

Student Newsletter

- CHENANGO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL -

NOVEMBER 1

HOMECOMING

A weekend to remember...

Saturday, October 20th, 2018 was a night to remember! Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors all attended the homecoming dance! The year's homecoming dance was Hollywood- themed. The night started out by walking down the red carpet all dressed up, and seeing the "Hollywood sign" on the way to the gym where amazing music and dancing were taking place. Everything from "No Tears Left to Cry" by Ariana Grande, to "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran was played. Along with some popular line dances like "The Cupid Shuffle". When asked to describe the night in one word, some of the most common answers were *eventful, fun, fantastic* and *perfect*.

Towards the end of the night, everyone had one question on their mind, who would be king and queen of homecoming? Each couple from court made quite an entrance on their way to the crowning. First was Carly O'Brien and Travis Kraack. Then, Molly Snashall and Jake Aurelio, followed by Mallorie Turner and Nathan Klein, Luke Scott and Brittany Kropp, and finally Jayna Ross and Mike Godbay made their way through the crowd. As everyone fell silent with anticipation, Carly O'Brien was crowned as Queen, and Mike Godbay as King followed by deafening cheering as they took their dance. Overall, this year's homecoming was a success and an event that no one will soon forget.

By: Madeline Selby

SPORTS SECTION

Congratulations to the Varsity Cheer team on winning the Fall 2018 STAC competition! It was well deserved. Congratulations also to the Girls' Varsity Cross Country Team and the Girls' Varsity Swim Team on being the STAC East Division Champions! The Varsity Swim Team was also undefeated this year. Great job to the other teams who have participated or will participate in Sectionals or STAC's this year! We wish you good luck with your games! Winter Sports start on November 5th. Make sure you sign up through Family ID to be able to play!

By: Keira Warwick

THE MUSICAL

The Chenango Valley Theater Guild has announced that this year's musical will be *The Addams Family*. Auditions are open to everyone starting on Friday, November 9th from 3:00 to 7:00. Those auditioning for a main role are required to prepare two preselected songs-separated by gender. The sheet music for these songs is outside the chorus room. You choose which song you want to sing first during the audition. You may however, be asked to sing the second song, so prepare for both. After the song, you must have a monologue completely memorized. You may be asked to read another monologue (you are not required to have that memorized, however you should be familiar with it). To audition for the ensemble you must prepare the chorus song and sing it in a group of three to five. This song must be memorized completely.

The soundtrack of *The Addams Family* musical consists of 21 songs, many of them needing strong dance roles. Even if singing is not your strong-point, dancers are still needed to give this musical the full effect. The chorus also always has a ton of fun and doesn't require you to sing alone. And don't forget that the chorus is just as vital to the musical as any other role.

In addition to the cast, many are needed for stage crew to help paint, piece together, and move around sets for the production. An ample amount of artists are needed to make the sets. All are welcome to build and the first meeting will be December 3rd during tenth period for anyone interested in stage crew.

Ultimately, the school musical gives many people of different talents to come together to make this musical as breathtaking possible. The musical allows people who like to sing, dance, act, paint, and build to come together show off what they have to offer. The dates of this year's performance will be March 1st and March 2nd at 7 p.m, and March 3rd at 2 p.m.

By: Vanessa Rodzinka



(Photo By: Don/Tina Kunkel)

Social Media

Social media companies are cracking down on bullying and harassment issues that affect millions of users. An artificial intelligence system has been developed by one of the most widely used apps by teens across the globe, Instagram.

This new system has the capability of detecting online bullying in photos, captions, and comments. While the majority of media shared on this platform is positive and uplifting, there is still an occasional unkind post that, until now, was able to lurk in the shadows. Now, the cleanup to Instagram's toxic media has begun!

This new technology allows users to hide offensive comments, filter words from appearing in comments on their posts, and restrict comments from being uploaded on their posts entirely. Along with these optional features, Instagram has expanded its offensive comment filter to automatically remove comments from individual posts and live videos that violate the community guidelines.

Instagram is one of the main social media platforms whose media is consumed teens, but is arguably number one in encouraging self-expression and creativity. Along with removing the possible negative aspects of Instagram, the company is doing its best to encourage and celebrate kindness on social media.

The new "kindness camera effect" is one example of how Instagram is trying to achieve this goal. This filter included on Instagram stories fills the screen with hearts and allows users to "tag a friend to spread kindness".

