

Newscaster



BUDGET EDITION - MAY 2024



The CV High School Theatre Guild did a magical job presenting DreamWorks' "Shrek the Musical" in March!

CHENANGO VALLEY HAS BEEN NAMED AMONG THE NAMM FOUNDATION'S 2024 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION!

Thank you for your continued support of our music programs!



Chorus members in grades 4-12 joined together for the annual District Choral Concert, showcasing the talents of many skilled singers!



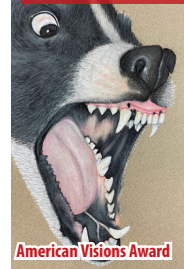
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Congratulations to the CV Varsity Cheer team for achieving 12th in the nation for their Game Day routine at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships!



Ninth grade student Anthony Valls secured second place at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships! Way to go!

American Visions Awards advance to the national level!



American Visions Award

Jessica Matson Protection (Drawing & Illustration)



American Visions Award

Sophia Buccì Tea Pot (Ceramics & Glass)



Matthias Arnot Award

Aubrey Staub Four-Ring Handled Vessel (Ceramics & Glass)

CV students won four of the regional awards at the Scholastic Art Awards reception, with two entries advancing to the national level!

Nor Kruser Ink Well Feather (Sculpture)



Matthias Arnot Award

CV is proud to celebrate 14 CV High School student artists recognized at this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Regional Awards! At the recognition ceremony, CV students excelled even further, securing four additional regional awards. See the full list of awardees on page 9.

Look inside for even more recent events and celebrations!

Chenango Valley Central School District 2024-2025 Budget Vote & School Board Election

Budget Hearing/ Meet the Candidates

May 8, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.
Warrior Conference Rooms
(Located next to
CV Middle/High School Library)

VOTE

May 21, 2024
12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Chenango Valley
High School Auditorium



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Message from the Board President and Superintendent

Dear Chenango Valley Community,

We hope this budget newsletter message finds you well. We want to thank you for your continued patience this spring as we developed our 2024-2025 Chenango Valley Central School District budget. Through strong financial planning by our own budget office, led by School Business Executive Beth Donahue, and our Central Business Office partners at Broome-Tioga BOCES, we are able to present a balanced budget that maintains all existing positions and programs and offers targeted enhancements. Since 2021-2022, Chenango Valley has received significant foundation aid increases as New York State has chosen to fully fund that aid formula after several years not doing so. This year, and in future years, we anticipate those state aid levels to return to normal levels around 3% per year, on average.

This year, our property tax levy is 2.94%. One factor in the eight-step tax levy formula is PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreements. For more information on how the Millennium Pipeline PILOT impacts our tax levy limit, please see page 5.

The proposed budget continues our tradition of annual small capital outlay projects that generate building aid in the following year. We completed our first project in 2013-2014, and we've scheduled a \$100,000 project each year since. This has resulted in over \$1 million worth of projects, with a local share of approximately \$15,000 each year.

Moreover, in 2024-2025, we are proposing to appropriate \$700,000 in fund balance for a one-time project to finish LED lighting installation across the district. Currently, only the CV Middle/High School and the Bus Garage/Maintenance Facility lack full LED lighting. This one-time project would finish that work and expedite our district achieving electricity savings over time.

Please see page 6 for information related to our proposed capital outlay project for 2024-2025 and special LED capital project.

Furthermore, we follow our bus replacement schedule with all bus propositions. For 2024-2025, we propose the purchase of one electric bus in lieu of a diesel bus. Currently, New York State is mandating that school districts may not purchase diesel buses after 2027, and that all school buses must be electric by 2035. On April 19, we confirmed that Chenango Valley was awarded up to approximately \$257,000 toward the purchase of an electric bus in 2024-2025. The final amount of the award will make the electric bus cost equal to purchasing a diesel bus, and these grants may not exist in the future. Our goal is to purchase one bus at this time to allow our drivers and mechanics to gain experience with electric buses. Several of our area districts have already done so, and report positive experiences with electric buses. At this time, we are not planning to ramp up our fleet to be fully electric until mandated, but this would allow us to obtain one bus with which to gain experience. More information on our bus propositions can be found on page 3.

Finally, beyond maintaining all existing positions and programs, our proposed budget includes several enhancements. First, we proposed adding a grade 2 class section to keep primary-grade class sizes smaller. Moreover, we are looking to add an additional grade 6 teacher to bolster instruction and cut down on the number of study halls students have in their schedules; this position will focus on reading and writing skills. In addition, the budget includes hiring additional lunch and recess monitors at the elementary schools to focus on student safety. Finally, we propose adding four program coaching assistants to support our coaching staff in certain higher-risk sports. These positions are paid at \$2,000 each and would be assigned to support boys and girls lacrosse, football, and soccer.

Please review the material enclosed in this *Newscaster* edition, which includes the 2024-2025 three-component budget, school bus purchase proposition information, and the Fenton Free Library proposition. It also includes CV Board of Education candidate biographies. For more detailed budget information, please visit our website or reach out directly.

Sincerely,
Christine Lomonaco & Dr. Larry Dake
Board of Education President & Superintendent of Schools



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President, Board of Education



Dr. Larry Dake
Superintendent

Learn More:

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What to Expect on Your Ballot: Propositions

Electric Bus Information

This year, we're taking a slightly different route by introducing two bus bond propositions for our community's consideration, aiming to keep our bus fleet safe, reliable, and environmentally friendly.

