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NEW BEGINNINGS

We welcomed our students with open arms as they embraced their first day of school and new beginnings at Seneca Valley. We wish all SV students a wonderful 2026-27 school year! For more first day photos, click here (or see page 2).













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SALUTING SERVICE

The Seneca Valley School District is once again in the process of organizing a special Veteran Recognition Day during a Raider Football game (vs. Penn Hills) on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026.

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



MEDIA NOTICE

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 7 District Holiday, No School
- Sept. 11 Veteran Recognition Night at NexTier Stadium - Home Football Game vs. Penn Hills, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 14 School Board Meeting, Regular Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 21 Staff In-Service Day, No School for Students
- Sept. 25 Hall of Fame Night at NexTier Stadium - Home Football Game vs. Central Valley, 7 p.m.

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

SEPTEMBER

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NEW BEGINNINGS

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Seneca Valley SD 2026-27 Student/Teacher Calendar

APPROVED FEBRUARY 2026

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Aug. 20 - First Student Day
12 Staff Days; 8 Student Days

September 2026

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

December 2026

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	H	H	H	26
27	H	H	H	H		

16 Days

January 2027

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10	11	12	13	14	IS	16
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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

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
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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21	22	23	H	H	H	27
28	IS	A80	31			

19 Staff Days; 17 Student Days (18 w/ A80)
March 29 - In-Service Day

April 2027

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21 Days

May 2027

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9	10	11	12	13	IS	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	H					

20 Staff Days; 19 Student Days
May 14 - In-Service Day

June 2027

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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

192 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

SV CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF

Seneca Valley's All-Staff Welcome Back meeting was held on Monday, Aug. 17, with the message of "Cleared for Takeoff."

JROTC students gave the presentation of colors while SV Barbershop and Beautyshop Quintet groups and Seneca Valley American Sign Language Club interpreter Lanie Koliscak led "The Pledge of Allegiance" and National Anthem. Staff listened attentively to remarks from District officials and Lt. Col. Katie Cook, a trailblazing leader and the first female pilot in the history of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Lt. Col. Cook gave an inspirational message to staff about building excellence with the three Ms (Motivation, Minutia and Mistakes) and leading with resilience and heart. To conclude the program, local veterans, active-duty personnel and first responders were recognized for their heartfelt service to our families, staff and community.

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



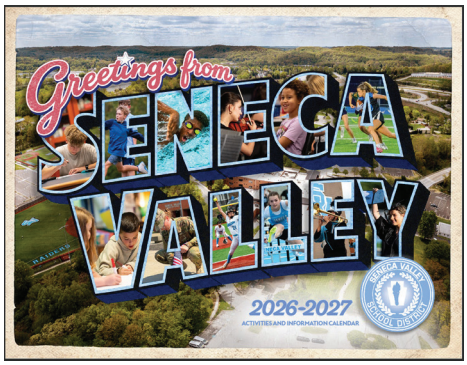






GREETINGS FROM SV

If you're looking for an online version of the 2026-27 calendar, click here.













WARM RAIDER WELCOME

Seneca Valley welcomed over 30 new educators to the District for the 2026-27 school year! These SV future makers attended the annual SV New Teacher Induction program Aug. 12-13 where they learned more about Seneca Valley, met several colleagues and administrators and attended various training sessions.

Photo credit: Bill Paterson



Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School
Taylor Grosso - School Counselor
Alaina Kalin - Grade 4
Alaina Kosinski - Multiple Supports
Heather Laurent - CIRC
Holland Somerville - Speech & Language
Madison Zewe - Grade 4

Ehrman Crest Middle School
Elizabeth Lindey - Grade 5
Emily McMichael - Spanish
Allison Moniot - Multiple Supports
David Wigenbach - Music

Ehrman Crest Elementary/ Haine Elementary
Karen Hezlep - School Counselor

Haine Elementary School
Samantha Casilli - Speech & Language
Madison Cossin - Learning Support
Madeline Dulac - Speech & Language
Heidi Hadley - Grade 4
Amanda Longello - Grade 2
Laura Vinski - Learning Support
Lauren Walsh - Grade 4

