scholars Fund, Miss Fahs was selected because she demonstrates the highest standards of academic achievement, integrity, and civic and social responsibility.

"I am very excited and honored to have been selected as a Carson Scholar recipient," said Miss Fahs. "It feels amazing to be noticed for my academic achievements as well as my help around the community to make it a cleaner, safer place for everyone. This award brings me closer to my future goal of becoming an astronaut or a scientist. It could not have happened without the support of my parents and teachers - thank you, it means a lot to me!"

For more information and to view the full list of Carson Scholars visit their website at www.carsonscholars.org. ■

STANDOUTS ON THE ICE

Recently, two SV students found themselves as national championship contenders in their all-female ice hockey teams.

Junior Natalie Dolan of Steel City Selects 19U and sophomore Maggie Longwell of Steel City Selects 16U both went undefeated at their MidAm District Championship games and secured their spots at the 2024 USA Hockey National Championships to be held in April.

Congratulations, and best of luck! ■



REWARDING RESEARCH

Three Seneca Valley students returned with first-place awards after presenting their research projects at the Region 9 Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) competition held at Slippery Rock University on Feb. 24.

Senior Abby Bonno earned a first-place award with a perfect score for her project “Testing Effects of Salt used for De-icing on Aquatic Ecology.” She was also the recipient of the Don Orloski Special Award which included a cash prize.

Junior Addison McLane earned a first-place award and the Director’s Award for Biology

for her project “Impact of Stress Responses on Drp1 Knockout *C. elegans*.”

Sophomore Autumn Zacherl earned a first-place award with her project “Violet Light Cue and Altered Food-seeking Behavior in Ants.”

All three students will move on to present at the state PJAS competition held at Penn State University in May.

Entry fees for the regional PJAS competition were funded by the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF). The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) is a statewide



organization of junior and senior high school students designed to stimulate and promote interest in science among its members through the development of research projects and investigations. ■

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL HONORS

Congratulations to Seneca Valley students attending the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School (BCAVTS) for being named to the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) roster! This group of standout students were recommended by

their instructors, hold a 3.5 or higher GPA at Seneca Valley and are earning a 90% or above at BCAVTS:

Dacie Bachman, Nathaniel Butschle, Jacob D’Appolonia, Luke Donaldson, Benton

Keibler, Joscelyn Kiggins, Jacob Lutz, Christian Magerl, Viktoriya Semenenko, Nathan Taylor, Blake Vogel, Dominic Westerman, Katelyn Youkers and Courtney Youkers. ■

NAVIGATING THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE

Gifted students, mock trial participants and students who are on the Trial Law and Criminal Justice career pathway learned more about the judicial system when they were joined by a special guest speaker, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Debra Todd.

Chief Justice Todd is the first woman to serve in the position in 300 years. Nearly 60 Seneca Valley High school students,

many who have their sights set on law school and government, attended this dynamic Q&A session in the library on March 11, where they asked engaging questions and were inspired by her words of wisdom. Todd’s student-centered presentation left students feeling empowered to continue in the direction of their goals.

To read the full article, visit [Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Debra Todd addresses Seneca Valley students – Cranberry Eagle](#). ■



BRANCHES OF GROWTH

Seneca Valley students recently joined nearly 250 other high schoolers from across the region for the fifth annual Woodland Hills Student Summit, a student-led conference focused on topics like mental health, equity, positivity and more. On Friday, March 8, Mr. Ashley Porter, Equity Supervisor and Title IX Coordinator; Ms. Michele Russo, English teacher at the intermediate high school; and Ms. Melissa Bonicky, Guidance Counselor at Ehrman Crest took several students to the Penn State Greater Allegheny campus for a day filled with collaborative conversations and sessions aimed to give students a platform to discuss matters important to them.

Designed to facilitate student-led discussions on critical topics, the Woodland Hills Student Summit gives students power to their voice offering the opportunity to connect with others and motivate positive change within their own schools. This year's theme, "Unity Through the Branches of Growth," aimed to promote individual and



community development.

