



RAIDER PRIDE

A State and National Award-Winning Publication

MAY 2025



WINNER WINNER

May has been a month full of accomplishments, celebrations and well-deserved recognition across the Seneca Valley School District. From the inspiring success of our annual Hope Walk to national-level achievements in academics and the arts, our students have continued to shine. The Marching Band took top honors as Grand Champions in the NATO parade, our Academic Decathlon team placed at nationals, and a group of innovators headed to the KidWind World Championship. These are just a few of the stories that showcase the talent, teamwork and dedication within our SV community. Dive into this month's newsletter to read more about the moments that made us proud! ■



Photo credit: Bill Paterson

THE FUTURE AHEAD

Mild temperatures greeted the thousands of families and friends who attended Seneca Valley's Commencement Ceremony at NexTier Stadium on Thursday, May 29. Several photos are available on our social media platforms with picture pages planned for next month's issue of Raider Pride. Congratulations, SV Graduates, we are #SVPrroud! ■



TABLE OF CONTENTS:

- 'The Great Gatsby' 8
- SV Jazz Receives Top Ratings 14
- Decathletes break records 21
- Staff of SV 33
- Smart Corner: Mental Health Awareness 35

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 2 School Board Meeting, Work Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- June 6 Last Day for K-11 Students (Early release times will be communicated through your child's building)
- June 9 Staff In-Service Day, No School for Students
- June 9 School Board Meeting, Regular Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- June 13 Report Card/Reports of Student Progress Release

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

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

TO THE FINISH LINE

Our SV Kids of Steel sure are fast! It was great to see all the Seneca Valley pride on the streets of Pittsburgh at the Kids Marathon held Saturday, May 3.

Special thanks to the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) for providing busing for the school community.

Ms. Ashley Salman, Haine Elementary Physical Education teacher, said, "It was a fantastic culminating activity, bringing everyone together to celebrate health and fitness!" ■



DESIGN FOR A DAY

What does it take to design a dream home—for a frog, a deer or maybe even a bear?

Earlier this month, fourth graders at Ehrman Crest Elementary School stepped into the shoes of real architects during a special visit from Mr. Jeremy Dwyer, Associate Vice President of CannonDesign, and his team of architects. With curiosity and creativity leading the way, students tackled a hands-on design challenge that asked them to create a lake house for an animal client—complete with a building site, conceptual model and group presentation.

Along the way, these young innovators sharpened skills in collaboration, research, communication, and problem-solving, gaining insight into the real-world impact of thoughtful design. Their creativity and teamwork impressed everyone in the room! ■



STOMP, WALK AND PARADE

Ehrman Crest Schools recently participated in their annual Saulle's Teddy Bear Official Memorial Parade (S.T.O.M.P.) Walk - a campaign to raise monies for the Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute Fund to support oncology services.

Students and staff took turns walking around the building to help honor families impacted by this disease and raise money for cancer research. Many completed their walk carrying banners and signs and wore messages on their T-shirts.

S.T.O.M.P. participants have raised over \$221,000 over the past 17 years. This walk began in 2008 in memory of a kindergarten teacher, Ms. Linda Saulle, who taught at Evans City Elementary School and lost her battle with cancer in 2007. Today it acts as a remembrance to all families touched by cancer throughout our local area. ■



LAST CALL TO JOIN THE SENECA VALLEY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM!

Registration closes on WEDNESDAY (6/4/25)

LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM. REGISTER YOUR MUSICIAN. AND EMAIL THE DIRECTORS BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:

BIT.LY/2025BEGINNERINFO

Current 4th graders who do not already participate in the instrumental music program can join too! To register them, please visit the website to learn about the program and then email the directors instead of completing the form. They will get back to you with directions on how to get started!

LOCAL TALENT TAKES ON GLOBAL GOALS

Seneca Valley is proud to announce that two student teams from Haine Elementary School earned invitations to the KidWind World Championship which took place May 18-21 in Phoenix.

The competition is the culminating event of the KidWind Challenge, a hands-on design competition that encourages students to explore the power and promise of clean energy through building and testing small-scale wind turbines and solar structures.

This year, six teams of fourth-grade students from Haine Elementary participated in KidWind events. The wind turbine teams competed in both the regional and state-level challenges hosted at Penn State Greater Allegheny and Penn State University Park, while the solar power teams showcased their innovations at the state competition held at University Park.

Following impressive showings at these events, two Seneca Valley teams earned tickets to the prestigious world finals:

- The SV Wind Power team, composed of Auggy Semblante, Ayansh Goyal and Connor Diefenderfer
- The SV Solar Sorters team, consisting of Cassius Eggleston, Logan Fedin, Lucas Prible and Charlie Walczak

Both teams are coached by Linda Weismann, fourth grade teacher, and Jeremiah Friday, gifted support teacher, at Haine Elementary. Currently KidWind is offered at Haine Elementary, it is expanding to Ehrman Crest in 2025-26, and the other elementary buildings in 2026-27.

“We are incredibly proud of the dedication of the students, as well as their exceptional performance at both the regional and state levels,” said Ms. Weismann and Mr. Friday. “All of the SV teams poured their souls into the testing and the presentation of their work. As the inaugural group of SV



students who participated in KidWind, they have surpassed our expectations with their creativity, responsibility, and resilience in overcoming obstacles. With its emphasis on renewable energy, the students developed an understanding of sustainability, and through testing and iteration, created the best designs to create the most electricity, with the given materials and the project constraints. We are excited for the future of the KidWind program at Seneca Valley.”

According to its website, the KidWind organization aims to spark student interest in clean energy and its global impact, offering opportunities for young learners to engage in real-world STEM challenges and explore careers in the renewable energy sector. The program also provides students with 21st-century learning skills and a phenomenon-based learning opportunity. ■



WALKING IN HOPE

The week of April 28, Seneca Valley secondary students participated in activities of hope, celebration and awareness in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. On Thursday, May 1, the Seneca Valley Hope Squad hosted their third annual Hope Walk as part of a culminating event following a week of special recognitions. Students in grades 9–12 stepped away from their English classes to walk — not only for themselves, but in support of one another. Throughout the day, hundreds of students and faculty members united to bring Hope Week to a powerful close, carrying forward an important message: no one walks alone.

Hope Week is an initiative designed to promote mental health awareness across the district and community, educate the public on suicide prevention and reduce the stigma around mental health. Throughout the week, students participated in various activities that not only built awareness but also highlighted the resources available both inside and outside of school. The Hope Walk offered students a meaningful break where they could enjoy a beautiful afternoon walking the track, music from a live DJ, outdoor games, booths showcasing SV clubs and activities and refreshing Dilly Bars.

As part of their ongoing mission, the Hope Squad raised approximately \$3,400 to support their initiatives for grades 9–12. These funds will directly benefit programming and create opportunities for mindfulness activities, self-care initiatives, and provide additional mental health resources for students at Seneca Valley. The SV Hope Squad did a great job planning a week of school spirit and unity!

Thank you to all the organizations that helped make this year's Hope Walk a success, including the Seneca Valley Foundation,



General Rental Center, Cranberry DQ Grill & Chill, Fireside Events and the Rotary Club of Zelenople. Your support was instrumental in bringing this important week to life. ■

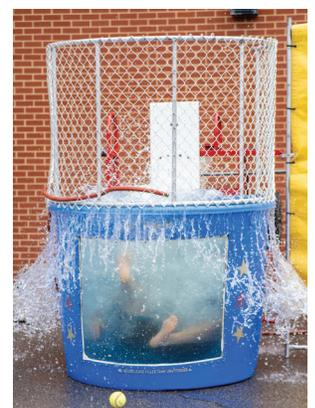


HOPE WALK MAKES A SPLASH FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) dove into Hope Week on Monday, May 19 with their annual Hope Walk, hosted by the RGMS Hope Squad to raise awareness for mental health. This year's theme, "Just Keep Swimming: Mental Health Awareness," encouraged students to stay positive, persevere through challenges and support one another with kindness.

The kickoff Hope Walk brought the entire school together in support and celebration, complete with activities, games and even a dunk tank! The week was packed with school spirit as students took part in daily dress-up themes, sporting tropical vacation shirts, going green for mental health and "fishing out" their favorite outfits! Local organizations joined in to share resources and messages of hope.

With laughter, learning and school spirit, RGMS Hope Week made waves in the best way! ■



AWARD-WINNING PIECES

Four sophomores from Seneca Valley Intermediate High School were recently recognized for their award-winning pieces at the 2025 Waldman Arts & Writing Competition, hosted by the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh.

This year's theme "Local Legacies: Holocaust Survivors of the Pittsburgh Region," provided students the opportunity to commemorate, honor and connect with survivors who settled in our own communities after surviving unspeakable hardship. Students showed their learning through poetry, writing an essay or producing 2-D or 3-D art. The top projects in each category were chosen as entries to represent Seneca Valley at the Waldman Arts & Writing Competition.

Aubri Holland won the high school poetry category for her entry, Music is life, a poem that tells the story of Moshe Taube, a Holocaust survivor whose voice and love for



Pictured L-R: Aubri Holland, Hailey McPhilomy, Isabella Coyne, Chase Lapaglia and Michele Russo, Seneca Valley Intermediate High School English Teacher.

music carried him through immense childhood hardship. Miss Holland was also named the grand prize winner of the overall competition.