Haine Middle School
Joseph Ferraracci - Psychologist
Sarah Russell - Multiple Supports

Rowan Elementary School
Katy Nelson - Grade 4

Ryan Gloyer Middle School
Dana Mathews - Science
Nathan Presutti - Music & Chorus
Jocilyn Walter - Science

Intermediate High School
Katurah Eckstein - Chemistry
Debrah Evans - Chemistry
Katelyn Mustovich - Learning Support

Senior High School
Evan Kaltenbach - Social Studies
Nicholas Palermo - Social Studies
Rachel Stone - School Nurse
Matthew Wallace - Social Studies

Seneca Valley Academy of Choice
Jacquelyn Edmisten - Elementary
Colin Milne - Programming & Industrial Technology

Floating
Carly Weaver - Behavior Specialist

Long-term Substitutes
Ehrman Crest Elementary School
Tullia Dietz - Kindergarten
Alden May - School Counselor
Carly Renwick - Grade 2

Rowan Elementary School
Julietta Gill - Grade 1
Madison Jewart - Grade 2

Haine Middle School
Molly Zunski - Grade 6









SV INSPIRATION ON DISPLAY

Seneca Valley School District's Hope Squad and the family of rising fifth-grade student Roman Senft were recognized as the 2026 Cranberry CUP Inspirational Families during the tournament's Opening Ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Graham Park in Cranberry Township.

Roman, an incoming fifth grader at Seneca Valley, was diagnosed with brain cancer in April and is receiving treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Seneca Valley Hope Squad is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program that empowers students to recognize warning signs, promote mental wellness and connect classmates with trusted adults and available resources. The program plays a vital role in fostering a culture of compassion, inclusion and support across Seneca Valley schools.

As part of the recognition, Cranberry CUP organizers presented donations to both the Senft family and Seneca Valley School District. The donation to the Senft family will help ease the financial burden of travel and medical expenses, while the district's $11,000 donation will support Hope Squad education and training for students in grades 7-12 throughout the 2026-27 school year.

Representing the Hope Squad at the ceremony were students George Shattahi, Charlie Leach, Ruby Baker and Teagan Rathfon, along with Seneca Valley Senior High School Assistant Principal Megan Lizewski.

"We want to express our appreciation for being included as a beneficiary of this year's donation," Ms. Lizewski said during the ceremony. "The Hope Squad empowers students to look out for one another. It impacts school culture, giving us a school that is caring, connected and hopeful."

The Cranberry CUP's Inspirational Family recognition honors individuals and organizations whose perseverance, service and positive impact inspire the community.











DOMINATING THE DIVISION

Fifteen Seneca Valley Latin Club members joined the hundreds of students who gathered for the 71st annual Pennsylvania Junior Classical League (JCL) State Convention at Pennsylvania State University. Students competed in spirit events, a track and field day, academic tests and performance and graphic arts. Seneca Valley JCL members earned an impressive 26 artistic awards, 16 academic awards, four performance awards, two spirit awards and an athletic award! To top the event, the team placed first in their division against seven other Pennsylvania schools.



"It was our first time on top of the podium!" said Ryan Gloyer Middle School Latin and Spanish Teacher and JCL sponsor. "Students are already looking forward to returning in 2027."

SUMMER FUN AT SV!

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































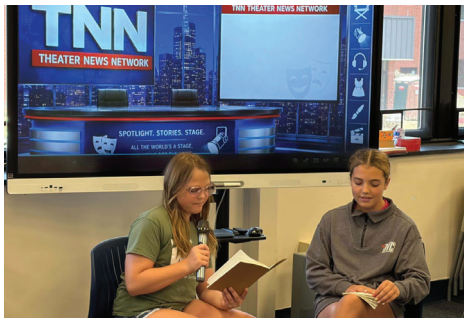
SUMMER FUN AT SV!

