

# Newscafter

NOVEMBER 2023



## Thank You For Your Service!

Port Dickinson Elementary students invited family members who are veterans to a special school assembly.



**Honoring Veterans: Turn to page 13 for more Veterans Day recognitions and event highlights.**

### Winter Weather School Procedures: Closings, Delays, and Early Dismissals

Please take a moment to review Chenango Valley Central School District's winter weather 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. We collaborate closely with local town highway departments, review input from the National Weather Service, and engage in thorough discussions with our transportation department and neighboring school districts.



#### Notifications

The district will notify parents/caregivers through the following channels:

- Notifications for delays, closings, and early dismissals are:
  - Shared with local media.
  - Sent through our automated calling system (these voice messages are sent to the phone numbers of students' primary contacts).
  - Sent through the district's opt-in emergency alert system (which includes an email and/or text message alert notification). *Please make sure that you are signed up for our opt-in text/email emergency alert notifications and that your information is updated.* Visit [www.cvcasd.stier.org/PortalLogin.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/PortalLogin.aspx) for details.
  - Posted on our website ([www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)) and mobile app.

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 such as 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 remain the same. If there is a two-hour delay in the morning, there are no AM pre-K classes. Full-day pre-K classes follow the two-hour delay schedule with dismissal at the normal full-day time.

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 indicate 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 a three-hour delay in the morning, there will be no AM pre-K classes. Full-day pre-K classes will follow a three-hour delay schedule with dismissal at the normal full-day time.

If there is an **early dismissal** due to potentially dangerous weather conditions, all extracurricular activities will be canceled. Please make sure that you have a plan in place for situations where your child may be released early.

Parents/Caregivers - Please make sure you are signed up for alerts and that your information is up to date.



## Capital Project Update

With summer construction complete, the focus has shifted to planning for the 2024 construction season. Contractors are confirming the materials to be used and obtaining approvals on any remaining products. Products that have not already been received will be ordered soon to ensure that all materials are on hand prior to the start of construction. Next year's summer work will primarily occur in the CV Middle/High School building and will include significant renovations to the art, FACS, and technology rooms. In addition, a new lecture hall will be created.

As part of the annual capital outlay project, the CV Middle School classrooms will have lights replaced with new, dimmable LED lighting, which will automatically adjust based on the amount of natural light entering the room. This work will be carried out during the school year, scheduled for school breaks or evenings to avoid disrupting instruction.

Visit the CV website for more information:  
[www.cvcasd.stier.org/capitalproject.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/capitalproject.aspx)



Newly Renovated Entrance Marquee at CV Middle/High School

## Important School Safety Reminders

*As the safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority at the Chenango Valley Central School District, we ask you to please review and make sure you are familiar with the following district safety procedures/information:*

- You must present photo identification to enter any of our school buildings. Visitors must also wear photo identification badges provided by the school. This applies to any event during school hours.
- As a safety protocol, visitors must enter the school building through the main security entrance during school hours. Students and staff are not permitted to allow visitors through any other outside entrances.
- Please ensure that your child knows what to do if they are sent home early due to an emergency or weather-related early dismissal.
- In the event of a crisis, please refrain from calling your child, as the noise and distraction could put students at risk. Students must focus fully on instructions from trained staff. Parents/caregivers should avoid rushing to the school, as phone lines, staff, and roads are essential for emergency response. In such situations, carefully monitor district information sources, which will include details about the reunification process under the guidance of emergency responders. Students will only be released to their parent/caregiver or a pre-designated emergency contact. It is crucial to keep this information up to date.
- Each district decision is made prioritizing the safety of students and staff. We have specific safety practices and procedures developed by safety teams comprised of staff and emergency personnel. We strive to communicate accurate information as promptly as possible and will provide consistent updates to keep parents/caregivers informed throughout any process.
- We appreciate your cooperation and support in maintaining a safe environment for our students. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal.

### Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Chenango Valley Central School District will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2023-2024.

#### What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?

All students enrolled at Chenango Valley Central School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2023-2024 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at 607-766-3926.

Sincerely,

Annie Hudock, Senior Food Service Director

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- (2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**Great news! All Chenango Valley students can now enjoy breakfasts and lunches free of charge for the 2023-24 school year!**

# Messages from the Superintendent and Board President

## Message from the Superintendent

I hope you and your families are well as we transition from fall to winter! The “new car smell” of the school year is fading, allowing us to reflect on our first quarter and analyze our data so far. I want to thank our CV families for all of your assistance with our improving attendance data. Our October 2023 chronic absenteeism rate (students on track to miss 19 or more days of school) has decreased compared to this time last year, dropping from 22.7% in October 2022 to 17.8% in October 2023. Missing just two days a month can put a student on the path to chronic absenteeism. We thank our CV families for your efforts in ensuring consistent school attendance for your students.

We also have much to celebrate in athletics. Our girls soccer and cheer teams won their sectional championships and advanced to state tournaments. Our swimming, cross country, and tennis teams had both individual and team champions, with several individuals advancing to compete at the state level. We are proud of our student athletes who local news outlets have prominently featured. In addition, our district’s hosting of sectional and regional championships attests to the quality of our facilities.

Finally, please visit our district website and the Family Resources page. Here, you can register for Parent Portal, sign up for school closing alerts, and discover additional ways to stay updated with our district. Most importantly, if your contact information has changed or you are not receiving district updates via email, please contact our Director of Technology, Sarah Latimer, at 607-762-6820 or [SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org) to verify your details.

I thank you for entrusting the Chenango Valley Central School District with your students. It’s a great year to be a Warrior!

Sincerely,



Dr. Larry Dake  
Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Larry Dake  
Superintendent

## Message from the Board of Education President

As you read this publication, our academic school year is well underway. So far this school year, we have celebrated numerous achievements in our district, both on and off the field. Daily attendance has increased compared to this time last year. Similarly, chronic absenteeism has decreased. In-school and out-of-school student suspensions have decreased as well. Another big win for our district is that we are now able to offer all students free lunch and breakfast every day. It is a wonderful thing to provide for our students while they are with us. We can nourish both their bodies and their minds each day.

In addition, congratulations to our fall 2023 athletes and their teams, especially those who qualified for sectionals and state championships!

Congratulations to all of the Chenango Valley Alumni Association honorees recognized this year! Our very own board member, Judy Mitrowitz, was honored as a distinguished community member. Judy is a proud CV graduate, a retired 38-year Johnson City school teacher, and a tireless volunteer.

October also included the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) School Board Recognition Week, and I would like to thank all our CV Board of Education members for their service to our school district.

Happy holiday greetings to all! Here’s to a cheerful present, a well-remembered past, and a prosperous year ahead!

