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NEW YEAR, NEW ADVENTURES

We welcomed our students with open arms as they began their new adventure of the 2025-26 school year at Seneca Valley. We wish all SV students a wonderful year and an exciting new beginning! For more first day photos, click here (or see page 2).













SALUTING SERVICE

The Seneca Valley School District is once again in the process of organizing a special Veteran Recognition Day during a Raider Football game (vs. Norwin) on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025.

Seneca Valley is privileged to recognize veterans and active military personnel who live in the Seneca Valley School District and encourages these individuals to participate. Click here to learn more and/or register.



MEDIA NOTICE

We wish to share good news of events and activities in our schools. If you do not want to have your child's name, photograph or other personal information appear in any media or district publication, please submit written documentation to your child's building principal. Thank you.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 1	District Holiday, No School
Sept. 8	School Board Meeting, Work Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Veteran Recognition Night at NexTier Stadium - Home Football Game vs. Norwin, 7 p.m.
Sept. 15	School Board Meeting, Regular Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Homecoming Carnival and Parade, 5 p.m. (Parade starts at 7 p.m.)
Sept. 26	Homecoming Football Game vs. Mt. Lebanon at NexTier Stadium, 7 p.m.

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

SEPTEMBER

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NEW YEAR, NEW ADVENTURES *Continued from page 1*























SENECA VALLEY SD 2025-26 STUDENT/TEACHER CALENDAR

August 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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11 Staff Days; 7 Student Days
Aug. 21 - First Student Day

September 2025

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21 Days

October 2025

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23 Staff Days; 21 Student Days (22 w/ A80)
Oct. 2 - In-Service Day

November 2025

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17 Staff Days; 16 Student Days
Nov. 11 - IS/Clerical Day

December 2025

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28	H	H	H			

16 Days

January 2026

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11	12	13	14	15	IS	17
18	IS	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

20 Staff Days; 18 Student Days
Jan. 16 - IS/Clerical Day
Jan. 19 - In-Service Day

February 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	SM	14
15	IS	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

19 Staff Days; 18 Student Days
Feb. 16 - IS/Clerical Day

March 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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19 Days

April 2026

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19 Staff Days; 18 Student Days (19 w/ A80)

May 2026

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10	11	12	13	14	IS	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	H	26	27	LD-S	29	30
31						

20 Staff Days; 19 Student Days
May 15 - In-Service Day
May 28 - Last Day for Seniors (Grad. Day)

June 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	LD	6
7	IS	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

6 Staff Days; 5 Student Days
June 5 - Last Day for K-11 Students
June 8 - IS/Clerical Day

191 Work Days for Teachers

In the event of an inclement weather closure, SV may call for either a traditional "Snow Day," or a Remote Learning Day. If it is a traditional "Snow Day," the following are two makeup days that will be utilized:

Feb. 13, 2026

March 16, 2026

KEY

A80 - Act 80-Prof. Develop. Day (No school for students)
H - Holiday (No school)
IS - In-Service Day (No school for students)
FD, LD & LD-S - First Student Day, Last Student Day & Last Day/Graduation Day for Seniors
SM - Snow Makeup Day (this day becomes a holiday if no snow make-up days are needed)
Remote Learning - Flexible Instructional Day/Students engage in remote learning from home

District Local Holidays:

Nov. 26, 2025
Dec. 1, 2025
Dec. 24, 2025
Dec. 31, 2025
April 3, 2026

Please note all dates are subject to change

SV BELIEVE & ACHIEVE

Seneca Valley's Welcome Back All-Staff Meeting was held on Monday, Aug. 18, with the message of "SV Believe & Achieve!"

Staff listened attentively to remarks from District officials and championship-winning coach Mr. Donnie Campbell, the inspiration behind the Emmy-winning TV show "Ted Lasso." Coach Campbell gave an inspirational message to staff about finding one's MVP (mission, values and principles) and fostering a team mentality within the SV educational community. JROTC students gave the presentation of Colors while SV soccer players led standout, high-energy entertainment. Administrators even joined in on the themed fun!

The district extends a heartfelt thank you to Eckles Construction, Rhoads Orthodontics, Fun Fore All and FirstStudent for sponsoring staff T-Shirts; The Georgie Smigel Group for sponsoring the morning breakfast; and the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) for sponsoring our keynote speaker.



























LEADERS IN THE MAKING

If you're looking for an online version of the 2025-26 calendar, click here.



PHONE-FREE SV

As of Aug. 21, 2025, all K–12 schools will move to a fully Phone-Free SV environment. Since 2023, we've been phasing in limits on personal devices, and many students have told us it's helped them focus, feel less pressure, and be more present. This next step makes those expectations consistent across all grade levels.

We understand this is an adjustment for many students and families. However, our goal remains the same: to help students develop healthy habits in a supportive, consistent environment. By reducing distractions and limiting screen time, we intend to encourage stronger focus, lessen anxiety and support more meaningful social and academic engagement throughout the day.