Hailey McPhilomy won the high school 3-D art category for her entry, David, the teddy bear. Her entry honors Shulamit Bastacky, a Holocaust survivor who created the Teddy Bear Project to comfort children, with its design symbolizing hope, resilience and her Jewish heritage.

Miss Holland and Miss McPhilomy were awarded monetary prizes and educational books.

Additionally, Isabella Coyne and Chase Lapaglia were named school winners. Miss Coyne won in the 2-D art category and Mr. Lapaglia won in the essay category.

The Waldman Arts & Writing awards ceremony took place on May 14, at Chatham University. This annual event allows students in grades 6-12 to compete for financial scholarships and winners are honored with prizes and certificates. ■

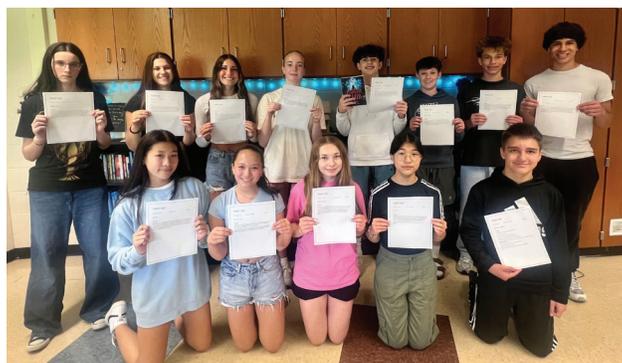


YOUNG WRITERS

Thirteen talented students from Ms. Courtney Strieby's eighth grade Honors English class at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) had their short stories published in the Young Writers Fright Club contest.

During September and October of 2024, Ms. Strieby's students explored various suspenseful works, including Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven," an excerpt from Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," and Neil Gaiman's "Click-Clack the Rattlebag." Inspired by these readings, students were challenged to craft their own suspense stories—each limited to just 100 words.

Every student in the class submitted an entry, and in December, several were thrilled to receive letters announcing their stories had been accepted. With parental permission, they were able to be featured in the published Fright Club anthology and receive their own copy. In the end, 13 students saw their work in print and celebrated this exciting accomplishment. ■



From left to right top row: Riley Blazier, Sophia Sipp, Lexi Parker, Mia Baugh, Max Andrekovich, Will Pefferman, Ben Kane and Cruz Segulla.

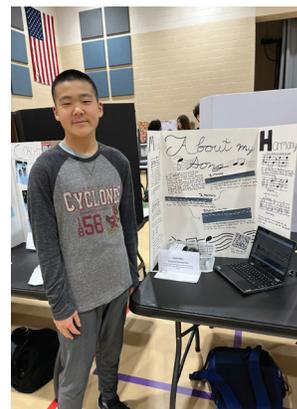
From left to right bottom row: Jacki Lu, Lila Padgelek, Hannah Magerl, Karen Jiang and Grant Burgert.

IMPRESSIVE PROJECTS

Students in the purpose program at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) recently participated in the annual Scenario Showcase, where more than 150 seventh and eighth graders presented their impressive projects that they've been working on all year long.

For nearly 20 years, this event has celebrated the creativity, innovation, and hard work of RGMS students in the purpose program who take on the challenge of designing their own independent projects.

Projects included entrepreneurship ventures, video game development, photography, culinary creations and scientific research. Some organized unique events such as fishing classes and youth camps, while others raised funds for charities, authored books, produced music, learned taxidermy, and engaged in many other creative endeavors. ■



'THE GREAT GATSBY'

Seneca Valley students turned back the clock to the dazzling era of the 1920s as they made their way to the Seneca Valley 2025 prom on Saturday, May 10. Prom-goers enjoyed an evening at Stage AE inspired by timeless elegance and vintage charm and decorated with "The Great Gatsby" themed hues of black and gold.

Earlier this month, seniors chose 22 classmates to represent their prom court. The ladies of the 2025 Prom Court are Maddie Bittner, Zoe Craft, Gia DiTullio, Lauren Folino, Gianna Guandolo, Lilly Hudac, Riley Kuhar, Nina Luo, Addison Shank, Natalia Verdi and Alissa Wilson. The gentlemen of the court include Nolan Aleprete, AJ Barnett, Eric Chen, Gavin Cress, Evan Colella, Isaac Hixon, Gavin Horn, Tyler Kuhar, Preston Morris, Ryan Piekutoski and JT Wolfe.



At the event, Lilly Hudac was crowned queen and Eric Chen king.

Lilly is the daughter of Christopher and Bethany Hudac of Cranberry Township.



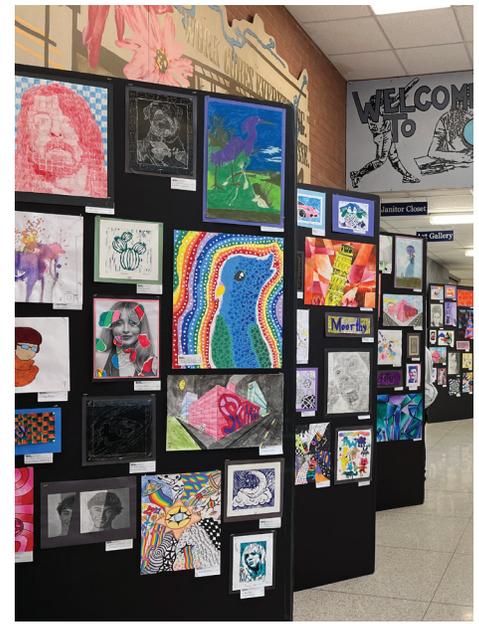
Eric is the son of Shixing Chen and Yugin Yang of Cranberry Township.

Congratulations to Seneca Valley's 2025 Prom Queen and King! ■



CREATIVITY IN EVERY CORNER

Creativity took center stage at the Ryan Gloyer Middle School Annual Art Show! Hosted at the SV Intermediate High School from May 6–8, the event showcased an incredible range of student talent, imagination, and dedication. From vibrant paintings and geometric designs to expressive portraits and abstract works, every piece reflected the passion and effort of our young artists—and it truly shined! ■



THINKING INSIDE THE BOX

Students and their families put their heads together to celebrate creativity, critical thinking and innovation for the annual Cardboard Challenge at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE). All participants were challenged to use their imagination to create and build anything using cardboard and recycled materials that showcased this year's Carnival theme.



These innovative masterpieces were put on display during CVE's Open House held May 6-7. Visitors had the opportunity to vote for their favorite creation.

Of the entries, the top three designs won generous prizes from Cranberry Dairy Queen and Fun Fore All. Congratulations to the Pint family for their skee-ball first-place submission, the Harrow Family for their "Cruise of Doom" entry, and the Thomas family for their "Slam Dunk" submission. ■



SV MARCHING BAND CROWNED GRAND CHAMPIONS

The Seneca Valley Marching Band was named the Grand Champions in the Norfolk North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Festival's "Parade of Nations" in Norfolk, VA, held on April 26.

In addition to the "Grand Champion" award, the highest overall score of any ensemble at the festival, the marching band also earned the best percussion award, best auxiliaries award and a gold rating. The band was judged on all aspects of their performance including music presentation, marching, alignment, auxiliary routines, and overall pride, carriage and poise. Seneca Valley was one of only eight high school bands selected nationwide to be in the parade.

The Norfolk NATO Festival hosted its 72nd annual "Parade of Nations," the longest continuously running parade in the region and the only parade in the United States honoring NATO. At the parade there were over 100 parade units with local and visiting high school bands from five states, U.S. and International Military bands, and colorful floats that represented each of the 30 NATO Member Nations.

This marks Seneca Valley Marching Band's fifth appearance in the parade, and they proudly earned the title of Grand Champions every time.

"We are so proud of our students and their hard work," said Varden Armstrong, Seneca Valley Band Director and Performing Arts Coordinator. "They have



continued the rich tradition of excellence and have left their mark in the legacy of the SV Band program. This is a significant accomplishment and is the direct result of the students' time, dedication and determination."

The Seneca Valley Marching Band is led by directors Mr. Varden Armstrong, Mr. Robert Babick, Ms. Sara Snyder and Mr. Brian Croach. ■



A VISIT FROM WESTMINSTER COLLEGE'S SCOTTISH FOLK ENSEMBLE

On Thursday, May 8, students in the high school chamber orchestra and string orchestra had the opportunity to hear Westminster College's Scottish Folk Ensemble, Ceòl na Teud. This ensemble is directed by Dr. Melinda Crawford Perttu and features fiddles, guitar, mandolin, flute and bass. The ensemble performs traditional

Scottish dance tunes. Following their performance, students from the Seneca Valley ensembles asked the Ceòl na Teud musicians about their musical experiences and college life at Westminster, and about opportunities to perform beyond high school. ■



NAFME ALL-EASTERN FESTIVAL

The performing arts department would like to celebrate the outstanding achievement of senior Ayla Alexander who qualified and participated in the All-Eastern Choir in April. Her work ethic, dedication and talent have truly shone through, and this recognition is a testament to her impressive skill and passion. This Seneca Valley senior was selected as a singer in the National Association for Music Education's All-Eastern Treble Ensemble. The highly selective process only accepted students with the top scores from each of eleven states: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. The students spent four days in Hartford, Connecticut to perform at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts under the direction of nationally acclaimed music instructors. We commend Ayla for achieving this significant accomplishment! ■



SENATOR ELDER VOGEL JR. SPONSORS SENATE CITATION FOR SV MARCHING BAND

On May 21, Senator Elder Vogel Jr. personally presented a Pennsylvania State Senate Citation to recognize the recent Grand Champion achievement of the SV Marching Band at the

NATO "Parade of Nations" in Norfolk, VA. This is an amazing honor that has never been received by the band. The citation will be of permanent record in the Senate and specifically commends the members of the band for their ambition, perseverance and commitment to excellence. Official copies of the citation were presented to the school district, the marching band and the band directors. ■



SV JAZZ ENSEMBLES RECEIVES TOP RATINGS

Earlier this month, members of the SV Jazz Ensembles I and II performed at the Slippery Rock University Jazz Festival and Adjudication. Each ensemble performed for two adjudicators and received written comments, a rating and personalized clinics following the performances.

