

Newscaster

February 2015

Injured Iraq War veteran inspires CV students and staff



Iraq war hero Rick Yarosh

In 2006, Windsor native Rick Yarosh was a soldier on patrol with two of his buddies when an IED hit the fuel cell of their small tank. The three men were doused in fuel that quickly caught fire. With fire covering Rick's face and eyes, he couldn't see, but was able to climb out of a top hatch and leap 13' to the ground. The broken leg he sustained from jumping was the least of his problems -- his body was still on fire. Rolling on the ground didn't help extinguish the flames, and it was then that he lost hope -- but only for a second.

"Hope stands for 'Hold On, Possibilities Exist' so that's what I did," said Rick. He then rolled into a canal which put out the fire. While the canal saved his life, it also caused a serious lung infection and funguses in his hands and leg.

When his buddies found him, he asked how bad he was. "My buddy said I was not that bad," said Rick, "but I knew he was lying." Sadly, one of the two buddies did not survive the injuries he sustained in the incident.

During his recent visit to Chenango Valley as part of the Middle School's Wellness Day, Rick says he doesn't remember his first two months in a Bagdad hospital because he was put into an induced coma. When doctors brought him out of the coma, he spent months dealing with severe physical and emotional pain. His leg, badly infected, was amputated and he was fitted with a prosthetic leg. His ears and part of his nose were gone. One day, he saw his reflection for the first time - in a computer screen.

"I was devastated," he said. "I didn't think people would accept me, so I told the doctors, 'I'm done." Fortunately, he received help with his issues and soon realized he could get through anything. "A positive attitude hit me, and I didn't care how I looked.

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Phase I of capital project expected to begin in summer

Work on the first phase of the district's \$12.4 million capital project is expected to begin this summer. The capital project was approved by district voters on Dec. 9. Phase I includes:

- multi-purpose field at Depot property
- Port Dickinson roof
- bus garage roof
- intruder locks districtwide
- playground equipment Port Dickinson & Chenango Bridge
- lockers for 6th-graders
- · new softball field with turf infield
- conference room conversion to STEM lab

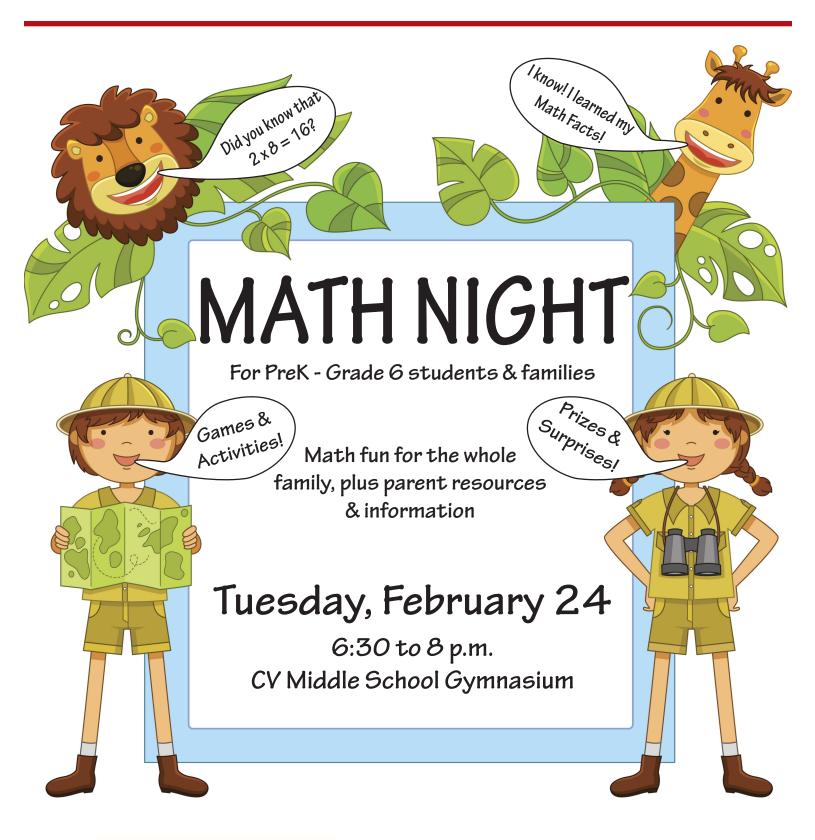


Depot property site of new multi-purpose field

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Harlem Globetrotter visits Chenango Bridge! See page 23





We'll be on the lookout for YOU at Math Night!

CV District News

Message from the superintendent

Dear CV Community,

We began our second semester this month, and I'm reminded of our mission statement to "Inspire, Engage, and Empower". We have many great activities happening within the district that reflect this mission. Both at school and at home, it is so important for our children to to be inspired by their learning, engaged in the process and empowered by their knowledge. Educators and parents need to work together to stir this inspiration and encourage our students to become active, lifelong learners in school, in our communities and in the world.

Sometimes as adults, we try to shield children from learning life's lessons, yet by doing so, we are actually doing a disservice. Our job as both educators and parents is to empower children to learn from their mistakes and develop sound decision-making skills. By doing this, we will ensure their success as productive citizens who contribute to society.



David Gill Superintendent

We are preparing for our 2015-2016 budget season and are working hard to present a sound budget that continues to support and enrich our educational system but is mindful of our taxpayers and their financial constraints. We encourage you to join us for our first budget workshop at 6 p.m. on March 2 in the Middle School cafeteria.

Design documents for Phase I of our capital project are expected to be sent this month to New York State Education Department for approval. The main areas included in Phase I are intruder locks for all classrooms in the district, additional lockers in the Middle School for incoming sixth-graders, the development of a STEM lab, new roofs for both Port Dickinson and our transportation/facilities buildings, and the development of our Depot property. Once this phase is sent to the state we will begin preparing the necessary paperwork for Phase II.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. A partnership between school and community equals success! Stay warm!

Sincerely, Dandessie

David Gill Superintendent of Schools

Capital project (continued from cover)

For Phase II, the design work and document preparation is scheduled for March through August 2015, with approval from the NYS Department of Education anticipated by January of 2016. Phase II construction is expected to take place from April through October 2016.

