



Newscaster

December 2016

Patriotism on full display at CV

At Chenango Valley, Veterans Day means more than just a school holiday. Chenango Bridge Elementary School holds a special event every year to honor and thank our nation's veterans, and this year's event was as patriotic as ever. The assembly opened with the presentation of the flag, then several students spoke about the history and meaning of Veterans Day.

Patriotic songs were performed by the chorus, which is directed by Mrs. Buhl. Veterans in the audience were asked to stand to be recognized for their service, and then Sergeant Blake Thrasher, a former member of the U.S. Army, spoke to the students about his experiences in the military, and took questions from the audience.

Following the assembly, members of the Chenango Bridge Student Council continued the school's tradition of placing small flags across the front lawn -- creating a sight that is much appreciated by the community every year.



At left, 4th-grader Miley Wood places a flag on the school lawn. Above, students' thank-you cards for veterans.

Teacher travels on Honor Flight Brings cards & letters from CV

Port Dickinson reading teacher Jessica Shaller was a volunteer guardian for a Nov. 19 Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., accompanying a local veteran and assisting him throughout the trip.

The Honor Flight program arranges for free travel for veterans to visit the War Memorials in Washington, D.C. Currently, Honor Flights are taking World War II, Korean and Vietnam-era veterans. Jessica and her father are volunteers with the Southern Tier Veteran Support Group, a local organization that helps veterans.

Students from Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge created colorful thank-you cards, letters and pictures for Jessica to give to the veterans during the Honor Flight trip. Children attending the recent Humanities Night event also made cards at a special station set up with a Veterans Day display.

see more about the Honor Flight, p.7



Members of the Chenango Bridge Elementary School Student Council pose with advisor Miss Katy Heller after placing flags on the school lawn. More, p. 18

Humanities Night

November 3, 2016



Message from the superintendent

Dear CV community,

Happy holidays! This time of year can be exciting for young and old alike. I personally enjoy time with family and friends and like to spend time reflecting on the year – accomplishments, disappointments, and celebrations. Life continues to provide each of us challenges, both personally and as a members of a larger society. What I find helpful is maintaining a positive outlook and surrounding myself with people who share the same approach to life.

Our district has been fortunate in so many ways. We received support for a beautiful capital project which is nearing completion (see page 4-5), we have maintained a steady tax rate over the last several years, we promote a healthy and safe community both in and out of school, we have a school full of dedicated staff and board members and we have a community that is welcoming to new and old members, just to name a few.

As we enter the new year, I challenge you to take time to reflect. Nourish what is right in your life and discard what you can of any negative baggage. Focus on those who support you and work together for good. Lastly, take pride in our school and be proud to live in this community. We have many Chenango Valley graduates who have chosen to stay in the community to work and raise their families. I encourage everyone in the Chenango Valley community to work together to promote CV and shed brightness on a community that has provided for you and your families. As always, if you have a concern, my door is open.

Wishing you all the best,

Sincerely,



David P. Gill
Superintendent of Schools



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Superintendent



Stuart Elliott
Board President

Message from the Board of Education president

Back in early September, our new all-weather turf football field was vandalized with paint. It took about \$800 to remove the markings. I had posted about this event on my Facebook page but I was careful not to point fingers or assess blame. That was not my intent. Despite my “diplomacy,” my page was swamped with indignant individuals whom I didn’t even know, demanding to know why I was so concerned about this example of vandalism when there was so much more additional graffiti spread around the district. I didn’t quite understand the “all-or-nothing” logic of these people but I must admit, it started me thinking.

For years, even decades, I’ve driven past examples of painted graffiti, some benign, some obscene, within the CV district without thinking twice about it. For me, the graffiti had become “ubiquitous,” which is a two-dollar word for being everywhere at the same time to the point of not even being noticed anymore. The CV maintenance department does a great job of cleaning obvious examples of graffiti when pointed out, such as their black tar sealing of the pathway leading to the footbridge. They made quick work of some naughty words.

A casual inventory of painted graffiti would indicate that the vast majority of the vandalism is not on CV property, but rather on railroad bridges and the long black trestle across the Chenango River. Once again, that got me thinking. Could the CV district and the New York, Susquehanna, and Western Railway enter into some kind of partnership to clean things up? Yes, it would take some money. And yes, the graffiti could always re-appear, but I wondered if we could give it a try.

I called the main office of the New York, Susquehanna, and Western Railway in Cooperstown, NY and spoke to their customer service representative. We were only able to speak briefly, and all decisions would have to wait until the warm weather of spring, but a deal where the district provides the paint and the railroad provides the labor seemed to be a distinct possibility. Of course, it would all depend on the actual cost of each element, but I was willing to throw the idea out there simply to “jump start” the conversation. I didn’t get a definite yes, but I didn’t get a definite no. Hey... nothing ventured nothing gained. And if it can improve the general appearance of the CV community, then I was going to give it a try.

I look forward to the day when people can drive through our district and not see the painted markings on the railroad bridges. For years, kids have used spray paint to make their marks on public buildings. My own church in Port Dickinson was hit by taggers last summer. Could my efforts be a “fool’s errand”? Perhaps. But with the help of the railroad, this dream could become reality. Until next time, I am Stuart Elliott, President of the CV Board of Education.

Capital Project Update

The final phase of the capital construction project is about to begin, along with the Smart Schools Bond Act project. The design of both projects is complete, the State Education Department has approved the projects, and bids are being solicited from contractors. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2017 and be complete by the fall of 2017. Major aspects of the project include the following:

- Kitchen renovations at Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge Elementary Schools
- Cafeteria renovation at Port Dickinson Elementary School
- Multi-purpose room renovations at Chenango Bridge Elementary School
- Secure vestibules at Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge Elementary Schools
- Security cameras at all facilities
- Mechanical equipment replacement at Port Dickinson Elementary School
- Pool mechanical equipment and lighting replacement
- Fire alarm and public address system replacement at Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge Elementary Schools

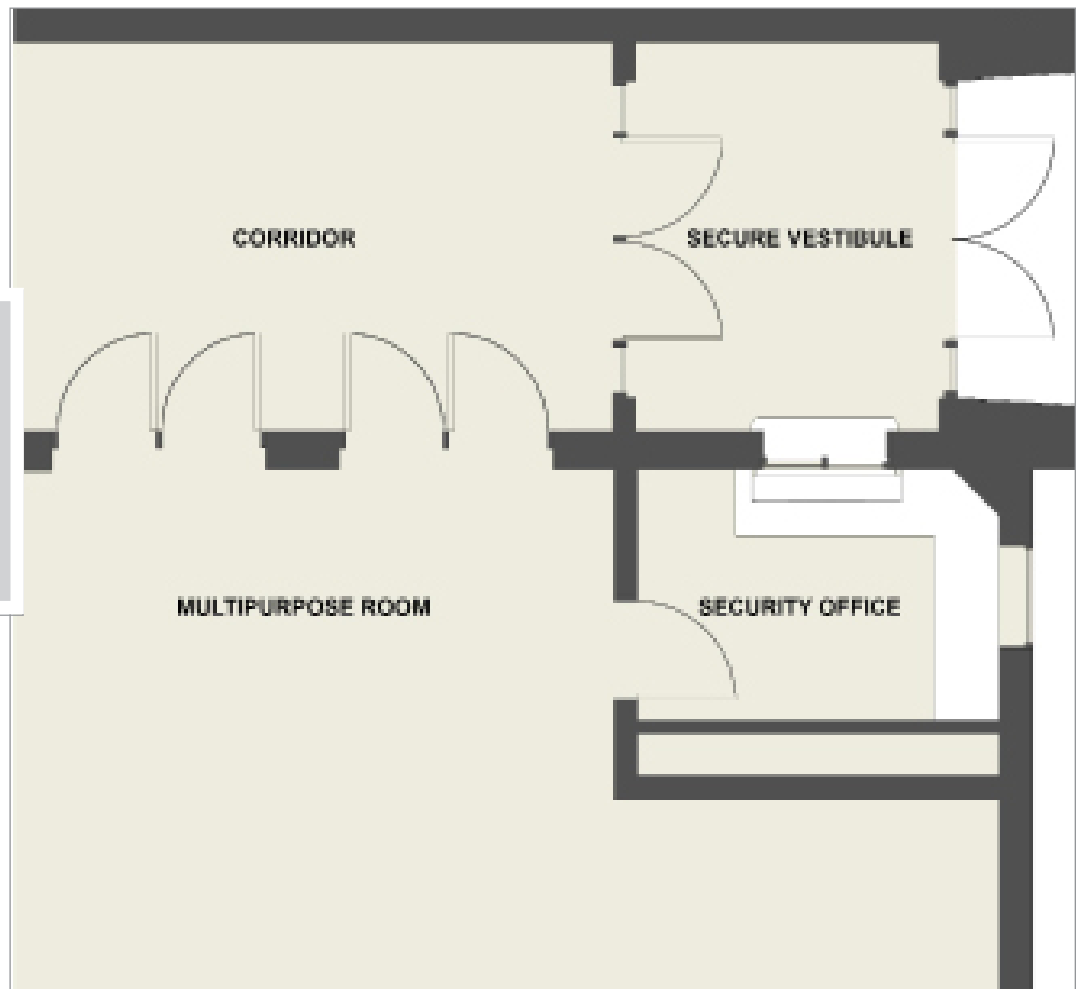
What is the Smart Schools Bond Act?