The SV Jazz Ensembles I and II received the highest rating, Superior, from all adjudicators. Headlining this year's festival was guest artist and composer Ayn Inseto. Ms. Inseto is the Assistant Chair and teaches jazz composition at Berklee College of Music. After the adjudication, students attended instrument-specific masterclasses then came together for a clinic with the guest artist. The entire event concluded with a concert featuring the music of Ayn Inseto as performed by the Slippery Rock University Jazz Ensemble.

Students are led by Varden Armstrong and Bob Babick, secondary instrumental teachers. ■



SV JAZZ ENSEMBLE I RECORDS AT THE VAULT STUDIO

Students of Seneca Valley Jazz Ensemble I were given the opportunity to experience a full professional recording studio session at The Vault Studio in Pittsburgh. The four-hour session was sponsored by owner Bob McCutcheon and the Rhythm 19 Fund. The ensemble was coached and produced by Mr. McCutcheon (engineer), Brian Ammon (assistant engineer), and six-time grammy winner Jimmy Hoysen (producer/chief engineer). This was a fantastic opportunity to record with professional quality equipment at a professional studio. The rhythm section was in the main studio and the wind players were in “the vault” downstairs using audio and video feeds to communicate with their fellow musicians, SV Jazz Director Mr. Varden Armstrong, and the sound engineers. Students all used headphones and were able to adjust levels of click track and other instruments in the mix including their own during the recording process. The band recorded two tracks that will soon be released. A special thank you to SV parent Mr. Tim James for the fantastic photography capturing this event!

“We are so thankful to The Vault, Mr. McCutcheon and the Rhythm 19 Fund for this amazing opportunity for the students of Seneca Valley,” said Jazz Director Mr. Armstrong. “This was a truly once in a lifetime experience for many of our students.”

The Rhythm 19 fund was created to honor the legacy of Ryan McCutcheon who was killed in an automobile accident in 2017. Ryan was an accomplished percussionist, a dedicated instructor and mentor to high school and college students. The mission of The Rhythm 19 Fund is to honor Ryan’s memory by providing access to art and music education for children and youth. You can find out more about this fund and how to donate here: <https://thevaultrecording.com/rhythm19fund/>



SVAOC PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES WITH “SIGNING DAY”

The Seneca Valley Performing Arts department celebrated students who will be pursuing performing arts related fields in college by organizing its annual “Signing Day.” Students and families were invited to participate by having a picture taken to commemorate their decision. The Seneca Valley Performing Arts department includes Band, Choir, Orchestra, Dance, Theater and Video Production students. ■



Allison Gillett
West Virginia University
Music Education



Jolie Segulla
Michigan State University
Broad College of Business
Marketing and Sports Media



Candace Smith
Hofstra University
Drama



Ayla Alexander
Slippery Rock University
Music Education



AJ Barnett
Robert Morris University
News and Sports Media



Leo Simon
Loyola Marymount University
School of Film and Television
Screenwriting



Elora Dabravalskas
Seton Hill University
Music Therapy



Lauren Nowak
Duquesne University – Mary
Pappert School of Music
Music Education



Iliana James
Arizona State University - Walter
Cronkite School of Journalism
and Mass Communication,
Barrett Honors College
Journalism & Mass Communication

SV STUDENTS EARN NFMCC PRESIDENT’S CUP

SV senior pianists Rohin Jayaraman and Eric Chen and vocalist Annika Batavia were awarded the President’s Cup as part of the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC) festival program. The festival cup system is based on points earned annually through adjudications. In order to earn the President’s Cup, a student must earn 12 years of consecutive superior ratings in NFMC festivals. This achievement is very rare as it not only requires musical excellence, but also long-term dedication and commitment. Rohin and Eric are both students of Mrs. Linda Maurhoff and Annika is the student of Ms. Antonia Botti-Lodovico. NFMC is a national music club that provides opportunities for musical study, performance and appreciation to more than 90,000 senior, student and junior members in 5,200 music-related clubs and organizations nationwide. Members are professional and amateur musicians, vocalists, composers, dancers, performing artists, arts and music educators, music students, generous music patrons and benefactors, and music lovers of all ages. ■



Rohin Jayaraman



Eric Chen



Annika Batavia



A GOLDEN DAY AT WPIAL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Our track and field student-athletes spend an entire season preparing for one day – the WPIAL championships. Held at Slippery Rock University on Wednesday, May 14, our Raiders stood atop the podium in multiple events. Congratulations to the following WPIAL CHAMPIONS and their teammates who joined them on the podium as Top 8 medalists. It was certainly a great day to be a RAIDER!

Boys Track & Field

- Dakari Payne – High Jump, **WPIAL Champion!**
- Dakari Payne – Triple Jump, 5th place
- Dakari Payne – Long Jump, 7th place
- Noah Rieger – 100m, 8th place
- Gavin Skarbek – 400m, **WPIAL Champion!**
- Gavin Skarbek – 200m, 8th place
- Max Smith – 3200m, 8th place

Girls Track & Field

- Aubrey Erdos – Pole Vault, 2nd place
- Sydney Heltzell – 1600m, 7th place
- Jordan Monteleone – High Jump, **WPIAL Champion!**
- Jordan Monteleone – Long Jump, 8th place
- Kathryn Morrison – 100m Hurdles, 4th place
- Kate Skeen – Long Jump, 5th place
- Addison Weaver – Javelin, 7th place
- Augelina Williams – 100m, 5th place
- Augelina Williams – 200m, 6th place
- Audrey Wolfe – Javelin, 5th place
- 4 x 100 Relay, **WPIAL Champion!** – Maddee Fischer, Aubrey Popp, Addie Bokash, Augelina Williams
- 4 x 400 Relay, 7th place – Kennedy Hummert, Tessa Rybak, Sydney Heltzell, Chioma Nwokolo
- 4 x 800 Relay, 2nd place – Sydney Heltzell, Paige D’Amico, Tessa Rybak, Kennedy Hummert



SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

On Tuesday, May 13, we had an opportunity to recognize so many accomplished students, including six very deserving student-athlete award recipients. The following awards were presented, and honorees recognized.

The Sherman Award – Female MVP awarded to Lexie Hames (Softball):

The Sherman Family presents this award. It goes to a female athlete with the following characteristics: athletic ability 50%, character 30%, and scholarship 20%.



The Bertha M. Murray Award – Female awarded to Sydney Heltzell (Cross-Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track):

This award is given to a senior girl who has outstanding athletic and academic standards.



The NexTier Award – Male MVP awarded to Andrew Malichky (Ice Hockey & Baseball):

This award is given to a male athlete with the following characteristics: athletic ability 50%, character 30%, and scholarship 20%.



The Garman C. Murray Award – Male awarded to Tyler Prex (Soccer): This award is given to a senior boy who has outstanding athletic and academic standards.



The O’Shea Award awarded to Legacy Joseph-Short (Basketball & Flag Football):

This award is given to a boy or girl who most ably demonstrated the traits of Perseverance, Courage and Desire during the current year. He/she need not be a starter, a star or a letter winner. The boy/girl should be the athlete who has overcome the most severe handicaps or the greatest adversity to participate in athletics during the current year. The O’Shea Award is presented by the Knights of Columbus in Zelenople in memory of Doc O’Shea.



Knichel Logistics Female Positive Athlete Award awarded to Lilly Hudac (Basketball & Flag Football):

This award is designed to recognize a female student-athlete who exhibits the aspects of positive sporting behavior, exceptional sportsmanship and genuine leadership.



COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2025

Many Raider student-athletes made their college commitment official with the early signing period starting in mid-November. We congratulate these seniors on achieving their goals of continuing their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Each of you is a tremendous representative 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
Colton Garner	Lacrosse	Ohio Wesleyan University	Finance



SPRING SEASON PLAYOFF BOUND PROGRAMS

Baseball

At the time of this writing, Raider baseball was currently awaiting their WPIAL opening round playoff contest. The Raiders finished second in the section standings with a section mark of 8-4 and an overall record of 14-6 on the season. Seneca Valley entered the WPIAL 6A bracket as the third seed and faced off against sixth seed Mt. Lebanon. The team then went on to defeat Norwin, securing their fifth WPIAL title! Good luck in the state tournament! ■



Boys Volleyball

The Raiders finished second in their section with a 6-2 record and an overall mark of 12-3. Seeded second in the WPIAL championship bracket, the boys faced off against Canon-Mac after receiving a first-round bye and swept the Big Macs in three sets (25-13, 25-19, 25-23). The team faced Penn Trafford on Tuesday, May 21 in the semifinals. Good luck boys!



