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SENECA VALLEY PRESENTS 2025 ANNUAL REPORT 'DRIVEN'

Join us in celebrating our achievements and our shared commitment to being "Driven," both inside and outside the classroom. Within these pages, you'll find the dedication, growth and collaboration that define Seneca Valley as a thriving community. More than a collection of numbers, this report tells the story of our collective success and the meaningful impact we made over the past year.

Your support has been instrumental to our journey, and we are proud to share these accomplishments with you. Together, we are shaping a future defined by opportunity, excellence and possibility. View it here at: www.senecavalleyar25.com









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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2 School Board Meeting, Work Session, SHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

March 9 School Board Meeting, Regular Session, SHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

March 16 School Makeup Day #2, School WILL BE in session

March 30-April 3
Spring Break, No School for Students

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

IT'S AN HONOR!

Click here to view the 2025-26 Second Nine Weeks Honor Rolls for grades 7-12.

WINTER OLYMPICS AT SV

As students geared up for the Winter Olympics and opening ceremonies took center stage, third grade students at Haine Elementary School embraced the Olympic spirit! These engineers put their skills to the test as they created their own snowboarder and snowboard prototype.

They tested their designs in a friendly competition with their own version of CIRC Snowboard Cross, focusing on distance challenges. There were cheers, redesigns, new ideas and lots of problem solving!



Haine Elementary was also honored to welcome a special guest speaker, Mr. Jeff Hantz, who shared his experiences competing in the Paralympics in Greece. He inspired students with a powerful message about innovation and determination.







IT'S HOW WE ROLL

Students at Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle School welcomed the SV Unified Bocce Team for a special visit to showcase the sport, share what they love about competing together and explain what it means to be inclusive. Physical education classes experienced the fun of bocce firsthand and connected Ehrman Crest's "Building Bridges" theme to a hands-on activity using building blocks, demonstrating the importance of strong foundations and teamwork. Throughout the visit, students practiced communicating with each other using verbal, nonverbal and body language skills.

"Students practice inclusion every day," said Ms. Sara Coon, Ehrman Crest Physical Education teacher. "Everyone belongs on a team."



Special thanks to the SV Unified Bocce Team and Ehrman Crest Physical Education teachers for collaborating on this meaningful experience!









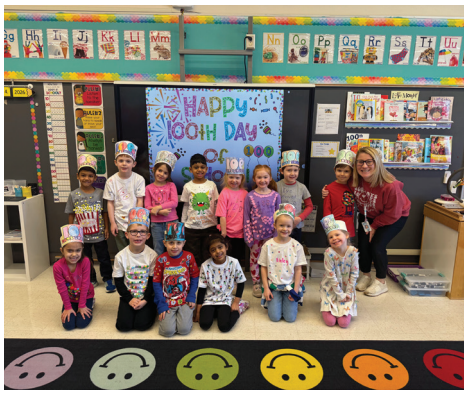


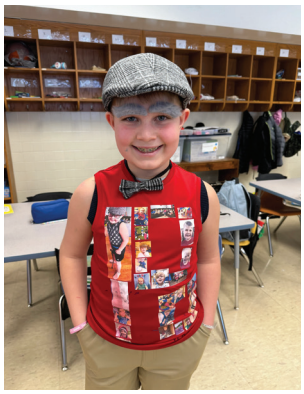
100 DAYS AND COUNTING!

This month marked the 100th day of school and our SV elementary students celebrated with creative projects and exciting activities!

The day's fun included transforming the number 100 into new creations, stacking 100 cups, crafting crowns and making posters. Everyone had a blast!

Many students recognized the milestone by dressing up as 100-year-olds. Others rocked their best "100 Days" shirts. One hundred never looked so good!









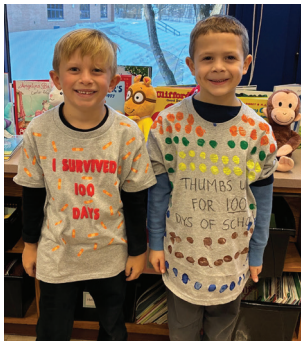
























Seneca Valley SD 2026-27 Student/Teacher Calendar

APPROVED FEBRUARY 2026

August 2026

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Aug. 20 - First Student Day
12 Staff Days; 8 Student Days

September 2026

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	IS	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

21 Staff Days; 20 Student Days
Sept. 21 - In-Service Day

October 2026

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

22 Staff Days; 21 Student Days (22 w/ A80)

November 2026

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8	9	10	IS	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	H	H	H	28
29	H					

17 Staff Days; 16 Student Days
Nov. 11 - In-Service Day

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	H	H	H	H		

16 Days

January 2027

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10	11	12	13	14	IS	16
17	IS	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

20 Staff Days; 18 Student Days
Jan. 15 - In-Service Day
Jan. 18 - In-Service Day

February 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	SM	13
14	IS	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

19 Staff Days; 18 Student Days
Feb. 15 - In-Service Day

March 2027

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	H	A80	31			

18 Staff Days; 17 Student Days (18 w/ A80)

April 2027

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21 Days

May 2027

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9	10	11	12	13	IS	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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20 Staff Days; 19 Student Days
May 14 - In-Service Day

June 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	LD-S	LD	5
6	IS	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

5 Staff Days; 4 Student Days
June 3 - Last Day for Seniors (Grad. Day)
June 4 - Last Day for K-11 Students
June 7 - In-Service 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 three makeup days that will be utilized.

Feb. 12, 2027
March 5, 2027
April 16, 2027

District Local Holidays:

Nov. 25, 2026
Nov. 30, 2026
Dec. 24, 2026
Dec. 31, 2026
March 26, 2027

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

Please note all dates are subject to change

SWEET CELEBRATIONS

What do we love about SV? Our caring students and staff!

In celebration of Valentine's Day, many classrooms districtwide created fun valentine boxes (like the inventive Rowan Express pictured here!) and exchanged cards during class parties earlier this month. Students enjoyed celebrating kindness and participating in creative games!











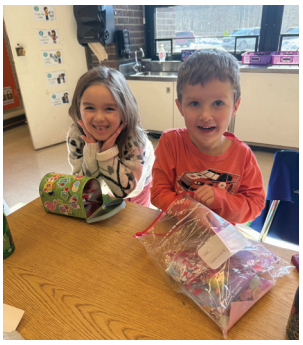
























VALENTINE'S DAY FUN WITH BEST BUDDIES

Haine's Best Buddies chapter hosted a sweet and heartwarming Valentine's Day celebration! The group organized a jeans day and fudge fundraiser, inviting staff to donate in exchange for wearing jeans and having delicious fudge delivered right to their classrooms by Best Buddies students. Students had a wonderful time creating Valentine's crafts and adding stickers to each fudge slice that read, "Thank you for loving Best Buddies."

