

SAUQUOIT VALLEY

Central School District

2026-2027
DISTRICT CALENDAR



WELCOME

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The education of children is the best investment our community can make. Using the premise that all children can learn, the Sauquoit Valley Central School District provides a quality educational program of academics and extracurricular activities that emphasizes high expectations.

Education is a partnership in which we appreciate the Sauquoit Valley community's investment in our efforts to ensure all students are prepared for college, career and civic readiness. Through communication and collaboration, we wish to grow this partnership to support the ever-changing needs of all students. We encourage parents to stay active in their children's education from kindergarten to graduation. Community members are always welcome to enjoy the many academic, artistic and extracurricular programs that you have graciously invested in and continue to support for our students.

On behalf of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District, we look forward to working together to grow our students' futures and the future of our community.

David Stayton

Superintendent of Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Anthony Nicotera
PRESIDENT

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Jennifer George

Mike Makuszak

Mike Sacco

TIME SCHEDULE

K - Grade 4
8:55 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Grades 5-8
7:40 A.M. - 2:11 P.M.

Grades 9-12
7:45 A.M. - 2:21 P.M.

DISTRICT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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Brittney Maltese, Attendance

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SEPTEMBER 2026

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Superintendent's Conference Day	2 Superintendent's Conference Day	3 <i>First Day of School</i> Marking Period One Begins	4	5
6	7 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL	8 BOE Mtg., 6:00 p.m., HS Library	9	10	11 ES Back-to-School Kickoff, UPK - Grade 4, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., ES Gymnasium Registration Deadline for 10/17 ACT Senior Sunrise on Turf <i>Patriot Day</i> <i>Rosh Hashanah Begins</i>	12 SAT
13 <i>Rosh Hashanah Ends</i> <i>Grandparents Day</i>	14 HS Picture Day Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	15	16 MS Open House, 6:00 p.m.	17 SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe	18 Registration Deadline for 10/3 SAT	19 ACT
20 Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Cafe <i>Yom Kippur Begins</i>	21 <i>Yom Kippur Ends</i>	22 <i>First Day of Fall</i>	23	24	25 <i>Sukkot Begins</i>	26
27	28	29	30 ES Picture Day MS Picture Day Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.			

SAUQUOIT VALLEY FACULTY

ALL FACULTY EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE ACCESSIBLE ON OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE AT WWW.SVCSD.ORG/DIRECTORY

HIGH SCHOOL

Alsante, Scot	Business
Arrigo, Isabella	Physical Education / Health
Babbie, Michelle	Librarian
Baker, Paul	Spanish
Ballard, Kayla	PC Algebra / Pre-Algebra
Carangelo, Melanie	Family & Consumer Science
Cardillo, Brett	Physical Education / Health
Cardillo, Marisa	English
Clive, Devin	Math / Athletic Director
Decker, Ryan	Music / Chorus
Eisinger, Michael	Science
Flagg, Laura	Counselor (Grade 9-10)
Hartnett, Amanda	Art / Science
Hutchinson, Kyle	Social Studies
Kemp, Mindy	English
Kempney, Keith	District Technology
Kempney, Megan	Special Education
Kennedy, Courtney	Technology
Kennedy, Devon	Art
Macrina, Joseph	Global 9
Maltese, Brittney	Attendance / Teacher's Aid
Matrulli, Brianna	Instrumental Music
Miller, Ryan	Social Studies
Moore, Trisha	Mathematics
Murphy, Patricia	Science
Nelson, Benjamin	Social Studies
Piacentino-Call, Sara	Biology / AP Biology
Reilly-Stewart, Alissa	French
Scialdone, Peter	Counselor (Grade 11-12)
Snow, Mallory	Teacher Assistant
Tessitore, Taylor	ELA
Williams, Sara	Teacher Assistant

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Accordino, JamieLeigh	Math 6 / Social Studies 6
Alsante, Scot	Home & Careers 7 & 8
Brown, Theresa	Science 6 / Social Studies 6
Carey, Lillian	ELA 5 / Social Studies 5
Clarke, Nicole	Social Studies 8
Cook, Alyssa	ELA 7
Corleto, Jackie	Librarian
Curriere, Frank	Physical Education
Decker, Ryan	Music 5, 7 & 8 / Chorus 5-8
Dykstra, Vanessa	ELA 8
Giruzzi, Gianna	Teacher Assistant
Haile, Claire	Chorus 5 & 6
Kuhn, Brittney	Physical Education 5, 6 & 8 / Health 7
LaMonica, Christine	Algebra / Math 8
Lotyczewski, Henryrk	Band 5, 7 & 8, Music 8
Luczak, Colleen	Art
Macrina, Joseph	Social Studies 7
Matrulli, Brianna	Band 6 & Music 6
McCarthy, Jennifer	French 8 / Spanish 8
Miller, Bridgette	Teacher Assistant
Morat, Ashley	Counselor
Orsino, Alyssa	Reading Specialist
Piacentino-Call, Sara	Life Science: Biology
Roberts, Meghan	Special Education
Ryan, Edward	Counselor
Smithling, Lisa	Science 5 / Social Studies 5
Stayton, Constance	Math 5 / Social Studies 5
Szatko, Taylor	Science 7 & 8
Viti, Nicole	Social Studies 6 / ELA 6
Weaver, Melissa	Math 7
Williams, Sara	Teacher Assistant
Zuroweste, Jennifer	Special Education

