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HONORING THE LEGACY BEHIND PENNSYLVANIA FLAG DAY

Nearly 40 years after Seneca Valley teacher Wayne Roccia and his sixth-grade students helped establish Oct. 14 as Pennsylvania Flag Day, Seneca Valley hosted a special flag-raising ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 14, celebrating Pennsylvania's history and flag. Mr. Roccia, a retired Seneca Valley teacher and track and field coach joined members of our JROTC to raise the flag during the ceremony.



While teaching sixth grade in the 1980s, Mr. Roccia and his students learned about Pennsylvania's flag and discovered that, unlike the United States, the Commonwealth did not have a designated day to recognize its flag. The students wrote to their state representative proposing Oct. 14, the birthday of Pennsylvania founder William Penn, as Pennsylvania Flag Day.

Their efforts ultimately led to a resolution unanimously approved by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate and signed into law by then-Gov. Richard Thornburgh.

The story came full circle last year when Roccia's grandchildren helped reconnect him with the original resolution at the Pennsylvania Capitol.

"Sometimes all it takes is a good question, a good idea and the passion to see it through," Mr. Roccia said.

The ceremony recognized Mr. Roccia and the lasting impact a classroom project had on Pennsylvania history while highlighting the importance of curiosity, civic engagement and giving students opportunities to make a difference.







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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 2	School Board Meeting, Work Session, IHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Nov. 6	Release of Report Cards, Grades 7-12
Nov. 7	SAT Testing, SHS
Nov. 9	School Board Meeting, Regular Session, SHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Nov. 11	In-Service, No School for Students
Nov. 24	Report of Student Progress Release, Grades K-6
Nov. 25-30	District Holiday, No School

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

NOVEMBER

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, students across Seneca Valley School District participated in a variety of activities honoring the rich heritage, culture and achievements of Hispanic/Latino Americans. These projects offered students a meaningful opportunity to explore vibrant traditions, remarkable contributions and the profound history of the Hispanic and Latino communities that share our diverse society.

High school student workers at Raider Roast collaborated with students in Ms. Elana Kreiss' Spanish class for a fun, engaging Hispanic Heritage Month project. Students greeted one another in Spanish before Raider Roast employees shared cold brew samples with their peers as the class explored coffee production in Central America. Ms. Kreiss' students then created posters highlighting coffee's origins and translating the Raider Roast menu into Spanish. They shared their work with the Raider Roast team in a fun, collaborative exchange that blended language learning, cultural exploration and real-world connections!





At the Intermediate High School LIGHT Center, Ms. Parenti's Spanish 4 class created a Hispanic Heritage Month mural to kick off the month's celebrations. In an event led by student LIGHT ambassadors Sophie and Mariana, students added to the mural design with traditional tissue paper flowers. Students had a blast making the flowers while enjoying Hispanic music and chips and salsa!

Several students in Ms. Parenti's AP and Honors Spanish classes had the opportunity to embark on an inspiring field trip to the Clemente Museum, home of the world's largest collection of Roberto Clemente memorabilia. Guided through an immersive tour, in Spanish, students explored historic baseball artifacts, powerful works of art, rare photographs and more, all highlighting Clemente's legendary career and lasting impact as a humanitarian.















HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS *continued*

From Sept. 15-Oct. 15, elementary students explored the rich cultures, traditions and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities through engaging, hands-on activities.

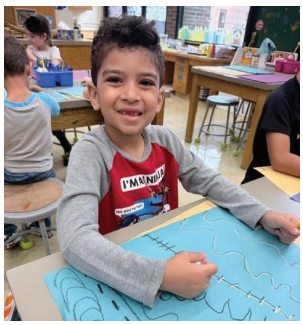
Ehrman Crest Elementary third graders created special presentations embracing the theme, “Together, We are More.” Students collaboratively researched a Spanish-speaking place or person, created a short summary and visual, and recorded their presentations for the school news. Projects were colorfully displayed through the entire month.

At Connoquenessing Valley Elementary, third graders discovered Hispanic heroes and created colorful posters that highlighted their contributions in our world. In Spanish class, students explored how these individuals embody CVE’s theme, “Strong Minds, Kind Hearts,” or “Mentes Fuertes, Corazones Amables,” while building their Spanish-speaking skills and character traits.

At Haine Elementary School, first graders learned about marigolds, the bright flowers that grow abundantly in Mexico during the fall. They learned that people use marigolds to decorate their homes and some even wear them as flower crowns! By mid-October, marigolds can be found in markets throughout Mexico. Our first grade students had a blast connecting the lesson to colorful art elements.

¡Celebrando juntos!





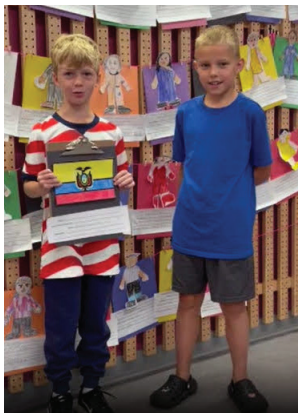












WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

At Ehrman Crest Elementary School (ECE), second graders in Ms. Horwat's class celebrated White Cane Awareness Day with fun, hands-on activities, including a white cane simulation activity, a storybook connection and creative crafts.

Celebrated annually on Oct. 15, White Cane Awareness Day highlights the accomplishments of individuals who are blind or visually impaired and the significance of the white cane as a vital tool for safety and navigation.

Raegan Kertz, a second grader at ECE, was excited to share her white cane with classmates! She taught her peers about the different parts of her cane and explained how she uses it as a tool to help navigate her environment safely and independently.

Raegan's educational team was thrilled to join in the fun and support her as she shared this important part of her life with classmates.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to promote understanding, awareness and inclusion, while celebrating Raegan's independence and the important role her white cane plays in helping her navigate the world around her!" said Ms. Jessica Sloan, Midwestern Intermediate Unit (MIU) IV Teacher of the Visually Impaired.











In an event led by Envision Blind Sports, students at Haine Elementary and Middle School recognized White Cane Awareness Day, celebrated annually on Oct. 15, through engaging, hands-on activities and adaptive sports.

Students had the opportunity to try a variety of sports while learning how adaptations can make athletic activities accessible to people with vision impairments. They also explored goalball, a team sport designed for athletes who are blind or visually impaired. Students practiced fundamental skills, including throwing and blocking, gaining firsthand experience of the teamwork and strategy involved in the sport.

"The visit was an exciting day of learning, participation and inclusion," said Ms. Lia Noel, Midwestern Intermediate Unit (MIU) IV Teacher of the Visually Impaired. "Students discovered that with thoughtful adaptations and modifications, sports can be accessible to people of all abilities."