The Smart Schools Bond Act was approved by voters in a statewide referendum held during the 2014 general election, and authorized the issuance of \$2 billion to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure. The purpose of the Smart Schools Bond Act is to improve learning and opportunity for public and non-public school students by funding capital projects to:

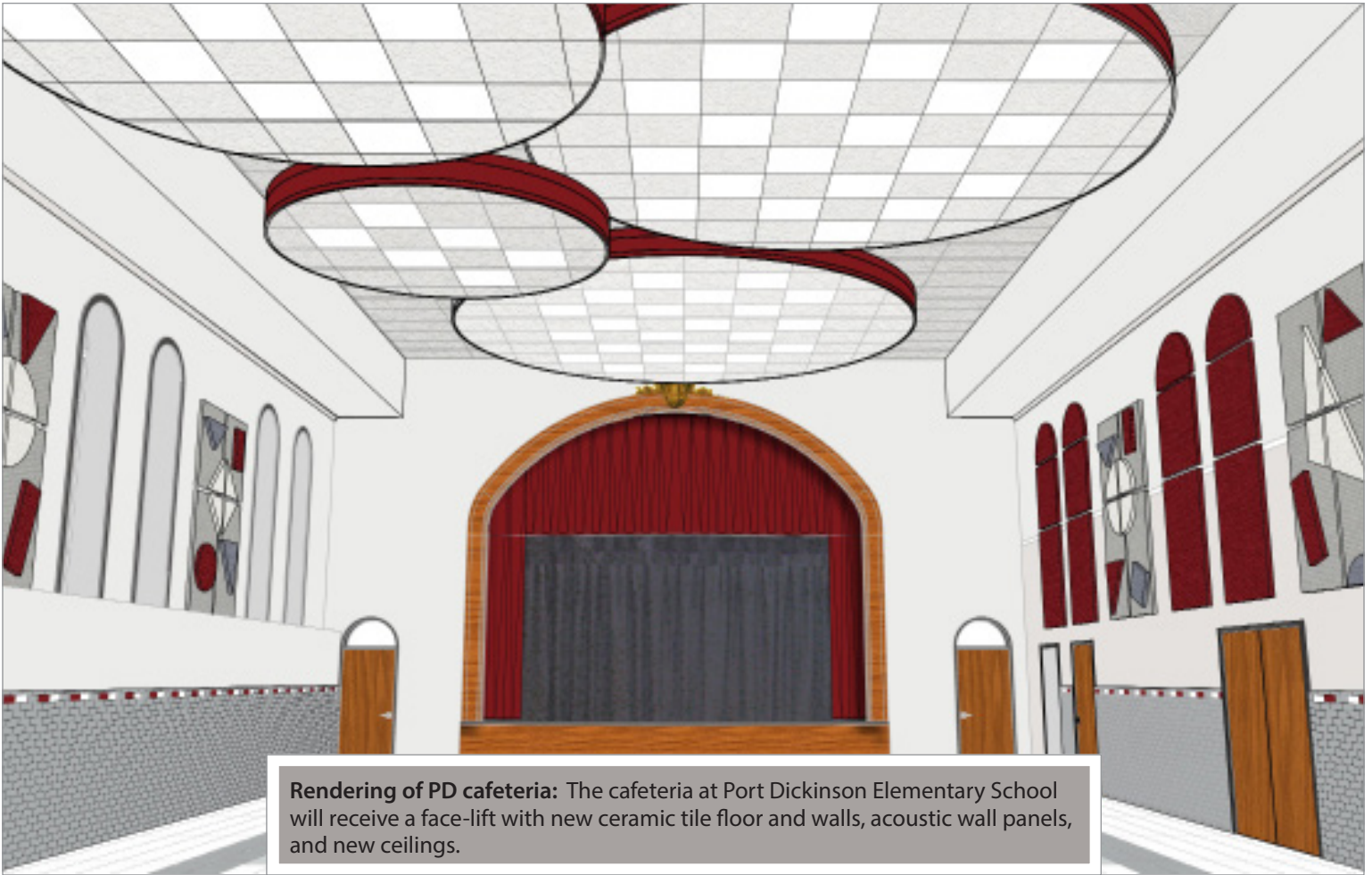
- Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities.
- Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities.
- Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate pre-kindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers.
- Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses.

Through this act, Chenango Valley was allocated \$1,295,686.

Plan of CB secure vestibule: The main entrance at Chenango Bridge Elementary School will have a new secure vestibule and security office to improve access to the building.



Capital Project Update



Rendering of PD cafeteria: The cafeteria at Port Dickinson Elementary School will receive a face-lift with new ceramic tile floor and walls, acoustic wall panels, and new ceilings.



Plan of PD kitchen: The kitchen at Port Dickinson Elementary School will be completely reconfigured to include two serving lines, expanded cooking and food prep areas, and new storage and walk-in coolers and freezers.

District News

Full STEAM Ahead in engineering competition

MS team takes 1st place, HS team wins 2nd

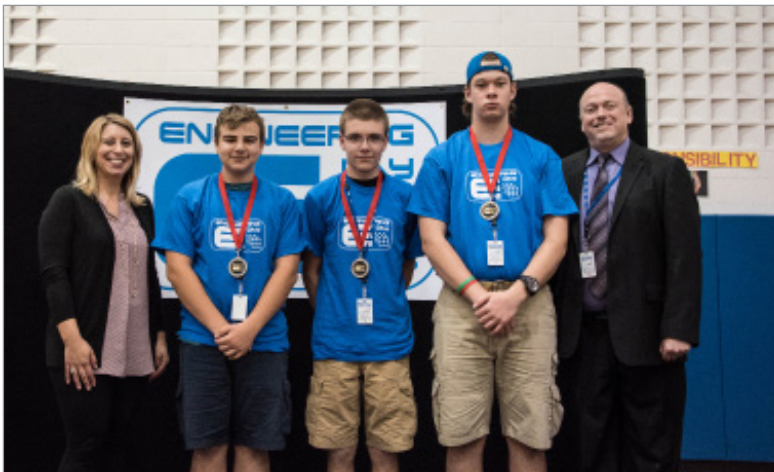
On October 20, eighteen of our Middle School and High School students participated in an engineering competition at the main campus of Broome-Tioga BOCES. The event, a collaboration between BT-BOCES and the Eastern Southern Tier STEM Hub with help from SUNY Broome, brought together dozens of students from area school districts for the friendly competition.

The students worked in teams to complete a challenge requiring them to build a "Rube Goldberg" machine -- a device that takes a simple task and makes it more complicated, typically by causing a chain reaction. The students were given the challenge of getting a ball in a cup in a certain time allotment. They were given a random set of items, including a pull-back train, a battery operated propeller, a plastic tub and other paper supplies.

The students were assessed on a rubric that calculated how much of the time they used (longer was better) and the number of 'events' that occurred to get the ball in the cup.

One of our MS teams of Sarah Gorman, Fisher Sullivan, Emily Goodstal, and Braedyn Vinsevich took first place in the MS Division and one of our HS teams of Matt Kline, Josh Van Barringer, and Eric Brom took second place in the HS Division. Other team members included: M. Bigelow, O. Craig, E. Farr-Giblin, S. Sullivan, M. Rogers, M. Rogers, M. Klein, B. Kipp, J. Brown, B. Salzman, and D. Lomonaco.

For most of our students, this was the first time they participated in an event like this and before judging was even completed, they were already making plans for next year! Great job CV!



L-r: BOCES community outreach specialist Melinda Russell, HS team members Josh VanBarriger, Matt Klein & Eric Brom, and Robert Lofthouse of SUNY Broome.



