

# Newscaster

DECEMBER 2019



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WARRIOR COMMUNITY!  
#CWWarriorPride**



## **Important Winter Weather Closing/Delay/Early Dismissal Information**

As the winter weather season has begun in our area, please take a moment to review Chenango Valley Central School District's closing, delay and early dismissal procedures to help ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff. Careful regard for safety is made when considering snow, ice and other weather-related delays or closings. Contact is made with local town highway departments, input from the National Weather Service is considered, and discussions are held with our transportation department and other area school districts.

The district will notify parents/guardians about these occurrences through the following channels:

- Notifications for delays, closings and early dismissals are shared with local media, and sent via our emergency alert system (which includes an email/text message notification) and automated calling system (these voice messages are sent to the phone numbers of students' primary contacts). \*Please make sure that you are signed up for our emergency alerts and that your information is updated. Visit [www.cvcسد.stier.org/PortalLogin.aspx](http://www.cvcسد.stier.org/PortalLogin.aspx) for more details.\*
- Notifications are also posted on our website ([www.cvcسد.stier.org](http://www.cvcسد.stier.org)), and shared on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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(...winter weather closings, delays and early dismissals information continued)

- A **school closing** means that schools are closed for that calendar day. When school is closed due to inclement weather, there will not be extracurricular activities. This includes all meetings, practices and contests.
- With a **one or two-hour delay schedule**, your child's school day will begin one or two hours after the regular start time. Dismissal times will remain the same. If there is a one-hour delay in the morning, A.M. pre-K classes will begin one hour later than their normal start time. Dismissal will be at the normal A.M. time. If there is a two-hour delay in the morning, the A.M. pre-K classes are canceled. P.M. pre-K classes attend on the normal P.M. schedule for one and two-hour delays.
- In the event that a **three-hour delay schedule** is utilized, your child's school day will start three hours after the usual start time with dismissal times staying the same. A three-hour delay schedule would be utilized only if weather conditions forecasted indicated a significant improvement that would allow road crews the time needed to make our roadways safe for travel. In addition, a three-hour delay may assist us in preventing changes to planned vacation days already on our school calendar.
- If there is an **early dismissal** due to potentially dangerous weather conditions, all extracurricular activities and late buses will be canceled. Please make sure that you have a plan in place for situations where your child may be released early.

***As always, the safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority. We greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and understanding.***

## CV 'Humanities Night' Provides Fun and Educational Activities

Chenango Valley's "Humanities Night" provided elementary students and their families the opportunity to take part in fun activities focused on literacy, social studies, art and music. Stations were designed to give students an exciting environment to expand their knowledge in these areas. Thank you to all who helped to make this event possible!



## CV High School Teacher Receives 'Teachers Are Heroes' Recognition

Congratulations to Chenango Valley High School social studies teacher Mr. William Clark! Mr. Clark was selected as the October 2019 Equinox Broadcasting and EBI Career College "Teachers Are Heroes" recipient. On November 14, while teaching class, Mr. Clark was surprised by "Teachers Are Heroes" representatives and CV administrators. Mr. Clark received a prize pack from the "Teachers Are Heroes" representatives, as a gesture to thank him for his exceptional services in the field of education. Each month, "Teachers Are Heroes" nominations can be made by students, parents and co-workers. According to the Equinox Broadcasting website, "Winners are selected based on compelling submissions from nominators on the effective and creative ways teachers work with students." Mr. Clark was nominated by one of our School Resource Officers, Deputy Robert Stapleton.



# District News

## Message from the Superintendent

Dear CV Community,

Happy holiday season! As we prepare to enter a new decade, this is a great opportunity to spend time reflecting on the one coming to a close and creating goals for the future. On a similar note, as we reflect on our district's celebrations, accomplishments and concerns, we continue to work towards aspirations to help Chenango Valley keep improving and shining.

One major area of improvements is our capital project work. The Outdoor Learning Center on our Chenango Valley Middle School/ High School campus is going to be a place for vast educational opportunities. The top-notch Warrior Conference Rooms located next to our middle school/high school library will house many district events. Following our Winter Recess, we are excited to have our students, faculty and staff back in the beautifully-renovated 770 Chenango Street Port Dickinson Elementary building. As our Port Dickinson Elementary students and staff leave the 741 River Road Chenango Bridge Elementary building, construction will take over the facility. We can't wait to have our Chenango Bridge Elementary students and staff in their newly-renovated building as the 2020-2021 school year begins! Check out pages 4-5 for more capital project updates.

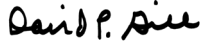
As you will see through the many events and accomplishments highlighted throughout this *Newscaster*, we have so much to be proud of in our district. Whether an academic, athletic, or extracurricular achievement, it is the support of our school community that helps our students to excel. Thank you to our faculty, staff, administrators, board members, families, local organizations and businesses, and community members for providing a strong foundation for our Warriors to grow.

This brings up a great opportunity to note that October 21-25 was "School Board Recognition Week." I just want to take a moment to thank our board members for their continuous advocacy and dedication to support our district. We appreciate all that you do!

While our district does face challenges, as is the case with any district or organization, I am proud to know we have a community that cares so much about our students and schools. I encourage all of our Warriors (this includes all who work and live in our Chenango Valley community) to continue working together to promote Warrior Pride and positivity.

As always, please reach out to myself, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Feyerabend, or your building principal if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to provide support and help **Every Warrior to Succeed!**

Wishing you all the best,



Dr. David P. Gill  
Superintendent of Schools



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Superintendent

## Board of Education President's Message

Our October 23 Board of Education meeting was held at St. Francis. It was another great opportunity for the Board to see all the great things happening there. We are so very grateful for the staff members that have made the building welcoming and a great place to learn. The Port Dickinson students will be heading back to their building after the holidays and work will begin in Chenango Bridge. When we start the 2020-2021 school year, we will have our elementary students all back where they belong - in brand new spaces designed for optimal educational experiences.

We, as school board members, have been busy with committee work this school year, as well. On September 30, a Budget, Audit & Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting was held. It was decided the following areas would be included in our internal audit for the 2019-2020 school year: Cash Receipts & Revenue, Purchasing, Extraclassroom Activity Funds, Strategic Planning and Vehicle Insurance Coverage. This type of audit is independent and objective, and concentrates on processes to mitigate risk more than strictly financials. It strengthens our internal controls and governance and helps us to accomplish our goals. Our annual financial audit will, of course, be conducted as always.