NYS currently requires that, starting in 2027, all new school bus purchases must be zero-emission. By 2035, a district's entire fleet must meet this standard. This decision aligns with our shared goal of a sustainable environment and a healthier future for our students. By acquiring one electric bus now, CV can begin to transition cost-effectively and plan strategically for future requirements.

Gradual Replacement: Our plan to replace three to four buses of our aging fleet yearly continues. If both propositions pass, we'll replace three buses, aligning with our strategic goals for student transportation.

Why Two Propositions? We're embracing transparency and flexibility. This dual approach allows for varying outcomes based on community preference. Voting for one or both propositions will affect our ability to maintain our fleet replacement schedule.



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Electric Bus Transition Efforts: Knowledge is power, and we've taken crucial steps to ensure a smooth transition towards electrifying our buses and actively engaging with our school community, including:

- An in-depth study conducted by Arcadis, funded by NYSERDA, on bus electrification.
- Presentations to BOE, which offered an opportunity for feedback and open discussions.
- April "Touch a Bus" event, which provided community interaction with an electric bus.
- Committee established to lead the transition to an all-electric bus fleet.
- Dedicated webpage launched for updates and resources on electric buses.

These efforts reflect our commitment to a sustainable future and to providing our community with the opportunity for informed decision-making.

Proposition #1: Electric Bus Bond

What You're Voting On: The purchase of one 62-passenger electric bus.

What You Should Know: There are several factors that we have identified regarding bringing electric buses to our community, including but not limited to: Electric buses mean cleaner air and reduce our carbon footprint, lower operational and maintenance costs, and offer a quieter ride for our students. This will also provide students educational opportunities and will allow drivers and mechanics to gain experience. With current state incentives approved for the district, this purchase option is comparable to the purchase of a diesel bus.

Proposition #2: Diesel Bus Bond

What You're Voting On: The purchase of two diesel buses, one 62-passenger and one 26-passenger wheelchair accessible, to ensure we meet current transportation needs.

Transportation Aid Reimbursement: Bus purchases, including finance costs, are offset by transportation aid at approximately 80% of the cost.

Prop. 1: Electric Bus Bond Proposition

Proposition 1 will be worded as follows:

Shall the Chenango Valley Central School District, Broome County, New York, be authorized to purchase one electric school bus, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, contingent upon the award of available incentives from the New York School Bus Incentive Program, at a total maximum estimated cost of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), and that such sum shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued or, in the alternative, entering into a lease purchase agreement for same?

Prop. 2: Diesel Bus Bond Proposition

Proposition 2 will be worded as follows:

Shall the Chenango Valley Central School District, Broome County, New York, be authorized to purchase two diesel school buses, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, at a total maximum estimated cost of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), and that such sum shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued or, in the alternative, entering into a lease purchase agreement for same?



Prop. 3: Library Levy Proposition



Message from the Fenton Free Library:

Aside from library services provided in a warm and welcoming environment, the Fenton Free Library offers a variety of free programs for our community. These include our preschool program: "Barnyard Buddies," a weekly Story Time, "Booked": an after-school program for 9-13 year-olds, and "Senior Wellness": an exercise class for those 65 and older. Additionally, we are excited to introduce "Making Yoga Accessible for Everyone," a seated yoga class designed for adults with mobility challenges, which will be available soon. The library is truly the heart of the community.

According to Section 529 of New York State Education Law, libraries within the boundaries of a school district have the right to place a separate funding proposition on the district's ballot. The law provides this as a means for libraries to access community voters and levy taxes. In May 2014, the Chenango Valley community participated in its first vote to support a proposition to provide annual funding to the Fenton Free Library. The Chenango Valley Board of Education was requested to add a proposition to the 2024 ballot to increase the annual funding to \$195,961.

It is important to note that library funds and school district funds remain separate, and the school district does not have any role in funding, operations, or management of the library. For additional information, please visit the Fenton Free Library website: fentonfreelibrary.com or contact Library Director, Leslie Weigand, 1062 Chenango St., Binghamton, (607) 724-8649

Proposition 3 will be worded as follows:

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Chenango Valley Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of One Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$195,961.00) and to pay over such monies to the trustees of the Fenton Free Library for the purpose of funding the Fenton Free Library?

2024 - 2025 Proposed Budget

2024-2025 Proposed Budget: Administrative Component		2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Difference
Board of Education	<i>District clerk salary, election supplies, memberships, and conferences.</i>	\$43,813	\$44,061	\$248
District Administration	<i>Salaries for superintendent, assistant superintendent, and secretaries; supplies, memberships, and conferences.</i>	\$448,287	\$429,007	\$(19,280)
Business Office & Finance	<i>Salaries for Personnel and Business Office; audit, legal, and fiscal agent expenses.</i>	\$870,247	\$935,818	\$65,571
Central Services	<i>Insurances, printing and postage, public information, and BOCES administrative costs.</i>	\$649,976	\$715,793	\$65,817
Supervision/Curriculum Development	<i>Salaries for principals, secretarial staff, supplies, memberships, and conferences.</i>	\$1,060,500	\$1,138,551	\$78,051
Employee Benefits	<i>These benefits are required by law or contract, including retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation, insurance, etc., for employees in the general support budget area.</i>	\$1,222,389	\$1,326,703	\$104,314
Administrative Component Totals		\$4,295,212	\$4,589,933	\$294,721