The experience encouraged students to embrace new challenges and recognize the value of inclusion. Students left with an empowering message: "Fear Less. Do More!"











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‘NEW YORK CITY’

SV students danced the night away in “New York City” at the 2026 Seneca Valley Homecoming.

On Thursday, Oct. 8, hundreds of people attended and enjoyed the SV Homecoming Carnival, Homecoming Parade and fireworks display on the district’s secondary campus in Jackson Township.

Jordan Lauer was crowned queen and Camden Armstrong king during Seneca Valley’s Homecoming pregame festivities at NexTier Stadium on Friday, Oct. 9. Miss Lauer is the daughter of Brad and Beth Lauer of Cranberry Township. Mr. Armstrong is the son of Varden and Missy Armstrong of Zelienople.

Earlier this month, seniors chose 20 classmates to represent their homecoming court. Senior girls on the court included Keira Albenze, Lily Berg, Elyse Cilik, Elise Craver, Paige D'Amico, Catalina Dehart, Olivia Herrem, Jordan Lauer, Anna Livorse and Layla Mulkerrins. Senior boys on the court included Jamen Alwine, Camden Armstrong, Austin Brown, Waylon Caruso, Josh Glover, Benjamin James, Nathan Lui, Roman Runco, Shay Sureshkumar and Layne Vandenburgh.

Shoutout to SV Student Council for all their hard work planning the Homecoming Parade, Carnival, Pep Rally and Dance!

Click here to view additional photos.

























CLUCKING IN THE CLASSROOM



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to raise chickens? More than 70 participants joined Mr. KC Cahall, Seneca Valley Outdoor Education teacher, to learn more about what it takes to start a backyard flock. Students, along with their families, had the opportunity to meet Haine Elementary and Middle School's feathered friends while learning how this initiative benefits students.





"The benefits of chickens at Haine go well beyond the science classroom," said Mr. Cahall. "The chickens have created engaging opportunities for students to develop skills related to descriptive writing and language development."

Students are also gaining math skills by tracking food waste diverted from landfills as they collect and provide fresh fruit and vegetable scraps to the chickens, graph egg production and perform cost analyses comparing the cost of feed with egg sales.

Additionally, caring for chickens gives students the opportunity to practice responsibility, empathy, patience and communication skills.

Thank you, Mr. Cahall, for bringing learning to life and proving that sometimes, the greatest classrooms have feathers!

DIGGING IN

Rowan Elementary School students in Ms. Angela Cardillo's class are making their mark in the garden! Students recently harvested Hopi corn and yellow squash from their garden boxes and look forward to fall planting. Through these hand-on gardening experiences, students connect classroom learning to the outdoors while practicing teamwork, responsibility, observation and stewardship. Great job, gardeners!









CELEBRATING SV PRINCIPALS

October is National Principals Month - a month to celebrate our Principals and remember how important their work is in every school. Principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards and set performance objectives. Through their vision, dedication and determination, Principals provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success. We encourage you to join us in this celebration by sharing your appreciation with our Principals!



Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School
Principal: Mr. Jeremy Womer
Assistant Principal: Dr. Taisia Papariella

Ehrman Crest Elementary School
Principal: Dr. Bridget Miller
Assistant Principal: Ms. Tesin Amoscato

Ehrman Crest Middle School
Principal: Dr. Timothy Eiler
Assistant Principal: Mr. Ivan Aranha

Haine Elementary School
Principal: Dr. Kristen White
Assistant Principal: Dr. Thomas McKelvey

Haine Middle School
Principal: Dr. Erin Wilcher
Assistant Principal: Dr. Samantha Schmitt

Rowan Elementary School
Principal: Dr. Tina Wentz
Assistant Principal: Ms. Jessica Scerbo

Ryan Gloyer Middle School
Principal: Dr. Trisha Butschle
Assistant Principal: Dr. Samantha Flanhofer

Seneca Valley Intermediate High School
Principal: Dr. Chet Henderson
Assistant Principal: Dr. Dan Guerra
Acting Assistant Principal: Ms. Kaitlyn Witt

Seneca Valley Senior High School
Principal: Mr. Robert Ceh
Assistant Principal: Ms. Megan Lizewski

Seneca Valley Academy of Choice
Principal: Dr. Denise Manganello
Assistant Principal: Dr. Sarah Parish

STICKING TOGETHER

Principals at Rowan Elementary School recently faced a sticky situation – literally! As a reward for raising over $20,000 leading up to their schoolwide Fun Run, students had the opportunity to duct tape their principals to the wall. The funds raised will go toward classroom upgrades, playground equipment and other educational experiences!







SPORTING IN STYLE

Jump, climb, spin and ride – these Ehrman Crest Elementary students are enjoying lots of fun in Physical Education classes!

Thanks to a grant from the American Heart Association (received fall 2025), the school has expanded their equipment, including balance bikes for their "Safety in Motion" unit. New helmets and climbing wall grips have also been a huge hit!









FIRED UP

To celebrate National Fire Prevention Week, recognized Oct. 4-10, kindergarten students at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) enjoyed a special visit from the Harmony Fire District!

Together, classes learned about fire safety, explored the fire truck and even watched school principal Mr. Jeremy Womer climb the fire ladder!

Kindergarten families raised over $750 for the department, and we thank them for teaching our students important fire safety skills!















ROCK YOUR SCHOOL

Today, and everyday, our students ROCK!

Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) rolled out the red carpet to celebrate the national Rock Your School event, an initiative created by Get Your Teach On (GYTO), with the goal of encouraging schools to create new and unique educational experiences. Students celebrated with rock star outfits, star-studded photo ops and rockin' hands-on activities that encouraged them to think creatively and critically!















READING 9 TO 5

Reading 9 to 5 – what a way to build a leader!

To honor the contributions Dolly Parton made to child literacy, Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) celebrated with a Literacy Day on Sept. 25. Dolly Parton believed that every child should have access to books and the opportunity to discover the joy of reading. She helped put books in the hands of children across the world. Staff also joined together to raise $131 for the Zelienople Area Public Library!

CVE saddled up and did something they knew Dolly would love; opened a book, shared a story and inspired our youngest readers to dream big!











LEVEL UP

Gotta Read 'Em All! Haine Elementary and Middle School students in grades K-6 are catching the reading bug through a Pokémon-themed reading challenge! From exploring new genres and discovering authors to sharing peer recommendations, students earn Pokémon cards as they build their collections. Once they complete their challenges and reach Master Trainer rank, they get to keep their entire collection!

"The energy in the library has been incredible," said Mr. Eric Fogle, school CIRC teacher and Librarian. "Students are eager to share their recommendations and show off their growing collections."

Way to level up your reading, Raiders!