An Educational Excellence Committee meeting was held on October 16. We reviewed the extensive summer professional development that took place. We looked at multiple sources of data and how this information will help our educators inform their instruction. Examples of this data includes 3-8 NYS testing, Regents results, and Fountas & Pinnell. Attendance plans were discussed and it was highlighted how grateful the district is that the taxpayers supported a budget that allows for a social worker and guidance counselor in every building ensuring our student success teams are strong and complex. We also discussed the ongoing professional development in the area of behavior management.

Our Policy Committee meets before every board meeting. Many policies are reviewed every month. There has been a focus this year on looking at restorative practices and ensuring that our policies, and in particular our Code of Conduct, reflect our schools' desire to restore and build relationships to improve behavior and enhance our students' learning environment. Making and reviewing policies is a major function of a board of education and be assured we take this role seriously.

On behalf of the Chenango Valley Board of Education, I wish you a joyous holiday season. May there be time for reflection, family and peace.

Thank you for the ongoing support of our district. When we work together, the kids win.

Respectfully,  
Kelly Warwick  
President, Chenango Valley Board of Education



Kelly Warwick, President  
Board of Education



## Capital Project Updates

### Port Dickinson Elementary (770 Chenango Street) School Building Renovations

We are approaching the end of the renovation work at our 770 Chenango Street Port Dickinson Elementary school building. The building is coming together nicely. Once in the building, you will notice the classrooms and most other spaces are like-new. The floors, cabinetry, doors and lights are among updated items. In addition, the new windows, which reflect the design of the original building 100 years ago, will add another exquisite touch to the building.

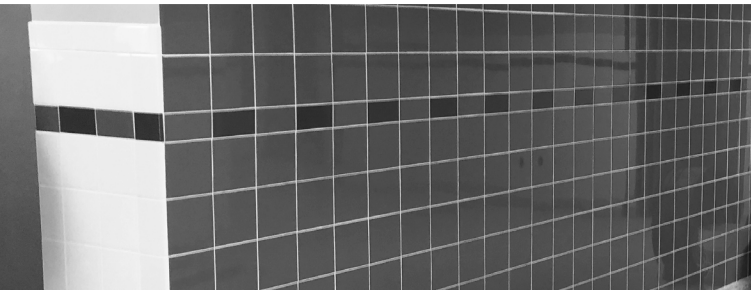
A few areas of major reconstruction include additional instructional space for students. The color scheme continues what began with the cafeteria and kitchen renovation a few years ago to truly express Chenango Valley Warrior Pride through our school colors. New furniture will also further enhance the educational spaces. Port Dickinson students, faculty and staff will be enjoying the updated facility at the start of the new year, immediately following our Winter Recess. We are excited to have everyone moving back into such a beautiful building!



### Port Dickinson Elementary Transportation Updates

The following information applies to Port Dickinson Elementary students (pre-K - grade 2) in respect to their return to the 770 Chenango Street Port Dickinson Elementary building (beginning January 6, 2020).

- Morning pick-up times will not change for Port Dickinson Elementary students.
- We estimate that the afternoon buses will have an approximate drop-off time change of five (5) - ten (10) minutes. This could be earlier or later, depending on if your child rides an outlying area bus or an in-town bus.
- Post cards will be sent to all Port Dickinson families with updated information in mid-December.
- Thank you for your understanding as we transition back to 770 Chenango Street. As always, safety is a top priority in transporting our students. If you have any questions, please call the transportation department at 762-6850.



## REMINDER: Important Upcoming Port Dickinson Elementary Relocation Dates/Information

### PORT DICKINSON ELEMENTARY CLASSES TOUR RENOVATED PDE BUILDING | DECEMBER 16 AND 17

During school hours, Port Dickinson Elementary students and teachers will take turns touring the newly-renovated Port Dickinson Elementary building at 770 Chenango Street. This will be a chance for students to get to know the building and their new classrooms better before they officially return on Monday, January 6.

### EVENING "OPEN HOUSE" TOUR OF RENOVATED PDE BUILDING | DECEMBER 17 | 5 - 7 PM | PDE SCHOOL BUILDING (770 CHENANGO ST.)

Port Dickinson Elementary students and their families are invited to stop by any time between 5 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, to tour and get acquainted with our newly-renovated 770 Chenango Street Port Dickinson Elementary building!

### HALF-DAY FOR PORT DICKINSON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (PRE-K - 2) | DECEMBER 20 | DISMISSAL: 11:30 AM

Port Dickinson Elementary students (pre-K - grade 2) will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 20. Breakfast and lunch will be served. There will be no P.M. pre-K classes. This day will help teachers in their final preparations for our return to the 770 Chenango Street Port Dickinson building.

### PDE RETURNS TO NEWLY-RENOVATED 770 CHENANGO STREET SCHOOL BUILDING | JANUARY 6

We are excited to have our students, faculty and staff back in the updated Port Dickinson building immediately following our Winter Recess!



## Capital Project Updates (Cont'd)

### Chenango Bridge Elementary (741 River Road) School Building Renovations

As our Port Dickinson Elementary students and staff return to their newly-renovated building, construction on the Chenango Bridge Elementary (741 River Road) building will immediately take over. This project will include classroom and building upgrades including cabinetry replacement, nurse's office renovations, and library renovations.

Please note that while renovations are taking place, the entire Chenango Bridge Elementary 741 River Road campus will be off limits, as a means of safety. This means that our Chenango Bridge playground and softball field will also be closed to the public during this time. We appreciate your understanding as crews work hard to provide exceptional updates to this facility.



### Outdoor Learning Center

The construction of our new Outdoor Learning Center on the Chenango Valley Middle School/High School campus will allow for a variety of educational prospects for all of our students. The facility is located next to the pond and softball field.

Stay tuned for more updates as students, faculty and staff begin to embrace the learning opportunities this wonderful facility has to offer!

### Warrior Conference Rooms

Our newly-renovated Warrior Conference Rooms (A, B and C) will provide an excellent space for many of our upcoming district events. The rooms are located next to the Chenango Valley Middle School/High School library.

