



SAUQUOIT VALLEY™

Central School District

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Members,

As we prepare to welcome our students, staff and families to the 2026-27 school year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your continued support. Your dedication to our school district once again reflects the strength, unity and values of our community. With your support, we are able to continue offering a high-quality education and meaningful experiences for every student. While we celebrate this success, we remain focused on securing the resources necessary to enhance our learning environment and ease the financial burden on our taxpayers.

We are also pleased to share that all students in the District will once again receive free meals throughout the school year. This program has lifted a significant burden for many families and ensures our students are nourished and ready to learn each day. While this benefit has had a profoundly positive impact on our school community, we've noticed a decrease in the number of income forms (formerly known as "free and reduced-price meal applications") submitted. These forms are critical in helping our District qualify for essential state and federal funding and programs. Even if your child(ren) receives free meals, completing and returning this form helps support our entire school community – so we ask all families to please take a moment to complete it.

This past year, we bade farewell to the following employees who retired:

Charles Cowen | Tara Durse | Marie Goodman | Keith Hatch | Doug Jones
Laura Loomis | Patricia Monaco | Tammy Purrington | Mary Stout | Cheryl Tibbitts

On behalf of the District, I would like to thank and commend our retirees for their many years of dedicated service to our students. I wish them health and happiness in their retirement.

We are currently seeking replacements to fill positions vacated by resignations and at the time of printing, we are pleased to announce the hiring of the following new staff members to our District:

Lillian Carey | Sean Dwyer | Theresa Harrington | Melissa Holtham | Courtney Kennedy
Devon Kennedy | Ella Luczak | Marilyn Shaw | Collin Williams

The next phase of our Capital Project is underway and currently under review at the New York State Education Department. This proposal includes several critical updates aimed at preserving and enhancing our facilities, ensuring that our schools remain safe, functional and welcoming for all.

SEPT 2026
NEWS + VIEWS

CALENDAR (CLOSINGS)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONFERENCE DAY**
October 9

COLUMBUS DAY
October 12

VETERANS DAY
November 11

**THANKSGIVING
RECESS**
November 25-27

WINTER RECESS
December 23-31 &
January 1

**MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY**
January 18

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Planned improvements include:

- *Reconstruction (milling and resurfacing) of the stadium track.*
- *Replacement and expansion of the elementary school playground.*
- *Replacement of flooring at the rear entrance of the high school.*
- *Partial roof replacement at the high school.*
- *Replacement of the high school cafeteria flooring.*
- *Installation of drainage at the softball and soccer fields.*
- *Replacement of a rooftop unit over the elementary school.*

We remain deeply grateful for the community's continued support of our Capital Projects. These investments allow us to proactively maintain our buildings and grounds while supporting a safe and effective learning environment for all students. Your partnership ensures our District remains a place where students can thrive.

I'd like to recognize the SV Fine Arts Boosters, SV Foundation, SV Sports Boosters and SV Parent Teacher Organization for their ongoing support of our students. These groups help build a strong sense of community while enriching the educational and extracurricular experiences we offer and they depend on volunteers like you to make them possible. I encourage you to get involved and support their important work.



As we approach the start of school, I encourage all students to begin shaping a mindset for success. Think about where you are, where you want to go and commit to growth. Challenges will come, but remember: you're not alone. Lean on trusted friends, staff or family members for support. A new school year is a fresh start and a great time to pursue your goals with confidence.

I wish all of our students, staff and parents a very successful school year. I would like to again thank you, the school community, for your unwavering support of our students and the District.

Sincerely,

David Stayton
SUPERINTENDENT

DRIVERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking substitute bus drivers. Drivers must meet Oneida County Civil Service regulations. A CDL license with a "P" and "S" endorsement is preferred to drive a bus, but we will assist in training and you must be 21 years old. High school diploma or GED is required. We are also looking for school bus attendants who must be 19 years old. All applicants must fill out a Sauquoit Valley CSD application found at www.svcasd.org under departments/business office/employment opportunities; on the right, click "bus driver application." Please print and mail it or drop it off to SVCSD. An Oneida County Civil Service application must also be filed by visiting ocgov.net; please specify Sauquoit Valley Central School District. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the supervisor of transportation at 315.839.6318.