What's Changing:

- Grades 7–12: No personal device use in hallways, study halls, or lunchrooms. Phones and electronics must be put away at the start of first period and remain stored until the end of the school day.
- Grades K–6: Same "phone away" expectations apply during the school day.

Families can still reach students through the school office for regular messages or emergencies. Students may check phones once the day ends.

If Students Don't Meet the Policy:

1. First Incident: Device to main office; student picks up at day's end; parent/guardian notified.
2. Second Incident: Device will be sent to the main office for the student to pick up at the end of the school day. Parent/guardian will be notified. Policy review with student.
3. Third Incident – Parent/guardian must pick up device. Possible discipline:
   - Grades 7–12: Detention to in-school suspension
   - Grades K–6: Lunch detention to in-school suspension
4. Ongoing/Refusal to Follow Policy – Parent pickup required; progressive discipline applies.

We appreciate your support as we create a learning environment with fewer distractions, less stress and more meaningful connections.

SV'S GOLDEN GROUP

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.*

Athletic schedules and District events are listed via the athletics/activities calendar on the website. Membership is free and proof of residency is required at the time of application. Acceptable proof of residency includes: a copy of a valid PA driver's license or identification card with a Seneca Valley School District community address, lease or utility bill (name of the application must match the name on the license/ identification). A Gold Card application can be made by mail and must include a copy of proof of residency.

To use a Seneca Valley Gold Card:

- You must carry your card with you and present it to admissions personnel when you wish to use it.
- Remember that use at some fine art performances, including the SV All-School Musical, require reserved seating, so call ahead to check or confirm your reservation.

Seneca Valley School District
SENIOR CITIZEN GOLD CARD CLUB

To apply for a gold card, please fill out the following and return as directed: **Gold Card Application.**

*Please be aware that many fine arts performances such as dance reviews and band, orchestra and choir concerts offer free admission, but accept voluntary donations. Other events may offer a reduced-price admission charge to Gold Card members. In addition, reservations may be required and some performances may have limited free-admission seating for Gold Card members. Thank you for your understanding and patronage.

SUMMER FUN AT SV!

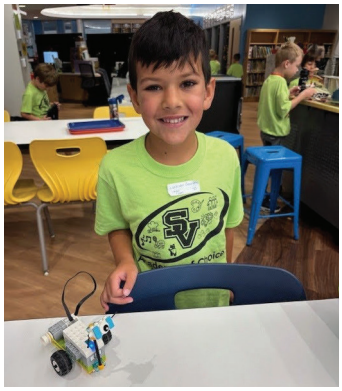
SV Summer Camps not only gave students the opportunity to “hang out,” but they also provided a wide range of hands-on activities, arts and crafts, academic concepts, culinary creations, recreational activities and more!

























A WARM SV WELCOME

Seneca Valley welcomed over 20 new educators to the District for the 2025-26 school year! These SV future makers attended the annual SV New Teacher Induction Program Aug. 13-14, where they learned more about Seneca Valley, met several colleagues and administrators and attended various training sessions.

Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School
Paris Brown - Multiple Supports

Ehrman Crest Middle School
Lauren Bowser – Grade 5
Annamarie Tomko – Learning Support

Haine Middle School
Sydni Kumanchik - Learning Support

Rowan Elementary School
Zora Mosley - Grade 2

School Nurse
Brenna Flynn - Floating

Ryan Gloyer Middle School
Kristin Barna – English Language Arts
Caroline Combemale – Tech and Industrial Arts
Claire Oliver - Learning Support
Katie Wisniewski - Learning Support

Intermediate High School
Chelsea Kraus - Health & Physical Education
James Muraco - Biology
Madison Winter – Social Studies
Amanda Kalin - English

Long-Term Substitutes
Haine Elementary School
Brenda McVicker – Grade 2
Lindsay Tedrow – Grade 3
Lauren Walsh – Grade 4

Ehrman Crest Elementary School
Alaina Kalin - Grade 2
Laney Turner – Grade 1

Ehrman Crest Middle School
Madison Cossin – Learning Support

Ryan Gloyer Middle School
Troy Jelinek - Health
Nicholas Palermo – Social Studies



SV HAS HEART



During the 2024–25 school year, several of our elementary schools participated in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge, making a big impact!

Students and staff jumped into action by learning hands-only CPR, recognizing the signs of a stroke and completing "Finn's Mission," a heart-healthy learning module. They also stepped up to raise over $40,300 for the AHA to help support research and resources for children with heart conditions.

The Kids Heart Challenge empowers students across the nation to build heart-healthy habits and make a difference. Through education, fundraising and supporting the association's lifesaving efforts, our SV standouts showed they're all heart!