Phase II includes:

- Security vestibules at Port Dickinson & Chenango Bridge
- Security cameras at Port Dickinson & Chenango Bridge
- Cafeteria & kitchen renovation at Port Dickinson & Chenango Bridge
- Cooling tower & boiler replacement at Port Dickinson
- Parking lot reconstruction at bus garage, Port Dickinson & Chenango Bridge
- Public address & fire system replacements at Port Dickinson & Chenango Bridge
- Fueling station added at bus garage
- Track resurfacing
- Baseball field drainage
- Turf field in existing stadium
- Visitor bleachers
- Exterior stairs
- Pool and diving pool repairs

Mini-project also planned

In addition to Phases I and II, the district is planning a mini-project, funded through NYS school building aid. This aid program reimburses up to \$100,000 of expenditures according to the district's building aid ratio.

This means that based on Chenango Valley's building aid ratio of 81 percent, the district will be reimbursed \$81,000 for \$100,000 in expenditures.

The mini-project is planned for 2015 and will include:

- · Auditorium control room
- Team room lockers
- Middle School gym lights

CV District News

Board of Education President's message



Gerald Abbey
Board President

As we move through February towards spring, I would like to remind everyone that the superintendent and his team will be working with the CV Board of Education to prepare next year's budget.

School aid "runs," which identify how much state aid a school district can expect for the coming year, have not been released in Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed budget. This uncertainty makes our job of developing a district budget much more difficult. Hopefully, we will get the information we need to enable us to propose a budget based on fact rather than guesswork.

Plans for Phase I of our capital project are underway. We are hoping for construction activities to start in early summer and conclude by October. Phase I work includes a multi-purpose athletic field, a softball field, lockers for the 6th grade transition to the Middle School, and intruder function locksets for all classrooms in all school buildings. Phase II is in the design phase and we anticipate starting construction next spring.

Finally, as we turn the corner on this school year and head for spring, I encourage each of you to remain focused on Chenango Valley's mission: "We inspire, engage and empower all students to achieve their full potential."

Middle School teacher selected for NYSED Common Core assignment

Chenango Valley Middle School English teacher Tina Conklin has been selected to serve on a New York State Education Department panel that will spend the remainder of the school year improving the existing curriculum modules for math in grades K-12 and English language arts in grades 9-12.

The panel, called the Common Core Institute, is comprised of 13 educators, ("Fellows") from across the state. The educators are expected to provide curriculum resources, practical advice, additional materials and tips for tailoring instruction. Mrs. Conklin will receive training from NYSED and will work with her co-Fellows to create and enhance supplemental materials to support struggling learners and students with disabilities. As the materials are developed, they will undergo a peer-review process before becoming available to teachers online.

Conklin will also be providing training for teachers and information for parents and the community about the re-vamped curriculum modules developed by the Institute.

A grant from NYSED will cover her Chenango Valley teacher's salary as she performs her duties as a Common Core Institute Fellow.



Tina Conklin

Fall 2015 Transition Update

Grade 3 moving to Chenango Bridge, grade 6 to Middle School

Since our last meeting, all of the building-based transition teams have been hard at work planning for the moves that will take place for the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. At its December meeting, the Board of Education voted to support the transition of 6th grade to the Middle School and 3rd grade to Chenango Bridge.

District administrators have been discussing staff moves and room changes and planning for the physical classroom moves. Building teams have identified scheduling priorities and worked them into their planning meetings. Finally, we've begun working with the transportation department to plan for next year's bus schedules.

This month, we will be updating building planning teams with information on decisions that have been made. We will then turn our focus towards end-of-the-year and transition activity planning. Our next district transition team meeting is April 21 at 6:30 pm in the High School cafeteria. Parents and community members are always welcome to attend. Also, please feel free to email us at slatimer@cvcsd.stier. org or tivan@cvcsd.stier.org with any questions, concerns or comments.

CV District News

CVHS New Visions students help create successful business

Three CVHS students currently in the New Visions Business Academy at BOCES were part of a team that created a successful company recently featured in the Binghamton Press and Sun-Bulletin. The CV students, Jared Cornell, Ben Daniels and Zach Wyatt, helped to develop and operate a Junior Achievement company called 9 Roots, which produced and sold winter hats and nylon fleece blankets. The company netted \$3,396, which was donated to Make-a-Wish, CHOW, the Wounded Warrior Project, the Humane Society and the Red Cross.

The goal of the New Visions program is to teach students who are interested in careers in business, healthcare, engineering, law or government, what it takes to run a company.

The students met at the Greater Binghamton Chamber each week to run their business, which included forming a business plan, selling stock and handling personnel, marketing and finance. In December, they made a presentation to members of the Greater Bingamton Chamber of Commerce.

Junior Achievement is a nonprofit organization that provides hands-on business experiences for high school students. Volunteers from several local companies helped students develop their business models.



left to right: Jared Cornell, Zach Wyatt and Ben Daniels

Rick Yarosh (continued from cover)

Now I'm OK with who I am. I'm proud of who I am."

Rick spent many months of rehab at an Army hospital in San Antonio, Texas. In July, he received tickets to an upcoming NY Giants football game. He was determined to see his beloved Giants, but there was a problem. Rick was still in a wheelchair, and the stadium seats were not wheelchair-accessible. His therapist told him he could walk by then, but fear was holding Rick back. One day, the therapist pulled the walker away from him.



"He did it, my leg hurt, and then five minutes later I was walking around the gym," said Rick. "He removed an obstacle. Sometimes you need people around you to help remove those obstacles. Surround yourselves with people who are going to help you."

Rick Yarosh

On game day that December, Rick walked to his seat to watch the Giants win. That season, he cheered as his Giants won the Super Bowl.

Another fear Rick faced was that young children would be afraid of him because of his scars. While still undergoing rehab in Texas, he went to a restaurant and he noticed a little girl staring at him. The girl's grandfather encouraged her to go to Rick and say hello. As she started towards Rick, he said "hi" and she suddenly stopped and ran back to her grandfather. Rick was heartbroken, thinking she had been afraid of him. Then he heard her say, "Grandpa, he's NICE!"

That day, says Rick, his life was saved. "She gave me the power to accept myself. She'll never know she did that for me."

"You all have the capability to save or change people's lives. Maybe someone hasn't smiled in a while. Go up and say something nice. Be kind to people. Sometimes, it's that simple."

Rick's positive approach to life is admirable and inspiring. "Every morning," he said, "I wake up and put my prosthetic leg on. And that's the most important thing: that I <u>wake up</u>. And because of the way I look and what I've been through, I get to be up here and talk to you, and help others. I'm the happiest I've ever been."

