

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER / BUDGET

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Spring 2025

Culture of Excellence

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SVCS Families and Community,

We are proud to share with you the proposed 2025-2026 budget for the Stockbridge Valley Central School District. Our continued focus is on achieving academic excellence and offering a well-rounded educational experience that prepares our students to become positive, productive citizens.

The Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff remain committed to aligning our budget priorities with our district's mission "*Culture of Excellence: Empower ALL students through exemplary educational experiences to safely learn and grow.*"

Our goal is to present a fiscally responsible spending plan that respects our taxpayers—both now and in the future—while preserving the high-quality programs that support student success.

As we developed this year's budget, we focused on four key priorities:

- Minimizing tax impact
- Directing resources to student needs
- Building long-term fiscal stability
- Supporting new and innovative student programs



The proposed budget for 2025-2026 stays below the district's maximum allowable tax levy limit. It preserves all current student programs and services, ensuring our students continue to thrive.

We encourage all community members to join us for a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Stockbridge Valley High School Library. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and share your thoughts.

The Budget Vote will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at **315-495-4400** or cgraves@stockbridgevalley.org. You can also visit our website for additional information.

Thank you for your continued support of Stockbridge Valley Central School.

Sincerely,

Mr. Corey Graves
Superintendent of Schools

Be a Part of the Blueprint for Excellence Stakeholder Team!

Dear Stockbridge Valley Community,

We're excited to invite you to join us for our annual **Blueprint for Excellence Stakeholder Team** meeting, taking place on **Thursday, July 24, 2025, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm** in the **SVCS Library**.

Each year, this important gathering brings together parents, community members, district staff, the leadership team, and the Board of Education to collaboratively shape our Blueprint for Excellence for the year ahead. This strategic plan serves as a guide for all district initiatives and

committee work, ensuring alignment and purpose in everything we do.

The current plan was thoughtfully developed by nearly 30 dedicated team members and then refined with input from our leadership team before being officially adopted by the Board of Education. Our focus areas this year include:

- Student Experience
- Staff Experience
- Community Experience
- Facilities Maintenance & Future Planning

If you're eager to make a meaningful impact and help drive continuous improvement in our schools, we encourage you to join us. Please reach out to Mr. Graves directly at 315-495-4400 or via email at cgraves@stockbridgevalley.org to express your interest.

Let's continue building a bright future for Stockbridge Valley together.

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.

SVCS NAMES 2025 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

MARLIE BRUMMER - *Valedictorian*



Marlie Brummer has earned the distinction of Stockbridge Valley Class of 2025 Valedictorian. Marlie is the daughter of Christiana Rood and Derrick Baker. She has been accepted to Keuka College, SUNY ESF, Paul Smith's College, Clarkson and Rochester Institute of Technology. Marlie plans to attend Paul Smith's College in the fall majoring in Environmental Science.

Throughout high school, Marlie has received several awards including the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Scholarship from the University of Rochester, Clarkson University Leadership Award, RIT Science and Math Award, Elmira College Key Award, Borlaug Scholar, CCL awards for softball and basketball and the Section III Scholar Athlete Award.

Marlie has been involved in many extracurricular activities: Varsity Soccer, Basketball and Softball (serving as Captain of all three), Culinary Club, National Honor Society (President), Student Council, Senior Class Vice President. She has earned many community service hours by volunteering her time with the Weekend Backpack Program, working at the Red Cross blood drives and National Honor Society food drives.

When asked to describe a highlight or personal accomplishment, Marlie stated, "One personal accomplishment I've achieved is earning my Associate's Degree in general studies while also achieving an Advanced Regents Diploma. I took dual credit classes through Morrisville, Tompkins Cortland Community College and Syracuse University."

Congratulations Marlie!

MADISON HARTLE - *Salutatorian*



Madison Hartle has earned Stockbridge Valley Class of 2025 Salutatorian honors. Madison will be pursuing a career in nursing at Mohawk Valley Community College. She has also been accepted at SUNY Polytechnic and SUNY Morrisville. Madison is the daughter of Andrew and Kala Hartle.

Madison has received many honors and awards including the Principal's Award, National Society of High School Honors, George Eastman Young Leaders Award, Academic Excellence Awards, Clarkson University High School Achievement Award, RIT Women in STEM Award, Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University and the Ceramic Association Recognition Award.

Outside of the classroom, Madison has been involved in several extra-curricular activities including Drama Club, Science Club, Yearbook Club and National Honor Society. Madison has also played Varsity Basketball for the past four years. She has given back to her community by volunteering at the Fryer Museum, NHS Weekend Backpack Program, selling concessions at school events, NHS food drives and Red Cross blood drives.

For her proudest accomplishment, Madison said, "My biggest personal accomplishment of my high school career is being Salutatorian. It shows that all the work I've done was worth it and really paid off."

Congratulations Madison!

PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-26

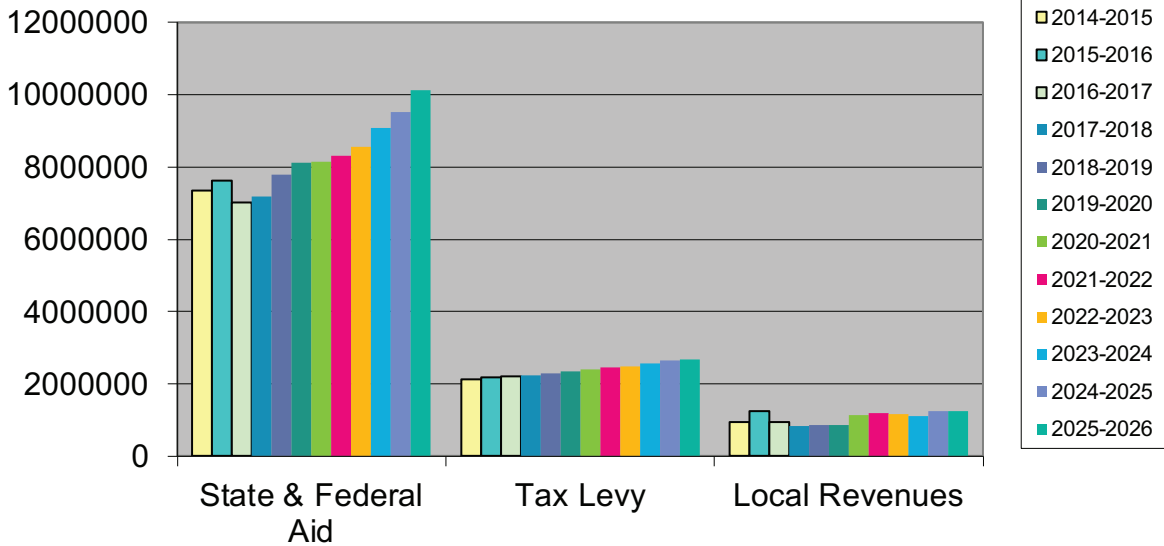


THREE PART BUDGET SUMMARY

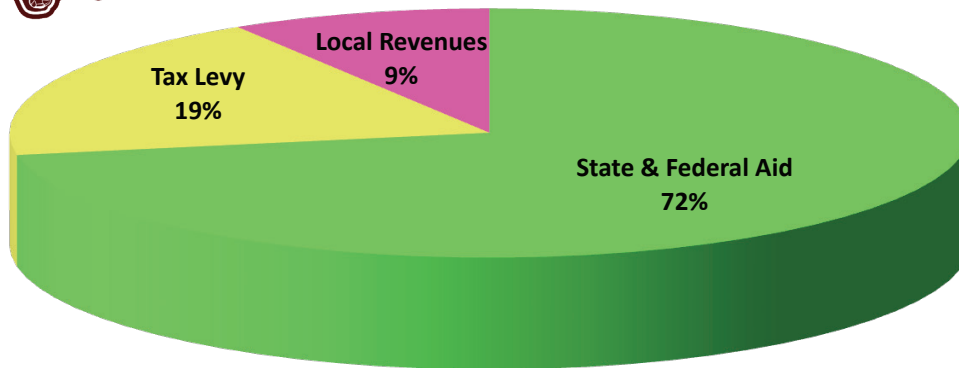
	<i>2024-25 Adjusted Budget</i>	<i>2025-26 Proposed Budget</i>	<i>Inc./Dec. from prior year</i>
<i>Proposed Program Budget</i>			
Teaching Regular Instruction	2,865,563	2,917,682	52,119
Career & Technical Instruction	714,485	762,631	48,146
Programs for Students w/Special Needs	1,600,998	1,714,103	113,105
Special Schools/Programs	103,494	93,833	(9,661)
Media & Computer Technology Services	429,194	446,695	17,501
Pupil Services	589,697	587,426	(2,271)
Interfund Transfer	21,600	22,000	400
Transportation Services	1,052,485	1,095,009	42,524
Employee Benefits	2,389,806	2,424,012	34,206
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,767,322</i>	<i>10,063,391</i>	<i>296,069</i>
<i>Capital Expenditures</i>			
Facility & Grounds Operation & Maintenance	742,416	768,960	26,544
Debt Service	978,644	1,183,966	205,322
Employee Benefits	240,810	244,256	3,446
	<i>1,961,870</i>	<i>2,197,182</i>	<i>235,312</i>
<i>Admin. Expenditures</i>			
Board of Education	14,411	14,703	292
Central Admin./Finance	502,951	521,046	18,095
Central Services	361,743	375,937	14,194
Instructional Administration	413,316	422,543	9,227
Employee Benefits	417,606	423,583	5,977
	<i>1,710,027</i>	<i>1,757,812</i>	<i>47,785</i>
<i>Total Proposed Budget</i>	<i>13,439,219</i>	<i>14,018,385</i>	<i>579,166</i>