Congratulations, SV, for rising to the challenge and inspiring action! Shoutout to Ehrman Crest for breaking a school record in funds raised!



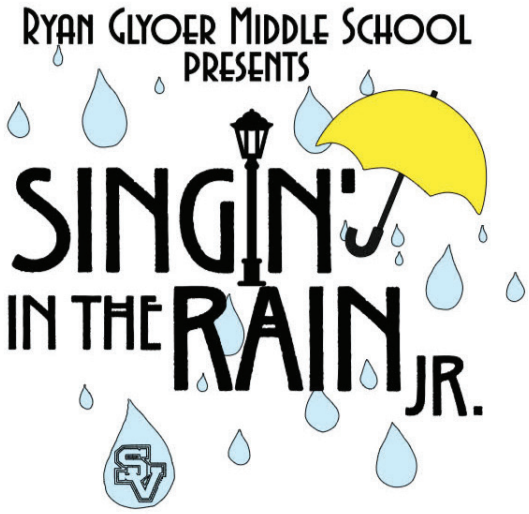


'SINGIN' IN THE RAIN JR.'

Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) presents "Singin' in the Rain Jr.!"

Take a step back into the golden age of Hollywood with this adaptation of the "greatest movie musical of all time." Featuring talented SV performers, this show is full of energy, charm and humor!

Rising stars of RGMS are encouraged to visit www.senecavalleytheater.com for more information.



SV ANNOUNCES NEW ROLES, HIRES

The Seneca Valley School District is pleased to announce several leadership role changes and new staff appointments as we prepare for the 2025–26 academic year, which also marks Seneca Valley's 60th year of educating the youth of our community. These updates reflect Seneca Valley's continued commitment to academic excellence and organizational growth.

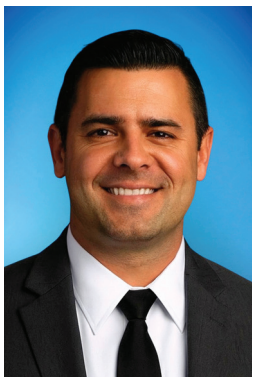
New leadership roles/titles:

- Dr. Sean McCarty – Assistant Superintendent for K-6 Instruction, now serving as Deputy Superintendent (Secondary Instruction, Grades 7–12)
- Dr. Marie Palano – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, now serving as Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction, Grades K–6
- Dr. Tony Babusci – Ryan Gloyer Middle School Principal, now serving as the District's Director of Transportation & Operations
- Mr. Jeremy Womer – Assistant Principal at Haine Middle School, now Principal of Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School
- Ms. Stephanie Bruner – Haine Elementary School Teacher, now Acting Assistant Principal of Haine Middle School
- Mr. Gabe Miller – Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) Teacher, now Acting Assistant Principal at RGMS

New hires:

- Dr. Joel Roth – Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation
- Mr. Ian Hunter – Director of Communications

Dr. Joel Roth brings a wealth of experience in education, leadership and curriculum development to his new role. Most recently, he has served as Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Hopewell Area School District, where he oversaw all aspects of K-12 curriculum, federal programs, district planning, state testing and professional development. Prior to this role, he was Assistant Principal of Curriculum at Woodstock High School in Georgia, serving a school community of more than 2,300 students and 140 teachers, and also worked as an Instructional Lead Strategist at River Ridge High School. He began his career as a mathematics and business education teacher at River Ridge, where he also coached multiple sports, led curriculum development and earned recognition as Teacher of the Year.



In addition to his K-12 leadership, Dr. Roth serves as an adjunct professor at Geneva College, preparing future educators through coursework in educational assessment. He has also contributed to the field through research and presentations on mathematics education, including published work on instructional strategies that promote student problem solving.

Dr. Roth holds multiple advanced degrees, including a Doctor of Education and Education Specialist in Secondary Education from Kennesaw State University, a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from Liberty University, and a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning from Nova Southeastern University. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, where he concentrated in mathematics and minored in business administration.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to begin my role at Seneca Valley and I look forward to working alongside an exceptional team of educators," said Dr. Roth. "I am excited about the important work ahead and the positive impact we can make."



Mr. Hunter, a 2009 graduate of Seneca Valley, comes to the district from Community Care Connections, a disability supports agency in Butler, PA where he was the Director of Development and Community Outreach. Mr. Hunter also previously worked as the PR Manager at the Pittsburgh Zoo where he helped re-establish media contacts and relationships coming out of the pandemic.

Mr. Hunter has a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Clarion University and is both a resident and parent in the District.

"It is exciting to return to the place where I was originally inspired to begin a career in Communications," Mr. Hunter said. "Seneca Valley has always held a special place in my heart, and I could not be more honored to return as Communications Director."

Mr. Hunter replaces Ms. Linda Andreassi, who retired from Seneca Valley after 30 years of service in the role.