CV District News

2015-2016 Pre-kindergarten & kindergarten registration



If you have a child who will be four or five years old by December 1, 2015, please call the corresponding number below:

> 762-6975 for four-year-olds (Pre-kindergarten) 762-6970 for five-year-olds (kindergarten)

You will be placed on a mailing list to receive information about Pre-Kindergarten registration (fouryear-olds) or kindergarten registration (five-year-olds). Parent information nights and registration for both will take place in March and April.

Please note: If your child is currently enrolled in the Pre-kindergarten program at Port Dickinson for the 2014-2015 school year, he/she will automatically be enrolled for kindergarten beginning in September 2015.



Southern Tier Heart Walk Sunday, April 12, 2015 at SUNY Broome

Join the Chenango Valley CSD team for the 2015 Heart Walk!

- 9 a.m. Family fun & heart-healthy activities, free food, music & more SUNY Broome Ice Center
- 10:30 a.m. Opening ceremony, followed by walk. The walk is a 1.5 mile route on the SUNY Broome Campus. Walker are encouraged to do the route twice.
- 12:30 p.m. Closing ceremony

There is no fee to participate, though walkers over the age of 18 are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$25 in pledges.

*To register, visit SouthernTierHeartWalk.org, select "Find a Team" in the right-hand column, then select Chenango Valley. For more information, contact Linda Snyder in the CVCSD communications office: 762-6804 or SnyderL@cvcsd.stier.org

Chenango Valley Kid's Night Out League **2015 Registration Form**

6 to 7 p.m. in the CVHS Gymnasium for children in Kindergarten – Grade 2

Kid's Night Out is a recreational league for children in grades K-2. Attendees will participate in activities such as kickball, relay races, pillow polo, etc. Coaching and team building will be provided by Chenango Valley Varsity Softball player. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and will enjoy a pizza party on the last night.

Cost \$25 for CV Resident/ \$35 for non-residents.

Mail to:

Eric Coleman

Chenango Valley High School

221 Chenango Bridge Road

Binghamton, NY 13901

Thursdays, Feb. 26 - March 26

All proceeds benefit Chenango Valley Softball.	
PLAYER	AGE GRADE DOB//
ADDRESS	
Shirt Size: (Circle One) YS YM YL S M L	
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:	
PARENT NAME	PARENT NAME
TEL	TEL
Cell	Cell
Email	Email
	contacted. If the school is unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the s/her instructions. If it is impossible to contact this physician, the school Date
EMERGENCY CONTACT:	PHYSICIAN INFORMATION:
NAME	NAME
ADDRESS	ADDRESS
TEL	TEL
Please include payment with your registration: \$25 for 6 Make checks payable to CV Softball.	CV residents; \$35 for non-residents.

For more information:

- Chenango Valley Softball on Facebook
- email ecoleman@cvcsd.stier.org

Guidance News

College Program for Juniors & Parents Tuesday, March 24 – 6:30 pm – Middle School Cafeteria

The High School Guidance Department will provide an overview of the college selection process on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School cafeteria. This program is for juniors and their parents and will cover many important topics.

Topics to be discussed:



- When should I apply?
- Should I visit the college first?
- Should I consider a two-year or four-year school?
- Do I want to stay in the area or go away to school?
- Online college applications
- How do I apply for financial aid?
- College recommendations
- Do I need to decide on a major now?

We hope to see all juniors & their parents at this important & informative program.

- Chuck Purce, Director of Guidance

Warrior Fund makes huge impact 2013-14 donations serve many district & community needs

Warrior Fund provided:

- School supplies for 67 students
- Grocery gift cards to 107 families for lunches & home meals
- Donations to 88 students from the Warrior clothing closet
- Prescriptions needed by 3 students
- Class materials for 4 students in BOCES programs
- 4 pair steel toe boots for students in BOCES programs
- 6 scientific calculators, 21 review books
- Donations to cover lunch bills for 4 students
- 8 purchases for a student in need of PE clothes and sneakers
- 9 winter coats
- Eyeglasses for 1 student
- 14 gas cards for families to drive students to appointments
- 1 college application fee
- 2 NYSSMA fees for students
- 4 caps and gowns, 2 yearbooks
- Winter wear clothing purchases for 9 students
- 6 bus passes to get students get to work/medical appts
- 1 college housing deposit
- 2 college Spanish books
- 50 families assisted with CV holiday program
- · Home heating help for 2 weeks until HEAP was activated



The Chenango Valley Food Pantry

CHOW: CV Food Pantry has provided food/staples for:

May 2013 – June 2014

166 families

445 children, 204 adults and 19 senior citizens.

Total Individuals Served: 834 CV Residents

Sept.-Dec. 2014

201 district residents who did not have enough food to provide for their families.

Guidance News

Homework matters!

As we begin the third quarter, middle school students are learning the importance of homework completion and how it can have a major impact on their grades. If your son or daughter's progress report wasn't quite what you had hoped for, the first step is to find out if they have been turning in their homework assignments. A simple phone call or e-mail to the teacher or counselor will give you this information.

Middle school aged kids often want more freedom from their parents and say that they don't need or want your supervision over their school work. Our response to this is that this freedom must be earned. Until your child shows that they will complete and turn in their homework on a regular basis, he/she needs a parent's supervision. Here are a few steps to take to help your child learn responsible homework habits:

- Check their agenda daily. Remember that you can call the homework hotline to make sure they have written down all of their assignments.
- Make sure your child has a quiet place to study without distractions.
- Provide encouragement and assistance if needed, but don't do the assignment for them. Your child needs practice using problem-solving skills. It's okay to give hints, but students need to figure the answers out for themselves.
- Look over their assignments and ask questions about what they are studying. Show an interest in what they are learning.
- Encourage students to study a little each night for upcoming tests. They will be much more likely to remember the information than if they wait until the night before the
- Praise your child for working hard and completing assignments. Try to stay positive and give constructive advice rather than criticizing.
- If your child is absent, please call the homework hotline for missed work. If extended absences are anticipated, you can call the guidance office in the morning to put a request in for homework. It will be available for pick up at the end of the school day.
- Keep in touch with your child's teachers and contact the counselor if you need more help.
- Sign-up for Parent Portal to get access to your child's grades and attendance. Contact the guidance office for more information.