BUS ROUTES

Please note that **bus routes have changed**. If you have any questions, call 315.839.6318. If your student(s) will need to ride the bus and you have not completed a bus routing form, please contact the transportation office at 315.839.6318.

ROUTE 2 PARIS HILL

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS W OF GREENS CROSSING RD

Sulphur Springs Rd [W] from Greenscrossing
Tormey Rd
Shanley Rd
Old State Rt 12
State Rt 12 to Burmaster Rd
Fountain St
Snowden Hill Rd
Kohler Rd
Doolittle Rd
Paris Hill Rd

ROUTE 6 SUMMIT ROAD

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS S OF MORGAN RD

State Rt 8 to Larson Rd
Larson Rd
Main St, Cassville
Summit Rd
Brennan Rd [N]
Canning Factory
Greenscrossing Rd to Crooked Hill Rd
Reservoir Rd
Jennifer Ln
Jaclyn Ave
Sulphur Springs Rd from Reservoir Rd to Elementary School

ROUTE 8 SAUQUOIT AREA (A)

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS N OF HOLMAN CITY RD

Oneida St. from High School to Willow Brook Ln
Willow Brook Ln
Orchard St
Butler Rd
Emerald Hill / Sunrise Dr

ROUTE 10 RED HILL ROAD

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS N OF GRANGE HILL RD

Oneida St from Grange Hill Rd to Hand Pl
Oxford Rd
Irving Ave & Wakefield Ave
Willowvale Ave
Huxford Pl
Hand Pl
Red Hill Rd
Grange Hill Rd
Sulphur Springs Rd from Oneida St to Greenscrossing Rd
Crooked Hill Rd
Oneida St, Clayville
Lake St
Morgan Rd
Main St & Foundry Pl
Dewing Ave
Main St & Railroad St
Church Rd from Main St to Gridley Blvd

ROUTE 14 CLAYVILLE

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS W OF RESERVOIR RD

Sulphur Springs Rd from Oneida St to Greenscrossing Rd
Crooked Hill Rd
Oneida St, Clayville
Lake St
Morgan Rd
Main St & Foundry Pl

Dewing Ave
Main St & Railroad St
Church Rd from Main St to Gridley Blvd

ROUTE 16 CHADWICKS

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS N OF PINNACLE RD

Mohawk St @ The Church
Campbell Rd
Pinnacle Rd (W) from Campbell Rd to Mohawk
Mohawk St
Elm St from Mohawk St to Church St

ROUTE 20 PINNACLE ROAD

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS E OF ONEIDA ST

Pinnacle Rd
Loughlin Rd
Echard Rd
Roberts Rd
Graffenburg Rd
Mallory Rd
Bennett Rd (SE) to Albany
Griffiths Pl

ROUTE 22 ALBANY ROAD

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS SE OF HACADAM RD

Roberts Rd [SE] of Bennett Rd
Albany Rd
Higby Rd
Butcher Rd
Bouck Rd
McIntyre Rd
Kerber Rd
Jackson Rd
Cobane Rd
Mohawk St from King Rd to Church Rd

ROUTE 30 HOLMAN CITY ROAD

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS NE OF ONEIDA ST

Mohawk St from Pinnacle to Church Rd
Church Rd to Gridley Blvd
Catlin Ave
Gridley Pl
Gridley Blvd
Jones Rd
Cedar Lake Rd
Kehoe Rd
Mill Pl
Mohawk St from King Rd to Holman City Rd
Holman City Rd

ROUTE 32 SAUQUOIT AREA (B)

