



# Newscaster

November 2014



## Capital Project VOTE Dec. 9

Polls open 12 - 9 p.m. - High School Auditorium

### Chenango Bridge sleuths use Common Core skills to study “evidence”



A pink scooter, its wheels tangled with a dog’s leash. A backpack spilling out school papers and crayons. A “World’s Best Dad” mug. A NY Giants umbrella. These items and more set the scene -- surrounded by caution tape -- that was part of an elaborate activity designed to help fourth-graders practice their skills of observation, reasoning and inference based on evidence.

Working in small crime-fighting teams, the students took turns studying the details of the scene and wrote the answers to questions based on what they observed. Then they were asked to write a well-constructed paragraph about what happened, using inference in chronological order and supported by evidence.

The activity, created by teachers Mrs. Vesci and Ms. Martin, was a fun way for students to practice Common Core writing, inferencing and comprehension skills.



# Proposed Capital Improvement Project

## Proposed Upgrades

### Port Dickinson Elementary

- Security vestibule at main entrance
- Security camera system
- Fire alarm & PA system replacement
- Multi-purpose room renovation
- Kitchen renovation
- Classroom door locks
- Parking lot expansion & reconstruction
- Cooling tower & boiler replacement
- Roof replacement
- New playground equipment

### Chenango Bridge Elementary

- Security vestibule at main entrance
- Security camera system
- Fire alarm system replacement
- Multi-purpose room renovation
- Kitchen renovation
- Classroom door locks
- Play area & east parking lot repaving
- New playground equipment

### Middle/High School

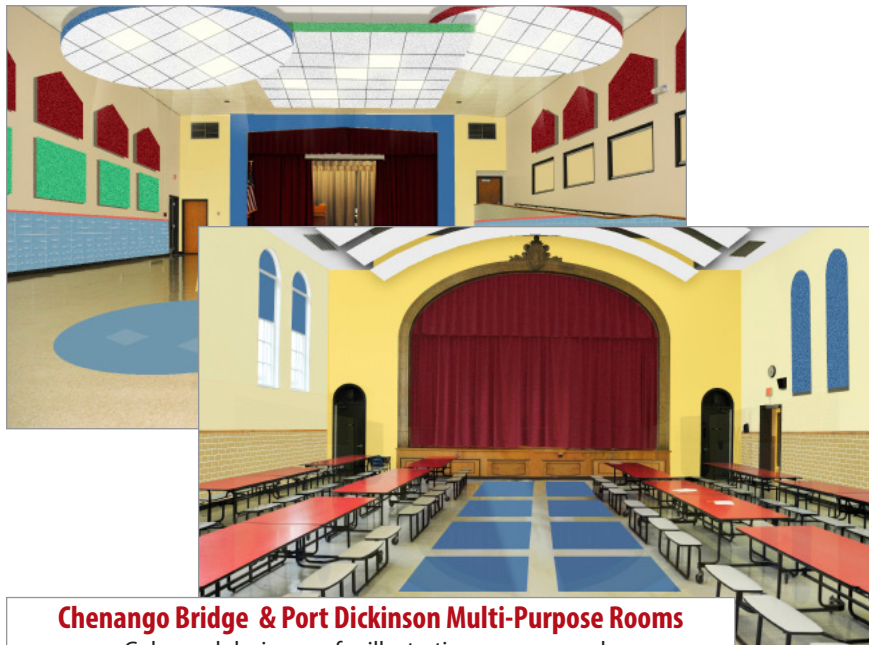
- Exterior stair replacement
- Auditorium control room
- MS gym bleachers & lighting
- HS locker room floor tile
- Diving pool refurbishment
- Pool acoustics, lighting, starting blocks
- Team room lockers
- Classroom door locks

### Athletic Facilities

- Stadium turf multi-purpose field
- Multi-purpose turf field - Depot property
- Softball field
- Track resurfacing
- Baseball field drainage improvements
- Visitor side bleacher refurbishment

### Bus Garage

- Pavement reconstruction
- Fueling station
- Roof replacement



**Chenango Bridge & Port Dickinson Multi-Purpose Rooms**

Color and design are for illustrative purposes only and do not necessarily reflect final design scheme.



"Depot" property scheduled to be developed as part of the capital project. The property was acquired from the federal government in 2010 with the stipulation that the district utilize it for athletic fields/educational programs.



# VOTE

## December 9

12 to 9 p.m.

### High School Auditorium

## Financial Impact

<b>Total projected cost:</b>	<b>\$12,400,000</b>
District contribution from capital reserve & fund balance:	\$1,800,000
Excel state aid:	\$315,847
Amount to borrow:	\$10,284,153
Over 15 years:	\$896,499/year
Estimated state aid:	<u>\$794,468/year</u>
Balance remaining:	\$102,031/year*

\* \$102,031 equates to approximately \$14.40 per year in additional tax on a \$100,000 home in the district. However, when this project is combined with future retiring debt and anticipated building aid revenue from past projects, the overall average tax increase (until the debt on this project retires) is slightly negative at -\$14,919. This means that despite the fact that there is a local tax impact to this project, there is no tax increase (on average) in the long term.

# CV District News

## Message from the superintendent



David Gill  
Superintendent

Dear CV community,

The first marking period and our fall sports season is complete, and we have many celebrations and initiatives to share:

- We celebrated and recognized three graduates and three community members at our Alumni Recognition.
- Our staff has been working hard with professional development, analyzing student data and investigating best practices for good classroom instruction.
- Students at the High School have now all been issued their school iPads, and our teachers continue to investigate ways to utilize this powerful educational tool to maximize effectiveness.
- Chenango Valley will be presenting a \$12.4 million capital project plan for voter approval on December 9. Voter turnout is important. We encourage district residents to review the information we have provided in newsletters and on our website in order to make an informed decision on this project.

As previously mentioned, our district recently developed and adopted a set of core beliefs. In each *Newscaster*, I will outline a couple of our core beliefs. This month:

***"Students are our first priority."***

This needs little explanation. Our jobs exist because of our students. We must ensure that we give one hundred percent to our main customers -- our students -- each and every day.

***"Partnerships among students, staff, parents and the community are integral to student success."***

Again, like many of our core beliefs, this makes perfect sense. Our district exists as a collaborative entity, with students, staff, parents, and community working together. Understanding the power behind making connections and developing strong relationships will go a long way towards ensuring student success.

Please remember to reach out when you have any questions or concerns. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of Chenango Valley students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Gill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Gill  
Superintendent of Schools

## Superintendent Gill honored at Binghamton Schools Alumni event



Superintendent David Gill, far right, poses with fellow 2014-15 Binghamton City School District Distinguished Graduates.

Congratulations to Chenango Valley Central School District Superintendent David P. Gill, who was recently honored as a Distinguished Graduate of the Binghamton City School District.

Mr. Gill is a 1981 graduate of Binghamton North High School. He was honored along with six other Binghamton graduates.

Each year, the Binghamton City School District honors alumni who have excelled in their profession and/or made significant contributions to their community.

Mr. Gill's accomplishments as an educator and leader inspire our students to be lifelong learners and to excel in their chosen field.

# CV District News

## Board of Education President's message



Gerald Abbey  
Board President

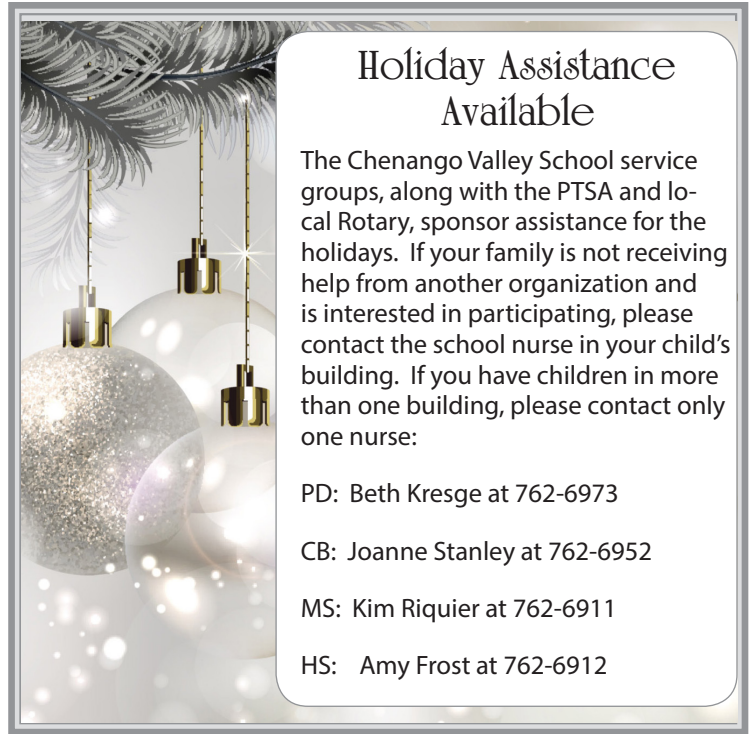
As the leaves fall, the days get shorter and winter looms, there's some good news: the school year is off to a very successful start! I know that our students are working hard to achieve their best, and our staff is working hard to provide the best education possible.