Christine Lomonaco  
President, Chenango Valley Board of Education



Christine Lomonaco  
President, BOE

## Chenango Valley Recognizes School Board

In celebration of the New York State School Boards Association’s School Board Recognition Week from October 16-20, 2023, Chenango Valley proudly honored our dedicated and hardworking CV Board of Education. Board members were presented with a CV pullover, a certificate, and mugs created by Mr. Fitzsimmons and CV High School art students. We extend our gratitude to our BOE members for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the success of our students. We appreciate all that they do!



# Principal Messages

What a wonderful start to the 2023-24 school year we have had at Port Dickinson! Our faculty, staff, students, families, and community members have come together to lay a strong foundation that supports growth and success here at Port Dickinson, and I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings.

The beginning of the school year has been spent sharing and learning expectations. No routine is too small to teach, and it is crucial that the bar is set high for our youngest students right from the start! Our Littlest Warriors are learning about safety, kindness, and leadership through our new Warrior Pledge, as well as character strengths such as integrity, creativity, and teamwork through weekly Positivity Project (P2) assemblies and classroom lessons. I have had the opportunity to teach and reinforce building-wide expectations during weekly Warrior Time with each grade level, and our new Golden Lunch Tray awards began! Safety expectations have also been a priority this fall. Bus, fire, evacuation, and lockdown drills have all been practiced to ensure students truly understand what it means to be safe at school.

Our PD students have been building their skills in all subject areas - from reading and writing to math, science, STEAM, and social-emotional learning. Our staff utilizes the workshop model, station teaching, and small-group instruction to provide all students with a comprehensive educational experience that is responsive to their needs. Weekly team time offers regular opportunities for our staff to collaborate, share best practices, and engage in cycles of inquiry grounded in student data to inform our instruction for student success.

Our daily attendance is up compared to this time last year, and we cannot thank our PD staff and families enough for helping to build positive attendance habits early. To continue this momentum, we introduced our new AttendANCE Challenge in November, which integrates attendance expectations and celebrations into the culture of our PD community of learners.

Communication between home and school is essential. We are so grateful for your continued partnership and look forward to all we can do together to support the success of every Port Dickinson student this year! Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns at any time: (607) 762-6970 or [jcarl@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:jcarl@cvcasd.stier.org). We are here to help!



**Jessica Carl**  
Principal, PD Elementary

## PD Pledge

I am a WARRIOR!  
I am safe.  
I am cared for.  
I am loved.  
I am a brave leader.  
I am a WARRIOR!



Warriors at Chenango Bridge have acclimated to the school year, which is progressing quickly! Our third graders have been a welcome addition to our building, and we are cherishing every moment with our fifth graders as we prepare them for their transition to CV Middle School.

We are inspiring our Warriors through character development with our Positivity Project (P2) Warrior Challenge, reinforcing our character traits throughout the building. Our staff awards Warriors when they exemplify character traits, whether in the hallways, on the playground, during encores, or at arrival. Staff members award stickers to classrooms competing in a friendly competition to earn the most. Our first P2 Warrior Celebration took place on November 3.

We engage our Warriors daily in the classroom. Teachers and staff use weekly classroom data to inform their practices, providing enrichment and intervention opportunities to all students. Our classrooms enjoy diverse, hands-on learning experiences through our STEAM program. This fall, students spent time in CV's Outdoor Learning Center, partnered with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County for Ag in the Classroom, and welcomed the Chenango Bridge Fire Department for fire safety lessons.

We empower our Warriors to take ownership of their learning and attendance. Classrooms set attendance goals to work on gold, silver, and bronze classroom-level achievements. Our goal is to empower students by including their voices and raising their awareness of their learning and attendance, encouraging them to set personal and classroom goals.

Every day, our Warriors are doing amazing things within our building. They are living our Chenango Bridge Elementary Pledge.



**Jennifer Yurko**  
Principal, CB Elementary

## CB Pledge

*We are Warriors.*  
*We lead by example.*  
*We support through teamwork.*  
*We make CV a better place to be.*

### Title IX Coordinators

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Binghamton, NY 13901

# Principal Messages

The first ten weeks of school went by very quickly. We've had a fantastic start to the school year, and you should be very proud of the effort your child is putting forth. Keep up the good work!

The Chenango Valley Cross Country program hosted its third annual Warrior Run on October 4. The event, open to fifth through eighth graders, had over 90 participants tackling a mile-long course with 12 obstacles, including the Gauntlet and the Wall. To say it was a muddy time is an understatement! We would like to thank all the participants for making it a success.

The CV Middle School Student Council hosted a Halloween Extravaganza on October 31, featuring music, dancing, games, snacks, and a costume contest. The event was a spectacular success, thanks in large part to Mrs. Schieve and Mrs. Schmitz, who assisted the students in organizing it. The extravaganza also marked the start of the CV Middle School Food Drive competition between grade levels, resulting in over 300 food items collected, with the seventh grade making the largest contribution.

Students should have already developed good school routines by this point in the year. It is very important that students get into a routine by going to bed and getting up at the same time each day. All their school materials should be ready the night before so it will be smooth when trying to get out the door.

Please encourage your child to use the student agenda they received at the beginning of the school year each day. Teachers will 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 also remind your child to take the time and effort to keep their lockers cleaned and organized.

School attendance is extremely important for all learners. The expectation is that students attend all scheduled classes. Regular daily attendance is the biggest indicator of educational success. If your child needs help with getting engaged in school, please feel free to reach out to me or our guidance office for assistance.



Eric E. Attleson  
Principal, CV Middle School

## Upcoming Events in the CV Middle School:

Friday, December 8 - Professional Development - ½ School Day - *MS Dismissal at 11:20 a.m.*

Tuesday, December 12 - Middle School Winter Concert - MS/HS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 15 - End of the Five-Week Marking Period

Wednesday, December 20 - BOE Meeting - Warrior Rooms B/C - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 22 - Tuesday, January 2 - No School - *Winter Recess*

### WE RESPECT:

- People's Time
- People's Feelings
- People's Work
- People's Learning
- Personal Space
- School and Personal Property



### WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Coming to school/class on time and actively learning
- Having pride in our school by keeping it clean and a place you want to be
- Using manners and respectful language
- Treating others with kindness and compassion
- Finding constructive ways to manage and resolve conflict
- Listening to other people's concerns or opinions with an open mind
- Creating a positive environment conducive to learning
- Cheering for each others' successes and having warrior pride!

CHENANGO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
WE RESPECT OURSELVES AND OTHERS  
#RESPECT CV

We had a great start to our school year! Our fall athletics completed their seasons, and winter sports kicked off in November. We had a successful Homecoming Weekend full of fun and festivities. We celebrated the induction of many students into the National Honor Society, and our school community donated blood to support the American Red Cross. Students also actively participated in various leadership opportunities.