These spaces will house opportunities including professional development workshops, community engagement events and student/staff meetings.



### 'Family Career Night' Provides Resources for Future Opportunities

Chenango Valley students, families and community members had the chance to explore career opportunities during the "Your Future Pathway to Success: Family Career Night" event held on October 30 in the Chenango Valley High School gymnasium. The event was presented by the Greater Binghamton Education Outreach Program, an affiliate organization of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce. Its goal was to explore the vast employment opportunities available in our area, with more than 20 employer and organization tables on hand for students and their families to connect with. These career night events are held throughout the area as part of a Broome Talent Taskforce initiative. They are held in partnership with the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, The Agency and Broome-Tioga Workforce - with support from the Klee Foundation.



# District News



## Thank You, CVE PTA!

Thank you to the Chenango Valley Elementary PTA for donating over 75 pieces of additional playground items such as footballs, soccer balls and jump ropes to our elementary students.

We are thankful for the kindness!

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## School Board Recognition Week

Thank you to our Chenango Valley Board of Education for the dedicated services and hard work you each provide to our school community! At the October 23 BOE meeting, board members were recognized as part of "School Board Recognition Week." We truly appreciate all that you do! (Not Pictured: Shaun Boorum, Casey Egan Doyle and Joel Luchun)

## Welcome, Johanna Hickey!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Johanna Hickey to CV! Mrs. Hickey is our new Director of Pupil Services and is joining us from Union-Endicott. She has been an administrator for the past nine years and has held the positions of principal, associate principal, and assistant principal. Prior to that, she taught at U-E. We are excited to have Mrs. Hickey joining our CV school community!



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## CV Holds Informative Community Presentations

Thank you to our CV parents/guardians and community members who have participated in recent district presentations such as "Promoting Positive Behaviors" and "Strategies to Support Your Anxious Child at Home." We look forward to sharing more of these important and informative presentations in the future!

## CV Highlights School-Community Connections

On October 22, representatives from CV attended a Broome County Promise Zone celebration that recognized districts from around the region working in collaboration with their school community. CV's recognitions focused primarily on a highlight of our Warrior Fund, family/community engagement events and the implementation of the "Positivity Project" ("P2") program. The district also received a \$6,000 grant to further its Community School efforts. We would like to sincerely thank our community for its support, as we continue making great strides to keep growing in our work as a Community School. *More information to come!*



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## Student Officer Luncheons Provide Productive Conversations

CV Superintendent Dr. David Gill and Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Michelle Feyerabend recently took part in luncheons with CBE, MS and HS class officers as a way to engage in conversation and hear from students about their thoughts on district successes and ways to continue moving forward. Thank you to our student leaders for taking part in this insightful discussion!



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# District News

## Chenango Valley Welcomes New Friends from France

"Bienvenue à nos amis de Castres, France!" As part of a CV High School exchange program that has been in existence for nearly 27 years, Chenango Valley welcomed 25 students and two teachers from Le Lycée Borde Basse in Castres, France. During their approximately two-week visit, the group stayed with host families, interacted with CV students and staff, and learned more about our community and country. Chenango Valley is so thankful for the wonderful memories and Warrior Pride they provided during their visit! Some of our Chenango Valley students are also looking forward to visiting France in the spring!

*"I think that the exchange program is a great opportunity for CV students to improve their French and learn a lot about the French culture - including the kinds of things that they like to do, and how it compares to American culture."*

-Caleb Schwarz

*"It opens your mind up to different things. You form a lot of family, basically, a lot of new friendships."*

-McKenna Beers

*"I've built family. I talk to mine every single day... They live with you, so they know almost everything about you."*

-Elizabeth Morgan



## CV Student Wins Equestrian World Title

Congratulations to CV High School senior Audra Lee who recently won a world title in her division at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show in Oklahoma City. Audra said she has won about 20 world and grand national equestrian titles since she began riding competitively at age 8. Audra also hopes to make the World Cup Team that will show in South Africa next June. Audra said in addition to having fun and building connections with her horses, riding helps her to build discipline that translates to other areas. "I'm there every weekend, and so it teaches me to manage my time and shows me that hard work does pay off. It's very evident in horses, so it helps with school work and in life."



## CV Student Wins Powerlifting World Title

Congratulations to CV High School junior Ethan Clark who recently placed first in his division for the WNPF National Championships and World Championships. Inspired by his father, CV teacher and world champion powerlifter Bill Clark, Ethan officially began powerlifting himself in May 2018. Through the sport of powerlifting, Ethan said he has not only built strength, but also confidence, friendships and willpower.

"Sometimes, I have days where I think, 'Oh, I don't want to go lift, I just want to take a break.' But then still getting up and lifting, knowing that you didn't want to do it and you did it anyways, you look back at your equipment and think, 'That's what I did.' It builds discipline."

Ethan said he hopes to continue growing stronger in the sport through high school and college.



# District News

## CV Alumni Receive Recognition and Inspire Future Graduates

On October 25, former graduates of Chenango Valley High School returned to their roots and provided inspiration to current Chenango Valley Central School District students. CV was proud to welcome this year's Chenango Valley Alumni Hall of Fame honorees, also including a distinguished community member, for a day and night of recognition for their noteworthy accomplishments.

The honorees visited each Chenango Valley school building with the help of a high school student as their tour guide. Honorees were warmly welcomed by our Warriors at Port Dickinson Elementary, answered some thoughtful questions at Chenango Bridge Elementary and CV Middle School, and spoke in the classrooms of CV High School students. They also enjoyed a luncheon that included former honorees of the CV Alumni Hall of Fame.

After a day filled with activities, the 2019 honorees were recognized at an evening reception hosted by the Chenango Valley Alumni Association. The event was held at the Holiday Inn Binghamton Downtown. There, the guests of honor were surrounded by community members, district staff, past honorees, family and friends. The students who guided the honorees throughout the day introduced them before their speeches at the recognition event. A special thank you also goes to Mr. Joshua Vanderslice and the CV Select Choir for singing exceptional musical pieces for our guests. Proceeds from the CV Alumni Association evening event will help to aid both CV's Warrior Fund (to assist families in need) and future scholarship opportunities for CV students.