Middle School Homework Hotlines Grey: 762-6870 / Red: 762-6872 / White: 762-6871

- Shelby Samson, MS counselor

High School is Warrior Tough



Olweus has been a big part of the CV community at all building levels for a few years. This year the High School has focused on the concept of building community. We have adopted a Warrior Tough message, inspired by former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly's "Kelly Tough" approach to life. This theme addresses taking care of each other and our community, being helpful and kind to one another and learning that everyone has times when they are down, and we all need to offer support, compassion and encouragement to those around us.

In the kick-off to this theme, all high school students and staff were given Warrior Tough shirts and are encouraged to wear them on Olweus Fridays through the year, as a reminder of our commitment to building a better CV community.

Special thanks to the CV Athletic Club, the Hillcrest Rotary, Student Council and members of the CV staff for their generous donations that made the purchase of the shirts and the continuation of our program possible.

- Jackie Arnold, Judy Hayes and Erin Korn

Course scheduling for 2015-2016

It is the time of year when high school counselors are working with your children to get them scheduled for the 2015-2016 school year. We have been meeting with students one-on-one since October to complete individual planning sheets. One common theme covered in planning is available course options. We encourage our students to take challenging courses and try to be thoughtful about how their choices will benefit them in the college selection process and in life.

The scheduling process includes taking all students to the computer lab, where a presentation and overview of options are again covered. Students will each have a copy of their planning sheet and will add their classes online. We will provide parents with a copy of the courses their children selected by including them with a five-week report or quarter report card. Please encourage your son or daughter to bring this home.

If you have a question about the courses your child selected, please feel free to call our office at 762-6918. We thank you for your support and look forward to hearing from you.

- Judy Hayes, HS Counselor

Athletics

Varsity wrestlers win big



The CV Varsity Wrestling team took first place in the Berne-Knox Bulldog Invitational on December 6 and the Chenango Valley Dual Meet tournament on December 13. At Berne-Knox, CV had 8 individual champions: Nathan Lehr - 99 lbs., Caleb Wiggins - 113 lbs., Jacob Lehr -120 lbs., Anthony Colon - 132 lbs., Steve Aylward - 145 lbs., Nick Pert - 170 lbs., Jestin Russell - 182 lbs., and Reed Grunder, 195 lbs.

Milestones on the mat

- Anthony Colon won his 100th wrestling match on Jan. 10
- Jacob Lehr won his 100th wrestling match on Jan. 17
- Caleb Wiggins won his 100th wrestling match on Jan 30

Congratulations!

Boys varsity basketball wins Greene tourney

The boys varsity basketball team won the Greene Tip-Off tournament by defeating Seton and Susquehanna Valley. The squad, coached by Mr. Robert Zanot, recently hosted two youth basketball clinics -- they're building skills for the future varsity roster!



front row, I-r: Nick Ehrensbeck, Zach Vela, Ryan Phillips, Billy Eccleston, Brian Cox, Owen Klepfer. Back row, I-r: Nick Ostrom, Jake Hertzog, Caleb Hertzog, Gavin Wolcott, Asaad Murreld, Kolby Ross, Mark Mullins, Coach Zanot

Grunder takes 2nd place in Oswego

Congratulations to Reed Grunder, who took 2nd place in the very tough Haines Memorial Tournament at SUNY Oswego on December 27-28. Reed took 2nd in a weight class that had 24 wrestlers. Chenango Valley took 12th out of 28 teams. Placing for CV were: Caleb Wiggins - 3rd, Jacob Lehr - 5th, Jestin Russell - 8th, Anthony Colon - 9th and Billy Liberati - 10th.



Lehr named to USA team; headed to Europe



Jacob Lehr, a junior, was named to a USA team that will travel to Estonia and Finland March 25 through April 5 to compete in Europe's oldest wrestling tournament, the Tallinn Open Tournament. The event will have over 800 competitors from nine countries.

Jacob will wrestle Greco-Roman and freestyle. He will

take part in an International Training Camp at the Estonian National Team Center, where he will train with athletes from Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia. The team will travel then to Helsinki Finland and on April 4 he will compete in a dual meet between his USA team and the HPM wrestling club from Finland.

Luke Dionne named WBNG All-Star

Congratulations to senior Luke Dionne, who was recently selected as a WBNG-TV Academic All-Star.

As a member of the varsity swim team, Luke is an all-division swimmer. He is known for his patience and work ethic, in and out of the pool.



Luke is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Athletics

Highlights from the pool

Karl Grunder, a tenth-grader, set a new meet record in the 100 breaststroke at the Wolverine Invitational on Saturday, Jan.18. Karl is .78 seconds off the state cut time in the 100 breaststroke. Awesome!

The modified CV and CF boys swim and dive teams combined this year and had a successful season. Three CV swimmers and 7 CF swimmers combined and competed against teams that had double the amount of athletes. The boys finished the season with only one loss.

Lifeguard Class to be held at Chenango Valley February 16 – March 2, 2015



Monday, 2/16 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Pre-test Tuesday, 2/17 10 a.m. - 1p.m. Lecture Wednesday, 2/18 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Water Skills Part I Saturday, 2/21 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Water Skills Part II Monday, 2/23 Spinal Injury Part I 3 - 6 p.m. Tuesday, 2/24 Spinal Injury Part I 3 - 6 p.m. Wednesday, 2/25 3 - 6 p.m. Waterfront Lifeguarding Thursday, 2/26 1st Aid/Bld-Borne Pathogens 3 - 5 p.m. Water Skills Review Friday, 2/27 3 - 5 p.m. Saturday, 2/28 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. CPR/AED Skills Monday, 3/2 3 - 6 p.m. Written and Water Test

Cost is \$175, which includes everything needed for the course.

Lifeguard Review Class

Saturday February 21 1:30-3:30 p.m. cost is \$50

CPR/AED Class

Saturday February 21 3:30-5:00 p.m. cost is \$40

Cost for both classes - \$70

For more information, contact Charlie Frayer: cfrayer@cvcsd.stier.org /762-6929

Spring sport physicals

Physicals for the 2015 spring sports season will take place in February and March.

A green sport form must be completed for each sport season for all athletes regardless of physical status. Parents, please watch for this form to come home with your student athlete. Please complete the health history, sign the form, and have your student return the form to the health office by February 13 for JV/varsity and March 6 for modified. Note: this issue of the Newscaster may be received after the Feb. deadline for health forms. If you have not yet submitted a form, please do so immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Frost, RN or Kim Riquier, RN at the High School/Middle School Health Office at 762-6912 or 762-6911.



Alumni swimmers visit at break

Several alumni members of the CVHS swim/dive teams have gone on to compete at the college level but they haven't forgotten where it all began. During their break over the holidays, a group of them gathered at the school pool for a photo.