This was Seneca Valley's first year participating and the students look forward to returning next year as session presenters. ■

EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS

On Thursday, March 7, sophomores in Ms. Michele Russo's English class attended a field trip to Chatham University. The visit provided further connectivity between the English standards and history the class has been studying this year. Students toured the "Revolving Doors" Holocaust Exhibit with the Director of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, Emily Loeb. Mrs. Loeb also spoke to the group about her uncle, Rabbi Everett Gendler, who knew Martin Luther King Jr. and went to Selma in March 1965.

to see a bit of the campus and eat for free at the dining hall. On the way back to school, the group drove by the Tree of Life Synagogue which students learned about earlier in the year.

This educational trip was sponsored by the Leadership through Innovation in Genocide and Human Rights Teaching (LIGHT) Initiative, a network of leaders working to bring innovation to human rights advocacy and genocide prevention. Transportation was provided by a grant Ms. Russo was rewarded for Holocaust education. ■

Students also met Marcel Walker who is the project coordinator, lead artist and book designer for "Chutz-Pow!" a comic book featuring heroic stories of Holocaust survivors that students read in class and used for research. Mr. Walker spoke about the power of storytelling through comics.

To wrap up a fulfilling day, students also met the admissions director of Chatham University, were able



ON THE MOVE TO NATIONALS

The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon Team clinched first place at the United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) State Competition and will now move on to nationals! The state competition was held March 8-9 in Harrisburg, PA. Seneca Valley's Academic Decathlon Team had an outstanding score of 42,290 points and earned numerous medals across a range of subjects.

The following students medaled in the events below:

Essay: Rohin Jayaraman (Gold), Ashley Kemp (Gold), Ophelia Crano (Bronze) and Zachary DeVault (Bronze)

Music: Heath Lyon (Gold), Rohin Jayaraman (Silver), Zachary DeVault (Silver), Gavin Cress (Bronze) and Ashley Kemp (Bronze)

Art: Ophelia Crano (Gold), Heath Lyon (Gold), Ashley Kemp (Bronze) and Zachary DeVault (Bronze)

Literature: Heath Lyon (Gold), Rohin Jayaraman (Silver), Ophelia Crano (Bronze) and Ashley Kemp (Bronze)

Economics: Zachary DeVault (Gold), Rohin Jayaraman (Bronze) and Gavin Cress (Bronze)

Science: Heath Lyon (Gold), Ashley Kemp (Gold), Kaia Satory (Bronze) and Zachary DeVault (Bronze)

Interview: Shivani Umesh (Gold), Zachary DeVault (Gold) and Rohin Jayaraman (Silver)

Speech: Shivani Umesh (Gold) and Rohin Jayaraman (Silver)

Mathematics: Heath Lyon (Silver)

Social Science: Zachary DeVault (Gold), Ashley Kemp (Gold), Gavin Cress (Gold), Heath Lyon (Silver), Ophelia Crano (Bronze) and Rohin Jayaraman (Bronze)

Individual overall medalists include: Heath Lyon (Gold), Rohin Jayaraman (Silver),



Pictured L to R: Roshini Umesh, Ashley Kemp, Heath Lyon, Rohin Jayaraman, Zachary DeVault, Shivani Umesh, Gavin Cress, Kaia Satory and Ophelia Crano

Zachary DeVault (Bronze) and Ashley Kemp (Bronze).

"I am so proud of the team's accomplishments, hard work and dedication throughout the season," said Seneca Valley Senior High School Teacher and Academic Decathlon coach Mr. David Reichard. "I look forward to seeing our students interact with peers from other top-performing high schools at the National Competition in April. This is the first year nationals will be held in Pittsburgh, and it will be a great way for Seneca Valley to represent our state! These nine students deserve the recognition and accolades after months of preparation to win the state title."

Seneca Valley's Academic Decathlon Team will proudly represent the state of Pennsylvania as they advance to the USAD National Competition April 25-27 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. The theme this year is "Technology & Humanity" and all teams will compete in all 10 events.

The topic for the 2024-25 academic year has been released as "Our Changing Climate." If students are interested in joining the team for the next school year, they can email Mr. Reichard at reicharddj@svsd.net.

According to USAD, the first Academic Decathlon took place in Bolsa Grande, California, in 1968.

It grew out of a single educator's conviction: that teamwork and competition can inspire academic success for every student.

SV ALL-STAR

For the month of March we are pleased to announce the newest member inducted into the SV All-Star Club, Ms. Kelly Bommer, Cafeteria Manager at Haine Elementary/Middle School.

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.