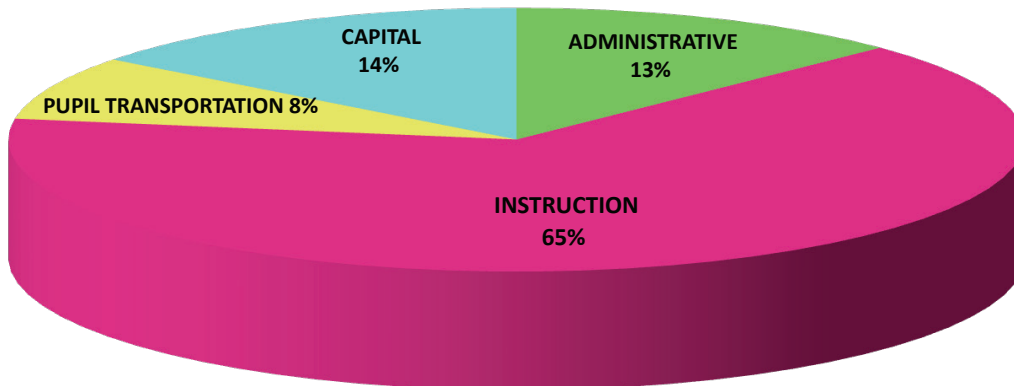
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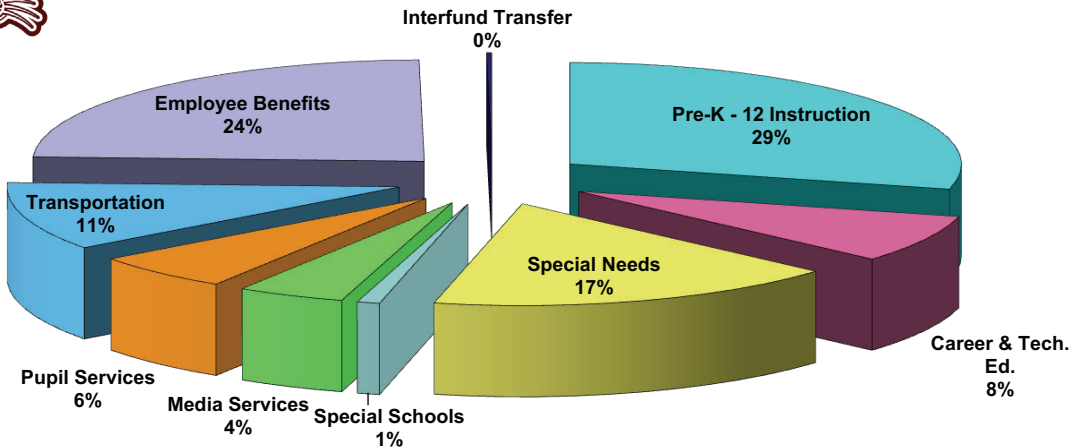


WHERE IT GOES

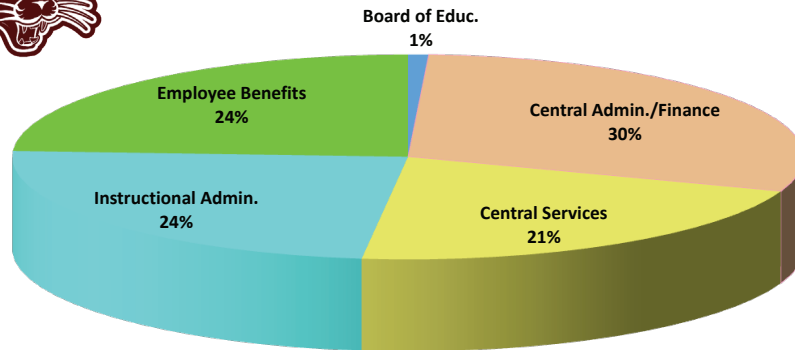




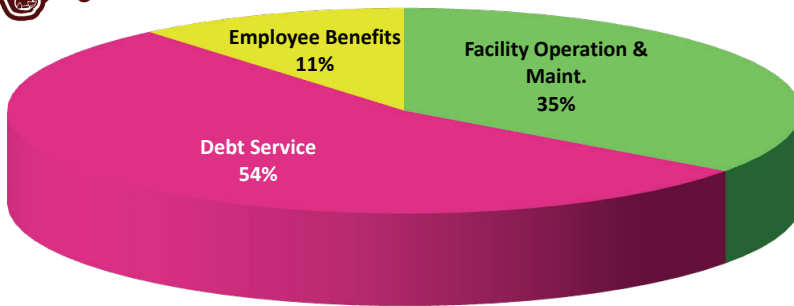
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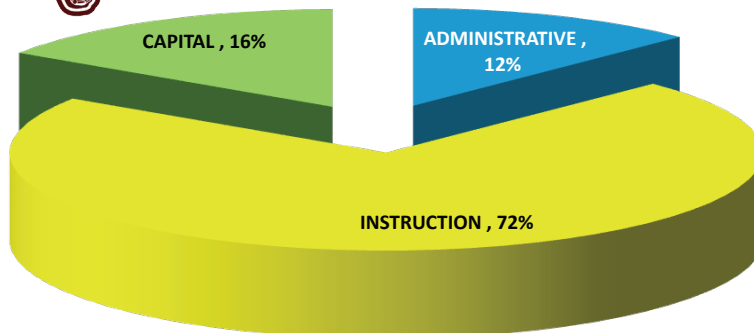
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES



CAPITAL EXPENDITURES



THREE PART BUDGET



QUALIFIED VOTER:

A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election.