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Boice, Kristen	Grade 3
Cardillo, Sharleen	UPK
Christensen, Lyman	Grade 4
Cianfrocco, Tricia	Grade 2
Connor, Christina	Grade 1
Corleto, Jackie	Librarian
DePerno, Nathaniel	Physical Education
Dudek, Katherine	Teacher Assistant
Flint, Kaitlin	Special Education
Forbes, Allison	Teacher Assistant
Gagnon, Andrea	Teacher Assistant
Gigliotti, Jeanice	Grade 1
Goodenough, Amanda	Grade 2
Haile, Claire	Music
Hoffman, Laura	Kindergarten
Kidder, Lindsay	Physical Education
Lewis, Tegan	Kindergarten
Luczak, Colleen	Art
Luczak, Ella	UPK
Lupia, Tiffany	Reading
Mackey, Ann	Teacher Assistant
Malerba, Savannah	Math
Mancino, Carli	Grade 3
Nora, Beth Ann	Grade 3
Reale, Sara	ENL
Rey, Jessica	Kindergarten
Roark, Jessica	Grade 2
Steenburg, Emily	Grade 4
Stephens, Christa	Kindergarten
Sullivan, Tonya	Special Education
Thall, Erika	Grade 4
Whitney, Kari	Special Education
Witter, Erica	Grade 1

OCTOBER 2026

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ES Picture Day	2 5-Week Date (MS/HS) <i>Sukkot Ends</i>	3 SAT
4 Witch Way is the 5k	5 Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	6	7 High School Senior Parent Night, 5:00 p.m., HS Aud. High School Open House, 5:30 p.m. PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., ES Library	8 ES Open House, Grades UPK-4, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Progress Reports Available (MS/HS) ES Fire Prevention Day	9 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> NO SCHOOL	10
11	12 <i>Columbus Day</i> NO SCHOOL	13 BOE Mtg., 6:00 p.m., HS Library	14	15 SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe	16 Homecoming Game	17 ACT Homecoming Dance, 7:00 p.m.
18	19 HS Picture Retake & Groups/ Clubs Picture Day	20	21	22	23 ES Early Dismissal Day, 1:00 p.m. Registration Deadline for 11/7 SAT	24
25 Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Cafe	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

ATHLETICS

Sauquoit Valley Central School offers many sporting activities for interested students. The sporting events are listed below along with an estimated time of season. If interested in participating or just wanting to attend a game, feel free to check the athletic calendar for dates and times by visiting the SVCSD website, click on Athletics and then the Athletics Calendar. We look forward to another fun and competitive year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Doug Jones, Athletic Director at **315.839.6430** or **315.839.6337**. Parents can also report their child's absence by visiting our website at svcsd.org and choosing the appropriate school from the Absences menu at the top of the page.

FALL SEASON

Football Starts August 17, 2026
All Other Sports Start August 24, 2026

Cheerleading
Cross Country *Boys & Girls*
Field Hockey
Football
Soccer *Boys & Girls*
Tennis *Girls*

WINTER SEASON

Starts November 16, 2026

Basketball *Boys & Girls*
Bowling *Boys & Girls*
Indoor Track *Boys & Girls*
Volleyball *Boys & Girls*

SPRING SEASON

Starts March 8, 2027

Baseball *Boys*
Golf *Boys & Girls*
Softball *Girls*
Tennis *Boys*
Track *Boys & Girls*



NOVEMBER 2026

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	2	3 <i>Election Day</i>	4 MS Picture Retake Day PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., MS Library	5 ES Picture Retake Day	6 Registration Deadline for 12/13 ACT Marking Period One Ends	7 SAT
8 <i>Diwali</i>	9 Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	10 BOE Mtg., 6:00 p.m., HS Library	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>No School</i>	12 Drama Club Production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", 7:00 p.m., HS Aud	13 Report Cards Available (MS/HS)	14 Drama Club Production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", 2:00 p.m., HS Aud
15	16	17	18	19 SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe	20 MS Early Dismissal, 10:45 a.m. Registration Deadline for 12/5 SAT	21 NYSSMA Zone 4 All-State Festival, Oswego
22	23	24 ES Go Home 15 Minutes Early Drill	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27 <i>Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL</i>	28
29	30					

GENERAL INFORMATION

The use of unauthorized vehicles on school property is prohibited. This would include such vehicles as snowmobiles, ATVs, mini-bikes, skateboards and the like.