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SV'S GOLDEN GROUP

Seneca Valley residents 62 years of age or older are invited to apply to become a member of the Seneca Valley School District Gold Card Club. Membership entitles card holders to attend home athletic events, music, dramatic and other school productions.*

Seneca Valley School District
SENIOR CITIZEN GOLD CARD CLUB

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

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

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

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

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

As part of a partnership between Seneca Valley and Powell Farm in Cranberry Township, students have taken an active role in the conservation and preservation of the land through hands-on agricultural programming. Seneca Valley Community-Based Vocational Training (CBVT) students had a great time wrapping up their school year this past spring by learning the fundamentals of agriculture and helping plant a variety of apple trees throughout the farm.

The CBVT program provides on-the-job training to help students gain skills for employment and their home community. As a new addition to their training sites, Powell Farm hosted students at a visioning event held in May.















By Varden Armstrong,
Performing Arts Coordinator

SWEET SLICE OF ENTERTAINMENT SIGNALS START TO FALL SEASON

The Seneca Valley Band Boosters hosted the annual Marching Band "Pie Festival" on Thursday, Aug. 13, officially kicking off the fall season with the premier performance of the SV "Roaring" Raider Marching Band. As a special addition, members of the SV Summer Band joined the marching band on the field to perform the National Anthem.

Under the direction of Mrs. Tracy Glass and Mrs. Kelly Levere, more than 65 young band students performed. A packed audience gathered to enjoy this cherished community tradition and the band's first full halftime performance of the season.

The band proudly unveiled its 2026 halftime show, "Decades," taking audiences on a musical journey spanning more than five decades of popular music. The production features selections made famous by artists including Elvis Presley, Sam & Dave, The Trammps, Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, Nirvana, Backstreet Boys and Fall Out Boy, celebrating the sounds and styles that have defined generations.

Leading the band on the field this season are SV Drum Majors Camden Armstrong and Stone Oechslein. With an exciting new show and talented student performers, the Seneca Valley Marching Band looks forward to an outstanding season of music and entertainment for the community!

Photos Credit: Glory Days Photography





















By Heather Lewis,
Seneca Valley Athletics & Activities Director

BECAUSE YOU WERE HERE

From my very first day on the Seneca Valley campus, I have been consistent in messaging my philosophy of "Education Through Sport." Entering my 15th year, I hope to open the eyes of all students involved in athletics and activities to show how important their respective roles are to the overall success of their program.

If I were afforded the opportunity at year end, I would ask each student, "Was your team better because you were on it?" The core tenant of wearing the SV is to be a better teammate than player or performer. If we accomplish anything in the Athletics & Activities Department, it is emphasizing the importance of being a great teammate because each of our students has something a team needs.

My message to our students is a simple one: "Our team is better because you were here." Why? Because I trust they will embrace the following:

- **Show effort** in putting in the work daily.
- **Be willing to do the things no one highlights** on social media.
- **Carry a positive attitude** even in challenging times.
- **Own their words and actions** and be the teammate everyone can trust.
- **Bring energy** that will lift their teammates.
- **Demonstrate toughness** in hard times.
- **Offer encouragement** to a teammate struggling.
- **Make others better** by being bigger than yourself.
- **Be the reason their team gets better** every single day.

The opportunities our students experience through athletics & activities are so much more than medals, trophies and championships. Of course, they should be ambitious. They should compete with purpose, chase championships and strive for excellence. But ultimately, the greatest measure of their experience will not be what they won – it will be **who they became along the way.**

My hope is when they wear the SV for the final time, they will leave as the teammate others could count on, the leader others could trust, and the person they are proud to become. They will have lifted others up, overcome adversity, embraced challenges and learned lessons that will stay with them long after graduation.

I hope they will have given something meaningful and, in return, something meaningful was given back to them.

Because wearing the SV is about more than simply being part of a team. **It is about making your team better because you were on it.**

2026-27 ANNUAL ATHLETICS PASS

In collaboration with the Student-Athlete Leadership Team (S.A.L.T.), the Seneca Valley Athletics Department is pleased to offer a year-long annual athletic pass for all Raider sports home contests on our campus for the 2026-27 school year. Reminder: the pass is available to students and adults!