"At Seneca Valley, we believe that the foundation of a strong educational experience begins with exceptional leadership and dedicated staff," said Seneca Valley Superintendent Dr. Tracy Vitale. "These new appointments reflect our continued investment in people who inspire excellence, support innovation, and place students at the center of everything we do."

By Varden Armstrong,
Performing Arts Coordinator

SV MARCHING BAND KICKS OFF THE FALL SEASON WITH ANNUAL PIE FESTIVAL

The Seneca Valley Band Boosters hosted the annual Marching Band "Pie Festival" on Thursday, Aug. 14. This event kicks off the fall season with the premier performance of the SV "Roaring" Raider Marching Band. As a special addition, the band invited members of the SV Summer Band to perform the National Anthem alongside the full Marching Band on the field. Under the direction of Mrs. Tracy Glass, Mrs. Kelly Levere and Mrs. Erin Scott, over 75 young band students performed. A full crowd was present to witness this cherished fall event and enjoy the band's first full halftime of the season. This year's Latin-themed halftime show is entitled "Viva SVMB" and features some of the music of the great Chuck Mangione. The band is under the field direction of seniors Autumn Holmes and Ellie Stewart.





















By Heather Lewis,
Seneca Valley Athletics & Activities Director

PACKING EACH OTHER'S PARACHUTE

Prior to the start of each season, I have the opportunity to meet with our coaches in preparation for their upcoming season. We review departmental protocols, District policies and WPIAL/PIAA rules. Most of the time, however, is spent in conversation about coaching youth sport in its current environment.

One of our conversations this summer centered on a video of Navy SEALs and what makes them such a high-performing team. As we discussed what makes a great team, one of our coaches shared a story of their grandfather who had passed earlier in the year. He was a Green Beret, and our coach was the blessed recipient of many life lessons from him. They shared one of his stories that resonated around the room. In short, "Grandpap" shared his Green Beret unit was so successful because each of them was trusted enough to "pack each other's parachute." Think about that. I certainly have, and now I have the honor of sharing his powerful message with young people on the journey of discovering what it means to be a teammate.

My annual message to our student-athletes this year centers around that very phrase, "Packing Each Other's Parachute." We discuss the level of trust necessary for a team to reach greatness; we talk of the responsibility our #SVRaiderNation student-athletes have to be great teammates. I have challenged and will challenge each of our student-athletes to meet the standard of being that teammate who is trusted to "pack the parachute."

It is a privilege for our student-athletes to put on the SV uniform. When it comes to "Wearing the SV" the expectations are:

1. Be a relentless competitor whose effort is never questioned.
2. Be humble and always conduct ourselves with class.
3. Be tireless in our preparation and develop good habits.
4. Be kind and lead with empathy.
5. Be a team that never abandons one another.

As we enter the 2025-26 year in Raider Athletics, I hope each of us "Wearing the SV" can represent the words of "Packing Each Other's Parachute" and model to our young people the level of trust and responsibility required for greatness. What greater lesson can sport teach us?

2025-26 ANNUAL ATHLETICS PASS

In collaboration with the Student-Athlete Leadership Team (S.A.L.T.), the Seneca Valley Athletics Department is pleased to offer a year-long annual athletic pass for all Raider sports home contests on our campus for the 2025-26 school year. Reminder: the pass is available to students and adults!

The pass will be $50 and will entitle the name holder - who presents the Athletics pass along with valid ID (SV ID, License) - to free entry for our regular season home contests.

Any Seneca Valley community member is eligible to purchase a 2025-26 annual student athletic pass.

Passes may be purchased in the Athletic Office located in the lobby of the Senior High School. Passes are available for sale between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. and may be purchased with a check made payable to S.V.S.D. or with cash. No credit cards accepted.



Terms of Use for Annual Student Athletics Pass

1. The pass entitles bearer for one student paid admission to any regular season SV home athletic contest.
2. Must be presented with SV Student ID or license.
3. Only valid for regular season SV home games.
4. Pass does not allow for reentry into venue.
5. Lost passes will not be replaced.
6. Passes are non-transferable.
7. Pass is not accepted at any WPIAL and/or PIAA playoff contest hosted on our campus.

SPECIAL EVENT NIGHTS

- Aug. 29: Senior Night, Home Football vs. North Hills
- Sept. 12: Veterans Recognition Night, Home Football vs. Norwin
- Sept. 25: Homecoming Carnival & Parade, Secondary Campus
- Sept. 26: Homecoming Night, Home Football vs. Mt. Lebanon, WPNT-22 TV Game
- Oct. 16: Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Senior High School
- Oct. 17: Hall of Fame Recognition & Youth Night, Home Football vs. Central Catholic
- Oct. 24: Pink Night & Shoulder Check Game, Home Football vs. North Allegheny

JOIN OUR TEAM!