Students may register in the high school office for parking permits. Seniors will be given the first opportunity to apply, then juniors. No sophomores or freshmen will be allowed to drive or park on school grounds. Students must park in designated student parking areas.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is required every school day. The state law permits legal absence from school for the following reasons:

- Serious illness
- Absences approved in advance
- Sickness or death in the family
- Authorized religious holidays
- Emergency medical or dental attention

A note signed by a parent explaining the cause of absence is required on the day the student returns to school.

CONTACT

High School - 315.839.6335

Middle School - 315.839.6351

Elementary - 315.839.6339

Parents can also report their child's absence by visiting our website at svcsd.org and choosing the appropriate school from the Absences menu at the top of the page.

BELL-TO-BELL SMARTPHONE BAN

We will implement a bell-to-bell smartphone ban in alignment with new statewide requirements. This policy prohibits students from using smartphones, smartwatches or personal internet-enabled devices from the first bell in the morning until dismissal at the end of the school day. The goal is to foster a more focused, safe and socially engaging learning environment. Students may still use district-issued devices for instructional purposes. For more information and to view the complete plan, please visit our district website.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

From time to time, it may be necessary to close school due to weather conditions or impassable roads. Such information will be communicated through our ParentSquare mass communication system, and announced over the following TV station listed below prior to 7:00 a.m. whenever possible.

WKTV - Channel 2

All residents of the Sauquoit Valley Central School District are invited to attend a wide range of art exhibitions, athletic events, concerts, plays and open houses that take place each school year. Many of these are listed in this calendar, but one should check the District website and the District newsletter for more specific information as events occur.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Assigned Materials – Students are responsible for the care of textbooks, materials and District issued Chromebooks that are assigned to them. The condition of these articles is periodically reviewed and those students who abuse, neglect or lose them will be assessed accordingly. We hope to teach students the importance of proper care of school property. Textbooks are not used in all classes or subject areas.

Conduct – It is appropriate to review with your children, as we do in school, the reason for proper conduct and responsibility during the school day. Your assistance is appreciated. Riding the school bus, safety in the halls, respect for those people with whom they meet during the school day, manners and conduct in the cafeteria, attending to their assignments and generally obeying school rules and regulations are but a few items that need to be discussed.

Medication – Many students come to school with medication for colds, sore throats, etc. There is a danger of young children carrying medications or losing them for others to find, not being sure of dosage, etc. Therefore, no child should take medication in school unsupervised. According to New York state law, if a child needs to take any medication during the school day, the child's parent must complete and submit a medication form in advance. The form is available in each nurse's office and on the District website. Please note that part of the form must be completed by the child's doctor.

DECEMBER 2026

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library Junior Band/Choir (7/8) Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS Aud.	3	4 ES End of 1st Trimester <i>Hanukkah Begins</i>	5 SAT
				NYSSMA Conference All-State Music Festival, Rochester Convention Center		
6 NYSSMA Conference All-State Music Festival, Rochester Convention Center	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>	8 BOE Mtg., 6:00 p.m., HS Library	9 MS Groups/Clubs Picture Day Concert Band/Choir, Chamber & Jazz Band Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS Aud.	10	11 15-Week Date (MS/HS) ES Parent/Teacher Conference (11:30 a.m. Dismissal - No Lunches Served)	12 ACT <i>Hanukkah Ends</i>
13	14	15	16 Beginning & Intermediate Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud.	17 SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe Progress Reports Available (MS/HS)	18 ES Parent/Teacher Conference (11:30 a.m. Dismissal - No Lunches Served)	19
	Holiday Spirit Week					
20	21 <i>First Day of Winter</i>	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa Begins</i>
				Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL		
27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>		
		Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL				

TRANSPORTATION

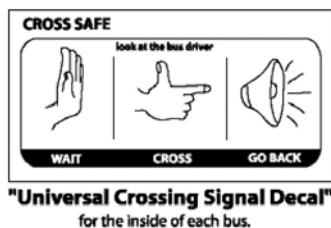
315.839.6318

BUS SAFETY IS MOST IMPORTANT

School bus drivers are responsible for the safety of many young lives each day. Attention to school bus safety practices is essential if we are to maintain our excellent safety record. Parents are urged to review the following bus safety rules with their children before school begins.