"We're very fortunate to have a team full of hard working, caring individuals, but Kelly routinely goes above and beyond for her team, colleagues and the students and staff at Haine," said Mr. Nolen Fetchko, Director of Food Services.

This is Ms. Bommer's 19th year with Seneca Valley. To help illustrate how she always goes the extra mile, Mr. Fetchko shared a story about Ms. Bommer working with one of her team members who was studying for the American citizenship exam. "Kelly took it upon herself to print out all 100 civics quiz questions and answers and left several of them in her team member's workspace every day in an effort to help her study for the test," added Mr. Fetchko.

"She has been a mainstay in our school district, and I love this award because it really highlights all the extra people that really make the school shine," said Ms. Leslie Bredl, School Board member.

"I want to thank you because you do help every student and every member of our



Pictured from L-R: Mr. Jeremy Womer, Assistant Principal of Haine Middle School, Mr. Tom McKelvey, Assistant Principal of Haine Elementary School, Mr. John Hickman, Acting Assistant Principal of Haine Elementary School, Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Kelly Bommer (with her adorable granddaughter), Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President, Dr. Kristen White, Principal of Haine Elementary School, Mr. Nolen Fetchko, Director of Food Services and Dr. Erin Wilcher, Principal of Haine Middle School.

staff with what you do, day in and day out," said Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President. "You are the unsung heroes and we do appreciate everything that you do."

"Working in the cafeteria has been very rewarding in countless ways," said Ms. Bommer. "I've worked in four of the seven buildings but have had the opportunity to sub in all the schools. You really develop a work family in our kitchens. All of my

fellow employees have made the job a good experience, and I'm lucky to have worked with so many special people."

"The fact that every administrator is here from your building speaks loudly," said Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools. "It is a building that when we walk into, we feel welcome. She reminds me of my own cafeteria ladies growing up and how much they meant to me." ■

Seneca Valley has been proudly presenting the Seneca Valley All-Star Award to staff members since 2021. To read previous winners' bios, please visit: [Communications / SV All-Star Club \(svsd.net\)](https://svsd.net/communications/sv-all-star-club).

'I LED THE PLEDGE'

Seneca Valley School District's School Board meetings were held on March 4 and 11. We were pleased to continue the tradition of inviting elementary students from Seneca Valley's K-4 schools to lead the members of the School Board and public in saying "The Pledge of Allegiance."

For the March 4 meeting, we were joined by Annie Janovsky, a third grader at Haine Elementary School.

Annie enjoys math and art as her top subjects at school, while her passions extend to dance, acrobatics and swimming. A loving dog mom to Charlie, Annie envisions herself as a veterinarian when she grows up. She not only shines as a caring older sister to Will but also impeccably represented her school, her family and herself as our "I Led the Pledge" student.



Annie with, from L-R, Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent, and Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President

For the March 11 meeting, we were joined by Mitchell Myers, a third grader at Rowan Elementary School.

Mitchell finds joy in his physical education and social studies classes, often immersing himself in knowledge about the WWII era. When he's not hitting the books, he's out on the field playing flag football or exploring the outdoors with his neighborhood friends. Dreaming big, Mitchell aspires to become a professional football player in the future, although he's also considering "fallback" career paths in law enforcement or possibly joining the military. With his intelligence and kindness shining through, Mitchell impressed everyone with his reading of "The Pledge of Allegiance." ■

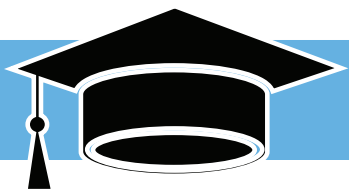


Mitchell with, from L-R, Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent, and Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President

DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL BOARD AWARD

Congratulations to the members of the 2021-22 and 2022-23 Seneca Valley School Boards for recently being named a Tri-State Area School Study Council D. Richard Wynn Distinguished School Board Award winner. The board received this elite honor as they have demonstrated exemplary practices in addressing important issues that reflect directly on improved schooling for students. The D. Richard Wynn Award was commissioned by the Executive Committee in the late 1980s to symbolize the contributions of Dr. D. Richard Wynn. Dr. Wynn was the Executive Secretary of Tri-State, a part of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education, from 1974 to 1980. The Board was recognized by Tri-State during their 75th Annual School Board and Distinguished Educator Ceremony held Thursday, March 21. ■





Luke Henne, SV '19, has had a whirlwind of an adventure in just a few months. Moving from his hometown in the Pittsburgh area to Wisconsin, then Cincinnati, Ohio, and now Phoenix, Arizona, Luke has taken on world traveling all while doing what he loves for Major League Baseball.