Softball

The second seed Raiders entered the WPIAL championships with a bye in the first round and faced Norwin on Tuesday, May 21 in the semifinals. The Raiders completed their regular season with a 15-3 overall record and 13-3 in section play. Good luck in postseason play! ■

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED IN SPRING SPORTS

The Big 56 Conference recently announced its spring sport honorees in baseball and softball and the Raiders were well represented. The following Seneca Valley student-athletes were recognized for their excellence on the field.



SOFTBALL

1st Team	2nd Team
Lexie Hames	Bella Gross
	Anna Kalkowski
	Emry Rice

BASEBALL

1st Team	2nd Team	Section 1 Player of the Year
Wes Conville	Andrew Malichky	Ryan Piekutoski
Danny Drennan	Micah Olayer	
Ryan Piekutoski		
Ryan Rebholz ■		

EXCEPTIONAL IN SPORTS

They key word – actually key letter, in the heading is “s” – for sports. The Northern Area Athletics Directors Association (NADA) recently honored a small collection of student-athletes who compete in three sports during their senior year. In this era of youth sport, competing in three distinct sports as a high school senior is a rare and uncommon experience. We recognized our two honorees – Landon Davis and Maddee Fischer – for their vast contributions to our Athletics program. Landon will graduate as a three-sport letter winner in football, wrestling and lacrosse. Maddee will graduate as a four-sport letter winner in cross-country, wrestling, track & field and flag football. We thank Landon and Maddee for their contributions as students, athletes and commendable citizens in our community. Well done! ■



BOYS VOLLEYBALL ALL-SECTION

The WPIAL boys volleyball coaches recently announced their All-Section teams for the 2025 season and the Raiders were well represented.

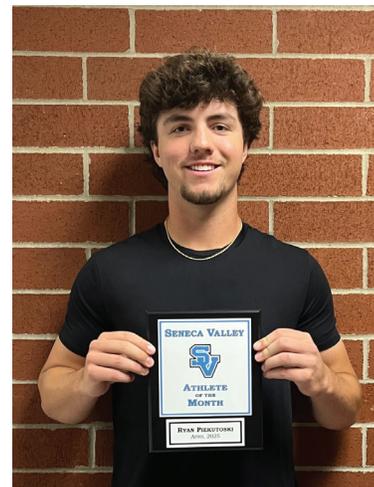
1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
Mario Ardolino	Malachi DeGraff	Chase Crawford
Jordan Hoover	Matthew Dudash	
Abheek Nelakil	Brandon Suski ■	

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, APRIL 2025

The Female Athlete of the Month for April was girls flag football two-way player **Lilly Hudac**. The senior wide receiver and free safety had a stellar month, helping Seneca Valley to a 7-2 overall record and 5-1 in section play. On the defensive side of the ball, Lilly tallied eight interceptions, including a five-interception performance against North Catholic in a defensive battle that ended in an 8-0 shutout win for the Raiders. Her ability to snag the ball has also made her a key wide receiver for the team. Lilly's stand out performance came in a week five game against Mars where she had eight receptions for over 125 yards. To top it all off, Lilly was named to the Pittsburgh Steelers Girls Flag Football roster for the second annual Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association (PSFCA) Big 33 Girls Flag Football Tournament. We recognized Lilly as the April Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Lilly!



The Male Athlete of the Month for April was senior baseball player **Ryan Piekutoski**. As pitcher and infielder, Ryan played a major role in the Raider's second place finish in the section. With two games left at the time of publication, Ryan was batting .447 with 16 runs scored, 15 runs batted in (RBIs), a .557 on-base percentage, .830 slugging percentage, and finished with eight doubles, two triples and two home runs. On the mound, he has pitched a full seven innings in three games this spring and has allowed two earned runs on two hits with nine walks, eight strikeouts and a 2.57 ERA. His efforts were recognized by area coaches as he was named First Team All-Section and 6A Section 1 Player of The Year in the Big 56 Conference. For an impressive month, we recognized Ryan as the April Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Ryan! ■



WE ARE PLANNING FOR 2025-26

Physical, drug & concussion dates

The athletic department has announced its summer physical, drug testing and baseline concussion testing dates for 2025-26. Please note these plans are subject to change.

REMINDERS for 2025-26:

- All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2025-26 will be available on [Parent Portal](#) and the SV Athletics website starting May 1. **Reminder:** No paperwork may be completed prior to May 1.
- **ALL fall sport** paperwork is due in the athletic office no later than **3 p.m. on Thursday, July 31**. Coaches will not accept paperwork on the first day of tryouts.
- Please note physicals are first come, first served - we do not take reservations in advance. *We encourage families to have their physical completed as soon as possible after May 1. You may visit your PCP or any Urgent Care Clinic for an athletic physical.*
- The PIAA mandates their CIPPE form as the only permissible physical form for the doctor's signature.

- All student-athletes must register in the [Parent Portal](#) under "Sports Registration" before tryouts/practice begin. Registration opens May 1.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting May 1.
- Concussion baseline testing only needs to be completed every other year. Parents may call the Athletics Office at (724) 452-6040, x1752 to confirm the status of their child's baseline concussion test.

Summer Drug Testing and Baseline Concussion Testing Dates – Senior High School

- **Tuesday, July 8**, from 3-7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 9**, from 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-3 p.m.
60 physicals from 8 a.m. - Noon; 30 physicals from 1-3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 29**, from 3-7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 30**, from 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-3 p.m.
60 physicals from 8 a.m. - Noon ■

GIFT OF HOPE GOLF CLASSIC – JOIN US!

There is still time to register and/or sponsor the upcoming Gift of Hope Golf Classic presented by Xerox Business Solutions which will be held on Aug. 7 at Cranberry Highlands. This event is a vital part of our fundraising efforts, and we would love for you to be a part of this day of fun and socializing, all for a great cause!

Click here for additional info: <https://www.svsd.net/our-district/seneca-valley-foundation/gift-of-hope-golf-classic>



CELEBRATING RAIDER EXCELLENCE: FIRST-EVER 'WE ARE SV' SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Seneca Valley Foundation is proud to announce the recipient of its inaugural "We Are SV" Scholarship—Rohin Jayaraman, a standout student who embodies the very best of what it means to be a part of SV.

This newly established scholarship celebrates a student who exemplifies the SV Norms—Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Active Learner—and lives out the SV spirit in everything they do. Rohin was selected not only for his impressive academic accomplishments, but for the integrity, kindness and leadership he demonstrates every day.

"Rohin represents what it truly means to be a Raider," said a Foundation trustee. "He is a role model for his peers and a shining example of the values we strive to cultivate in all of our students."

The "We Are SV" Scholarship was created by the Seneca Valley Foundation to recognize students who inspire others and make our district a stronger, more vibrant place. Rohin's unwavering commitment to excellence, service and character makes him the perfect first recipient of this meaningful award.

Congratulations, Rohin! We are #SVPrud of you—and we can't wait to see all the great things ahead.



Rohin Jayaraman pictured with Ms. Annie Mersing, SVF Development Director

GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS \$4,000

2 Complimentary Foursomes
Signage at Registration, Reception, 1 Hole & Pin Flag, Full-Page Ad in Presentation, Recognition at Reception

SILVER LEVEL SPONSORS \$3,000

1 Complimentary Foursome
Signage at Reception, 1 Hole & Pin Flag, Full-Page Ad in Presentation, Recognition at Reception

EXTRAORDINARY SPONSORS

PUTTING OR SKILL PRIZE CONTEST - \$2,000
BALL, LUNCH, DINNER OR COCKTAIL - \$1,500*
HOLE-IN-1 CONTEST - \$1,000 GIFTS - \$1,000
HOLE SPONSORS - \$400

Extraordinary Sponsors receive Event Signage, Full-Page Ad in Presentation, Recognition at Reception

ADVERTISING SPONSORS

FULL PAGE - \$200
HALF PAGE - \$100
Electronic Presentation during Dinner & Website

GOLF INFORMATION

Foursomes: \$700

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start: 9:30 a.m.
Lunch provided at turn. Buffet dinner served at approximately 2 p.m.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Seneca Valley Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging excellence & innovation within Seneca Valley School District

Questions?
Contact Annie Mersing
mersingam@svsd.net

JOIN US!

Count on us to sponsor:

- (check option below)
- | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver | <input type="checkbox"/> Putting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Hole-in-1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Cocktail | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hole | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Half Ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foursome Only | | |

Company Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Email:

Golfer 1:

Golfer 2:

Golfer 3:

Golfer 4:

Mail payment & this completed form to:
Seneca Valley Foundation
124 Seneca School Road
Harmony, PA 16037



VIRTUALLY REGISTER TO PLAY OR SPONSOR



SAVE THE DATE TO RUN FOR RYAN!

In memory of Sergeant First Class (SFC) Ryan Gloyer, the Seneca Valley Foundation is proud to host the third annual Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run presented by Westinghouse. The mission of this incredible event is to spread community awareness of SFC Gloyer, the namesake of Ryan Gloyer Middle School. Last year, we raised over \$43,000!