- Students must give full cooperation to the bus driver.
- Students must be ready and waiting 10 minutes before the bus arrives; standing well away from the road; at least 15 feet.
- Students must wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and doors have opened before boarding.
- When students cross a road to board the bus, they must watch the bus driver for his/her signal that it is safe to cross the road.
- When students cross a road after being discharged from the bus, they must cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus, watching the driver for his/her signal that it is safe to cross the road (see below).
- Students should not eat or drink on the bus nor carry glass objects or containers on the bus.
- Students should never walk along the side or to the rear of the bus.
- The school bus is an extension of the school and all school rules and policies are in effect. Hence, good conduct rules require that students may not smoke, use bad language, fight or quarrel, change seats or mar or deface the bus. Parents are reminded that any changes in the normal pickup or return schedule are to be made through the school office with a note from home.
- Drivers may assign seats on the bus.

Please note that there have been some changes to some of our routes and these changes have been noted in the news and views. Please check the news and views for any changes that have been made.



Dear Parents,

Our experience has shown that certain areas have more severe weather than others.

If any areas (upon inspection by school officials) are not plowed or sanded and present a dangerous or impassable condition, our buses will not enter these areas (any road in the school district). Parents who choose to transport their children may, of course, do so. If the road is passable at the end of the school day, we will bus the children home.

The Transportation Department would like to continue a procedure for all afternoon stops for our bus routes. As a standard practice, we would like to have a parent/guardian/sitter/older sibling available and visible upon the arrival of our afternoon elementary buses. This would include both in-District students and students being delivered from other sites. We do not want to rely on a "vehicle in the driveway" or a "garage door left open" as a sign that someone is home.

With visual confirmation a driver, either regular or a substitute, would be secure in the knowledge that the children they drop off will be able to gain access to their homes. If buses have to wait in the road, it creates a problem for the student, the bus driver and the remainder of the students on the bus. The safety of your children, our students, is most important.

PLEASE, NEVER PASS A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS!

JANUARY 2027

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Kwanzaa Ends</i>	2
					Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL	
3	4 Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	5	6 OCMEA Elementary All-County Selection Committee, New Hartford CSD	7	8	9
10 Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Cafe	11	12 BOE Mtg., 6:00 p.m., HS Library	13 OCMEA Junior High All-County Music Festival, Utica CSD	14 (Snowdate) OCMEA Junior High All-County Audition, Utica CSD	15 ES Early Dismissal, 1:00 p.m.	16
17	18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	19	20	21 SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe	22 Registration Deadline for 2/27 ACT	23 HS Semi Formal, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
24	25	26 BOE Mtg., 6:00 p.m., HS Library	27 Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	28	29 Marking Period Two Ends	30
		Regents Exams				NYSSMA Zone 4 All-State, Mexico/SUNY Oswego
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GENERAL INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mark Putnam, Principal

The elementary school years are so important in the life of a child. Sauquoit Valley Elementary School offers a wonderful learning experience for children in grades UPK-4.

Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to continually meet and exceed state and national academic standards. We are proud of our students' performances on the New York State English Language Arts and Math assessments. Teachers have taken advantage of learning opportunities and have been trained to incorporate the latest effective instructional strategies. We continually strive to provide students with a fine educational experience, addressing the academic, social and emotional needs of all learners.

The instructional program at Sauquoit Valley Elementary School offers a solid academic curriculum based on the Next Generation Learning Standards. To enhance student understanding and learning, we have incorporated a variety of programs such as school wide literacy events, assemblies, as well as events including science week and STEM opportunities. These are only a few of the wonderful programs students are offered.

Our library/media center is one of the finest in the area with more than 17,000 volumes in house. The library is the hub of our school with exciting educational displays to enhance student learning. We encourage you to visit our website at www.svcsd.org to learn what is happening in our school. The elementary school's website includes plenty of information for parents and students.

We pride ourselves on fostering a strong home/school connection and working closely with community organizations. The school is the heart of the community and we welcome opportunities to form a close relationship with our students, parents and the community. We are fortunate to have the support of many fine community organizations, such as the Sauquoit Valley Foundation, Optimists, Rotary, Lions Club, Historical Societies, Friends and Neighbors and local fire departments. The PTO works diligently to provide financial support and labor for many of the field trips, projects and events to benefit our students and their families.

Parent/teacher communication is crucial throughout the school year. When parents and school staff collaborate to provide a positive, nurturing school experience, our children are sure to succeed. Please feel free to call the main office at 315.839.6339 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working and learning with you and your child at Sauquoit Valley Elementary School.