Pictured above are: front row, I-r: Faith Lanfear, Alfred University; Mackenzie Moss, University at Buffalo; Emily Smith, SUNY Geneseo; Kelsey Smith, LeMoyne College and Katelyn Votapka, LeMoyne College. On the diving board, I-r: Nick Lidell, SUNY Geneseo; Gannon Connors, Nazareth College and Kurt Grunder, Providence. Missing from the photo is Danica Ross, Marshall University.

CB students compete in NFL Punt, Pass & Kick sectionals



Three students from Chenango Bridge traveled to Rotterdam, NY to compete in the sectional level of the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition last month. Marcus Hanyon (Mrs Peterson's class) and Eric Jewson (Mrs. Reardon's class) finished 4th in their respective age groups. Kerri Hayes (Mrs. Fitzgerald's class) finished 1st in her age group. Kerri advanced to the regional level competition at a NY Giants game at Metlife Stadium on December 14, where she placed 2nd in her age group!

Arts & Music

CVHS students win 24 Scholastic Art Awards

Seventeen art students from Chenango Valley High School were recognized with a total of 24 awards in the 2015 Scholastic Arts & Writing competition. The students were recognized at a ceremony on February 1 at the Clemons Center in Elmira. Their work will be on display at the Arnot Art Museum Feb. 3 through March 6.





Connor Harvey, grade 12 Gold Key - Ceramics & Glass "Platypus Box" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Casey Leadbeater, grade 12 Gold Key - Sculpture "Mechanical Mask" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Isaac Mercincavage, grade 10 Gold Key - Ceramics & Glass "Prof. Tophat: Steampunk Mug" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Luke Dionne, grade 12 Silver Key - Drawing & Illustration "Calipers" Mr. Zanot, teacher



Paxton Lewis, grade 12 Silver Key - Ceramics & Glass "Slab Vessel: Woven" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Ashley Grubham, grade 12 Silver Key - Sculpture "Patronus" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Silver Kev Mixed Media Lauren Marble, grade 9 "Plague Mask" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



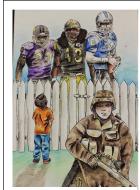




Kristen Reistetter, grade 12 Honorable Mention Painting "The Joker" Mr. Zanot, teacher



Austin Smith, grade 10 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Gold Twist" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Emily Schmits, grade 12 Honorable Mention Painting "Who is the Hero" Mr. Zanot, teacher



Luke Dionne, grade 12 Honorable Mention **Drawing & Illustration** "Wrench" Mr. Zanot, teacher



Rachel Fadden, grade 12 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Leaf Vessel" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Mark Gallo, grade 11 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Light Blue Vessel" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Mark Gallo, grade 11 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Palladium Vessel" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Mark Gallo, grade 11 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Blue & Gold Vessel" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Mark Gallo, grade 11 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Dark Yellow Vessel" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Reed Grunder, grade 12 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Blue Beast" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Reed Grunder, grade 12 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Layered Vase" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Kayla Robinson, grade 12 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Light Blue Vase" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Sarah Volk, grade 12 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Tea Cup" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Sonja Jensen, grade 12 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Tea Cup" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Damon Conklin, grade 12 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Canister" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher



Luke Dionne, grade 12 Honorable Mention **Drawing & Illustration** "Chenango St. Home" Mr. Zanot, teacher



Rachel Fadden, grade 12 Honorable Mention Ceramics/Glass "Koi Mug" Mr. Fitzsimmons, teacher

Arts & Music



Ithaca College music professor visits CV Dr. Fox spends time working with choral students

CV music students were very fortunate to have the opportunity recently to work with Dr. Derrick Fox, Assistant Professor of Music Education and Choral Conducting at Ithaca College. Dr. Fox visited the music department and worked with the High School Mixed Choir and individual choir soloists.

At left, Dr. Fox is working with Jacob Weir, a ninth-grade soloist.

Junior High All-County Chorus

Congratulations to students who were selected to the Junior High All-County Chorus. Pictured at right, from I-r: Vincent Tatich, Brandon Pierce, Sabrina French, Owen Staub, Kelly Smith, and Lindsey Reardon.



Junior High All-County Band



Congratulations to the students pictured at left, who were selected to the Junior High All-County Band.

Front, I-r: Jocelyn Schell, Grace McManus, Leann Mulligan, Katie Schultz, John Paul Webster.

Back row, I-r: Rusty Nelson, Abigail Hamilton, Noah Stroka, Morgan Odgers, Peter Jensen, Roy Santa Croce, Carter Wilson.

Arts & Music

Sweet sounds at Sweet Frog



The High School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Buhl, was invited to perform at the first "Project Deck The Halls" at Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt in Vestal. On Dec. 16 from 6-6:30 p.m., school choirs from across the country took part in a nationwide carol sing at Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt stores. Choir members who performed received free frozen yogurt and the HS Choir received a generous donation.

Thank you Sweet Frog!

Area All-State NYSSMA Festival



Four students were chosen to perform in the NYSSMA Area All-State Music Festival in Ithaca. From I-r: Ruth Crissman, Concert Band; Abigail Lane, Women's Chorus; Shai-Ana Bess, Mixed Choir; Leah Chamberlain, Women's Chorus.

Senior High All-County Band



From I-r: Jessica Feyler, Ruth Crissman, Cody Schell were selected to the Senior High All-County Band. Congratulations!

Senior High All-County Chorus

Congratulations to the students pictured at right, who were chosen for the Senior High All-County Chorus.

From I-r: Gavin Jackowski, Nate Hopper. Austin Crissman, Victor Mulligan, Ruth Crissman, Abigail Lane, Leah Chamberlain, Hollis Krisko and Lindsay Thornton.

