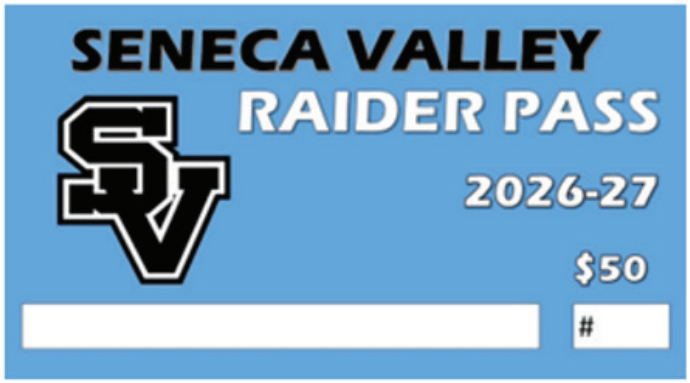
The pass will be $50 and will entitle the name holder - who presents the Athletics pass along with valid ID (SV ID, License) - to free entry for our regular season home contests.

Any Seneca Valley community member is eligible to purchase a 2026-27 annual student athletic pass.

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

Terms of Use for Annual Student Athletics Pass

1. The pass entitles bearer for one student paid admission to any regular season SV home athletic contest.



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

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."
www.nextierbank.com

Myers Law Group
"Official Law Firm Partner of Raider Athletics."
www.jpmyerslaw.com

Allegheny Health Network
"Official Sports Medicine Partner of Raider Athletics."
www.ahn.org

Field Turf, USA
"A world leader in artificial turf and field surface for Raider Athletics."
www.fieldturf.com

Hawkins Financial Services
"We strive to exceed our clients' long-term goals."
www.hawkins-fs.com

Heritage Seubert Financial
Baseball Field
"We help families, businesses and institutions grow, preserve and transfer wealth."
www.heritageseubert.com

SPECIAL EVENT NIGHTS

- Sept. 11, 2026: Veterans Recognition Night, Home Football vs. Penn Hills
- Sept. 24, 2026: Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Senior High School
- Sept. 25, 2026: Hall of Fame Recognition & Youth Night, Home Football vs. Central Catholic
- Oct. 8, 2026: Homecoming Carnival & Parade, Secondary Campus
- Oct. 9, 2026: Homecoming Night, Home Football vs. Mt. Lebanon
- Oct. 23, 2026: Senior Night & Pink Night, Home Football vs. Norwin

HALL OF FAMERS WELCOMED HOME

Seneca Valley Alumni will once again be recognized on their "home turf" for outstanding athletic achievements at the 2026 Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame (HOF) Induction Ceremony.

This year's 2026 Induction Class includes Jordan Brown ('13), Shaine Patsilevas ('08), Dave Sylvester (Coach), Rose Snyder Stidsen ('08), Erin Lopresti Vickerman ('10) and the 1999 Girls Softball Team.

The SV Sports HOF committee will honor these inductees the weekend of Sept. 24-25.

The Induction Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, in the senior high school (SHS) auditorium and is free for all to attend. This ceremony will be preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:15 p.m.) in the SHS cafeteria. To purchase tickets and learn more, visit www.svsd.net/HOF.

Inductees will also be recognized at the football game at NexTier Stadium on Friday, Sept. 25.

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

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



A 'TEE'RIFIC SUCCESS!

The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) hosted its annual Gift of Hope Golf Classic presented by Massaro Corporation earlier this month and is excited to announce it exceeded its goal by raising over $78,000 - a new record!

Proceeds from this incredible event benefit SV students and staff and allow the SVF to continue its mission of providing the "Gift of Hope and Promise of Excellence" to the Seneca Valley School District.

We sincerely thank all sponsors, golfers and volunteers, as well as friends from the Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, SV Leadership Team and School Board, SVF Board of Trustees, Mary Ann Mangini and Sam Carmella for making this day a huge success. Extra special thanks to SV students Eleanor and Charles Teti for leading "The Pledge of Allegiance" to kickoff the day.













THE FUTURE OF STEM BEGINS WITH MOMENTS LIKE THESE

Through funding from the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF), SV fifth and sixth grade students have the unique opportunity to assemble an electronic vehicle (EV) go-kart piece by piece in a hands-on STEM experience. One group of fifth graders successfully built their EV, bringing to life science, technology, engineering and mathematics!

