



# Newscaaster

## Community Support Sought for Proposed Capital Project

The Chenango Valley Central School District serves as the center of our community and we have a long-standing tradition of providing our students and community with well-maintained facilities and grounds. In order to continue that tradition, the district is proposing a new capital improvements project that will be put to a public vote on December 5, 2017 at the Chenango Valley Middle School/High School Auditorium. Although we have completed a lot of work throughout the district over the past few years, there are still needs within the buildings.

The estimated total cost for this project is \$15 million, with a local tax increase of \$0. The project includes renovations, building system upgrades, and site work.

*A community meeting will be held on November 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in CV's MS/HS Auditorium to discuss the potential project and gather community feedback.*

### Proposed Upgrades

#### Port Dickinson Elementary

- Classroom refurbishment
- STEAM classroom upgrades
- Gymnasium upgrades
- Corridor finish improvements
- LED lighting replacement
- Pavement & sidewalk reconstruction
- Roof replacement
- Window replacement
- Mechanical system improvements
- Masonry restoration

#### Chenango Bridge Elementary

- Classroom refurbishment
- STEAM classroom upgrades
- Gymnasium upgrades
- Nurse's office expansion
- Corridor finish improvements
- LED lighting replacement
- Pavement reconstruction
- Window replacement
- Mechanical system improvements

#### Middle/High School

- STEAM classroom upgrades
- Sustainable greenhouse & classroom
- Library reconstruction
- LED lighting replacement
- Gymnasium upgrades
- Exterior door replacement
- South drive pavement reconstruction
- Stadium lights
- Athletic field concession & toilet rooms
- Fitness room expansion
- Pool upgrades

#### Bus Garage

- Bus storage expansion
- Additional maintenance bay lift
- Door replacement
- HVAC system upgrades
- Fire alarm system

#### Maintenance Building

- Roof replacement
- Exterior wall panel replacement

### Proposed Cost/Taxpayer Impact

(based on current scope of work)

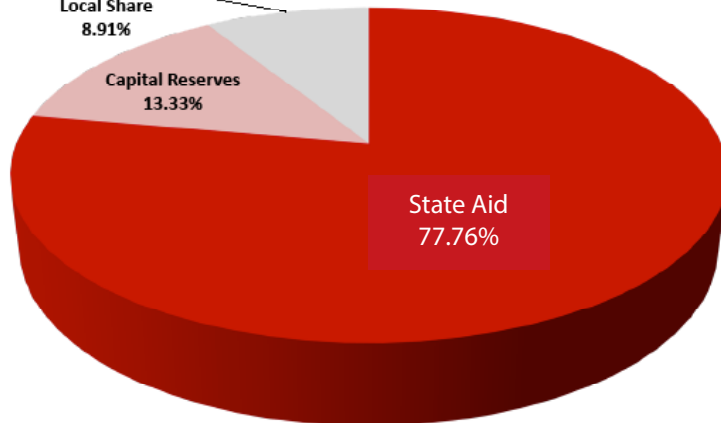
Total projected cost:	\$15,000,000
Capital reserves:	\$2,000,000
State aid:	\$11,664,000
Scheduled reduction in local share of existing debt:	\$1,336,000
Net local share:	\$0

The project scope of work, when combined with existing project debt service, will result in no net tax levy impact (on average) for CV taxpayers.

Scheduled Reduction in Local Share  
8.91%

Capital Reserves  
13.33%

State Aid  
77.76%



## Proposed Capital Project Q & A

**Q:** How will this referendum be presented to voters?

**A:** Voters will vote “yes” or “no” to the overall scope of proposed work. The vote will be on the full project, not individual buildings or items.

**Q:** If the referendum is approved, how can residents be assured the project would be kept fiscally on track?

**A:** By law, the district cannot exceed the amount of the public referendum once it has been approved by voters. In developing the plan, the district's architects have strived to accurately forecast the cost of materials (which continually rise).

**Q:** What happens if the project is not approved?

**A:** If voters reject the proposed plan in December, the district's space and facilities issues would still need to be addressed. In fact, many items included in this project are priorities that need to be addressed soon for health and safety reasons. If these items are funded through the district's regular budget rather than in the capital project, they may not receive as much state aid, which would cost local taxpayers substantially more.

**Q:** Instead of funding a capital improvements project, why don't we use this money for educational programming, like additional technology or music programs?

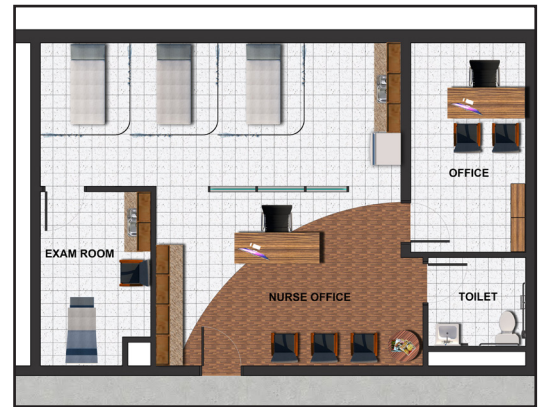
**A:** Capital projects are funded through a different source than our regular annual school budget. Curriculum programming cannot be funded out of a capital project budget. Capital improvement projects, like this one, are eligible for state aid reimbursement from New York State. Our district is eligible to receive up to 83.4% back on every dollar spent. If the district completed capital project items through our annual school budget, we would lose our district's portion of allocated state aid.

## Examples of Proposed Upgrades

PD Corridor Model



CB Nurse's Office Expansion Blueprint



CB Classroom Model

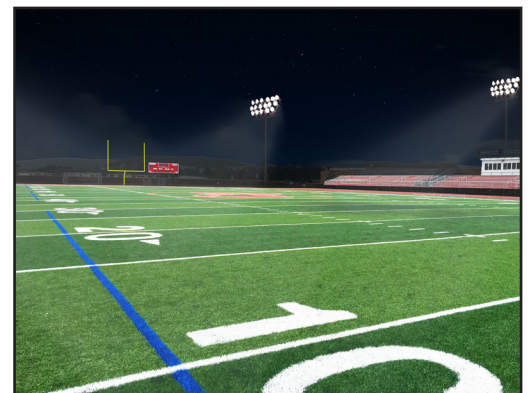


Sustainable Greenhouse & Classroom Model



PD Classroom Model

Warrior Stadium Lighting Model



## Save the Date

- **Proposed Capital Project Community Meeting:** November 6, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. | MS/HS Auditorium
- **Proposed Capital Project Public Vote:** December 5, 2017 | 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | MS/HS Auditorium

## District News

### Message from the Superintendent

Happy fall,

We had a smooth opening to our school year and have reached the halfway mark of the first semester already! Thank you to all of our families who were able to participate in the open houses this fall. School-home connections are so important for the success of our children.

Thank you all for supporting our new security protocols of presenting ID prior to entering our buildings. The safety of our students is a priority!

Your patience is greatly appreciated as we complete last minute aspects of the capital project improvements. We truly appreciate the positive feedback we have received on the upgrades. As you are aware, we are preparing for our next capital improvements project with a community vote in December (see p. 1 & 2). The focus of this project will be upgrades to both of our elementary buildings.

Thank you to all of our families who helped us celebrate at the "Rally in the Valley." A special thank you to Mrs. Price, our coaches and athletes, the CV Booster Club, Mr. Tomm, and our CV administrative team for organizing such a great community event.

We will be celebrating this year's Alumni Recognition event on October 27 at the Binghamton Club! Some of the proceeds from this event help to provide scholarships from the CV Alumni Association to our graduating seniors. We hope you're able to join in celebrating the 2017 honorees, their achievements, and the CV community. We'll show you highlights of the event in our next Newscaster!