2024-2025 Proposed Budget: Program Component		2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Difference
Teaching - Regular School	<i>Salaries for all regular classroom teachers, teacher aides, substitutes; costs of classroom textbooks, supplies, equipment, and contractual expenses.</i>	\$11,266,983	\$11,697,774	\$430,791
Instruction - Special Programs	<i>Salaries for teachers and teacher aides for pupils with special education needs; costs of supplies, equipment, and contractual expenses for these programs.</i>	\$6,811,702	\$6,933,809	\$122,107
Instruction - Special School	<i>Costs associated with educating incarcerated youth housed at the prison located within district boundaries and summer enrichment programs. The expense for incarcerated youth is completely offset by aid received.</i>	\$163,000	\$164,000	\$1,000
Instructional Media	<i>Salaries for librarians and clerical support; equipment, supplies, and contractual costs including computer-assisted instruction.</i>	\$2,311,003	\$2,289,951	\$(21,052)
Pupil Personnel Services	<i>Salaries for guidance department, registered nurses, psychologists, and social workers; related supplies and contractual expenses.</i>	\$1,447,151	\$1,494,553	\$47,402
Co-Curricular Activities & Interscholastic Athletics	<i>Salaries for athletic personnel including coaches and advisors for extracurricular activities.</i>	\$877,078	\$951,922	\$74,844
Transportation	<i>Costs for transportation including salaries, supplies, equipment, and contractual expenses.</i>	\$1,549,483	\$1,528,776	\$(20,707)
Interfund Transfer - Special Aid Fund and Cafeteria Fund	<i>District support of the school lunch program and the summer special education program.</i>	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$(20,000)
Community Services	<i>Salaries for the community swim program.</i>	\$7,900	\$7,900	\$-
Employee Benefits	<i>These benefits are required by law or contract and include items such as retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation, insurance, etc., for employees in the instructional area.</i>	\$10,330,770	\$10,840,734	\$509,964
Program Component Totals		\$34,825,070	\$35,949,419	\$1,124,349

2024 - 2025 Proposed Budget

2024-2025 Proposed Budget: Capital Component		2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Difference
Operations and Maintenance	<i>Salaries for director of facilities, maintenance, and custodial staff; contractual expenses, supplies, equipment, and utility costs.</i>	\$2,887,524	\$3,147,423	\$259,899
Debt Service	<i>Annual bond/note principal and interest costs are covered. The increase is offset by an increase in building aid.</i>	\$2,851,740	\$4,048,030	\$1,196,290
Employee Benefits	<i>These benefits are required by law or contract and include items such as retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation, and insurance for employees in the maintenance and operations area.</i>	\$983,537	\$987,340	\$3,803
Refund of Taxes	<i>Small claims assessment changes.</i>	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$-
Interfund Transfer - Capital Fund	<i>Annually, \$100k projects are supported at the building aid ratio for the following school year. This year, an additional LED project is included, with costs offset by appropriating the current year fund balance. See page 6 for more details.</i>	\$100,000	\$800,000	\$700,000
Capital Component Totals		\$6,830,301	\$8,990,293	\$2,159,992

Grand Total	\$45,950,583	\$49,529,645	\$3,579,062
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2024-2025 Anticipated Revenue Sources		2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Difference
Tax Levy	<i>Real property taxes and STAR rebates.</i>	\$21,352,091	\$21,979,317	\$627,226
State Aid	<i>Includes all state aid sources.</i>	\$22,950,075	\$25,418,453	\$2,468,378
Other Revenue	<i>All other revenue other than tax levy and state aid.</i>	\$1,148,417	\$868,675	\$(279,742)
Appropriated Fund Balance	<i>Excess fund balance used to reduce the tax levy for the following year.</i>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$-
Appropriated Fund Balance - Special Project	<i>Use current year budget savings to complete a one-time project - see page 6 for more information.</i>	\$-	\$700,000	\$700,000
Appropriated Reserves	<i>Planned use of Employee Retirement Reserve for a one-time project.</i>	\$-	\$63,200	\$63,200
Total Revenues		\$45,950,583	\$49,529,645	\$3,579,062

Tax Levy Calculation and Impact

Over the last 15 years, Chenango Valley has had a PILOT agreement with the Millennium Pipeline. That means that for the last 15 years the Pipeline has not factored into the tax rolls, but rather has worked with the local municipalities for payment. While the district does not have a seat at the table in determining PILOTs, they do impact our tax base.

The Millennium Pipeline's PILOT expires in 2023-2024. Effective in 2024-2025 and going forward, the Pipeline will be on the tax rolls. By removing the PILOT from the eight-step property tax levy formula, our tax levy rate increased to 2.94%. Without the Millennium Pipeline included, the community's property tax level would have been 2.08%. Because this property is going on the tax rolls, the Pipeline will be picking up part of the overall taxes for school district properties for the first time. This will result in fewer taxes to be shared across the remaining properties and the impact on individual tax bills should be reduced as a result.

The calculated tax levy limit for the 2024-2025 school year is 2.94%. The annual impact of this increase on a home valued at \$100,000 would be approximately \$70. Every homeowner's tax bill is impacted by changes in equalization rates that are assigned by NYS to every town each summer prior to school tax bills being calculated. As a result of that change, each town in our school district will see a different impact on their tax bill, depending on their town's change in equalization rate relative to other towns in the state.

For more information on STAR and equalization rates, please visit the NYS Office of Real Property website at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property.

Capital Outlay Projects and Board of Education Candidates

Annual Small Capital Outlay Project

The capital outlay project that the district completes every year has been very beneficial in allowing us to continue capital improvement work. These projects are capped at \$100,000, and the district receives aid back from NYS the following year. This is reflected in the budget as a "transfer to capital" of \$100,000. Our 2024-2025 building aid ratio will be 88.4%, resulting in a net cost of approximately \$11,600. For 2024-2025, we are planning to replace the lights in the high school gym, high school cafeteria, and middle school cafeteria with more energy-efficient LED lighting.