Our students and staff have been exemplifying the important theme of "Having Respect for Ourselves and Others." I want to remind all students and families of our building-wide pledge to #RespectCV. Examples such as keeping an open mind during discussions, picking up trash, and arriving at school and class on time help create a positive learning environment. We've had a wonderful start, and I look forward to continuing our fantastic 2023-24 school year!

As always, we invite students and families to reach out for any support or assistance they may need.



Jennifer Ostrander  
Principal, CV High School



Scan to view a larger version  
of the building-wide pledge.



# Warrior Fund: Yearly Report (September 2022 - August 2023)

"Special 'Thank You!' to our community and CV staff for their generous donations to assist our Chenango Valley Families!" - Jackie Arnold, CV Social Worker (607-762-6924)

ASSISTED 88 FAMILIES AND MORE THAN 275 CHILDREN WITH CV HOLIDAY PROGRAMS	SUPPORTED 9 STUDENTS WITH THEIR BOCES MATERIALS FOR CLASSES, UNIFORMS, AND STEEL-TOE BOOTS	COVERED THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP TO BECOME A SIGHT FOR STUDENTS PROVIDER (FREE GLASSES)
PROVIDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 66 STUDENTS AND 85 BACKPACKS	DISTRIBUTED 38 GAS CARDS FOR FAMILIES AND INDEPENDENT STUDENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO APPOINTMENTS, JOBS, AND MEDICAL TREATMENTS	PROVIDED 3 STUDENTS WITH CELL PHONE MINUTES FOR EMERGENCIES/SAFETY PLANS
PROVIDED 2 WARRIOR FUND SCHOLARSHIPS TO CV GRADUATES	PROVIDED 20 YEARBOOKS FOR SENIORS	ASSISTED WITH CAR INSURANCE FOR AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT AND 1 FAMILY
ASSISTED WITH 12 HOMECOMING TICKETS	PROVIDED 16 PROM TICKETS FOR SENIORS	ASSISTED 12 STUDENTS WITH PURCHASE OF NECESSARY PRESCRIPTIONS
PURCHASED FOOD FOR SCHOOL CONTESTS AND EVENTS FOR STUDENTS	SUPPLIED 3 PROM DRESSES	ASSISTED WITH PURCHASE OF 3 PERMITS
PROVIDED INCENTIVE ITEMS TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS OF 88 STUDENTS	ASSISTED WITH 25 POST-PROM GIFTS FOR SENIORS	PROVIDED WELLNESS DAY SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS
PURCHASED AUTO PARTS FOR 4 FAMILIES FOR CAR REPAIRS	DISTRIBUTED HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR 88 STUDENTS	ASSISTED WITH RENT FOR EVICTION ISSUE
PURCHASED MATTRESS AND SHEET SET FOR 4 CHILDREN	PROVIDED SNACKS FOR MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS	ASSISTED WITH COSTS OF 5 5-HOUR DRIVING COURSES
SUPPLIED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR DISPLACED AND OTHER FAMILIES	ASSISTED WITH 4 JUNIOR DINNER DANCE TICKETS	ASSISTED 2 STUDENTS' TUITION FEES
PURCHASED BOOKS FOR COLLEGE CLASSES	COVERED SAT TEST FEES FOR STUDENTS	DISTRIBUTED 10 PACKS OF BUS PASSES AND MONTHLY PASSES TO HELP STUDENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION ISSUES TO WORK OR MEDICAL/THERAPY APPOINTMENTS
PURCHASED FOOD TO SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY	ASSISTED 3 FAMILIES WITH FUEL FOR HEATING	ASSISTED 105 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHO USED THE CV WARRIOR CLOTHING ROOM (FREE DONATED CLOTHING)
PURCHASED 89 CLOTHING ITEMS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED	PROVIDED 10 UBER PAYMENTS TO HELP FAMILIES ATTEND MEETINGS AND CHILDREN'S EVENTS AT SCHOOL	
PROVIDED DIAPERS AND INFANT ITEMS FOR 12 FAMILIES	PURCHASED EARBUDS FOR STUDENTS	
ASSISTED WITH CAMP FEES FOR 7 STUDENTS	PROVIDED WINTER COATS, WINTER BOOTS, SNOW PANTS, HATS, AND GLOVES (PD & CB)	
SUPPLIED ART MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS	ASSISTED WITH EYEGLASSES FOR 4 STUDENTS	
PROVIDED AN EMERGENCY CELL PHONE AND A 3-MONTH PLAN FOR 2 INDEPENDENT STUDENTS	HELPED WITH LAUNDRY ASSISTANCE	
ASSISTED WITH 1 COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE AND SUPPLIES FOR COLLEGE	PROVIDED WARRIOR WEAR SHIRTS FOR STUDENTS	
PROVIDED 17 CAPS AND GOWNS FOR GRADUATION	ASSISTED WITH PURCHASE OF 5 STUDENTS' SCHOOL PICTURES	
SUPPLIED SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND ATHLETIC SHOES FOR 21 STUDENTS		
ASSISTED 377 FAMILIES WITH ALDI GIFT CARDS TO COVER LUNCH AND FOOD EXPENSES AT HOME AND SCHOOL		

## CHOW: CV Food Pantry (September 2022 - August 2023)

Families Served: 723 Children: 1,344

Adults: 329 Seniors: 33



### CV Alumni Receive Recognition and Inspire Future Graduates

On October 27, Chenango Valley proudly welcomed this year's CV Alumni Hall of Fame honorees, recognizing their outstanding contributions.

During the day, honorees enjoyed a luncheon at Chenango Valley High School, where student guides introduced them and shared their achievements. Afterward, the honorees participated in a districtwide Zoom Q&A with Chenango Valley Superintendent Dr. Larry Dake and some visited CV Middle and High School classrooms.

In the evening, the Chenango Valley Alumni Association hosted a recognition dinner and auction at the Holiday Inn Binghamton Downtown. Each honoree delivered inspiring speeches surrounded by community members, staff, past honorees, family, and friends. This event supports CV's Warrior Fund and scholarships for students. Thanks to everyone who made it a success!



Thank you to the CV Alumni Association (CVAA) for their generous **\$1,050 donation** to the Chenango Valley Thanksgiving Food Drive. This greatly benefitted students and families during the holiday season.

The CVAA also **donated \$3,000** to the Warrior Fund as a result of this year's recognition event!