We are proud of our recent recognition as one of the top 25 safest school districts as well as our involvement in the regional "Farm-to-School" grant (see p. 6). This recognition and involvement are the result of hard work by our staff and community partners. We are so fortunate to have the supportive community of Chenango Valley in which to educate our children. Please continue to be good role models for each other and the children we serve.

Lastly, I am planning to have another "Cookies and Conversation" event at the Fenton Free Library in the fall (see p. 5). The event will be held on October 30 at 6:00 p.m. I want to thank the library staff, especially Mrs. Korin Spencer, for helping to sponsor this event. Partnerships with parents, your children, and our community are vital in developing all children into happy, healthy, and successful adults.

*All the best for a beautiful fall season!*

Sincerely,



David P. Gill  
Superintendent of Schools



David P. Gill  
Superintendent

### Board of Education President's Message

It's been a fantastic start to the 2017-18 school year. Our staff have done an exceptional job and the kids are busy learning how to be successful, contributing, and kind members of society. Our Board has been busy working, as well. Most of our committees have met at least once this year. Our Budget, Audit and Fiscal Oversight Committee met at the end of September and reviewed the audit that Insero & Co. CPA's, LLP completed for the school year ending June 30, 2017. They audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. Their findings were presented at the October Board meeting. We, as a District, are in a sound financial situation. The auditors were very pleased with the cooperation of our staff and Central Business Office. Beth Donahue's leadership certainly deserves recognition.

In other BOE news, Mr. John Hussar resigned his position on the Board this past summer. I would like to take a moment to thank him for his years of service to the Chenango Valley family and wish him the best. After much thought and discussion, the Board has decided to leave his seat vacant for the 2017-2018 school year. His seat will be filled in our May election.

Speaking of elections, we have one coming up on December 5, 2017. Our proposed capital project is something we should be proud of. There are components that highlight our focus to become an innovative district. I think the sustainable greenhouse/classroom space out back adjacent to the pond is a prime example of this. I would hope you all take the time to ask questions and then come out and vote in support of the project.

As always, we encourage and welcome everyone to attend our monthly Board meetings. Our committee meetings are also open. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve this district.

Kelly Warwick,  
President, Chenango Valley Board of Education



Kelly Warwick  
Board President



# CV HUMANITIES NIGHT

Thursday, November 2, 2017

6:30-8:00 p.m.

CV Middle School Gym & Cafeteria

PRE-K - GRADE 5 ~ FUN FOR ALL!



## INCLUDES:

- Games
- Activities
- Technology
- Books



**A FAMILY EVENT TO PROMOTE THE HUMANITIES  
(LITERACY, SOCIAL STUDIES, MUSIC)**

*Come take part in an evening of educational fun!*



## Girl Scout Troop #30315

*is hosting a*

# SHOE DRIVE



**TO HELP BENEFIT THE CHENANGO FENTON PROJECT CONCERN**

*Please bring your gently used shoes to our table during  
CV's Humanities Night.*

*Please help us give to those in need!*

**EVERY STEP COUNTS!**





*Join Chenango Valley Central School District  
Superintendent David Gill for:*



# *Cookies And Conversation*

**Monday, October 30, 2017**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Fenton Free Library**

**1062 Chenango Street, Binghamton**

**Stop in to meet with Dave and share your compliments,  
concerns & ideas while enjoying light refreshments  
in the comfortable setting of your neighborhood library!**

*Many thanks to the Fenton Free Library  
for hosting this event and providing the refreshments!*

## District News

### CVCS D Ranked Among Safest Upstate NY School Districts

Congrats Chenango Valley for being ranked among the “35 safest school districts in Upstate NY, ranked for 2018” by NewYorkUpstate.com! CVCS D was ranked #25 on the list.

You can find a link to the complete list on our district website ([www.cvcscd.stier.org](http://www.cvcscd.stier.org)).

Each day, the Chenango Valley Central School District continues a mission to inspire, engage and empower all students to achieve their full potential. We continue this mission with students, and their safety, as our first priority. *Thank you to our staff, parents, guardians and community members who help our district to best serve our students!*

### CVCS D One of First Five Upstate NY Schools to Launch “NY Thursdays” Program

Chenango Valley Central School District is fortunate to be a part of the “NY Thursdays” school meal program.

With the help of “Farm-to-School” New York State grants, on the second Thursday of each month the district is able to serve a menu that consists almost 100 percent of local foods grown in NY!

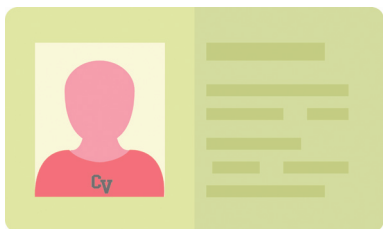
*Thank you to all who have helped to make this amazing opportunity possible!*

See more on the program at: [www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-first-five-school-districts-upstate-new-york-launch-ny-thursdays](http://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-first-five-school-districts-upstate-new-york-launch-ny-thursdays)



### New Visitor Management Systems

As part of our security upgrades in the Chenango Valley Central School District, we have purchased new visitor management systems. These systems allow us to scan an ID and print a photo badge for visitors coming to each of our school buildings. Readers are now in place at each school.



Since the first day of classes, it has become a requirement for all visitors to show photo identification in order to enter our buildings. Although the new system and security vestibules have required adjustments to some of our practices and procedures, we feel it's a critical step to increase the security for our students.

Thank you all for your ongoing cooperation in working with the district. We appreciate your help in ensuring the safety of our students. We encourage you to continue sharing questions, concerns, and ideas with your building principals.

### Emergency Alert System

The district uses an automated system to quickly send messages to parents/guardians in the event of a school or district emergency. Messages will be sent in the form of an email and/or text to your cell phone. The system does not currently make voice telephone calls. To receive messages, you will need to have an account on our district website:

1. Go to [www.cvcscd.stier.org](http://www.cvcscd.stier.org).
2. Select “Public Login” at the top right-hand corner of the page (black bar).
3. Log in and/or create a new account.
4. Select the notification preferences you would like to receive: Emergency Alerts, Athletics, etc. Choose one or more schools from the list to receive notifications pertaining just to that school. To receive notifications for district-wide emergencies, which include weather-related school closings, select “Emergency Alerts/Closing and Delay”.

We encourage you to check and make sure you're signed up. If your contact information has changed, please update your contact information in the system as needed to ensure you receive notifications. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Latimer at [Slatimer@cvcscd.stier.org](mailto:Slatimer@cvcscd.stier.org).



## District News

### Full STEAM Ahead

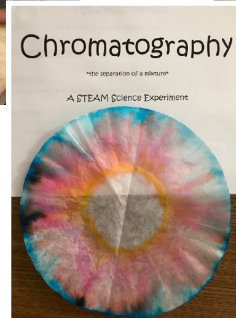
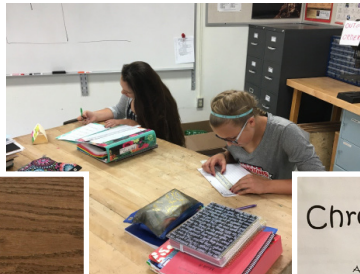
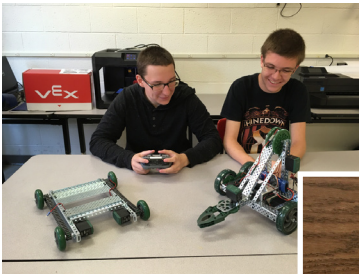
We're off to a busy start in the STEAM classrooms. We welcomed our new technology teacher Mr. Case in the middle school over the summer and put him to work right away!