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

A: After graduation, I attended Duquesne University (DU). I graduated Summa Cum Laude from DU in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sports Information and Media, and a minor in English. I served as the sports editor and editor-in-chief at The Duquesne Duke, the university's student-run newspaper. I spent the summer between my junior and senior years as a media relations intern with the Pittsburgh Pirates under the guidance of fellow Seneca Valley graduate Dan Hart, the team's director of media relations. I then worked as a staff writer intern with the Pittsburgh Penguins. I pursued a second internship with Hart and the Pirates for the first part of the 2023 season, which parlayed itself into a higher-responsibility media relations internship with the Milwaukee Brewers, which began this past August. I moved away from the Pittsburgh area for the first time in my life when I moved to Wisconsin, which was a massive adjustment. In early February, I was offered a full-time position with the Cincinnati Reds as the team's manager of media relations. I started with Cincinnati on Feb. 19, working four days at the stadium office in Cincinnati before flying out to Phoenix, Arizona on Feb. 23, for the team's Spring Training, which will take us to March. All in all, it's been a hectic couple of weeks, months and years, but I wouldn't trade any of it. My job and the life I'm living are the epitome of a dream come true.

Q: Please share with us some information about your family.

A: My father, Rob, attended Shaler Area and played football collegiately at Slippery Rock University. My mother Jen attended Butler Area, where she is currently a second grade teacher, and was a cheerleader at the University of Pittsburgh. My brother Brendan (SV '17) graduated



from Robert Morris University in 2021 and is currently working as an assistant athletic director at Penn State Shenango. My two sisters Jordan (SV '21) and Rachel (SV '23) are enrolled at Coastal Carolina University (CCU) and Penn State University, respectively. Jordan will graduate from CCU in May, while Rachel is in the spring semester of her freshman year.

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

A: Someone might be surprised to know that I have an incredibly thoughtful, yet humorous, personality. I think that during my time at SV, a lot of people viewed me as a quiet and shy kid who didn't like a lot of people or didn't have many friends. In all reality, I have an incredibly large sense of humor and a massive desire to help others, however and whenever possible. Those who are currently and have been friends with me will attest that, in order to see that true personality of mine, you just have to break me out of my shell and get me out of that comfort zone.

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

A: Seneca Valley enabled my growth at every single turn. An abundance of teachers I met along the way were individuals who cared about my success,



both in the classroom and as a citizen in the real world. At times, it was a very rigorous and demanding task to go to school every day. Between enrolling in advanced classes, partaking in extracurricular activities (such as hockey) and having personal things happen outside of school hours, there were certainly some stressful nights. However, I could go to school knowing that the teachers I had would look out for me and help me through any struggle. From a friendship perspective, SV has cultivated friendships

that will last a lifetime. I've always been a firm believer that it's better to have a few close friends than an abundance of average friends, and I'm very grateful that the small bunch of friends I made during my time at SV are still friends today, even five years after graduating.

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

A: It's all about the people. I've heard all too much about schools, universities and workplaces where people get treated like a number or a means to an end. I'm sure there are schools out there where faculty members show up for the sake of having a job and collecting a paycheck. Seneca Valley is not like that. The faculty are people who care about their students and want them to succeed, both in school and as they graduate and move forward with their lives. I love so many people and faculty who were part of my years there, and I'll always be indebted to them and the district for being part of such a memorable set of years in my early life.

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

A: It sounds incredibly predictable, but there are way too many to name! Mrs. Mihalik is, without question, the sweetest human being I've ever met. She would do anything to put a smile on her students' faces, and there aren't many people with a heart as generous as the one she has. Mr. Lucot is probably the funniest teacher I've ever had. You knew to expect the unexpected when you entered his classroom daily. Mr. Butschle and Mr. Richards were my teachers for various newspaper/journalism-related courses, and they helped me discover my love for that type of writing. I suppose you could say I owe them a lot of credit for where I'm at today. Ms. Christ was the cool and in-style teacher that everyone could connect to, but she was also incredibly genuine. She helped guide me through some personal struggles and dark times, and I was so excited to tell her when those struggles turned into triumphs. She was one of my biggest



supporters. Last but not least, Ms. Doyle understood me in a way that no teacher ever could. I'm a complicated person - I've had a lot of battles with anxiety and feeling like I wasn't good enough from an education perspective. Despite that, she was always there to lend a hand and help when times were tough. These are a few of my favorites, but there are, without a doubt, many other teachers who played a vital role in getting me to where I'm at today.