Thanks to the incredible support from staff, the event raised $342, which will support Haine's Best Buddies chapter. The delicious treats were from Spectrum Fudge, a family-run business whose son has Autism Spectrum Disorder.











EMERGING AUTHORS

Many sixth grade students at Haine Middle School had their short stories selected for publication in the Young Writers' Fright Club "Ghosts & Ghouls" national creative writing contest! Student authors were tasked with crafting a scary short story in 100 words or less. To capture their imaginative ideas, students had to effectively incorporate expressive language and imagery.

"I am very proud of them for working so hard," said English Language Arts (ELA) teacher Ms. Deanna Sipp. "The students really enjoyed this experience and were very proud of their accomplishments."

Their stories will be published in a book to be released later this year.

Congratulations to our young authors on this exciting accomplishment and display of storytelling skills!









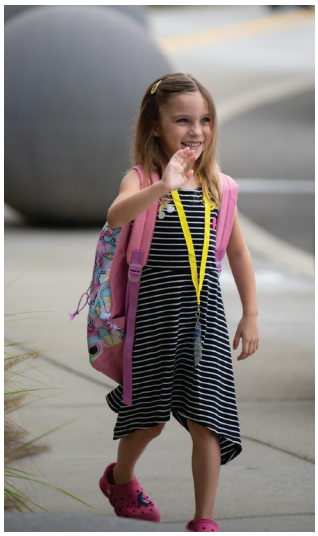
2026-2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are pleased to welcome incoming kindergarten students as they prepare for the 2026-27 school year!



Kindergarten at SV is an engaging, half-day program with transportation that is provided one way. In order to enroll, **children must be five (5) years old on or before September 1 of the enrollment year.**

Online registration is now open. To register, visit www.svsd.net/26-27KRegistration



Registration at this time is intended to collect pertinent preliminary information, including parent/guardian contact and student records.

Documents that are REQUIRED for registration include:

- Two documents as proof of residency (lease/mortgage documents, utility bill, etc.)
- Child's birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate or other certified birth record
- Immunization records to date

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

On Feb. 4, students at Ehrman Crest Elementary School participated in World Read Aloud Day 2026, marking the event's 16th annual celebration. Throughout the day, students enjoyed live author read-alouds, interactive Q&A sessions and prize giveaways. Highlights from the day included readings from Adam Wallace of the "How to Catch" series and Aaron Reynolds of the "Creepy Tales Jasper Rabbit" series.

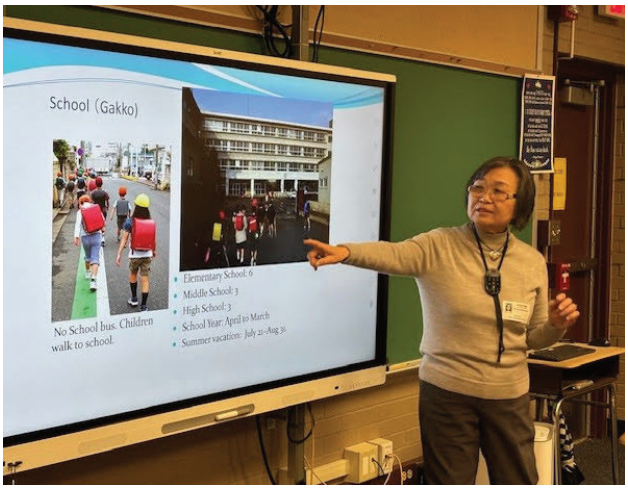


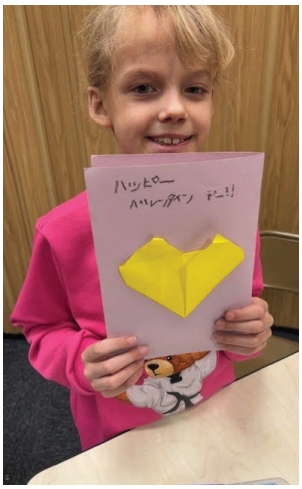




KONNICHIWA, GOOD DAY!

Second grade students at Rowan Elementary School recently welcomed special visitors from the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania (JASP) to share insights about Japanese life, customs and education. The Japan in Schools (JIS) program introduces students to the rich culture and tradition of Japan, providing a unique global learning experience. Through the program, Ms. Katsuko Shellhammer, JASP Educational Outreach Coordinator and her team of volunteers visited classes to present an engaging slideshow about elementary schools in Japan. Students also had the opportunity to compare their own school experiences with children in Japan.





To conclude the visit, Ms. Shellhammer guided students in making origami hearts which were included in their Valentine's cards to someone special.







INNOVATIVE INSIGHTS

Curiosity, collaboration and career exploration were at the heart of a powerful learning experience for 45 Seneca Valley High School students who visited the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center on January 23.

Accompanied by Senior High School Assistant Principal Ms. Megan Lizewski and AP Chemistry teacher, Science Department Chair and Science Honor Society adviser Ms. Kelly Weston, students spent the day immersed in an environment where science, innovation and compassion intersect.

During their visit, students toured the facility and gained firsthand insight into the cutting-edge research taking place behind the scenes. Along the way, they met a variety of professionals who shared their unique roles within the center. From researchers and physicians to therapists, nurse practitioners, medical physicists, directors and community outreach educators, students gained a deeper understanding of the diverse and often unexpected careers that make the center's work possible.

Perhaps most impactful were the personal stories shared by the professionals. Students learned that there is no single path into



healthcare. Each speaker described a different journey highlighting careers many students had never realized existed, let alone existed within one organization like UPMC Hillman Cancer Center.

The experience brought classroom concepts to life, helping students see how what they learn today can shape the careers they pursue tomorrow. By connecting science education to real-world applications, the visit sparked curiosity, expanded perspectives and inspired many students to consider futures in healthcare and medical research.

BRIDGING GENERATIONS

Most students learn about the Vietnam War from history books, but many juniors at Seneca Valley Senior High School learned about the war firsthand from the veterans who served in it.

This month, 15 Vietnam Veterans visited history classes to share their perspectives on the war, including the challenges men and women faced when they returned. The veterans were open about the pain of losing friends who were closer to them than brothers. Others spoke of survivor's guilt and the benefit of talking about their time and educating others.

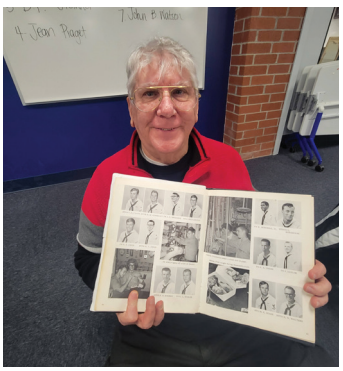
"We didn't talk about the war for decades," said Vietnam Veteran Kenny Rozycki. "Having the opportunity to speak with students is healing for us."