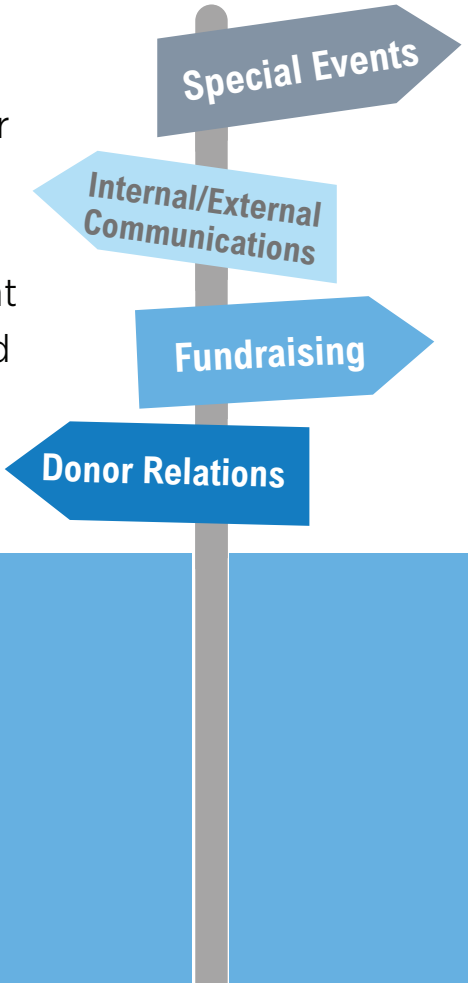
HIRING GRANT & DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Do you have a passion for public education and a deep commitment to the futures of our children? This opening is more than a grant & development role — it's a chance to advocate and connect people to the heart of our district.

Seneca Valley School District is seeking a self-motivated and highly effective communicator with strong leadership skills. The Grant & Development Specialist provides leadership in the development, coordination and management of philanthropic efforts aligned to the vision of the District and Seneca Valley Foundation. Assists with communications functions, special events planning and coordination of community outreach programs.

Requirements:

- Degree in Business, Non-profit Management and/or Public Administration preferred
- Experience in non-profit management
- Strength and experience in competitive government grant writing, fundraising, non-profit marketing and donor relations.



To learn more and apply:

Scan the QR code or visit www.svsd.net/Employment.

ABOVE PAR IN THE BEST WAY

The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) held its annual Gift of Hope Golf Classic presented by Xerox Business Solutions earlier this month, exceeding the goal and raising over $70,000 - a new record!

Proceeds from this incredible event benefit SV students and staff and allow the SVF to continue its mission of providing the "Gift of Hope and Promise of Excellence" to the Seneca Valley School District. We sincerely thank all sponsors, golfers and volunteers, as well as friends from Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, SV Leadership Team and School Board, SVF Board of Trustees, Mary Ann Mangini and Sam Carmella for making this day a huge success. Extra speciation thanks to SV fifth grader Harper Eyles, for leading "The Pledge of Allegiance" to kickoff the day.

















SV FOUNDATION RECEIVES GRANT SUPPORTING ROBOTICS

The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) has been awarded a $30,000 grant from the Arconic Foundation to support Raider Robotics clubs in Seneca Valley's elementary and middle schools. This significant contribution will help enrich after-school Robotics Clubs during the 2025-26 school year across several buildings throughout the district.

Seneca Valley students are introduced to fundamental skills in basic coding, engineering, programming, communication, and graphic design through the Creativity, Innovation & Research (CIRC) spaces at Haine, Rowan, Ehrman Crest, and Connoquenessing Valley Elementary (CVE) Schools. Building on this foundation, Seneca Valley launched its after-school Robotics Club in 2022-23 as an in-house program for interested fifth and sixth graders at Haine and Ehrman Crest Middle Schools. The goal was to place robots into the hands of as many students as possible, extending this exciting opportunity to more students throughout the district. In its inaugural year, the program attracted 170 participants and has continued to grow, expanding to additional schools.

Beyond sparking interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), students in the Robotics Clubs engage in fun, hands-on activities, build and program robots, and compete against other schools in regional competitions.

"We are thrilled to see our Robotics Club continue to grow and are extremely grateful to the Arconic Foundation for this generous grant," said Deputy Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Sean McCarty. "Their support will have a lasting impact, giving our students even greater opportunities to explore, learn and excel in the field of robotics."



Arconic Foundation partners with nonprofit and community organizations to enhance education through skill-building learning experiences and advance environmental sustainability. In the area of education, the Arconic Foundation seeks partnerships to create skill-building learning experiences that enhance individual opportunity, specifically within STEM and manufacturing workforce development.

For more information about the SVF, please visit www.svsd.net/SVFoundation.

REGISTER TO RUN!