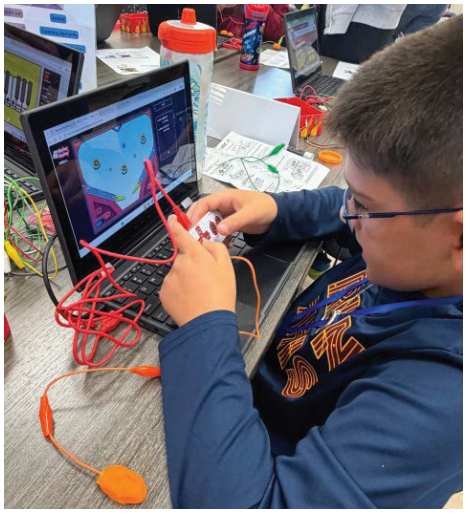


A 'BIT' OF INNOVATION IN ACTION

Eighteen students from Haine Elementary and Middle School joined others for a day of STEM challenges at the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIUIV). The STEM Buddies event encouraged students to utilize technology such as a Micro:Bit and Makey Makey kits and collaborate with their teammates. Great job, STEM Pioneers!









NO BONES ABOUT IT

Students in Mr. Todd Winters' eighth grade science classes have a bone to pick with boring assignments!

When Mr. Winters took class outside for an outdoor learning lesson, students found more than answers to their notes – they discovered bones! Our curious middle school scientists decided to reassemble them, exploring the skeletal system in the process.





By Varden Armstrong,
Performing Arts Coordinator

SMOOTH MOVES FOR SV JAZZ

Seneca Valley's Jazz Ensemble I, the District's premier jazz ensemble, has been selected to perform as a guest ensemble at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Annual Conference April 14-17, 2027. The annual conference is one of Pennsylvania's largest gatherings of music educators and student musicians and is held in conjunction with the PMEA All-State Student Festival.









The selection was determined through a competitive audition process and placed Seneca Valley among a select group of instrumental and vocal ensembles chosen to showcase excellence in music education and performance.

"This is an extraordinary honor for our students and our music program," said Varden Armstrong, faculty director of the ensemble. "The opportunity to perform before hundreds of music educators, administrators and student musicians from across Pennsylvania is both a recognition of our students' accomplishments and a testament to their dedication, talent and hard work."

The upcoming appearance will mark only the third time in school history that a Seneca Valley Jazz Ensemble has been selected to perform at the PMEA Annual Conference. The ensemble previously performed at the 2004 and 2014 conferences.

"This recognition is the result of countless hours of practice, rehearsals and performances, as well as the unwavering support of our families and performing arts faculty," Armstrong said. "For many of these students, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we are incredibly proud to represent Seneca Valley on the state stage."

SIDE-BY-SIDE SUCCESS

This month, the SV Instrumental Music Department held a Side-by-Side Collaboration Day that brought together some of the youngest and oldest students in the program. Students from the Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) Seventh Grade Band joined students in the auditioned Wind Ensemble to share the music each group is working on. After playing a few warmups together, each band played sections of pieces that they will be performing in the coming weeks. Time was spent sharing ideas and providing positive input and served as a great way to interact with one another.

Seventh grade flutist Parker Graham said, "It was cool to hear how good we sounded."

Percussionist Ophelia Vossah realized how important her cymbal part was when she was the only one playing it.

The side-by-side event was coordinated by Ms. Sara Snyder and Mr. Brian Croach, instrumental directors at RGMS, with assistance from Wind Ensemble directors Mr. Varden Armstrong and Mr. Bob Babick.









SPOOKY STRINGS

In collaboration with the Strand Theater in Zelienople, the Seneca Valley Chamber Orchestra put on their fifth annual spooktacular Halloween performance! This special event included eerie classical favorites, such as "Danse Macabre" and Bach's "Toccata and Fugue," as well as movie tracks and Halloween repertoire. In addition to the music, students and audience members participated in a costume contest, and prizes were raffled off as a fundraiser for the Seneca Valley Orchestra Parents Association (SVOPA).

"The Halloween Concert is such a fun tradition in our orchestra program," said Ms. Sarah Miller, high school orchestra director. "It's a wonderful way for the students to connect with our community and have the opportunity to perform."

This concert is part of a series of Pops Concerts put on by the Seneca Valley Chamber Orchestra. The next movie-themed pops concert is set to take place on February 11, at Haine Middle School!







MARCHING BAND & BEYOND



More than 80 talented eighth grade band students got a firsthand look at the excitement of a Friday night under the lights when they joined the SV Roaring Raider Marching Band on Friday, Sept. 25, at the football game against Central Catholic.

The evening began with a pizza party sponsored by the Band Boosters where each Band 8 student received a free, specialized Band Night T-shirt. It was a great opportunity for students to connect with upperclassmen, make new friends and experience the energy and traditions of the marching band.

The eighth grade performers then joined the Roaring Raider Marching Band on the field at NexTier Stadium for the pregame performance of “The Star-Spangled Banner" and Alma Mater. Afterward, they helped bring Raider spirit to the game as they played cheer stand tunes!

For many students, the highlight of the evening was simply experiencing what it feels like to be part of the marching band.

Aayla Shorr, eighth grade flutist, shared, "I adored getting to learn some stand songs from the marching band members and feel part of that awesome group!"

Percussionist Conrad Palsa added, "I loved that I got to experience the marching band, which helped influence my decision to join."

Flutist Avery Bator and trumpet player Honor Christensen both commented on how much fun they had playing in the stands, while saxophonist Brayden Shick said, "I really enjoyed playing with all of the older players and being on the field."

The welcoming atmosphere also made a lasting impression.

Percussionist Maci Cypher shared, "I loved how all the high schoolers were so welcoming and told us everything we needed to know about joining the marching band next year."

Clarinetist Grace Maloney summed up the experience perfectly: "It was super fun! I got to experience firsthand what it is like to be in the marching band during football games!"

Of course, no authentic marching band experience would be complete without a few traditions! Trumpet player Maddie Ford and flutist Alexa Barclay both said they "loved the bapples (band apples)," a favorite tradition within the band.

Eighth Grade Band Night was a tremendous success and a wonderful showcase of the talent, enthusiasm and school spirit of our young musicians. Most importantly, it gave students a glimpse of the exciting opportunities that await them as future members of the SV Roaring Raider Marching Band. The future of the band program is certainly bright!











SV THEATER FLOATS INTO HOMECOMING

Students in grades 7-12 participated in their first Homecoming float supporting this year's perfect theme for them: New York. Of course, they embraced Broadway! Our performers enjoyed the evening singing songs from all three of this year's musicals.