L-r: Melinda Russell, MS team members Sarah Gorman, Braedyn Vinsevich, Fisher Sullivan, Emily Goodstal and Robert Lofthouse.



CV Spooktacular 2016

On the evening of October 28, the High School gym was full of princesses and goblins from Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge elementary schools who came to the CV Spooktacular party sponsored by the High School Business Club. A total of 80 elementary students and 50 CV parents were entertained with games, crafts, and ghoulish fun.

This was the third year in a row the club has decided to give children a fun activity to do during Halloween. The children enjoyed the activities at ten different stations in the gym, and then were able to enjoy "Trunk or Treat" in the High School parking lot, a candy giveaway in a safe environment. The Trunk or Treat was sponsored by the CV Support Staff Union.

District News

Honor Flight enables students to thank military veterans



Students show some of the handmade cards and heartfelt letters that were created and given to veterans on the recent Honor Flight trip taken by Port Dickinson reading teacher Ms. Shaller.



Korean War veteran Dick Freer looks at some of the thank-you cards while on the Honor Flight trip.



Mrs. Abbey's afternoon pre-K class proudly show off the flag pictures they made for the veterans.



l-r: PD teacher Jessica Shaller, Korean War veteran Malcolm Gregory, Korean War veteran Dick Freer, and Jessica's father, Roger Shaller.



Korean War veteran Malcolm Gregory reads cards and letters from CV students while flying to Washington, D.C. on the Honor Flight.

District News

Students thank Board of Education members with artwork gifts

Several elementary school students presented gifts of original artwork to members of the Chenango Valley Board of Education at the October school board meeting. October is School Board Recognition Month, and the gifts were presented to thank the board members for their hard work and dedicated service to our school community.



Food Drive stocks pantry shelves



Shelves at the CV Food Pantry were completely filled, thanks to the generosity of our community and the hard work of students & staff.

A food drive and friendly competition among students and staff netted approximately 2400 cans or packages of non-perishable food for the Chenango Valley Food Pantry. The food is being used for holiday baskets and emergency needs for those less fortunate in our community.

Mrs. Korn's homeroom class won the HS competition, collecting 240 cans. At right, the class is enjoying their prize - a pancake breakfast prepared by FACS teacher Mrs. Terwilliger.





Holiday Concerts

~ all concerts are held in the High School Auditorium ~

Middle School Holiday Concert
Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m.

High School Holiday Concert
Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

Chenango Bridge Holiday Concert
Thursday, December 15 at 7 p.m.

NOTE: The Newscaster is subject to printing and mail delivery schedules that are beyond our control, which may result in some residents receiving their issue after the date of some holiday concerts. We apologize for any inconvenience, and encourage you to regularly check the district website for calendar updates on all events throughout the school year.



Theatre Guild to perform 'Millie'

This year, the Chenango Valley High School Theatre Guild will be performing "Thoroughly Modern Millie," a story about a small town girl, Millie Dillmount, in the 1920's who comes to New York City in hopes of making it big. These high energy, fun-filled adventures are alive with upbeat melodies and energetic tap dancing. Audiences of all ages will have a toe-tapping and laughter filled experience.

The show will be March 24, 25, and 26. Reserve your tickets now before they sell out! See the ticket order form on the following page, or call (607) 204-0541.

Chenango Valley High School Theatre Guild presents

March 24-25-26

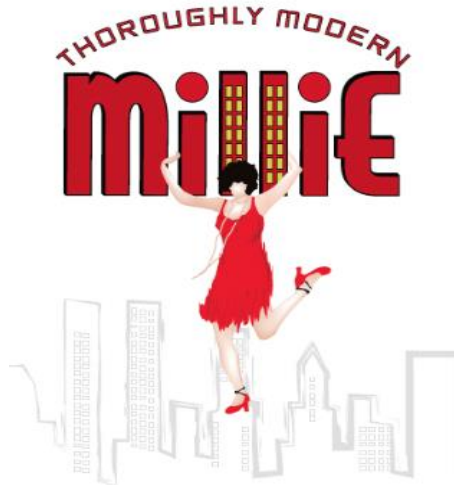
Friday & Saturday: 7:30pm

Sunday: 2pm matinee

Chenango Valley HS Auditorium

\$10 adults

\$8 child/student/senior (62+)



All tickets are for reserved seating.
Tickets can be purchased at the door.

To reserve tickets: Complete form below & mail with payment

Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your order if you would like your paid tickets mailed to you. Otherwise, tickets will be held at the box office until 15 minutes before show time the day of the performance. We will not be honoring refunds the day of the show.

Mail to: Michelle Thornton/Tickets, 15 Calgary Lane, Binghamton, NY 13901

Order By Phone: 607-204-0541



Please make checks payable to: CV SCHOOLS

Name _____ Phone or email _____

- I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope
- Please hold tickets for pick up by 15 minutes before show time

<u>Friday, March 24@7:30pm</u>	<u>Saturday, March 25@7:30pm</u>	<u>Sunday, March 26@2pm matinee</u>
RESERVE TICKETS	RESERVE TICKETS	RESERVE TICKETS
____ @ \$10 ea. Adult	____ @ \$10 ea. Adult	____ @ \$10 ea. Adult
____ @ \$8 ea. Child/student	____ @ \$8 ea. Child/student	____ @ \$8 ea. Child/student
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Guidance

MS guidance helps students explore college & careers



The Middle School guidance office has been busy this month with a focus on college and career readiness. We believe that it is never too early to help students think about their career options and furthering their education.

Each grade level had activities specifically designed for their level of development. In the sixth grade, Mrs. Lally helped students identify their personality color. The students then participated in activities that linked their color to potential careers. They also researched some post-high school educational opportunities by looking through college brochures and pamphlets.

Seventh-graders completed a week-long unit with Mrs. Lally that included completing a self-evaluation and career exploration guide, re-searching a career of interest on the Career Cruising program, and creating a banner of information about a college that offers a major that could lead to that career.

Mrs. Samson took the eighth-grade students on virtual campus visits and had students research the colleges attended by CV staff. On November 17, the eighth-graders went on a field trip to visit Binghamton University. It was busy morning as students heard from a college admissions representative and enjoyed a tour of the beautiful campus given by current BU students. It was wonderful opportunity for our students to experience.

During FACS 8, students will continue to explore college and careers using Career Cruising. They will complete a research project, will practice filling out job applications and participate in a mock interview. The entire Middle School was involved in this month-long project that also featured an inspirational wall of college information, teacher college trivia, and a day for everyone to wear clothing from their favorite university.

We hope that these activities have sparked conversations at home about future career options and the importance of higher education. Parents can greatly influence their children's career choices, and they also have unique insight into the interests, values, and abilities that inform those choices. Please feel free to explore the Career Cruising program at any time. You can login from school, home or any place with internet access, using the login information below.



Eighth-graders visited Binghamton University on Nov. 17.

Career Cruising

To find out more about Career Cruising, we encourage you to login using the school's access information:

Login at:	www.careercruising.com
Enter school username:	Chenango
Enter school password	Valley

Click on "Start Career Cruising" to begin

Holidays and school breaks - a time of fun as well as stress and anxiety!

Balancing work schedules, kids off from school, and the pressures of the holidays can add up for parents and families.

Signs of a child's holiday stress may include:

- Tears for seemingly minor reasons
- Nervous behaviors, such as nail biting and hair twirling
- Physical complaints, including headaches and stomachaches
- Regression to younger behaviors: bedwetting, temper tantrums
- Withdrawal from school, friends, and family
- A change in your child's regular behavior



It is important to remember that children (and parents) need to find time to relax and enjoy this wonderful time of the year. These tips may help both parents and children recognize holiday anxiety and feel less stress.

Strategies for reducing Stress for the entire family:

Remember routines - For parents of small children, this is especially good advice. During the holidays, children will find their routines disrupted. They are often dragged along on shopping trips or taken to special events. They stay up past bedtime and eat too many holiday goodies. When a routine is broken, stress can result.

Say "No" - You don't have to accept every invitation to cookie swaps, parties and gift exchanges that you receive.

Nutrition - fast food restaurants are a quick go-to during stressful busy times. Add all of those sugary holiday treats, and you end up with a stressed out, hungry family. Plan at least one healthy meal for the family every day. Take the time to talk and enjoy being together as a family.