FIRST A.M. PICK UP IS N OF WILLOWBROOK LN

Oneida St (N) from Willowbrook Ln
Pleasant View Rd
Valley Pl
Bleachery Ave
Florence Ct [NW]
Kay Cir [NE]
Elm St to Church St
Hacadam Rd
Church St
King Rd
Brooks Ln



Animal Habitats

Second grade students recently completed an engaging animal habitat project that combined research, creativity and presentation skills. Each student selected an animal and used nonfiction books and websites to learn about its habitat, diet, characteristics and interesting facts. They brought their learning to life by creating detailed dioramas, informational posters and written reports. The project concluded with student presentations, where they confidently shared their work with families, fellow second graders and faculty. They worked incredibly hard and it was impressive to see their growth throughout the project.



ELEMENTARY
OPEN HOUSE
OCT 8

GRADES UPK-4
6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

ELEMENTARY
PICTURES
SEPT 30
& OCT 1

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Elementary Students Honored for Excellence in Physical Education



We have some exciting news from the Elementary School Physical Education Department! In June, many students from surrounding schools, along with two students from our elementary school, were recognized for excellence in physical education. These students were chosen based on the following outstanding qualities:

- Demonstrating competency in a variety of movement forms and sport skills.
- Understanding movement concepts, game rules and procedures.
- Valuing learning: they show excellent attendance across all academic areas and always give their best effort.
- Exhibiting a healthy lifestyle by being active both in and out of school.
- Demonstrating responsibility, leadership and being a positive influence on their peers.
- Showing sportsmanship and good citizenship in class and during play.

We are proud to announce the two students are Penelope Kidder and Nicholas Planty.

We are so proud of you. Keep being leaders and to everyone else, keep striving to be leaders too!

First Red Hawks Color Dash is a Vibrant Success

The Sauquoit community came together at the Town of Paris Park for the first-ever Red Hawks Color Dash! Nearly 200 participants and volunteers enjoyed a day filled with energy, music and colorful powder as runners of all ages tackled the quarter-mile loop.

This event wouldn't have been possible without our dedicated PTO planning team who mapped the route, managed registration and coordinated the day. A massive thank you goes out to our local business sponsors and vendors, including Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS), Sulphur Springs Golf Course, Tramacera's Trends Salon, Sidekick Karate, Sauquoit Valley Sports Boosters, DJ Mic Drop and Scott's Tots as well as everyone who contributed to our basket giveaways.

Thanks to your overwhelming support, the Red Hawks Color Dash will officially become an annual event! Thank you to everyone who ran, walked, volunteered or cheered. We look forward to making next year's dash even bigger and brighter!



PTO Meeting Dates
WEDNESDAYS 6:00-7:00 P.M.

SEPT 30
ES Library

NOV 4
MS Library

DEC 2
HS Library

FEB 3
ES Library

MAR 3
MS Library

APR 7
HS Library

MAY 5
ES Library

Follow us on Facebook: Sauquoit Valley PTO | **Questions?** Email: SauquoitPTO@gmail.com

We are grateful for the continued support of our Sauquoit Valley families and look forward to a successful year!



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

On April 29, the Mary E. Kaut Chapter of National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) inducted 24 seventh and eighth graders. Membership is based on the values of citizenship, scholarship, leadership, community service and character. This year's guest speaker was Makayla Land. Makayla is a former member of this chapter of NJHS, a current Sauquoit Valley senior and the National Honor Society president. Members of the current chapter were also in attendance and helped conduct the ceremony.