Chenango Valley High School Theatre Guild presents



March 20-21-22

Friday & Saturday: 7:30pm Sunday: 2pm matinee Chenango Valley HS Auditorium \$10 adults \$8 child/student/senior (62+)

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

To reserve tickets: Complete form below & mail with payment

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2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 7 Kiara Backus Kvlie Baleno McKenna Beers Matthew Blance Liana Carman Jenna Castellucci Richard Champion IV Maia Chapman **Shelby Condie** Brianna Corbin Amelia DiRienzo Kieran DuBord Jack Fassett **Kyle Ferris** Logan Fetterman **Anthony Forbidussi Hunter Gordinier** Levi Gulbin Macaila Harlost James Hart Claire Harvey Monica Hurlburt Shane Ladd Julia Mandvck Benjamin Martin Patrick McCabe Dominic Napoli Melanie Nelson Jonathan Pecha Kendall Rinker Destinee Robinson **Gabrielle Rogers Vincent Rogers** Cailee Salisbury Brett Salzman Kaylee Shannon **Rory Sisson** Caitlyn Slater Owen Staub

Grade 8 Jelani Backus Nicholas Baer James Bush **Audrey Calica Ethan Cooper** John Corbin Tara Crissman Rachel Cron Shane Culver Katie Doan Darin Dupuy Dylan Ferry Mary Hibbard Brady Hope James Howe J-Lah Jackson Thomas Love

Nathan Aylward Tyler Benedict **Destiny Bowers** Ellis Cleveland David Dodson Rose Eccleston Joshua Fendick Shane Follette **Christy Hanson** Kaitlyn Hardler Morgan Jones Jeremy Kellam Sarah Lamoreaux Michael Mettler Angelo Montemagno Emily Velez Cody Nagle Nicholas Norton Hunter O'Connor Caitlyn Pierce **Alexis Randis** Kayla Ranucci Rebekah Ray Kathrine Regan Haley Risoli **Ashley Rogers** Nicholas Roser Jayna Ross Ryan Spence Bryanna White

Grade 9 Ty Abell Zachery Baer **Amathyst Baker** Rachel Becker Webb Botting Marissa Brady Anthonie Brito Benjamin Cease Rebekah Courtright **Brianna Dayton** Sarah Dorn Maria Forbidussi Dominic Francavilla Cora French Stephen Gehm Paige Gill Marlaina Giurastante Christina Gladhill Jenna Hanyon Kaitlyn Mach Zackary MacLaren Ryan Mellen **Emily Monk** Eden Niefer Megan Proutey Devin Sawyer **Dustin Schmidt** Colleen Smith **Madison Smith** Joseph Testani **Jacob Tester**

Grade 10

Brandon Anderson Cynthia Bennett **Bradley Blewett** Alexis Brito John Cemay Leah Chamberlain Meghan Cooley Kyle Corey **Andrew Cronin** Sean Dundon Reagan Evans Samantha Ferry **Emily Friends** Karl Grunder Samantha Hardee Zoe Hause Nicole Heatherman Megan Heifferon Andrew Hogan **Nathaniel Hopper** Jordan Jahelka Morgan Jamieson Savanah Judd Casey Lorenc Nicholas Marinaro Corey Mies **Garrett Miller Spencer Peters Alexis Phillips Bailey Reardon** Lauren Rice Jack Riegal Logan Riley Tyler Sanderhoff Gabrielle Siedlecky Chad Simmons Jr Christopher Singleton Kyle Skinner **Austin Smith** Cameron Smith

Aaron Trumino

Kimberly Winans

Grade 11

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Grade 12 Victoria Austin Jordan Broughton Joshua Broughton Lillian Brown Madison Cline Damon Conklin Rebecca Chamberlain Elizabeth Decker Danielle Forbidussi **Shantel Francis** Casey Gorman Ashley Grubham Alec Grunder Michael Harper **Christian Hart** Chelsea Henige Jacob Hertzog Alexis Hitt-Warner Nicholas Hogan Carl lacona Adam Jamieson Timothy Johnson **Tobias Lanfear** Casey Leadbeater McKenzie Lynch **Emmanuel Maciak** Caitlin Mellen **Shane Moriarity** Kyla Pruitt Kristen Reistetter Daniel Reppard Kayla Robinson Kolby Ross Jacob Rossie

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Jordan Spencer

Alaena Sullivan

Audrey Walicke

Amanda Zeggert

Grade 7 Madison Aswad **Anthony Austin** Samuel Bozuhoski Sarah Bremer Jacob Brown Brianna Chordas Thomas Christoffersen Kayla Ferris Madelyn Clark **Aubrey Craig Connor Crouse** Khushi Devre **Christopher Ealy Grace Elliott** Natalie Gillette **Cassidy Hopkins** Diana Inzhirova Danielle Jewson Audra Lee Dominick Lomonaco Sara Marinaro Erin McCollough Abigail Mercik Rebecca Mercik Elizabeth Morgan Julia Morgan Teagan Nester Celest Pagliarella Siya Parekh **Abigail Pepples** Maxwell Reppard Katerina Retzlaff Elizabeth Rice Michael Schultz Caleb Schwarz Jessica Serafini Henry Stroka Emma Trumino Morgan Whittington

Austin Williams

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Grade 8

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Grade 9

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Rudy Cen Erin Culver **Ethan Elliott** Michaela Gay Margaret Gross Trisha Illsley Owen Klepfer Kerri Kunkel Jacob Lehr Hayley Lettera Melissa Marean Kelsilyn Norman Cassidy O'Brien Carlee Ostrom Nicholas Ostrom Nicholas Pert

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Jared Cornell

Jenna Decker

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Vincent Tatich

Ryan Wardell

Andrew Williams

Alexander Wojcik

Elementary - Port Dickinson



Jim Pritchard, principal, Port Dickinson Elem.

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the second marking period. February is our "Heart Month" and we are having many activities about the heart going on around school. PTA is hosting a visiting author, Alan Katz, for PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) this month. Mr. Katz is a children's author of many seriously silly books, including the bestselling *Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs*, illustrated by David Catrow. Alan lives in Fairfield County, Connecticut, with his journalist wife, Rose, and their four children. We will be having a family night on March 5 at Port Dickinson, in which Mr. Katz will be presenting some of his work. There will also be children's activities that evening.

We recently had an assembly given by Jim Jordan, who used magic to talk to children about anti-bullying. Mr. Jordan, an anti-bullying expert, danced around the cafeteria teaching students about why it's important to treat others well. It was well received by our students. We do spend time thought out the school year in our morning programs as well as classrooms discussing bullying through Kelso and Olweus anti-bullying programs. Both of these programs would not be possible without the help and support of our PTA.

Remember, this time of the year can be very busy with a variety of events happening at school and at home. Please make sure that children remain on a schedule and get to bed at a reasonable hour. Just a reminder, if you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact the school or send us an email.

- Jim Pritchard, Port Dickinson principal

Noisy can shows PD students' giving spirit

Wow! A total of \$519. 46 was raised in our Noisy Can collection before the holiday break. Students and families were so generous with their coins and loose change, that went to the Warrior Fund, which helps CV students and families in need.