One-time Capital Outlay Project

Thanks to budget savings from this year, we're planning to use our fund balance to kick off a one-time capital outlay project. This project involves upgrading to energy-efficient LED lighting at both the middle school and high school. We've allocated \$700,000 from our current surplus to next year's budget for this purpose.

This funding strategy will appear in our budget as both an expense (under "transfer to capital") and a revenue (under "appropriated fund balance"), ensuring it does not affect the 2024-2025 tax levy. The project, pending approval from the NY State Education Department of Facilities Planning, is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2025.

The completion of this project will result in lower electricity consumption at the middle school/high school and provide a building aid revenue stream over the next 15 years.



BUDGET HEARING & MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM

May 8, 2024 | 6:00 PM
Warrior Conference Rooms
(Located next to CV Middle/High School Library)

Two (2) Four-Year Term Seats Open:
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2028

Attend the board candidate forum prior to the budget hearing on May 8 to hear from the two candidates running for the open seats. Read more about the candidates below.



Shaun Boorum

I was born and raised in Binghamton and have lived in the Chenango Valley Central School District since 2001. My wife, Meca, is a 1998 graduate of Chenango Valley. We have three children: Parker is a 2022 CV graduate and currently in college, Carter is a senior set to graduate from CV this June and study animal science next year in college, and Miles is a 5th grade student at Chenango Bridge Elementary.

I graduated from Binghamton High School in 1997, attended college at both SUNY Morrisville and SUNY Broome, and became a medical device salesman.

I am a former Corporate Account Manager representing the worldwide medical company, KCI. I was one of only two people in the company to ever become a Nationally-Certified Inside Sales Professional and I have completed the Scotwork Negotiation Training program.

I am now medically retired, after becoming disabled from a major infection after a bone marrow donation for my late father. I am now able to spend more time with my family and taking care of my home.

My family and I spend our free time camping at the 1000 Islands or vacationing in Disney World in Florida.

I have donated six years of my time as a coach for the Chenango Valley youth football program, including helping lead the 2015 7/8 year-olds to the district's only "Super Bowl" championship, and spent the last few years coaching Little League Baseball.

My background identifying the different needs of each individual person, and compassion for those in need, make me well suited for the job of board member. I have developed such a pride for this district, and am driven to not only keeping community pride, but bolstering it.



Carl Winter

I am a graduate of the Chenango Valley Central School District, along with many members of my immediate and extended family. The benefits and opportunities afforded to me as a result of the education that the schools provided are valued and appreciated. As a former middle school teacher, I understand and place a high value on access to a strong, supportive public education.

As a case manager for people with developmental disabilities, I would be an especially strong advocate for students with special needs. I want to be a good steward of a district with a long history of providing quality educational services to the community's youth.

Capital Project Update and Additional Notifications

Capital Project Update

With the summer months approaching, we are preparing for another construction season to complete the capital project that was approved by voters in December 2021. A great amount of work occurred over the summer of 2023, and even more exciting improvements will be happening this year. Significant spatial improvements will occur at the middle/high school, including renovating existing space into new art, technology, and family and consumer sciences classrooms to create new modern facilities. In addition, select areas of floor replacement, exterior door replacement, and pool equipment replacement will occur. By the end of the summer, most of the classroom furniture will be replaced as well. The building will again be closed during the summer months in order for these renovations to safely occur.

At Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge elementary schools, new standby generators will be installed and upgrades to the elevators will be completed. We're also hopeful that construction will begin on the Port Dickinson Outdoor Learning Center, which will be constructed near the pond at the back of the school's campus.

Key Updates:

The CV Middle/High School building will again be closed during the summer months in order for renovations to safely occur.

- **CV Middle/High School Improvements:**
 - Renovating existing space for new art, technology, and family and consumer sciences classrooms
 - Floor, door, and pool equipment upgrades
 - New classroom furniture by the end of summer
- **Elementary Schools Improvements:**
 - New standby generators at Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge
 - Elevator upgrades
 - Anticipated start of construction on the Outdoor Learning Center near the PD Elementary pond

Public Notice

The Chenango Valley Central School District has completed the inspection of all schools and buildings to determine the condition of asbestos that is present, and whether any action is required to avoid potential health hazards for students, employees, and visitors. A management plan has been developed in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), to ensure the continued provision and maintenance of a safe environment for students, employees, and visitors. The management plan includes training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos, periodic re-inspection, and surveillance.

Please note that the comprehensive, triennial inspection occurs once every three years. A surveillance inspection of the asbestos-containing building materials occurs every six months, typically during the months of December and July. Monitoring of these building materials occurs on a continuing basis. A copy of the management plan is available at the district office. If you would like further information regarding this matter, please contact the Chenango Valley Facilities and Operations Department at (607) 762-6860.

Request for Pesticide Application Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and State Education Department Commissioner's Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

Chenango Valley Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior notification of certain pesticide applications. If you would like to receive such notification or would like further information regarding this matter, please contact the Chenango Valley Facilities and Operations Department at (607) 762-6860.



Website Accessibility: CV is committed to ensuring easy access to our district website for all users. If you encounter any issues or have questions regarding accessibility, please contact us at (607) 762-6804 or MWengert@cvcsd.stier.org.

Please submit transportation change/request forms at least five school days before the requested change is to take effect.