FEBRUARY 2027

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 WIDA Assessment Start Date Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., ES Library	4	5 Report Cards are Available (MS/HS)	6 <i>Lunar New Year</i>
7 Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Cafe <i>Ramadan Begins</i>	8	9 BOE Budget Workshop & Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library <i>Mardi Gras</i>	10 <i>Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16	17	18 SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe	19 Registration Deadline for 3/6 SAT	20
21			24 NHS Induction, 6:00 p.m., HS Aud.	25	26 25-Week Date (MS/HS) Jazz Festival, New Hartford HS	27 ACT
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GENERAL INFORMATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Peter Madden, Principal

Early adolescence is a period of profound personal change. It is our mission at the Sauquoit Valley Middle School to meet the intellectual, emotional, physical and social needs of all students and to help prepare them to become responsible citizens. Staff, parents and students have an obligation to work together to achieve our mission.

Our school prides itself on providing all students a wide array of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. I ask that we encourage our children to take advantage of all that our school has to offer.

We are fortunate enough to have a talented and caring staff that is dedicated to helping students achieve their goals. My hope is that we can all work together to provide the best possible experience for our youth. This cannot be accomplished without your help. I ask that you communicate any concerns, as we welcome any feedback you may have. Please let us know how we can help your child get through this exciting and challenging time in his or her life. You may contact the main office at 315.839.6371.

All of us at Sauquoit Valley Middle School look forward to the coming school year and the opportunity to prepare your child for their future.

HIGH SCHOOL

Michael Flagg, Principal

I am honored and privileged to serve as your high school principal at Sauquoit Valley High School! SVHS is a wonderful place to learn, and we are deeply committed to providing each student with the highest quality of education. To guide students in reaching their fullest potential, we actively foster a collaborative environment where students, staff and families are true partners in education. Our community is a gift, and kindness and empathy are among our highest standards.

SVHS proudly offers students a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities that promote college, career, and civic readiness. These include seven Advanced Placement Courses, 20 college-credit bearing courses, and numerous electives. Our partnerships with the OHM BOCES and the School and Business Alliance (SABA) offer 25 Career and Technical Education Programs, as well as opportunities for students to engage in college visits, job shadowing, and internship experiences.

Our outstanding staff brings our school program to life. Each staff member is dedicated to the learning, growth, and success of every student. We recognize the importance of cultivating mental, physical, social, and emotional well-being. On behalf of our team, thank you for entrusting your children to us and for your partnership in educating life-long learners and people who will make a positive impact on our world.

Please know your input is valued, and we welcome you to reach out with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 315.839.6315 or at mflagg@svcsd.org. Thank you for your continued partnership, and I look forward to a successful year!

MARCH 2027

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	2	3 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., MS Library Grades 6-12 Instrumental Pops Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS Aud.	4 Progress Reports Available (MS/HS)	5 Registration Deadline for 4/10 ACT	6 SAT
7 Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Cafe	8 <i>Ramadan Ends</i>	9 BOE Budget Workshop & Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library	10 Universal Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration, 4:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m., ES Main Office Grades 5-12 Vocal Pops Concert, 7 p.m., HS Aud.	11 Universal Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration, 4:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m., ES Main Office	12 ES End of 2nd Trimester	13
14 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 ES Parent/Teacher Conference (11:30 a.m. Dismissal - No Lunches Served) SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe	19 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> NO SCHOOL	20 <i>First Day of Spring</i> SVTA Bunny Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., ES Cafeteria
21 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	22 <i>Holi</i> <i>Purim Begins</i>	23 BOE Budget Workshop & Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library <i>Purim Ends</i>	24 Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	25 ES Parent/Teacher Conference (11:30 a.m. Dismissal - No Lunches Served)	26 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL	27
28 <i>Easter</i>	29 Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL	30	31			

STUDY SKILLS

HOW TO STUDY

A Formula for Effective Study

Preview + Question + Read + State + Self Test = SUCCESS

Factors in Effective Study

Motivation • Concentration • Comprehension • Reaction • Organization • Repetition

TEST TAKING SKILLS

Develop a strategy • Use outlines and summaries • Take notes • Review • Read the text

TAKING NOTES

Three rules to keep in mind whether taking notes in class, from a book or your own review work:

1. Make notes in your own words;
2. Condense your information; and
3. Always record the source of your information

ORGANIZING FOR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

As students pass from grade to grade in school, they are faced with more and more difficult tasks. They have the ability to succeed and, if they prepare themselves, they can continue their progress through school.

With effort, all children can eliminate the two major stumbling blocks to academic success: lack of organization and falling behind.