The board is proposing a capital project with a referendum vote scheduled for December 9. This project will address many issues throughout the district, such as security, energy efficiency and parking.

The plan calls for using money from the New York State Excel program, plus state aid and district capital reserve funds, to pay for the \$12.4 million project. The project results in additional tax of approximately \$14.40 per \$100,000 of assessed value, however, when it is combined with future retiring debt and anticipated building aid revenue from past projects, the overall average tax increase (until the debt on this project retires) is slightly negative at -\$14,919. This means that despite the fact that there is a local tax impact to this project, there is no tax increase (on average) in the long term.

If you have any questions on the proposed project, please refer to our district website or the Capital Project Newsletter that was recently mailed to all district residents. As always, feel free to contact any board member, Superintendent Gill, or our Business Executive Elizabeth Donahue if you have further questions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. If approved, rest assured that we will monitor the project through to completion to ensure the best outcome and best use of the funds entrusted to us.



### Holiday Assistance Available

The Chenango Valley School service groups, along with the PTSA and local Rotary, sponsor assistance for the holidays. If your family is not receiving help from another organization and is interested in participating, please contact the school nurse in your child's building. If you have children in more than one building, please contact only one nurse:

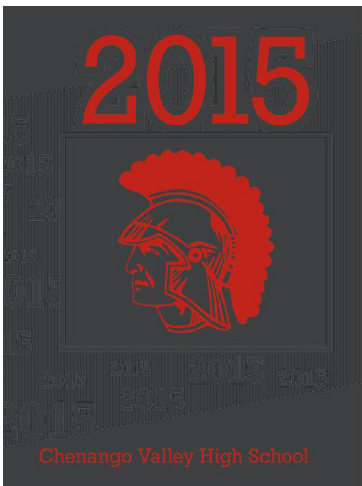
PD: Beth Kresge at 762-6973  
CB: Joanne Stanley at 762-6952  
MS: Kim Riquier at 762-6911  
HS: Amy Frost at 762-6912

## Classes collect food for Holiday Baskets

In a friendly competition with a meaningful community outcome, students in the Middle and High schools collected food to be used in the district's annual holiday food basket program.

Food was collected from Nov. 1-17. The class team bringing in the most food was the grade 9-10 team, which won a movie in the HS auditorium. Grades 7 and 8 collected stuffing and cranberry sauce, grades 9 and 10 collected instant potatoes and gravy, and grades 11 and 12 collected canned fruits and vegetables.

A tremendous amount of food was collected for this worthy cause. Thank you to all participants for your donations.



## 2015 Yearbook: Order your copy today

2015 CVHS yearbook sales are going strong. There will be a limited number of yearbooks available this year, so please order early. To complete your order, visit:

[www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html](http://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html) and select Chenango Valley.

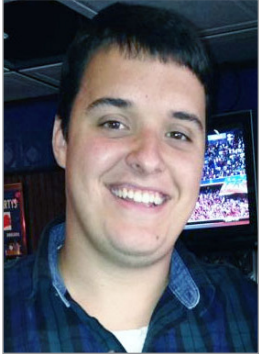
### Parents: Yearbook Ad Workshop

Would you like to put a special ad in the yearbook for your graduating senior, but you're not sure how to do it? Plan to attend a hands-on workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16 in the High School Library.

To reserve your spot, contact the yearbook advisor Mr. Christopher Ruf: [cruf@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:cruf@cvcasd.stier.org).

# CV District News

## 2010 grads re-connect through new careers



Collin Leadbeater  
Class of 2010

The careers of two Chenango Valley High School Class of 2010 graduates intersected recently as Collin Leadbeater, a sports columnist for the Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin, interviewed classmate Malik Pedroso about his new position as an assistant coach for the Birmingham Southern men's lacrosse team.

Collin is a 2014 graduate of SUNY Oswego, where he majored in journalism. He is currently working as an assistant sports editor for the Press & Sun-Bulletin, and writes a "Five Questions With" column in which he interviews athletes and others working in the world of sports. His October 22 column, "Five Questions with CV Grad Malik Pedroso," connected him with his former classmate.

At Chenango Valley, Malik was a standout lacrosse player, scoring 101 points in his senior year. He played lacrosse for Lebanon Valley College, leading the team in goals, assists and points.



Malik Pedroso  
Class of 2010

It's great to see our graduates doing well in their careers and connecting with each other in their professions!

## Zombies on the loose at annual fun run

Members of the varsity cross-country team dressed as zombies and hid among the trees to await their prey: Middle School students running in CV's annual Zombie Run on October 29. Open to all Middle School students, the Zombie Run is a ghoulishy fun event held each year on the district's running trails behind the athletic fields.

Some zombies hid along the cross-country running trail and then chased the runners, trying to grab one of two flags each runner wears. If both of a runner's flags were captured, the runner was out. Other zombies -- like the ones pictured below -- positioned themselves along the trail to provide added creepiness to the scene.

The Zombie Run is organized by varsity cross-country coach Jerid Jones, with assistance from teachers Bill Berg, Dee Bigelow, Tina Conklin and Melissa Schmitz.



# CV District News

## Concert Band visits Syracuse University



The High School Concert Band had the opportunity to visit Syracuse University, where they worked with Professor Justin Mertz. It was a fantastic learning experience in this beautiful setting.

## Three selected to Area All-State Band/Choir



Congratulations to Rusty Nelson, left, who was selected to the Area All-State Music Festival Band, and Kelly Thompson, center and Natalie Ehrensbeck, right, who were selected to the Area All-State Choir. Students are selected from schools throughout the Syracuse, Central NY and Southern Tier areas based on their NYSSMA solo. The Festival was held in Cortland on Nov. 7-8.

## Holiday Concerts



- ★ December 8 - Middle School Concert, 7 p.m.
- ★ December 11 - Chenango Bridge Concert, 7 p.m.
- ★ December 18 - High School Concert, 7 p.m.

*All concerts will be held in the High School Auditorium.*

*Please bring your deposit cans/bottles to donate to Bottles for BaCh. Bins will be in the lobby for each concert. Bottles for BaCh proceeds help to support Chenango Valley theatre, band and chorus programs.*

Chenango Valley High School Theatre Guild presents



**March 20-21-22**

**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.

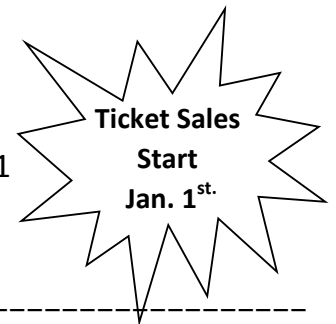
To reserve tickets: Complete form below & mail with payment

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.