This year, Mrs. Tronovitch will be in the Port Dickinson STEAM room full-time, working with grades K-2 to begin problem solving and learning about the scientific method. Kindergarten experimented with mixing primary colors, first grade experimented to see how many drops of water a penny could hold, and second grade experimented using chromatography (the separation of a mixture) to see what colors made up the black ink in a Mr. Sketch marker.

Mrs. Mika will be at Chenango Bridge Elementary full-time this year, working with grades 3-5. Third grade found out how challenging folding paper could be as they made and tested paper airplanes to find the design that would go the farthest! Fourth grade has worked hard on designing marble mazes... we may have some budding game designers. Fifth grade teamed up to create devices to launch a piece of candy at a target, hitting it but not knocking it down!

At the secondary level, our eighth graders were working hard on their measurement skills to help them be precise as they began projects. They practiced with tape measures and rulers and focused on fractional inches. "Measure twice, cut once!"

Finally, our high school students are excited to take a new class called 'Intro to Robotics' in the spring semester. The class will focus on engineering careers, programming and problem solving with an end-of-the-year robotics competition at SUNY Broome. Matt Klein and Jacob Tester are pictured showing off one of our new VEX robots below. The STEAM club has graduated to the VEX robots to be able to join some more complex competitions. We'll be there to support them!



### A New Use for Old Desks

Eighth grade math teacher Jim Stocum and his wife Becky recently repurposed two wooden desks into chess tables. The desks were very old, falling apart, and on the verge of being discarded. Mr. Stocum saw another use for them. The Stocums redesigned the desks as tables, sanded them, and painted chess boards on top of each. They then gave them back to the district.

One table was given to Mrs. Walsh and her chess club at Chenango Bridge Elementary in honor of long-time chess advisor Bill Hazilla. The other table has been placed in Mr. Stocum's classroom to be used by both the middle and high school chess clubs.





### CV Elementary PTA - Parent-Teacher Association

The PTA in our schools engages parents, families and community members in a partnership to enrich and enhance the educational experience for all children. Parent, staff and community volunteers spend countless hours organizing fundraisers, special events and other activities to support CV schools and students.

The Chenango Valley Elementary PTA is open to parents, step-parents/guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, district employees and community members. For membership information, visit the school website: [www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org).

For the 2017-18 school year, meetings will typically be held on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exceptions of 1/9 and 4/10) at 6:00 p.m. in Port Dickinson Elementary's Multi-Purpose Room.

### Helping Hands at Pumpkin Palooza

Pumpkin Palooza was held on September 30 at the Art Farm Gallery in Binghamton. The event, which was co-sponsored by Hill-N-Dale Garden Club, included activities such as face painting, hay rides, farm tours, a bee keeping exhibit, a bake sale, and make-and-take bulb plantings. Members of CV's Junior Honor Society and the CVHS Interact Club helped out at Pumpkin Palooza. The event raised about \$400 towards scholarships for Chenango Valley and Chenango Forks schools!

*Thank you to those who volunteered their time for this event, along with those who came out to participate!*



### Mr. Clark Delivers Keynote Speech at Strength & Power Hall of Fame Dinner

This year's keynote speaker at the Strength and Power Hall of Fame dinner was Chenango Valley teacher and fellow Hall of Famer Bill Clark. Mr. Clark spoke about why it is more important to be a champion for those in need and the community than it is to be a champion at your sport. "It's not how much weight you can lift off the floor that's important, it's how much weight you can lift off of the back of someone in need that's important!" Mr. Clark went on to talk about leadership and how "Every single person has gifts inside of them waiting to spring to life." He also stated, "True leaders are able to inspire and help others. They propel people on their own journey of success, and what a privilege it is to be able to use our gifts, talents and strengths to do so."

-Larry Bucchioni  
NYS Strength Hall of Fame Inductee  
and 28X Drug Free World Champion Power Lifter



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## "Mural Team" Recognized at BOE Meeting

Some of the individuals who helped to make the Depot wall mural art project possible this summer were given Certificates of Recognition at a Board of Education meeting on September 20. *Thank you all for helping to beautify our community!*

Learn more about the project by visiting [www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org).



## WSKG Video Features CV Social Studies Teacher

"WSKG wanted to spread the message about our educational services - including classroom guides based on local documentaries. When we connected with Mr. Tidick and learned about his exemplary use of these materials, we invited him to our studio to record a testimonial. WSKG will be using his story online and on TV to inspire other educators. WSKG is proud to document the rich history of our community -- and we're thankful for the partnership from teachers like Mr. Tidick who utilize this educational media to connect younger generations with these stories."

-Jackie Stapleton (WSKG Education)

Check out CVCSD's website ([www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)) for a link to this video!





# Title I, Parents' Right-to-Know Notification Letter Required by No Child Left Behind Legislation

To Port Dickinson, Chenango Bridge and Chenango Valley Middle School Parents/Guardians,

Upon request parents of students attending Title I schools – Port Dickinson, Chenango Bridge and Chenango Valley Middle School - may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teachers, and paraprofessional staff.

Please call the Board Office at 762-6810 should you want information regarding:

- A. whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- B. whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- C. the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- D. whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Then too, should Chenango Valley's Title I schools – Port Dickinson, Chenango Bridge and/or Chenango Valley Middle School be identified for school improvement, corrective action and/or restructuring, letters would be sent to parents which would include:

- A. An explanation of what the identification means and how the school compares to other schools in terms of achievement.
- B. The reason(s) for identification
- C. How the problem is being addressed
- D. How parents can help
- E. The option to transfer to another public school

This letter is to satisfy the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) parent notification requirements should Port Dickinson, Chenango Bridge or Chenango Valley Middle; School be identified as a Title I School in Need of Improvement, or Title I Corrective Action.

## Public Notice regarding asbestos

The Chenango Valley Central School District completes 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, surveillance, and limited abatement by trained personnel.

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 Mr. George Zlock, Director of School Facilities and Operations at (607) 762-6861.

## Chenango Valley Central School District 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 nonpublic 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 Mr. George Zlock, Director of School Facilities and Operations at (607) 762-6861.



## Anti-Harassment for Employees - Protected Class

- Chenango Valley Central School District (“district”) recognizes the harmful and insidious nature of harassment on the basis of a protected characteristic (i.e., race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, and/or veteran status) (“harassment”) and the toll that harassment can have on employees, staff, students, vendors, and visitors to the district’s buildings, grounds, and facilities.
- The district is fully committed to maintaining a work environment that is free from all forms of harassment and discrimination that are prohibited by law.
- In keeping with this commitment, the district will not tolerate any harassment that occurs at school, school-related functions, on school grounds, or on school transportation, whether perpetrated by or against the district’s employees, staff, vendors, or visitors to the district’s buildings, grounds, or facilities.
- The district prohibits all forms of harassment in all areas of employment including, by way of example, recruitment, hiring, training, promotion, discipline, separations, benefits, and compensation.
- Any employee, agent, or official of the district who has experienced or witnessed behavior which the employee, in good faith, believes is harassment should immediately report said harassment to a supervisor, an assistant principal, a principal, the Assistant Superintendent or the Superintendent.
- The district will promptly investigate all reports of harassment and, pursuant to the results of said investigation, will take appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective action that is in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or collective bargaining agreements.
- The district prohibits any retaliation against employees who have made good faith reports of harassment or who have participated in any investigation of harassment complaints.