Transportation Change/Request Form Reminder

Please note that all transportation change/request forms must be completed and submitted to the Transportation Department at least five (5) school days before the requested change is to take effect. A separate form is required for each student in your household. Please ensure timely submission to accommodate your scheduling needs. Thank you for your cooperation to help ensure the safe transportation of all students. Please contact CV Transportation at (607) 762-6850 with questions.

BEGIN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY AT CV!

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

AGE REQUIREMENTS

PRE-K: 4 YEARS OLD BY DECEMBER 1, 2024	KINDERGARTEN: 5 YEARS OLD BY DECEMBER 1, 2024
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FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PRE-K OPTIONS BASED ON AVAILABILITY.

MORE INFORMATION:

- ☎ 607-762-6824
- 🌐 WWW.CVCSD.STIER.ORG
- ✉ CV_REGISTRATION@CVCSD.STIER.ORG



STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PRE-K AT PORT DICKINSON ELEMENTARY FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.



SCHEDULE AHEAD: UPCOMING PHYSICALS FOR CV STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 7-12

Who does this apply to?

- New York State requires updated physical exams for **all students entering 7th, 9th, and 11th grades** in the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Athletes entering grades 7-12** need physicals. This will cover physical requirements for all three sports seasons.

Physicals will be held at CV Middle/High School during the school day on May 22, 2024.

Parents/caregivers:

Sign up by Tuesday, May 21, for students to receive a physical at CV.



For details and registration, scan the QR code or visit www.cvcسد.stier.org.



Principal Highlights

Port Dickinson Elementary (Pre-K - Grade 2)

- Port Dickinson Elementary students are here and ready to learn! There were 16 AttenDANCE parties hosted during Quarter 3 to celebrate 160 days of perfect attendance for classes at PD!
- Port Dickinson kicked off spring with family engagement events! The Second Grade Poetry Celebration showcased 73 students reciting their own poems and welcomed 144 caregivers into the building!
- Port Dickinson loves to recognize brave leaders for accomplishments both in and out of the classroom! Since January, the school has celebrated more than 21 classes with Golden Awards and more than 37 students with shout-outs!
- Port Dickinson has been laser-focused on promoting math discourse, and it is paying off! A comparison of fall and winter AIMSweb (math benchmark assessment) data reflected an 88% increase combined (K-2) in a positive direction!
- Port Dickinson focuses on practicing safety each and every day! Students continue to review and practice safety expectations in all areas of the building.



PD Webpage

Principal: Jessica Carl

Chenango Bridge Elementary (Grades 3-5)

- Third grade students engaged in a "March Madness" multiplication tournament, divided into 16 teams, with daily quizzes to earn points.
- Fourth grade students worked on mastering literary themes, with 73% excelling in their first assessment. The focus then shifted to the independent identification and substantiation of themes, aligned with state test requirements.
- Fifth grade students completed science investigations, including experiments such as creating clouds and studying frog life cycles, in preparation for the state assessment.
- Over \$3,700 was raised for the American Heart Association through the Kids Heart Challenge.
- Guest readers and comprehension contests using Kahoot and Blooket engaged students with "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library" during the "One District, One Book" initiative.
- Chenango Bridge Elementary Warriors earn continuous applause for their positive behavior, embodying self-control, kindness, and hard work daily. We celebrate these role models consistently with weekly "Positive Office Referral" recognitions!



CB Webpage

Principal: Jennifer Yurko

Chenango Valley Middle School (Grades 6-8)

- CV Middle School held its 13th "Almost" Annual Cardboard Boat Race on February 29. Over 120 students created 31 handmade boats to compete in the fun. The boat with the fastest time was "PNF-404" with a pool time of 55 seconds. The winner for most school spirit was the "Lady Warriors." The winner for the most creative boat was "Jaws."
- CV Middle School's 15th annual Wellness Day event took place on March 13. Dan Kosick, a social worker at the Susquehanna Valley Central School District who has represented the United States in the Paralympics for alpine skiing, was the guest speaker. He shared his experiences and insights through an inspiring presentation.
- CV Middle School students recently had the chance to explore Lockheed Martin and learn more about opportunities in the STEM field.
- CV Middle School is celebrating students' positive actions with ongoing "Catch of the Week" recognitions.



MS Webpage

Principal: Eric E. Attleson

Chenango Valley High School (Grades 9-12)

- CV High School hosted Attendance Celebrations on February 14 and 15 for students who had outstanding attendance (three absences or fewer) or perfect attendance for the first half of the school year. A total of 168 high school students were recognized during the two-day celebration!
- Mrs. Ostrander and Ms. Stephenson worked with physical education classes on March 4 and 5 to review our Respect belief system at the high school. Students provided feedback through group discussions and made suggestions on how to further improve the high school!
- Students from Chenango Valley High School participated in the Next Generation Leadership Summit at SUNY Cortland. They shared their project, which involved working with the HS Student Council to organize a spring carnival. They also engaged in breakout sessions that focused on leadership and courage.
- Students have excelled throughout the region and state! In athletics, our cheer team represented at the national competition in Florida and our wrestling, boys swim, and indoor track and field teams competed at the state level. In addition, our musicians participated in the Area All-State and BCMEA All-County performances. Our art department also had 14 students receive 24 Scholastic Art awards (with four additional awards received at the recognition ceremony)!



HS Webpage

Principal: Jennifer Ostrander

These are just a few recent highlights. For more information and photos from each school building, scan the QR codes above!