Little Shop of Horrors (Grades 9–12 • November 6-8)

High school students have been busy building an over-the-top, man-eating plant called Audrey II while polishing their choreography and fine tuning their vocals. This popular sci-fi movie musical rendition of "Little Shop of Horrors" will have some surprises in store for our audiences.

Seymour: Layne Vandenburgh (Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.); Brayden Coleman (Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 8 at 2 p.m.)

Audrey: Morgan Stanton (Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.); Ainsley Faber (Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 8 at 2 p.m.)

Mushnik: Anna DeVyver (Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.); Charley Michaels (Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 8 at 2 p.m.)

Orin, the Dentist: Quintin Hixon (Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.); Devin Galligan Stierle (Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 8 at 2 p.m.)

The Urchins: Isabella Carnino, Hannah Callender and Chloe Robertson (Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.); Ava Beaudoin, Rory Gawne and Emma Parnell (Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. & Nov. 8 at 2 p.m.)

Roman Runco and Gavan Traugh will each be voicing the spoken/singing role of Audrey II and then becoming the puppeteer when they are not bringing the voice to life.

Location: Senior High School Auditorium

Showtimes: November 6 at 7 p.m.; November 7 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.; and November 8 at 2 p.m.

Note: While this production has been adapted for a high school stage, it is recommended for audiences PG-13.

The Wizard of Oz (RGMS: Grades 7–8 • November 12, 14 - 15)

There is no place like the Intermediate High School Stage during the second week of November! Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) students are following the yellow brick road, singing all the way. Our rendition of this beloved story leans into the original movie with familiar songs and storylines.

"It is so exciting to watch Oz come to life," said director Ms. Chessa Crum. "The students have poured so much effort into this production, and they are ready to put on a great show for you!"

Dorothy: Rosalie Mazzant

Glinda: Elise Phipps

Wicked Witch: Lizzie Moulton

Auntie Em: Adeline Kight

Uncle Henry: Lincoln Wilkerson

Scarecrow: Easton Ptak

Tin Man: Chazz Heyl

Lion: Marcella Casimiro Vila Boas

Toto: Maya Pospistle

Location: Intermediate High School Auditorium

Showtimes: November 12 at 7 p.m., November 14 at 7 p.m., and November 15 at 2 p.m.





By Heather Lewis,
Seneca Valley Athletics & Activities Director

FALL SPORT UPDATES





Cross-Country: Boys & Girls

At the time of this writing, both teams were in the final stages of preparation for the WPIAL Individual championships and PIAA championships. At the PIAA Foundational Invitational, a precursor to the state championship meet, Raider boys finished seventh in AAA competition led by Ian Wahl's 16:26.90, earning 22nd place overall. In the girls race, our Raiders finished 21st in AAA and were led by Paige D'Amico's 21:01.30, placing 62 out of 210 participants. At the team section meet held in early October, the boys finished in third place (5-2) and the girls came in fifth (3-4). Final season results will be updated in the November issue.



Football

While the scoreboard results have not favored Raider Football, the effort and commitment from all members of this program cannot be questioned. A slew of injuries has resulted in numerous underclass players, freshmen and sophomores, gaining valuable playing time on Friday nights. Down the road, these experiences coupled with a healthy lineup will position Raider Football to compete with everyone on their schedule. The team has one game remaining on Oct. 30, and everyone wearing the SV on Friday night will look to send our seniors off in style.

Golf: Boys



As co-champions of the WPIAL Section III Boys AAA Golf, our boys varsity golf advanced to the WPIAL Team Semifinals at Champion Lakes Golf Club. Unfortunately, the team finished fifth and did not advance to the WPIAL Team Championship round. In the individual side of postseason competition, Seneca Valley had four players qualify out of sectional play – Josh Marquardt, Will Pefferman, Lucas Barber, and Bradley Steiner – to advance to the semifinals of WPIAL Individual championships. Josh Marquardt shot a 74 at Hannastown Golf Club, moving on to the final round of WPIAL Individuals. Marquardt carded an 81 at Sewickley Heights to finish 23rd overall out of all boys AAA competitors. Congratulations to the entire team and coaches on a fantastic season.

Golf: Girls

In girls golf action, the Raider varsity squad finished the season in fourth place in their section and 6-7 overall. While the team missed out on the WPIAL Team championships, juniors Kaelin McCann and Alana Stewart qualified out of sectionals to advance to the WPIAL Individual final rounds. Kaelin finished in 26th place and Alana in 32nd out of all girls AAA competitors. The future is bright as both Kaelin and Alana will return in 2027 to lead our Raider girls varsity golf program. Congratulations to the entire team on their accomplishments this season. We also want to take a moment to thank head coach Brian Pesavento who announced his resignation at the team's season-ending banquet to spend more time with his family. The time and commitment Coach Pesavento gave to all members of our golf program over the years is much appreciated. You will be missed, Coach!

Ice Hockey

The start of the regular season is relatively early, and Seneca Valley finds itself in fifth place in the standings, a mere three points out of first place. The Raiders have opened the season with a regular-time win, overtime win, and an overtime loss.

There is plenty of hockey to be played and no doubt this program will find itself in the thick of championship play at season's end.

Soccer: Boys

For the 14th time in his 32-year career, head coach George Williams has led Raider boys soccer to another section title finishing 9-1 in section play and currently 12-1 overall with two games remaining at the time of this writing. The Raiders will be one of the top seeds in WPIAL postseason bracketing, and a final recap will be provided in November. Good luck, boys!



Soccer: Girls



Girls varsity soccer finished the 2026 campaign 11-2-3 overall and 6-2 in section play, earning second place in girls AAAA Section 3. The team awaits its playoff seeding and will look to compete for a return appearance to FNB Stadium, site of the WPIAL Championships in early November. A final season recap will be provided in November. Good luck, girls!

Slow Pitch Softball

Raider girls slow-pitch softball closed out their regular season with a 5-9 mark.

Tennis: Girls

Final results from the 2026 girls varsity tennis season include section mark of 3-5 and overall record of 5-8.

Volleyball: Girls

As of this writing, girls varsity volleyball is in third place out of four teams in their section. While their section mark is 1-3, their overall record is a strong 10-4 including tournament titles at Franklin Regional and Norwin and a runner-up finish at the Plum tournament. The team has remaining section matches with North Allegheny and Butler and will await the WPIAL committee's bracketing to find out their seed in the upcoming championships.



SENECA VALLEY ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, SEPTEMBER



The Female Athlete of the Month for September is senior girls volleyball captain Sheridan Gallagher. A setter, Sheridan has been an important contributor to an 8-3 start on the season, a first-place finish at the Franklin Regional Tournament and a second-place finish at the Plum Tournament. She has showcased her versatility in tallying 529 assists, 70 digs, 25 aces, 15 kills and 7 blocks. Sheridan also surpassed the 1,000-career assist milestone and is on pace to break the record for Seneca Valley Girls Volleyball assists in a season (811), a mark she set in 2025. We recognized Sheridan as the September Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Sheridan!