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: I'll never forget my last day as a student at Seneca Valley. It was one of those days where it took a minute to process that it was the last time you'd be in the same place as the same 600+ people that you'd seen five days a week for the past number of years. It was a culmination of many years of hard work and building incredible friendships, yet it was one of those bittersweet moments that you sit back and reflect on, even years removed from the day.



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

A: Keep doing exactly what you're doing. In a day in age where education may be more vital than it's ever been, be a beacon of truth and knowledge for the young, impressionable students that pass through your doors each day. I'm a firm believer that trust and respect are earned in any successful relationship or partnership. The best way to have that happen is by humanizing the classroom and making it a place where students WANT to come and learn every day, not a place where they HAVE to come and learn every day.

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

A: I hope that people know Seneca Valley is a place that you can be proud to call your own, both when you're there and once you've moved on.

I've had friendships forged and preserved, thanks to Seneca Valley. I've had teachers that still stay in contact with me, thanks to Seneca Valley. It's a place that's made up of incredible people and a place that I can proudly say is a massive part of the early chapters of my life's story. ■



CALL IF YOU CAN, TEXT IF YOU CAN'T

Wireless customers across all of Southwestern PA can send a short message service (SMS) text message to a 9-1-1 operator from a mobile phone or device if there is a situation that does not allow them to call. This allows 9-1-1 access to people with hearing/speech impairments, as well as those in situations where it is unsafe to speak on the phone. When using this option be sure not to send audio recordings, videos, or pictures, as these multimedia files cannot be received by 9-1-1 operators at this time.

HOW TO TEXT TO 9-1-1

TEXT to 9-1-1 is easy! Simply send a short, but detailed, text message of the location of your emergency, your municipality, and the reason for the emergency message to 9-1-1 using this step-by-step guide:

- In the "To" field, enter the numbers 911
- **The first text message should contain:**
 - The address/location of the emergency, including municipality (if known).
 - The information from your cell phone is not enough for operators to find you.
 - The type of help needed (fire, ambulance, police, etc.).
- Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 operator (You may want to place your phone on silent so as not to alert intruders.)
- Once you have typed a short but detailed text message with the information listed above, click send.
- Use simple words and do not use abbreviations or slang.
- Do not send photos or videos.
- Do not send your emergency text to anyone other than 9-1-1 (for example, no group texts).



- As with all text messages, 9-1-1 texts may take longer to be received, may be received out of order, or may not be received at all. Therefore, it may take slightly longer to dispatch emergency services originating from a text.

Call if You Can, Text if You Can't!

- DO NOT TEXT and DRIVE!

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Will a deactivated phone be able to text to 9-1-1?
 - No, a text or data plan is required to place a text to 9-1-1.
- If my phone service indicates roaming, will Text to 9-1-1 be available?

- No, Text-to-9-1-1 is not available if you are roaming.
- Are all cell phone carriers able to support Text to 9-1-1?
 - While our region has the appropriate technology in place, not all carriers are ready to offer this capability.
- What if Text to 9-1-1 is not available?
 - You will receive a "bounce back" message telling you that this service is not available in your area and to contact 9-1-1 by another means. ■

MUST-KNOWS ABOUT INCOGNITO WEB BROWSING

There seems to be a lot of confusion about using incognito mode. Many don't realize that, even in incognito mode, the websites they visit can still track their activity and show them ads related to what they did during that session.

If you are unfamiliar with Incognito mode, let's review. Apple introduced it in 2005 and soon after, all search engines adopted it. In Incognito mode, you can browse without being seen. This means that none of what you look up will get saved in your browser history, on-site cookies or device.

Kids and teens may have many reasons for using incognito mode, such as searching for edgy or inappropriate content. They may have questions they are embarrassed about or want information on how to get illicit substances, like vapes and weed, without anyone knowing.