The honorees are chosen by the CV Alumni Association. You can nominate a candidate for next year's event here: [www.cvcasd.stier.org/alumnihome.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/alumnihome.aspx)



### Did You Know?

The CV Alumni Association has raised and donated more than **\$30,000** to the **Warrior Fund** since 2017.

### CV ALUMNI HALL OF FAME 2023 HONOREES



**Robert Charles Kennicutt, Jr. - Class of 1969**  
Astronomer  
Student Guide: Kyle Santi



**Heather Boland White - Class of 1970**  
Retired Teacher and Coach;  
Real Estate Broker  
Student Guide: Molly Berg



**Bruce Gregory - Class of 1972**  
Retired Educator; Musician  
Student Guide: Tyler-John Adams



**Dr. David P. Gill - Distinguished Community Member**  
Retired CV Superintendent;  
Active Community Volunteer  
Student Guide: Caden Atkinson



**Judy Mitrowitz - Class of 1970 - Distinguished Community Member**  
Retired Educator; Board Member;  
Active Community Volunteer  
Student Guide: Brian Blaise

## A focus on student leadership...



**NYSSBA Expo**

Photos Provided

CV showcased student-focused initiatives at the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Annual Convention in Buffalo in October. Topics included the Seal of Civic Readiness, *Valley Unveiled* student-run magazine, Make a Difference Club's Warrior Drop-In Room vision, and district administration/systems.

Students led panels and engaged in breakout sessions, impressing board members and administrators statewide. CV aimed to spotlight its programs and assist other districts in implementing similar initiatives. Our students' preparedness and dedication certainly made us proud.



**Next Generation Leadership Summit**

Photo Provided

A group of CV High School students embarked on a leadership journey through the Next Generation Leadership Summit at SUNY Cortland. In October, they attended a workshop with Mrs. Ostrander and connected with other participating student groups.

This initiative aims to foster positive change through service. Students will create a project to assist others in their school, which will help them grow as individuals and community leaders. The group will return in March to present on their project's progress.

## Upcoming SAT and ACT Test Dates

**SAT Test:**

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

**ACT Test:**

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



*\*Please contact your school counselor with any questions regarding upcoming test dates/registration deadlines.*

## Preparing for the future...



**Binghamton College Day**

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On October 18, 70 juniors from CV High School attended the Binghamton College Day event at the Visions Veterans Memorial Arena. They had the opportunity to engage with representatives from various institutions and gain valuable insights into their post-high school options.



**Construction-Technology Career Day**

A group of CV High School students participated in the Southern Tier Construction-Technology Career Day event in October. They explored potential careers through hands-on activities, equipment demos, and expert talks. Thank you to the Broome County Highway Dept., NYSDOT, Broome-Tioga Workforce New York, Broome-Tioga BOCES Career Development Center (CDC), and local industry companies and trade unions for making this day possible.

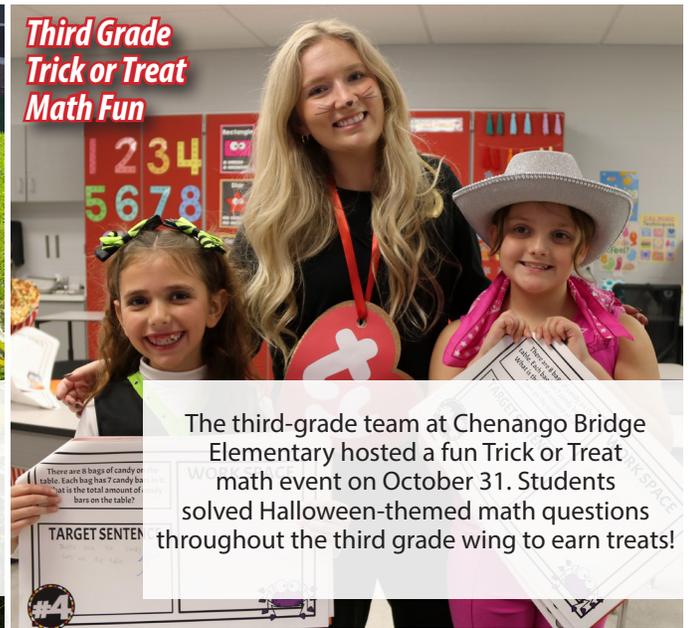
### PD Students Harvest Pumpkins



On October 4, Mrs. Huyck's former kindergarten students, who are now in first grade, made an exciting visit to the CV Middle/High School courtyard. They witnessed the results of their "Pumpkin Jack" experiment from last school year. The students harvested the ripe pumpkins, wrapping up this delightful learning journey!

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### Third Grade Trick or Treat Math Fun



The third-grade team at Chenango Bridge Elementary hosted a fun Trick or Treat math event on October 31. Students solved Halloween-themed math questions throughout the third grade wing to earn treats!

### Pre-K Family Day Builds Connections



In October, students and families created fantastic scarecrow hats for a Pre-K Family Day. The students proudly wore these hats in the PD Halloween Parade! Mrs. Hamlin's CV High School Fashion Class used their sewing skills to make the hats. Kudos to the students for their impressive work!

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### PD Halloween Parade



PD Elementary hosted its annual Halloween Parade on October 31. Students' family members cheered on their Little Warriors, who showcased their creativity in fantastic costumes during this exciting event.

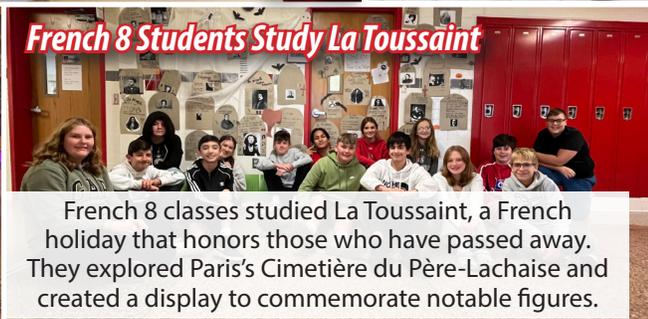
### Spooky Science Labs



Mrs. Clark's sixth-grade science classes enjoyed "spooky" educational fun with hands-on labs, applying their scientific knowledge to make inferences, measure ingredients, and explore the wonders of science!

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### French 8 Students Study La Toussaint



French 8 classes studied La Toussaint, a French holiday that honors those who have passed away. They explored Paris's Cimetière du Père-Lachaise and created a display to commemorate notable figures.