If you are not registered with the County Board of Elections, and if you are a U.S., citizen, eighteen years of age or older, a resident of the school district for at least 30 days before the vote, you may apply for an absentee ballot for the school district vote by contacting the office of the District Clerk at 315-495-4400.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

NICOLE SZCZEPANSKI



Hello, I am Nicole Szczepanski and it is my pleasure to introduce myself as a candidate for the Stockbridge Valley Central School Board of Education. I have always been passionate that children, no matter their situation, are given the best opportunity to grow and develop. I obtained a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to graduation I took a role at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, one of the top pediatric research hospitals in the country. I initially worked for the Department of Psychiatry helping families whose children were diagnosed with various mood disorders. After four years of working for the Department, I transitioned to the Pediatric Neuroimaging Research Consortium at the hospital. Here I worked primarily with families whose children were diagnosed with dyslexia. We were able to help these children with a computerized literacy program that demonstrated positive neurological changes from the intervention we were providing. It was extremely rewarding to work for these children and their families offering guidance and assistance when it was needed the most.

After moving to Central NY in 2013, I completed a second Bachelor’s degree in Nursing. I continued my focus in nursing with children and adolescents by becoming a Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN). In 2018 I had my first child and decided to spend my time at home with my family. As a mother now to four young children, I remain committed to the same goal of enriching and supporting our children in their educational and social development. My oldest son, Harrison (6), is in First Grade at Stockbridge and my husband and I couldn’t be happier about the experience we and Harrison have had to date. Prior to having children, I didn’t realize how integral and crucial the school was for the community. Our experience with the school has positively impacted our family and fostered a relationship with the community. I’m sure this sentiment is shared by many other families throughout the district. I am eager to use my educational and professional background as well as my personal experiences as a parent to strengthen the relationship the school has within the community for the betterment of the students and their families as a board member. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement and I look forward to working with and for you if elected.

DAN GILBERT



Hi, I’m Dan Gilbert, and I’m excited to be running for a position on our local school board. My family and I have proudly lived in the district for the past 14 years, and this community means a great deal to us. You will often find me watching my daughter Lilly playing softball and son Collin playing soccer at Carlon Field.

I earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Cazenovia College with a dual major in psychology and criminal justice. For the past nine years, I have worked for the Madison County Probation Department, where I currently serve as a supervisor. In this role, I’ve had the privilege of working with families and youth, helping to build safer communities and support individuals as they work toward brighter futures.

I’m running for the school board because I want to give back to the district that has given so much to my own family. I care deeply about ensuring that every student has access to the resources, support, and opportunities they need to succeed. I also believe in supporting the dedicated educators and staff who work so hard each day to make that possible.

If elected, I look forward to listening, learning, and working together with our community to help our school, and our students, thrive.

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JOSEPH MONFILETTO



Education is one of the most valuable assets available. It serves to secure a positive future for students and society. Providing a quality education means many systems have to work together. Teachers, administrators, support staff, the community and many others join together to make education happen.

I am currently a board member of the Madison-Oneida BOCES, serve on the executive committee of the local School Board Institute, and stay informed through the New York State School Board Association. With this experience, I will be ready to serve on the local school board.

My wife Colleen, a retired special education teacher, and I have lived in the district for a little over ten years. We have two grown children who live out of the area and we were always active in their education and school programs.

I look forward to serving on the Stockbridge Board of Education. I would appreciate your vote on May 20. I also urge you to attend the meet the candidates night on May 13. I will be there to answer questions.

Thank you.

STAY CONNECTED WITH PARENTSQUARE COMMUNITY GROUP



Whether you're a proud alumni family, a former SV parent, or simply a community member who wants to stay informed, we've got you covered!

Join our Stockbridge Valley Community Connection group on ParentSquare!

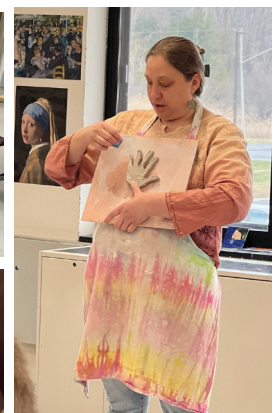
You'll receive updates on school-related news that matters to the community—public notices about building projects, budget votes, alumni highlights, and invitations to public events like concerts, plays, and more.

Sign up at our website: <https://www.stockbridgevalley.org/>

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Meehan, High School Secretary, at hmeehan@stockbridgevalley.org

HANDS-ON POTTERY EXPERIENCE MADE POSSIBLE BY SV EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND PTSO

SVCS Pre-K through 6th grade students enjoyed making pottery in April. Guest clay artist Jessica Hofmeyer visited art teacher Ms. Lacy's classroom, bringing supplies and underglaze colors to help students create one-of-a-kind pieces. Hofmeyer will take the pottery to her kiln for firing and return the finished pieces to present to the students. Thank you to the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation, Inc. for funding and to the PTSO for providing supplies.



HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Families, Students, and Community Members,

Progressing in the Right Direction!

We are thrilled to share some fantastic updates from our school community!

First in the State for Geometry Scores:

We are proud to announce that our school has achieved the highest number of students scoring at the proficiency level in the state on the June 2024 Geometry Regents! This accomplishment reflects our students' hard work, dedication, and the exceptional teaching they receive. Congratulations to all our students and Mr. Tillotson for this remarkable achievement!

State Testing: As we continue to navigate through the academic year, our students are preparing for state testing. We encourage everyone to stay focused and do their best. Remember, preparation is key, and we believe in each of you!