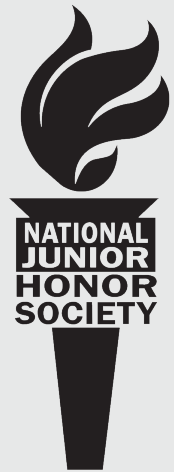
NEW MEMBERS ARE:

Erin Brown
Maggie Cardillo
Mason Day
Rachel Dellea
Chloe DelMedico
Sarah Freitag

Grace Jerzak
Lilly Kelly
Charlotte Lupia
Remington Mackey
Maxx Malone
Charlotte Merrell

Frank Moore
Lily Nora
Harper Paciello
Alexis Porter
Teagan Rapke
Sage Reed

Lyvia Sherma
Samuel Simon
Avery Thall
Caleb Vivacqua
Phoenix Woods



SECOND ANNUAL HAWK FEST

Sauquoit Valley Middle School recently wrapped up its second annual Hawk Fest, a day filled with school spirit, teamwork and friendly competition.

Students from each grade level spent time preparing for the event by designing their own class banners and creating unique class cheers that proudly represented their grade. Their creativity and enthusiasm were on full display as each class showcased its spirit throughout the day.

The highlight of Hawk Fest was a series of fun, competitive games where students worked together, cheered on their classmates and competed in a positive and supportive atmosphere. The event provided opportunities for students to build friendships, demonstrate teamwork and celebrate what it means to be part of the Sauquoit Valley Middle School community.

A special thank you goes to our outstanding cafeteria staff, who made the day even more memorable by cooking out and serving a delicious picnic style lunch for all students and staff. Their hard work helped create a true festival atmosphere that everyone enjoyed.

Hawk Fest has quickly become a favorite tradition at Sauquoit Valley Middle School. More than just a day of games, it is an opportunity for students to step away from the classroom, unwind outdoors and enjoy a day of laughter, school pride and healthy competition. The event reflects the positive culture of our school and reminds us that some of the best learning experiences happen when students come together to support one another and have fun.

We are already looking forward to next year's Hawk Fest and another day of creating lasting memories as one Sauquoit Valley family.



STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules will be mailed the first week of August. Students should bring them on September 3, the first day of school. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our guidance office at 315.839.6378.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SEPT 16

6:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

SEPT 30

RETAKES
NOV. 4



Hey Sauquoit Community!



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

**You can purchase a yearbook to
donate to a student who may not
otherwise get one?**



**THANK
YOU**

**HOW WE FEEL WHEN
YOU SUPPORT OUR
YEARBOOK!**

Local Businesses!

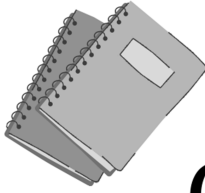
**You can buy ad space in our yearbook
to promote your business and help
keep our yearbook costs lower to
students and families!**

**Buy or
donate a
Yearbook**
(On sale mid-August)

Buy an ad

$\frac{1}{8}$ page: \$60
 $\frac{1}{4}$ page: \$100
 $\frac{1}{2}$ page: \$175

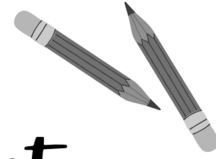




Welcome Back!

Sauquoit Valley High School

Counseling Department



9th & 10th Grade
Mrs. Flagg
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315-839-6321

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Social Worker
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Secretary
Mrs. Laribee
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The mission of the Sauquoit Valley school counseling program is to partner with educators, parents and the community to maximize student potential, foster academic and personal growth and prepare all students to be productive members of society who are college and career ready.



Mrs. Flagg
Counselor - 9th & 10th Grade

For the next two years, we will be working together to develop your personal and career goals. We will monitor your academic progress, as well as your social-emotional growth and development of your soft-skills through discussion of the Power Skills for Success Wheel. Please reach out if you ever need to talk- I am here to listen!



Mr. Scialdone
Counselor - 11th & 12th Grade

During the next two years we will begin to develop your goals and prepare you for life after high school. I am here to help you decide what path is right for you; college, career, or military. I also serve as your Senior Class Advisor as well as National Honor Society Advisor.