For additional information, go to <http://cvtheatertkts.webs.com>

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

By email: [cvtheatertkts@aol.com](mailto:cvtheatertkts@aol.com) By phone: 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

**Friday, March 20 at 7:30pm**

RESERVE TICKETS

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 ea. Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 ea. Child/student

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 Sr. citizen (62+)

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL TICKETS ORDERED

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMT. ENCLOSED

**Saturday, March 21 at 7:30pm**

RESERVE TICKETS

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 ea. Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 ea. Child/student

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 Sr. citizen (62+)

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL TICKETS ORDERED

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMT. ENCLOSED

**Sunday, March 22 at 2pm matinee**

RESERVE TICKETS

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 ea. Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 ea. Child/student

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 Sr. citizen (62+)

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL TICKETS ORDERED

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMT. ENCLOSED

Advertise in The Music Man theatre program!  
Contact Elaine at [epierce@cvsd.stier.org](mailto:epierce@cvsd.stier.org)

## Guidance News

### Alumni, Distinguished Community Members honored at annual event

On October 24, Chenango Valley held its ninth annual Alumni Recognition Reception and Auction at the Hilton Double Tree in Binghamton. Graduates honored were John Reid, class of 1965; Kenneth Gay, class of 1980; and Dr. Mark Wilson, class of 1990. Our Distinguished Community member honorees were Elaine & John Pierce and Garry Scutt.

Recognition events started on Friday morning at the Middle/High school, where honorees visited several classrooms to speak with students about their careers. At noon, the honorees enjoyed a luncheon in the High School library with school administrators and Alumni Recognition Committee members. In the afternoon, honorees toured the building and addressed the Middle School students in the auditorium.

On behalf of the Chenango Valley Educational Loan Fund, I would like to thank all of our community sponsors who supported the evening by donating money and auction items. More than \$9,000 was raised to support the Chenango Valley Student Educational Loan Fund. The fund is designed to assist CV students and their parents with college costs. Last year, the Loan Fund awarded over \$22,000 in interest-free loans and \$2,000 in scholarships.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers who made this night such a success.

- Charles Purce, event coordinator and Educational Loan Fund President



Honorees from left-right: Kenneth Gay, John Pierce, Elaine Pierce, Garry Scutt, Dr. Mark Wilson, John Reid.



### A Golden Ticket – because nice matters...

In September, we introduced our Middle School students to the concept of the Golden Ticket. Students learned that through their actions, they have the power to make or break someone's day at school. We encouraged the students to share a simple smile, a helping hand, or an invitation to another student to sit with them at lunch. These actions can mean the world to another student. When the students are nice to each other, it matters and makes a difference at CVMS.

Students earn Golden Tickets when a faculty member observes them doing something kind for someone else. Throughout the first quarter, students have earned Golden Tickets for many random acts of kindness, such as helping another student get their locker open, helping a student pick up their things after dropping them in the hallway, holding a door open for a student on crutches, and helping a student find their way in the building.

Once students receive a Golden Ticket, they place it in their team box in the Middle School Office. At the end of this quarter, the team with the most Golden Tickets (random acts of kindness) will win a prize of their choosing, for example, a team hat day, pajama day or crazy hair day!





# Guidance News

## National Honor Society inducts new members

Twenty-nine students from the classes of 2015 and 2016 were inducted into the CVHS chapter of the National Honor Society in the annual Induction Ceremony held October 22 in the High School auditorium.

This year's officers, president, **Luke Dionne**; vice president, **Olivia Trumino**; secretary, **Valerie Nguyen** and treasurer, **Sonja Jensen** did an outstanding job hosting the evening's program.

NHS members are selected by a Faculty Council and meet especially high standards of scholarship, leadership, character, and service as outlined in the Constitution of the National Honor Society. According to the National Constitution, all four aspects should be equally weighted to determine membership.

Membership is not based solely on grades. The selection process is rather involved and takes a great deal of careful consideration and thought from the Faculty Council. NHS looks for students who are of high caliber not only in their schoolwork, but in their ways of being true leaders and contributors to the community. In addition, their character should reflect high motivation, sincerity, honesty, and exemplary behavior.

National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than sixty percent of the nation's high schools, and millions of students have been selected for membership since 1921.

- Judy Hayes, advisor

### Inductees from Class of 2015

Colton Miller

Dominick Potter

### Inductees from Class of 2016

Rudy Cen

Kerri Kunkel

Carlee Ostrom

Erin Culver

Abigail Lane

Nicholas Ostrom

William Eccleston

Jake Lehr

Chase Page

Ethan Elliott

Hayley Lettera

Nicholas Pert

Mark Gallo

Cydney Mallery

Ryan Phillips

Michaela Gay

Melissa Marean

Ciara Sherling

Margaret Gross

Mark Mullins

Jenna Simons

Trisha Illsley

Kelsilyn Norman

Matthew Wells

Owen Klepfer

Cassidy O'Brien

Emma Yannuzzi

### Class of 2015 Current Members

Brenda Barry

Rhianna Henson

Valerie Nguyen

Jared Cornell

Trevor Hope

Breanna Nowetner

Ruth Crissman

Kristen Igo

Stephanie Orzelek

Benjamin Daniels

Sonja Jensen

Julia Peters

Luke Dionne

Harold Jones

Sarah Raichlin

Reed Grunder

Charles Kane

Brittany Rose

Emily Hammond

Juliet King

Jacob Rossie

Connor Harvey

Courtney Kushner

Olivia Trumino

Tess Hatton

Rebecca Mach

Amber Wallach

Kyra Heatherman

Caitlin Mellen

Zachary Wyatt

Michaela Hensel

Oliver Mohr

Kaitlyn Yurenda

## Middle School Career Cruising

During Family & Consumer Science (FACS) class in October, eighth-grade students spent time in the computer lab with FACS teacher Tara Shadduck and school counselor Shelby Samson. Students worked with a computer program called Career Cruising, an internet-based career exploration and planning tool used to research careers and college options. Students took several interest inventories and explored a variety of careers. They chose one career and created a PowerPoint highlighting the career's daily activities, level of education required, salary and job outlook.

Students gained a better understanding of the hard work needed to be successful in the world of work. We encourage parents and guardians to become involved in career and education planning. 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 this information:

website: [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Enter school user name: **Chenango** then enter school password: **Valley**

Click on "Start Career Cruising" to begin

- Shelby Samson, Counselor



*"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do."*

- Steve Jobs, former Apple CEO

## Guidance News



### Students explore construction careers

Approximately 25 Chenango Valley High School students participated in the Southern Tier Construction Career Day on October 8, an event designed to provide first-hand insight into a variety of careers in the construction industry. The CV students were among nearly 600 from districts in the Broome-Tioga region who attended the day-long event.

The program was held at the Broome County Highway Department facility in Chenango Bridge, and featured exhibits, displays and demonstrations from schools and organizations involved in the world of construction. Students had the opportunity to operate large equipment such as bulldozers, backhoes and dump trucks, through supervised hands-on activities.

The event was organized by the New York State Department of Transportation, the Broome County Highway Department, Broome-Tioga Workforce New York, Broome-Tioga BOCES, and several trade unions and construction organizations. A grant from the Federal Highway Administration helps to support the Construction Career Day program throughout the state.

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### Notice regarding FAFSA Applications

The number of Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filed electronically has increased dramatically. Currently, more than 99 percent of all FAFSA's are filed online using FAFSA on the web.

Please be aware that the federal government will not be sending paper applications to guidance offices. Information on filing your financial aid paperwork was sent to seniors and their parents in the November issue of the Senior Newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the guidance office at 762-6918.

# Important College Board SAT changes

## Effective immediately:

- You are required to upload a photo to register for SAT & SAT Subject Tests.
- The photo will appear on your Admission Ticket.
- You **MUST** present your Admission Ticket with your acceptable photo ID\* to enter the test center. **NO TICKET, NO ID, NO ADMISSION!**
- Standby test-takers will not be admitted. You can no longer come to the guidance office and request to be a stand-by or walk-in. (Online requests for waitlist status may be possible until 5 days before the test. See College Board website for details.)
- Changes to test center, test date or test type will not be permitted on test day. Requests must be submitted to College Board 2 weeks before test day.

\*See the College Board website or your counselor for an example of an acceptable photo.

## Acceptable Identification Documents

You are responsible for bringing a valid and acceptable form of identification each time you report to an SAT test center. It is your responsibility to ensure that your ID documents are up-to-date and available on test day.