The Male Athlete of the Month for September is boys golfer Josh Marquardt. A senior, Josh played his part in a successful season on the links for the Raiders. He finished above the cutoff line in all but one match this season, helping Seneca Valley to a 12-2 record, a share of the of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) 3A Section 3 Championship and qualification to the WPIAL 3A Boys Team Semifinals. Josh shot a low of 35 in two matches and was the only SV golfer to qualify out of the section individual championships and the WPIAL 3A Boys Individual first round, where he finished 23rd out of 36 golfers. For an impressive month, we recognized Josh as the September Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Josh!

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

Cranberry Psychological Center
Cranberry Psychological Center
"Don't play games with your family's emotional health.
www.cranberrypsychcenter.com

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT DATES FOR RAIDER ATHLETICS

Winter Sport Information

- Nov. 4: Final Drug & Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals for Winter Sports in Senior High School
  - 30 physicals offered starting at 2:45 p.m.
- Nov. 5: **Deadline** for winter sport paperwork; all papers are due in athletic office.
- Nov. 20: First official day of winter sports – mandatory tryouts begin this day.
- For tryout schedule, please contact the coach directly. Coaches contact information is located on the Athletics website under Participation Information tab.

REMINDERS for 2026-27:

- ALL paperwork for winter sports is due in the athletic office no later than **Thursday, Nov. 5, by 3 p.m.** Coaches will not accept paperwork on the first day of tryouts.
- The PIAA mandates the CIPPE Section 6 form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.
- All required paperwork for 2026-27 athletic participation is available on the Parent Portal or Athletics website. Paperwork includes PIAA CIPPE Sections 1, 2, 5, & 6 and Drug Test Consent Form.
- If a student played in a fall sport, the only paperwork needed is PIAA CIPPE Section 7 and, if applicable, PIAA CIPPE Section 8 – these forms can be dated no earlier than Oct. 9.
- All student-athletes must register in the Parent Portal under "Sports Registration" before the start of each season.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website: Participation Paperwork
- Concussion baseline testing only needs completed every other year. Parents may call the Athletics Office at (724) 452-6040, x1752 to confirm the status of their child's baseline concussion test.
- Tryouts are mandatory. Student-athletes are expected to attend every tryout session.

LACE UP AND SHOW UP!

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.

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



BUS SAFETY WEEK



In honor of National Bus Safety Week, the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF), principals and staff celebrated our amazing SV bus drivers with special appreciation breakfasts.

SV is very grateful to have so many incredible school bus drivers who are committed to ensuring the safety of our students as they travel to and from school each day.

Don't forget to let your school bus drivers know how much they are appreciated by giving a wave and saying, "Thank you!"

Speaking of, we'd like to thank Nothing Bundt Cakes and Cranberry Township Dairy Queen for their donation!





PRESERVING HISTORY

Students on the Tiger Team at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) traveled to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville thanks to funding provided by the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF). This educational experience provided students with the opportunity to learn about the diverse group of strangers who showed leadership, heroism, selflessness and service above self on September 11, 2001. These same qualities were demonstrated by their school's namesake Ryan Gloyer and what educators hope to instill in all RGMS students.

"The story of the 40 passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 helped students understand that courage is a choice and our individual actions can have a profound impact," said Ms. Megan Graham, RGMS English Teacher. "The memorial encouraged students to reflect on empathy, sacrifice and the value of every human life."



Students left with a lasting reminder that their choices matter and that compassion and a willingness to help others can truly make a difference.







SVF SPIRITWEAR SALE

Get a head start on your holiday shopping with our upcoming **SV Spiritwear Sale**! We're partnering with local business Venezie Sporting Goods to bring you an opportunity to show your Seneca Valley pride while checking a few gifts off your holiday list.

Sale Dates: Oct. 26 - Nov. 15

Shop Here: https://svsdfoundation2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/

The online store will close on **November 15**, so be sure to place your orders before then! Items are expected to begin shipping on December 2.

Choose the delivery option that works best for you:

- **Ship to Home:** Have your items delivered right to your doorstep.
- **SV Employee Delivery:** Seneca Valley employees can choose to have their orders delivered directly to their school building.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale will go directly to the Seneca Valley Foundation, supporting opportunities for our students and school community!

Thank you for supporting our local business partner and showing your Seneca Valley pride!

Go Raiders!

SV ALL-STAR

For October, we are pleased to announce Ms. Christina Utter, a Cafeteria Cook at Haine Elementary and Middle School, as the newest member inducted into the SV All-Star Club.

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

Ms. Utter has worked in the Haine cafeteria for several years and has become a familiar and welcoming presence for students and staff. No matter how busy the kitchen gets, she always makes time to help coworkers, students and staff members. She consistently puts others first and is always willing to lend a hand, whether in the cafeteria or elsewhere around the building.

"Ms. Utter consistently goes above and beyond and takes great pride in Haine Middle School," said Dr. Erin Wilcher, Principal at Haine Middle School. "During the school year, she helps ensure our cafeteria runs smoothly and our students are cared for. When summer arrives, she joins our Building and Grounds team to help beautify our school and campus. We are incredibly fortunate to have someone who cares so much about our students, staff and school community."

Ms. Utter's commitment to Haine extends beyond the cafeteria and the school year. She has even been seen shoveling snow in the winter to help ensure students have safe walkways, demonstrating her willingness to step in wherever she is needed.

"Christina is a hard worker and a great person," said Seneca Valley Director of Food Services Nolen Fetchko. "She cares about her job, her students and all her coworkers. No matter how busy she is, she greets everyone with a smile, asks them how they're doing and listens. She puts everyone ahead of herself."



Pictured from L-R: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tracy Vitale, Ms. Christina Utter and Board President Mr. Eric DiTullio

"I was very surprised and honored to receive this award," Ms. Utter said. "I really enjoy coming to work every day and being around the students and the people I work with. I just try to help wherever I can and make someone's day a little easier. I am very thankful to be part of the Haine family and to work with such great people."

Ms. Utter's positive attitude, dedication and willingness to help others embody the spirit of the SV All-Star Club. Her contributions to the Haine community make her a deserving recipient of this month's recognition.

'I LED THE PLEDGE'

We are pleased to continue the tradition of inviting elementary students from Seneca Valley's K-6 schools to lead the members of the School Board and public in saying "The Pledge of Allegiance" during school board meetings.