The Veterans enjoyed connecting with students about high school life. They discussed what it was like to be in high school in the 1960s, what activities and subjects they enjoyed, jobs they had



and what it was like to be drafted. Many of the visitors enlisted so they could determine in which branch they would serve.

"It was encouraging to see students approach the veterans to shake their hands and thank them for their services," said SV Emotional Support Teacher Mrs. Carol-Lynn Dubovi. "It was meaningful for the veterans to be recognized, as many of them were not welcomed home 60 years ago. It was a very impactful day for all filled with meaningful connections and authentic learning opportunities."











By Varden Armstrong,
Performing Arts Coordinator

SV JAZZ STUDENTS EARN SPOT IN ELITE ENSEMBLE



Two SV Jazz students, Camden Armstrong (Alto Saxophone) and John Rieger (Trumpet) were selected to the PMEA All-State Jazz Ensemble. The path to this prestigious ensemble differs from the typical PMEA festival process. To earn a position in the All-State Jazz Ensemble, students must prepare an audition consisting of five components: scale proficiency, improvisation, lead playing, section playing and a technical etude/transcription. This material must be audio and video recorded and submitted to the state in January for evaluation and scoring. Camden is one of only two alto saxophonists and John is one of only five trumpeters selected from across Pennsylvania. The All-State Jazz Ensemble will perform at the PMEA All-State Festival in April at the Poconos Resort Conference Center. The band will be conducted by Paul Bratcher, Associate Chair of Piano at the Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C., and Director of Jazz Studies at Georgetown University.

A WORLD PREMIERE ON THE REGIONAL STAGE

Ten Seneca Valley chorus members in grades 11-12 recently participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region Chorus held February 19-21, at the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle. The chorus festival comprises students from Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

A world premiere of the piece “A Stranger Here” was performed by the choir, written on commission by the guest conductor Dr. Patrick Hawes. Born in England, Dr. Hawes grew up along the Lincolnshire coast and was educated at De Aston School. In 2006, Dr. Hawes was asked by Classic FM to be their Composer in Residence. Since then, he has released nine additional albums. These and other commissions have seen him record and perform with world-class soloists (Elin Manahan-Thomas, Sarah Brightman, Emma Johnson, Peter Jablonski), choirs (Voces8, The King’s Singers, National Youth Choir of Great Britain, The Elora Singers, Choir of New College Oxford) and orchestras (Philharmonia, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra). A career highlight for Dr. Hawes occurred in 2009 when he was commissioned to write work for harp and strings to mark the 60th birthday of King Charles III (then the Prince of Wales). The world premiere of his oratorio “The Son of Man” took place in Houston, Texas, in September 2024 with the Grammy Award-winning Houston Chamber Choir and Houston Symphony. Alongside this, Dr. Hawes directed a new piece for the Pennsylvania Regions Choir Festival. His works are published by the world’s leading publishing houses including Novello, Boosey & Hawkes and Walton GIA, with his music being continually used in over 100 countries across the globe.



“The PMEA Region Chorus performed an incredibly energetic and impressive concert at an incredible facility, ” said high school choir director Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander. “Our students were also fortunate to premiere a piece and learn from a master composer.”

Based on audition results at the festival, the following students will be advancing to the All-State Choir Festival in April: Nathan Capizzi, Aydan Danylo, Jacob Harding, Autumn Holmes, Shayla Kemp, Layne Vandenburgh. John Rieger will be attending the All-State Jazz Ensemble but qualified for choir, as well.

Participants: Nathan Capizzi, Morgan Clay, Artie Covell, Aydan Danylo, Jacob Harding, Quintin Hixon, Autumn Holmes, Shayla Kemp, Jacob Maietta, Jacqueline Matchett, John Rieger, Madelyn Tresky, Layne Vandenburgh, and Jayden Wiedmeyer.

Students are led by Ms. Bobi-Jean Alexander and Mr. Kyle Masson, secondary choral instructors.

‘LET IT GO’... AND GRAB YOUR TICKETS!

Tickets are now on sale for Seneca Valley’s production of Disney’s "Frozen," the musical! Full of magic, humor and sisterly love, "Frozen" is a powerful tale of acceptance, perfect for all audiences.

Performances will take place in the SV Intermediate High School Auditorium on March 12, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. as well as March 14 and 15 at 2 p.m.

Get your tickets here: www.showclix.com/event/sv-disney-frozen-musical

JAZZ IT UP

This month, 24 Seneca Valley band students were selected by solo audition to perform in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District Jazz Festival, held February 13-14 at Slippery Rock University. The festival consists of three auditioned jazz ensembles comprised of students from Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties. Seneca Valley had the most students of any district represented at this festival.

Guest conductors included Javier Nero, lead trombonist in the U.S. Army Band's premier musical unit "The Pershing's Own" and member of the jazz faculty at John Hopkins Peabody Institute; Bob Matchett, freelance trombonist and member of our own SV music staff; and Joe Sheller, Pittsburgh-based freelance saxophonist and music teacher in the Kiski Area School District. The event concluded with a public concert at Slippery Rock University's Miller Auditorium.



Participants:

Camden Armstrong – Alto Saxophone, Matthew Capozzi – Alto Saxophone, Jordan Courtney – Trumpet, Colton Frankovich – Trumpet, Josh Heere – Baritone Saxophone, Autumn Holmes – Tenor Saxophone, Caroline Holmes – Bass, Benny James – Bass, Maddy Karns – Baritone Saxophone, Rileigh Karns – Piano, Kaleb Karns – Trumpet, Daniel Kennaday – Trumpet, Sam Luszik – Tenor Saxophone, Lily Maschmeier – Aux Percussion, Stone Oechslein – Tenor Saxophone, Riley Relich – Trombone, John Rieger – Trumpet, Gio Salgado – Alto Saxophone, Eli Scanlan – Trombone, Jack Schaar – Drum Set, Brendon Shick – Trumpet, Bobby Tammariello – Trombone, Imogen Tomo – Trombone, Adrian Wrubel – Trumpet.

Students are led by Mr. Varden Armstrong and Mr. Robert Babick, secondary instrumental instructors.