### ID documents must:

- be issued by a governmental organization or school you currently attend
- be an original document - photocopies are not acceptable
- be valid and current - expired documents (bearing expiration dates that have passed) are not acceptable, no matter how recent the expiration
- have the test-taker's full name, exactly as it appears on the Admission Ticket. If the name is too long to fit on the Admission Ticket, the name on the ID need only match the part that appears on the ticket.
- bear a recent recognizable photo that clearly matches the test-taker
- be in good condition, with clearly legible text & clearly visible photo

### Examples of Acceptable ID

- Government-issued driver's license or non-driver ID card
- Official school-produced student-identification card from school you currently attend
- Government-issued passport
- Government-issued military or national identification card
- College Board's Student ID Form, which is available from your school counselor and must be prepared by the school you currently attend
- Talent Identification Program ID or Authorization to Test form (allowed for grades seven and eight only; photo not required)

### Unacceptable ID - NOT acceptable under any circumstance:

- Any document that is photocopied or expired, does not bear a recent recognizable photograph that clearly matches the test-taker, does not bear your name in roman English characters exactly as it appears on the Admission Ticket, that is worn, torn, scuffed, scarred or otherwise damaged in such a manner that it renders any part of the text on the ID card illegible or renders any part of the photograph unrecognizable, that appears tampered with or altered
- Credit or debit card of any kind, even one with a photograph
- Birth certificate
- Social Security card
- Employee ID card
- Hunting or fishing license
- Missing Child ("ChildFind") ID card
- Any temporary ID card

# SAT vs. ACT

Colleges, universities, and scholarship programs use a student's academic record, test scores, extracurricular activities, teacher recommendations and application essays to evaluate how well prepared they are to do college-level work. Scores on standardized tests like the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT) enable colleges to compare the academic achievements of students from different schools. This is helpful because courses and grading standards vary from school to school.

The SAT is a three hour and forty-five minute test that measures critical reading, math and writing abilities. It includes an essay and multiple-choice questions. The ACT Assessment measures skills in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. It also includes an optional essay test that assesses writing ability.

Most schools accept either the SAT or ACT test results. Because each assessment tests different skills, it is a good idea to find out about both tests and see which one tests your strengths the best. School counselors recommend that you visit them to discuss each test. It is a good idea to take the SAT and ACT in the spring of the junior year.

## SAT Dates 2014-2015

Test Date	Register By
January 24, 2015	December 29, 2014
March 14, 2015	February 13, 2015
May 2, 2015	April 6, 2015
June 6, 2015	May 8, 2015

## ACT Dates 2014-2015

Test Date	Register By
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015

### Register online

SAT: [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register)

ACT: [www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start)

**\* Watch for SAT review classes offered by the district in February/March**

# My College QuickStart

Students who took the PSAT/NMSQT in October 2014 will have FREE access to My College QuickStart – the College Board's online college, major, and career exploration tool – for the duration of their high school careers. QuickStart includes a personalized SAT study plan based on their results, and Personality Profiler, an online assessment students take to learn about their personality types. Students receive college major and career suggestions and profiles of academic fields. QuickStart offers 175 instructional programs online and articles covering more than 450 occupations. Students who took the PSAT were given instructions to set up their accounts at [collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://collegeboard.com/quickstart). If you have any questions regarding this college/career planning tool or the college planning process in general, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor in the guidance office.

## 1st Quarter Honor Roll

### Grade 7

Anthony Austin  
Kylie Baleno  
McKenna Beers  
Alaina Blackman  
Riley Botting  
Sarah Bremer  
Jacob Brown  
Jenna Castellucci  
Richard Champion IV  
Maia Chapman  
Shelby Condie  
Brianna Corbin  
Dallin Cower  
Zachary Crooks  
Khushi Devre  
Amelia DiRienzo  
Kieran DuBord  
Jack Fassett  
Kyle Ferris  
Anthony Forbidussi  
Hunter Gordinier  
Phoenix Gordinier  
Levi Gulbin  
Macaila Harlost  
James Hart  
Claire Harvey  
Cassidy Hopkins  
Monica Hurlburt  
Brooke LaBrie  
Julia Mandyck  
Benjamin Martin  
Patrick McCabe  
Dominic Napoli  
Melanie Nelson  
Jonathan Pecha  
Kendall Rinker  
Destinee Robinson  
Vincent Rogers  
Cailee Salisbury  
Brett Salzman  
Kaylee Shannon  
Caitlyn Slater  
Owen Staub  
Henry Stroka  
Vincent Tatich  
Briauna Travis  
Ryan Wardell  
Andrew Williams  
Alexander Wojcik

### Grade 8

Nathan Aylward  
Nicholas Baer  
Tyler Benedict  
William Blewett  
Alyvia Brown  
Audrey Calica  
Ellis Cleveland  
Ethan Cooper  
John Corbin  
Rachel Cron  
Shane Culver  
Katie Doan  
David Dodson  
Darin Dupuy  
Rose Eccleston  
Joshua Fendick  
Shane Follette  
Keara Golden  
Steven Goldstone  
Christy Hanson  
Kaitlyn Hardler  
Grace Harrington  
Mary Hibbard  
Brady Hope  
Kaylee Johnston  
Morgan Jones  
Nathan Klein  
Travis Kraack  
Tyler Lamando  
Nathan Lehr  
Liam Lewis  
Michael Mettler  
Angelo Montemagno  
Retta Mosher  
Cody Nagle  
Nicholas Norton  
Hunter O'Connor  
Caitlyn Pierce  
Kayla Ranucci  
Rebekah Ray  
Haley Risoli  
Ashley Rogers  
Nicholas Roser  
Jayna Ross  
Harley Sarvey  
Madisyn Savage  
Tori Schreiber  
Daniel Schuldt  
Nathan Smith

Ryan Spence  
Joshua VanBarriger  
Bryanna White  
Angelina Williams  
Elijah Williams  
Camryn Zaic

### Grade 9

Cameron Ashman  
Zachery Baer  
Amethyst Baker  
Rachel Becker  
Alyssa Benninger  
Webb Botting  
Patrick Buchinsky  
Benjamin Cease  
Rebekah Courtright  
Matthew DeLaney  
Allen Doan  
Sarah Dorn  
Maria Forbidussi  
Dominic Francavilla  
Cora French  
Paige Gill  
Marlaina Giurastante  
Christina Gladhill  
Murissa Greiner  
Jenna Hanyon  
Zaphir Hill  
Erica Kaufman  
Isabella LoVuolo  
Kaitlyn Mach  
Zackary MacLaren  
Ryan Mellen  
Emily Monk  
Eden Niefer  
Brandon Pierce  
Megan Proutey  
Dustin Schmidt  
Christofer Schmits  
Madison Smith  
Haley Spencer  
Tara Terpstra  
Jacob Tester  
Emily Velez  
Dylan Weeks  
Jacob Willis  
Julianne Worden

### Grade 10

Bradley Blewett  
Alexis Brito  
Martin Buchinsky  
Jontay Card  
John Cemay  
Matthew Cole  
Meghan Cooley  
Kyle Corey  
Chandler Courtright  
Jennica Crisman  
Isaiah Demoski  
Victoria DiRienzo  
Sean Dundon  
Samantha Ferry  
Karl Grunder  
Corey Hanson  
Zoe Hause  
Nicole Heatherman  
Megan Heifferon  
Morgan Jamieson  
Briana Jones  
Casey Lorenc  
Ethan Marbaker  
Nathan Marble  
Nicholas Marinaro  
Garrett Miller  
Spencer Peters  
Bailey Reardon  
Jack Riegal  
Rachel Seifert  
Gabrielle Siedlecky  
Chad Simmons Jr  
Kyle Skinner  
Nathan Spencer  
Aaron Trumino  
Kimberly Winans  
Jeffrey Worden

### Grade 11

Stephen Aylward  
Tanner Beagell  
Connor Brady  
Kyle Briggs  
Devon Buckland  
Allison Button  
Abigail Carr  
Rebecca Chamberlain  
Sarah Chandler  
Jenna Conrow  
Austin Crissman  
Michael Distin  
Rohit Duggal  
William Eccleston  
Chelsi Evans  
Amber Falcheck  
Michael Fuller  
Kelsey Guelzow  
Kayla Guth  
Noah Hartz  
Jacob Jahelka  
Julia Keesler  
Briana Kellar  
Mallory Mailen  
Gillian McGuane  
Morgan Miller  
Sophie Miller  
Ashlee Moore  
Jaren Moss  
Connie Nguyen  
Chase Page  
Bailey Raker  
Emily Schmits  
Matthew Slezak  
Abigail Snyder  
Kevin Taylor  
Dylan Warner  
Veronica Wickwire  
Emma Yannuzzi