- May 1 - Science State Testing - Grades 5 and 8
- May 13 & 14 - Math State Testing - Grades 3-8
- June 10 - Regents Exam for Life Science: Biology 9th graders
- June 10 - Regents Exam for Earth and Space Sciences 10th graders
- June 11 - Regents Exam for Geometry 10th and 11th graders
- June 17-25 - Regents Week



Donkey Basketball - A Huge Success!

Our recent Donkey Basketball event was a tremendous success! It was a fun-filled afternoon that brought families closer together and strengthened our community bonds. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this event memorable and for supporting our FFA program!

Mathletics Competition:

Our students recently showcased their skills in a Mathletics competition, demonstrating their exceptional mathematical abilities. We are proud of their efforts and the spirit of teamwork they displayed. While this was their last event of the year, we look forward to returning strong in the Fall. Thank you to all who participated in this event.

Continuous Academic Work and Effort: We are committed to maintaining a high standard of academic excellence. Our students and teachers continue to work hard, and we encourage everyone to keep pushing forward. Your efforts do not go unnoticed!

Thank you for being a part of our incredible school community. Together, we are making strides towards a brighter future!

Mrs. Lisa Hopkins, 7-12 Principal

SVCS IMPORTANT DATES

Junior/Senior Prom - May 17 - 5:00 p.m. at SVCS for the grand march and crowning.

Honor Roll Breakfast 7-12 - May 20 at 9:00 am

District Wide Art Show - May 20 at 5:30-6:30 pm

Senior Class Boston Trip - June 14 - June 15

FFA Banquet - June 5 - Social Hour: 5:30 pm / Dinner: 6:00 pm / Award Ceremony: 7:00 pm

Varsity Spring Sports Night - June 11 at 6:00 pm

Senior Awards Night - June 11 at 6:00 pm

MOBOCES Graduation - June 16 at 6:00 pm at Vernon Downs, Vernon (rain dates 17, 18)

Graduation Rehearsal - Thursday, June 26, Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Rehearsal immediately following

Graduation Ceremony - Friday, June 27, 2025 at 6 p.m. (Seniors at SVCS by 5:15 p.m.)

DONKEY BASKETBALL - A HUGE SUCCESS



THANK YOU FROM THE JUNIOR CLASS!



It's officially prom season! The juniors have worked so hard this year donating their time and helping to fundraise to have a successful prom. We are all so excited to see all these efforts come together in just a few short weeks. Prom will be held on Saturday, May 17 at the Heritage Barn at the Dunham Homestead. Please join us for the Grand March right here in the Charles E. Stratton auditorium at 5 o'clock in the evening. The juniors and I are so appreciative of all the support shown to us by the students, parents, staff and community. Without all your help and contributions, this prom wouldn't happen. We had a successful bottle drive and Krispy Kreme Donut sale. Just a reminder, the juniors have an account open all year at Cash for Cans in Oneida. Bottles and cans can be donated anytime throughout the year! Thank you again for all the support!

Mrs. Erica Laraby
Junior Class Advisor

STUDENT COUNCIL ~ SVCS LEADERS

On Tuesday, April 8, our SVCS High School Student Council was thrilled to attend the Madison County Youth Leadership Conference hosted by BRiDGES. A majority of the day was spent with our students working with peers from other Madison County school districts. At the event our team of students were taught ways to engage, lead, and encourage conversation. The keynote speakers were trained in improv, which allowed them special insight on how to showcase ways to keep positive flow in group sessions and teamwork. Students were trained on ways to branch out and to invite others into their lives.

We would love to share a tip we took away from the event. When in a group where others may be left alone, an easy way to invite people in would be to stand in a "croissant" shape. If you are in a "bagel" shape, the body language cue is that you are not welcoming at the moment. However, a croissant allows everyone to be seen and a simple gesture to come over and join can shift the course of the day.

Ms. Jessica O'Mara
Student Council Advisor



ART CLUB IS THE PLACE TO BE!



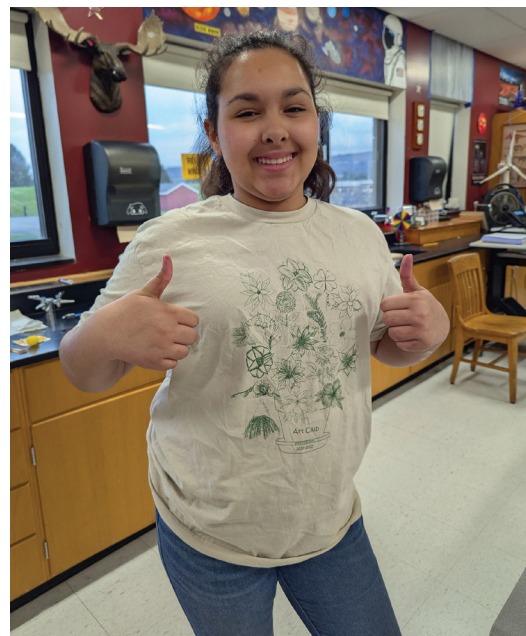
In late February, Mrs. Maguire and Ms. Lacy brought art students to the Community Folk Art Center. Affiliated with Syracuse University, CFAC is a vibrant cultural and artistic hub committed to the promotion and development of artists of the African Diaspora. At our visit, students got the opportunity to write some haiku poems, toured the facilities, participated in an African drumming session, and enjoyed creating personal zine collage books.