Mrs. Miller
Social Worker

You will see me around the counseling office and also in your classroom several times throughout the school year. I am in charge of completing your Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons. I am here to offer support, encouragement, a shoulder to cry on or whatever else you may need me to be! I also serve as your yearbook advisor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Last day to drop/add a class is 9/18/26
- Juniors: The PSAT will be on 10/27/26

For appointments or inquiries, please contact Mrs. Laribee via phone or email!



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The high school open house is scheduled for October 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents and students are encouraged to stop in and visit classrooms at their convenience and meet with teachers. This will be an informal open house; there will be no set schedule and parents/guardians and students will be able to meet with teachers of their choice. Students' 5-week progress reports will be made available at open house and those who aren't in attendance will have their progress reports mailed home after the event. As always, we appreciate the support of our parents and community members. We hope to see you at open house!

MUSIC AWARDS

Music students were recognized at the Board of Education meeting on June 9. To celebrate this special acknowledgment, the SV Fine Arts Boosters treated the students to an ice cream celebration following the event.

Once again, we are so grateful to all of our supporters whose generosity makes moments like this possible for our students. Your continued support allows us to recognize and celebrate their hard work in meaningful ways!



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026!



On behalf of the entire Sauquoit Valley Central School District staff, we want to extend a huge congratulations to our incredible Class of 2026!

On June 26, our community gathered on the turf for a beautiful commencement ceremony to celebrate our graduates. Senior Class President Julia Makuszak did a fantastic job facilitating the evening. We also heard inspiring speeches from Valedictorian Makayla Land and Salutatorian Jared Jouben, who spoke about the power of resilience, gratitude and hard work.

All of our seniors have bright futures and amazing paths ahead of them. Please join us in wishing them the absolute best in their next chapters!



ATTENTION SENIORS

Individual senior conferences will begin towards the end of September. We will discuss plans and goals for after high school and begin the college application process if applicable. Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Mr. Scialdone to select a time that works best. While many colleges remain test-optional, more selective schools may require an entrance exam. Please consult with your prospective college's admissions office or contact your school counselor if you are unsure if you need to take an exam.

SAT/ACT SCHEDULE

SAT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Aug 22, 2026	Aug 7, 2026
Sept 12, 2026	Aug 28, 2026
Oct 3, 2026	Sept 18, 2026
Nov 7, 2026	Oct 23, 2026
Dec 5, 2026	Nov 20, 2026
March 6, 2027	Feb 19, 2027
May 1, 2027	April 16, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027

ACT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Sept 19, 2026	Aug 4, 2026
Oct 17, 2026	Sept 11, 2026
Dec 12, 2026	Nov 7, 2026
Feb 12, 2027	Jan 22, 2027
April 10, 2027	March 5, 2027
June 12, 2027	May 7, 2027

WWW.SAT.ORG | WWW.ACT.ORG

HIGH SCHOOL
PICTURE DAY
SEPTEMBER 14

HIGH SCHOOL
RETAKE DAY & GROUPS/CLUBS PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 19

CLASS OF 2027 NEWS

Welcome to the Sauquoit Valley Class of 2027! The coming year brings a lot of excitement, activities and milestones, as well as important dates, deadlines and payments. Help us communicate with you (both parents and students) better by downloading the ParentSquare or StudentSquare app if you haven't already. We will use ParentSquare and StudentSquare as well as the senior Google Classroom (seniors should have already received an invite) to share news, forms and upcoming deadlines. Ms. Michelle Babbie and Mr. Peter Scialdone will be your class advisors for the school year. Please reach out to them via Student/ParentSquare or by emailing mbabbie@svcsd.org or pscialdone@svcsd.org should you have any questions.



SAUQUOIT VALLEY STUDENTS HIT THE JACKPOT

AT THIS YEAR'S AFTER-PROM PARTY



The Sauquoit Valley PTO once again turned Sauquoit Valley High School into the place to be after Prom, hosting another unforgettable after-prom party on Saturday, May 16. The casino-themed event welcomed 109 students for an evening designed to celebrate the end of an exciting milestone while providing a safe, fun and memorable place to spend the night.