### Grade 12

Victoria Austin  
Gabrielle Becker  
Jordan Broughton  
Joshua Broughton  
Gavin Brown  
Damon Conklin  
Brian Cox  
Robert Dawson  
Elizabeth Fitzgerald  
Shantel Francis  
Allyn Gates  
Brandon Greiner  
Ashley Grubham  
Alec Grunder  
Krystal Hagadorn  
Jesse Haynes  
Jacob Hertzog  
Carl Iacona  
Adam Jamieson  
Casey Leadbeater  
Katelyn Lewis  
McKenzie Lynch  
Emmanuel Maciak  
Malori Meddleton  
Michael O'Neil  
Kyla Pruitt  
Kristen Reistetter  
Daniel Reppard  
Kayla Robinson  
Kolby Ross  
Cody Schell  
Jordan Skinner  
Caroline Smith  
Corry Smith  
Jordan Spencer  
Gabrielle Stevenson  
Megan Subik  
Alaena Sullivan  
Richard Terpstra  
Ashton Visconti  
Ryan Weir

## 1st Quarter High Honor Roll



### Grade 7

Madison Aswad  
Matthew Blance  
Samuel Bozuhoski  
Liana Carman  
Brianna Chordas  
Thomas Christoffersen  
Madelyn Clark  
Aubrey Craig  
Connor Crouse  
Christopher Ealy  
Grace Elliott  
Logan Fetterman  
Natalie Gillette  
Diana Inzhirova  
Danielle Jewson  
Audra Lee  
Dominick Lomonaco  
Sara Marinaro  
Erin McCollough  
Abigail Mercik  
Rebecca Mercik  
Elizabeth Morgan  
Julia Morgan  
Teagan Nester  
Celest Pagliarella  
Siya Parekh  
Abigail Pepples  
Maxwell Reppard  
Katerina Retzlaff  
Elizabeth Rice  
Gabrielle Rogers  
Michael Schultz  
Caleb Schwarz  
Jessica Serafini  
Kathryn Shea  
Rory Sisson  
Emma Trumino  
Morgan Whittington  
Austin Williams  
Nolan Wilson

### Grade 8

Alia Arnold  
Catherine Ashman  
Alexa Attleson  
Destiny Bowers  
Sara Bozuhoski  
Eric Brom  
James Bush  
Tara Crissman  
Faith Fasset  
Kayla Ferris  
Dylan Ferry  
Sabrina French  
Hannah Frey  
Jacklyn Hardler  
Ryan Houseknecht  
Jeremy Kellam  
Brittany Kropp  
Edward Kuklo  
Sarah Lamoreaux  
Natalie Lehr  
Paige Lettera  
Andy Li  
Thomas Love  
Marina Maerkl  
Marc Marion  
Kendyll McMahon  
McKenna Miller  
Diamond Ming  
Hallie Morgan  
Elizabeth Morton  
Leann Mulligan  
Carly O'Brien  
Madison Perrault  
Taylor Potenziano  
Alexis Randis  
Kathrine Regan  
Jeffrey Rice  
Mackenzie Rios  
Marrissa Rogers  
Breanen Rought  
Lucas Scott  
Erin Skinner  
Calista Smith  
Taylor Trout  
Mallorie Turner  
Kara Watson  
John-Paul Webster  
Caitlin Whiting  
Carter Wilson  
Katelyn Wood  
Brianna Yang

### Grade 9

Ty Abell  
Kiana Archer-Cronk  
Addelynn Bixby  
Madeline Broderick  
Brianna Dayton  
Patrick Giblin  
Molly Grady  
Brenna King  
Matthew Klein  
Hannah Larsen  
Kristopher Lindsey  
Lian McGuane  
Jonathan Miller  
Kobe Parks  
Matthew Pecha  
Linsey Reardon  
Jackson Retzlaff  
Jacquelyn Ruf  
Craig Salzman  
Devin Sawyer  
Anna Stacey  
Keira Strong  
Joseph Testani  
Kelly Thompson  
Benjamin Venuti

### Grade 10

Brandon Anderson  
Shai-ana Bess  
Nicole Blance  
Zachary Carr  
Andrew Cronin  
Emma Crooks  
Emily Friends  
Shannon Giblin  
Kevin Hammond  
Andrew Hogan  
Nathaniel Hopper  
Matthew Igo  
Savanah Judd  
Tessa Kaepflinger  
Brandon Kipp  
Daniel Norris  
Alexis Phillips  
Lauren Rice  
Mikayla Rogers  
Spencer Root  
Meg Rossie  
Tyler Sanderhoff  
Brendyn Savage  
Christopher Singleton

Austin Smith  
Cameron Smith  
Kesondra Stafford  
Christopher Vegiard

### Grade 11

Mark Gallo  
Cydney Mallery  
Suehaidee Masso  
Anna Prosvirina  
Matthew Wells

### Grade 12

Anna-Marie Betkavsky  
Megan Broughton  
Rachel Fadden  
Danielle Forbidussi  
Alexandra Gee  
Casey Gorman  
Connor Harvey  
Tess Hatton  
Chelsea Henige  
Michaela Hensel  
Jordan Hundley  
Lawrence Iacona  
Harold Jones V  
Charles Kane  
Courtney Kushner  
Laura LeVonne  
Paxton Lewis  
Rebecca Mach  
Colton Miller  
Shane Moriarity  
Victor Mulligan  
Valerie Nguyen  
Dale Paulhamus Jr  
Sarah Raichlin  
Jacob Rossie  
Zachary Skinner  
Sarah Volk

### Honors with Distinction

#### Grade 9

Alaina Carman  
Natalie Ehrensbeck  
Owen Gillette  
Hannah Grunder  
Abigail Hamilton  
Elaine Hamilton  
Mia Hause  
Peter Jensen  
Ian Keldon  
Kayla Lopez  
Lauren Marble  
Grace McManus  
Emma Moore  
Russell Nelson  
Morgan Odgers  
Roy Santa Croce  
Jocelyn Schell  
Kathleen Schultz  
Kelly Smith  
Noah Stroka  
James Wyatt

#### Grade 10

Sean Corey  
Jessica Feyler  
Mariah Galli  
Kevin Grady  
Robert Gross  
Samuel Hatton  
Jessica Kellam  
Hollis Krisko  
Gunnar Madison  
Mackinaw Shutt  
Sarah Trick

#### Grade 12

Brenda Barry  
Madison Cline  
Jared Cornell  
Ruth Crissman  
Jenna Decker  
Luke Dionne  
Kaleb Green  
Reed Grunder  
Emily Hammond  
Kyra Heatherman  
Trevor Hope  
Kristen Igo  
Sonja Jensen  
Timothy Johnson  
Juliet King  
Caitlin Mellen  
Oliver Mohr  
Breanna Nowetner  
Stephanie Orzelek  
Julia Peters  
Dominick Potter  
Brittany Rose  
Olivia Trumino  
Nicholas Venuti  
Amber Wallach  
Zachary Wyatt  
Kaitlyn Yurenda

#### Grade 11

Rudy Cen  
Erin Culver  
Ethan Elliott  
Michaela Gay  
Margaret Gross  
Trisha Illsley  
Owen Klepfer  
Kerri Kunkel  
Abigail Lane  
Jacob Lehr  
Hayley Lettera  
Melissa Marean  
Mark Mullins  
Kelsilyn Norman  
Cassidy O'Brien  
Carlee Ostrom  
Nicholas Ostrom  
Nicholas Pert  
Ryan Phillips  
Ciara Sherling  
Jenna Simons

# Athletics

## Booster Club unveils new website



The CV Athletic (Booster) Club has a new website! [www.cvwarrriors.com](http://www.cvwarrriors.com) is now up and running. In the site are tabs for each sports season - and within each season, team-specific information. In addition, you'll find other information such as the membership form and a calendar of CVAC events. Browse the tabs for other information. This is a new site and we continue to make enhancements, so be sure to visit it often.