Art Field Trip



Art Club T-shirts

Mrs. Maguire's middle and high school art club members created a collaborative t-shirt design. Club members wanted every artist to draw a flower. All the flowers were designed together to appear that they are coming out of a flowerpot. The students had a great vision and the shirts came out great!



FOCACCIA ART



Students in Mr. DeBraccio's Food Prep college class combined their culinary and artistic skills to create beautiful floral designs on focaccia bread.



MATHLETICS IS BACK!

In February, Joey Jones, Levi Claxton, and Lily Relyea (pictured right) took 3rd place in the Mathletics competition at Westmoreland! The team of three—most teams have at least five students—competed in the second Mathletics competition that Stockbridge participated in this year.

On April 5, a team of seven competed in our final meet of the season at Camden. More than a dozen school districts from Madison and Oneida Counties were represented, with approximately 80 students participating. Although we didn't place, some new members had the opportunity to experience what the rounds of competition are like.

Lily Relyea, Hunter Relyea, MacKenzie Davis, Devynn Bingel, Levi Shea, Alex Cullen, and Nathaniel Lumbrazo all worked hard! Mrs. Hopkins even stopped by and tried a few of the problems. We're really proud of the momentum the Mathletics Club is gaining!

Ms. Elise Spinelli
Ms. Connie Rasmussen
Mathletics Advisors



SAVE THE DATE - DISTRICT ART SHOW

The Stockbridge Valley Central School District Art Show is Tuesday, May 20 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Kindergarten through 12 grade artwork will be on display throughout the lower hallway near the auditorium. Three-dimensional artwork will be on display in the cafeteria this night only. Everyone will enjoy this great family event. Please come and support our talented and creative students.



STEAM AHEAD IN THE VALLEY SPARKS INNOVATION, DRAWS 200

Stockbridge Valley School hosted nearly 200 attendees at the third annual STEAM Ahead in the Valley event on March 13. The event featured a variety of hands-on activities and displays, all focused on natural disasters and their impact on our lives.

A wide range of engaging activities were available for participants, including Green-Screen Live Weather Reporting with Mr. Lehmann and his students. Mrs. Bartlett's Science Club demonstrated soil erosion and even taught attendees how to make Dirt Cakes. Students also explored Storm Percussion Rain Sticks in Ms. O'Mara's Science in Society and Living Environment classes. The Culinary Club, led by Mr. DeBraccio, delighted participants with Hurricane Cupcakes and Tornado Cotton Candy.



Other exciting activities included making unique snowflakes with Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Bovalino, crafting Blizzard Snow Globes with Mrs. Gleason and the Counseling staff, and creating Paper Tornadoes with Mrs. Maguire and the Art Club.

Special thanks to the students of the Natural Disasters and Principles in STEM classes for their hard work in organizing and preparing for this incredible event.

"It is amazing to see our high school students engaging with elementary students in such a supportive and enriching environment. Events like these showcase the power of collaboration and the strong sense of community we are fortunate to have at Stockbridge Valley," said Superintendent Corey Graves.

The event was organized by Science Teachers Ms. O'Mara, Mr. Snyder, and Mrs. Bartlett, with substantial support from both staff and student volunteers. It also received valuable contributions from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Scouting America, and Madison County Soil and Water, whose support helped make the day even more memorable.



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we enjoy the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank all of you who attended and supported our **Spring Social!** This event is always a highlight of the season, and your generous participation helps fund so many wonderful PTSO-sponsored activities for our students and families. Thanks to your support, we're able to continue offering memorable events like **Paint Nights, Trunk or Treat,** and our magical **Elf Shop**—each one bringing joy and connection to our school community.



Looking ahead to summer, I'm thrilled to share that our Summer Learning Academy will return from July 7 through July 24, running four days a week for students currently in kindergarten through fifth grade. This year's sweet theme—"Summer Learning Academy is Sweet"—will bring fun, engaging learning experiences with a sprinkle of summer magic. Students will also enjoy a refreshing field trip to the Splash Pad at Verona State Park and an end-of-program picnic to celebrate everything they've learned and accomplished.

Our students in **grades 3 through 6** recently completed the **New York State English Language Arts** exams, and we are so proud of their hard work and determination. Thank you to our teachers and families for the encouragement and preparation that helped guide students through this important assessment.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. It's been a fantastic school year so far, and I'm excited for all the meaningful moments still to come!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Julie Suber, K-6 Principal

These celebrations are truly special moments that allow us to reflect on the growth, creativity, and accomplishments of our students. We look forward to seeing you there!

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Art Show** – May 20 at 5:30 pm
- **Elementary Spring Concert** – May 20 at 6:30 pm
- **School Picnic & Field Days** – June 20
- **Kindergarten Graduation** – June 23 at 6:00 pm
- **Sixth Grade Graduation** – June 24 at 1:15 pm

4TH GRADERS ARE ENERGIZED

In fourth grade, we've been squeezing in some fun where we can while also preparing for the upcoming NYS Assessments. We recently wrapped up our science unit on energy by making our own energy cars. The cars traveled anywhere from 0 to 17 feet! Students collaborated throughout the process and had a great time. Next up: becoming published authors!