Students tested their luck at blackjack, roulette, poker and Wheel of Fortune while also enjoying a variety of activities throughout the building. Human foosball, comfortable lounge areas to relax with friends, video games, yard games, a dirty soda station and a build-your-own ice cream sundae station gave students plenty of ways to enjoy the evening. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, friendly competition and memories that will last long after graduation!

One of the highlights of the night was the prizes, thanks to the incredible generosity of our community. Students took home everything from \$20 gift cards and dorm essentials

to electronics, with the grand prize, a brand-new 2026 MacBook, bringing an exciting end to the evening.

Events like the after-prom party are only possible because of the unwavering support of our local businesses, organizations and community members. We extend our sincere appreciation to the following donors for helping make this celebration possible:

- Applebee's
- Big Apple Music
- Bob Moore Construction
- Chobani
- Clayville Volunteer Fire Department
- Cliff's Local Market
- Hannaford
- Joan's Diner
- Lions Club of Sauquoit
- Mirabito
- Rheinhardt & Bray
- Sauquoit Valley Foundation
- Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors
- Sauquoit Valley Optimist Club
- Sauquoit Valley Sports Boosters
- Sauquoit Valley Teachers Association
- Sauquoit Volunteer Fire Department
- Smith Funeral Home
- Stewart's Shops
- Willowvale Diner

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the countless Sauquoit Valley families, teachers, staff members and community supporters who generously donated gift cards and monetary contributions. Your kindness ensured that every student left with a prize and helped make the evening even more memorable.

Finally, we are incredibly grateful to the many volunteers who gave their time to plan, organize, decorate, run casino tables, serve food and refreshments, supervise activities and clean up after the event. Your dedication and enthusiasm created a safe, welcoming and unforgettable celebration for our students!

BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive at the high school will be held

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, VISIT [REDCROSS.ORG](https://www.redcross.org).



ANNUAL REQUIRED EMERGENCY DRILLS

Please note that in accordance with the District Safety Plan and NYS requirements, we will be conducting safety drills this year. Specifically, we plan to conduct six evacuation drills (also known as fire drills) and two lockdown drills in September.

The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. If you have any questions about these drills or our safety procedures, please contact the main office at 315.839.6316.

REMINDERS FOR THE **START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

Students are able to enter the high school daily starting at 7:15 a.m. Freshmen and sophomores report to the auditorium, while juniors and seniors report to the cafeteria. Freshmen and sophomores who wish to eat breakfast are allowed to go to the cafeteria to do so.

Each student will be required to possess a charged Chromebook for daily instruction. Please remember that, in accordance with NYS legislation, students will only be allowed to use a school-issued Chromebook and are no longer allowed to bring in their own devices. Students are allowed to borrow Chromebooks and chargers from the District as long as a parent permission form is on file.

Please visit the SVHS website at <http://highschool.svcsd.org> for more information including:

- 2026-2027 Back to School Letter
- 2026-2027 Student Handbook
- 2026-2027 Supply List
- 2026-2027 Plan for Excellence
- Medication Form
- Driving/Parking Form
- Daily Announcements
- Teacher Websites and Email Addresses
- Absence Reporting Form
- School Newsletter
- Student Newspaper
- Athletic Calendar

We are excited to share the year with you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns at 315.839.6316. Thank you!

IMPORTANT FORMS FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

As has been the case in previous years, we will be asking parents and students to complete a series of forms at the beginning of the school year. The forms will be sent via ParentSquare and will be completed digitally; we will no longer be asking students and parents/guardians to complete and return paper forms. We will discuss these forms with students (as well as the Code of Conduct and student handbook) during class meetings that will be held on September 8. At the end of that school day, the forms will be sent to parents/guardians and students via ParentSquare. The forms are:

- **Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form**
- **Extracurricular Participation Policy and Eligibility Contract**
- **Photographic/Media Consent Form** (This form only needs to be filled out if you would like to opt out your child out)

We ask that all students and parents/guardians complete these forms by September 11. This will ensure that students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, attend dances and fully participate in the SVHS experience. Thank you for your help with this!