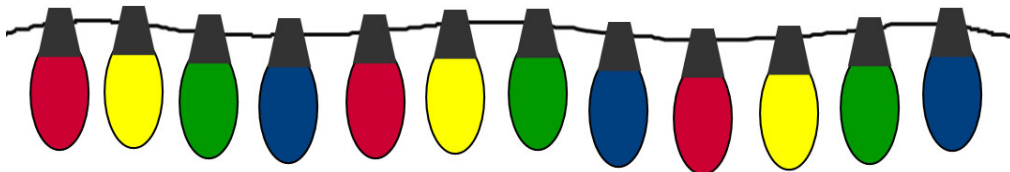
Family traditions - Many don't realize how important traditions are to themselves and their children. Family traditions offer great comfort and security for children. What are your family traditions? What do you remember as a tradition?

Attitude check - Both children and their parents need to have an attitude check before the holiday season begins. Take a deep breath, and have everyone in the family pledge to make the holiday season a time of joy and peace. The less holiday stress you feel, the more relaxed your children will be.

Rest and relaxation - Everyone, especially a child, needs to take a "time out" over the holiday season to rest and relax. Remember to schedule time for rest and relaxation for everyone in the family.

Laugh - Laughter is still the best way to beat stress and change everyone's mood from bad to good. Schedule in time for fun – through movies, a meal or just hanging out!

For more information: <http://www.aahealth.org/programs/behav-hlth/adolescent/child-holiday-stress>



Athletics

Chenango Valley Softball presents

“KIDS NIGHT OUT 2017”

This is a recreational activity program for children in grades pre-K through 2, to be held Feb. 9 through March 16 in the Port Dickinson Elementary gym. (Feb. 24 session to be held in CVHS gym.) Attendees will participate in contests, games, activities that encourage teamwork and sportsmanship. Coaching and team building will be provided by Chenango Valley varsity softball players. Each participant will receive a t-shirt at a final party to be held on March 16 in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Thursday evenings, February 9 – March 16

Two sessions:

Grades pre-K & K - 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2 - 6 to 7 p.m.

Port Dickinson Gym (Feb 24 is in the HS Gym)

Suggested donation: \$30 per child - All proceeds benefit Chenango Valley Softball

Registration is due **Tuesday, February 2, 2017** in order to receive a t-shirt.

For more information: Chenango Valley Softball on Facebook or email ecoleman@cvcsd.stier.org



CHENANGO VALLEY KID'S NIGHT OUT LEAGUE 2017 REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENT _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____ DOB ___/___/___

ADDRESS _____

Shirt Sizes: (Circle One) YS YM YL S M L

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

NAME _____ NAME _____

TEL. _____ TEL. _____

Cell _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Email _____

In the case of an accident or serious illness, I request that I be contacted. If the school is unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the school to call the physician indicated below and to follow his/her instructions. If it is impossible to contact this physician, the school may make whatever arrangements seem necessary.

Signature _____ Date _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL. _____

PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL. _____

(please include \$30 for CV resident / \$40 for non-resident; checks payable to CV Softball)
Mail to: Eric Coleman, Chenango Valley High School, 221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY 13901.
Registration is due Feb. 2, 2017

Athletics

Varsity girls swim takes 14th consecutive title

The varsity girls swim team took their 14th consecutive East Division title after finishing their season at 9-0.

The team, coached by Mr. Charles Frayer, beat Owego for the first time in five years.

Two swimmers, Paige Lettera and Katie Schultz, qualified for this year's state meet in Ithaca.

Congratulations to all of our varsity swim girls!



Alexis Phillips accepts University at Albany softball scholarship



Alexis Phillips



Alexis is joined by her parents, Bill and Michelle Phillips as she accepts her scholarship during a press conference at CVHS.

Varsity softball player Alexis Phillips signed a letter of intent Nov. 14, indicating her acceptance of a four-year scholarship to the University at Albany. She will join the Division I UAlbany Great Danes softball team, a member of the America East conference.

Alexis was named a 2016 STAC All-Star for the All Central/East Conference, and was selected to the Class B first team of the 2016 NYS All-State team. She played on the Conklin Raiders travel team from 2012-2014, and for the Softball Factory Under Armour National team in 2013. She is an outfielder.

Varsity cheer are Division Champs

Congratulations to our varsity and JV cheerleading squads for their stellar performance this season.

The varsity cheerleaders won the Southern Tier Athletic Conference (STAC) Division 2 Championship, and was the STAC Overall Runner-Up. The varsity team is coached by Erica Rinker.

The JV squad, coached by Amanda Buono, was the STAC Division 2 Runner-Up.

Great job, CV cheerleaders!




Varsity cheerleaders

Athletics

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Football
 Sam Trebilcock
 Aaron Trumino
 Cameron Smith
 Chris Vegiard



Ernie Davis
 Sam Trebilcock
 Cameron Smith
 Aaron Trumino

Honorable Mention
 Nathan Marble
 Jack Riegall

Sportsmanship Award
 Bailey Reardon

C & V Awards
 Brad Blewett - Character
 Derek Goga - Vigor

C & V Awards (JV)
 John Paul Webster - Character
 Hunter O'Connor - Commitment
 Nate Lehr - Challenge
 Dan Schuldt - Valor
 Michael Godbay - Vigor
 Nate Klein - Vision

Girls Swim


EAST DIVISION CHAMPIONS
All Conference
 Marlaina Giurastante
 Katie Schultz*
 Paige Lettera*
 Taylor Potenziano

All Division
 McKenna Beers
 Audrey Calica
 Hannah Grunder
 Lindsey Rice

Sportsmanship Award
 Abby Hamilton

C & V Awards
 Katie Schultz - Commitment
 Hannah Grunder - Vision
**state qualifier*

Cross Country
All Division
 Kelly Thompson
 Grace Elliott
 Kara Watson



Sportsmanship Award
 Jennica Crisman
 Zach Carr

C & V Awards
 Becca Mercik - Character
 Erin Skinner - Valor
 Garrett Miller - Character
 Andy Cronin - Valor


Cheer
DIVISION CHAMPIONS
Spirit Award
 Regan Woodruff



Sportsmanship Award
 Nicole Heatherman

C & V Awards
 Bri Sprouse - Commitment
 Emily Friends - Vigor

C & V Awards (JV)
 Molly Snashall - Character
 Chloe Milbauer - Valor



Boys Soccer
All Division
 Matt Cole
 Spencer Root
 Nick Marinaro

Sportsmanship Award
 Liam Morton

C & V Awards
 James Wyatt - Character
 Eric Castellucci - Commitment

C & V Awards (JV)
 Craig Salzman - Character
 Anthony Austin - Vigor



Girls Tennis
All Division
 Alexa Attleson
 Kelly Smith
 Katie Mach
 Katerina Retzlaff

Sportsmanship Award
 Elizabeth Selby

C & V Awards
 Savannah Judd - Character
 Lindsay Thornton - Vision

Girls Soccer
All Conference
 Alaina Carman



All Division
 Alexis Phillips
 Emma Crooks
 Sara Marinaro
 Kayla Lopez
 Laurel Currier-Pernesky

Sportsmanship Award
 Cassandra Stafford


C & V Awards
 Victoria Dirienzo - Commitment
 Cynthia Bennett - Vigor

C & V Awards (JV)
 Maia Chapman - Commitment
 Kerri Hayes - Valor



Golf
Sportsmanship Award
 Dylan Ferry

C & V Awards
 Marty Buchinsky - Character
 Ty Abell - Valor



Volleyball
All Division
 Tara Terpstra

Sportsmanship Award
 Hannah Larsen

C & V Awards
 Lauren Marble - Commitment
 Bella LoVuolo - Valor

C & V (JV)
 Leann Mulligan - Character
 Alyvia Brown - Vigor

Scholar-Athlete Teams

Boys Cross Country	Girls Soccer
Girls Cross Country	Boys Soccer
Cheer	Girls Tennis
Football	Volleyball
Girls Swim	

☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Academic All Stars ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

CHEER Lexi Brito	GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Emma Moore	GOLF Kevin Grady	GIRLS SOCCER Alaina Carman	GIRLS TENNIS Shannon Giblin
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Brandon Kipp	FOOTBALL Chris Singleton	BOYS SOCCER Dan Norris	GIRLS SWIM Lauren Rice	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Mariah Galli