These efforts have been made to coincide with the UK's upcoming Anti-bullying week. The theme for this event is "choose respect" and will take place November 12-16, 2018. Anti-bullying week 2018 is organized by Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA). Their organization takes donations to support people affected by bullying. On November 9, the ABA encourages schools, organizations, and individuals to wear blue in support of anti-bullying.

Along with the ABA, there are many other organizations involved in November's national bullying awareness month. For example, Stomp Out Bullying is the leading American nonprofit working to prevent bullying and cyberbullying, educates against homophobia, LGBTQ discrimination, racism, and hatred, and discourages violence in schools and online communities across the country.

It is refreshing to see social media platforms, like Instagram, support these organizations in working to make its app safer and more user-friendly. They may also have unlocked the secret to encourage more teens to support the anti-bullying movement.

It has been proven that in many scenarios that if an individual is not directly affected by an issue, they are less willing to take a stand. When children and teens are continuously lectured about the effects of bullying, they may assume that bullying is not existent in their society, unless they happen to be a bully or a victim of bullying. By introducing the subject of bullying to social media, teens learn to take the issue of bullying more seriously.

In conclusion, social media platforms are taking great strides to ensure a sense of comfort and security among its vast number of users. These companies are working auspiciously to support kindness throughout their apps, alongside successful anti-bullying organizations.

By: Kami Bates

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. OSTRANDER

-What are your hobbies?

I am training one of my dogs so that consumes most of my time. I also sing although I haven't been able to do much of it recently. I also cook.

-Do you have any children?

No- no plans. The kids at school are my children. I feel like I was put on this Earth to devote my time to other people's children.

-Do you have any pets?

Two German Shepherds and a cat.

-What made you want to study music?

The encouragement of my music teachers. I also wanted to inspire people to enter music.

-Do you have any pet peeves?

Lying drives me crazy.

-Where is the most interesting place that you've traveled?

London, England. I've been there a couple times. I went on vacation to stay with a friend, who went to college there and again visiting a group of friends.

-What do you consider the most interesting thing about yourself?

I sang backup for Trisha Yearwood when I was in college.

-Why did you go into education?

I really wanted to help kids that didn't have support at home. In the beginning, that was with music.

-Why did you want to come to CV? Did you seek out CV?

CV had an excellent reputation academically and the reputation of the kids is very positive.

-What do you want to see be changed in school? What do you want to accomplish?

To change the culture to where it's more community-minded, and where kids and staff feel comfortable coming to school.

-Why is education so important to you?

Education drives everything. It creates the life that you are going to have. Without education, there is no opportunity for success.

-What was your first impression of CV?

Wonderful. Very positive and welcoming.

-Thoughts on backpacks?

Through the student advisory board and staff input, we are going to revisit the backpack issue and look to make an educated decision. It is important to me that we make sure to listen to all the stakeholders.



By: Caleb Schwarz

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

* Pizza at the Plaza (\$); 365 Harry L Dr, Johnson City, NY 13790

4.6 out of 5

The service is great and it's never busy. The food is always very well cooked and tastes amazing. The toppings are always fresh and make the pizza taste delicious. If you're looking for some great garlic knots, pizza, and salads, this is the place to go.

* Blaze Pizza (\$); 3714 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY 13850

4.5 out of 5

The food is cooked very fast and your pizza is made right in front of you so everything is exactly the way you want it. The meat lovers pizza, the pineapple pizza and their drinks are the best things there.

* Czech Pleeze (\$); 223 Robinson St, Binghamton, NY 13904

4.3 out of 5

The food is cooked very well and it's rarely busy. The food is Czechoslovakian and tastes authentic. Their perogies, halupkis, and baklava are made fresh every day.

* Broadway Diner (\$); 3140 Watson Blvd, Endwell, NY 13760

4.4 out of 5

Although it gets busy there, the food is worth it. The food is always delicious and they have great daily specials. The fish and chips, spaghetti, and lasagna are never disappointing.

* Laura's Luncheonette (\$); 1080 Chenango St C, Binghamton, NY 13901

4.4 out of 5

Their breakfasts are astounding. All the workers are friendly and always strike up conversations with you. The breakfast special and the cinnamon doughnuts are cheap and appetizing.

By: Megan Taylor