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### MS Halloween Extravaganza



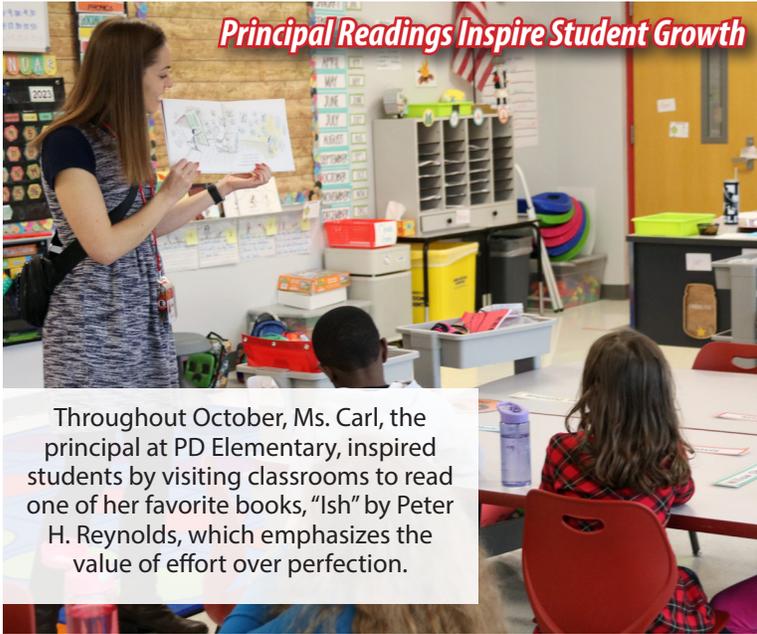
The CV Middle School Student Council hosted a Halloween Extravaganza, featuring dancing, music, games, and a costume contest on October 31!

### CVE PTA Hosts Trunk or Treat



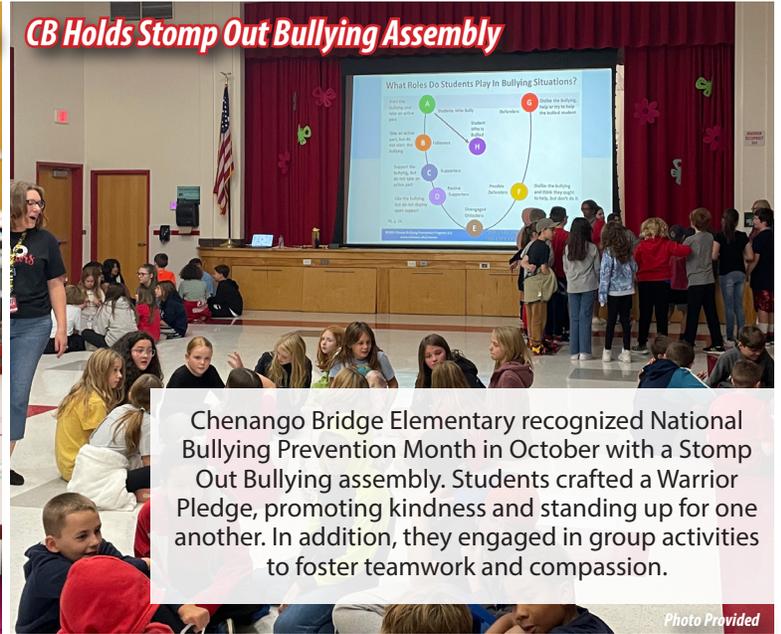
Thank you to the Chenango Valley Elementary PTA for hosting such a fun-filled Trunk or Treat event on October 27!

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### Principal Readings Inspire Student Growth

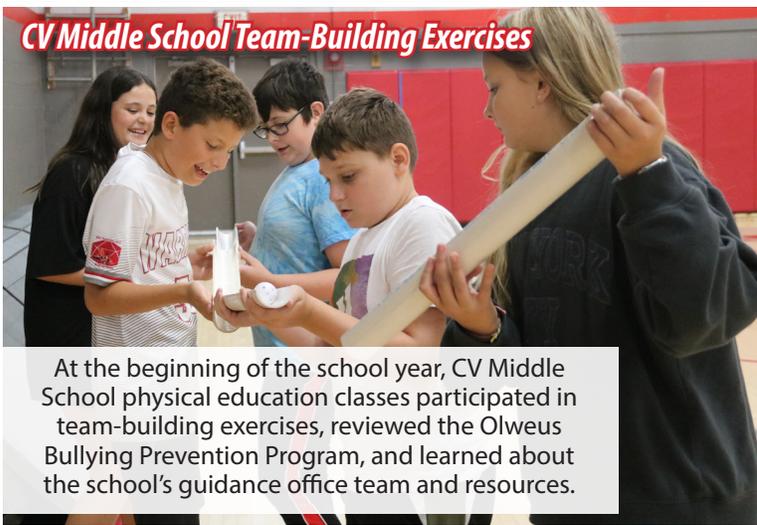
Throughout October, Ms. Carl, the principal at PD Elementary, inspired students by visiting classrooms to read one of her favorite books, "Ish" by Peter H. Reynolds, which emphasizes the value of effort over perfection.



### CB Holds Stomp Out Bullying Assembly

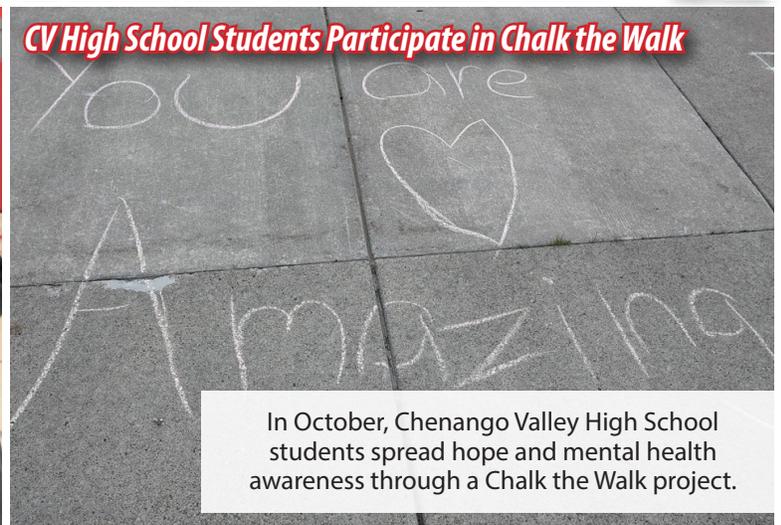
Chenango Bridge Elementary recognized National Bullying Prevention Month in October with a Stomp Out Bullying assembly. Students crafted a Warrior Pledge, promoting kindness and standing up for one another. In addition, they engaged in group activities to foster teamwork and compassion.

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### CV Middle School Team-Building Exercises

At the beginning of the school year, CV Middle School physical education classes participated in team-building exercises, reviewed the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, and learned about the school's guidance office team and resources.