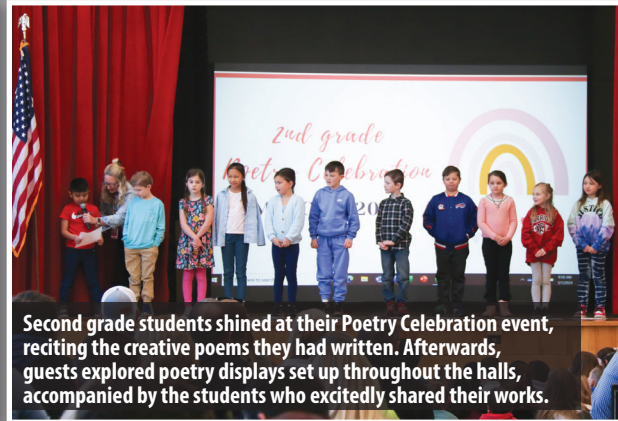
Celebrating CV Students and Schools: Recent Highlights and Achievements

Visit the CV district website for a complete list of CV Middle School and High School honor roll achievements!
Great job to everyone for their dedication and hard work!

A great celebration of Chenango Valley graduates!

Chenango Valley is proud to share that our graduation rate for 2023 was 93%, including those who graduated directly from CV High School and out-of-district placements.

This placed CV at the top of Broome County school district graduation rates for the 2022-23 school year!



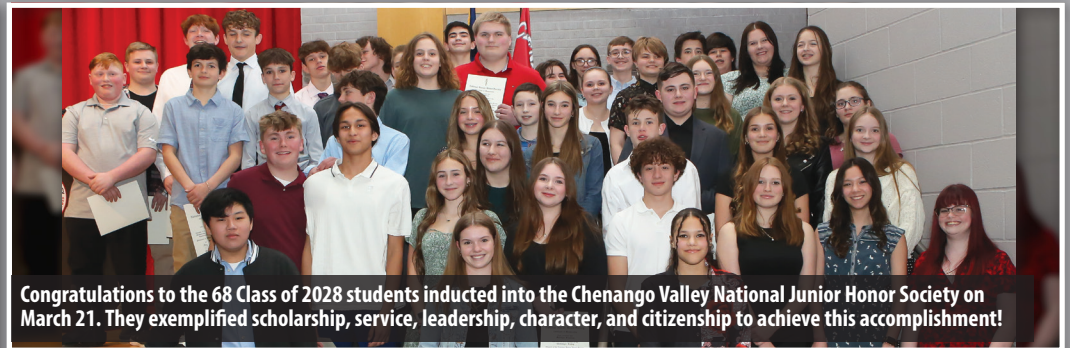
Second grade students shined at their Poetry Celebration event, reciting the creative poems they had written. Afterwards, guests explored poetry displays set up throughout the halls, accompanied by the students who excitedly shared their works.



Mrs. Lawshe's fourth graders continued the tradition of Valentine's Day compliment jars, where students exchanged compliments to hold onto as treasured keepsakes.



Edi Dzananovic and Michael Kaufman secured first place in the "Forklift Challenge" at the Southern Tier Robotics Competition held at SUNY Broome!



Congratulations to the 68 Class of 2028 students inducted into the Chenango Valley National Junior Honor Society on March 21. They exemplified scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship to achieve this accomplishment!



CV Middle and High School Jazz Ensembles delighted the school community with their rhythmic tunes at the Jazz Concert!

Congrats to CV Students Recognized for Scholastic Art Awards!

Great job to the 14 student artists who initially received 24 Scholastic Art Awards! Additionally, four CV students earned further honors at the recognition ceremony, highlighted below.

Alexandra Blaise

- *Flute Still Life*
Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration
- *Speak Your Truth*
Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration

Sophia Buccì - Tea Pot

- Gold Key, Ceramics & Glass
- *Received American Visions Award*

Chris Davies - Change

- Silver Key, Painting

Kamryn Hoyt - Terracotta Vessel/Jug

- Honorable Mention, Ceramics & Glass

Nor Kruser - Ink Well Feather

- Honorable Mention, Sculpture
- *Received Matthias Arnot Award*

Sarah Lesch - Juniper's Landing

- Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration

Jessica Matson

- *Protection*
Gold Key, Drawing & Illustration
- *Received American Visions Award*
- *The Voices*
Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration

Arin Miller - Noir

- Silver Key, Painting

Margo Niefer - Nostalgia

- Gold Key, Sculpture

Grace Pavelski

- *Smooth Vessel*
Silver Key, Ceramics & Glass
- *Deep Blue Tea Pot*
Silver Key, Ceramics & Glass
- *Tea Pot*
Honorable Mention, Ceramics & Glass

Madilyn Robertson - Creatures of the Deep

- Honorable Mention, Painting

Aubrey Staub

- *Textured Platter #1*
Gold Key, Ceramics & Glass
- *Four-Ring Handled Vessel*
Silver Key, Ceramics & Glass
- *Received Matthias Arnot Award*
- *Clay Works*
Silver Key, Art Portfolio
- *Midas*
Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration
- *Ridge Vessel*
Honorable Mention, Ceramics & Glass
- *Anatomical Experiments and Renderings*
Honorable Mention, Art Portfolio

Jennings Terrell - Zeer Pot (Ancient Cooler)

- Honorable Mention, Ceramics & Glass

Tony Zheng

- *Acrylic Seascape*
Honorable Mention, Painting
- *Camera Still Life*
Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration

Congrats to CV's 2024 All-County Participants!

Congratulations to the following students on their All-County performances! CV was delighted to host the talented participants of Festival III for their rehearsal!