SV INSTRUMENTALISTS JOIN FOR ANNUAL FESTIVAL

This month's Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Band Festival featured 17 SV Band students! Held at Sharon High School from Feb. 4-6, the festival brought together students from all schools in PMEA District 5. It is the first step in the state-level music festival system, where students have the opportunity to advance to the regional level. The guest conductor for the festival was Dr. Kate Ferguson, Lecturer and Director of Athletic Bands at Youngstown State University. Based on audition results, 11 SV students (Camden Armstrong, Colton Frankovich, Emma Gallie, Catey Hunter, Benny James, Ella King, John Rieger, Gio Salgado, Eli Scanlan, Claire Thompson and Adrian Wrubel) will be moving on to the PMEA Region 1 Band Festival to be held in March at Upper St. Clair High School.

Students are led by Mr. Varden Armstrong, Mr. Robert Babick, Mr. Brian Croach and Ms. Sara Snyder, secondary instrumental instructors.



Participants:

Dreden Anderson – Tuba, Camden Armstrong – Alto Saxophone, Colton Frankovich – Trumpet, Emma Gallie – Clarinet, Josh Heere – Baritone Saxophone, Quintin Hixon – Trombone, Catey Hunter – Trumpet, Benny James – String Bass, Rileigh Karns – French Horn, Ella King – Clarinet, John Rieger – Trumpet, Gio Salgado – Alto Saxophone, Eli Scanlan – Trombone, Jack Schaar – Percussion, Lola Schwendemann – French Horn, Claire Thompson – Flute, Adrian Wrubel - Trumpet

‘A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES’

In collaboration with the elementary orchestra department, the Seneca Valley Chamber Orchestra presented “A Night at the Movies.” This special event included songs from childhood film favorites, including “Harry Potter,” “Star Wars,” Disney classics and more. In addition to the music, our youngest students were encouraged to dress in costume, and the Seneca Valley Orchestra Parents Association (SVOPA) provided popcorn.

“This was a fun and casual way for our youngest SV students to see some of what we are doing in the performing arts department,” said Ms. Millie Shay, secondary orchestra teacher.

Dylan Neal, senior violinist, commented, “I was glad to be able to play a concert at the elementary school. It is wonderful to see younger students developing an interest in music.”







This concert is part of a series of Pops Concerts put on by the Seneca Valley Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra Department and SVOPA. Stay tuned for the annual Halloween concert in October at the Strand Theater!

STAGE PRESENCE

The Seneca Valley Thespians Troupe and Advanced Theater classes were once again given an opportunity to work with theater professionals at a workshop presented by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. Students traveled to the Byham Theater in downtown Pittsburgh where Pittsburgh-based industry professionals presented workshops on various topics related to the field of theater. This year, the group worked on stage combat, lighting design, set design and playwriting. The Theater Arts Workshop provides insight into various theater professions, a field full of creative and exciting careers. Students and educators alike learn skills that can be applied to life inside and outside of the theater during their experiences.







“The workshops presented by the Cultural Trust are both fun and engaging for the students,” SV Theater educator Amber Hugus stated. “The most important takeaway for me is that my students are presented with people who are earning a living working in the arts. Many students feel that they have to be an actor to be a theater professional, but there is more to the theater than just acting!”

Senior Hope Reep said, “The Byham theater workshop has been such a joy no matter what aspect of theater students enjoy. There are such diverse and brilliant people who are so dedicated to their craft, and I highly recommend visiting. Such a fun way to interact with your peers and share a mutual love for the arts.”



By Heather Lewis,
Seneca Valley Athletics & Activities Director

WINTER SPORT UPDATES

Boys Basketball



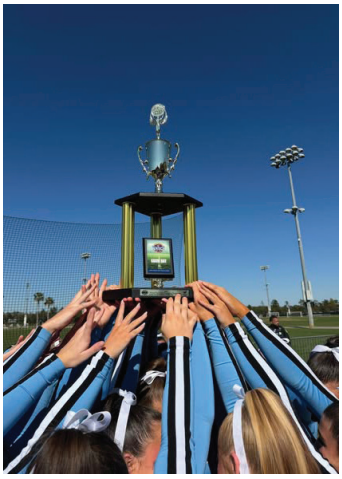
Raider boys basketball opened the first half of section play with a 3-4 record and their playoff position was tenuous at best. However, the boys turned it around in the second half, going 5-2 and finishing tied for second place in their section. Their three-game win streak to end the season was rewarded with the No. 4 seed in the WPIAL playoffs. As a result, the Raiders hosted Hempfield in late February. At the time of this writing, results were not available. A final season recap will be provided in March. Congratulations, Coach Trost and the entire Raider boys basketball program, for getting better each day and returning to the playoffs for the second consecutive season!

Girls Basketball



For the second consecutive season, Raider girls basketball will have their team on a banner, capturing a share of the section title with a 9-1 mark and overall record of 13-6. In the past two seasons, Seneca Valley earned a 19-1 record in section play – a remarkable run by this program! The Raiders will square off against the Rams of Pine-Richland in the opening round of the 6A WPIAL championships. We congratulate Coach Epps, the entire staff and team on a remarkable season and wish you all the best in the postseason. A final season recap will be provided in March.

Competitive Cheer



Raider competitive cheer had an outstanding year, and the squad capped off their season competing at the National High School Cheerleading Championships (NHSCC) in mid-February at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. History was made when the team finished 10th in the nation in the Game Day routine. In the Traditional routine, the Raiders narrowly missed advancing to the championship mat. There is much to be proud of this season as the squad "threw zeros" (cheer terminology for having a clean routine) in all their routines! Congratulations, Coach Wise, the entire staff and athletes on another outstanding season!

Ice Hockey



With two games remaining in the regular season, the defending state champion Raider Ice Hockey team sits firmly in first place with a record of 17-1, their only loss coming in a shootout to the North Allegheny Tigers. The team looks to capture their second straight Penguins Cup and state title. A final season recap will be provided in March. Good luck, SV!

We congratulate our 2026 PIHL All-Stars! Their All-Star game will be played Sunday, March 29 at Robert Morris University (RMU) Island Sports Center.

Jacob Gilbert (F)	Leyton Moreau (D)	John Sroka (F)
Carter Hoehn (D)	Chris Nichols (G)	

Swimming & Diving



Raider swimming and diving is in the final preparations for their WPIAL and PIAA championships. The regular season has ended, and both teams finished as section runner-up with identical 5-1 section marks. Overall, the girls were 11-1 in the season and the boys finished 8-5. With attention now on preparing for postseason, Ali Waters currently sits in the first spot for top scores heading into the WPIAL Diving Championships. On the swimming side, the following relays have earned top five times heading into the WPIAL Championships: girls 200 free relay (3rd) and girls 200 medley relay (5th). We will recap postseason performances in March. Good luck to our swimmers and divers!

Wrestling

It is that time of year again where our boys and girls wrestling members are singularly focused on the upcoming individual championship season.