## Harassment on the Basis of a Protected Characteristic

It is the district’s policy to provide a work environment that is free from all forms of harassment and discrimination that are prohibited by law (i.e., harassment that targets race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, and/or veteran status) (“harassment”). This policy applies to the actions of supervisors, co-workers, vendors, students, parents, and visitors to the district’s buildings, grounds, and facilities.

Harassment on the basis of any protected characteristic is strictly prohibited by law and this policy. Under this policy, harassment is verbal or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of his/her race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability (alienage or citizenship status, marital status, creed, genetic disposition or carrier status, sexual orientation) or any other characteristic protected by law or that of his/her relatives, friends, or associates, and that: (i) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment; (ii) has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance; or (iii) otherwise adversely affects an individual’s employment opportunities

Harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- epithets, slurs, name-calling, negative stereotyping, or offensive “slang”;
- threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts;
- denigrating jokes and/or displays or circulation in the workplace of any written or graphic material (such as signs, pictures, or cartoons) that denigrates, intimidates an individual, or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group (including through e-mail);
- pushing, shoving, threats, or other intentional acts perpetrated in whole or in part because of the victim’s protected status;
- mimicking or mocking another’s speech, accent, disability, or behavior.

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Each manager/supervisor has a responsibility to maintain a workplace that is free of harassment. Harassing conduct in the workplace, whether committed by managers/supervisors, non-managerial employees, co-workers, or outside individuals (vendors, visitors to the school, etc.), is strictly prohibited.

## Scope of Policy

This policy covers conduct in the workplace, at social functions (i.e., holiday dinners, picnics, sporting events, etc.), and business functions.

## Timely Reporting

An important objective of this policy is to prevent the development of a work environment which, because of prohibited conduct, unreasonably interferes with an employee's work or is intimidating, hostile, or offensive. It is therefore essential and required that employees immediately report conduct which they believe is in violation of this policy. Such timely reporting is necessary so that a complaint can be investigated while information is most available, so that a problem can be remedied before a harassing situation develops, and so that the district can avoid the spread of harmful rumors.

Any employee, agent, or official of the district who believes that he or she has been subjected to conduct in violation of this policy should report the facts of the incident and the name of the individuals involved to his/her immediate supervisor or, in the alternative, to the Assistant Superintendent. If, for any reason, an employee, agent, or official of the district would prefer not to make the report to these individuals, the employee should report the conduct to the Superintendent. Similarly, any employee who observes the harassment of another employee, agent, official, vendor, or visitor of the district's buildings or grounds should report the harassment to one of the persons listed above.

## Complaint Procedure

If a complainant is comfortable addressing the situation directly and believes it would be helpful, the employee is encouraged to immediately tell the other person when his/her behavior is considered inappropriate and unwelcome and to request that the conduct stop. Persons so told must comply immediately and graciously with such requests.

Supervisors must immediately report to the Assistant Superintendent conduct that is believed to be in violation of this policy, whether or not the concerned parties are subordinates of the supervisor and whether or not the conduct is reported to the supervisor.

## Investigation of Complaints

The district's policy is to investigate all reported incidents thoroughly, promptly, and in a discrete manner. The district recognizes that every investigation requires a determination based on all of the facts in the matter. The district also recognizes the serious impact that a false accusation can have and trust that all employees, agents, and officials will act responsibly when making complaints.

## Sanctions for Violations of this Policy

The district expects all employees to be aware of this policy and to abide by it at all times. If an investigation confirms that harassment has taken place, the district will take appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action in accordance with the applicable laws, rules, regulations, and collective bargaining agreements. Such corrective and/or disciplinary action may include counseling, reprimand, suspension, and/or the termination of the offending party's employment.

## Bad Faith Complaints

Although the district encourages the reporting of harassment, employees, agents, and officials must recognize that complaints made in bad faith (such as when the complainant knows that the complaint is false) can have a serious impact on other employees and officials, who may experience adverse employment action and also suffer a compromise in their reputation. In addition, bad faith complaints disrupt the workplace and waste resources by triggering lengthy and (potentially) time-consuming investigations.

It is therefore misconduct, under this policy, for an employee, agent, or official to make complaints of harassment in bad faith, and doing so may result in corrective or disciplinary action taken against the complainant. For the purposes of this policy, complaints are made in "bad faith" when the complainant: (a) makes the complaint solely to harm, injure, degrade, defame, or embarrass another person; (b) knows that the complaint is false; and/or (c) acts with reckless disregard to the truth when making the complaint.

## Confidentiality

When investigating harassment complaints, the district will maintain confidentiality to the extent that the district considers practicable, appropriate, and necessary in order to meet the purposes of investigating and responding to the complaint and in order to achieve the other objectives of this policy.

# District

## Retaliation is Strictly Prohibited

The district strictly prohibits any supervisor, employee, agent, or official from retaliating against anyone who makes a good faith report of harassment or who participates in an investigation under this policy. Any supervisor, employee, agent, or official who violates this provision will be subjected to appropriate discipline in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and collective bargaining agreements. Such discipline may include counseling, reprimand, suspension, and/or termination of employment.

## Responsibility

Supervisors are responsible for strict compliance with all aspects of this policy. Therefore, they should review the manner and style in which they oversee their subordinates and the quality of the workplace environment they create through their supervision. In particular, supervisors should take pains not to condone or tolerate any conduct that might violate this policy.

## Waiver

Any failure by an employee, agent, or official to report any incidents of sexual harassment may result in the full waiver of the claim.

## Publication

The district shall promulgate this policy as follows:

A copy of this policy shall be provided to each employee, agent, or official on the first payday of each September. With respect to an employee, agent, or official who is hired during the school year, this policy shall be provided to the employee, agent, or official after the Board of Education has appointed the employee, agent, or official.

This policy shall be published annually in the district's newsletter. This policy shall also be provided annually to the president of each bargaining unit.

## Policy Review

The district shall, on an annual basis, provide for a review of this policy with all of its employees, agents, and officials.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** A complete list of Chenango Valley Central School District policies, along with routine policy updates, is available on our district website at [www.cvcasd.stier.org/PolicyManual.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/PolicyManual.aspx).

In addition, a complete policy manual is available for review in the main office at each school building. You can also contact the respective office to request a copy of any policy.

The Code of Conduct policy for students is included in student agendas and is also available on each school home page on the district website.

### Title IX Coordinators

**Michelle Feyerabend**

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### **Business address for each:**

221 Chenango Bridge Rd.  
Binghamton, NY 13901



# Alumni

Do you want to help preserve the pride and traditions of CV by building lasting relationships between the district, its graduates, and the community?

CV Alumni Association officers Maralena Dropp (Class of 1978) and Gary Hall (Class of 1967) are looking for CVHS graduates, employees, retirees, and friends of the district to help the organization fulfill that mission.

Interested? Fill out the form below to get involved. You can also visit [www.cvcasd.stier.org/AlumniHome.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/AlumniHome.aspx), or contact [CValumniassoc@gmail.com](mailto:CValumniassoc@gmail.com), to learn more.



## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (one-time payment of \$25.00)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help in the following way(s):

☐ serving on a committee or workgroup

☐ serving as an officer of the association

☐ volunteering at events

☐ helping to locate alumni/contact potential members

☐ making a donation to the CV Alumni Association. My donation is included with my dues payment.

You do not need to be an  
alumnus to join us!

If you love CV, we would love  
for you to join us!

Some ideas that I would like to see for Alumni Association events or activities:

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*The mission of the Chenango Valley Alumni Association is to preserve and promote the learned ideals, shared traditions, and rich history of the Chenango Valley Schools -- and to strengthen intellectual ties and promote scholarship opportunities for the mutual benefit of current students, alumni, the district, and the community.*

Please mail this completed form and payment to:  
Chenango Valley Alumni Association at the address below.  
Checks made payable to CV Alumni Association.