Our membership drive is still in progress. Be sure to join and get your Warrior Passes, which allow free admission to home games. (See form for any limitations.)

Also, a big thank you to all of our volunteers who staffed the outdoor concession stand during the fall season.

- Mike Distin, CVAC President

## Girls cross-country wins third title

October 7 was a beautiful afternoon at Chenango Valley State Park. Our Varsity Girls Cross-Country team arrived at the STAC East Division Championship knowing they were in for a tight battle to defend their division championship title. In 2012, the team won their first-ever division championship and followed it up with a second title in 2013. Despite our past success, the girls knew that this year's division title would be much harder to earn. Our top runner over the past two seasons had graduated, and our opponents felt they had a chance to de-throne us.

The 5K trail race started fast, and Oneonta and Chenango Forks jumped out to take the early lead. At the one-mile mark, our girls were a distant third place. Despite being behind, our girls were proving that a successful cross-country runner must have both toughness and intelligence. By the second-mile mark, the Lady Warriors were already turning a controlled start into a surging finish. As they approached the line, every one of our girls dug deep and continued to gain positions.

When it was all over, Forks had finished in third place with 53 points, Oneonta in second with 46 points, and our Warriors were first with 39 points! Coach Jones called it "perhaps the smartest, hardest-fought, all-out team effort" he had ever seen one of his teams race. Senior Kristen Igo led the Warriors with her second place finish in 21:44, junior Hayley Lettera finished fifth in 22:42, Senior Brenda Barry finished ninth, freshman Kelly Thompson was 12<sup>th</sup>, and senior Olivia Trumino rounded out our scoring runners with a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish out of 36 runners. Congratulations to the girls for their third consecutive division championship!

## Girl's Lacrosse Clinic opens the doors of opportunities in America's oldest game

On Saturday, November 1, a new chapter in girls' athletics began as the Chenango Valley Lacrosse Club sponsored a short clinic to introduce female athletes to the sport of lacrosse.



Over 35 interested athletes came out and braved the chill in the air as members of Binghamton University Bearcats women's team led the girls through a series of drills and demonstrations.

One emotional parent noted how many wonderful opportunities young girls are offered by the Chenango Valley district.

Members of the boys varsity team were on hand as well to assist the girls and welcome their counterparts into the sport now growing faster than any other in high schools and colleges across America. Next spring, CV will field its first girls lacrosse team at the junior varsity level, with hopes of expanding the program over the next few years. A special thanks to Amy Gross, Pat Brady and Chris Ruf for their work in coordinating the event, the members of Binghamton University's team who gave up their Saturday morning and Athletic Director Mr. Tomm for all his efforts in making this possible.

Anyone interested in additional information about the girls lacrosse program is encouraged to contact Mr. Tomm or CV Lacrosse Club Secretary Amy Gross [agross5@stny.rr.com](mailto:agross5@stny.rr.com).

# Athletics

## Golf team finishes strong in second place

The 2014 varsity golf team had a great season, finishing in second place in the STAC East division. The team finished the season 11-3 and won the Southern Tier Athletic Conference East/Central Division Wild Card for the second straight season, enabling them to play for the STAC title at En-Joie Golf Course.

With the 11 wins this season, the Warriors have won 35 out of their last 44 matches since 2012. They had an impressive road season this year. After losing to Windsor, they rattled off five victories in a row on the road. The team also played impressively on their home course, Belden Hill, winning six of seven matches.

They also played in the Section IV Class B Team Tournament on October 7 at the Links at Hiawatha. The team is in Class C, but moved up to play in Class B this season and last, coming in third as a team, with Zach Wyatt coming in third place in individual ranking. Out of 18 schools, CV was one of only six in STAC to compete for the team title, finishing in fifth place in the STAC championships with a score of 452. Zach Wyatt finished in fourth place. Coach Tiddick would like to recognize the team's six seniors: Zach Wyatt, Zach Tripp, Emmanuel Maciak, Josh Broughton, Charlie Kane, and Jared Cornell. Charlie and Zach qualified for the individual medalist tournament held in May at Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell thanks to their sub-5.00 stroke averages on the season, and also made the All-Conference team. Jared Cornell and Devon Buckland made the All-Division Team.

On top of their course accomplishments, the team did very well in the classroom, earning the Scholar Athlete Award for the eighth year in a row with a team average of 92.50. Great season, Warriors -- you should all be proud of your efforts both on and off the course.

## All varsity teams Scholar-Athletes

Our athletes worked hard this season, both on the field and in the classroom. This fall, EVERY varsity squad was named a Scholar-Athlete team by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. To qualify as a Scholar-Athlete team, the roster must have a composite grade point average of 90 or above.

Congratulations varsity Scholar-Athletes!

## Undefeated season for girls modified soccer

Our girls modified team had a fantastic 11-0 season, and only had two goals scored against them all year. Coached by Mr. Kucharski, ("Coach K") the 27-member team is pictured below. We're looking forward to seeing some great soccer from these girls over the next few years.



## Girls swim wins division; Paige Lettera breaks 2 records

The 2014 girls swim and dive team continued their winning ways, finishing the regular season with an 8-1 record. They repeated for the 13th time as East Division champs!

Paige Lettera and Katie Schultz tied for the 500-meter freestyle in Section IV, Class B, and Paige won the division's 200-meter freestyle. Both qualified for the state meet in Ithaca on Nov. 21-22. Along the way, Katie broke a CV school record for the 500-meter freestyle, then later in the season, Paige broke that record for the 500-meter freestyle, along with the 200-meter freestyle record. Congratulations to Katie, Paige and the entire girls swim and dive team.



Katie Schultz



Paige Lettera

## Cheerleaders take close 2nd in STAC championships



Congratulations to our varsity cheerleading squad, which took second place in the STAC Cheerleading competition in October at the Broome County Arena.

It was an incredibly close competition, with CV missing first place by just two-tenths of one point.

You're #1 in our books, girls. Great job!

## Elementary - Port Dickinson



Jim Pritchard, principal,  
Port Dickinson Elem.

We have a new addition to our playground here at Port Dickinson. Thanks to a student suggestion and a generous donation from the PTA, a "Buddy Bench" was recently installed. The concept behind the Buddy Bench is to provide a place for students to sit if they need a friend to play with or talk to during playground or recess time. The student sits on the bench and wait for another student to come along and ask them to play. Students seem to be embracing the idea.

A team of teachers at Port Dickinson has been working with Sean Brady, of Prism Decision Systems, who is helping the district and the individual school buildings to identify goals and approaches to help improve student learning. At Port Dickinson, we came up with three goals to help improve learning:

1. Optimize the schedule to increase opportunities for collaborative planning - as well as to improve implementation of Academic Intervention Services (AIS) / Response To Intervention (RTI).
2. Optimize the processes of Academic Intervention Services and Response to Intervention.
3. Implement strategies - including parent involvement - to address the social, emotional and academic needs of our economically disadvantaged students.

We are very excited to be working with Mr. Brady on these goals and making our school a better place to learn. We are also developing a committee in our building to look at the transition of moving third grade to Chenango Bridge and sixth grade to the Middle School.

Finally, we would like to thank Fire Chief Michael Scott and the Village of Port Dickinson for coming to Port Dickinson and speaking to us about Fire Prevention Week. The Village of Port Dickinson purchased fire prevention kits for our students and the children learned a great deal of what they need to do in the event of a fire.

- Jim Pritchard, Port Dickinson principal

## 'Brain Breaks' help students regain focus

Students in Mrs. Wiggins' third-grade class "shake their sillies out" by taking regular Brain Breaks throughout the day. A short video shown on the SMARTBoard gets students out of their seats and performing an activity such as yoga, Zumba, or counting by five's to a peppy song. The Brain Break helps release excess energy and re-focus on their classwork.

Looks like fun!



## Learning with Legos & Kopernik

Our third grades recently had the opportunity to work with Tish Bresee from the Kopernick Observatory & Science Center, who brought a hands-on engineering experience project to our school.