### 2019 Alumni Honorees of Distinction

**Greg & Gary Butch, Class of 1970 & 1974** - Owners of Elizabeth on 37th in Savannah, GA & Candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize

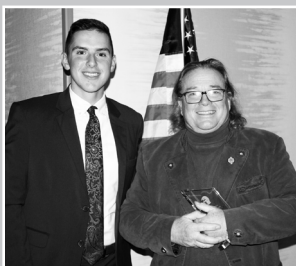
**Maureen Pratt Roberts, Class of 1983** - Current Court Analyst for the Unified Court System and Trustee at Fenton Free Library, Former Town of Fenton Court Clerk and CV Board of Education Member

**Adam Cornell, Class of 1995** - Writer, Illustrator, Editor & Publisher

**Jessica Knowles Farrell, PharmD, Class of 2001** - Associate Professor at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

### Distinguished Community Member

**Robert Stapleton** - Deputy Sheriff, School Resource Officer at Chenango Valley and Other Local Districts



Gary Butch and Guide Senior Dominick Lomonaco (Absent: Honoree Greg Butch)



Maureen Pratt Roberts and Guide Junior Kendra Potenziano



Adam Cornell and Guide Junior Faith Riegal



Jessica Knowles Farrell and Guide Senior Caleb Schwarz



Robert Stapleton and Guide Senior Elizabeth Morgan

### **How to nominate a future alumni/community member honoree:**

1. Visit [www.cvcasd.stier.org/alumnihome.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/alumnihome.aspx)
2. Click on "Submit a nomination"

3. Fill out nomination form (please be sure to fill out the simple math equation at the bottom of the form. This ensures you are not a robot.)

**You can also contact [CValumniAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:CValumniAssoc@gmail.com) for more information on the CV Alumni Association.**

*The Chenango Valley S.A.D.D. Chapter would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to support the CVHS Post Prom Party a success!*



## Halloween Event Creates 'Spooktacular' Memories

The CV High School Business Club and CVSSA Union put on a "Spooktacular" Halloween costume festivity and trunk-or-treat event on October 28. With a variety of activities ran by CVHS Business Club students, and many creative costumes, this event was a fun time for all!



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# Arts and Music

## CV Students Perform in Junior Area All-State

Three Chenango Valley student musicians represented the district at Junior Area All-State on November 1 and 2.

Students in grades 7-9 can qualify for Junior Area All-State through a NYSSMA solo. Approximately 370 students out of more than 800 applicants were selected to perform at this event. Lauren Hart performed on the clarinet, Haley Smith performed on the bass clarinet, and Olivia Santa Croce was an alto in the treble chorus. These students had the opportunity to present music with students from the counties of Cayuga, Onondaga, Tompkins, Cortland, Tioga and Broome. Congratulations to our Chenango Valley students on their hard work to achieve this accomplishment!



## Students Recognized for Roles in WSKG Podcast Series

Congratulations to CV students Ajay Datta, Haley Smith, and Madelyn Durham who were recognized at the October BOE meeting for their roles in WSKG's "Hear Here!", a music appreciation podcast series for kids. Haley was the co-host for the entire series (alongside WSKG's Bill Snyder), and Ajay and Madelyn contributed their voices in an episode titled "Birdsong: The Story and Music of Hikari Oe." WSKG ended up winning two awards for this project: "Best Podcast 2019" from the New York State Broadcasters Association and "First Place Radio II Category 2019" from the NYS Associated Press Association. Awesome job!

## CV Students Perform with Tri-Cities Opera

Chenango Valley was well represented during a recent Tri-Cities Opera performance. Annemarie Aimoniotis, Carter Ash, Corrina Rouff, Sarah Gonz and Brett Salzman performed in the Tri-Cities Opera's production of "Tosca" in October.



*Chenango Valley Theatre Guild Presents:*

# Hello, Dolly!

**February 21-23, 2020**

Mark your calendar and let us transport you to New York City in the late 1800's for this musical filled with matchmaking, charisma and heart!

Tickets go on sale January 6, 2020

Watch the school website for the ticket order form and more information about the show.



*Awesome job to our Middle School Theatre Guild for its hard work to put on a wonderful production of "The Music Man JR"!*





## Scholar-Athlete Teams

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

***Congratulations to all of our fall 2019 athletic teams on being scholar-athlete teams!  
For this achievement, the team's average GPA for 75 percent of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.***

## Fall 2019 Athletic All-Stars

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| <b>Football</b><br>Anthony Forbiddussi<br>Riley Botting<br>Patrick McCabe<br>Darien Henry<br>Ryan Atkinson | <b>Football (Cont'd)</b><br>Samuel Bozuhoski<br>Rory Thompson<br><b>Honorable Mention</b><br>Shane Ladd<br>Zachary Wood | <b>Boys Soccer</b><br>Aidan Marroquin<br>William Clark<br>Brian Chong<br>Zachary Crooks | <b>Girls Soccer</b><br>Sara Marinaro<br>Kerri Hayes<br>Aubrey Marroquin | <b>Girls Swim</b><br>Jenna Beck<br>McKenna Beers<br>Sidney Beers<br>Kendra Potenziano<br>Lindsey Rice<br>Tori Whidden | <b>Cross Country</b><br>Lucas Hoyt<br>Anesia Christian-Tas<br>Jessica Gates<br>Lilian Shelley<br>Diana Inzhirova<br>Megan Taylor | <b>Volleyball</b><br>Jordyn Gill<br><b>Cheer</b><br>Angelina Rivera | <b>Girls Tennis</b><br>Claire Harvey<br>Ellen Buckley<br>Celia Trumino |
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## Sportsmanship Award

- **Boys Soccer** - Luke Garris
- **Girls Tennis** - Katerina Retzlaff
- **Girls Soccer** - Cailee Salisbury
- **Cheer** - Natalie Broderick
- **Girls Swim** - Logan Lomonaco
- **Football** - Rory Thompson
- **Golf** - Christopher Paultre
- **Girls Cross Country** - Rebecca Mercik
- **Volleyball** - Faith Riegall
- **Boys Cross Country** - James Hart