Please also note:

Federal law requires high schools to notify the parents/guardians of its students that, if requested, the high school must release to military recruiters the name, address, age, date of birth and phone number of each high school student. The law allows for a secondary student or parent/guardian of the student to "opt out" of the release of this information to the military recruiters. Any student or parent/guardian who is interested in having this information withheld from military recruiters should send a request to the high school main office secretary Mrs. Jaclyn DeFuria at jdefuria@svcsd.org no later than September 16.



47th ANNUAL SAUQUOIT VALLEY

FINE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**NOV****21****&****NOV****22****SAVE THE DATE****GARDEN CLUB**

Looking for a rewarding way to spend your time and nurture your love for gardening? Come join the Sauquoit Valley Garden Club!

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Paris Town Hall. Our gatherings feature engaging speakers, fun community projects and exciting garden-related outings. Feel free to drop in anytime to see what we are all about—we would love to have you!

Sponsoring Local Youth for 2027

This year, the club is proud to be sponsoring two students to attend D.E.C. Camp in the summer of 2027. Applicants must submit their applications by December 1, 2026.

For more information about our meetings or the camp sponsorship, please contact Lucille Roser at 315.839.5358.

**FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS****THRIFT STORE AND FOOD PANTRY**

2348 MAIN STREET IN CLAYVILLE

CLOTHING | HOUSEHOLD ITEMS | FOOD

*If your family is in need of help for back-to-school supplies or if you have any questions, please call 315.839.5303, leave a message and we will get right back to you.
Follow us on Facebook: Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors.*

HOURS

MONDAYS
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
AND 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.



Clayville Library

SERVING THE GREATER SAUQUOIT VALLEY

2265 Oneida St. Clayville, NY 13322
315.839.5893 | 315.839.5070 (fax)

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday & Friday
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday
3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Public Computers | Reference Materials | Current Best Sellers | Magazines | Current Release DVDs & Blu-Rays Games | Puzzles | Legos | Copy & Fax Services | Wi-Fi Access | After-School Hours | Reading Nook

You can request items from the Clayville Library's shelves or from elsewhere in the MidYork system by accessing www.midYork.org or calling the library at 315.839.5893.

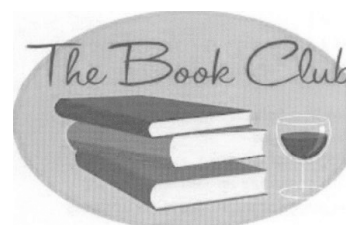
A Notary Public is available by appointment.
Call the library to schedule.

clayvillelibraryassociation.org

Facebook & Instagram: @clayvillelibrary

Events:

- Legos in the Library is every Saturday from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring a friend & let your imaginations loose!
- Take & Make craft kits are available to children throughout the month.
- Our Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month. Join us for a good read and good company. The current book selection is "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray.
- The Clayville Library Association in conjunction with Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors has a tutoring program for second through eighth grade.
 - Students in need of extra attention will have access to tutoring sessions (math and reading) provided by certified teachers.
 - Your child will be assessed by a certified educator and placed into the program to work on targeted skills, while also trying to match the learning style of the student.
 - Students must live within the Sauquoit Valley School District and need financial assistance for private tutoring.
 - If you have a student who needs extra assistance with math or reading skills, contact the Clayville Library for more information.
- Sign up for the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten challenge at the Clayville Library:
 - This FREE program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she enters school - a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. This program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years.
- The Clayville Library is raising money to restore our beautiful stained glass windows. If you'd like to make a donation please call or stop by!