### CV High School Students Participate in Chalk the Walk

In October, Chenango Valley High School students spread hope and mental health awareness through a Chalk the Walk project.



### CV National Honor Society Inducts Newest Members

Congratulations to the 50 Chenango Valley High School students from the Classes of 2024 and 2025 who were inducted into the CV chapter of the National Honor Society on October 19. They exemplified the four pillars of "scholarship, leadership, character, and service" to achieve this exceptional accomplishment.

Group Photo Taken: November 1, 2023



## HS Pep Assembly



2023 Homecoming Court

Congratulations to Dana Testani and Greta Dutcher, CV Homecoming King and Queen, crowned at the Homecoming Dance! A Pep Assembly filled with fun games and activities got students excited for Homecoming Weekend - Mrs. Ostrander and Dr. Dake even jumped in the high school pool during the event for added excitement!

## MS P2 Pep Rally



The CV Middle School hosted a Pep Rally on October 6 with recognitions for students who showed Positivity Project (P2) character strengths. The event also featured exciting minute-to-win-it challenge games between grade levels!

## Homecoming Spirit Week Photo Gallery



## Attention Student Athletes

The NCAA has established eligibility rules related to participating in Division I and II college athletics. Should you be considering athletics in college, it is imperative that you notify your school counselor now. Students are required to take 16 core subject courses. The NCAA does not use elective courses to complete the 16. To participate at the Division I or II level, you must also register with the NCAA Clearinghouse by going to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Once you have registered, it will prompt you to let the guidance office know so we can submit a transcript. Finally, you must submit your SAT or ACT scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center directly from the testing agency in order to certify the student's initial eligibility. All test scores are required to be sent. \*\*\*\*See your school counselor for details.\*\*\*\*

## Student Athletic Club Takes on the Polar Plunge



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The Ice Warriors from the Chenango Valley Student Athletic Club conquered the Polar Plunge at the Chenango Valley State Park beach on November 4, raising an impressive \$2,295 for the Special Olympics and surpassing their \$1,000 goal. They won the Cool School Challenge, donating the most among schools, and were second place overall in fundraising.

## Warrior Run = Muddy Fun!



The Chenango Valley Cross Country program hosted its third annual Warrior Run mud obstacle course in October, with students from grades 5-8 and fall sports teams navigating fun challenges. The event provided a memorable and muddy experience for everyone!

## CV Athletics Goes Pink for a Cause

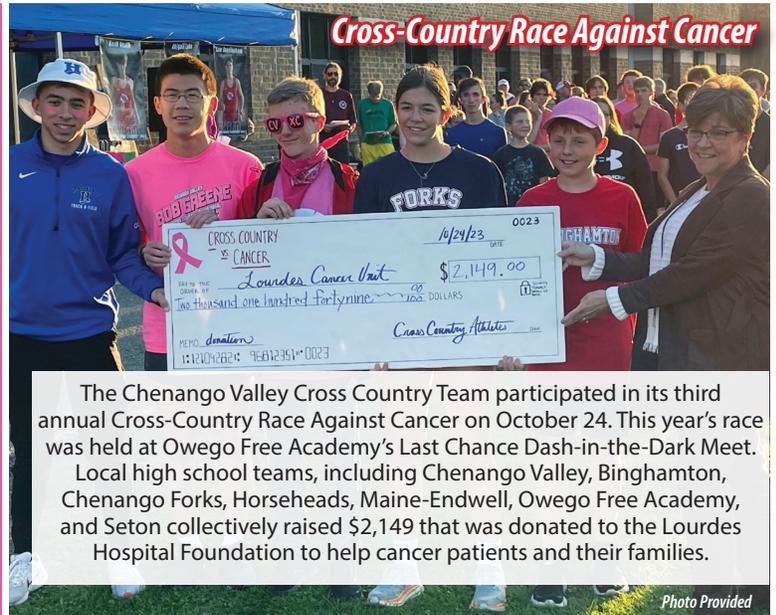


CV's Student Athletic Club and fall sports teams raised awareness during their Valley vs. Cancer "Pink Out" games in October. Student Athletic Club T-shirt sale proceeds and contributions from CV Volleyball, Cross Country, and Girls Varsity Swim programs raised \$1,220 for the Lourdes Cancer Unit. This was presented, along with other funds, to a representative from Lourdes at the last "Pink Out" event, the Cross-Country Race Against Cancer.



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## Cross-Country Race Against Cancer



The Chenango Valley Cross Country Team participated in its third annual Cross-Country Race Against Cancer on October 24. This year's race was held at Owego Free Academy's Last Chance Dash-in-the-Dark Meet. Local high school teams, including Chenango Valley, Binghamton, Chenango Forks, Horseheads, Maine-Endwell, Owego Free Academy, and Seton collectively raised \$2,149 that was donated to the Lourdes Hospital Foundation to help cancer patients and their families.

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**CV Varsity Cheer Places Second at the State Championships!**



Congratulations to the CV Varsity Cheerleading Team for placing second at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Game Day Cheerleading Championships on November 5! They finished the season as the Class C runners-up in the state. Also, congratulations to the team on being Section IV Class C Champions! Way to go!

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**Chenango Valley Fall 2023 NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams**

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Boys Cross Country  | Girls Tennis     |
| Girls Cross Country | Girls Volleyball |
| Boys Soccer         | Cheerleading     |
| Girls Soccer        | Football         |
| Girls Swimming      | Golf             |

ALL of our fall 2023 sports teams qualified as New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) scholar-athlete teams!

For this achievement, the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90. Keep up the great work, Warriors!

**CV Varsity Girls Tennis - Class C Champions!**



Congrats to the CV Varsity Girls Tennis Team on being Class C Champions! Team winners from the Section IV Class C Tennis Sectionals held at CV:

- Singles
- \*1st: Adelle Wilson
- \*3rd: Lily Brady
- Doubles
- \*1st: Kaida Warwick/Aubrey Staub
- \*2nd: Natalia Dithrich/Ashland Craig

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**Adelle Wilson  
State Qualifier!**

Adelle Wilson secured second place at the state qualifiers, earning a spot at States! She was honored as the Section IV Sportsmanship Winner in the girls' individual tennis category at the NYSPHSAA Tennis Championships!

Photo: NYSPHSAA



**Michael Doyle  
State Qualifier!**

Congratulations to Michael Doyle who qualified to compete in the NYSPHSAA Cross Country State Championships! He placed second at the state qualifier meet, with a time of 17:13, earning his spot at States!

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**CV Varsity Girls Swim - Central Division Champions!**



Congrats to the CV Varsity Girls Swimming Team, Central Division Champions for fall 2023! In the Class B Championships, Colsten Beers placed first in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:19.20, and first in the 100 Butterfly at 58.33. The 400 Free Relay Team - Jenna Beck, Colsten Beers, Sophia Bucci, and Natalie Turner - placed first with a time of 3:47.67. Colsten Beers qualified to compete in the NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championships!