Mrs. Laraby and Ms. Stedman
4th Grade Teachers





Stockbridge Valley
Central School District

HONOR ROLL - JANUARY 2025

GRADE 6

HIGH HONOR

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

HONOR

Adisyn Lonczak
Miranda Moot
Greyson Truman

GRADE 7

HIGH HONOR

Olivia Divens
Olivia Greene
Emma Mish
Owen Mobbs
Lily Relyea
Natalie Shaw
Jillyan Strain
Gregory Truman

HONOR

Julia Douthit
Lukas LaLonde
Macie Moot
Evan Phillips
Brady Plasse
Henry Pond

GRADE 8

HIGH HONOR

Devynn Bingel
Karalynne Carmon
Avery Ellerbruch
Joseph Jones
Ryleighann Kern
Myah Pizzuto
Hunter Relyea
Tucker Wallace
Blake Wilson

HONOR

Jasper Clark
McKenzie Davis
Freda Josephs

GRADE 9

HIGH HONOR

Anna Baker
Serenity Chapin
Jayden Croniser
Madison Divens
Aven Hofmeyer
Liam Plasse

HONOR

Logan Cady
Collin Hartle
Ernest Moot III
Lena Snyder

GRADE 10

HIGH HONOR

Nevaeh Bingel
Lyla Cross
Alexander Cullen
Alyssa Fisher
Leah Flaherty
Thomas Jones IV

Marisa Maiura

Delilah McEathron
Addisyn Mendez-Martin
James Peterson III
Paislee Stevens
Aspen Tucci

HONOR

Eddie DeMenezes
BethAnn Mason
Jade Nystrom

GRADE 11

HIGH HONOR

Rileigh Berger
Rebekah Cullen
Hayden Grow
Abigail Jantzi
Jack Josephs
Dylan LaFave
Nathanyel Lumbrazo
Shawn Mann
Elizabeth Shaver
Kiley Snow
Lilly Stevens
Mallory Tysco

HONOR

Kaiden Chapin
Magavin Moot
Ameera Panebianco
Olivia Waldron

GRADE 12

HIGH HONOR

Hailey Beecher
Ethan Benishek
Marlie Brummer
Levi Claxton
Emma DeMenezes
Kendra Genge
Madison Greene
Madison Hartle
Marilyn Jones
Barbara Myers
Kaelyn Rahauiser
Braden Renner
Anthony Shaw
Hannah Sherman
Shayden Tiff

HONOR

MaKayla Cureton
Jadalyn George
Ella Hopkins
Phoebe Masters
Emily Mobbs
Marcus Moot
Cole Russ

Congratulations

FFA IS BLOOMING THIS SPRING

During the spring season, FFA members can be seen everywhere. While some members plant gardens or birth livestock for their SAEs, others participate elsewhere.

In the spring, members had the opportunity to go to many different places. Near the end of spring break members went to Camp Oswegatchie for their Annual Adiron-DUCK Race. All the money raised supports the Oswegatchie Education Center and half the price of ducks went directly to our local FFA chapter. The Stockbridge FFA members volunteered at the event by cooking and serving a pancake breakfast for people to attend while waiting for the race. The day had many fun activities like face painting, shopping, a one-man magic show, and of course the duck race down the river. There was an array of prizes for the duck race and it was just an overall fun experience.

In May, the FFA opens its greenhouse and sells flowers and vegetable plants to the community. Members run the sale and gain hours for their placement SAEs. Hours this year

will be Friday 5 pm - 7 pm and Saturday 10 am - 2 pm on Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekends or you can make an appointment. All proceeds from the greenhouse will support kids to attend FFA events such as state and national conventions, summer camp and winter weekend at Oswegatchie, leadership conferences, and many other opportunities.



The 100th New York State FFA Convention will be held at the NYS Fairgrounds, May 7-8. The chapter will have 20 members attending the convention to take part in the celebration. Joseph Jones will compete in Prepared Public Speaking, securing a spot by placing 1st at Sub States. Dylan LaFave has been slated and will be elected as the 2025-2026 New York State FFA Reporter.

Other members will go to the convention to compete in competitions including Quiz Bowl, Maple Production, Ag Communications, and Food Science.

The FFA's spring is a busy time for all members. The spring is a time for new growth in FFA and these activities will encourage personal, economic, and environmental growth among the members and the chapter.

Submitted by,
Miss Rebekah Cullen
FFA Reporter

Stockbridge Valley Annual FFA Banquet

June 5, 2025

SVCS Cafeteria/Auditorium

Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Award Ceremony: 7:00 PM

Please Bring a Dish to Pass
Pulled Pork and dinner service provided

We hope you can join us to celebrate our members' accomplishments!




ANNUAL MEETING



Left to right: Administrative Intern, Mrs. LaFave, Superintendent, Mr. Graves, Business Administrator, Mrs. Lamb, Student Chef Olivia Waldron, Board President, Mr. Strain and Board Vice-President, Mrs. Guinto at the Madison-Oneida BOCES Annual Meeting on April 9, 2025.