This year's run/walk will take place Sunday, Nov. 2 on the beautiful grounds of Seneca Valley's Secondary Campus. All proceeds will again benefit Ryan Gloyer Middle School. If you or your organization would like to sponsor this event, please email SVFoundation@svsd.net to secure your spot. Runner registration will open on July 4 - stay tuned! ■

SFC RYAN GLOYER MEMORIAL RUN



PRESENTED BY:



3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk
Sunday, Nov. 2 - 9 a.m.
SV Secondary Campus, Harmony, PA

Honoring the life & legacy of fallen Green Beret & SV Class of 2000 Alumnus, Sgt. First Class Ryan A. Gloyer

Registration Opens
July 4



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

T-Shirt Sponsor - \$3,000

- Corporate Logo on back of participant T-Shirts
- Six (6) Complimentary Participant Fees

Mile Marker Sponsor - \$1,000

- Corporate Logo on signage (36x24 inch)
- Honoring noble characteristics of Ryan (Teach & Mentor; Honor & Integrity; Selfless Service; Lead by Example; Strive for Excellence; Persevere through Adversity)
- Four (4) Complimentary Participant Fees

Water Stop or Finish Line Sponsor - \$1,000

- Corporate Logo on signage at applicable space
- Four (4) Complimentary Participant Fees

Legacy Sponsors - \$500

- Corporate Name on signage (24x18 inch) with accompanying encouraging quote used by Ryan
- Two (2) Complimentary Participant Fees

Medals Sponsor - \$500

- Corporate Name on signage (24x18 inch)

Soldier Salute - \$200

- Corporate Logo on digital Wall of Fame at RGMS on race day, honoring/memorializing any soldier

All Sponsorships include:

- Digital Engagement & Recognition on RunSignUp.com, SVSD/SV Foundation Websites & Social Media Channels
- Opportunity for Promotional Table & Items in Packet
- Verbal Acknowledgement throughout Event

To secure a sponsorship, contact the SV Foundation at svfoundation@svsd.net. All proceeds benefit Ryan Gloyer Middle School

DECATHLETES BREAK RECORDS, EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon team placed third in the nation and earned 23 individual national medals at the 2025 United States Academic Decathlon® National Competition held in Des Moines, Iowa. Competing against top schools across the country, the team set a new SV Academic Decathlon record with a historic team score of 45,497.3 – the highest ever achieved by Seneca Valley!

This milestone also marks Seneca Valley's first United States Academic Decathlon National Banner, which is awarded to the top three teams.

Students spent months preparing after school, studying the 2024–2025 theme “Our Changing Climate.” They competed in 10 rigorous academic events including Literature, Mathematics, Art, Economics, Science, Social Science, Music, Essay, Speech and Interview. Every team member was required to participate in all 10 disciplines, making this one of the most well-rounded and demanding academic competitions in the country.

In addition to placing third in the nation, the following students won individual medals:

- Ophelia Crano: silver in Art and bronze in Essay
- Rohin Jayaraman: gold in Literature, Music, Mathematics, Art, Social Science and overall highest scorer in the country; bronze in Science and Interview



- Kaia Satory: gold in Literature and Art and bronze in Speech and Essay
- Heath Lyon: gold in Music and Art and silver in Literature and Mathematics
- Michael Kravec: gold in Mathematics
- Sarah Ghaffar: gold in Interview and bronze in Essay
- Gavin Cress: silver in Economics and Speech

The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon team members include Evan MacInerney, Rohin Jayaraman, Kaia Satory, Gavin Cress, Michael Kravec, Heath Lyon, Ophelia Crano, Sarah Ghaffar and Dhiyasri Gopalakrishnan.

“These nine students demonstrated extraordinary dedication, putting in countless hours of studying, taking practice tests, practicing speeches, writing essays and completing interviews,” said Seneca Valley Senior High School Teacher and Academic Decathlon coach Mr. David Reichard. “As their coach, I couldn’t be prouder of their growth, teamwork, and performance on the national stage.”

If students are interested in joining the team for the next school year, they can email Mr. Reichard at reicharddj@svsd.net. ■

GOAL-GETTERS

Congratulations to the Seneca Valley students on the PIHL Girls Varsity Northwest Hockey team for a successful regular season! Senior Natalie Dolan was recognized on May 23 at the Senior Night game against the North team. SV players representing the Northwest team include ninth graders Julianne Jenkins, Charlotte Obyc and Alyssa Moss; juniors Teagan Hmel and Maggie Longwell; and senior Natalie Dolan. The girls program looks forward to continued success and growth in the seasons to come! Good luck in the playoffs! ■



BRINGING HOME BRONZE

Congratulations to Seneca Valley Vo-Tech junior Gavin Uber and sophomore Elizabeth Semenenko for placing at the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania State Competition held in Hershey earlier this month! This program, offered through the Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School (BCAVTS), welcomed hundreds of top-performing students from across the state to participate in real-world job challenges among a range of industries.

Mr. Uber received bronze for his participation in the TeamWorks contest of the Building Construction program. Miss Semenenko, a graphic design student, received bronze for her photography submission. All SV student participants enjoyed the weekend of making memories and networking.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student to excel. This national



organization serves teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and for further education. ■

NAVIGATING TERRAINS

Earlier this month, aspiring young engineers and robotics enthusiasts took part in the annual Sea, Air and Land Challenge. Hosted by the Penn State Applied Research Laboratory, the Sea, Air and Land Challenge is a STEM initiative in which teams of high school and/or middle school students design and build robotic vehicles which are used to compete in challenges that mimic missions encountered by the military, national security agencies and first responders. The challenges took place in various locations throughout Seneca Valley Senior High School where students

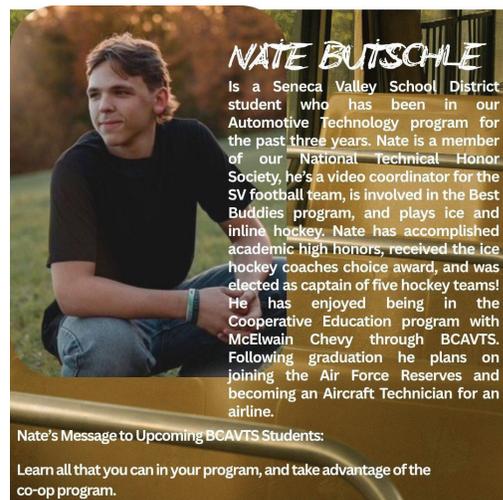


put their creativity, problem-solving, and engineering skills to the test—navigating unpredictable courses with the vehicles they engineered from the ground up. ■

STUDENT-OF-THE-YEAR FINALIST

Congratulations to senior Nate Butschle for being named a Student of the Year Finalist at Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School (BCAVTS)!

Mr. Butschle has been in the BCAVTS Automotive Technology program for three years and is one of only three finalists selected to continue in the interview process. Mr. Butschle has excelled in the National Technical Honor Society and has shown conscientious leadership qualities during his time in the program. The Student of the Year Award is given to just one senior per school year within the seven school districts served in BCAVTS. Nominees are chosen based on qualities like leadership, trustworthiness and responsibility in creating a positive and respectful learning environment. Mr. Butschle advanced through a series of interviews and will give a final speech sharing his educational portfolio and accomplishments. Congratulations, Nate! ■



NATE BUTSCHLE

is a Seneca Valley School District student who has been in our Automotive Technology program for the past three years. Nate is a member of our National Technical Honor Society, he's a video coordinator for the SV football team, is involved in the Best Buddies program, and plays ice and inline hockey. Nate has accomplished academic high honors, received the ice hockey coaches choice award, and was elected as captain of five hockey teams! He has enjoyed being in the Cooperative Education program with McElwain Chevy through BCAVTS. Following graduation he plans on joining the Air Force Reserves and becoming an Aircraft Technician for an airline.

Nate's Message to Upcoming BCAVTS Students:

Learn all that you can in your program, and take advantage of the co-op program.

LET THE (ACADEMIC) GAMES BEGIN

Seneca Valley had 15 students from various grade levels compete against hundreds of other students from across the country in the Academic Games League of America (AGLOA) National Tournament, which took place in Washington, D.C., April 25-29.

There are four divisions in the Academic Games, made up of Elementary (grade 6), Middle (grades 7-8), Junior (grades 9-10) and Senior (grades 11-12). Students then compete in seven types of games: Equations, On-Sets, Linguistik, Theme, Propaganda, Current Events and Presidents.

In the Elementary Division, Reed Schwartz was a third-place individual and seventh-place team member, Anaya Kandikuppa was a seventh-place individual, and Landon Donaldson and Ella Hauck were first-place team members in Current Events.

In the Middle Division, Brennan Kaye was a second-place team member in Current Events. In Linguistik, Eli Kopchinsky, Brennan Kaye, Emily Browne and Jovan Kodice were sixth-place team members. In Propaganda, Emily Browne was a fifth-place individual, and Eli Kopchinsky, Brennan Kaye, Emily Browne and Breanna Zimmerman were eighth-place team members.

In the Senior Division, Eric Chen was a fifth-place individual in Propaganda. In Theme, Heath Lyon was a sixth-place individual, Kian Watt was a fourth-place team member and Arvand Esni was a fifth-place team member. In Presidents, Arvand Esni, Eli Lippert and Maddox Grupp were fourth-place team members. In Current Events, Arvand Esni was a fourth-place team member and Maddox Grupp was a tenth-place individual and first-place team member (National Champion).

Students who competed in the AGLOA National Tournament include Anaya Kandikuppa, Ella Hauck, Landon Donaldson, Reed Schwartz, Breanna Zimmerman, Brennan Kaye, Eli Lippert, Emily Browne, Jovan Kodice, Arvand Esni, Eli Kopchinsky, Eric Chen, Heath Lyon, Kian Watt and Maddox Grupp.