Photo from "Pink Out" Meet: Don & Tina Kunkel



**Colsten Beers  
State Qualifier!**

**CV Varsity Girls Soccer - Class B Champions!**



Congratulations to the Chenango Valley Girls Varsity Soccer Team on winning the Section IV Class B title!

Photo: Don & Tina Kunkel



For more information, highlights, and the most up-to-date schedules, visit [www.cvcasd.stier.org/Athletics.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/Athletics.aspx).



**Musical Calendar Update:** Please note that the CV High School musical will now be held on March 15-17.

THE CHENANGO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS:

SAVE THE DATE:

MARCH 15 - 7 PM

MARCH 16 - 7 PM

MARCH 17 - 2 PM

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**SHREK**  
THE  
MUSICAL

JOIN US AT THE CV HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AS WE GO ON A  
MAGICAL JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF FAR, FAR AWAY!

*Plus, stay tuned for an exciting CV Middle School musical on May 3 and 4. More details to come!*

The CV Athletic Department and CV administration recently provided the CV High School Pep Band with new uniforms, including zip-up athletic sweaters. The BaCh, our dedicated music booster club, also contributed by outfitting Pep Band members with special jerseys. The Pep Band appreciated all the support to help them look their best while showcasing their musical talents!



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*Pep Band Shares Thanks for New Uniforms*

## Chenango Valley CSD Winter 2023 Concerts

*All concerts are held at 7:00 p.m. in the CV High School Auditorium.*

**CV High School**

*Thursday,  
December 7*

**CV Middle School**

*Tuesday,  
December 12*

**CB Elementary**

*Thursday,  
December 14*

## Area All-State Music Accomplishments!



**Jillian Melly**

Junior High Area All-State Concert Band  
Flute



**Alexandra Blaise**

Senior High Area All-State Concert Band  
Flute

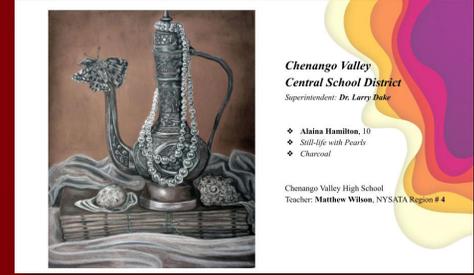
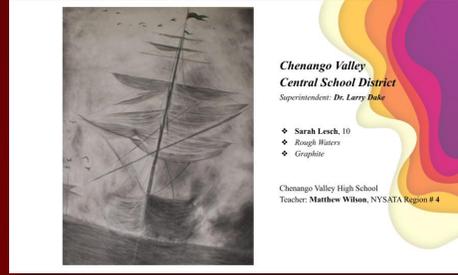
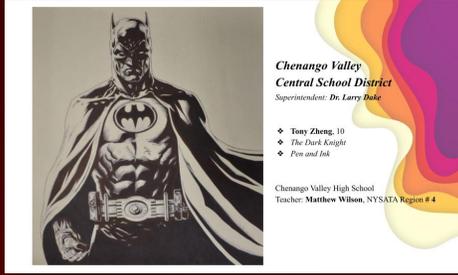


**Austin Greenmun**

Senior High Area All-State Concert Band  
Baritone

Congratulations to Jillian Melly for participating in the Junior High Area All-State Concert Band on flute in November! Austin Greenmun (baritone) and Alexandra Blaise (flute) also qualified to participate in the Senior High Area All-State in February! In these festivals, they have the chance to play alongside students from schools in the Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Seneca and Tioga counties.

Mr. Wilson submitted these outstanding pieces to the 2023 New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Student Art Exhibit through the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA). They were featured in a virtual show at the NYSSBA Conference in October and are now showcased on the NYSATA website.



## COLORSCAPE 2023 Student Juried Art Show

*\*Please note that grade levels may be reflective of the 2022-23 school year.*

★ **Best in Show - Alaina Hamilton**

1st Place in Painting (8-9) - Alexandra Blaise

2nd Place in Drawing (8-9) - Alexandra Blaise

3rd Place in Drawing (8-9) - Kenna Wales

1st Place in Painting (10-12) - Haley Trisket

2nd Place in Painting (10-12) - Tony Zheng

3rd Place in Painting (10-12) - Christopher Davies

1st Place in Graphics (10-12) - Savannah Greenmun

2nd Place in Graphics (10-12) - Sophia Ashman

3rd Place in Graphics (10-12) - Jessica Matson

1st Place in Drawing (10-12) - Savannah Greenmun

2nd Place in Drawing (10-12) - Tony Zheng

3rd Place in Drawing (10-12) - Sarah Lesch

1st Place in 3D (10-12) - Savannah Greenmun



## Chenango Valley Honors Veterans



Throughout November, CV schools demonstrated appreciation for veterans. Port Dickinson Elementary and Chenango Bridge Elementary welcomed students' family members who are veterans to special Veterans Day events. Chenango Bridge Elementary also created a "Wall of Heroes" exhibit in its hallway. Both Chenango Bridge Elementary and CV High School paid tribute with "America's White Table" displays set up in their schools.

**CV Military Display Case Update:** The display case at the CV Middle/High School main entrance, dedicated to honoring CV graduates who have served our nation, was recently updated. Thank you to Mrs. Donahue and Ms. Stephenson for their work on this project. CV graduates who have served and wish to be featured in future updates are encouraged to submit a photo along with their full name and the year they graduated from Chenango Valley to [edonahue@cvcvsd.stier.org](mailto:edonahue@cvcvsd.stier.org).

**Chenango Valley thanks our community partners for enhancing education, supporting students and families, and boosting Warrior Pride. To collaborate with CV in the future, contact the district office at (607) 762-6800.**

**Rotary School Supply Donation**



Thank you to the Nimmonsburg-Hillcrest Rotary for generously donating school supplies for Chenango Valley and Chenango Forks students! Your support of our schools is greatly appreciated!