FREE / REDUCED PRICE MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Despite meals being free again this year, we are still asking families that qualify for free/reduced lunch to fill out an income collection form. The application can be completed by visiting ezmealapp.com. Information submitted through this website is confidential. We are making this request for multiple reasons:

- **It will likely result in the District receiving additional funding from the New York State government.**
- **The form may qualify eligible families for benefits such as waived fees for SAT exams and/or Advanced Placement exams.**

Thank you for your assistance!

SAUQUOIT VALLEY FOUNDATION NEWS

Congratulations to the winner of the t-shirt design contest for the “Witch Way is the 5K?” road race and kids’ runs! The winner of the contest is Liliana Reynolds! The Sauquoit Valley Foundation would like to thank Mr. Hatch for running the contest at the high school for 15 years and wish him a happy retirement! Thank you to all the residents voting at the art show! Liliana submitted a fantastic design that embodies the theme of this race. Second place was Ryann Davis and third place went to Alexis Farrell. Congratulations to all!

Watch for information and the design to begin popping up around the community and online at the Foundation website at www.svcsd.org and our Facebook page. Online registration will open in August through our website at www.sauquoitvalleyfoundation.org or www.runsignup.com. Registration will also be available through school in September. Do not miss this fun community event scheduled for October 4. Mark your calendars and come to run, cheer on others or volunteer! We hope to see you there!

Engraved bricks are available to place in the Community Walkway at the athletic stadium through the Sauquoit Valley Foundation. Purchasing bricks of varied sizes is available online through the Foundation’s link under “Community” at the Sauquoit Valley School District webpage at www.svcsd.org.

The Sauquoit Valley Foundation continues to be an active group dedicated to the school and community. SVF meetings are held in person at Sauquoit Valley High School on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

RED HAWKS INSPIRE BRINGS NEWER TEACHERS TOGETHER



Sauquoit Valley teachers gathered throughout the year as part of Red Hawks INSPIRE, a support program for educators who are new to the District or not yet tenured, along with mentors and lead teachers.

Starting in a new District or still being early in a teaching career, comes with a lot of questions. Where do I find that form? Who do I ask about this student? Is everyone else feeling this overwhelmed? How do other teachers handle this?

This past school year, Sauquoit Valley created a new place for those conversations through Red Hawks INSPIRE, a support program for teachers who are new to the District or not yet tenured as well as the mentors and lead teachers helping them settle in. Developed through a partnership between the Sauquoit Valley Teachers Association and the school District, the program brought educators together throughout the year for connection, conversation and practical support.

The sessions focused on the kinds of topics that matter in the day-to-day life of a teacher: classroom management, student engagement, special education supports, work-life balance and the many questions that come up while learning the routines, expectations and culture of a school district.

Some sessions included information and resources. Others gave teachers time to talk with one another, ask questions, share what was working and hear from colleagues across buildings. Each session also included time to gather over food, with support from Grande's Pizzeria and the Sauquoit Valley PTO, helping create a relaxed, welcoming space for those conversations.

Participants shared that Red Hawks INSPIRE helped them feel more connected to colleagues and better supported in their classrooms. One teacher wrote, "I would absolutely keep the Red Hawks INSPIRE Program next year. It was wonderful." Another described the program as "very well done, well thought out and attentive to every detail."

"We want our new teachers and staff members to benefit from the expertise that is accessible through the SVCSD community," said Brian Read, Director of Instructional and Business Services. "It's a primary strength of our District. We support each other. Red Hawks INSPIRE was a big part of that this year."

The feedback from this year also gives Sauquoit Valley a clearer picture of what newer teachers need and value most: time to connect with colleagues, practical strategies they can use right away and a place to ask questions as they learn the routines and expectations of the District.

For the teachers who took part, Red Hawks INSPIRE offered more than another meeting. It gave them a place to ask real questions, learn from one another and create the sense of belonging, community and connection that helps teachers support students as they learn and grow.



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