While in Washington D.C., students visited the Arlington National Cemetery to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. RGMS students made a special effort to honor Sgt. 1st Class Ryan A. Gloyer (SV '00), who is also laid to rest there. ■



THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE

Seneca Valley upper-level GeneTech student researchers recently showcased their projects to students, staff and administrators during the Center for Biotechnology End-of-the-Year Research Seminar Presentation. These talented scientists did a great job representing themselves and the SV Center for Biotechnology! ■



FUTURE READY

Earlier this month, Seneca Valley juniors and seniors had the opportunity to explore what their futures might hold.

The SV Job & Opportunities Fair was held in the Senior High School (SHS) Gymnasium on May 15. Seniors in search of full-time employment were encouraged to bring their resumes and meet with company representatives to learn more about a variety of options and career benefits available to them. Juniors were also invited to explore summer employment and internship positions.

Over 20 companies were in attendance with specific opportunities for company advancement, apprenticeships, on-the-job training and tuition assistance. ■



PICTURE OF PEACE

Each year, the Cranberry Township Area Lions Club invites local schools to participate in the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest.

This year, Haine Middle School sixth grader, Brooklyn McCollough won first place in the district contest. She was presented with a beautiful plaque from the Lions Club, along with a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card and a \$100 cash prize.

"I got inspired by my art teacher, Mrs. Burnett, to enter the contest," said Brooklyn. "I really thought I could have a chance at winning and since I love art, I wanted to try. When my mom told me I got the email that I won, I was overjoyed with emotions of happiness and nervousness, I couldn't believe I won!"

Miss McCollough was honored at the Lions Club awards ceremony on May 13, where she was celebrated alongside her family, her art teacher Mrs. Burnett and Haine Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Wilcher. ■



EMPATHY ILLUSTRATED

On May 1, Rowan Elementary School had the honor of welcoming Shawn Sledzianowski, a grief and clinical services specialist and school services coordinator from the Caring Place, to celebrate four students who were named finalists in The Caring Place Poster Contest.



Earlier in the school year, students from Miss Cardillo's and Mrs. Fencil's classrooms partnered up to create thoughtful and artistic posters centered on the theme, "How Can You Help a Grieving Friend?" These posters were displayed throughout the school to raise awareness for Child Grief Awareness Day before being submitted to the contest. The posters created by Max, Oliver, Monroe, and Ensley were selected as finalists, and the classrooms held a brief recognition ceremony where the students were presented with certificates and gift cards in honor of their meaningful contributions. ■



CHESS SUCCESS ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

In last month's newsletter we congratulated Haine Elementary third grader Panav Ezapa for placing at the 2025 Pennsylvania State Scholastic Chess Championship. His first-place win in the Under 900 section secured his spot at SuperNationals, the largest scholastic chess event in the country. After seven intense rounds of competition, Panav achieved an outstanding 11th place! We are very proud of his successes on the national stage and his dedication to the game. Congratulations, Panav! ■



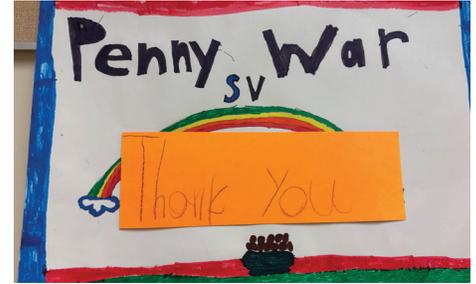
THE POWER OF PENNIES

Over the week of April 28 – May 2, Rowan Elementary students in Ms. Angela Cardillo and Ms. Diane Fencil’s classes hosted a Penny Wars fundraiser to benefit the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. Students across all grade levels emptied their pockets, searched their couch cushions and brought in their spare change to support this meaningful cause, one coin at a time!

The friendly competition brought out the best in students, with each grade



working hard to fill their buckets during lunch. The generosity was incredible, and thanks to our amazing Rowan families, the school raised a grand total of \$1,147.90!



A huge thank you to everyone who participated, donated and cheered on their grade level. Your kindness and community spirit made a big impact. Way to go, Rowan! ■

SAVING FOR A RAINY DAY

The “Rain Keepers” of Haine Middle School made a lasting impact as they shared their water conservation knowledge during rain barrel lessons at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center on May 6. Students, along with Mrs. Allison Stebbins and Mr. John Schmidt, gifted support teachers, delivered a brief presentation and installation demonstration to educate residents about water conservation via rain barrel usage. Their class concluded with the distribution of rain barrels to residents. ■



‘SILVER STICK’ CHAMPIONS

Seneca Valley student-athletes and Pittsburgh Penguins Elite teammates Grant Loya, CJ Nehnevajsa and Connor Wilson have had a year to remember on the ice. In November, they helped their team secure the coveted International Silver Stick AAA Championship. This achievement earned them recognition in the Hockey Hall of Fame and an opportunity to represent Pennsylvania in this year’s Brick Invitational Hockey Tournament, the most prestigious tournament for 10U players. This SV trio went through a three-year selection process and were chosen from thousands of players across Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia and West Virginia. The invitational will be held June 30 - July 4 in Alberta, Canada, featuring top teams from Canada and the U.S. Learn more and watch live-streamed games at [Tournament Statistics - The Brick Invitational Hockey Tournament : Website by RAMP InterActive](#). Good luck, athletes! ■



SV ADMINISTRATOR NAMED BEST BUDDIES ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Kathleen Mahon, School Psychologist at Haine Elementary School, was recently named Best Buddies Advisor of the Year for the Pittsburgh region by Best Buddies International.

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.

In 2023, Haine Elementary School established a Best Buddies chapter, pairing teacher-nominated third, fourth and fifth graders with students from Haine's Multiple Supports classrooms to participate in fun, collaborative activities throughout the school year. After a successful inaugural year, the program expanded in 2024 to include more fifth-grade students and continues to grow and flourish.

Dr. Mahon received this award in recognition of her dedication to the mission of Best Buddies, her passion for promoting inclusion and her unwavering support and leadership of Haine's Best Buddies chapter.

"Dr. Mahon's passion for inclusion and inspiring leadership led to the founding of a Best Buddies chapter at Haine Elementary, which has thrived and grown since its launch in 2023," said Dr. Cassandra Doggrell, Director of Student Services. "Her recognition as Best Buddies



Advisor of the Year is a testament to the success of the program and the lasting impact she continues to make through her compassion, dedication and commitment to fostering belonging."

Dr. Mahon was honored at the Best Buddies Friendship Walk held at



Highmark Stadium in Pittsburgh on April 27. During the awards ceremony, Best Buddies recognized some of their most outstanding chapters and leaders, honoring students and educators who are transforming their schools into more inclusive spaces every day.

"I was deeply honored and grateful to receive this recognition," said Dr. Mahon. "Leading the Best Buddies chapter at Haine has been an incredible privilege. The support from students, staff and families has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are excited to expand the chapter in the coming year. Teaching inclusion to our youngest learners is so important, as it sets the foundation for them to carry these values with them throughout school and life." ■

SENECA VALLEY
2ND ANNUAL
BEST BUDDIES WALK
May 31, 2025
9 A.M. - Noon
NORTH BOUNDARY PARK
REGISTRATION OPENS: 9 A.M.
\$10 PER PERSON
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

Special visits from the Seneca Valley High School, Ryan Gloyer Middle School and Haine Elementary Unified Bacc Teams!





JAM PACKED WITH WITH KINDNESS

Shoutout to school psychologist Ms. Jaynna DeJohn for leading a meaningful new initiative at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE)!

In collaboration with CVE counselor Ms. Christina Karmecy, school nurses and an SV senior, Ms. DeJohn is using funds donated by #BeTheKindKid program to stock a closet with essential items students may need. Any student can visit Ms. DeJohn's office to "shop" for what they need at no cost.



This initiative is part of the JAM-packed closet program by JAMBeTheKindKid Inc., a nonprofit started by Avonworth Primary Center students to spread kindness through making.

If you'd like to support this effort, donations – like the ones pictured here - are welcome! Contact Ms. DeJohn at dejohnl@svsd.net or Ms. Christina Karmecy at karmecyce@svsd.net.

Thank you to our amazing SV staff for going above and beyond for our students – your kindness makes a lasting impact! ■

JAM Packed Closet

📍 Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School

The JAM Packed Closet is available to provide personal care items to CVE students and families. We believe every student deserves to feel prepared, comfortable, and ready to learn – and we are here to help make that happen.

Available Items Include:



Families may request items at any time. To request needed items you may contact:
Christina Karmecy: karmecyce@svsd.net
Jaynna DeJohn: dejohnl@svsd.net



FINDING YOUR FIT

Fourth graders at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) are gaining early insight into real-world careers and hands-on skills. Recently, a panel of nominated high school students representing Butler County Vocational-Technical School visited the elementary students to talk about a "day in the life" of their career-focused program, bringing awareness to the varied programs available to students at SV. Many of the visitors even brought personal tools, gear and props to demonstrate and display! ■



HONORING 800+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Photo credit: Bill Paterson

During the May 12 school board meeting, 32 retirees were recognized for their combined total of over 840 years of hard work and dedication to the Seneca Valley School District.

Members of the Seneca Valley School Board and Administration thanked the 2024-25 retirees for their unwavering commitment and service to students and staff members across the District.