5-6 Band

- Viviana Maestri
- Sophia Miles

5-6 Chorus

- Addison Aftuck
- Sydney Guzyk

7-9 Band

- Annemarie Aimoniotis
- Marissa Gates
- Jillian Melly
- Chloe Williams

7-9 Chorus

- Annemarie Aimoniotis
- Susanna Italiano
- Abigail Langstaff

10-12 Band

- Alexandra Blaise
- Miles Garnar
- Austin Greenmun
- Sawyer Jackson
- Tantawat Jampar
- Ava Jessup
- Abraham Watkins

10-12 Chorus

- Callie Broderick
- Ashland Craig
- Elijah Sanford
- Kayden Stalker
- Kaida Warwick

10-12 Jazz Band

- Sawyer Jackson

CV hosted the Festival III rehearsal!



FIND OUT MORE ON THESE EVENTS AND OTHER RECENT WARRIOR HIGHLIGHTS: WWW.CVCS.D.STIER.ORG



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MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT: JOIN THE CV WARRIOR TEAM!



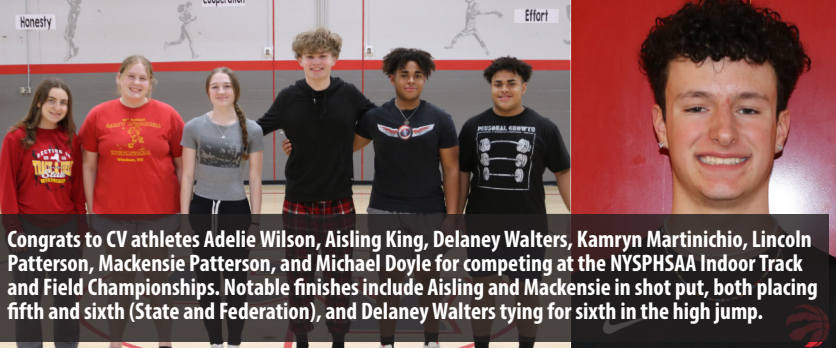
Bus Drivers
Bus Monitors
Food Service Substitutes

Substitute Teachers
Teacher Aides

Visit www.cvcsd.stier.org/Employment.aspx for more information.



Indoor Track and Field State Championship Participants



Congrats to CV athletes Adelle Wilson, Aisling King, Delaney Walters, Kamryn Martinichio, Lincoln Patterson, Mackensie Patterson, and Michael Doyle for competing at the NYSPHSAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Notable finishes include Aisling and Mackensie in shot put, both placing fifth and sixth (State and Federation), and Delaney Walters tying for sixth in the high jump.

CV WINTER 2023-2024 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAMS

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Bowling
Cheer

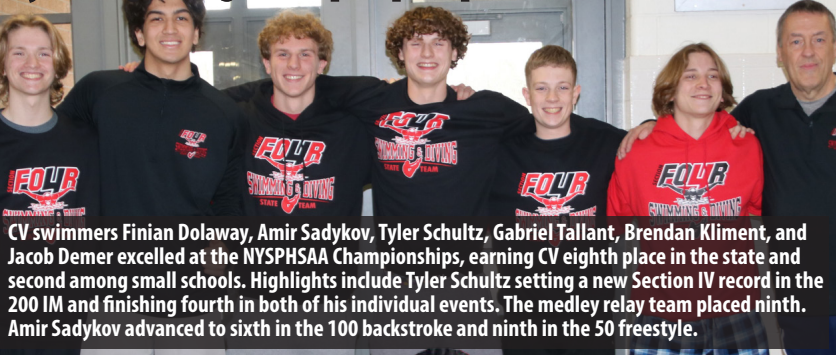
Indoor Track
Boys Swim
Wrestling

**ALL OF OUR
WINTER 2023-2024
SPORTS TEAMS
QUALIFIED!**

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

Way to go, Warriors!

Boys Swimming and Diving State Championship Participants



CV swimmers Finian Dolaway, Amir Sadykov, Tyler Schultz, Gabriel Tallant, Brendan Kliment, and Jacob Demer excelled at the NYSPHSAA Championships, earning CV eighth place in the state and second among small schools. Highlights include Tyler Schultz setting a new Section IV record in the 200 IM and finishing fourth in both of his individual events. The medley relay team placed ninth. Amir Sadykov advanced to sixth in the 100 backstroke and ninth in the 50 freestyle.

Winter 2023-2024 All-Stars

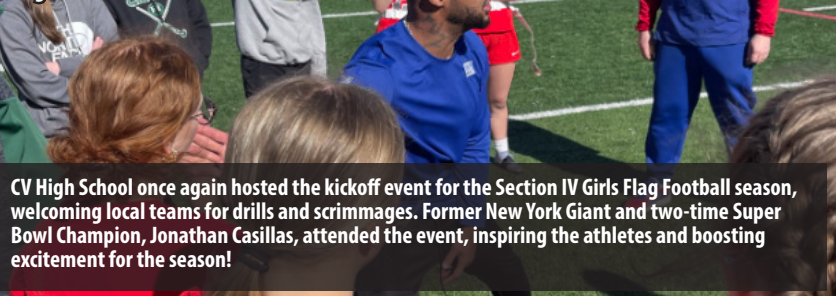
Boys Basketball
All-Division
Jordan Benowski
Warren Walters

Indoor Track
All-Conference
Aisling King
Mackensie Patterson
Delaney Walters
Adelle Wilson
Michael Doyle
Kamryn Martinichio
Dominic Scott
Avery Tomm
Molly Walters
Jami Williams

Boys Swimming
All-Conference
Finian Dolaway
Caden Hoyt
Amir Sadykov
Tyler Schultz
Gabriel Tallant
All-Division
Tantawat Jampar
Brendan Kliment
Joseph Paugh

Wrestling
All-Division
Ethan Randis
Anthony Valls
Travis White

Flag Football Season Kicks Off with Event at CV



CV High School once again hosted the kickoff event for the Section IV Girls Flag Football season, welcoming local teams for drills and scrimmages. Former New York Giant and two-time Super Bowl Champion, Jonathan Casillas, attended the event, inspiring the athletes and boosting excitement for the season!