The project, called "Dancing Birds," utilized Lego materials and WeDo programming software that introduced motors and gears to our third students. The children had fun exploring this new technology. The program was made possible through a grant from the George A. and Margaret Mee Foundation.

Pictured at right are Ashley Atkinson, Lucas Davila and Ayden Kaminski from Mrs. Liburdi's class.





# Halloween Scenes



## Elementary - Chenango Bridge



Mary Beth Hammond,  
Principal

The first ten weeks of school has gone by very quickly. We have had an exceptional start to this school year, full of inspiration. The faculty/staff at Chenango Bridge Elementary continues to work each day to provide a positive but rigorous educational experience. Each of us - faculty, staff, students, and families - play an integral role in our students' successes. Let's keep up the great work together.

Parent/teacher conferences are taking place on Friday, November 21 and Friday, December 5. If you are not yet scheduled, please contact your child's teacher to set up a time for your conference. With the continuously increasing rigor of the Common Core Learning Standards, the Math Modules, our new Core Reading Series, our work in aligning social studies to the K-12 framework, and our ongoing work to align science to the New Generation Science Standards, it is more important than ever that parents and teachers work together.

We have a talented team of faculty and staff who worked with Mr. Sean Brady to develop and define our building performance targets. In addition to our academic work, we spent time on our safety drills (fire drills, bus drills, and emergency evacuation), are continuing our anti-bullying expectations taught through Olweus, and encouraging daily reading at home with a "reading partner" through our district's "Reading Promise" program.

Very shortly, we will be in the midst of the holiday season. If your family is in need of assistance, we can help connect you with programs to help during this time. Please look for further information in newsletters and memos sent home.

There are important upcoming events during December, so please make note of them:

- Friday, December 5 Parent/Teacher conferences (p.m.)
- Tuesday, December 9 Capital Project Vote (12 - 9 p.m., HS Auditorium)
- Thursday, December 11 Holiday Concert 7 p.m., HS Auditorium
- Wednesday, December 24 – Friday, January 2 Winter Break

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 our students' lives. Thank you for all of your support.

- Mary Beth Hammond, Chenango Bridge principal

## Students compete in NFL Punt, Pass & Kick

Chenango Bridge Elementary School participated in the NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick competition for the seventh consecutive year. A total of 41 students competed during physical education class, with the winners qualifying to compete at the sectional level in Rotterdam, NY.



### Punt, Pass & Kick place winners:

#### Girls 10-11 age group

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Kerri Hayes with a total of 160'9"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Ainsley Staub with a total of 109' 1"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Bridget Turner with a total of 102' 2"

#### Boys 10-11 age group

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Eric Jewson with a total of 210' 10"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - William Clark with a total of 204' 9"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Tyler Hayes with a total of 190'10"

#### Girls 12-13 age group (only 2 participants)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Ellen Buckley with a total of 111'4"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Alexa Escobar with a total of 82' 9"

#### Boys 12-13 age group (only 2 participants)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Marcus Hanyon with a total of 170'1"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Darien Henry with a total of 162'5"

## Elementary - Chenango Bridge

### Students celebrate B-Mets championship

Students on the grey team (Mrs. Fitzgerald's and Mrs. Peterson's classes), cheered on our local B-Mets team on Friday, September 12 and participated in fun activity stations that incorporated math and ELA skills with a baseball theme.

The day the B-Mets played in the championship game, the students wore blue and orange clothing and celebrated with a party of blue and orange treats. They were all excited about the game that evening. After the B-Mets clinched the championship, team representative and CV graduate Connor Gates surprised the students the following week by bringing in the trophy for the kids to see. The kids were thrilled to get a first-hand view of this very special trophy that our own B-Mets worked so hard to win this year!



### Spirit Week fun at CB

October 20-24 was Spirit Week at Chenango Bridge. Students and staff celebrating by dressing up according to each day's theme. To kick off the first day of Spirit Week, many were seen sporting jerseys of their favorite sports teams. Tuesday marked Twin Day, meaning students - and teachers -- found a pal and dressed alike.

On Wednesday, CB'ers wore pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Thursday was class color day -- each grade was designated a color to wear, and the grade with the best participation won bragging rights. This year, the sixth grade was the winner, with the most students donning the grade color orange.

Spirit Week came to a close on Friday with everyone celebrating CV Spirit Day and showing their CV pride by wearing red, gray, white or any CV clothing.

It was a fun week for all, and a great way to build Warrior Pride.

### Chenango Bridge students "Rock On!"

Six students from Chenango Bridge Elementary represented our school district by participating in the "Rock On Café" segments for Newschannel 34. Students were given a scripted lunch menu and read it on camera using their individual style and personality. The students participating were:

Grade 4 - Icey Jones, Mr. Gulbin's class

Grade 4 - Tyler Norton, Mrs. Vesci's class

Grade 5 - Anna Peret, Mrs. Ryder's class

Grade 5 - Eric Attleson, Mrs. Zanol's class

Grade 6 - Jordyn Gill, Mr. Andreatta's class

Grade 6- Ethan Morgan, Mrs. Fitzgerald's class

The segments can be viewed at [www.newschannel34.com](http://www.newschannel34.com) under the "Rock On Café" heading. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

### 'Doughnut' forget to read!

"Doughnut forget to read" was the motto that helped raise more than \$1,000 in a recent Reading Promise program fundraiser at Chenango Bridge Elementary.

A Krispy Kreme doughnut sale was held and the proceeds will go towards prizes and other incentives that help make the Reading Promise a continued success.

# Middle School



Eric E. Attleson, principal  
CV Middle School

We have had a fantastic start to the school year, and parents should be very proud of their son/daughter and the efforts they are putting forth this school year. Keep up the good work, students!

By this point in the school year, students should have developed good school routines. It is very important that students get into a routine of going to bed and getting up at the same time each day. All school materials should be ready the night before, so it will not be hectic in the morning. Please encourage your son or daughter to use the agenda they received at the start of the school year. Teachers will always post homework and the daily activity on one of the whiteboards in their classroom. Students should be writing down assignments and project due dates. Please check your child's agenda periodically and remind them to get into the habit of using this important school resource. Students may also call into the homework hotline:

(Grey Team – 762-6870, White Team – 762-6871 and Red Team - 762-6872) if they are not sure of the evening's homework assignment. Also, students' lockers are starting to look a bit messy and disorganized. We will have locker clean-outs during study hall or 10<sup>th</sup> period over the next few weeks. Please remind your son or daughter to clean out their locker and get re-organized.

Please be sure to sign up for CV Alerts on the district website, under the 'Public Login' section on the top right-hand side of the homepage. This is a service that provides an email and/or text message with reminders of school events or closings. We also encourage you to sign up for the Parent Portal through the guidance office. This gives parents/guardians access to their son/daughter's grades. If you need assistance in signing up for the service or are having difficulties, please contact Mrs. Samson in the Middle School guidance office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school if you have any questions or concerns. Your support throughout the year is crucial to your child's success. Upcoming events in the Middle School:

- Monday, December 8 – MS Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., MS/HS Auditorium
- Thursday, December 12 – End of 5-week marking period
- Wednesday, December 17 – 5-week reports sent home
- Wednesday, December 17 – BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MS Library
- Tuesday, December 23 – MS Wellness Day
- Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, January 2 – Winter Break - No School.

- Eric E. Attleson, Middle School Principal

## Family recipe contest gets students cooking

Students in seventh and eighth-grade family and consumer sciences (FACS) classes recently competed in a family meal recipe contest offered by Price Chopper's "Tools for Schools" program. The contest gives schools an opportunity to win points towards free equipment for the school, and schools earn points simply by participating in the program.

The contest required recipe entries to include at least two Price Chopper store brand products. Many students brought in family recipes to be submitted, and since the school could only choose one, a vote was held. Students then prepared the selected recipe, oriental chicken salad, in class. This gave students a chance to practice their cooking skills and taste the recipe.

The top five recipes submitted will be voted on by the public, and Price Chopper chefs will select the grand prize-winning entry.



Henry Stroka and Logan Fetterman work together to prepare the salad.



Madison Aswad, left, and Jenna Castellucci, right, have fun mixing their salad.