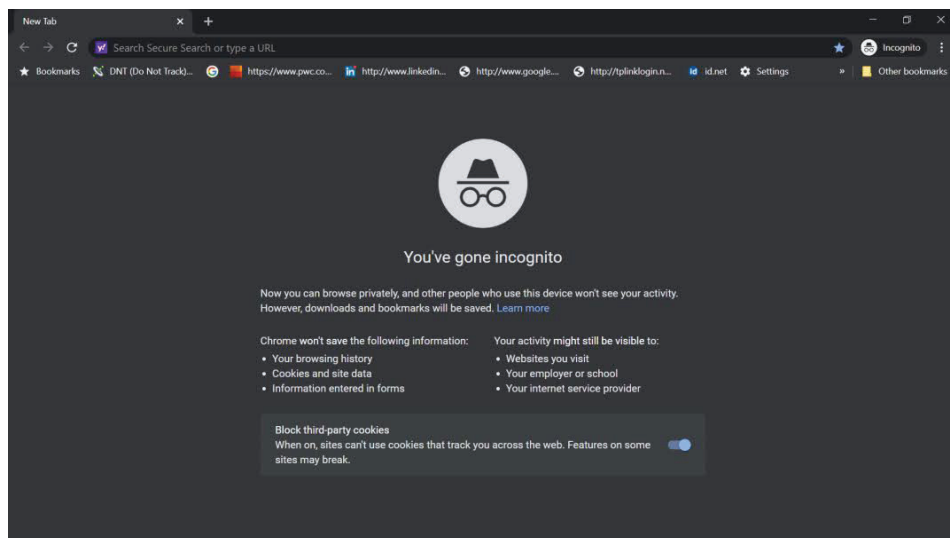
Why mention this old technology?

Even though it's more than 15 years old, the technology allows youth avenues to get involved with things that could get them in trouble. Privacy is important, especially if we want kids to learn to be independent and make good choices. That is why having ongoing conversations about it with youth is important. We want the conversation about online safety to be open and flowing, not turn into a cat-and-mouse game of hide-and-seek around their online behaviors.

Discussions like these also let kids know that you know about incognito, can help dispel myths, or allow them to open up so you can answer questions about things they may otherwise want to keep to themselves.

Facts About Incognito

- All browsers offer a private browsing feature, known as incognito mode, private mode, or similar, allowing users to browse without saving their history.
- YouTube has an incognito mode. To turn it on, click or tap on your account and then click "Turn on Incognito" at the top. Videos watched in this mode will not be saved after it's turned off.



- In Incognito, browsing history is not saved on the device.
- In Incognito, websites see the user as a new user but won't know who the person is unless they provide such information.
- A school device can track a student's activity online, even if the student is using Incognito.
- Some parental control systems, such as [Bark](#), can actually report to parents what is happening in Incognito.
- Even in Incognito mode, visited websites can serve ads based on the person's activity during an Incognito session.

To disable Incognito or Private Browsing:

For Safari

1. Open Settings (or System Preferences on a Mac)
2. Tap Screen time
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
4. Tap Content Restrictions
5. Tap Web Content
6. Tap Limit Adult Websites to disable private browsing.
7. Please note: Kids can access other browser apps on their devices, but you can also set app limits using [Apple Screen time](#).

For Chrome

Parents can use [Google Family Link](#), which will automatically disable Incognito Mode for kids under 13 and Supervised accounts.

Monitoring services like Bark can help you manage your child's search history if they are using Incognito. Before you set the dogs on them, have a conversation about your expectations. Let your child know how to stay safe online and that they can come to you with any questions.

Here are some questions to get the conversation started today with your family or group:

- Have you heard of Incognito mode?
- Why would someone use it?
- Do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing?
- What do you do to keep yourself safe online?

Article provided by [Screenagers](#). ■



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April 12

5-8pm

Senior High School

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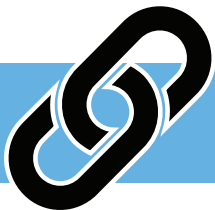
Students= \$5

Adults= \$7

Refreshments, karaoke,
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balloon art, bounce
house, carnival booths,
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volleyball +more.
(cash only prices)

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- The Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC) summer camp registration is now open! This program offers a variety of exciting experiences for every interest – from artistic masterpieces to culinary delights, LEGO adventures to sports thrills. Register [today](#) for a summer filled with creativity, fun and confidence-building!
- 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](#).
- 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. 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 \(svsd.net\)](#).