Boys wrestling recently completed their individual sectional qualifiers for the WPIAL 3A Championships. Six Raiders advanced to WPIALs, including two section champions: Riley Smith (Champion, 107 lbs.), Zach Hill (Champion, 145 lbs.), Tommy Wuycheck (3rd, 285 lbs.), Jimmy Bidoli (5th, 172 lbs.), Tyler Nguyen (6th, 133 lbs.), and Mason Purvis (6th, 152 lbs.). Congratulations, boys, and good luck

in your pursuit of a WPIAL title and berth in the PIAA State Championships! A final season recap will be provided in March.

At the time of this writing, girls wrestling is training for WPIAL Championships and qualifications for the PIAA State Championships. We wish Raider girls wrestling the best of luck in their pursuit of WPIAL titles and PIAA state championship berths! A final season recap will be provided in March.





ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, DECEMBER 2025

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The "Captivating Imagery" Female Athlete of the Month for December was sophomore wrestler Kaeleigh Tuell. Wrestling at the 148-pound weight class, Kaeleigh has had a breakout season. She boasts a team high individual record of 14-6. Kaeleigh has been a key contributor for the Raiders by placing in each of the tournaments she has entered. She finished sixth at the prestigious "Beast of the East," fourth at "Powerade" and third at the "Redbank Valley Invite." To top it all off, Kaeleigh is currently ranked fourth in her weight class in Western Pennsylvania. We recognized Kaeleigh as the December Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Kaeleigh!



The "Captivating Imagery" Male Athlete of the Month for December was senior boys hockey player Chris Nichols. A goalkeeper, Chris has carried his stellar form into the new season. In the month of December, he helped the Raiders to a 4-0 record, boasting a save percentage of 96%, an average of .75 goals allowed and three shutouts. His play in the net earned him Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League (PIHL) AAA Player of the Month honors along with being named a PIHL AAA All-Star. Chris is now 11-0 on the season and is a key part of an historic 14-0 start for the Raider hockey program. For an impressive season, we recognized Chris as the December Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Chris!

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2026

Raider student-athletes have recently made their college commitment official, officially signing to attend their college of choice. We congratulate these seniors for 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 immensely proud of your efforts in the classroom, in competition, and in the community.

Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Adam Bayer	Football	Washington & Jefferson	Business Marketing
Cayden Parker	Football	Slippery Rock	Business
Ryan Rebholz	Baseball	Grove City	Exercise Science
Sean Smith	Football	Penn West California	Exercise Science

RAIDER ATHLETICS PARTNERS

The Seneca Valley Athletics Department is proud to partner with many community organizations and families whose support goes a long way in helping provide a quality athletic experience for our student-athletes. Listed below are our current Raider Athletics Partners – we thank you for your support!

NexTier Bank
"We're more than just a bank – we provide personal and business banking solutions that support our communities and help you reach your dreams."
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"A world leader in artificial turf and field surface for Raider Athletics."
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"We strive to exceed our clients' long-term goals."
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Khara Family Baseball Field
"Proud sponsor of 'The Khara Family Baseball Field' – home to the defending WPIAL Champion Raider Baseball program."



OUT-OF-THE-PARK MESSAGE

Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) welcomed Pittsburgh Pirates In-Game Host, Joe Klimchak, as part of their ongoing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative.

Mr. Klimchak presented in two sessions to seventh and eighth grade students, sharing his personal journey and how he achieved his dream job. His message centered on the idea that being "ordinary" does not limit success, ordinary people can achieve great things. He encouraged students to set stretch goals, discover what they love, make time to develop their skills, believe in their ability to grow, and consistently put in the work. Emphasizing a growth mindset, he reminded students that progress comes from showing up, even when it's challenging.

He also emphasized the importance of the "Three R's" - respect, responsibility and resilience, reinforcing that strong character is the foundation of lasting success - the values and culture that RGMS teachers and staff work diligently to foster within their school.

PBIS is a framework designed to make schools more effective places. By implementing evidence-based practices, schools can support their students' academic, social, emotional and behavioral success, engage with families and use data to guide decisions that strengthen school culture.









GOT SKILLS

Congratulations to the Seneca Valley Vo-Tech students who placed at this year's SkillsUSA District 10 Competition, a program offered through the Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School (BCAVTS). Students throughout the region traveled to the New Castle School of Trades to participate in a variety of skills and leadership contests. This year, 10 Seneca Valley students competed!

Gold medals were awarded to the top competitors in each skill category, recognizing their outstanding performance and precision. The following Seneca Valley students will be moving on to compete at the state level:

Mara Josephson	Promotional Bulletin Board	Grade 11
Elizabeth Semenenko	Photography	Grade 11
Kylee Brennan	Community Service	Grade 12
Alessandra Johnston	American Spirit	Grade 12
Caroline Panyon	Career Pathways Human	Grade 12
Odessa Quinlan	Career Pathways Human	Grade 12
Gavin Uber	TeamWorks	Grade 12



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.

These gold medalists have earned the opportunity to advance to the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania State Competition in Hershey from April 8-10, where they will compete for a chance to represent the state at the national level.

Congratulations to the following Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School (BCAVTS) students who were recently recognized on the 2025-26 National Technical Honor Society Roster!

Elea Angel	Welding	Grade 11
Midnight Braun	Welding	Grade 12
Kylee Brennen	Health Assistant	Grade 12
Cheyenne Eichenauer	Health Assistant	Grade 12
Riley Gahagan	Building Construction	Grade 11
Isabella Gant	Welding	Grade 11
Gabrielle Grizzle	Health Assistant	Grade 12
Alessandra Johnston	Graphic Design	Grade 12
Layla Lynch	Cosmetology	Grade 11
Jhemi Sophia Manuel	Health Assistant	Grade 11
Rowan Ollio	Collision Repair	Grade 12
Jaden Phipps	Building Construction	Grade 11
Odessa Quinlan	Cosmetology	Grade 12
Tucker Ray	Graphic Design	Grade 11
Marcus Stewart	Carpentry	Grade 12
Alexis Terracio	Protective Services	Grade 12

LESSONS IN HISTORY

In honor of Black History Month, students at Seneca Valley Intermediate High School recently participated in meaningful “Snack and Learn” sessions at the IHS LIGHT Center.