Leadership Events Inspire Student Athletes



CV High School students recently attended several leadership events, including the Section IV Student Athlete Leadership Conference, the Ninth Annual Athletic Leadership Conference, and the Celebrating Women's Athletics Luncheon at Binghamton University, focusing on sportsmanship, resilience, and character.

FIND OUT MORE ON THESE EVENTS AND OTHER RECENT WARRIOR HIGHLIGHTS: WWW.CVCSD.STIER.ORG



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Celebrating CV Students and Schools: Recent Highlights and Achievements

The Chenango Valley Central School District is grateful for the enriching events and community partnerships that enhance both educational experiences and student wellness across our schools. Below are some recent examples. Thank you to all of our staff members who helped to make these events possible!

Community Wellness Initiatives

- Port Dickinson Elementary, Chenango Bridge Elementary, and CV Middle School hosted Wellness Days, emphasizing the importance of mental and physical health, with community partners helping to run activity stations. A full list of the many community partners who assisted can be found on our district website.
- The Lourdes School-Based Dental Van brought essential dental care to our elementary campuses, and Progressive Dental educated our third grade students about the importance of dental hygiene from a young age and beyond.

Cultural and Educational Adventures

- This spring, the CV High School Travel and Culture Club went on an unforgettable journey to Italy and Spain, enhancing students' appreciation for global cultures.
- At PD Elementary, CB Elementary, and CV Middle School, representatives from Kopernik Observatory prepared students for the solar eclipse, highlighting science education.
- Elementary visits from author Kevin Kurtz and an engaging Dinoman presentation at PD Elementary further sparked students' imaginations and curiosity.

Engaging with STEAM and Community

- CV High School CAD II students displayed creativity and community service in this year's Kids CAN Build Challenge by constructing a large structure inspired by the popular "Stanley Cup," using hundreds of cans donated by Weis Markets. The cans were later donated to CHOW.
- CV's annual STEAM Night brought together the school community and community partners for an evening filled with interactive learning and discovery.

Uniting Through Reading and Celebration

- The pre-K through grade 5 "One District, One Book" initiative brought together elementary students, families, and educators through the shared reading of "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library." This initiative featured a Family Night filled with exciting activities. Additionally, surprise special guest readings — both in person and virtually — added to the fun. These were performed by author Chris Grabenstein, along with CV staff members and local figures including Binghamton Black Bears hockey players, Broome County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County Legislator Erin Micha, Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar, District Attorney Paul Battisti, musician Jared Campbell, and Rumble Ponies' Mascots Rowdy and Ruby (with help from a Rumble Ponies' representative).
- In April, the CV Elementary PTA Spring Family Dance provided an evening of arts, crafts, dancing, and fun.

Preparing for the Future

- CV High School students have gained valuable insights into potential career paths through interactions with local business leaders and professionals in various fields through opportunities such as the LIFE classes, Entrepreneurship class, EDU 111, History in Film class, and CV History Club.
- The CV High School Entrepreneurship class and DECA Club members recently had the chance to visit the local Frito-Lay manufacturing plant.
- The annual Life is a Reality Expo, in collaboration with Visions Federal Credit Union, once again offered seniors practical and hands-on lessons in financial responsibility.

Chenango Valley thanks our community partners for empowering student success!

Learn more about these and other recent contributions on our district website.



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CHENANGO VALLEY BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION



OTE Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.
CV Middle School/High School Auditorium

On the Ballot:

CV voters will decide on:

- Two (2) Four-Year Term Seats on the School Board
- 2024 - 2025 Proposed Budget
- Two (2) Bus Bond Propositions
- Library Levy Proposition

Absentee & Early Mail Voting Ballots:

Applications for absentee ballots and early mail voting ballots may be applied for at the District Office at 221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY 13901. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or early mail voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter or early mail voter. With respect to applications for early mail voting ballots, such applications for the same cannot be requested more than thirty (30) days prior to the vote. Additionally, a voter who applies for and is issued an early mail voting ballot will not be eligible for an absentee ballot for the same election.

Completed absentee ballots and early mail voting ballots must be received by mail or personal delivery in the office of the Clerk of the District at 221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY not later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the vote.

For more information, please call the District Clerk at (607) 762-6810.

Voter Eligibility:

In order to vote at the School Budget Vote and Board Election:

- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must be at least 18 years of age.
- You must NOT be prohibited from voting or from registering to vote pursuant to the provisions of Election Law § 5-106.
- You must be a resident of Chenango Valley for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote (proof of residency is required: NYS driver's license, sheriff's ID card, senior citizen ID card, or utility bill indicating residency).
- You must be registered to vote with the Broome County Board of Elections.

What if the Budget Doesn't Pass?

The Board of Education will either:

- (1) Make changes to the budget and hold a second vote. It should be noted that if the budget doesn't pass the second time, the only remaining option would be to adopt a contingency budget as outlined in number 2 below.
- (2) If a contingency budget is adopted, \$135,200 in equipment purchases would be eliminated and a total of \$1,192,026 in additional cuts would be made.

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OUR MISSION

We inspire, engage, and empower all students to achieve their full potential.