As students build, wire, program, test and drive an EV, they develop a deeper understanding of electrical circuits, energy transfer, forces and motion, data analysis and the engineering design process.

"The project strengthens collaboration, communication and critical thinking as students work together to troubleshoot challenges and improve their vehicle's performance," said Seneca Valley Gifted Support Teacher Mr. Jeremiah Friday.













REGISTER TO RUN!

Join us Sunday, Nov. 1 for the fourth annual SFC Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run! Presented by Westinghouse and hosted by the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF), this incredible event serves to spread community awareness of the life and legacy of Sergeant First Class (SFC) Ryan Gloyer by highlighting the many amazing attributes he possessed; to remind students and the community of Ryan's ultimate sacrifice for our Country; and, most importantly, preserve his legacy of being inclusive, selfless and dedicated.

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

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

This year, we again welcome the Community Commissary! An inviting space for sponsors, vendors and non-profits to share information about their products. Check out our sponsorship opportunities and, if you'd like to support, please contact Laura Goossen at laurajwatson@gmail.com.

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

T-Shirt Sponsor - $3,000
- ❖ Corporate logo on back of participant T-Shirts
- ❖ Six (6) Complimentary Participant Fees

Mile Marker Sponsor - $1,000
- ❖ Corporate logo on signage (36x24 inch)
- ❖ Honoring noble characteristics of Ryan (Teach & Mentor; Honor & Integrity; Selfless Service; Lead by Example; Strive for Excellence; Persevere through Adversity)
- ❖ Four (4) Complimentary Participant Fees

Legacy Sponsor - $500
- ❖ Two (2) Complimentary Participant Fees

Patriot Sponsor - $250
- ❖ Soldier memorialization on the digital Wall of Fame at RGMS on race day (found inside the RGMS lobby)

All sponsorships include:
- ➢ **Digital Engagement & Recognition on RunSignUp.com, SVSD/SV Foundation Websites & Social Media Channels**
- ➢ **Opportunity for promotional table & items in packet**
- ➢ **Verbal acknowledgement throughout Event**

To secure a sponsorship, checks can be sent to:
Seneca Valley Foundation
124 Seneca School Road
Harmony, PA 16037
Attn: Julia Benson
All proceeds benefit Ryan Gloyer Middle School



Be a part of the
Community Commissary

The Community Commissary is designed to be a space to connect with sponsors, local businesses and non-profit organizations. Reserve a table today!

Race Sponsors & Non-Profits = Complimentary

For-Profit businesses = $100

Contact space coordinator, Laura Goossen at laurajwatson@gmail for additional information.



Commissary members immersed in the commissary space.

SFC RYAN GLOYER MEMORIAL RUN



PRESENTED BY: Westinghouse

4th Annual 5K Run/Walk
Sunday, November 1, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
SV Secondary Campus

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

SV SENIOR ATTENDS ELITE SUMMER PROGRAM

Demonstrating his ongoing commitment to academic excellence, Seneca Valley senior Mac Wilson attended the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon this summer. It is an intensive, five-week summer residential program that emphasizes cooperative learning and experience working with leading experts. Only 72 students nationwide were accepted into this year's program from among 575 applicants.

Mr. Wilson took lecture courses in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and physics. He also participated in lab courses, research projects, electives, field trips and seminars. Congratulations on this honorable achievement!



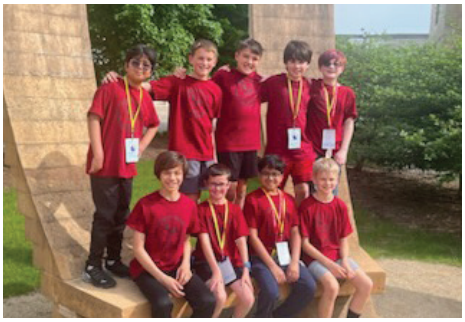


GOING GLOBAL

Nine students from Haine Elementary and Middle School represented Seneca Valley at the KidWind World Championship held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin. Students participated in multiple competition events including wind turbine and solar structure performance testing, formal design presentations, instant challenge engineering and a Quiz Bowl, requiring both technical knowledge and collaborative problem solving.