Junior Leah Boston led a powerful student presentation highlighting the significance of Black History Month and the extraordinary impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

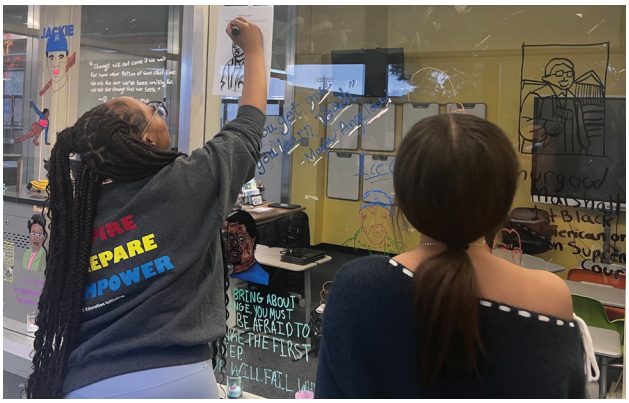
Students also collaborated on a dynamic mural that celebrated influential Black leaders and changemakers, using art as a creative expression of appreciation and awareness.

In addition, students watched a documentary about the Freedom House Ambulance Service. Founded in Pittsburgh, the Freedom House Ambulance Service was the nation’s first emergency medical service staffed by African Americans, whose members were considered some of the most highly trained emergency medical practitioners in the country.











POSITIVITY WITH A SIDE OF PANCAKES

The Gloyer Gold Pancake Breakfast at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) celebrated 130 students who consistently model the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient. Selected by faculty across all 10 teams, these students have demonstrated outstanding behavior throughout the year, often going above and beyond without having received a Gloyer Gold Ticket.

This event recognizes the daily choices these students make to contribute positively to the RGMS community. Their leadership, kindness and commitment to PBIS values help create an environment where all students can learn and thrive. Congratulations to these students on this well-deserved honor.









INK WITH IMPACT

Ryan Gloyer Middle School teachers and staff recently joined in some “inked” fun to support Charity: Water, an organization dedicated to providing clean and safe drinking water to remote areas with vulnerable populations. Students on the RGMS Tiger Team sold temporary tattoos during their lunch periods that were given to teachers to proudly display. The halls were full of smiles and creative designs! A heartfelt thank you to our RGMS students, families and staff for their generosity and support. Together, they raised over $3,000! A big shout-out to our teachers and staff, who bravely rocked these tattoos!









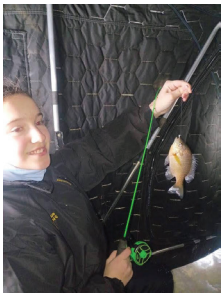




A COOL EXPERIENCE

Students from the Ryan Gloyer Middle School Fishing Club recently enjoyed a memorable day of ice fishing at Lake Wilhelm with their club advisor, Mr. Zeke Stroupe. Joined by their parents, students spent the day on the ice catching a variety of fish species while gaining valuable tips and insights from local guide and BC Bait Company owner, Bo Bartholomew. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and families to connect, learn and experience the outdoors together.







'I LED THE PLEDGE'

For the seventh year, elementary students from Seneca Valley's K-6 schools are appearing at School Board meetings, leading the members of the School Board and public in saying "The Pledge of Allegiance."



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

Haine Middle School sixth grader Omalicha Ufelle had the honor of leading the "Pledge of Allegiance" at the Feb. 2 School Board Meeting. Omalicha is a talented and well-rounded student who enjoys playing soccer with FC Pittsburgh, participating in gymnastics, acting and playing the saxophone. Math is her favorite subject, and she hopes to one day attend Harvard University. Her dream? To act in at least one movie and become a successful neurosurgeon!

For the Feb. 9 regular session meeting, we were proud to welcome Lukas Alabran, a third grader at Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC). Lukas loves math, but his real passion is baseball! He enjoys all things sports and being outside. His dream? You guessed it—he wants to be a professional baseball player!



Lukas pictured with, from L-R: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tracy Vitale, School Board President Mr. Eric DiTullio, Seneca Valley Academy of Choice Principal Dr. Denise Manganello, and Seneca Valley Academy of Choice Assistant Principal Ms. Sarah Parish

AMPED FOR (RENEWABLE) ENERGY

Innovation was on full display as 70 Seneca Valley students competed in the SV KidWind Challenge. The event was held on Friday, Feb. 6, at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center and featured 17 teams of students, including fourth graders from Ehrman Crest Elementary and Haine Elementary Schools, as well as fifth graders from Haine Middle School, who showcased their innovative energy designs.

The KidWind Challenge is 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. Students voluntarily signed up to participate in the KidWind Club and competed in either the wind power or solar power division, applying their knowledge of renewable energy through hands-on engineering challenges.

Wind Power Division

Students in the wind power division designed and constructed functional wind turbines aimed at generating the greatest possible electrical output. Teams experimented with blade sizes, shapes and materials, refining their designs through testing and problem-solving. In addition to building their turbines, each team delivered a formal presentation to a panel of judges, explaining their design process, challenges encountered and lessons learned through collaboration.

Solar Power Division

Solar power teams developed themed solar environments powered by solar panels and student-built circuits. Working collaboratively, students designed creative displays that incorporated buildings and other elements to support their theme. They engineered circuits to power lights, fans, sirens and other components within their environments. Like their wind division peers, solar teams presented their projects to judges and reflected on their teamwork and engineering experience.

The top three solar teams earned an invitation to the Pennsylvania State Solar Competition at Penn State University on March 5. The top three wind teams qualified for the Pennsylvania State Wind Competition at Penn State University on March 25.









Coaches for the event included Ken Cahall, Seneca Valley outdoor education teacher at Haine Middle School; Linda Weismann, fourth grade teacher at Haine Elementary School; and Bethany Wolford, fourth grade teacher at Ehrman Crest Elementary School. Students also worked with Haine Middle School CIRC and gifted support teachers, Ronelle Rowe and Jeremiah Friday.

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.

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

Congratulations to Ms. Dayna Gulish, Rowan Elementary School Speech and Language teacher, on receiving the Unlocking Potential (UP) Award from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit (MIU) IV! Last month, Gretchen Burr, MIU IV Assistive Technology Consultant, presented the award to Ms. Gulish in recognition of her work supporting students through assistive technology.

Ms. Gulish was recognized specifically for her commitment to submitting Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) referrals and for consistently modeling AAC use to enhance student learning.

"Ms. Gulish supports students constantly and is always modeling AAC use on devices," said Ms. Gretchen Burr. "She has been very encouraging and UP-lifting to staff, who are following her lead in modeling AAC use for students!"

Ms. Gulish is a valued member of our



Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) team, and we are grateful for the ways she is "unlocking potential" for students and colleagues alike.



STEAM SHOWCASE

Dr. Bria Koch recently presented at the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference (PETE&C) in Hershey, showcasing how her students are bridging imagination and technology through the use of Ozobots.

During a hands-on session, educators explored ways to integrate Ozobots into literacy, math, science and art using age-appropriate, unplugged and digital coding activities.

"Coding isn't just for older students," said Dr. Koch. "It's for everyone!"