## Academic All-Stars

- **Boys Soccer** - Brian Chong
- **Girls Tennis** - Morgan Whittington
- **Girls Soccer** - Dhvani Patel
- **Cheer** - Julia Morgan
- **Girls Swim** - Emma Trumino
- **Football** - Samuel Bozuhoski
- **Golf** - Justin Wardell
- **Girls Cross Country** - Grace Elliott
- **Volleyball** - Danielle Jewson
- **Boys Cross Country** - Dominick Lomonaco



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*Congratulations to the CV varsity girls swim team on being Section IV Class B champions! Also, congratulations to Section IV Class B champions McKenna Beers (diving), Lindsey Rice (100 breaststroke) and the team of Sidney Beers, Jenna Beck, Logan Fetterman and Tori Whidden (400 freestyle relay)! In addition, the team won its 17th consecutive East Division title!*



*Photo Provided*

*Congratulations to the Chenango Valley varsity girls cross country team on being STAC East Division champions!*

## Congrats, CV Athletics State Qualifiers!



**Anesia Christian-Tas**  
Cross Country



**Lindsey Rice**  
Swimming  
100 Breaststroke



*Photo Provided*

*Congratulations to the Chenango Valley junior varsity boys soccer team on being STAC East Division champions!*

## Emma Schmidt Signs National Letter of Intent

Congratulations to CV High School Class of 2020 senior Emma Schmidt who signed a National Letter of Intent to participate in the lacrosse program at The College of Saint Rose in Albany! Emma is the first student athlete from Chenango Valley's girls lacrosse program to sign a National Letter of Intent. When she attends The College of Saint Rose, Emma plans to explore pre-law studies. Way to go! CV wishes you the best in all of your future endeavors!



# Port Dickinson Elementary

The first quarter of our school year is now finished and time really did go by quickly. The students in grades pre-K, kindergarten, 1 and 2 have adjusted well to school. The faculty/staff at Port Dickinson Elementary continue to provide positive educational experiences every day. Thanks to our wonderful families who play an integral role in our students' successes.

At Port Dickinson Elementary, we work diligently to educate our students in thought-provoking, rigorous, and fun ways. Beginning in September, our students started learning through new initiatives in reading (Units of Study in Reading) and in science (STEMscopes). Our students are developing writing skills in a positive way and are engaged in learning through math stations. Each day brings learning to a new level and our kids are rising to the challenge. Another very important task at PD Elementary is to focus on attendance. Children learn best when they are in school (except for sicknesses), as learning is built day to day. We ask our families for their continued diligence in this area. We are working together to foster and develop great school habits!



Mary Beth Hammond,  
principal, Port Dickinson  
Elementary

## We are also very proud to share some building highlights:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences took place on November 15 and November 22. These are a positive way to help keep home-school connections alive and well.
- Our faculty/staff/students are really enjoying the learning that is intrinsic in the "Positivity Project" (or "P2" as we call it at CV). Each week, we are focused on a character trait. We demonstrate it, talk about it, and integrate it all week long. The goal is to build positive relationships and realize that "#OtherPeopleMatter."
- We had a wonderful presentation from the Middle School Drama Club on Monday, November 18. The cast of "The Music Man JR." did a short "sneak peek" of their awesome presentation.
- Our school sponsored a "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the month of November. Each grade level had specific items to bring in to help make Thanksgiving baskets for families. Special thanks to the CV Elementary PTA for continuing their efforts to make being a student at PD awesome.

Our Winter Break begins on Monday, December 23, and extends through Friday, January 3. We return to our newly-renovated school on Monday, January 6. We are all very excited about this! 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 Port Dickinson Elementary. Thank you for all of your support!

*Please make sure to review page 4 for important "Capital Project Updates" regarding Port Dickinson Elementary.*

## The 'Positivity Project' Builds Character and Community at Port Dickinson Elementary

Through weekly assemblies and classroom activities, the "Positivity Project" program (also referred to as "P2") continues to build character strengths at Port Dickinson Elementary School. Students enjoy learning about the definitions of character traits such as "integrity" and "creativity," and putting those traits into positive action!



## Port Dickinson Elementary Pre-K Open Enrollment

**Attention District Residents:** You can still sign your child up for our Port Dickinson Elementary Pre-K Program! Students must be four years old by December 1, 2019 to enroll. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Port Dickinson Elementary at (607) 762-6970.





# Port Dickinson Elementary

## First Grade Students Celebrate End of Writing Unit

"If you give a first grader a pencil..." On November 8, first grade students celebrated the end of their writing unit on small moment personal narratives by sharing creative stories they wrote and illustrated with their peers. Awesome job, Warriors!



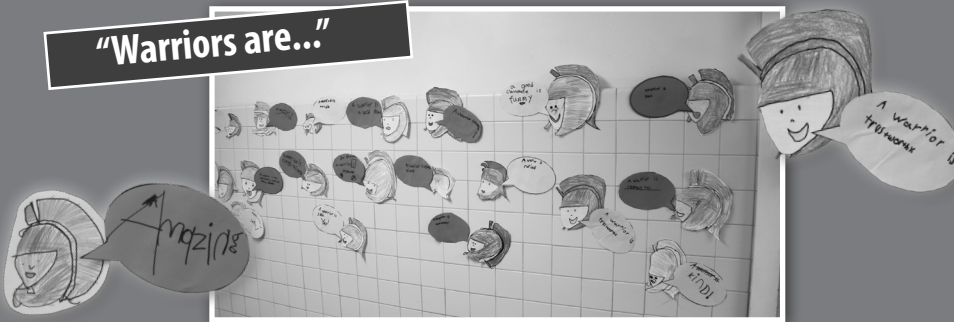
## U.S. Army Veteran Visits Port Dickinson Classes

Mrs. Cook's kindergarten class and Mrs. Shelepak's second grade class received a visit from a special guest on November 8. Mrs. Shane Armstrong, a U.S. Army veteran and CV parent, visited to share information about her military service. Mrs. Armstrong served in Iraq from May 2003 to July 2004. Mrs. Armstrong's visit to the elementary school took place right before Veterans Day.



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"Warriors are..."



In October, second grade students decorated their hallway as a way to welcome Chenango Valley alumni honorees to the elementary building. Through drawn illustrations of "Little Warriors" saying things such as "Warriors are kind," students wanted to display what they think the characteristics of a Warrior are.