**c/o Gary Hall 162 Monkey Run Road . Port Crane, NY 13833 . email: [CValumniassoc@gmail.com](mailto:CValumniassoc@gmail.com)**

## Guidance

### Back-to-School Tips *Connecting with Your Child's School Counselor for a Successful School Year*

School counselors make a measurable impact in every student's life, assisting with academic, career and personal/social development. Professional school counselors are trained in both educating and counseling, which allows them to function as a facilitator between parents, teachers, and the student in matters concerning the student's goals, abilities, and any areas needing improvement. School counselors provide services not only to students in need, but to all students.

**Meet or contact your child's school counselor.** The beginning of a school year is an excellent opportunity to initiate contact with your child's school counselor and doing so can ensure your child's positive school experience. By communicating with one another, parents and counselors can have a definite impact on a child's success.

**Discuss your child's challenges and concerns with the school counselor.** As a parent, you know your child best. However, the school counselor can help your child as a student. It's important to encourage your child's expression of needs, hopes, and frustrations.

**Learn about your child's school and social connections from the school counselor.** When you need information or assistance, your child's school counselor can help you get in touch with the appropriate school officials; learn about school policies on behavior, attendance, and dress; know the school calendar of important dates; and stay connected with the school in many other ways. The school counselor can also help you locate resources in the community when you need them.

**Work with the school counselor to identify resources and find solutions to problems.** If your child is having a problem at school, it is important to work with your child's school counselor to find solutions. Discuss resources available within and outside of the school, and get information on how such programs can benefit your child. Your school counselor can be a valuable partner in your child's education and preparation for life beyond school.

From NYSSCA news

## Attention Student Athletes

As you know, the NCAA has established eligibility rules related to participating in Division I and II college athletics. Should you be considering athletics in college, it is absolutely imperative that you notify your school counselor now. Students are required to take 16 core subject courses. The NCAA does not use elective courses to complete the 16.

To participate at the Division I or II level, you also must register with the NCAA Clearing house at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Once you have registered, it will prompt you to let the guidance office know to submit a transcript. Finally, you must submit your SAT or ACT scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center directly from the testing agency in order to certify the initial eligibility of the student athlete. All test scores are required to be sent.

**Please Note: Some eligibility rules have changed for students graduating after 2016. Please see your counselor for details.**

## Chenango Valley Middle/High School Guidance



High School Social Worker (9-12)  
**Jackie Arnold** 762-6924



High School Counselor (10-12)  
A-L: **Judy Hayes** 762-6921



Middle School Social Worker (6-8)  
**Beth Hubenthal** 762-6925



Middle School Counselor (6-7)  
**Deborah Lally** 762-6920



High School Counselor (10-12)  
M-Z: **Karen Mullins** 762-6922



Middle School/HS Counselor (8-9)  
**Shelby Samson** 762-6923

## Guidance

### Help Available for CV Families in Need

Did you know that Chenango Valley has these resources available?

need help?

- CHOW Food Pantry
- CV Clothing Bank
- Holiday Assistance (Thanksgiving food baskets, gifts for school-age children at holiday time\*)
- Individualized Services: Please contact the guidance office to see if we can help.

*\*must register by 11/9/17*

If you or someone you know in the Chenango Valley Central School District needs assistance, please contact the Guidance Office at 762-6918 or CV Middle School Social Worker Beth Hubenthal at [bhubenth@cvcgsd.stier.org](mailto:bhubenth@cvcgsd.stier.org).

### Upcoming SAT and ACT Test Dates

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

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

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018

### Help Promote Good Student Attendance



Getting your child to school on-time, every day, unless they are sick, is something that you can do to ensure your child has a chance to succeed in school. While others can help, you are the bottom line. You can promote good attendance when you:

- Establish and stick to the basic routines (going to bed early, waking up on time, etc.) that will help your child develop the habit of on-time attendance.
- Talk to your child about why going to school every day is critical and important unless they are sick. If your child seems reluctant to go to school, find out why and work with the teacher, administrator or after-school provider to get them excited about going to school.
- Come up with back-up plans for who to turn to (another family member, a neighbor or fellow parents) to help you get your child to school if something comes up (e.g. another child gets sick, your car breaks down, etc.).
- Reach out for help if you are experiencing tough times (e.g. transportation, unstable housing, loss of a job, health problems) that make it difficult to get your child to school. Other parents, your child's teacher, principal, social worker, school nurse, after-school providers or community agencies can help you problem solve or connect you to a needed resource.
- If your child is absent, work with the teacher to make sure she or he has an opportunity to learn and make up for the academics missed.





## Guidance

### Recognition for CV Military Members

Is your son or daughter a graduate of Chenango Valley High School who is currently serving in the military either full-time, in the Reserves or in a Guard unit? If so, please send a current military photo with their full name, rank, branch of service, contact information and year of graduation to Karl Krause, C/O Chenango Valley MS, 221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY 13901. This information will be displayed in the military display case located near the district office. If you have questions, feel free to contact Karl Krause at [kkrause@cvcsd.stier.org](mailto:kkrause@cvcsd.stier.org).

If you (or your son or daughter) were a graduate of Chenango Valley High School who was honorably discharged from the military, please send a military photo with a full name, rank, branch of service, contact information and year of graduation to Bob Blakeslee, [rgblakeslee@stny.rr.com](mailto:rgblakeslee@stny.rr.com). This information will be displayed on the CVHS Veterans Facebook page [www.facebook.com/cvhsvets/](http://www.facebook.com/cvhsvets/).

### Activities Build Teamwork Skills Among Middle School Students

CV social worker Mrs. Hubenthal, along with guidance counselors Mrs. Samson and Mrs. Lally, spent time with each middle school physical education class in the beginning of the school year.

They reviewed the "Olweus Bullying Prevention Rules" with students:

**Rule 1:** We will not bully others.

**Rule 2:** We will try to help students who are bullied.

**Rule 3:** We will try to include students who are left out.

**Rule 4:** If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

Students learned about the role of the guidance office and discussed ways to help each other out.

Students also took part in team-building activities including working in groups to write a positive message using multiple strands of duct tape tied to a single marker. Students discovered that when it comes to a challenge, working as a supportive team can help you find the best solution.

*If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or would like to schedule a parent conference with a team of teachers, please feel free to contact Mrs. Lally (grades 6-7) or Mrs. Samson (grades 8-9) in the guidance office at 762-6918.*



### Bus Safety Drills Review Proper Behavior, Emergency Procedures



All CVCSD students participated in bus safety drills at the beginning of the school year. These drills included important practice for evacuating buses in the case of an emergency. If an emergency should occur, seconds count to ensure that everyone gets out quickly and safely.

In their drills, students learned about topics including safe crossing signals, ridership rules, how to properly use seat belts, what to do if a bus driver becomes disabled, and how to find and operate emergency equipment and exits.

Students also practiced using different emergency escapes including the rear exit (as seen on the left).

In accordance with New York State Education law, bus safety drills are conducted at CV three times during the school year. Safety drills will also be conducted at the end of November and in early spring.





## RALLY IN THE VALLEY



Thank you to the CV families, staff, local businesses and community members who helped to make this year's Rally in the Valley another successful and enjoyable event!