Guidance counselor Judy Hayes and social worker Jackie Arnold, who coordinate the Warrior Fund, made a special visit to collect the big donation. For more information on the Warrior Fund, see page 8. Thank you to all who donated.



Pre-K holiday fun

In December, our Pre-K classes had a special Family Day. Each student decorated their own gingerbread house and celebrated with a happy new year countdown!

















Elementary - Port Dickinson

PARP kicks off with bubbles and a band

Our annual Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program kicked off in a zany way with physical education teacher Mr. Novotny leading his 'band' in a bubbly rendition of "Splish, Splash!"

The performance was part of an assembly to mark the start of PARP, which encourages students to read with a parent for at least 15 minutes each day.



Rockin' for reading, from left to right: Mr. Walters, Mr. Novotny, O'Donnell, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Pritchard.

Students explore the animal kingdom with Mercik 'Zoo'





Students in Mrs. Mercik's second-grade class recently created their own 'zoo' as part of their study about the world of animals. Each student selected an animal to learn about, and then created a booklet about the animal's habitat, eating habits and more.



On Zoo Day, the students dressed as their animal. Parents, family members and other Port Dickinson classes visited the zoo and the students were able to share their knowlege and answer questions about their animals.

Zookeeper Mrs. Mercik declared it a great success!

Elementary - Chenango Bridge



Mary Beth Hammond Principal

Weather has been extremely cold so far, but the staff and students at Chenango Bridge Elementary are staying warm by exercising both their minds and bodies. Academically, we have been busy working on our building's Strategic Plan with:

- Administration and analysis of our Common Periodic Assessments (CPAs) for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics
- Data meetings with our staff to look for our students' strengths and areas where we need adjustments and differentiated instruction
- Continued work on the educational expectations of the Common Core Learning Skills in all core academic areas (ELA, math, science and social studies), and the integration of these skills into learning in the areas of library, physical education, art and music

We work each day to develop our students' skills, give strategies, and expand their ability to problem-solve. The New York State Assessments for ELA and math take place in April and fourth-grade students will take a NYS science test in May. More details to follow.

At Chenango Bridge, we had a fantastic assembly about the "ABC's of Bullying" with Zeus McClurkin, from the Harlem Globetrotters. In February, we will have an assembly titled, "The Show of Love." Both assemblies support our Olweus work. In addition, through the hard work of Mrs. Mari-Jo Trumino, we now have a program titled, "Banana Blends," which is off to a successful start.

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 spent time exploring space, planets, and constellations through the use of the Digital Dome. Thank you to Mrs. Beylo for a job well done.

Thank you for your support as we progress through this school year. Chenango Bridge Elementary has wonderful students who work very hard each day. We look forward to continued success as we enter the second half of the school year.

Stay warm! Enjoy some quality time with your families!

- Mary Beth Hammond, Chenango Bridge principal

"From the Halls of Montezuma!"

Themes of the Mesoamerican natives have been echoing through the fifth grade halls in recent weeks. The social studies classes have been researching in the library with the help of Mrs. Mica to incorporate writing, social studies, and art into an exciting project. Then the real fun began in Miss Cashman's art class! Aztec battle shields were created using sequins, feathers, cut paper and other materials.

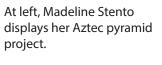
Way to go, fifth-graders!



Above, the fifth-grade hallway was filled with amazing Aztec projects.



Tino Montemagno, right, shows off his battle shield.





CB welcomes Harlem Globetrotter Zeus McClurkin!





Thanks to the efforts of fifth-grade teacher Mrs. Ryder, whose great-grandfather Dr. James Naismith invented the game of basketball, Chenango Bridge Elementary was lucky enough to receive a special visit by Harlem Globetrotter Zeus McClurkin. After giving a powerful talk about the "ABC's of Bullying Prevention," Zeus who wowed the crowd with his fancy footwork and dazzling ball-handling skills. Prior to the assembly, Mrs. Mika worked with students in the library, giving lessons on the history of basketball and character education.













Lewis & Clark expedition reenacted by 4th-graders

The Ryder Players, otherwise known as students in Mrs. Ryder's fifth-grade class, recently presented "Land of the Unknown," a spectacular reenactment of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Middle School



Eric E. Attleson, principa CV Middle School

Although it is freezing in the Southern Tier, the Chenango Valley Middle School is afire with activity. Teachers and staff have been working very hard with your children to provide the best educational experience possible.

On December 23, the day before winter recess, we held the eighth annual Wellness Day. This is a day of non-traditional education that addresses the whole student, their character, and overall wellness. It is important for students to take a break from assessments, and take time to experience the many areas necessary for success. Rick Yarosh's keynote address taught students about overcoming adversity and turning a negative situation into a positive one. The students the attended classes in yoga, essentials oils, goal-setting, nutrition, body image, cyber identity, teamwork and Zumba. (See articles on front cover and below.) Thank you to Mrs. Hubenthal, Mrs. Samson, Mrs. Riquier, the entire Middle School faculty and staff for making Wellness Day an overwhelming success.

Our students, teachers, and staff are looking forward to the fifth annual Middle School Cardboard Boat Race on Friday, March 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., followed by the annual Chenango Valley Community Night, from 6 to 8 pm. The students are working hard to build the winning boat for this very exciting annual event!

I look forward to seeing you at the boat race and community night. Please feel free to contact me or the school if you have any questions.

- Eric E. Attleson, Middle School Principal

Annual Wellness Day: Fun activities with a healthy message







Students participated in the eighth annual Wellness Day Dec. 23. This year started with a keynote address from retired U.S. Army Sergeant Rick Yarosh, who was injured in Iraq in 2006. Rick's presentation captured the students' attention with his story of overcoming adversity and turning a negative situation into a positive one. He encouraged our students to find ways to apply these ideas and philosophies into their own lives.

Yoga/Yoga Dance – Ms. Ann Szymaniak has participated in all eight Wellness Days. This year, she incorporated yoga dance into her presentation, encouraging students to let go of fear and darkness and let their inner light shine.

Essential Oils for Healthy Living – Dr. Brian Perkus, a local clinical psychologist, shared his vast knowledge of the many healing properties of essential oils. After learning about what different oils can do, the students participated in a smelling bee.

Personal Safety – Deputy Robert Stapleton of the Broome County Sheriff's Department spoke about many areas of personal safety, from the choices students make online to self-defense.