## Port Dickinson Elementary Students Enjoy Exciting Fall Activities

Between a Pre-K Family Day spent creating amazing scarecrow hats and a Halloween parade showcased in front of family members... Port Dickinson Elementary students quite enjoyed taking part in fun fall/Halloween activities!



# Chenango Bridge Elementary

We have completed the first marking period here at Chenango Bridge. In celebration of our “Positivity Project” character strengths that we have covered this school year, we held an assembly for our students. Students ended the program by singing our school alma mater song.

Chenango Bridge also enjoyed an assembly for the 2019 Chenango Valley Alumni Honorees of Distinction. Several students asked the alumni questions such as what motivated them and what teacher growing up influenced them later in their life. The student body learned a lot and it was a nice way to welcome our CV alumni to Chenango Bridge.

Finally, we have been taking a close look at our attendance here at Chenango Bridge and we are happy to report that our attendance was recorded at approximately 97 percent as of the beginning of November. Keep up the good work in coming to school!



Jim Pritchard, principal  
Chenango Bridge Elem.

## Chenango Bridge Elementary Takes Part in ‘Positivity Project’ Assembly

On October 18, Chenango Bridge Elementary joined together for a fun “Positivity Project” (“P2”) assembly. With the help of exciting activities designed by teachers, students reviewed the areas of curiosity, teamwork, open-mindedness, being present and giving others my attention, and integrity. The event was filled with a lot of energy, positivity and fun. The Chenango Valley High School Pep Band helped to add even more excitement to the assembly!



#CVP2



## Chenango Bridge Elementary Honors Veterans with ‘Veterans Day Wall’

The Chenango Bridge Elementary Student Council recently created a “Veterans Day Wall” to honor those who have served our country. Chenango Bridge students and staff were able to share photos and information about family members and family friends who have served or are currently serving in the military.

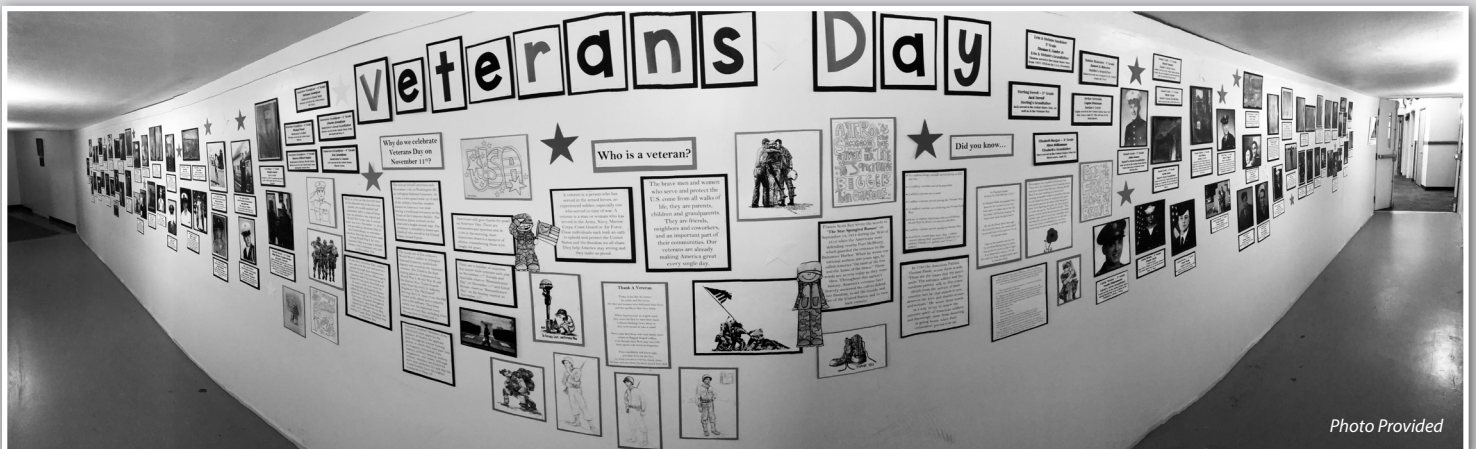


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# Chenango Bridge Elementary

## Chenango Bridge Elementary Students Participate in 'Engineering Day'

On November 7, Chenango Bridge Elementary students had the chance to build upon their STEAM and teamwork skills at "Engineering Day" at Broome-Tioga BOCES. In an allotted time, students were given a collection of miscellaneous materials and were challenged to work in groups to create a "Rube Goldberg machine" from the items provided. This was a great learning experience and fun opportunity for all involved!



## Chenango Bridge Elementary Students 'Rock On!'

On November 7, five Chenango Bridge Elementary students represented the district by participating in the recording of "Rock on Café" segments for NewsChannel 34.

Using their own unique personality, each student read a scripted lunch menu on camera.

Their segments will air on NewsChannel 34 from December 16-20. They will also be available on [www.binghamtonhomepage.com](http://www.binghamtonhomepage.com)



## Interested in Joining the Chenango Bridge Elementary Ski and Board Club?

### Greek Peak Program Information

The Student Program Pass includes six (6) weeks of skiing/snowboarding and two (2) weeks of lessons. At the end of the six (6) weeks, the pass remains valid for students to ski/snowboard. On March 14, the passes convert to season passes for the remainder of the season. If you already have a season pass, you may still sign up!

Just select the Season Program Pass option when registering and add pass add-ons. Parents may also purchase the Parent Program Pass, which includes six (6) weeks of skiing/snowboarding and then the pass turns into a season pass on March 14 as well.

**Saturdays (January 4 - February 8, 2020) | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Contact Mr. Matthew Wilson ([mwilson2@cvcsd.stier.org](mailto:mwilson2@cvcsd.stier.org)) or Greek Peak contact Kimberly Thayer (844-846-9575 or [programsales@greekpeak.net](mailto:programsales@greekpeak.net)) for more information. You can also visit the Chenango Bridge homepage for additional information on costs/how to sign up online.



## Educators Sport Cardigans for 'World Kindness Day'

Chenango Bridge Elementary faculty and staff wore cardigans for "World Kindness Day" on November 13, as a reminder to demonstrate kindness every day!