## 50th Annual McDaniel-Baxter Invitational Held at CV

The 50th annual McDaniel-Baxter XC Invitational (previously known as the McDaniel Invitational and originally known as the CV Invitational) was held at the Chenango Valley High School on September 16. Chenango Valley's JV boys won first place for the small schools division! This year, the first XC Warrior Challenge 4K public race and 600-meter children's "fun run" also took place! Proceeds from the Warrior Challenge race helped to benefit CV Athletics. *Great job to all who came out to participate in each of these events!*



## MS/HS Ski Club

Fall has arrived and with it the promise of another great winter for outdoor winter enthusiasts. The CV Ski Club is now accepting applications and selling packages for the club's 2018 season. The club is open to MS/HS students in grade 6-12 and travels six Thursday nights starting in January. Please contact advisors Chris Ruf ([cruf@cvcgsd.stier.org](mailto:cruf@cvcgsd.stier.org)) or Jim Mercik ([jmercik@cvcgsd.stier.org](mailto:jmercik@cvcgsd.stier.org)) for more details.



Thursday night passes can be purchased directly from Greek Peak at: <https://sales.greekpeak.net> by selecting "Peak Pack Registration", and then choosing Chenango Valley. The club also charges a base rate of \$85 to cover transportation costs which is paid directly to CV Ski Club.

## Girls Varsity Soccer Wins Oxford Invitational Soccer Tournament

The Chenango Valley girls varsity soccer team won the Oxford Invitational soccer tournament on September 28 and 30. It was held at Oxford High School. The Warriors opened up the tournament by defeating Schenevus 7-0 to advance to the championship game, where they defeated Greene 7-1.

Alaina Carman led the Warriors by scoring seven goals in the tournament.

Four Warrior were selected to the "All Tournament Team":

- Senior Alaina Carman
- Senior Kayla Lopez
- Sophomore Sara Marinaro
- Freshman Kerri Hayes

- Ted Hoffman



## Hat Trick Leads to Limo Ride

CV's girls varsity soccer team made a deal with Coach Battisti that if any of the girls scored three goals in any game throughout the season, they would get a free limo ride to school. (Coach Battisti owns D'Lusso Limousine Service, Inc.).

Sara Marinaro scored three goals at the team's home opener against Marathon (CV won 3-2). On Monday, September 11, Sara and some friends showed up in a limo at Chenango Valley High School!





## Arts & Music

### 3-D Art Students Enjoy Hot Cocoa Day!

Students in Mr. Fitzsimmons' 3-D art classes enjoyed some hot cocoa in clay mugs they worked hard to create! These mugs are the first assignment for all 3-D art students, as a great introduction in creating three-dimensional forms!



### Fifth Grade Band Opportunities

This year, fifth grade students have the opportunity to begin studying a musical instrument. Lessons are once per six-day cycle. They began in early October and will run until late May. Instrument choices include oboe, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and percussion. Lessons will culminate with three public performances on Thursday, December 14; Thursday, May 10; and at the annual Ice Cream Social Concert on Wednesday, May 30.



### A "Spooky" Mural at CVHS!

Great job to Mr. Zanot's Fast Forward drawing class for their work on a pastel Halloween-themed mural outside of the CV High School!



Chenango Valley Theater Guild Presents:

Rodgers & Hammerstein's

*Cinderella*

February 23-25, 2018

Mark your calendar and please join us for a magical retelling of a classic fairy tale.

Tickets go on sale December 11, 2017

Watch the school website for the ticket order form and more information. Also, follow the Theater Guild on Twitter.

@cv\_theater

# Port Dickinson Elementary

Here we are in October with over a month of school under our belt. Crews have worked on building our new security vestibule and giving our multi-purpose room and the kitchen a much needed makeover. We have installed two new boilers, cooling towers, and intercoms/ smoke detectors and a camera system throughout the building.

We are continuing our “Primary Project” program at Port Dickinson. It is a national, evidence-based program, which helps children in Pre-K through third grade adjust to school, gain confidence and social skills, and focus on learning. Through play, “Primary Project” addresses children’s school adjustment difficulties and increases their chances for success. Mrs. Rossie is our “Primary Project” Child Associate.



Jim Pritchard, principal, Port Dickinson Elem.

Mrs. Tronovitch is working on teaching our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) classes here at Port Dickinson. We hope this year we will be pushing into grades K-2 with projects in Pre-K. We will be adding a Tinker Town, where students will be able to create or design independently or with group projects.

The CV Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Port Dickinson is up and running. We have combined our PTA with Chenango Bridge to work together for the children of the district. Our meetings are typically held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Port Dickinson. The PTA is a very valuable asset to Chenango Valley, through their volunteer work and support of the programs and academics of our district.

Finally, we are continuing with our Morning Program. Last month’s theme was being introduced to people in your neighborhood and Kelso’s Choices. Next month we will be talking about Kelso’s Choices, conflict resolution and making good choices.

Again, we are off to a great school year. We want to wish you a safe and fun Halloween.

## Schools Helping Schools

St. John is a small island in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). It was devastated by hurricane damage. St. John Christian Academy (SJCA) is a school on the island. SJCA lost roofing, classrooms, and their teaching materials were heavily damaged. The school is rebuilding with the help of donations.

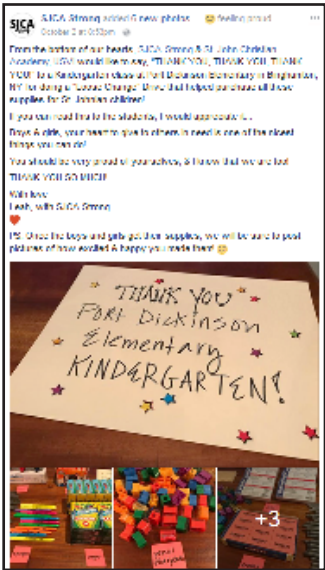
Warren Walters is a kindergarten teacher at Port Dickinson Elementary. Mr. Walters and his family put together various fundraisers to help the SJCA.

Mrs. DeVincentiis, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Walters’ kindergarten classes at Port Dickinson Elementary had a “loose change” fundraiser with their students and raised \$215. Supplies were purchased with this money and sent to help out the school.

Molly, Delaney and Warren Walters, along with members of the CVHS Interact club, also had a rock painting fundraiser at Rally in the Valley and raised \$405. All of this money was sent to help with the purchase of computer equipment.

The Touchdown Club had a “Light up the Night” t-shirt fundraiser in coordination with CV/CF football. They also donated all the funds to SJCA!

All of these donations were able to provide schools in St. John with school supplies. It’s amazing that our community helped to give 150 students on St. John their own personal box of school supplies. *Thank you!*

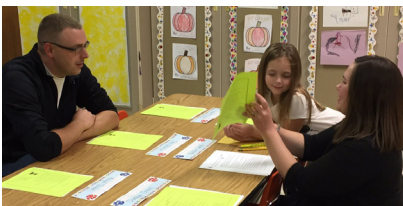


Post from SJCA Strong Facebook page

-Warren Walters

## PD Open House

Port Dickinson’s Open House Night was held on October 5. Open House events are a great opportunity to build school-home connections to help optimize our students’ educational experiences!