Goal Setting – Superintendent Dave Gill presented the morning sessions on the district's mission, vision and goals. In the afternoon, Kyle Kucharski shared his experiences with Teach for America and as an administrator in an urban school district. He then had the students begin to develop their own future goals.

Zumba – Mother and daughter team CJ Michakak and Jamie Stulir returned for the fourth year in a row to teach our students Zumba. Several high school students came to help encourage the MS students to get moving!

Nutrition – Liz Dawson, owner of Main Street Grille and Bakery, helped students see that not all 'healthy' food is really good for you. Students were able to sample salads and gingerbread cookies while learning about the nutritional values of different foods.

Body Image – CV grad Mikala King, an assistant academic advisor in the Student-Athlete Success Center at Binghamton University, presented the students with the shocking differences between reality and what is portrayed in media.

ADEPT – Scott Korn and Teri Ann Montoya from ADEPT (Alcohol and Drug Education Prevention Team) got the students moving and working together in a team-building exercise.

Middle School

Student of the Month - December 2014

Red Team
Danielle Jewson
Vincent Rogers

Grey Team
Jeremy Kellam
Caitlin Whiting

White Team
Logan Fetterman
Jessica Serafini



Front row: Logan Fetterman, Jessica Serafini Back row: Danielle Jewson, Caitlin Whiting, Jeremy Kellam, Vincent Rogers

Our Students of the Month "CARE" about CV: C-Citizenship A-Attitude R-Responsibility E-Enthusiasm

Student of the Month - January 2014

Red Team
Brianna Chordas
Natalie Gillette

Grey Team
Carter Wilson
Elizabeth Morton

White Team Marc Marion Jacob Brown



Front row: Natalie Gillette, Jacob Brown Back row: Elizabeth Morton, Marc Marion, Brianna Chordas, Carter Wilson

Important upcoming dates in the Middle School:

February 26 – 9th grade Orientation/8th grade trip information meeting – 6:30 p.m., Middle School Caféteria

March 6 – End of the 5-week marking period

March 12 – Report cards sent home with students

March 13 – No School: Superintendent's Conference Day

March 13 – 5th Annual Cardboard Boat Race 4:30 p.m., Community Night 6 to 8 p.m.

March 16 - Modified sports begin - player pre-season meeting - 2:30 p.m., MS/HS auditorium

March 20 - 22 - CV musical - "The Music Man"

High School



Terry Heller, principal CV Senior High School

Second semester is upon us. The mid-year assessments and Regents' exams are in our rear-view mirrors, as half the school year is complete.

Second semester is broken up by February break and our spring recess. When we return from our spring recess, there will be approximately eight (8) weeks of school left before Regents' and final exams begin. It is extremely important that your child stay focused and keep up with his/her work. I don't want the end of the school year to sneak up on our students. Students who prepare well now will find the end of the year exam period much more manageable.

The CV Drama Club will present "The Music Man" on March 20, 21 and 22. Students have been practicing and rehearsing for the past few months. Come out and see the play and enjoy the final product of all their hard work.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

- Terry Heller, HS executive principal

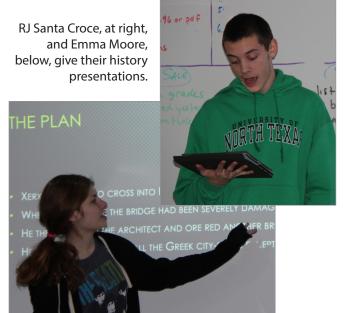
Creating holiday chemis-tree

How does a chemistry class decorate for the holidays? With a chemis-tree and a chemenorah, of course! Just before the winter break, students in Mrs. Ginalski's 11-grade Regents chemistry class learned about polymer science by making Shrinky dink ornaments for the chemis-tree.

Adding to the festivities was CV's Russian exchange student, Anna Prosvirina, who shared some of her knowledge of chemistry by demonstrating some fun experiments - while in a Santa costume.







Students use iPads for history presentations

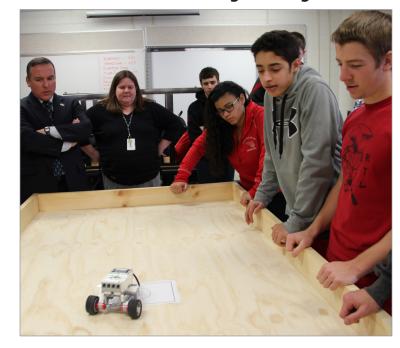
Students in Mr. Tiddick's grade 9 AP history class researched a topic about ancient Greece and then created a presentation using their iPads, Power-Point and Apple TV. The students then presented their projects to classmates.

With just two days to research, write and prepare the presentation, the students were fortunate to have librarian Chris Ruf work with them to help find reference materials. Mr. Ruf had the students utilize a library database called ABC-CLIO to find the information they needed on their topic.

The presentations were well-researched and professional, with graphics, photos and creative page transitions. It was a great use of the iPads, and gave the students good practice in creating presentations and public speaking.

High School

Robots on the move in engineering class



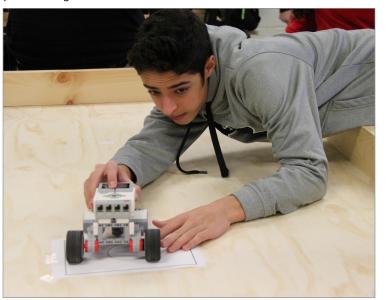
Spectators gather to watch the performance of the robots after they have been programmed by students. The robot must travel in a figure 8 path and return to its starting point.



Students in Mr. Cass's Principles of Engineering class are getting some true hands-on learning using robots called Lego Mindstorms. The robots come in a kit with a programmable "brick," which is a computer that enables the robot to perform tasks according to how it is programmed.

Using special software, the students write the program, download it to the brick and then test it to see if they have correctly programmed for the desired manuevers.

The students work in groups and use problem solving skills to come up with solutions to get the robot to perform the assigned task. In one assignment, they needed to program the robots to complete a figure 8 autonomously. Once the figure 8 move was successful, the teams competed to see which robot could complete the figure 8 in the shortest amount of time.



Nick Ostrom carefully lines up his robot for a test run to see if his team has correctly programmed its movements.



An Eiffel Tower of giving

Madame Henyan's French students (led by head architect, Bailey Raker-grade 11) brought in cans for the Thanksgiving food drive and created a mini Eiffel Tower out of their donations before donating the cans to families in the district.

Bravo!



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