For the Oct. 5 work session meeting, we were joined by Connoquenessing Valley Elementary third grader Bennett Frazier. He loves to play soccer, basketball and board games; collect Pokémon cards; build Legos; cheer on the Ohio State Buckeyes and travel with his family. Above all, he enjoys the game of chess! After learning the game from his uncle, Bennett shared that he fell in love with the strategy and back-and-forth of the game. When he grows up, he wants to be a professional soccer player and an engineer!



Bennett pictured with, from L-R: School Board Vice President Mr. Tim Hester and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tracy Vitale

At the Oct. 12 regular session meeting, the "I Led the Pledge" spotlight shined on Haine Middle School fifth grader Cameron Hayson! Cameron loves gymnastics and dancing to his favorite tunes! He also enjoys playing with his favorite toy, HexBugs.



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

HOPE SQUAD JOINS FOR IMPACTFUL PURPOSE

This month, students at Seneca Valley united for a powerful purpose: to spread kindness, support their classmates, and make a lasting impact through Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program aimed at reducing youth suicide through education, training and peer intervention. To kick off the year, Hope Squad members in grades 9-12 met for a retreat on a beautiful fall day at Glen Eden Barn. The retreat consisted of various team building activities, training sessions and even a “positive pumpkin” activity. Students also enjoyed a delicious lunch generously provided by Back Home BBQ.





Hope Squad members are nominated by their peers as being easy to talk to, great listeners and naturally supportive of struggling students who are in need of a friend. This important suicide prevention program trains and mentors Hope Squad members to perform intentional outreach with fellow students. Hope Squad student members do not provide counseling or therapy; they instead serve as a connection to the help that is needed.



In its fifth year at Seneca Valley, approximately 80 students (grades 9-12) have been selected to be on the Hope Squad for the 2026-27 school year. In addition, the Hope Squad expanded to grades 7-8 at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) in the spring of 2024.

We'd like to thank David and Vicky English, owners of Glen Eden Barn and Seneca Valley alumni, for graciously donating their venue for the Hope Squad retreat. They have stated that they strongly believe how important Hope Squad is to the students, school and the community.

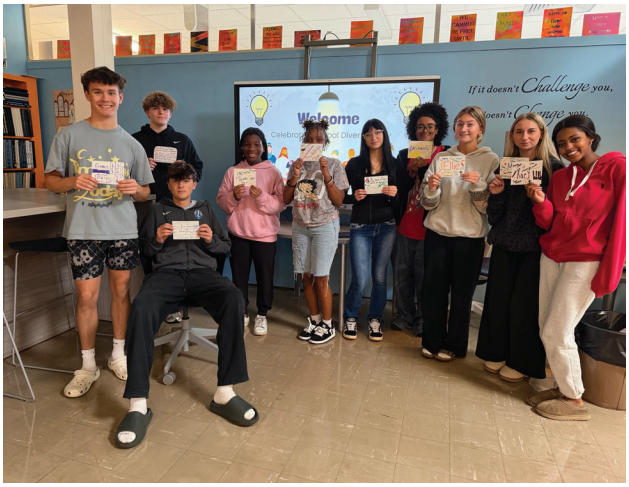
Visit Hope Squad to learn more.





A COMMON THREAD

This month, students gathered in the Intermediate High School LIGHT Center to celebrate Global Diversity Day and recognize Hispanic, Polish, German, Filipino and Italian Heritage months! It was an exciting week making heritage month buttons, taste testing foods like Haluski and creating quilt squares to celebrate what makes us all unique!









APPRECIATION ON THE MENU

In recognition of National School Lunch Week, Ehrman Crest teachers and administrators grabbed their chef hats, spatulas and aprons to join our amazing food service team in serving lunches!

We'd like to recognize the hard work of our food service workers and the critical role they play in supporting the health and well-being of our students! Thank you for keeping our students nourished and happy!

























Torrance (Torry) Shepherd, SV '09, is a professional in the entertainment industry who has navigated the heights of Broadway, film and television. 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.

A: After graduating high school, I continued my education at Penn State University studying Directing for Musical Theater before moving to New York City, where I have been working extensively in the entertainment industry. I have worked on television shows and movies for major networks like Apple ("Severance"), Netflix ("The Diplomat"), Amazon ("Dead Ringers"), Hulu ("Up Here"), FX Productions ("Pose;" "Fosse/Verdon"), 20th Television ("American Horror Story," S12), and Paramount ("Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow"). I enjoy producing independent feature films and working with stand-up comedians. I'm incredibly proud of a recent feature film I produced called "On A String," which won Best Screenplay at the Tribeca Film Festival. My experience in film and television ultimately led me to producing live events, where I plan, direct and execute high-impact multimedia marketing content from concept to launch, aligning creative vision with business strategy for keynote events like Google I/O and Made By Google.

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

A: I grew up on a horse farm in Cranberry Township, and I'm so proud of my sister, her fiancé and my parents for opening up the farm as a lesson and training barn called Shepherd Stables. I have two older brothers, also SV alums, who are now married to my two favorite sisters-in-law, and I have the best nieces and nephews. I'm the only one who has moved away, living in NYC with my boyfriend, puppy and two cats, but I like to come home to visit as much as I can.



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

A: I always say yes to new adventures. I worked on Broadway for three years in Costume Design for "Aladdin," "Pretty Woman," and "Escape to Margaritaville." I had no prior experience, just a willingness to learn and do something different. It was incredibly fun, and I picked up some new skills along the way. I discovered that I really enjoy making physical art, so I started crafting with macramé. It's fun to gift someone something I've handmade for them.

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

A: I loved my time at Seneca Valley, and I'm so grateful for my experiences, though I'm also incredibly jealous of all the new upgrades students have now and will have in the future! What I wouldn't give to attend school with the updated performing arts center! Seneca Valley produces so many talented and creative young people who will benefit greatly from opportunities that help them hone their craft. What really resonated with me during my time at Seneca was the opportunity to explore different outlets. I was able to try so many activities, interests, and sports (whether I was good or bad at them) and push myself academically. Seneca has so much to offer, from inspiring educators and caring



staff to opportunities for growth as a well-rounded individual.

To list a few of the experiences that helped shape me, I'm so grateful:

- For a youth football program in which I had my first experience performing as a competitive cheerleader.
- For a supportive middle school cross-country team that cheered on every runner, whether they were the fastest or the slowest.
- For a softball team that let, presumably, the worst athletic player on the team be the Captain because leadership isn't always about being the best.
- For an athletic program that recognized Sports Medicine and Athletic Training as potential career paths and allowed girls an opportunity to be a part of the football and wrestling teams.
- For inspiring my interest in school politics as elected Student Council President.
- For providing AP courses so a theater kid could test out of and pass college math courses early.