GETTING STARTED

First and foremost, use an organizational tool, like a daily planner, on a consistent basis. Use this to record homework assignments, long-term projects and daily reminders. Most teachers have specific requirements about the materials that are needed for their particular class. Make sure you have these materials on hand. It is a good idea to have a special place for homework. For example, a brightly colored "homework folder" works well for many students. Designate a special time and place for the completion of homework assignments, making sure the area is uncluttered, quiet and well-lit, with supplies close at hand.

KEEPING UP

Spend some time each night on each subject, even if it consists only of rewriting or reviewing notes. Once a week, reread all the notes for the week. Daily review, at most, should take 10 minutes per subject. The secret to keeping up, is to master a little bit each day.

If you start to have problems in these areas, seek help quickly from your teacher or your counselor. Don't wait for it to become a serious threat to your success.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EACH DAY FROM 2:30 - 3:15 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY

APRIL 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>April Fools' Day</i>	2 OCMEA Elementary High All-County Music Festival, New Hartford CSD	3
4	5 NYS Grades 5-8 ELA/Math, 5 & 8 Science Testing Begins Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	6 NYS Grades 3 & 4 ELA Testing	7 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library	8	9 WIDA Assessment End Date Marking Period Three Ends	10 ACT
11 Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Cafe	12	13 BOE Budget Workshop & Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library	14	15 SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe	16 Report Cards Available (MS/HS) Registration for 5/1 SAT	17
18	19 Grade 7-12 Cabaret, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud.	20	21 <i>Passover Begins</i>	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24
			Spring Recess - NO SCHOOL			
25	26	27 BOE Budget Workshop & Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library	28 MS NJHS Induction Ceremony, 6:00 p.m., HS Aud. OCMEA Scholarship Auditions, Oriskany CSD	29 <i>Passover Ends</i>	30 <i>Arbor Day</i> NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival (Levels 1-4), Central Valley CSD	

FINANCIAL AID

HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

Apply for financial aid every year.

Even if you think you are ineligible, you should apply. Changes in your family's financial situation affect your eligibility.

Get the correct applications.

Contact your high school counselor or the Financial Aid Office at the colleges to which you have applied. Some colleges also have their own financial aid application. Make sure you complete all required applications.

Complete your applications.

Assemble the following information:

- W-2 forms or end-of-the-year pay stubs
- Records of untaxed income, such as child support and untaxed income from such agencies as: Social Services, Social Security and the Veterans Administration
- Federal and state income tax forms for you, your parents and your spouse
- Bank account balances; list of stocks, bonds and other assets and the estimated value and mortgage balance of your other real estate (not including your home).

Meet the deadlines.

Most colleges have one. Check with each college to get its deadline. To meet the filing deadlines, you may file your financial aid applications using estimated income if your tax forms have not been completed. Accurate, estimated income figures may be taken from end-of-year stubs or W-2 forms. Give yourself plenty of time to fill out the applications accurately and submit them by the deadline date.

Attend financial aid workshops.

Financial aid workshops are held during the school year and can provide valuable information and assistance in filling out the forms. Application forms workshops are also held during Financial Aid Awareness Month in January. Talk to your high school counselor or local college financial aid administrator to find out the date and locations.

What is Student Financial Aid and Who Provides It?

Financial aid from the federal government consists of Federal Pell Grants, work-study, Perkins Loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and the federal loan programs, which include the Stafford Loans, PLUS Loans and Direct Loans.

New York state financial aid consists of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), scholarships and other awards.

College-based financial aid consists of institutional grants, scholarships, work programs and loans.

ASK THE PROFESSIONALS

If you have questions, contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend or your high school counselor.

These professionals are available to assist you or refer you to the appropriate resource. Don't pay for financial aid information you can get for free.

MAY 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SAT NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival (Levels 1-4), Central Valley CSD
2	3 Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	4 NYS Grades 3 & 4 Math Testing	5 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., ES Library <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>	6	7 Registration Deadline for 6/13 ACT	8 NYSSMA Solo Ensemble Festival (Levels 5-6)
	AP Exams					
9	10	11 BOE Budget Workshop & Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library	12	13	14 ES Early Dismissal, 1:00 p.m. 35-Week Date (MS/HS)	15 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
<i>Mother's Day</i>	AP Exams					NYSSMA Solo Festival (Levels 1-6) & Jazz, Mexico CSD
16	17	18 Budget Vote, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. BOE Meeting, 7:00 p.m., HS Library	19 Concert Band/Choir, Chamber & Jazz Band Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS Aud.	20 Progress Reports Available (MS/HS) SV FAB Mtg., 7:00 p.m., MS Cafe	21 Registration Deadline for 6/5 SAT	22
		NYSSMA Majors Festival, Clinton CSD				
23	24	25	26 Junior Band/Choir (7/8) Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS Aud.	27	28	29
					Red Hawk Renaissance	
30	31 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL					

GENERAL INFORMATION

When In Doubt, Check It Out

If you have questions pertaining to the school district or about your child's work, please do not hesitate to call. We encourage any and all questions from parents and residents concerning the school program, transportation, budget, etc. In an attempt to respond to your questions and suggestions, it is important to contact the individual person who is responsible for the various areas of the school operation. He or she has the most detailed information about his/her area of responsibility. Phone numbers are on page two.