Prior to the school board meeting, some retirees attended a reception where they enjoyed refreshments and shared stories about their time at Seneca Valley.

Retirees are as follows:

- Jodi Albert – Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School Technology Facilitator - 35 years
- Linda Andreassi - Communications Director - 30 years
- Susan Baker - Payroll Supervisor - 24 years 4 months
- Patty Ball – Central Office Administrative Assistant - 21 years 9 months
- David Bopp – Central Office Custodian - 25 years
- Elizabeth Cavicchia – Rowan Elementary School Second Grade Teacher - 35 years 5 months
- Cindy Choura - Ehrman Crest Elementary Paraprofessional - 27 years
- Robin Clay – Haine Elementary School Second Grade Teacher - 19 years
- Christine Cooper – Ryan Gloyer Middle School Health & Physical Education Teacher - 28 years
- Anita Duffy – SV Intermediate High School Nurse - 23 years 2 months
- Peggy Fennell – SV Senior High School Cafeteria Manager - 27 years
- Jeffrey Fraser – SV Senior High School Spanish Teacher - 23 years
- DeeAnn Graham – Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School Principal - 30 years
- Susan Greco - SV Senior High School Paraprofessional - 18 years 3 months
- Rick Grupp – Ryan Gloyer Middle School Maintenance – 20 years
- Lynn Henderson – Haine Elementary/ Middle School Paraprofessional - 19 years 3 months
- Gregory Johns – District Maintenance - 17 years 10 months
- Joseph Koromaus – Ryan Gloyer Middle School Social Studies Teacher - 31 years

Continued on next page



Continued from previous page

- Michelle Kostlich – SV Senior High School Guidance Counselor - 33 years 6 months
- Sharon Kramer – Haine Middle School Sixth Grade Teacher - 28 years
- Nellie Luna – Ehrman Crest Elementary/ Middle School Cafeteria - 17 years 10 months
- Dr. Matt McKinley – Asst. Superintendent for Secondary Education - 36 years
- Cheri Mihalik – SV Intermediate High School English Teacher - 22 years
- James Mileski – SV Senior High School Technology Education - 33 years 5 months
- Barry Murray - SV Intermediate High School Health & Physical Education - 27 years
- Patrick O’Shea – Ryan Gloyer Middle School Social Studies Teacher - 31 years 9 months
- Michelle Ramage – SV Intermediate High School Learning Support Teacher - 26 years
- Stacey Richard – Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School First Grade Teacher - 33 years
- Joseph Rubaker – Ehrman Crest Middle School Fifth Grade Teacher - 30 years
- Judi Spinelli – SV Intermediate High School Multiple Supports Teacher - 26 years 7 months



- Connie Wetzel – Central Office Administrative Assistant - 13 years 4 months
- Susan White – Ryan Gloyer Middle School Cafeteria Manager - 27 years 9 months ■



SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION

Seneca Valley acknowledged our hard-working staff all month long by celebrating teachers, school nurses and food service workers.

Throughout the month, teachers were recognized by administration, principals and PTO/PTA groups that organized special treats, themed luncheons and fun giveaways.



At the May 5 School Board meeting, we recognized our amazing SV nurses who make a difference in the lives of children every day. Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools, along with Mr. Eric DiTullio, School Board President, and Dr. Cassandra Doggrell, Director of Student Services, joined in for a photo of some of our school nurses.

Pictured here are nurses Ms. Liz Williams, Ms. Whitney Corrigan, Ms. Sarah Diefenderfer, Ms. Lynne Rodrigues, Ms. Amy Barkley, Ms. Anita Duffy and Ms. Melanee Killian.

Nurses not pictured include Ms. Alisha Nist, Ms. Corrine DoVidio, Ms. Anne Bernacki, Ms. Victoria Sledge and Ms. Suzy Duer.



Those responsible for feeding our students every week were recognized on School Lunch Hero Day. Our food service and cafeteria staff who go above and beyond to make sure every student has access to healthy and delicious food.

Did you know the Seneca Valley School District has 60 amazing, full-time employees with a combined 476 years of experience! Pictured here are just a few of the hardworking cafeteria staff from the Seneca Valley Intermediate High School and Ehrman Crest Schools.



'I LED THE PLEDGE'

School Board meetings to lead members of the Board, Administration and public in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

At the May 5 meeting, the "I Led the Pledge" spotlight shined on two Ehrman Crest stars: kindergartener Amorabella "Ella" Jason and her big brother, second grader Calvin Jason! Ella, a unicorn-loving, Paw Patrol fan, can often be found with a character in hand and her Toniebox storytelling away. She loves art, reading, classroom visits and sweet treats like chocolate and ice cream! Calvin is an energetic second grader who loves math, hockey (his first season!), baseball and outdoor adventures. When he's not fishing or skating, he's building Legos with Dad or baking with Mom. Most of all, he's a proud big brother.

The "I Led the Pledge" leader for the May 13 Board meeting was Rowan Elementary third grader Stella Sepulveda! Stella's favorite subjects are math, art and music—and it shows! She has a wide range of talents and interests. In her free time, she enjoys playing piano, kicking around the soccer ball, spending time outdoors, reading, writing stories, drawing and even playing Minecraft. When she grows up, Stella says she'd like to be a musician, an artist, a soccer player, and/or a teacher—and honestly, we think she's already on her way to being all those things! ■



Ella and Calvin pictured with, from L-R: Ehrman Crest Elementary School Principal Dr. Bridget Miller, Ehrman Crest Elementary Acting Assistant Principal Ms. Chelsea Miller, School Board President Mr. Eric DiTullio and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tracy Vitale.



Stella pictured with, from L-R: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tracy Vitale and School Board President Mr. Eric DiTullio.

GURU VANDANA

"Salutations to the teacher" – that is the meaning of "Vandana" in Sanskrit. In celebration of National Teacher Appreciation Day, Haine Elementary School second grader Nitanshi Jalori honored her teacher Ms. Kristen McClintock by inviting her to a Guru Vandana, a Hindu felicitation ceremony sponsored by Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, USA (HSS). In Hindu culture, the Guru, or teacher, is one who invokes knowledge while eliminating the darkness of ignorance. Guru Vandana is a heartfelt expression of gratitude toward these educators who silently shape lives and inspire students. The event served as an opportunity to share Hindu traditions while recognizing the invaluable contributions of local teachers. ■



INSIGHTFUL CONVERSATIONS

During a recent in-service day, staff across the district participated in a range of wellness sessions as part of a district-wide wellness initiative. At Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS), the highlight of the day was a special presentation by Ms. Brea Schmidt — a motivational speaker, entrepreneur, and Iris-Award-nominated writer behind "The Thinking Branch." Ms. Schmidt engaged RGMS staff in an inspiring conversation about the importance of prioritizing well-being. Her message centered on mental wellness and self-care, especially for those juggling the demands of personal, professional, and caregiving responsibilities. ■



STAFF OF SV

As a child, my parents encouraged me to embrace life's opportunities—whether across the globe or just across the street. My mother especially lived with intention. She had a deep love for people and their stories, and her friendships brought new cultures, languages, and foods into our home. I vividly remember one close friend from India draping a saree around me and teaching me exactly which curry to order when she took us to the best authentic restaurant in town. My mom was fully present in all that brought her joy. Travel and culture were true passions of hers, and she passed that love down to me. I hope I am instilling this spirit in my two children.

I love adventure and learning new things, visiting new places, meeting people, picking up hobbies, trying new foods... Bring it on! I'm not sentimental in the traditional way. My diplomas and wedding photos are likely tucked away in storage. I consider myself a collector of experiences rather than things.

During my junior year of college in the '90s, I spotted a flyer on a bulletin board—"Summer Experiential Learning Term," led by my favorite professor, a brilliant educator who inspired curiosity. I was in. We were headed to Costa Rica to study Sustainable Development: ecotourism, biodiversity, and shade-grown coffee. Our home base was tucked into a local neighborhood, marked by a painted sign that read La Casa Que Canta (The House That Sings)—charming and unforgettable. My Spanish was fair (I knew the essentials, like helado for ice cream), so a classmate and I joined Spanish night classes for fun.

On our second night, after Spanish class in bustling San José, a classmate and I stopped for helado and boarded what we thought was our bus home. But each stop grew less familiar—we were completely lost. With no cell phones or GPS, we eventually got off at a rural stop. Helpful taxi drivers and police asked for our address. Street name? House number? We had no clue. I finally offered, "La Casa Que Canta—The House That Sings." The native Spanish speakers burst into laughter—so



hard it brought tears. Needless to say, somehow, we made it home.

The weeks that followed included sleeping under rainforest canopies you'd only imagine in photographs—reachable only by horseback or brave hikers (we did plenty of both); relaxing on black sand beaches; a scorpion sting to a group member (he was okay!); and, of course, lots of helado.

Adventure and an open mind have guided me throughout life, each challenge shaping who I am. From ziplining through mountains, swimming with manatees, and hiking to the Rock of Gibraltar to a transformative study tour of Poland with Classrooms Without Borders, I've always sought meaningful experiences that push me to grow. My love for teaching has deepened through learning alongside others and embracing diverse perspectives. Now, 25 years after getting lost in Costa Rica with only La Casa Que Canta as my compass, I still leap at every opportunity to try something new—always ready for the next adventure.