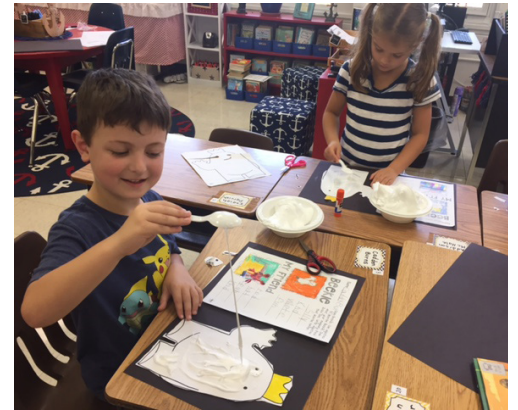
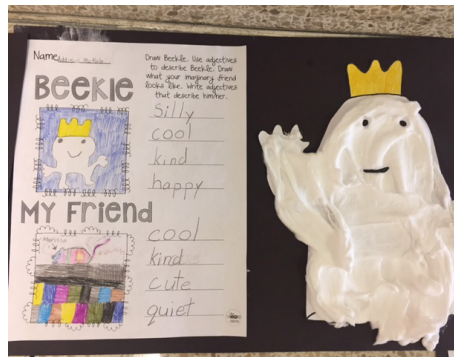
# Olivia Wahl Helps CV Transition to Lucy Calkins Writing Program

We are starting an exciting adventure this year in kindergarten - eighth grade. All of our students and ELA teachers will be engaging in work focused on writing! We are implementing Lucy Calkins' "Units of Study in Writing" where students will be getting sustained writing time daily at the elementary level and large blocks of time dedicated to writing at the middle school level. The district is thankful for the help of Olivia Wahl who will model lessons with our CV students and coach teachers as they grow into this new program!



## Fun Learning Activities Tie Into New Lucy Calkins' Writing Program

Second grade students read "Beekle the Imaginary Friend" as part of our new Lucy Calkins' writing program. Students studied "small moments" in writing with mentor texts. Second grade classes also worked on a "speed sketching" lesson. This lesson tied into the new Lucy Calkins' writing program by helping students work on how to produce sketches more quickly and efficiently!



*Messy, yet educational fun, with "Beekle the Imaginary Friend"!*



*"Speed sketching" lesson!*

# Chenango Bridge Elementary

Fall is certainly upon us! The first part of this school year has gone by so quickly. From the first day of school, our faculty, staff, and students have been working and learning about new initiatives and curriculum expectations to help "Every Warrior Succeed."

There are many events and activities approaching:

- Thursday, November 2, 2017 – Humanities Night
- Tuesday, November 7, 2017 – CV Elementary PTA Meeting
- Thursday, November 9, 2017 – First Marking Period (Quarter) of School Ends
- Thursday, November 9, 2017 – Veterans Day Assembly (In-School Event)
- Friday, November 10, 2017 – No School for Veterans Day
- Friday, November 17, 2017 – 1/2 Day of School – Dismissal at 12:00 NOON, Parent/Teacher Conferences in the PM
- Tuesday, November 21, 2017 – Picture Make-Up Day
- Wednesday, November 22 – Friday, November 24, 2017 – No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, December 1, 2017 – 1/2 Day of School – Dismissal at 12:00 NOON, Parent/Teacher Conferences in the PM



Mary Beth Hammond,  
principal, Chenango  
Bridge Elementary

As each new school year begins, we are focused on our instructional practices and curriculum expectations. Our students are engaged in learning many new skills. We have time on our schedule to provide small group instruction in both English Language Arts and math. This is accomplished through our #Warrior WIN time and Academic Blocks. We are all embracing a writing workshop initiative for all of our CB students. Students are also engaged in science, social studies, and STEAM.

Our school values safety. We have new security procedures, which are throughout our district. In addition to time spent to educate our kids academically, we also spend time on our safety (fire), evacuation, bus, and lock down drills, so all members of CB Elementary are prepared in case of an emergency.

This school year has a focus on OLWEUS and character education. Our CB OLWEUS team helped to establish three simple rules that are the center of what we do and how we act/interact.

Our rules are:

- Always Learning
- Safety First
- Be a Good Human

Our school and district news, events, and resources are available on our website ([www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)). Please feel free to follow Chenango Bridge Elementary School on Twitter (@MrsHammondCV). Our school district's mission is to inspire, engage, and empower our faculty/staff, students, and our school community. Given this standard of excellence, our wish is that all of us work together, communicate, support learning, participate, and develop friendships and partnerships to help every warrior to succeed... in and out of the classroom.

Fall is nature's masterpiece -- full of vibrant colors, crisp, cool, fresh air, and delicious apple pie and pumpkin desserts. Spend time reading with your children every day... the rewards are endless. Make the most of every day by spending quality time with your family and friends!

## CBE Reaches for the Stars!



Students, faculty and staff at Chenango Bridge created a building-wide art project in Mrs. Sabol's art class. Each student traced, cut out and personalized their own hand, while the faculty and staff personalized a star. The message was "Reach for the stars -- You can accomplish anything!"

## Geography Balloons

Students from Mrs. Hoeflein's and Miss Pierce's third grade classes created balloon globes to learn about geography. Students were given a blue balloon and an outline for the continents. Together, both classes learned about the location of each continent and ocean. The balloon globes were engaging to create and were wonderful to see on display at Open House!





## Chenango Bridge Elementary

### CB Students Take On 'Summer Reading BINGO' Challenge

There were 60 Chenango Bridge Elementary students who took on the school's "Summer Reading BINGO" challenge. For the challenge, all students received a new book in June and a "Summer Reading BINGO" board with 25 activities to complete over the summer.

After they returned to school and turned in their completed boards, students were invited to "Lunch in the Library." Each student who participated was presented with a certificate, a pencil, and a coupon for the CB Book Fair.

Thank you to CB Principal Mrs. Hammond, librarian Mrs. Gay, and third grade teacher Miss Pierce who initiated the challenge.

The goal of this activity was to encourage students to read throughout the summer, and to help decrease the "summer slide."



*Great job participants!*

### Building Skills in PE Class



Mrs. Clark's fourth grade class is seen above working on a soccer unit in Mrs. Lyons' PE class. Students demonstrated soccer skills through teamwork, cooperation, and communication.

### CB Swim Unit



Chenango Bridge Elementary physical education classes began the year learning about swim safety at the Chenango Valley MS/HS pool with Mr. Frayer. Mr. Hoffman's classes spent five weeks, followed by Mrs. Lyons' classes. Students learned topics including instruction and development of fundamental swimming strokes, basic pool and water safety, and recreational swimming skills.

### Chenango Bridge Students "Rock On"!



Six students at Chenango Bridge Elementary represented Chenango Valley School District by participating in "Rock On Café" segments for NewsChannel 34. Students were given a scripted lunch menu and used their own unique personality while reading it.

The students who participated were:

- **Anthony Clark**, grade 3 - Miss Pierce's class
- **Erin Burns**, grade 4 - Mrs. Clark's class
- **Kenna Wales**, grade 4 - Mrs. Gates' class
- **Haley Trisket**, grade 5 - Mr. Amirian's class
- **Michael Doyle**, grade 5 - Mrs. Zanot's class
- **Avery Tomm**, grade 5 - Mrs. Zanot's class

These segments can be viewed at [www.binghamtonhomepage.com](http://www.binghamtonhomepage.com) under the "Rock On Café" heading from Monday, November 6, through Tuesday, November 14.

*Congratulations to all for a job well done!*

# Middle School

Welcome to the 2017 - 2018 school year at the middle school. I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer break.

The middle school is off to a fantastic start. I have been so impressed with all of the students this year; navigating their lockers and schedules, making new friends, and meeting new teachers. The theme for this year is: "Dude. Be Nice." and during morning announcements throughout the year we will be providing tips on how to be more amazing.

With warmer fall weather comes the issue of student dress. Please be mindful of the student dress code. Students should not be wearing clothing such as tube tops, tank tops, net tops, low necklines (front and/or back), see-through garments, "spaghetti" strap top, and bare mid tops. The shorts and skirts should be at least fingertip length. If students' outfits are of a questionable nature, they will be asked to change their clothing if they have other clothes in their locker. If they do not have clothing at school, a parent/guardian will be called to bring in appropriate clothes. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Eric E. Attleson, principal  
CV Middle School

On Friday, September 29, the middle school had its Olweus kick-off. The MS Drama Club, under the direction of Katie O'Brien, performed "Ths Phne 2.0". This is a play about the trials and tribulations of students and the cell phone age. The performers did an outstanding job. Later in the day we had our first classroom meeting which reviewed the bully prevention rules and also viewed a short video about digital citizenship which paralleled the MS Drama Club production. The students ended the day with a school dance/activity time in the MS courtyard. Thank you to Mrs. Price for spinning the tunes and getting everyone dancing.