MEDICAL CONCERNS K-12

Step 1 - Building Nurse; if not resolved

Step 2 - Building Principal; if not resolved

Step 3 - Superintendent

SCHOOL DIFFICULTY K-12

(grades, academic performance, classroom behavior, etc.)

Step 1 - Classroom Teacher/School Counselor, Social Worker/Psychologist; if not resolved

Step 2 - Building Principal; if not resolved

Step 3 - Director of Instructional and Business Services; if not resolved

Step 4 - Superintendent

TRANSPORTATION CONCERN

(e.g., student persistently picking on another student)

Step 1 - Bus Driver; if not resolved

Step 2 - Transportation Supervisor; if not resolved

Step 3 - Building Principal; if not resolved

Step 4 - Superintendent

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONCERNS K-12

Step 1 - Special Education Teacher; if not resolved

Step 2 - Director of Special Education; if not resolved

Step 3 - Building Principal; if not resolved

Step 4 - Director of Instructional and Business Services

Step 5 - Superintendent

CURRICULUM (COURSE) CONTENT

Step 1 - Teacher and/or School Counselor; if not resolved

Step 2 - Building Principal; if not resolved

Step 3 - Director of Instructional and Business Services; if not resolved

Step 4 - Superintendent

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Step 1 - Each grade level has different requirements for graduation. Please contact your son/daughter's School Counselor to find out the number of credits and which courses, exams and sequences that must be successfully completed to earn a high school diploma.

BUDGET CONCERNS

Step 1 - Director of Instructional and Business Services; if not resolved

Step 2 - Superintendent

ATHLETIC CONCERNS

Step 1 - Coach; if not resolved

Step 2 - Athletic Director; if not resolved

Step 3 - Building Principal; if not resolved

Step 4 - Superintendent

BUILDING USE REQUEST

(scheduling events in school facilities)

Step 1 - Athletic Director (for gym use); if not resolved

Step 2 - Principal; if not resolved

Step 3 - Superintendent

It is important to follow this step-by-step procedure in order to solve problems. An appeal to the Board of Education may be sought on any of the above issues after all the appropriate steps have been exhausted. It is the primary responsibility of the Board to set policy for the school district. The superintendent and administrative staff are legally empowered to administer the school district and put into operation the policies and decisions of the Board of Education.