Having navigated unfamiliar settings myself, I now find immense joy in supporting all students and families, especially those from multilingual backgrounds—as they build a sense of welcome and belonging within the Seneca Valley community. Drawing on my

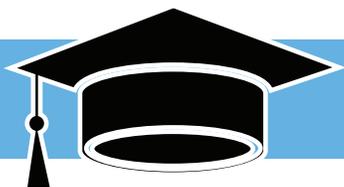


Pictured second from left

experience as an ESL teacher and now as Rowan's acting assistant principal, I strive to create an inclusive environment where every family feels valued and where we grow and learn together.

- Ms. Jessica Scerbo, Rowan Elementary
Acting Assistant Principal





Dorothy Fleming, SV '18, is an accomplished Associate Designer with design spaces featured in regionally and nationally acclaimed magazines. We asked her to catch us up on what she is doing and how Seneca Valley influenced her life and career.

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

A: After graduating from the University of Akron in 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design, I moved back to Zelenople, and have worked at Jennifer Janeway Designs as the Associate Designer. We are located in Sewickley at the showroom/boutique Jennifer Janeway Home. I have been able to work on some cool projects that have been featured in Pittsburgh Magazine and Better Homes and Gardens Magazine!

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

A: My parents still live and work in Zelenople. My mom is Robin Fleming, owner of Room to Grow Toy Store and my dad is Mark Fleming, Owner/Chiropractor at New Health Solutions. I have four brothers, two live out of state, and two live locally. I have a niece and nephew in Cranberry Twp. Leo is three and Josie is nine and goes to Ehrman Crest. Hi Josie and Leo!

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

A: Some people may not know that outside of work I really like to craft! I have been teaching myself how to crochet for the last couple of years and love bullet journaling.

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

A: SV helped me become the person I am today because of the clubs and electives offered. I could find academic and social spaces where I felt I belonged. I took classes that actually related to my college major and they helped me feel secure in my career choice. Being part of clubs and teams like Thespians and the Pom Pons squad made me feel like I had groups of people I could turn to and rely on for support-- because high school can be hard!



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

A: There are opportunities to fulfill credits in subjects that may not be your strong suit. For example, science was never my forte. However, because Seneca offered a large selection of science electives, I was able to find a class, Horticulture with Mrs. Hadley, that I really enjoyed and was still able to get the credit I needed.

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

A: My favorite SV staff member was Mrs. Cooper, my kindergarten teacher at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary (CVE). She set me up for success at Seneca Valley and made me feel comfortable and confident in myself! She even sent me a flower during my senior year high school musical and keeps in touch with me 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: One of my favorite memories at SV is when I was cast in my first play with the



Thespians. I had some of my best high school memories with this club and the friends I made from it. Being a part of Thespians encouraged me to continue with theater in college and post-grad life which helps keep me feeling balanced and happy! I think it's very important to have a hobby that brings you joy outside of work and school!

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

A: My message to the teachers and staff is to remember these years in school are full of crucial memories and impactful moments for students! You never know what day or situation could be the most lasting in a student's life.

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

A: Seneca Valley is a large school district and can seem very intimidating, but where you may see an overwhelming number of classes, clubs and students, there are many opportunities for a student to find a space and group of people where they belong! ■

Photo credit: Dave Bryce Photography





MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

We hear a lot about physical health — eating right, exercising, going to the doctor — but what about mental health? Mental health is a huge part of our overall wellbeing, and it's time we all started treating it that way.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and this year the National Council for Mental Wellbeing invites you to prioritize your mental health. Since 1949, Mental Health America has dedicated this month to spreading awareness, starting conversations and encouraging people to take care of their minds just as much as they care for their bodies.

Why Does Mental Health Awareness Matter?

Even though mental health is just as important as physical health, it's still often ignored or misunderstood. Consider these statistics:

- **1 in 5** U.S. adults experience mental illness each year.
- **1 in 20** U.S. adults face serious mental illness annually.
- **1 in 6** U.S. teens have a mental health condition, but only half of them get treatment.
- **50%** of mental illnesses start by age 14, and 75% by age 24.

These stats are more than numbers. They represent real people — including friends, family, coworkers and classmates — who need support. Mental Health Awareness Month helps remind us that mental health care should be just as easy to access as seeing a doctor when we're physically sick. Everyone deserves support, understanding and care when they're struggling with their mental health.

How Can You Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month?

So what can you do to get involved this May? It's easier than you might think! Here are a few ideas:

1. **Talk about mental health** — One of the best ways to raise awareness is to start conversations. Talk with your friends, family or even people online about the importance of mental health. Share your own experiences if you feel comfortable — it helps others know they're not alone.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 2025

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS!



2. **Set an example** — When we prioritize our mental wellbeing, we show others how to do the same. You can do something as simple as practicing mindfulness, journaling, taking breaks or talking to a counselor.
3. **Show support** — If someone you know is struggling, offer a listening ear or encourage them to seek help. Sometimes, just being there for someone can make all the difference.
4. **Learn more** — The more you know about mental health, the more you can help others and reduce the stigma that surrounds it. There are plenty of resources out there, like the [National Council for Mental Wellbeing's website](#), where you can learn about mental health conditions, signs to watch for and ways to get support.

Article provided by [Mental Health First Aid](#) ■

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the Seneca Valley School District is committed to supporting every student through mental wellness programs and additional support services. Community resources are available in addition to our school psychologists, school counselors, behavioral specialists, school administrators and Youth Education Support Services (YESS) teams in each building. To learn more about the District's mental wellness resources, visit

*Note: Confidentiality is held with the utmost integrity when dealing with personal matters.

** If you or someone you know is in need of crisis intervention, please call the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. ■



- [Take a look at this video](#) featuring Ryan Gloyer Middle School's (RGMS) Remake Learning Days! This annual hands-on professional development event welcomed educators across the region. From fly tying and fishing to macroinvertebrate sampling, participants explored how to turn local streams into powerful outdoor classrooms. Shoutout to RGMS teachers Mr. Seth Verba, Mr. Oliver Wiehe and our Intermediate High School photography students for documenting the event!
- There is a lot our students can learn in school, but sometimes the most valuable knowledge is passed down from generation to generation. Last school year, Ehrman Crest Elementary created their own unique Wisdom Corridor, which became part of the Pittsburgh Wisdom Corridor. During their What I Need (WIN) block, using the Project FUEL (Forward the Understanding of Every Life Lesson) framework, second grade students interviewed their parents, grandparents, teachers, fellow students and community members to document generations of wisdom and share it with others. Project FUEL, an organization that collects life lessons and turns them into interactive activities, worked with Ehrman Crest to help to organize, compile and highlight life lessons for the corridor. SV senior Leo Simon captured this enlightening endeavor in an award-winning documentary filmed for his Documentary class. [Take a look at the documentary here.](#)
- Is your child in need of a vision check? Vision to Learn is bringing their mobile clinic to libraries throughout Beaver County, offering free eye exams and glasses to eligible school-aged children. Appointments are required. Visit www.beaverlibraries.org/vision-month to view dates and participating locations. Vision to Learn's convenient mobile clinic provides a comprehensive eye exam conducted by a licensed optometrist. If an eye exam reveals that your child needs glasses, they can select their frames on-site, and glasses will be mailed directly to your home, free of charge.
- The Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC) summer camps registration is still 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!
- All students in Pennsylvania public schools, including Seneca Valley, have access to **free breakfast for the 2024-25 school**

year, regardless of family income.

Encourage your student(s) to stop for a full breakfast or various grab-and-go items. If you think you might be eligible for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals, we encourage you to fill out a Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application as many programs are connected to your child[ren]'s eligibility. Please return it to the Seneca Valley Administration Office with attention to Faye Nelson. 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 Gold Card Club \(svsd.net\)](#).
- Reality Tour is an accessible substance prevention program that delivers information to get parent and child on the same page.
 - [Substance Abuse Prevention for Parents - CANDLE, Inc. \(candleinc.org\)](#)
- [Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!](#)
- [Drive for SV! Driver incentives are now being offered.](#)
- Join the SV Team! Visit www.svsd.net/HumanResources to learn more and apply.
- Visit [Niche](#) to view SV rankings. ■



FYI

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the national Suicide Prevention Lifeline) provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline is comprised of a national network of over 200 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices. ■

988
SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE



Friday, June 20, 2025

SENECA VALLEY

Tickets as low as

\$31.99

if purchased by June 6th

(price increases to as low as \$35.99 after above deadline)

**FOLLOW THE STEP-BY-STEP PURCHASE
INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2 AND SAVE TODAY!**

 www.kennywood.com 

A PLACE FOR THE WHOLE

FAMILY

WE OFFER...

- Sports Programs
- Swim Lessons
- Art Classes
- Community Playground
- Summer Camp
- & MORE!



ROSE E. SCHNEIDER FAMILY YMCA

2001 Ehrman Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

\$500 VISIT GRANT



Visit Thiel College, and we will apply a **\$500 grant*** to your first semester tuition.

For more information or to schedule your visit, contact the Office of Admission at admissions@thiel.edu or 724-589-2345.

*First-time undergraduate Thiel students only.



THE CRANBERRY CHASE !

Saturday, July 12

Community Park

8:30 AM

yourctcc.org/5K



Register before June 16 to receive swag bag!

Thank you to our sponsor!



Work With Us



Fun environment • Discounted pool access • Competitive wages



Now hiring in all areas!
cranberrytownship.org/employment