The event offered an invaluable opportunity for students to build relationships with peers who share a passion for STEM. The 2026 competition brought together 125 teams representing 21 U.S. states as well as countries Estonia, Taiwan and Thailand, creating an international community of young engineers committed to innovation.















FORMER SV COACH NAMED PBC HALL OF FAMER

Congratulations to former Seneca Valley Basketball Coach Mr. Victor Giannotta for being inducted into the Pittsburgh Basketball Club 2026 Hall of Fame. Established in 2009, the Pittsburgh Basketball Club honors local officials, coaches and teams for their contributions to the sport of basketball in western Pennsylvania. Mr. Giannotta is one of four coaches to be inducted into the 2026 class. Congratulations!

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

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

Work Sessions	Regular (Action) Meetings
September -- No Meeting	September 14, 2026 *Second Monday due to holiday*
October 5, 2026	October 12, 2026
November 2, 2026	November 9, 2026 *Will be held in SHS Auditorium*
December 3, 2026 *Reorganization Meeting - 5 p.m.* *First Thursday* *Will be held in SHS Auditorium*	December -- No Meeting
January -- No Meeting	January 11, 2027 *Will be held in SHS Auditorium*
February 1, 2027 *Will be held in SHS Auditorium*	February 8, 2027 *Will be held in SHS Auditorium*
March 1, 2027	March 8, 2027
April 12, 2027 *Second Monday*	April 19, 2027 *Third Monday*
May 3, 2027	May 10, 2027
June 7, 2027	June 14, 2027

Arlene Miller, SV Class of 1970, has been serving in the healthcare field for over 50 years. 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: I started first grade at Cranberry Township School (now Rowan Elementary School). I attended junior high in Evans City, and the senior high school was at the current Intermediate High School. I have been working in the field of radiology for 55 years. I was first in the X-ray department and now in CT scan. It can be very hectic at times, but also very rewarding to be part of a team trying to help people.

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

A: I have two sons who are both SV graduates (SV Class of 1997 and 2003) who have done well, and now two grandsons who I'm trying to get into the school district!

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

A: When I was a young X-ray technologist in the 70s, I was the X-ray tech for the Pittsburgh Steelers. I got to X-ray many of the greats on the day after their games.

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

A: I really enjoyed Mr. Thomas Hogan for math. He just always seemed so pleasant. And Mr. Matchett. He always wanted us to excel.



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

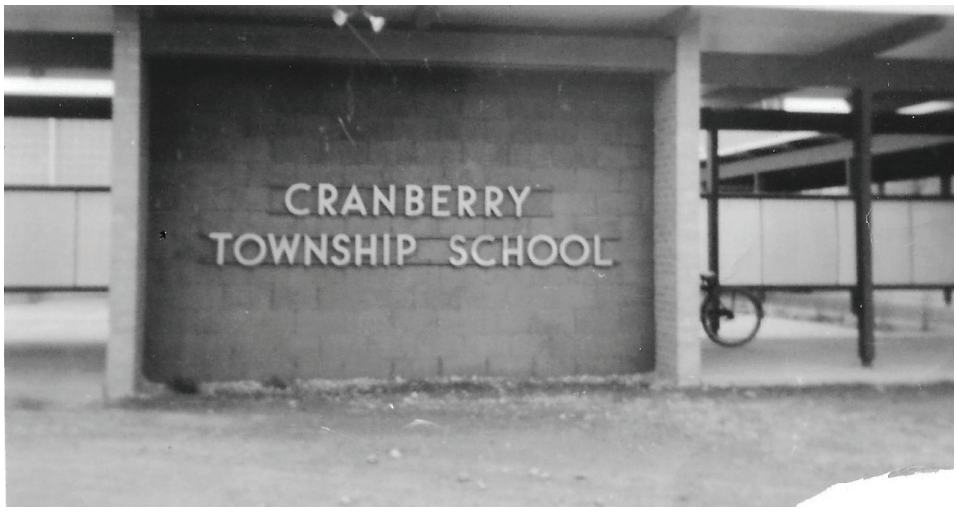
A: I can't really think of a special memory, but I think having four years of Latin with Mrs. Fox really helped with my healthcare career.