Congratulations to Dr. Koch for sparking curiosity in students and sharing her expertise with fellow educators.



SV ALL-STAR

For February, we are pleased to announce the newest member inducted into the SV All-Star Club, Mrs. Lisa Martin, paraprofessional at Rowan Elementary School.

The SV All-Star Club is an awards program developed by the District to express our gratitude to Seneca Valley classified employees (administrative assistants, paraprofessionals, maintenance, cafeteria), bus drivers and security guards who are often the unsung heroes of our schools. We recognize a new member of this elite all-star club each month.

"Mrs. Martin is the definition of a team player," said Dr. Tina Wentz, Principal of Rowan Elementary School. "No matter the need, no matter the day, she steps in with a willing heart and a positive attitude. She understands that supporting students takes all of us working together, and she consistently shows up not just for the children she directly serves, but for her colleagues as well. If someone needs an extra set of hands, a listening ear, or encouragement, Mrs. Martin is there."

Mrs. Martin has a remarkable ability to connect with students in a way that makes them feel safe, understood and valued. She always sees the best in children — even on their hardest days. When others might see a challenge, Mrs. Martin sees potential. When a child feels discouraged, Mrs. Martin offers hope. That unwavering belief in her students makes an immeasurable difference.

Dr. Wentz added, "She goes above and beyond in ways both big and small, often quietly, without seeking recognition. Whether it's staying a few extra minutes to ensure a student feels successful, offering reassurance during a tough moment, or bringing positivity into every room she enters, Mrs. Martin's impact is felt throughout our entire building."



Pictured L-R: Mr. Eric DiTullio, Board President, Mrs. Lisa Martin and Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Martin is such an asset to our District. Because of her, our students thrive, our staff is stronger, and our entire school community shines brighter.

SV TEACHERS AND STAFF TAKE PART IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

On Monday, Feb. 16, teachers and staff across the District participated in wellness events, mindfulness programs, professional development and physical activities as part of a Staff In-Service Day. At the elementary level, staff received a presentation led by Dr. Julia Lindsey, literacy expert and author. Dr. Lindsey discussed key models of reading, the development of literacy and the components of literacy instruction to support language and writing. Some Haine Elementary staff visited Fitness 4 Focus, a gym that empowers athletes of all ages and abilities to build strength, confidence and independence through inclusive and adaptive fitness programs.





Lexi Peffer, SV '20, is a first-year medical student with deep roots in the Seneca Valley community. 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: Today, I am a first-year medical student at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in Scranton, PA. Entering medical school has been both challenging and incredibly rewarding, and I often find myself reflecting on how the foundation for this path was laid years ago at Seneca Valley.

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

A: A little fun fact about my family is that we are deeply rooted in the Seneca Valley community. My great aunt was part of the very first graduating class, and my aunts, uncles and parents all proudly graduated from Seneca Valley, as well. My mom, Mrs. Peffer has dedicated 31 years to teaching at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE), so SV has truly been a part of my life for as long as I can remember.

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

A: Seneca Valley helped shape me both personally and professionally by surrounding me with role models who embody compassion, dedication, and integrity. Even back in my elementary years, I was given a strong foundation – not just in reading, writing and spelling, but in understanding what it meant to be a kind, responsible and thoughtful person. I still think about my fifth grade teacher Mr. Parish (retired teacher and coach from Seneca Valley after 34 years of service) who made it a point to teach us life lessons alongside academics. Many of the values he emphasized are ones I continue to carry with me today.

As I moved into high school and began exploring what I wanted my future to look like, I was fortunate to learn from teachers who helped me discover my passions. One of the most influential was Ms. Finch,





my anatomy teacher. Her enthusiasm for science was contagious, and she created a classroom environment where curiosity was encouraged. She not only deepened my love for the sciences but also modeled what thoughtful mentorship looks like. This ultimately played a major role in shaping my own desire to mentor others, especially now as I navigate medical school. My teachers at Seneca Valley laid the groundwork for the work ethic, resilience and sense of purpose that continue to guide me today.

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

A: For me, what makes Seneca Valley such a special place to learn and grow is the sense of community that exists despite the size of the district. Even in such a large school system, you never feel like just a number. My teachers throughout the years were more than educators – they were mentors who supported me in every aspect of life. Whether it was Mrs. McLachlan (retired after 22 years of service at SV) making Food Chemistry the class I laughed the hardest in, or Mr. Trew (retired teacher and coach from Seneca Valley after 25 years of service) returning and relearning Organic Chemistry as a substitute teacher just so he could help us succeed, there was always a genuine sense that the staff truly cared about their students. That level of dedication and personal investment is what sets Seneca Valley apart.

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

A: Looking back on my time at Seneca Valley, I truly can't choose just one favorite teacher because so many of them made a lasting impact on my life. However, when I think about someone who shaped me not only as a student but as a person, Coach Leo immediately comes to mind. She was my coach on the basketball court, but her influence extended far beyond the game.

There are countless reasons why she has been such a positive force in my life, but two moments stand out – both of which happened after she was no longer officially my coach. In high school, I was definitely a perfectionist, especially when it came to my grades. I remember running into her one day and telling her how upset I was about getting my first B in physics. She looked at me and said, "Good. I'm glad you got it out of the way now." At the time, I didn't understand what she meant, but she was right. She was teaching me that

perfection isn't human, and that setbacks are often the moments that help us grow the most.

Another thing about Coach Leo is that she shows up for people — even when she may not be feeling her best. She took time to have lunch with me during my senior year when life felt uncertain. She still cheers on the SV Girls Basketball team. She checks in on my sister and follows her college basketball career. She is one of the most supportive and selfless individuals I know. I feel incredibly blessed to have her in my life. Her encouragement, honesty and unwavering belief in her players — past and present — continue to influence me long after graduating from Seneca Valley.

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: When I think back on all my favorite memories from my time at Seneca Valley, there's one overarching theme that ties them all together — the meaningful relationships I built. Whether it was the lifelong friendships that formed or the mentors who guided me along the way, the people I met at Seneca Valley had a profound and lasting influence on who I am today. Those connections shaped my confidence, my values and the way I show up for others, and they remain some of the most impactful parts of my high school experience.

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

A: If I could share one message with all my teachers and coaches, it would simply be thank you — thank you for showing me the true importance of mentorship. Whether it was the guidance you offered, the encouragement you gave or the example you set through your own character, each of you played a role in shaping the person I am today. You taught me how to work hard, how to believe in myself and how to show up for others. Those lessons have carried me all the way to medical school and continue to guide me every day. I hope you all know how grateful I am that, out of all the staff at Seneca Valley, God placed you in my life — not only as academic educators, but as mentors who helped me navigate life as a whole. Your impact reaches far beyond the classroom, and I carry it with me wherever I go.