The cardigans were sported as part of "Cardigan Day," a "World Kindness Day" movement in honor of Mr. Fred Rogers, a children's television star, who was well-known for spreading compassion.



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## Middle School

The first ten weeks of school went by very quickly. We've 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!

A total of 57 energetic Chenango Valley Middle School students took part in the eighth annual "Zombie Run" on Wednesday, October 30. Students had to avoid "zombies" (high school cross country athletes played this part), while running a cross country course. Thank you goes to Varsity Cross Country Coach Jerid Jones and the HS cross country team for sponsoring the event. Great fun was had by all who participated.

The fourth annual "Halloween/Activity Day" was held on Thursday, October 31. Students participated in MS PE Olympics, a "Minute to Win It" competition and a Halloween contest walk. Special thanks go to Mrs. Lange, Mrs. Broughton, MS Student Council, and our seventh and eighth grade class officers.

Students should have already developed good school routines at 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 the school year on a daily basis. 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. Please remind your son or daughter to take the time and effort to keep their lockers cleaned and organized as well.

**Homework Requests:** If your son/daughter is absent and you would like to request homework, please contact the guidance office at 762-6926 by 10:00 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. Follow the MS on Twitter: @CVMSWarriors. Look for us on Pinterest (CVMSWARRIORS) for MS educational topics and ideas. Keep in mind the "Positivity Project" hashtag: #OtherPeopleMatter



Eric E. Attleson, principal  
CV Middle School

### Upcoming Middle School Events/Information

Thursday, December 13 – End of the Five-Week Marking Period

Wednesday, December 18 – Five Week Reports Sent Home

Wednesday, December 18 – BOE Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Warrior Conference Room (Located Next to MS/HS Library)

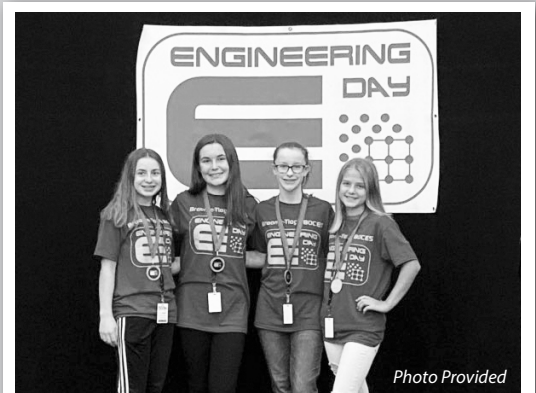
Friday, December 20 – MS Wellness Day

Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3 – Winter Recess – No School

### Middle School Students Display STEAM Skills at 'Engineering Day'

Our Chenango Valley Middle School students displayed their innovative STEAM skills during an "Engineering Day" event at Broome-Tioga BOCES on November 6. Students were tasked with creating "Rube Goldberg machines" out of a box of common items such as ping pong balls, bells, CDs and cardboard.

One of our Chenango Valley Middle School teams placed second at the event! Wonderful job to all of our teams for the hard work and creativity they showcased!



Congratulations to Adelle Wilson, Sophia Ashman, Molly Berg and Skylar Schaefer who placed second out of more than 80 teams!





# Middle School

## Students of the Month - October 2019



Front Row (l-r): Keven Alexander, Colsten Beers, Sophia Jones, Arin Miller | Back Row (l-r): Brian Blaise, Ashaya Buckland, Haley Smith, Mary Brom, Tyr Melligan

### Sixth Grade Team

Arin Miller

Sophia Jones

**Good Citizen:**

Keven Alexander

### Red Team

Colsten Beers

Tyr Melligan

**Good Citizen:**

Brian Blaise

### Grey Team

Ashaya Buckland

Mary Brom

**Good Citizen:**

Haley Smith

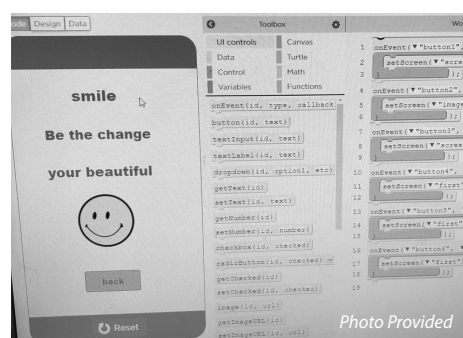
Our Students of the Month "CARE" about CV:  
C-commitment A-attitude R-responsibility E-enthusiasm

## SNAPSHOTS OF CHENANGO VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

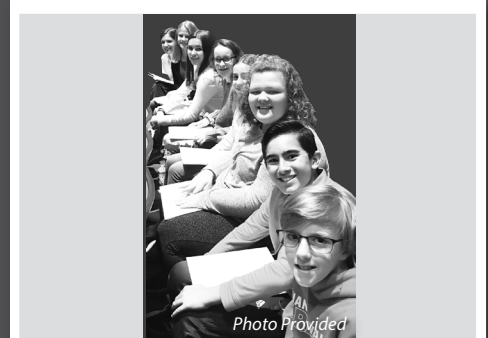
Check out the Chenango Valley Middle School homepage on [www.cvcvsd.stier.org](http://www.cvcvsd.stier.org) for more photos/information on these and other events!



Juniors Thomas McEntire and Ethan Clark, who are both Civil War reenactors, visited Mrs. Lesch's eighth grade social studies classes for an informative presentation during the students' unit on the Civil War.



Students in the STEAM 8 class recently created mobile apps using code.org curriculum. Apps included daily affirmations, sports statistics and a sound board... just to name just a few!



CV Middle School Student Council members grew as leaders as they participated in the Regional Middle School Student Council/Government Workshop. The event was held at Vestal Middle School on November 7.



Sixth grade students in Mrs. White and Miss Brennan's ELA classes recently had the chance to take part in a "book tasting" activity. The goal was to introduce students to their new book clubs.



Students displayed what the "Positivity Project" ("P2") character strength of integrity meant to them with banners displayed in the middle school hallway. #CVP2 #OtherPeopleMatter



Sixth grade students in Mrs. Shadduck's FACS classes recently had the opportunity to visit CoreLife Eatery in Vestal to learn some valuable information about healthy eating habits, and enjoyed some lunch!