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

A: Where do I begin...every single teacher I had at SV was instrumental to my development, so I want to start by apologizing if I leave anyone off this list. Additionally - not to age any of us - I feel like a lot of teachers I had are no longer there, and I hope they are off living their best, well-earned retired life, but they still deserve a shout-out! I'm going to name my favorites from grade school through high school and what year/ discipline they taught me at the time because my Seneca Valley education started at Rowan Elementary with an elite, All-Star lineup of educators: Mr. Parenti (Fourth Grade), Ms. Snyder (Music), Mr. Manipole (Gym) Middle school: Mr. Durst (Science), Mr. Roman (Math), Ms. Tyson (Softball Coach), Ms. Phillips (Health), Mr. O'Shea (Social Studies), Mr. Wiehe (Performing Arts), Ms. Brewer (Reading), Mr. Flood (didn't have, deserves shoutout), IHS & SHS: Ms. Amber Hugus (didn't have but musical would crumble without her), Mr. Gerrich (Softball Coach/Gym), Ms. Plesniak (Student Council Advisor), Ms. Coates (Spanish), Mr. Lebder (English), Mrs. Stewart (English), Ms. Orend and Meeder and Flemming (the trifecta of fiercest gym teachers), Mr. Hanlon (History), Mr. Magill (Chorus), Mr. Magill (Math), Mr. Fetchko (Chemistry and voice of SV Raiders Friday Nights), absolutely all the art teachers, the late Mr. Watkins and the late Mr. Russo.

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: A: Huge shoutout to Mr. Wiehe. You don't know this, but I was super stoked to take my first Performing Arts class. At the time, it was the only Performing Arts class offered at SV. I had to make the very difficult decision to drop band and chorus in order to take the performing arts class because they were offered during the same period, and it was very hard for me. But, I recall the exact moment in your class during a simple public speaking assignment when you identified that I might actually be good at something, and now I can say that I've worked on Broadway and in Film/TV.

I'm also very jealous because back in 2003, the Video/TV production program was still finding its footing, and therefore our main event was the televised Morning Announcements. I remember pitching and producing our first segment, "After School Sofa," where we dragged a chaise sofa around campus and hosted, obviously, interviews after school with athletes, star students, faculty and staff. If it no longer exists, this is my re-pitch that you should absolutely reboot this genius segment!

Also, being voted Homecoming Queen was pretty cool, and sometimes I like to remind my friends and family that I am, in fact, royalty.

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

A: Even on your toughest days, thank you for showing 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**, Assistant Director of Communications.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP MATTERS

October 19–22 is recognized as Digital Citizenship Week, an annual initiative from Common Sense Education that highlights the importance of responsible technology use.

Although this week provides an opportunity to focus on digital citizenship, these skills matter every day. Digital citizenship is woven into our classrooms as we help students build healthy, thoughtful habits when using technology.

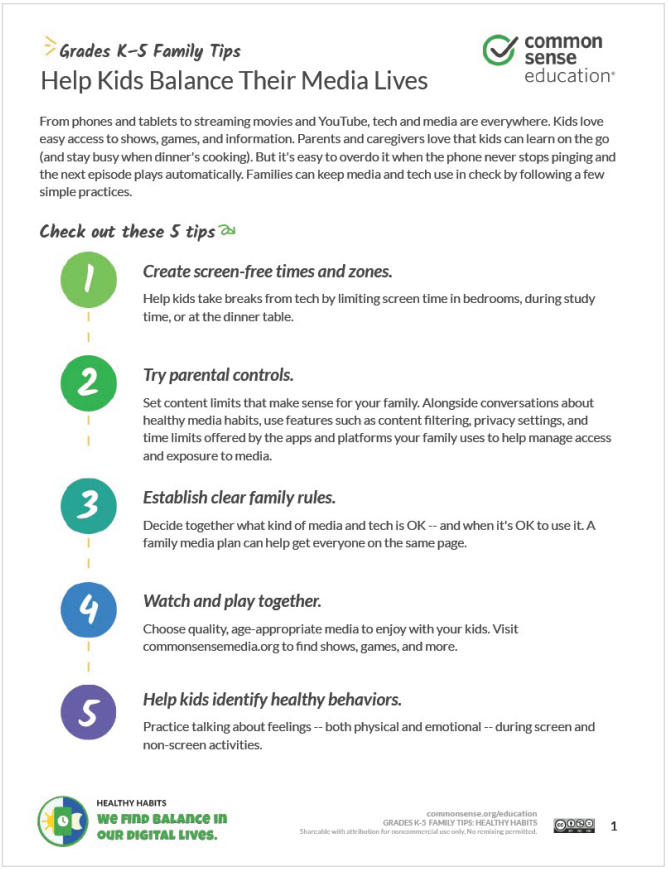
As children grow up in an increasingly digital world, they need to understand how their online choices can affect themselves and others. Staying safe online, communicating respectfully, thinking before posting or sharing, and making thoughtful decisions with technology are essential skills for all students.

Social media is an increasingly important part of students' lives. In fact, the average teen spends nearly an hour and a half a day using social media. Unfortunately, the same study reveals that tweens and teens spend on average just 7 to 12 minutes per day on creative activities. To be true digital citizens, our students need mentors who model prosocial, creative, and responsible social media use.

Families play an important role in reinforcing these habits. Talking with children about technology use, modeling healthy digital behaviors, and encouraging them to pause and think before they click, post, or share can help continue these conversations at home.

For additional information and family resources, families can visit the Seneca Valley School District Digital Citizenship page.

A strong partnership between home and school helps our students navigate an ever-changing digital world.



Grades K–5 Family Tips

Help Kids Balance Their Media Lives

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From phones and tablets to streaming movies and YouTube, tech and media are everywhere. Kids love easy access to shows, games, and information. Parents and caregivers love that kids can learn on the go (and stay busy when dinner's cooking). But it's easy to overdo it when the phone never stops pinging and the next episode plays automatically. Families can keep media and tech use in check by following a few simple practices.