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

Our in person registration will take place on

Tuesday May 20th, 2025

2:00pm to 6:30pm

at Stockbridge Valley Central School

***If unable to attend, please call 315-361-5903 or email
mutegg@moboces.org for an application***

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 Stockbridge school district

*Certified teachers and teacher aides in each of our two classrooms

*Free transportation to and from school

*Parent Involvement

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





SVCS
Greenhouse



Wide variety of hanging baskets, bedding plants, vegetables, and herbs

Open
May 9-10 & 23-24

FRIDAY 5 PM - 7 PM
SATURDAY 10 AM - 2 PM

Additional appointments available by booking on <https://calendar.app.google/FPod8DZEg7qcEHcV8> or contacting Erin Smith
315-525-6138 | esmith@stockbridgevalley.org



THE JUNIOR CLASS OF 2026 PRESENTS THE STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

Fantasy Forest Junior Prom

ON SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2025 FROM 6:00-10:00PM
-Dancing, snacks, memories & Fun-

LOCATION HERITAGE BARN AT THE DUNHAM HOMESTEAD
1623 POOLVILLE ROAD, HAMILTON

Grand March

WILL BE HELD IN THE STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CHARLES E. STRATTON AUDITORIUM @ 6:00 IN THE EVENING
STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 5:45PM
JUNIOR CLASS CROWNING WILL ALSO OCCUR DURING THIS TIME

PROM IS OPEN TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS TICKETS ARE ON SALE UP UNTIL THURSDAY, MAY 15TH
SEE MRS. LARABY TO PURCHASE. THESE ARE FINAL SALE!

SINGLE ATTENDEES - \$25 ◊ COUPLES - \$40.00
WHEN TICKETS ARE PURCHASED, FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PURCHASER REGARDING PROM DETAILS
A FORMAL INVITATION TO THE GRAND MARCH WILL BE MAILED TO FAMILIES

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING PROM, PLEASE CONTACT ERICA LARABY, JUNIOR CLASS ADVISOR, AT ELARABY@STOCKBRIDGEVALLEY.ORG

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A FREE BIKE!



*EACH BIKE RECIPIENT MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED, AND MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A BIKE.



COMMUNITY BIKES
Hamilton, NY

TWO DISTRIBUTION DAYS!
Sunday, May 4, Hamilton, N.Y.
Saturday, May 17, Oneida, N.Y.

OUR MISSION
Providing free bikes to families in need for transportation, exercise or just for fun!

ELIGIBILITY
Bikes are available to children and adults of all ages and sizes who don't already have a bike, and who are...

- ★ Residents of Madison County
- ★ Eligible for Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, SSD or other cash assistance
- ★ Have other demonstrated needs or special circumstances

APPLY! <https://www.communitybikes.org>



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 5-9, 2025

Thank you Stockbridge Valley teachers for your hard work and dedication to our students!

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 13,439,219	\$ 14,018,385	\$ 13,978,035
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$ 579,166	\$ 538,816
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.31 %	4.01%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 2,645,430	\$ 2,671,485	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 0	\$ 0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ 0	\$ 0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 2,645,430	\$ 2,671,485	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 1,069	\$ 16,483	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,676,586	\$ 2,758,367	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 2,644,361	\$ 2,655,002	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 32,225	\$ 103,365	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,710,027	\$ 1,757,812	\$ 1,756,912
Program Component	\$ 9,767,322	\$ 10,063,391	\$ 10,050,941
Capital Component	\$ 1,961,870	\$ 2,197,182	\$ 2,170,182
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p><i>In projecting the contingency budget for 2025-2026 school year, the District has assumed a total of \$40,350 of non-contingent expenditure items to be removed from the proposed budget.</i></p>			
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>	Description		Amount
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 501.80

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Stockbridge Valley School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at Stockbridge Valley Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm prevailing time in the School Foyer, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. *Any qualified voter wishing to obtain an Absentee, Early Mail, or Military Ballot, should contact Pamela Dymes, District Clerk, at (315) 495-4400.*

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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Michael Gough
Carol Marshall
Doug Reed
Jaime Renner

BUDGET VOTE
PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET
AND BOE CANDIDATE VOTE
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025
10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
SVCS FOYER BY THE
NURSES OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Corey Graves, Superintendent
Beth Lamb, Business Administrator
Julie Suber, K-6 Principal/Director
of Special Education
Lisa Hopkins, 7-12 Principal

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315-495-4400

District Clerk

Pam Dymes
315-495-4400

**Business
Administrator**

Beth Lamb
315-495-4446

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of Special Education**

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315-495-4550

7-12 Principal

Lisa Hopkins
315-495-4450

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Cassandra Gleason
315-495-1908

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Mark Kiser
315-495-4590

Cafeteria Manager

Kathy Carney
315-495-1909

CSE Chairperson

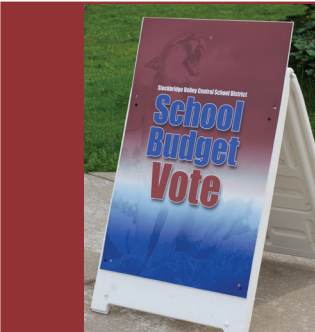
Karen Carbone
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Head Bus Driver

Brian Leach
315-495-4599

School Nurse

Mattie Shea
315-495-4500



Absentee ballots for the Budget and Board of Education
Vote must be received by the office of the District Clerk
by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.