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. ■



- 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! Visit www.svsd.net/HumanResources to learn more and apply.
- Visit [Niche](#) to view SV rankings. ■





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Dawn Jamieson Wagner at ridawag2@sbcglobal.net **or**
Marcia Guth at mguth@djdc.com

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"One parent emailed me after attending Reality Tour to express gratitude for SVSD support calling it a 'great resource for the fight against substance abuse'.

We believe our partnership with Reality Tour serves as a deterrent in this never-ending battle."

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.)

Reality Tour 2024 Dates

Feb. 15	6-8pm
Mar. 21	6-8pm
Apr. 18	6-8pm
May 16	6-8pm

No homework due day after you attend Reality Tour.

Dates may fill quickly. Register now! Youth aged 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. 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.





SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Offerings

June 10-13 week 1

SV Summer Band Camp (HMS)
Band students with at least 1 year
of experience | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Haine Middle School

Culinary Arts I
Grades 5-12 | 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Senior High School Kitchen

Pastry Arts Camp
Grades 5-12 | 12:30 pm – 4 p.m.
Intermediate High School Kitchen

Building Up Your Imagination LEGO® 1
Grades 1-2 | 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Ehrman Crest Elementary School

Building Up Your Imagination LEGO® 2
Grades 3-4 | 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Ehrman Crest Elementary School

Dream It, Build It! 3D Printing and Gaming
Grades 4-8 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Intermediate High School

Sign up for
both!

June 17-20 week 2

Sports Camp
Grades 4-8 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. or
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Haine Middle School

FIRST Robotics & Programming
Grades 7-12 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Senior High School

SVAOC Dance
Grades 5-12 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
RGMS Dance Studio

The Art of Photography
Grades 7-12 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Intermediate High School

June 24-27 week 3

Camp Confidence
Grades 1-5 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
CVE School

SV Summer Orchestra Camp
Orchestra students in grades 4-8
with at least 1 year of experience
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Ehrman Crest Middle School

July 8-11 week 4

Camp Chill: Session 1
Grades 1-5 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Rowan Elementary School

July 15-18 week 5

Fitness Fun!
Grades 1-6 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Ehrman Crest Elementary School

Art
Grades 5-12 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Intermediate High School

Camp Chill: Session 2
Grades 1-5 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
CVE School

July 22-August 1 week 6

SV Summer Band Camp (ECMS)
Band students with at least 1 year
of experience | 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Ehrman Crest Middle School

July 30-August 1

week 7

Kinder Kids
Students entering kindergarten
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Haine Elementary School



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Educational Job Fair

Are you interested in a career in public education? If so, you cannot miss this opportunity to meet with key public school administrators from Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer counties. You will have the ability to speak with representatives from 27 School Districts, 3 Career and Technical Centers, and Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. Applications and resumes will be collected.

Where: Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV
453 Maple Street
Grove City, Pa. 16127

When: April 3, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We are seeking applicants for many positions, including but not limited to, the following:

- Administrative Assistants
- Bus Drivers
- Custodians
- Early Intervention Itinerant Teacher
- Educational Consultant - Science/ STEM
- Elementary Education
- Food Services Personnel
- Paraprofessionals
- Pennsylvania Certified Teachers (all areas of certification)
- School Counselors
- School Nurses
- Secretary/Clerks
- Substitutes (all areas)
- Support Staff

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda A. Marino, Esquire, Assistant to the Executive Director, at brenda.marino@miu4.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the job fair!

Mission

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV is an education and community service agency comprised of highly qualified staff who customize solutions to evolving challenges.



2024 **SENECA VALLEY** SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER JUNE 21, 2024

**EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS!
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STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools

STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity

STEP 3: Enter Promo Code **senecavalley** in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

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STEP 5: **SELECT [AGAIN] THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE**, then click 'Continue'

STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

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STEP 5: **SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE**, then click 'Continue'

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Agenda

- 5-5:30 PM Event Check-In
- 5:30-6 PM Welcome Address
- 6-8 PM Program & Resource Sessions
- 8-8:30 PM Closing & Prize Drawings

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- Tour Main Campus
- Meet Faculty
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