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

A: That we appreciate you! I remember my teachers, and I remember the impact teachers and staff had on my sons 25 years later. I'm glad to see how dedicated people are to educating students and serving as good role models in our community.

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

A: Compared to where we are today, we had such humble roots. I graduated when we had just the high school on campus, and by the time my older son graduated, we had all three buildings on the secondary campus and more programs for students than ever before. We've come a long way, and it seems like we're still going up!



WELCOME, ALUMNI!

Seneca Valley is proud of our 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 Morgan Waag, Communications Specialist.

BACK TO SCHOOL: SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Stop for school buses

Many students rely on school buses to get them to and from school safely.

Did You Know: School buses are the most regulated vehicles on the road; they're designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in preventing crashes and injuries; and in every state, stop-arm laws exist to protect children from other motorists.

If you are driving, remember these simple rules:

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. You should slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. You must stop your car and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving, before you can start driving again.
- Even when lights aren't flashing, watch for children, particularly in the morning or mid-afternoon, around school arrival and dismissal times. Be alert as you back out of a driveway, or drive through a neighborhood, school zone or bus stop.

Talk bus safety with your children:

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Teach them to play it **SAFE**:

Stay at least ten feet — five giant steps — away from the curb.

Always wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.

Face forward after finding a seat on the bus.

Exit the bus after it stops and look left-right-left for cars before crossing a street.

Download the FIRSTview App:

Seneca Valley's transportation partner, First Student, offers the FIRSTview app to all District families! The app allows parents and caregivers to track their child's bus location in real time using GPS, monitor its progress and receive multiple distance-based ETA notifications. Families can also set up push notifications to receive important updates directly on their phones. Visit the Transportation page in the SV Portal for more information and download instructions.



- All students in Pennsylvania public schools, including Seneca Valley, will once again have access to free breakfast for the 2026-27 school year, regardless of family income. Encourage your student(s) to stop for a full breakfast or various grab-and-go items. If you think you might be eligible for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals, we encourage you to fill out a Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application as many programs are connected to your child[ren]'s eligibility. Please return it to the Seneca Valley Administration Office with attention to Faye Nelson. Applications can be found at www.svsd.net/FreeandReduced.

- Haine Elementary and Middle School will host an online safety presentation for family and community members in collaboration with the PA State Police. Click to learn more.

- For the 2026 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). 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.

- 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.

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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SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

- 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)

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- Visit Niche to view SV rankings.

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It's okay to ask for help.

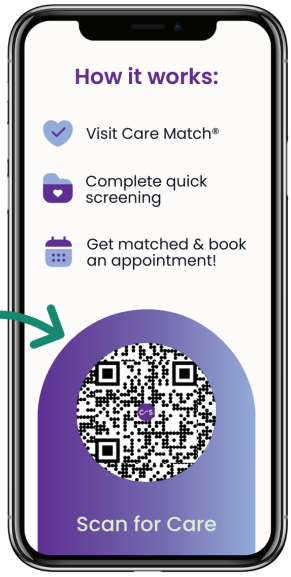
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Care Solace is a free, confidential service that connects students, staff and their families to mental health providers, substance use treatment – regardless of their circumstance.

This service is available through your school district at no cost to you.

To get started, scan the code or visit this link:
caresolace.com/seneca

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 911 or the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.



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BBQ BASH

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

on the

ARMSTRONG GREAT LAWN

2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township

BARBEQUE VENDORS

Feast on mouthwatering barbeque creations, ice cold ales & refreshments, sweet treats and more!

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Rockin' live music by **The Delaneys**, yard games, and activities for kids all afternoon!





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• CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP •
WATERPARK

SEPTEMBER 12

SESSION 1 • 9:00–10:30 AM
SESSION 2 • 11:00–12:30 PM

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SIGN UP ONLINE!

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