Join us Sunday, Nov. 2 for the third annual SFC Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run! Presented by Westinghouse and hosted by the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF), this incredible event serves to spread community awareness of the life and legacy of Sergeant First Class Ryan Gloyer by highlighting the many amazing attributes this man possessed; to remind students and the entire community of Ryan's ultimate sacrifice for our Country; and, more importantly, preserve his legacy of being inclusive, selfless and dedicated.

We are calling on the entire Seneca Valley School District to be a part of this day. Students, staff, families, alumni, business owners - all are welcome! To register visit SFC Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run.

The race will begin at 9 a.m. on the beautiful campus of Seneca Valley's secondary schools. Because of course logistics, it is necessary to shut down Seneca School Road for approximately one hour. We ask participants and guests to arrive no later than 8:30 a.m.

This year, we again welcome Community Commissary! An inviting space for sponsors, vendors and non-profits to share information about their products. Check out our sponsorship opportunities in the photos here. There are still a few spots available! If you'd like to support the event in this way, please contact millergd@svsd.net.

All proceeds from this event will benefit Ryan Gloyer Middle School.





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

HALL OF FAMERS WELCOMED HOME

Seneca Valley Alumni will once again be recognized on their "home turf" for outstanding athletic achievements at the 2025 Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame (HOF) Induction Ceremony.

This year's 2025 Induction Class includes Susan Fletcher Harlan ('04), Jennifer Rape ('96), Chris Rebholtz ('00), Sam Struss ('11), George Trew (Coach), Abbie Trzeciak Berger ('14) and Matthew Vogt ('09).

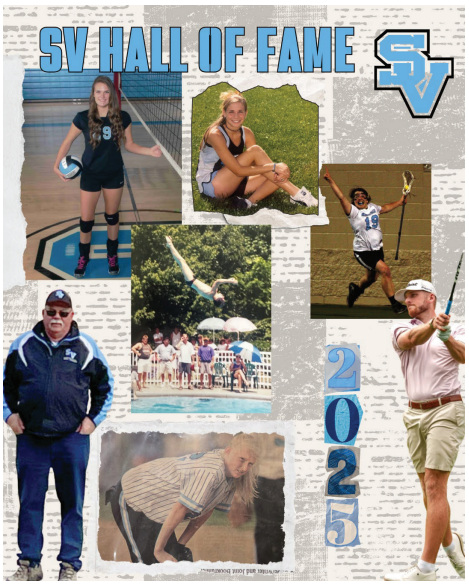
The SV Sports HOF committee will be honoring these inductees the weekend of Oct. 16-17.

The Induction Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, in the senior high school (SHS) auditorium and is free for all to attend. This ceremony will be preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) in the SHS cafeteria. To purchase tickets and learn more, visit www.svsd.net/HOF.

Inductees will also be recognized at the football game at NexTier Stadium on Friday, Oct. 17.

All are welcome to attend and recognize these inductees for their contribution to Seneca Valley Raider athletics!

For more information, please contact Wayne Roccia at 724-816-0698 or via email at wroccia@zoominternet.net. ■

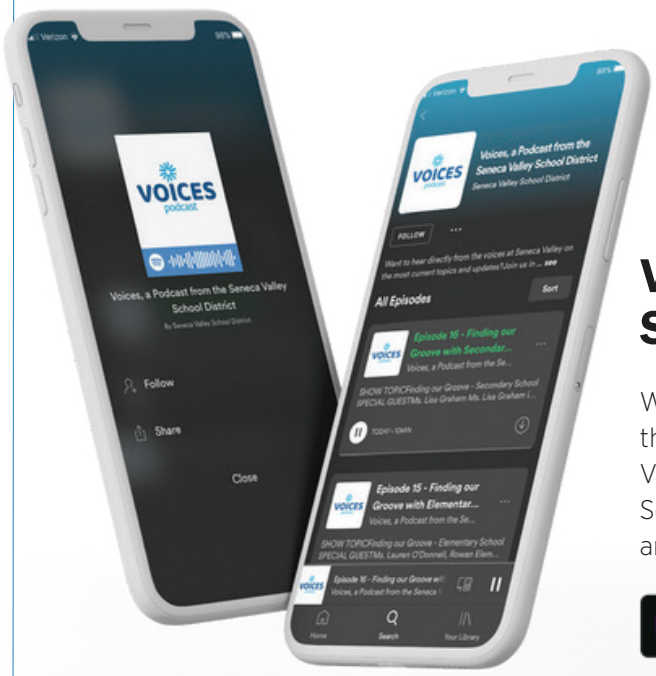


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GRANT HELPS SENECA VALLEY EXPAND ACCESS TO PERIOD SUPPLIES

Seneca Valley recently received a $13,000 grant from the state to help ensure that students have access to free period products across all the District's K–12 schools.

The funding is helping schools provide a variety of personal care items, such as pads, tampons and other personal hygiene products, including options like period underwear and leggings, in health offices, locker rooms and the district's No Cost to Shop store (located in the senior high school).

