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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!

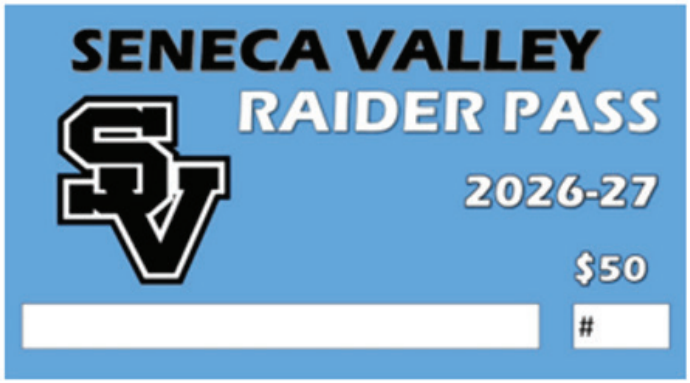
The pass will be $50 and will entitle the name holder - who presents the Athletics pass along with valid ID (SV ID, License) - to free entry for our regular season home contests.

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."
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"Official Law Firm Partner of Raider Athletics."
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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!

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