# Middle School

## Middle School Student of the Month October 2014

### Red Team

Michael Schultz  
Emma Trumino

### Grey Team

Sara Bozuhoski  
Ashley Rogers

### White Team

Brittany Kropp  
Madison Perrault



photo by Eric E. Attleson

Front Row – Emma Trumino, Sara Bozuhoski, Michael Schultz  
Back Row – Ashley Rogers, Madison Perrault, Brittany Kropp

**Our Students  
of the Month  
“CARE”  
about CV**

**C - Citizenship  
A - Attitude  
R - Responsibility  
E - Enthusiasm**

## Middle School Juggling Club

Not many schools are able to have their own Juggling Club, but CVMS is lucky to have one, thanks to our foreign language teacher Mr. Stafford.

Mr. Stafford, known as “Juggler Extraordinaire,” is an accomplished professional juggler who performs at festivals and community events. On Mondays after school, he helps members of the Juggling Club work on their skills.



Ty Abell, grade 9, practicing his juggling skills.



Mr. Stafford gives some tips to eighth-grader Kendyll McMahon.

## A ‘slugfest’ in science class

Sure, there’s the “ick” factor, but eighth-graders in Mrs. Bigelow’s science class didn’t seem to mind as they enthusiastically participated in a project using slugs (yes, slugs) as the main event. Each student brought in a slug and conducted experiments to prove or disprove their hypothesis about the creature’s eating habits, using grass and another food source. Some food sources the students tested were tomatoes, apples, strawberries, spinach and lettuce. Apparently, slugs can be picky eaters.



Mrs. Bigelow demonstrates part of the experiment to Kendyll McMahon.



J-Lah Jackson takes a close look at the slug in her experiment.

# High School



Terry Heller, principal  
CV Senior High School

The fall season seems to have flown by. Here we are in November already, and soon we will be thinking about the holidays. Before long it will be 2015!

Students have been contributing to the Holiday Food Drive since early November. Classes compete to bring in the most food and win an award. The true winner is the CV Food Bank, which gets filled for us by our school community. Our students have great school spirit and care about their community!

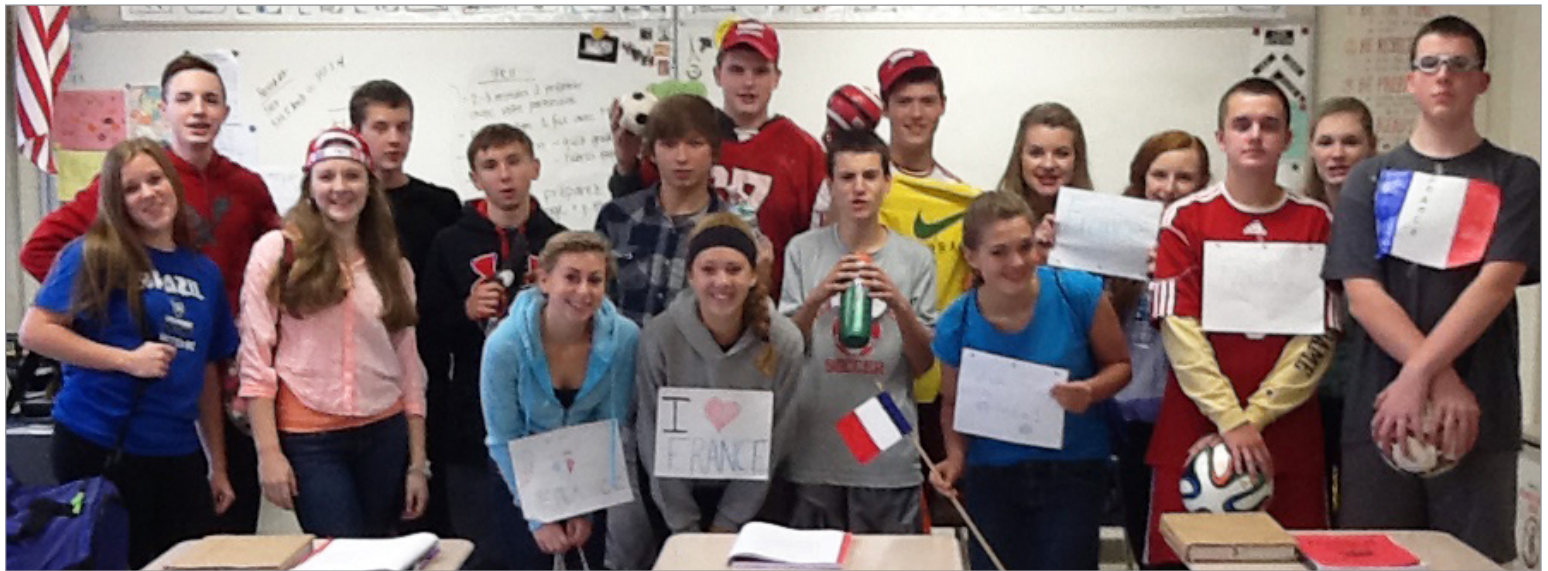
Mid-term and Regents exams will be held the last two weeks in January. Your son's/daughter's teachers will let them know when their exams will take place. During the Regents exam period in January, the High School will follow a normal bell schedule. Students taking Regents exams will be pulled out and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

- Terry Heller, HS executive principal

## Sports skits build French dialogue skills

Madame Henyan's French II classes recently did a unit on sports vocabulary and learned how to express ideas in the past tense. As part of the unit, students acted out skits where they had a dialogue about the highlights of a France vs. Brazil soccer game. These skits are assessed on the student's correct usage of language as well as their enthusiasm and ability bring the skit to life with body language and props! Bravo!



## Students learn budgeting through national competition

Students in Mrs. Terwilliger's Gourmet Foods class are participating in the H & R Block Budget Challenge, an online competition that will award \$3 million in classroom grants and student scholarships.

Participants encounter real-world personal budgeting situations, problem-solving and decision-making through an online simulation and accompanying lessons. At right, Marcus Hines, Gabrielle Stevenson and Jenna Simons use their iPads to manage their personal accounts, pay bills and answer quiz questions.



# High School

## Students participate in YES! LEADS peer leadership program



Approximately 40 CVHS students learned role modeling, leadership skills and public speaking techniques at the YES! Ignites event designed to help young people become positive peer leaders against substance abuse. The event was part of the YES! LEADS peer leadership program and YES! Safe Choices for Kids, a partnership between Senator Thomas Libous and Lourdes Hospital. Over 500 students from 14 area schools attended the event, held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Binghamton.

The YES! LEADS program helps middle and high school students gain the necessary skills to organize school and community events and create talking points as they position themselves as substance-free role models.

## SADD sponsors Traffic Safety Week events

Chenango Valley's SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) chapter recognized National Traffic Safety Week Oct. 20 - 24 with events throughout the the week to encourage students and staff to be safe while driving.

To kick things off, on Monday of that week SADD posted a message on the electronic sign at the entrance to the MS/HS: "Don't Test Fate, the Text Can Wait."

On Tuesday, homeroom teachers showed a brief video about texting and driving, and on Wednesday, the teachers had students take a quiz about driving safety. Students scoring 100 were entered into a drawing for a prize.

During Thursday's lunch periods, students were encouraged to sign a traffic safety poster, and on Friday, traffic safety messages were displayed by the student parking lot.



## Battle of the Belts - Teen Driver Safety Day



On October 16, the Broome County Health Department provided the opportunity for students in area districts to receive a very important message: the importance of safe driving. Chenango Valley had 132 students in grades 9-12 attend the event, which was held at the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena. Students participated in a seatbelt relay race and had fun designing their team t-shirts. They also heard some sobering stories, as the keynote speaker shared stories of distracted driving and some of its potential consequences. Other topics included the importance of staying drug and alcohol free, being properly rested, limiting distractions such as extra passengers, and using cell phones while driving.

Special thanks go out to Mr. Stanton and Mrs. Ginalski for organizing the event, and to Mr. Coleman, Miss Brant, Mrs. Schaffer, and Miss Edwards for chaperoning. The students of Chenango Valley are to be commended for their attentiveness and overall conduct at this event. They were outstanding!



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