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 6

Ayla Ambrose
Garrett Andersen
Madeline Anderson
Brenna Atkinson
Colin Atkinson
Nathan Atwater
Ethan Benedict
Dominic Bevilacqua
Gianna Black
Ivan Bump
Aidan Butora
Ean Chapman
Anesia Christian-Tas
Trevor Cortright
Anna Decker
Olivia DiRienzo
Elizabeth Dzuba
Carly Edwards
Nathan Edwards
Elizabeth Eggleston
Jocelyn Erickson
Jessica Gates
Logan Getchell
Luke Gillette
Kaylee Guelzow
Chase Hanyon
David Inzhirov
Icey Jones
Sarah Kelley
Finnian King
Hannah Labarr
Logan Lomonaco
Aubrey Marroquin
Tessa McEnaney
Devin Miller
Kenneth Moore
James O'Bryan
Joshua Packer
Kolin Parks
Joseph Ranucci
Corrina Rouff
Nathan Shafer
Fenner Sisson
Natalie Smith
Noah Stanton
Ethan Striley
Alexander Telfer
Michael Timko
Cayden Turcotte
Michael Turna
Nadia Wojcik
Gabriel Wright
Alexander Zeggert

Grade 7

Hunter Arno
Sidney Beers
Amanda Bixby
Parker Boorum
Brooklyn Burden
Molly Carter
Jayden Cassidy
Joshua Champion
Nathan Charpinsky
Rowan Clark
Savana Collins
Katana Colson
Zachary Demer
Forrest Dorn
Kai Duke
Kyhiara Durgala
Emma Farr-Giblin
Alexis Fink
Brooklyn Forker
Haylie Graves
Dustin Greiner
Emily Hamilton
Connor Hatch
Tyler Hayes
Austin Hewison
Vincent Hill
Maddox Hogan
Anthony Holt
Aidan Hoyt
Mason Lewis
Aidan Marroquin
Shannon McLark
Kayla McLaughlin
Gavin Mercik
Joshua Miller
Joseph Nester
Allyson O'Connor
Jazmyn Palmatier
Damon Potter
Jenna Pratt
Saniah Reeves
Trenton Reynolds
Follette Richards
Anthony Rogers
Aaron Salisbury
Nicholas Smith
Abigail Stanton
Sophia Sullivan
Adam Tester
Johnathan Tipler III
Nicholas VanBarriger
Amara Williams
Alaina Wood

Grade 8

Madison Arnold
Jacob Ashman
John Buchinsky
Ellen Buckley
David Cron
Sean Davies
Nicola DiLuzio
Aaron Dundon
Thomas Eccleston
Devin Edwards
Nathaniel Evans
Paige Fetterman
Connor Frey
Zoe Gates
Tori Goga
Anthony Grubham
Marcus Hanyon
Alexander Hilldale
Sebastian Hilldale
Garrett Kraack
Riley McMahon
Hannah Mohamad
Ethan Morgan
Anthony Petranich
Dylana Regan
Vanessa Rodzinka
Kayla Russell
Bryana Sawyer
Eric Schuldt
Kaitlyn Schwarz
Maximilian Singer
Abby Snashall
Nasira Tas
Dominic Testani
Hunter Warren
Aaliyah Williams
Alexa Willis

Grade 9

Kylie Baleno
Riley Botting
Jenna Castellucci
Desire Castro
Brianna Chordas
Shelby Condie
Brianna Corbin
Zachary Crooks
Connor Crouse
Kieran DuBord
Jack Fassett
Anthony Forbidussi
Levi Gulbin

Macaila Harlost
James Hart
Claire Harvey
Julia Mandyck
Sara Marinaro
Benjamin Martin
Patrick McCabe
Rebecca Mercik
Mackenzie Moore
Dominic Napoli
Dhwani Patel
Jonathan Pecha
Kendall Rinker
Angelina Rivera
Vincent Rogers
Cailee Salisbury
Brett Salzman
Emma Schmidt
Kaylee Shannon
Rory Sisson
Jacob Smith
Vincent Tatich
Briauna Travis
Ryan Wardell
Kyle Westgate
Alexander Wojcik

Grade 10

Jacob Aurelio
Nathan Aylward
Tyler Benedict
William Blewett
James Bush
Audrey Calica
Ethan Cooper
Rachel Cron
Katie Doan
Dylan Ferry
Kaitlyn Hardler
Mary Hibbard
Brady Hope
J-Lah Jackson
Morgan Jones
Nathan Klein
Nathan Lehr
Thomas Love
Dominic Mastronardi
Kendyll McMahon
Diamond Ming
Angelo Montemagno
Madison Nealy
Caitlyn Pierce
Janna Plonjes

Alexis Randis
Kayla Ranucci
Kathrine Regan
Haley Risoli
Marrissa Rogers
Zachary Sarvey
Madisyn Savage
Calista Smith
Molly Snashall
Taylor Trout
Mallorie Turner
Angelina Williams
Jordan Wisor

Grade 11

Hailey Andrascik
Kiana Archer-Cronk
Cameron Ashman
Zachery Baer
Webb Botting
Benjamin Cease
Korea Crain
Maya Davies
Matthew DeLaney
Allen Doan
Aidan Dofton
Sarah Dorn
Maria Forbidussi
Dominic Francavilla
Marlaina Giurastante
Molly Grady
Murissa Greiner
Jenna Hanyon
London Jeter
Sarah Juran
Matthew Klein
Isabella LoVuolo
Delany McDonald
Yana Moroz
Laurel Pernesky-Currier
Megan Proutey
Linsey Reardon
Jessica Riegal
Jacquelyn Ruf
Devin Sawyer
Christofer Schmits
Chace Snyder
Zackeri Soule Sr
Haley Spencer
Joseph Testani
Daniel Tester
Jacob Willis
Julianne Worden

Grade 12

Nathan Aurelio
Mark Burchett Jr
Jontay Card
John Cemay
Sarah Clapper
Stephanie Clapper
Kyle Corey
Andrew Cronin
Gabrielle Dean
Jessica Fallon
Emily Friends
Miranda Goldstone
Kevin Hammond
Samantha Hardee
Zoe Hause
Nicole Heatherman
Jordan Jahelka
Morgan Jamieson
Tessa Kaepplinger
Dylan Lewis
Matthew Livingston
Joseph Maerkl
Ethan Marbaker
Isaac Mercincavage
Garrett Miller
Matthew Molesky
Nicholas Perry
Ryan Pound
Bailey Reardon
Logan Riley
Jenna Sebastiano
Kyle Skinner
Cameron Smith
Tyler Smith
Nathan Spencer
Briana Sprouse
Samuel Trebilcock
Emma Viola
Elizabeth Warren
Charles Wilkins

Please note that students with incomplete grades at press time may not be included in this list and will be recognized in our next issue of the Newscaster.

1st Quarter **HIGH Honor Roll**

Grade 6

Amanda Anderson
Lucas Baier
Marley Baldwin
Jadyn Bobzien
Lejla Cehic
Joshua Coddington
Chad Cole
Joshua Conrow
Sadie Dutcher
Savannah Greenmun
Lauren Hart
Cameron Hirst
Kate Hope
Tyler Hopkins
Jeter King
Carter Klein
Gavin Laskowsky
Marin Lesch
Dylan McCabe
Lucas Morgan
Tyler Norton
Jonah Rice
Merrell Rouff
Olivia Santa Croce
Jenna Schaefer
Madeline Trisket
Erin Wales
Kaylee Watson
Khammaneh Weather

Grade 7

Christian Allen
Corey Ashman
Rocco Ashman
Eric Attleson
Caleb Barkwell
Gabriel Beam
Maxwell Bigelow
Grace Brown
Mikayla Bucci
Sarah Bush
Gabriella Capers
Owen Craig
Emma Dofton
Emily Goodstal
Sarah Gorman
Sadie Graham
Jacob Irons
Alex Jacobs
Eric Jewson
Alissa Kropp
Kolby Krupitza
Jordan Martin
Rylie Miller
Tino Montemagno
Isabella Moore
Zachary Murphy
Maddisen Nelson
Owen O'Brien
Chloe Osteen

Vraj Patel
Olivia Pepples
Colin Perney
Tara Pitcher
Lindsey Rice
Carson Riquier
Ethan Rogers
James Rogers
Priscilla Soule
Riley Spencer
Ainsley Staub
Madeline Stento
Fisher Sullivan
Adonna Taubar
Thomas Thayne
Celia Trumino
Braedyn Vinsevich
Justin Wardell
Kaylee Wisor
Nathaniel Wojcik
Maisy Wood