While younger students may need fewer supplies, the initiative ensures age-appropriate access is available at every level. A larger selection will be maintained at the middle, intermediate and senior high schools, and signage is being developed to help students discreetly locate supplies when needed.

"We are very excited to assist our students," said Ms. Liz Williams, Ryan Gloyer Middle School Nurse and Seneca Valley Nursing Department Chair. "This is about comfort, dignity and making sure no student has to miss out on learning or activities because of lack of access."



Students can expect signage in school bathrooms, locker rooms and other designated locations starting this fall.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The School Board approved the following meeting dates (all meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the SV Intermediate High School unless otherwise noted):

Work Sessions	Regular (Action) Meetings
August 4, 2025	August 11, 2025
September 8, 2025 **Second Monday due to holiday**	September 15, 2025 **Third Monday due to holiday**
October 6, 2025 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**	October 13, 2025 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**
November 3, 2025 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**	November 10, 2025 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**
December 4, 2025 *Reorganization Meeting - 5 p.m.* **First Thursday** **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**	December - No Meeting
January 5, 2026 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**	January 12, 2026 ****Will be held in SHS Auditorium****
February 2, 2026 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**	February 9, 2026 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**
March 2, 2026 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**	March 9, 2026 **Will be held in SHS Auditorium**
April - No Meeting	April 13, 2026
May 4, 2026	May 11, 2026
June 1, 2026	June 8, 2026

In celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Class of 1995, we are pleased to share the following Alumni Q&A from **Nicole Olshanski (SV '95)**, a proud mother and accomplished nurse.

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

A: I am currently the director of the Nursing program at Thiel College and work in the field as the Lead Certified Nurse Midwife at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Boardman, Ohio. I teach the First Assist Class for the American College of Nurse Midwives. I am also the conference coordinator for the Association of Women's Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses and am an exam writer for the American Midwifery Certification Board. I have an Associate Degree in Nursing from Butler County Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Slippery Rock University, a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh, a Post-Master's Certificate from Shenandoah University, a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Waynesburg University and am working on a grant to develop a Perinatal Depression/Anxiety Clinic.

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

A: I have been married to my husband Steve for 23 years. We have four children: Alyssa, Grace, Nicholas and Charlee and live in Slippery Rock. We also have four dogs and a cat.

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

A: My senior year I asked to be let out of school early to take college courses at Butler County Community College instead of a work release. I was among the first to do this and I am so happy to see this is an opportunity for high school students now. It gave me a head start on my continued education in the field of Nursing.

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

A: My favorite teacher is Ms. Marilane Foley who was my first grade teacher at Haine Elementary School. I am still in contact with her 42 years later! We exchange letters every summer and Christmas cards each year. We visit from time to time when she is in Pittsburgh.

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

A: I took a career interest survey my senior year that said I should explore the career of a midwife. I had no idea what a midwife was, but I researched midwifery and interviewed a nurse midwife in Butler. I went on to become a midwife and the nurse I interviewed delivered my children.

Q: If you had one message for students, what would it be?

A: A nursing career awards many opportunities with one degree!





SMART CORNER

The start of a new school year can be exciting—but it can also bring plenty of stress for teens as they juggle classes, activities, and social pressures. From managing busy schedules to staying on top of homework, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. The good news? Many students are finding positive, practical ways to cope.



Here are five methods teens are using to handle their stress:

1. **Journaling.** Sometimes you may experience a nebulous sense of dread that eludes explanation. Journaling can help you pinpoint your stresses and reevaluate how you manage them. It can also provide some valuable perspective—your problems may seem less intimidating once you've written them down. Aside from being cathartic, writing in a journal can improve your sleep, self-confidence, and even boost your IQ. If you prefer having structure, you can get a mindfulness journal with prompts and guided exercises. Otherwise, write and doodle freely in a physical or digital notebook.
2. **Spending quality time with friends.** We may feel more connected than ever because of frequent, superficial engagement on social media, but in-person interaction is critical for our health and well-being. Nonverbal communication through touch, facial expressions, and gestures promotes rich and meaningful connection. Those who partake in more in-person engagement report higher life satisfaction.
3. **Practicing gratitude.** Do you tend to dwell on your problems? Don't worry, it's not just you. This frustrating fixation is actually rooted in evolutionary biology. That's why it can be useful to practice intentional gratitude. Creating a daily list of new, distinct things that you're grateful for can enhance your happiness and satisfaction. However, it's important to get specific. Rather than listing "the weather," record the gorgeous apricot and mauve sunset on a warm summer evening. Instead of expressing appreciation for friends in general, give thanks for the granola bar your friend split with you because you forgot to pack a lunch. Precisely and purposefully naming the things in your life that make it vibrant and joyful may be the key to reviving your spark.
4. **Enjoying creative activities.** Crafting, creative writing, fiber arts like knitting or crochet, and music are all brilliant outlets for self-expression. Immersing yourself in a creative project is an opportunity to temporarily redirect your mental energy toward a peaceful and fulfilling activity. Studies suggest that arts and crafts reduce stress and anxiety, and you may develop new skills in the process.
5. **Reading.** Reading is an ideal form of escapism that not only provides relief and relaxation, but also expands your vocabulary and stimulates your brain. According to neurologist Dr. Paul Wright of Nuvance Health, "Reading a book is like eating a superfood for your brain." Looking for your next great read? Check out this list curated by Common Sense Media of unputdownable books for teens.