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

A: I wish more people knew that Seneca Valley isn't just a big school — it's a big community. Despite its size, it's a place where students are truly seen, supported and encouraged to grow into the best versions of themselves. The relationships you build, the opportunities you're given and the way teachers and staff invest in you make it feel personal in a rare way. Seneca Valley is a district where you're never just a number; you're part of something larger, something meaningful and something that stays with you long after you graduate.

CALLING SV ALUMNI!

Seneca Valley is proud of their graduates who have excelled in their careers. Be sure to let us know if you would like to be featured in our Raider Pride e-newsletter. To keep us in the loop, send your graduation year, a summary of your professional life and a brief review of how Seneca Valley helped pave the way to Ms. Tiffany Hernandez, Assistant Director of Communications.

SCREEN-FREE SLEEP

Over the past decade, youth mental health, academics and social well-being have declined.

A major reason is sleep loss from devices in bedrooms at night.

The Screen-Free Sleep campaign has been created by the Screenagers team, a group of dedicated professionals and parents committed to supporting youth well-being and tackling the sleep crisis facing youth

Did You Know?

- Most tweens sleep with a cellphone in their bedroom and 1 in 4 sleep with it in their hand!
- Not using, just having a device in the bedroom makes kids 2.3 times more likely to feel tired during the next day.
- 51% of teenagers are getting less than seven hours of sleep most nights.

Screen-Free Sleep helps parents of elementary and middle school children create tech-free bedrooms during sleep time, a practice that can continue into the high school years.

The science is clear: when devices stay out of bedrooms, kids sleep more and do better academically, physically, and emotionally.

1. **Ensure your child's bedroom is device free for bedtime.**

   Keep all tech devices out of the bedroom during sleep hours including tablets, laptops, cellphones, smartwatches, gaming devices... even smart speakers (sorry, Alexa!).

   Keep only non-internet-connected items, like a noise machine, in the room.

2. **Provide your child a simple alarm clock.**



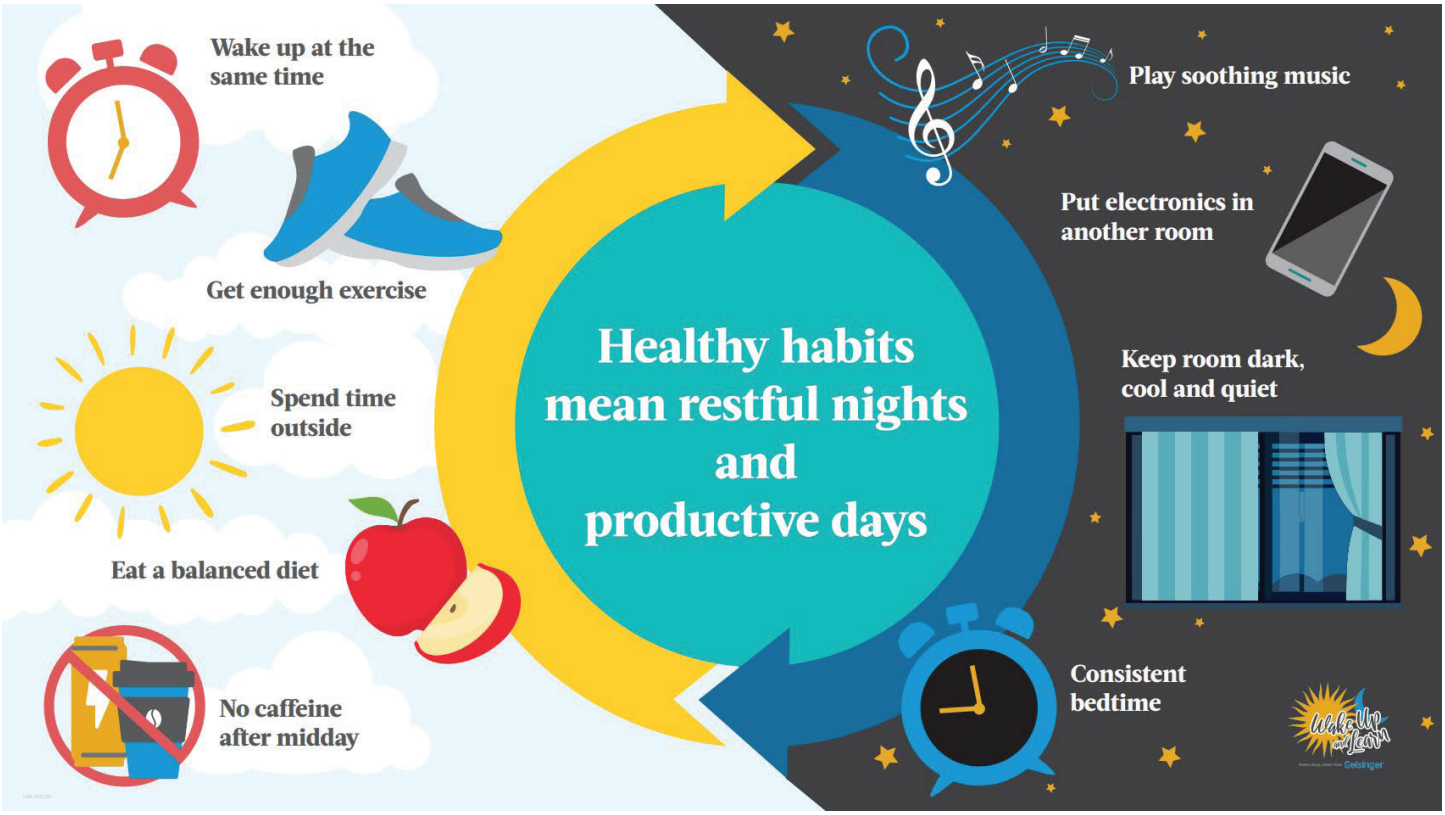
   An alarm clock, with no smart features or wifi connectivity eliminates distractions.

   Tick-tocks over TikTok every night!

3. **Sleep until the beep!**

   Store devices in a secure spot, such as a parent's bedroom, rather than a common room. This reduces temptation to sneak use.

Article provided by ScreenFreeSleep.org



- SVAOC Summer School Registration is Open! Exciting news! Summer School is now available for students currently in grades 8-11. Secure your spot by registering at Summer School Registration. Seats are limited– enroll today!

- 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.

- For the 2025 tax year, the IRS offers several key tax credits and benefits for families with children, most notably the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Recent tax legislation passed in July 2025 has increased and made some of these benefits permanent. Parents can learn more at irs.gov/parents.

- 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. ■

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. ■

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