On October 30, Chenango Valley High School cross country athletes were "zombies" on the loose during the annual Chenango Valley Middle School "Zombie Run" put on by the team. The middle school students had a fun time running through the course!



Students enjoyed a variety of exciting activities at the annual "Halloween/Activity Day" event on October 31!

# High School

The fall has been a busy time for Chenango Valley High School! We had our Senior National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony on November 4. More than 35 juniors and seniors were inducted into NHS that evening. Congratulations to those students! We have also worked with the middle school to collect food for our food drive. Many homerooms competed to see who could bring in the most food to help fill our food pantry. This will help families right here in our community.

We've also recognized some of our high school students for outstanding achievements. Lauren Hart and Olivia Santa Croce represented Chenango Valley High School at the Junior Area All-State Music Festival on November 1 and 2 in Ithaca. They performed alongside many other outstanding musicians from our region and did a great job representing our school and district!

Also, Congratulations to our fall sports teams on a successful fall season. They all played hard and, even more importantly, showed good character on and off the field. I'm very proud of our student athletes!

As the weather starts to turn, this is a reminder to please take your time and drive slowly through our parking lots and drop-off points. Please also take care when walking to and from school. Our custodial and maintenance staff work very hard removing snow and ice to make it safe for students, staff and families, but please take your time and be patient as people navigate through the parking lots and entrances. Thank you for your help with this!



Jennifer Ostrander  
principal, CV High  
School

## Mark Your Calendars for Some Important Upcoming High School Dates:

\***Tuesday, December 17:** High School Winter Concert – 7:00 p.m. – MS/HS Auditorium

\***Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3:** Winter Recess – No School

\***Monday, January 20:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School

\***Tuesday, January 21 - Friday, January 24:** Regents Exams (*school is in session - more information to be provided*)

\***Friday, January 31:** Half-Day (*CV High School students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.*)

\***Saturday, February 1:** Junior Dinner Dance – 6:30 p.m. – Holiday Inn Binghamton

## Assembly Encourages Positive Choices

On November 13, Chenango Valley High School hosted presentations to help inform students and their families on the dangers of substance use disorder, and shared ways to have open and honest conversations to encourage healthy and positive choices. During the school day, students in grades 9-12 attended assemblies to watch the documentary "If They Had Known" about the risks of the party culture. Following the documentary, Drug Free Communities Coordinator Maria Fabrizi and Broome County Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator Marissa Knapp debriefed with students and answered questions. Tim Decker, a person directly impacted by a substance use disorder and advocate for the Addiction Center of Broome County, also spoke with students. In the evening, parents and community members were invited to view the documentary and share discussion with local law enforcement officials, representatives from the Prevention Coalition of Broome County and Broome Opioid Awareness Council, community members impacted by substance use disorder, and school officials.



## The Binghamton University 'Girls Who Code Club' is looking for high school students interested in the STEAM field!

***The "Girls Who Code Club" at Binghamton University is offering an eight-week program for high school girls in Broome County to learn computer science and programming languages.***

***The program is completely free and offered in advanced Python or beginner Java languages.***

**Eight-Week Program (beginning February 15)  
Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Glenn G. Bartle Library at Binghamton University**



**Sign up at [gwcatsbyinghamton.com](http://gwcatsbyinghamton.com) under the "Apply" tab or email [binggwc@gmail.com](mailto:binggwc@gmail.com) with questions.**  
Additional information on the program/how to apply can be found on the Chenango Valley High School homepage.



# High School

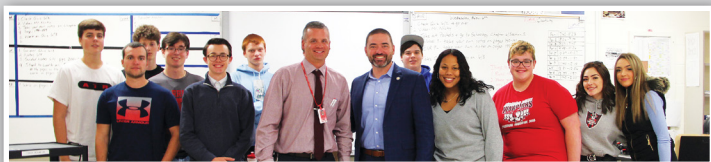
## CV National Honor Society Inducts New Members

More than 35 students from the Classes of 2020 and 2021 were inducted into the Chenango Valley High School chapter of the National Honor Society on November 4. Members were selected by a National Honor Society Faculty Council for meeting high standards of “scholarship, leadership, character and service,” as outlined in the Constitution of the National Honor Society. Each of these components were considered carefully to determine membership.



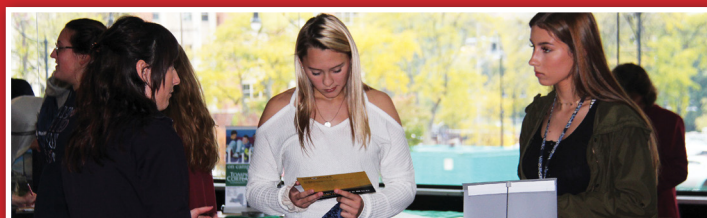
## Local Political Figures Visit Current Events Class

Students in Mr. Tidick’s Current Events/Local History class recently had the chance to expand their learning opportunities through firsthand visits with local political figures. In October, Michael Korchak and Paul Battisti, both candidates for the Broome County District Attorney’s race at the time, visited the class. On November 4, New York State Senator Fred Akshar visited to discuss his background in politics and his role as a senator. In addition, Senator Akshar answered students’ questions on issues pertaining to our area. On November 13, Broome County Executive Jason Garnar visited to discuss his role as the County Executive and the duties that his position entails. He also answered questions from students. Thank you to all of our guests for sharing valuable information to help keep our students engaged and informed on matters within their community.



## Students Explore Opportunities at ‘College Day’

On October 16, more than 75 CV High School students took part in the 2019 “Greater Binghamton College Day” event at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. This event gave students the chance to speak with representatives and learn about more than 90 post-secondary educational opportunities.



## CV High School Students Engage in ‘Engineering Day’

CV High School students had the opportunity to attend “Engineering Day” at Broome-Tioga BOCES on November 4. Students showcased their STEAM, creativity and teamwork skills while creating “Rube Goldberg machines” out of a box of provided materials.



## ‘P2’ Student Leaders Guide Insightful Discussions

CV High School students known as “Positivity Project” (“P2”) student leaders guide “P2” lessons during Warrior Study Hall at the end of each week. Students engage in activities such as finding inspiring quotes regarding the weekly character strength on social media, as a positive way of using modern technology.







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