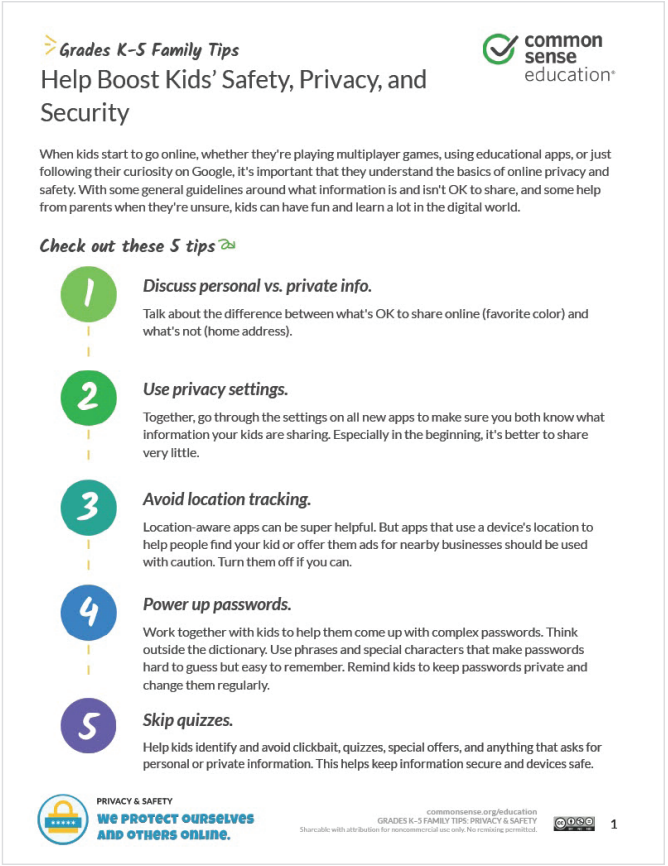
Check out these 5 tips

1. **Create screen-free times and zones.** Help kids take breaks from tech by limiting screen time in bedrooms, during study time, or at the dinner table.
2. **Try parental controls.** Set content limits that make sense for your family. Alongside conversations about healthy media habits, use features such as content filtering, privacy settings, and time limits offered by the apps and platforms your family uses to help manage access and exposure to media.
3. **Establish clear family rules.** Decide together what kind of media and tech is OK -- and when it's OK to use it. A family media plan can help get everyone on the same page.
4. **Watch and play together.** Choose quality, age-appropriate media to enjoy with your kids. Visit commonsensemedia.org to find shows, games, and more.
5. **Help kids identify healthy behaviors.** Practice talking about feelings -- both physical and emotional -- during screen and non-screen activities.

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Grades K–5 Family Tips

Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy, and Security

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When kids start to go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using educational apps, or just following their curiosity on Google, it's important that they understand the basics of online privacy and safety. With some general guidelines around what information is and isn't OK to share, and some help from parents when they're unsure, kids can have fun and learn a lot in the digital world.

Check out these 5 tips

1. **Discuss personal vs. private info.** Talk about the difference between what's OK to share online (favorite color) and what's not (home address).
2. **Use privacy settings.** Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.
3. **Avoid location tracking.** Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.
4. **Power up passwords.** Work together with kids to help them come up with complex passwords. Think outside the dictionary. Use phrases and special characters that make passwords hard to guess but easy to remember. Remind kids to keep passwords private and change them regularly.
5. **Skip quizzes.** Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.

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- We're proud to share that Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle School have been selected by Remake Learning as one of 57 innovations to shape learning in the Pittsburgh region. The project, The 57: Remake Learning in Pittsburgh and Beyond, highlights inspiring ideas from across the region that are rethinking how learning happens. Congratulations to our Seneca Valley students and staff who continue to remake learning!

- Teacher Nominations - WTAE-TV launched their Teacher of the Month recognition program for the 2026-27 school year. Each month, from September through May, a teacher will be selected from the many deserving submissions that they receive. The selected teacher will receive a $1,000 credit to donorschoose.org, a crowd-sourcing page for classroom project/program funding. In addition, Pittsburgh's Action News 4 will feature that teacher and their story (and possibly a surprise school visit) during a news broadcast, as well as on social media. Nomination information can be found at WTAE Teacher of the Month 2026 - 2027.

- 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.

- 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 / Backpack Flyers (svsd.net).

- Healthy habits - SV's Health Services Department would like to remind everyone to eat well, sleep well, stay hydrated and wash hands frequently. Additionally, they ask that you please stay home or keep your child home when sick, and for 24 hours after fever is gone without medication or 24 hours without vomiting/diarrhea. Thank you!

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

- Seneca Valley residents 62 years of age or older are invited to apply to become a member of the Seneca Valley School District Gold Card Club. Membership entitles card holders to attend home athletic events, music, dramatic and other school productions. To apply for a gold card, please visit Gold Card Club (svsd.net).



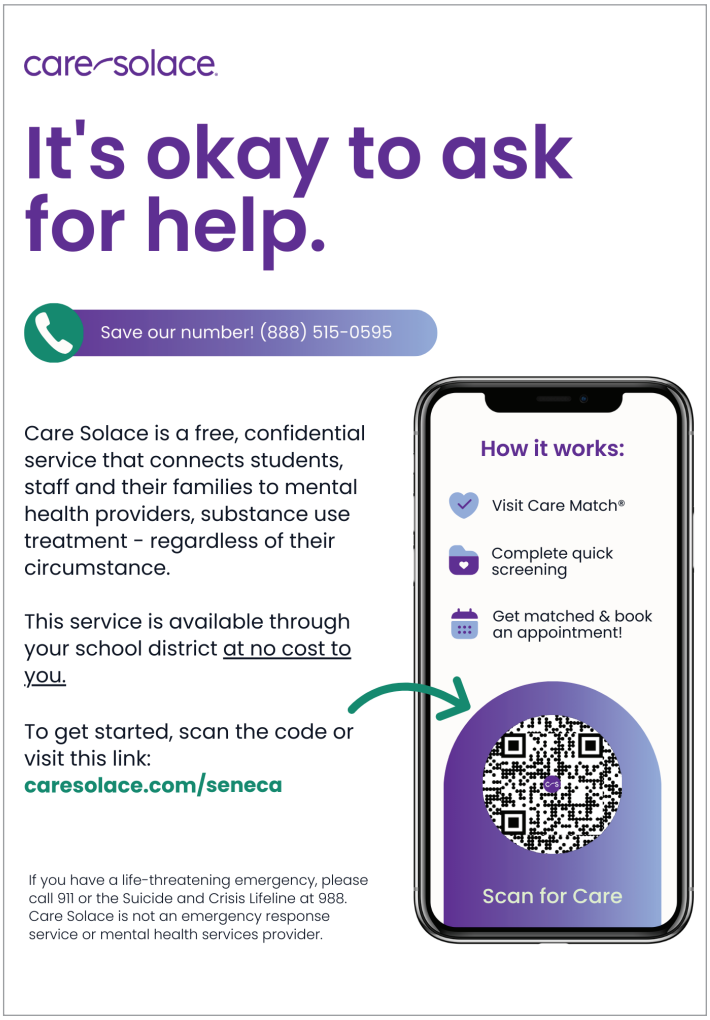
- Reality Tour is an accessible substance prevention program that delivers information to get parent and child on the same page.
  - Substance Abuse Prevention for Parents - CANDLE, Inc. (candleinc.org)

- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!

- Drive for SV! Driver incentives are now being offered.

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- Visit Niche to view SV rankings.



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