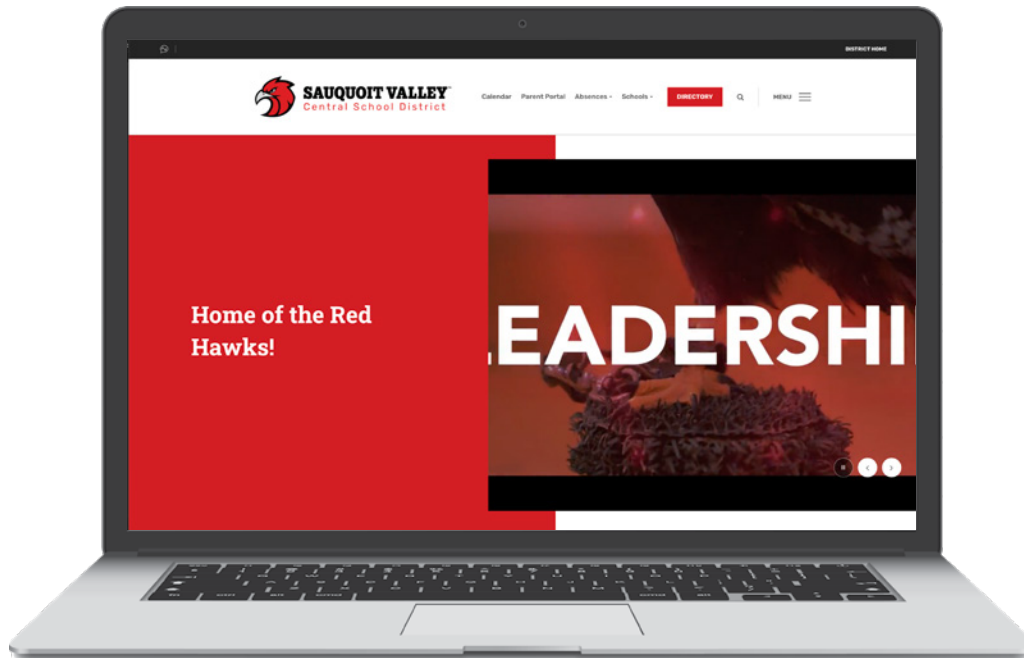
JUNE 2027

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 SVTA Academic Awards Night, 6:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Registration Deadline for 7/11 ACT	5 SAT
					Senior Class Trip	
					Sherburne Pageant of Bands Festival, Sherburne	
6 Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Cafe	7 Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	8 BOE Budget Workshop & Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library	9 Beginning & Intermediate Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud.	10 Shavuot Begins	11	12 ACT Grand March, 6:00 p.m., High School Junior/Senior Prom, 7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club Shavuot Ends
13	14 Senior Picnic Flag Day	15	16 Eid al-Adha Begins	17 Eid al-Adha Ends	18	19
			Regents Exams		Juneteenth Observed NO SCHOOL	Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21 First Day of Summer	22	23 Graduation Practice, 10:15 a.m. 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., HS Aud.	24 Marking Period Four Ends Last Day of School	25 Report Cards Available (MS/HS) HS Graduation, 7:00 p.m.	26
				ES Half Day		
				MS Half Day		
			Regents Exams		Regents Rating Day	
27	28	29	30			

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ParentSquare

All district parents should be registered in ParentSquare to receive important updates from our schools.

Visit <http://www.parentsquare.com/signin> and enter your email address and click “Get Started”. Contact your school’s main office for support.



JULY 2027

SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10 ACT
11	12 Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Foundation Golf Tournament	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
CALL 911



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Tobacco Use Not Allowed On School Property

PHONE NUMBERS

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AUGUST 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Foundation Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Conference Room	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Regents Exams		Freshman Orientation, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.		
22	23	24	25 MS Orientation for Incoming 5th Graders, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31				

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall:

Start developing a résumé, a record of your accomplishments, activities and work experiences. This will be an important part of your college application.

If you haven't participated in many activities outside of class, now is the time to sign up. Consider clubs at schools, team sports, leadership roles or involvement in community groups.

Take the PSAT. Taking the test as a junior will qualify you for some scholarship consideration and identify you to colleges as a potential applicant. When you receive the results (usually in December), review them to learn more about your strengths and weaknesses. Discuss the results with your family and school counselor.

Spring:

Junior conferences with school counselor are scheduled to discuss colleges and areas of interest. Begin to prepare for the ACT or SAT. You should plan to take at least one of these tests in the spring and again next fall during your senior year.

Begin taking a more serious look at colleges and universities. Make a file for each college and gather information about academics, financial aid, and campus life. Go to college fairs and open houses to learn as much as you can about the colleges online.

Begin planning college visits. Spring break is a good time to visit. Try to visit colleges that vary in size.

Summer:

Develop a preliminary list of colleges that interest you and their admission requirements. Write or email to request a view-book and additional information.

Continue investigating and visiting colleges. Begin thinking about your applications which will start in September when you have your senior conference.

SENIOR YEAR

Fall:

Register for the SAT and/or ACT if required by colleges if you didn't take it as a junior, or aren't satisfied with your score and want to take it again.

Schedule senior conferences with your school counselor to begin application process and to make sure you are on track to fulfill college admission requirements. If you cannot afford the application fees that many colleges charge, ask your counselor to help you request a fee waiver.

Take every opportunity to get to know colleges: meet with college representatives who visit your high schools during the fall, attend local college fairs, and visit campuses.

Finalize your college essay and request recommendations from teachers, school counselors or employers.

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available in October. Visit www.fafsa.gov to complete this form.

College applications should be completed before December break. Keep track of and observe deadlines for sending in all required fees and paperwork.

Spring:

Acceptance letters and financial aid offers will start to arrive. Review your acceptances, compare financial aid packages, and send in deposit by May 1.

Consider applying for summer employment. Summer jobs can help pay some of your college expenses and give you great career preparation.

Make a list of what you will need to take with you for your dorm room. The suggested list of items, room and furniture dimensions and many other questions can usually be answered by visiting your college's website under "Housing" or "Residence Life" for further information.

Most colleges offer a summer orientation/registration. Make sure to attend orientation/registration to meet fellow students and other important people on campus and to familiarize yourself with your new school. This is often the time you sign up for your fall courses.



SEPTEMBER 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>
12 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <i>First Day of Fall</i>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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