Grade 8

Kenna Abell
Ryan Atkinson
Kamryn Bates
Charles Beam
Cassandra Blewett
Natalie Broderick
Peyton Broderick
Rachel Butch
Brian Chong
William Clark
Jacob Coddington
Autumn Dorn
Mary Doyle
Caelynn Edwards
Jakob Emm
Alexandra Escobar
Alexander Fedo
Caleb Frost
Jordyn Gill
Daniel Gorman
Jacey Hatfield
Kerri Hayes
Matthew Hensel
Nikkolas Hiras
Lucas Hoyt
Megann Jones
Isaiah Keldon
Joseph Kozlowski
Cameron Krisko
Elijah Lanfear
Thomas McEntire
Gabriel McManus
Kendall Morrell
Luke Noonan
Gavin Pagliarella
Dawson Palmer
Kendra Potenziano

Andrew Rice
Faith Riegal
Miranda Rogers
Samantha Scott
Madeline Selby
Sarah Shafer
Lilian Shelley
Ella Stafford
Zachariah Stanton
Megan Taylor
Rory Thompson
Bridgette Turner
Colsten Volpe
Keira Warwick

Grade 9

McKenna Beers
Meghan Berg
Kelsey Burden
Liana Carman
Maia Chapman
Kyle Ferris
Logan Fetterman
Cassidy Hopkins
Monica Hurlburt
Dominick Lomonaco
Abigail Mercik
Melanie Nelson
Maxwell Reppard
Katerina Retzlaff
Gabrielle Rogers
Michael Schultz
Caitlyn Slater
Owen Staub
Henry Stroka

Grade 10

Alia Arnold
Catherine Ashman
Destiny Bowers
Ellis Cleveland
Shane Culver
David Dodson
Kayla Ferris
Hannah Frey
Christy Hanson
Jeremy Kellam
Sarah Lamoreaux
Natalie Lehr
Andy Li
Logan McCarthy
McKenna Miller
Elizabeth Morton
Leann Mulligan
Cody Nagle
Nicholas Norton
Hunter O'Connor
Madison Perrault
Rebekah Ray
Breanen Rought
Caitlin Whiting
Camryn Zaic

Grade 11

Ty Abell
Rachel Becker
Addelynn Bixby
Riley Buckland
Ying Chen
Rebekah Courtright
Brianna Dayton
Patrick Giblin
Owen Gillette
Zaphir Hill
Erica Kaufman
Ian Keldon
Brenna King
Hannah Larsen
Lian McGuane
Craig Salzman
Anna Stacey
Tara Terpstra
Kelly Thompson

Grade 12

William Aswad
Cynthia Bennett
Nicholas Boljevic
Martin Buchinsky
Kaylin Cooley
Jennica Crisman
Victoria DiRienzo
Sean Dundon
Samantha Ferry
Trevor Hayes
Megan Heifferon
Alex Irving
Aleksander Kephart
Casey Lorenc
Nicholas Marinaro
Chelsea Meader
Tyler Mosher
Spencer Peters
Alexis Phillips
Olivia Reynolds
Spencer Root
Austen Schlicht
Gabrielle Siedlecky
Austin Smith
Donald Smith
Keira Strong
Lindsay Thornton
Kimberly Winans



Honors with Distinction

Grade 9

Madison Aswad
Anthony Austin
Matthew Blance
Samuel Bozuhoski
Jacob Brown
Thomas Christoffersen
Madelyn Clark
Aubrey Craig
Christopher Ealy
Grace Elliott
Natalie Gillette
Danielle Jewson
Audra Lee
Erin McCollough
Julia Morgan
Elizabeth Morgan
Teagan Nester
Celest Pagliarella
Abigail Pepples
Elizabeth Rice
Caleb Schwarz
Jessica Serafini
Ava Travis
Emma Trumino
Morgan Whittington
Austin Williams
Nolan Wilson

Grade 10

Sara Bozuhoski
Eric Brom
Faith Fassett
Jacklyn Hardler
Ryan Houseknecht
Brittany Kropp
Edward Kuklo
Paige Lettera
Marc Marion
Hallie Morgan
Carly O'Brien
Taylor Potenziano
Jeffrey Rice
Lucas Scott
Kara Watson
John-Paul Webster
Carter Wilson
Katelyn Wood

Grade 11

Madeline Broderick
Alaina Carman
Natalie Ehrensbeck
Hannah Grunder
Abigail Hamilton
Elaine Hamilton
Mia Hause
Peter Jensen
Kayla Lopez
Lauren Marble
Grace McManus

Jonathan Miller
Emma Moore
Russell Nelson
Matthew Pecha
Croce Santa
Jocelyn Schell
Kathleen Schultz
Kelly Smith
Noah Stroka
Benjamin Venuti
James Wyatt

Grade 12

Brandon Anderson
Shai-ana Bess
Nicole Blance
Bradley Blewett
Alexis Brito
Zachary Carr
Eric Castellucci
Leah Chamberlain
Matthew Cole
Sean Corey
Chandler Courtright
Emma Crooks
Jessica Feyler
Mariah Galli
Maxwell Gasstrom
Shannon Giblin
Kevin Grady
Robert Gross
Karl Grunder
Samuel Hatton
Nathaniel Hopper
Matthew Igo
Edward Judd
Jessica Kellam
Brandon Kipp
Hollis Krisko
Gunnar Madison
Nathan Marble
Corey Mies
Daniel Norris
Morgan Odgers
Lauren Rice
Jack Riegal
Meg Rossie
Tyler Sanderhoff
Brendyn Savage
Rachel Seifert
Elizabeth Selby
Mackinaw Shutt
Chad Simmons Jr
Christopher Singleton
Kesondra Stafford
Sarah Trick
Aaron Trumino
Christopher Vegiard

Port Dickinson Elementary

We are in the beginning of the second quarter of school. The children have done a nice job adjusting to the new school year.

We have completed the benchmark assessments of all students in kindergarten through second grade, using our Fountas & Pinnell assessment system. Included in the report cards for first and second grade students were letters to parents with information on students' expected level and independent reading level.

We continue to follow the Common Core in mathematics. We are in our second year of using the Pearson reading series, which follows the student from kindergarten to fifth grade. The children are working on several writing assignments throughout the school. We are using the Lucy Calkins Units of Study in writing. With the first quarter report cards, we included a letter for parents indicating their child's current reading level and what is expected. We encourage children to read independently aloud to parents, siblings or pets. This is such an important stage in your son or daughter's development.

As a district and as a school, we are working with strategic planning consultant Sean Brady to help develop and revise goals for the school year. One of our goals this year is to reduce chronic absenteeism. We encourage all of our students to strive for excellent attendance. Support from home is critical to make this happen. An empty chair cannot learn!

We at Port Dickinson want to wish you all a very happy holiday season.



Jim Pritchard, principal,
Port Dickinson Elem.

Student turns "Little Free Library" idea into reality

Port Dickinson student Caleb Dancesia's library project was a labor of love -- and he loves to share it.

Caleb, a first-grader in Mrs. Lucas' class, and his mother, Laura, built a "Little Free Library" in their front yard at 38 Rochelle Road in Port Dickinson. The library - housed in a small wooden box - always has a free book available to anyone who wants to read, and leaving books to share is encouraged. The library focuses primarily on children's books.

The idea was born as Caleb and his family made trips to Wisconsin to visit his grandparents, who had built a little free library in their front yard. Caleb loved looking at what books were inside and checking to see if anyone had come to visit the library. He then decided he wanted to build one for his own front yard, which is in a busy neighborhood with lots of children, dog walkers, and friendly folks.

Caleb spent the entire summer selling ten-cent lemonades to raise enough money to build the little library and register it on the national registry. By the end of the summer he had made \$60, so he and his mom got to work, spending several weekends building the little library. Caleb worked on sanding the wood, painting the house, and adding lots of fun details.

On October 15, he held his official grand opening, inviting neighbors, family, and friends over to check out the new library. He even gave a speech! Caleb and his little sister Emma enjoy watching the neighbors stop by to get books at their library.

"Reading is such a big part of our family and we hope to bring it into others, said Laura.

There are little free libraries all over the world, any many are identified on the website: <https://littlefreelibrary.org>.

Great job, Caleb. We love your enthusiasm for books!



Caleb Dancesia at the grand opening of his "Little Free Library"

Port Dickinson Elementary

Candy-dates build election excitement

Our second-graders voted for “candy-dates” in this year’s election, choosing the best candy bar after reviewing the positive traits of each.

Every second-grade classroom chose a candy bar to represent, then ran a campaign to garner the most votes. The classes each wrote a persuasive essay on why their candy bar was the best. The essays were displayed in the hallway, giving everyone a chance to read and decide on their favorite candy-date.