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**Mayor Kraham Visits History in Film Class**



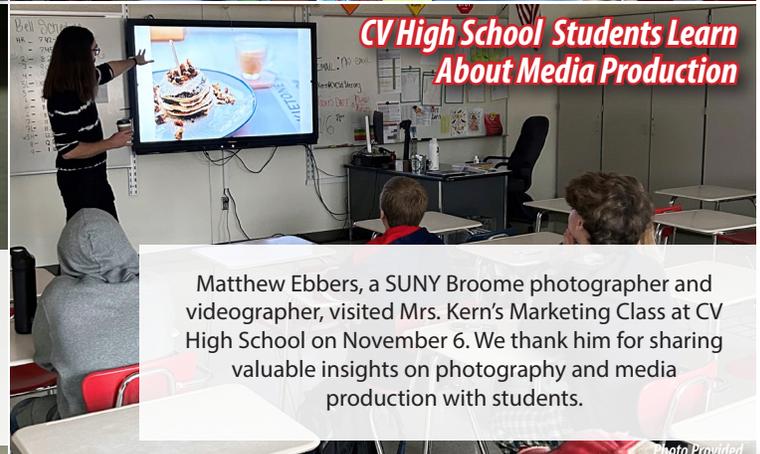
Binghamton Mayor Jared Kraham, a CV Class of '09 graduate, visited Mr. Tidick's History in Film Class on October 4, engaging students in a discussion about local government and addressing their questions.

**The Raymond Corporation Donates 3D Printer**



Thank you to the Raymond Corporation for donating a 3D printer the organization was no longer using to CV technology classes! Joe Weiss and Josh Smith delivered the device on October 24. Joe, a CV Class of '02 graduate, was happy to support a program that influenced him. This 3D printer will greatly benefit our students!

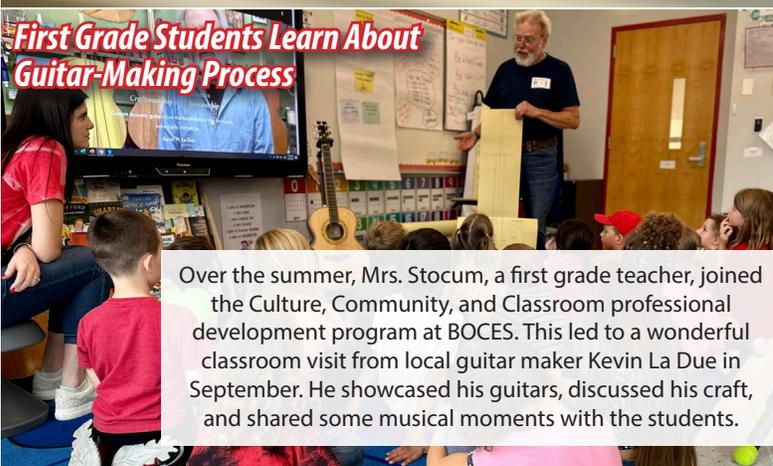
**CV High School Students Learn About Media Production**



Matthew Ebbers, a SUNY Broome photographer and videographer, visited Mrs. Kern's Marketing Class at CV High School on November 6. We thank him for sharing valuable insights on photography and media production with students.

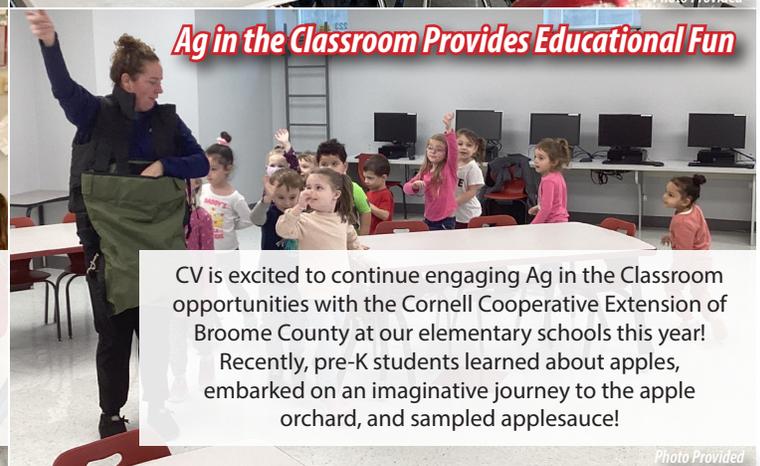
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**First Grade Students Learn About Guitar-Making Process**



Over the summer, Mrs. Stocum, a first grade teacher, joined the Culture, Community, and Classroom professional development program at BOCES. This led to a wonderful classroom visit from local guitar maker Kevin La Due in September. He showcased his guitars, discussed his craft, and shared some musical moments with the students.

**Ag in the Classroom Provides Educational Fun**



CV is excited to continue engaging Ag in the Classroom opportunities with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County at our elementary schools this year! Recently, pre-K students learned about apples, embarked on an imaginative journey to the apple orchard, and sampled applesauce!

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**Jared Campbell Visits Elementary Schools**



On November 7, award-winning singer-songwriter Jared Campbell visited Port Dickinson Elementary and Chenango Bridge Elementary to share powerful messages of respect and kindness through his music. His visit aligned with the Positivity Project (P2) character strength of "bravery" and inspired students to embrace courage and make a positive impact in their lives.

## Fire Safety Presentations



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Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge Fire Departments recently educated our elementary students on fire prevention and safety, providing valuable resources. Bree McGrath, a Binghamton firefighter and CV parent, also visited Mrs. Williams's kindergarten class. Thank you all for your time and the important information shared!

## PD Students Learn About Bike Safety

Wear a helmet the right way!



Quick Fit Check:

1. Eyes
2. Ears
3. Chin

Christine Marion, Traffic Safety Program Coordinator from the Broome County Health Department, visited PD Elementary in October to educate students about bike and pedestrian safety. She emphasized proper helmet use and road rules.

## Exploring the Arts Event Showcases Opportunities



On November 8, the Exploring the Arts event, a collaboration with Binghamton University's Emerging Leaders Arts and Humanities group, took place at CB Elementary. Students and families engaged in a variety of creative activities, including painting and hands-on crafts, showcasing exciting artistic opportunities.

## "Empowering Families in the Digital Age: Navigating Social Media's Influence on Youth"

In a November 1 presentation led by licensed psychologist Tanya Pelletiere, PhD, attendees learned about navigating the digital age's impact on youth. The session covered screen time and responsible technology use for both kids and adults, emphasizing open dialogue, boundaries, and mindfulness.

## MLB Pitcher and '09 Graduate Justin Topa Visits



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The CV Middle School P2/Fun Club hosted a fantastic Fun Day event on November 9. The special guest was MLB pitcher and CV Class of '09 graduate Justin Topa, who shared his inspiring journey from CV to the major leagues. Middle school students learned about the importance of hard work, perseverance, and a positive mindset. Topa also visited his cousin Mrs. Lusht's first grade class!

## Future Friday Presentations



Mrs. Preston's LIFE (Living Independently & Financial Education) classes have enjoyed valuable Future Friday sessions with local professionals, equipping them with essential resources and connections for the next stage of their lives. They look forward to more opportunities to come throughout the school year!

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