Article provided by Common Sense Media



- As part of our ongoing commitment to employee support and retention, Seneca Valley is pleased to introduce the Food Service Employee Incentive Program for the 2025–26 school year. This new benefit provides free reimbursable school meals for the children of SV Food Service staff members, based on their years of service to the district. The program is designed to recognize employee service, offer meaningful family support and create added value to food service positions. Click here to learn more.
- A new school year brings renewed energy and a focus on the future. At SV, we are committed to future-driven learning, which includes thoughtfully reimagining the spaces where students learn. This recent Kidsburgh article highlights how Seneca Valley and other regional districts are prioritizing physical spaces as a vital part of both academic and social success.
- SV Backpack Flyers - Flyers are updated frequently and feature information on student and community events/ activities. Learn more at 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!
- 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)
- The Asservo Project will hold a seminar on Sept. 25 at Stewart Hall in Harmony to educate teens and adults on human trafficking. Learn more here.
- Drive for SV! Driver incentives are now being offered.
- Join the SV Team! Visit www.svsd.net/HumanResources
- Visit Niche to view SV rankings.

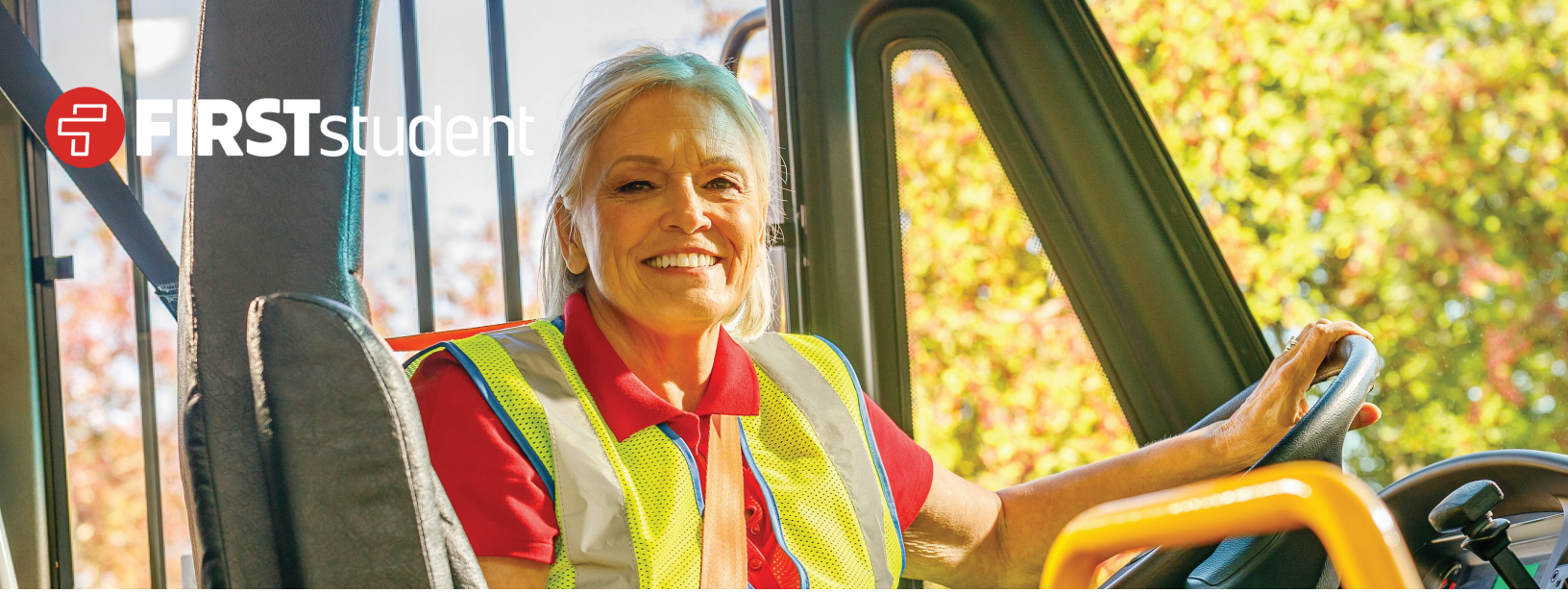


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