Students registered to vote, signed in on election day, and then placed their vote in the official ballot box. Though each candy-date was delicious, once the ballots were counted it was determined that Mrs. Shelepak’s class, representing Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups, was the winner.

The activity was a fun way for students to learn about elections and the voting process.



Official Ballot

Mark only 1 box.

- Kit Kat
- M&Ms
- Milky Way
- Reese's
- Snickers
- Twix



Second-graders demonstrate Morning Program lessons at BOE meeting



Four brave second-grade students joined Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Blewett, Mrs. Huyck, and Mrs. Mercik at a recent Board of Education meeting to demonstrate the type of fun and learning they share in Port Dickinson’s Morning Program.

At the meeting, two children were challenged to empty toothpaste tubes as quickly as possible. Then, two other students were challenged to try to get the paste back in the tube just as fast. All of this minty fun was to show that our words are impossible to take back once they’ve been said. Similar lessons are taught every Day 1 and Day 3 at the Port Dickinson Morning Program.



Chenango Bridge Elementary

The first quarter of the school year is now complete, and our students have adjusted well to school. We are in the second marking period and continue to work hard every day. The faculty/staff at Chenango Bridge Elementary continue to provide a positive, rigorous educational experience every day. Thanks to our wonderful families who play an integral role in our students' successes.

At Chenango Bridge, we work each day to make education thought-provoking, rigorous and fun. This is accomplished through our Building Strategic Plan, which was developed by working with consultant Sean Brady.

We have many building highlights to share:

- Parent/teacher conferences on Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 gave parents/guardians the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. This is another way to keep the home-school connection alive and well.
- Our faculty has had opportunities to work with both BOCES Math Collaborative Representative Paul Volkert for math and CV Data Coordinator/BOCES Professional Development Specialist Tina Conklin for ELA. In addition, our teachers attend DDI (Data Driven Instruction) sessions at BOCES and bring back strategies to help teachers to instruct students in a variety of ways.
- Our students are active after school as well. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 have been participating in Art Club, Book Club, Science Club, Mentoring, and Math Club to list a few. Students are learning and having fun at the same time. Ski Club will begin in January, so please stay tuned for further information.
- Special thanks to CB Elementary's Student Council, led by Miss Kathryn Heller, for a respectful, and exciting celebration for Veterans Day. The flags looked terrific on the front lawn of the school. In addition, our Student Council led the building to collect food for families in need throughout our community. Thanks also to Mrs. Joanne Stanley and Mrs. Martha Murphy-Hutchins for helping with this project.
- As another way to work with our students to support academics, we now have an intervention time, called #WarriorWIN time, built into our building's master schedule. The WIN stands for "What I Need," allowing our educators to work specifically with students to re-teach, instruct, and enhance their understanding of ELA, math, science, and social studies expectations.

Our winter break begins on Friday, Dec. 23 and extends through Monday, Jan. 2. We wish all of our students' families and school community a fun-filled, happy holiday season. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of our students at Chenango Bridge Elementary. Thank you for all of your support!



Mary Beth Hammond,
principal, Chenango
Bridge Elementary

More from our Veterans Day program



Above and at right, Sergeant Blake Thrasher answers many questions from students about his military service. Top right, students participate in the program by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and using sign language during a patriotic song.

Student picked for opera chorus



Sarah Gonz, a third-grader in Mrs. Liburdi's class, auditioned and was selected to be in the Tri-Cities Opera children's chorus for their recent performance of *Hansel and Gretel*.

Congratulations, Sarah!

Chenango Bridge Elementary

Painting donation is spectacular addition to Chenango Bridge



On a recent fall afternoon, Chenango Bridge Elementary School had a wonderful surprise as Chenango Bridge resident Mr. Robert Sloan came to visit and present the school with a beautiful original painting he created.

Mr. Sloan and his wife Nancy have been residents of Chenango Bridge since 1969, and their three children (Dana, class of 1983, Ronne, class of 1987 and Colin, class of 1992) are CV graduates. The Sloans are friends with HS art teacher Mr. Zanot and his wife, Chenango Bridge fifth-grade teacher Mrs. Zanot.

When asked about the inspiration for the painting, Mr. Sloan shared that about 10 years ago, he was in his art studio at home and looked out the window. He was "taken back" by the forlorn expression of the little girl in the back seat of the school bus. The inspiration became a reality in the form of this breathtaking painting, which is now proudly displayed at Chenango Bridge Elementary School.

Thank you, Mr. Sloan, for your wonderful generosity!



New Reading Zone in CB library offers a quiet spot to read



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

At the Chenango Bridge library, we agree with Dr. Seuss that reading paves the way for success in life. Now, there is a new opportunity for students to spend time in a good book. During specific playground times, up to 24 students from one grade level can choose to find a comfy spot in the library to relax and read.

Soothing music helps to set the atmosphere in the Reading Zone...a calming break in the middle of a busy school day. Mrs. Gay looks forward to welcoming more of our students to the Reading Zone!

Exchange student visits class

Ms. Smith's fifth-grade class invited Janna, an exchange student from Germany who is staying with the Brom family, to visit and speak to the students.

Janna taught the class some German, and shared information about herself and her life in Germany. She was kind enough to bring some German chocolates to share with the class. The students were very excited to have Janna visit to learn about Germany.

To end Janna's visit, she taught the students a game called "Fruit Salad." Mary Brom, Janna's "little sister" said, "Fruit Salad was one of the most exciting games I've ever played." Many of Mary's fellow classmates commented that Janna was very kind and interesting!



Middle School

The first ten weeks of school has gone by very quickly. We have had a fantastic start to the school year. You should be very proud of your son or daughter in the efforts they are putting forth this school year. Keep up the good work!

Students should have already developed good school routines by this point in the year. It is very important that students get into a routine by going to bed and getting up at the same time each day. All of their school materials should be ready the night before so it will not be hectic when trying to get out the door. Please encourage your son or daughter to use their student agenda that they received at the beginning of school year - daily. Teachers will always post the night's homework and the daily activity on one of the whiteboards in the classroom. Students should be writing down homework assignments as well as project due dates. Please check your child's agenda periodically and remind them to get into the habit of using this important school resource. You may also call into the homework hotline (6th Grade Team: 762-6870, 7th Grade Team: 762-6871 and 8th Grade Team: 762-6872) if a student is unsure of a homework assignment. Please remind your son or daughter to take the time and effort to keep their lockers cleaned and organized and as always be sure to use your agenda to write down any and all school assignments.

If your son/daughter is absent and you would like to request homework, please contact the guidance office 762-6926 by 10 a.m. to make that request. Work will be available in the guidance office during school hours. After-school requested work will be taped to the guidance door for pick up. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. Your support throughout the year is crucial to your child's success. Follow the MS on twitter @CVMSWarriors.



Eric E. Attleson, principal
CV Middle School

Upcoming Events in the Middle School:

- December 8 – MS Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., MS/HS Auditorium
- December 9 - Half-day for Students: Middle School dismissal, 11:30 a.m. (Lunch will be served.)
- December 16 – End of 5-week marking period
- December 21 – Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m., MS library
- December 21 – 5-week reports sent home
- December 22 – MS Wellness Day
- December 23 through Monday, January 2: Winter Break - No School

College Readiness Month encourages early planning

November was College Readiness Month at Chenango Valley Middle School, and as guidance counselors Mrs. Shelby Samson and Mrs. Deb Lally outlined in their article on page 11, we believe it's never too early for students to start thinking about their future.

A College Wall in the hallway displayed the many colleges and universities attended by CV staff, and featured the sign, "We went to college, So can you!" and "Where will your goals and dreams take you?"

On the last day of school before the Thanksgiving break, staff members wore shirts from their alma mater, to remind students of the many great educational options available.



At left, MS teacher Mrs. Bigelow. At right: teachers Mr. Stocum, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Lesch, Mrs. Broughton and Ms. Dutter. Below, the College Wall.



Student of the Month – October 2016



l-r: Lauren Hart, Lucas Baier, Madeline Trisket, Kendra Potenziano, Mikayla Bucci, Nicola DiLuzio, Cassandra Blewett, Kaiden Tonkin, Vraj Patel

6th Grade Team
Madeline Trisket
Lucas Baier

7th Grade Team
Mikayla Bucci
Vraj Patel

8th Grade Team
Nicola DiLuzio
Cassandra Blewett

Good Citizen: Lauren Hart

Good Citizen: Kaiden Tonkin

Good Citizen: Kendra Potenziano

Our Student of the Month “CARE” about CV: **C-Commitment A-Attitude R-Responsibility E-Enthusiasm**

Zombie Run is ghoulish fun

Sixty-eight energetic Middle School students took part in the fifth annual Zombie Run on Monday, October 31. Students had to avoid Zombies while running the ¾ mile cross-country course.

Thank you to varsity cross-country coach Jerid Jones and the HS cross-country team for sponsoring the event. A special thank you goes out to Miss Church and Miss O’Brien who officiated the course.

Top finishers in the run were Lilly Shelly, Megan Taylor, Rick Attleson and Max Singer. It was a great event for everyone who participated.

Second annual Halloween Dance-a-Thon

The second annual Halloween Dance-a-Thon was held on Friday, Oct. 28. Students raised over \$560, which will be donated to the CV Food Pantry. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Lange, Mrs. Broughton, MS Student Council, and seventh and eighth grade class officers and Mrs. Price for spinning the tunes.

7th-graders make French crêpes for classmates

On Nov. 3, Ms. Terwilliger’s and Mrs. Shadduck’s FACS 7 classes treated Madame Henyan’s and Mrs. Griffin’s LOTE 7 classes to French crêpes. The tasty interdisciplinary activity was enjoyed by all.

Later in the school year, the students will switch roles and either be cooking in the kitchen or exploring the three foreign languages offered at CV.

The FACS 7 and LOTE 7 courses run for 10 weeks so that each 7th grader will get to participate in the fun!



High School

The fall season seems to have flown by. Here we are in December already. Before long, we will be thinking about the holidays and soon the New Year. Students have been contributing to the Holiday Food Drive for the past weeks. Classes compete to bring in the most food and win an award. The true winner is CV. Our staff and students work to fill the food bank that is used by our own community. Well done CV!

The High School Winter Concert will be December 13 at 7 p.m. Winter sports are in full swing. Come out and support our students in their extra-curricular activities.

Mid-term and Regents exams will be held the last two weeks in January. Your son's/daughter's teachers will let them know when their exams will take place. During the Regents exam period in January, the High School will follow a normal bell schedule. Students taking Regents exams will be pulled out and tested as needed. Very few students take Regents exams in January.

Please have your son/daughter utilize our remedial tenth period! Teachers are working very hard to support your child's needs. 10th period allows students to work with teachers in a smaller setting to catch up or review class material.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the High School office. Enjoy your Holidays!



Terry Heller, principal
CV High School

Students attend YES LEADS drug-free peer leadership conference



CVHS students with Senator Fred Akshar at the YES Ignites drug-free peer leadership training conference held in Binghamton.

58 students from Chenango Valley High School joined more than 550 students from 14 districts throughout Broome, Tioga and Chenango counties for YES Ignites, where they learned role modeling, leadership and public speaking techniques. The students will use these skills as they participate in the drug-free peer leadership program YES LEADS, which is a component of YES Safe Choices.

YES Safe Choices is a partnership between Lourdes Hospital and Senator Fred Akshar that works to help kids in our area learn skills they need to resist using alcohol and drugs. YES also provides parents with useful tips and fun activities they can use as starting points in talking about substance abuse with their kids.

YES LEADers will organize group presentations for elementary school students, and sponsor poster contests, family movie nights and other school and community events. Students from the CVHS YES LEADS program will work with students at Chenango Bridge Elementary School in the spring. The students are currently receiving additional training from program advisor Mr. Matt Stanton.

A representative from Youth to Youth International, based out of Columbus, OH, was at the YES Ignites program presenting a workshop on a new pilot program called "The pHARMING Effects". Developed in conjunction with the Cardinal Health Foundation, the workshop focused on new ways to educate middle school students about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and their long-term connection to heroin.

High School

2 CVHS students earn Eagle Scout rank

Two CVHS students and members of Boy Scout Troop 199 in Hillcrest achieved the rank of Eagle Scout this summer, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program.

CVHS senior Brendyn Savage and Matthew Klein, a junior, each achieved the Eagle Scout rank.

For the community project requirement, Matthew constructed equipment storage lockers for the Port Dickinson Community Association. Brendyn built a portable miniature golf course for use by the Chenango Valley Central School District.

Troop 199 is led by Jerry Hatton. Congratulations to Matthew and Brendyn for this remarkable achievement!



l-r: Matthew Klein, Brendyn Savage, Senator Fred Akshar, and Brad Blewett, a troop member who earned his Eagle Scout badge earlier this year.

Students describe themselves in Olweus exercise

As part of a recent Olweus program exercise, students were asked to write one strength and one struggle about themselves on a colorful piece of paper. The papers were then used to create the dynamic hallway display shown in the photo.

Olweus is a comprehensive bullying prevention program used by the district. The idea of the "I AM" exercise was to remind students that everyone has strengths....and struggles.



High School

Students attend U.S. Citizenship/Naturalization ceremony

Students from Mr. Tidick's and Mr. Clark's Participation in Government and Global 9 classes had the opportunity to witness a life-changing event for 22 new citizens of the United States of America.

Chenango Valley Board of Education member Casey Egan Doyle, an attorney and law clerk for Broome County Supreme Court Justice Hon. Jeffrey A. Tait, invited the students to visit the federal courthouse and attend a recent U.S. Citizenship/Naturalization ceremony.

Before the official ceremony, the students met with Broome County Supreme Court Justice Hon. Molly R. Fitzgerald, who provided an overview of the local and state courts and judicial system.

The students then entered the courtroom for the official swearing-in of the new American citizens, who were from places near and far, including Canada, Iceland, India, Peru, Italy and China.

Several guest speakers welcomed the new citizens, and then Judge Tait presided over the official oath. The judge encouraged them to be good and active citizens and to take part in the privilege of voting.

Before leaving the school on the morning of the field trip, Mr. Tidick and Mr. Clark had the students take part of the test. While the questions seemed easy at first, the students were surprised at some of the more difficult questions. (See article below for sample questions.)

The teachers and students truly appreciated the opportunity to observe this important part of our democracy, and extend a special thank-you to Mrs. Casey Doyle for arranging the trip.



Above, Mr. Tidick and Mr. Clark, with their students and CV Board of Education member Casey Egan Doyle.



New citizens of the United States taking their official oath.

How would YOU do on the civics test?

There are 100 civics questions on the naturalization test. During the interview process, applicants are asked up to 10 of these questions and must be able to answer at least six correctly. Here's just a sampling of the questions:

- How many amendments are there to the U.S. Constitution?
- Who is the current Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court?
- How many voting members are in the House of Representatives?
- If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

For more questions (and the answers) visit the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website at: <https://www.uscis/citizenship>.

High School

Club celebrates Halloween with a French twist



Members of the French Club, a group of about 40 high school French students in grades 9-12, meet on a monthly basis to “have fun in French!” For their October meeting, they participated in Halloween-themed activities.

Candy goodie bags were handed out to each member before they completed a French Halloween word search, watched a video and sang a song in French, as well as tested their courage by sticking their hands in the “guess what’s inside” boxes, where they felt icky, sticky, gooey, gross concoctions and wrote their guesses down on slips of paper to potentially win more “bon-bons” (candy!) Fortunately, it was only soggy oatmeal, shaving cream, yarn with glue, cold spaghetti, and chocolate chips that they were feeling!

A great time was had by all!



CV’s CSI on the case in forensics class

During our study of forensic entomology (using insects to determine time and cause of death), “CV-CSI” from the college Forensics class (taught concurrently though Broome Community College), conducted an experiment to learn at what rate a “body” would decompose in different weather conditions.

On the first day of our experiment we divided up into small groups and received our “bodies” which were pig tongues cut in half. We put the tongues in small cages so animals couldn’t steal the free food that we were putting out on the school campus. We were given the freedom to put the tongues wherever each team liked. Some groups put theirs in the woods hanging from trees or on the ground, one group put theirs in the pond behind the athletic fields, and another near the railroad tracks.

Each group took initial pictures and observations; we would return every other day to record observations on bug species, number of insects, and condition of the tongue through photographs and written data collection. This continued for the course of three weeks. During this time the weather varied greatly from heat to cold and rainy within days.

By the end of the experiment, each group noticed significant changes in their tongues. Almost all had changed color to a charcoal black, some had holes from insects. Each had insects but numbers were lower than expected due to the decreasing temperatures. Everybody’s body reeked of decomposition.

Overall, students were exposed to how and what factors affect the decomposition of a body and were able to visualize what it would have been like it had been a real body.





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