Please be sure to sign up for CV alerts on the District Web Site under the "Public Login" section (on the top right-hand side of the CV web page). This is a service that provides an email or text message, depending on what you sign up for, with reminders of school events or closings. Also, you may want to sign up for the "Parent Portal" through the guidance office. This is a service where parents/guardians can access their students' grades online. If you need assistance in signing up for the service or are having difficulties, please contact the guidance office (762-6918).

The faculty at the middle school are excited to work with your son/daughter in helping them grow socially and academically this year. We believe in the power of success. It starts with one positive experience that will grow into many more throughout the year.

I am very excited for this school year and all of the events and activities planned for our students. Please remember that it is important for your child to be on time, prepared, and ready to learn each and every school day. Your support throughout the year is crucial to your child's success.

If you believe that your child is having an issue, please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can assist you in the matter. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Upcoming events in the middle school include:

- Thursday, November 2 - MS Gym - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Humanities Night
- Tuesday, November 7 - Picture Make-Up Day
- Thursday, November 9 - End of the First Quarter
- Friday, November 10 - No School - Veterans Day
- Wednesday, November 15 - BOE Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - MS/HS Library
- Thursday, November 16 - Report Cards sent home
- Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

Follow the MS on Twitter: [@CVMSWarriors](#). You can also look for us on Pinterest: CVMSWARRIORS (for MS educational topics and ideas).

## MS Olweus Kick-Off!





## Middle School

### PE Classes Promote Cooperation, Communication and Teamwork

Middle school physical education classes got off to a great start this year. Students in Mr. Berg And Mr. Plourde's classes enjoyed a variety of activities and games intended to promote cooperation, communication, participation, leadership, followership, and teamwork. By starting the year off with these activities, we hope to build an environment for learning in PE where students can feel safe, welcomed and encouraged -- but most importantly an environment in which students look forward to being a part of! We are looking forward to an amazing year!



### Sixth Graders Write Letters to Their Future Selves

Students in Mrs. Miller's sixth grade ELA lab had the opportunity to write a letter to their future selves. In a lesson led by school counselor Mrs. Lally, students reflected on their current interests, activities and favorite memories. They wrote a letter to themselves talking about their goals and asking questions about their future. Many of the students also drew pictures, traced their hand prints or added their current height to the letter. Letters were sealed in an envelope and given to Mrs. Lally who will keep them safe until their high school graduation rehearsal when they will be returned to the students.

This year, parents/guardians had the opportunity to send in a letter for their sixth grade student as well. If you would still like to participate as a parent/guardian, it is not too late. You can complete a form (as seen on right), seal it in an envelope, and send it into the guidance office. You can get a copy of the "Parent Letter to Future Graduate" form in the "Guidance Department" section of [www.cvcsd.stier.org](http://www.cvcsd.stier.org) or call the guidance office for a form (762-6918).

CLASS of 2024

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

**Congratulations on graduating from high school!** 

Graduation isn't the end of a journey. It is the beginning of a new and exciting one. Here are some reminders of how you got to this point....

At the beginning of Middle School:

Your favorite activity was \_\_\_\_\_

The three words that best describe you are \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite memory of your elementary school years was \_\_\_\_\_

The thing I am most proud of you for is \_\_\_\_\_

I love it when you \_\_\_\_\_


I laugh when I think about the time when \_\_\_\_\_

One thing you have taught me is \_\_\_\_\_

One wish I have for you is \_\_\_\_\_

Between 6th and 12th grade, I hope you experience \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of this paper feel free to write a letter to your child. You can include any advice you have for their future, any questions you have for your child in the future or anything else you can think of... don't forget to sign and date it! Write your child's full name and class of 2024 on the front of the envelope, seal it and return it to the CVCS Guidance Office.

YOU DID IT!  
Congratulations 

### Middle School Welcomes New Students

On September 28, students new to Chenango Valley Middle School were officially welcomed to the district with a student-run brunch. New students were able to meet helpful adults within the district, ask questions, sign up for clubs, and enjoy some special treats.

*Thank you to the Middle School Warrior Club for hosting this event!*



# High School

October is upon us. We will soon move from Halloween to Thanksgiving! Before we know it, half the school year will be gone. Time flies!

Students have settled into the 2017-18 school year very well. Fall sports are coming to an end and winter sports will soon begin. Many students are participating in after-school clubs and activities. There is always room for more! Participation in "extras" in high school gives students the connections needed to improve their school experience.

If your son or daughter is having difficulty in a particular subject, I would like them to attend tenth period remediation. Teachers are willing to help in a smaller work setting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.



Terry Heller, principal  
CV High School

## High School Pep Rally/"Warrior Welcome"/Homecoming 2017

Chenango Valley High School's 2017 Pep Rally was held on October 6. Before the event, some CVHS athletes greeted PD/CB elementary students with a "Warrior Welcome" to start their school day! CV's Homecoming game and dance were held on October 7!



CVHS Pep Rally 2017!



"Warrior Welcome!"



Homecoming 2017!



## Students Explore Exciting Opportunities at Construction Career Day

Eight students from Chenango Valley High School were among approximately 500 students from 20 school districts around the Broome-Tioga region who took part in the "Southern Tier Construction Career Day" event on October 4.

Students learned firsthand about the exciting job opportunities available in the construction industry.

The event was conducted at the Broome County Highway Department facility in Chenango Bridge and featured exhibits by a variety of organizations and schools associated with the construction industry, as well as trade displays and heavy equipment demonstrations.

Students had the opportunity to get hands-on experience with supervised operation of equipment such as bulldozers and backhoes. They also took part in activities such as a carpentry competition!

Thank you to those who help make this event happen including the New York State Department of Transportation, the Broome County Highway Department, Broome-Tioga Workforce New York, Broome-Tioga BOCES, the Construction Career Day Committee, and several local companies and trade unions involved in the construction industry.





## High School Manufacturing Day at Raymond Corp.



CVHS students with Mr. Cass at "Manufacturing Day" at Raymond Corporation in Greene on October 5. Students were able to participate in hands-on activities and explore career opportunities.

## PE Students Take on Disc Golf



CV High School physical education has started their units on life-time activities, with one of the activities being disc golf. Students learned how to throw, keep score, and proper etiquette. The unit culminates in playing a nine-hole course set up on the rock pile.

## High School Yearbooks On Sale

The 2017-2018 Yearbook is now on sale! The cost of this year's book is \$56 with additional options extra. Yearbooks can be purchased online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). Last year, the yearbook sold out for the first time, so don't wait. Payment plans are available. Sales end January 21!

### *Recognize your outstanding student!*

This year, the yearbook will offer parents the opportunity to purchase "good luck" ads. These can be purchased and created online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) (select parent ad). For anyone needing additional assistance in creating an ad, the yearbook staff will also be offering a workshop on November 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Anyone who wants more information should contact advisor Chris Ruf at [cruf@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:cruf@cvcasd.stier.org) for more information.

## HS Students Create Positive "Interact"ions with Community

### *Interact Club Students Assist 'The Backpack Program'*

Members of Chenango Valley High School's Interact Club worked with members of the Hillcrest Rotary and other community members to help the Food Bank of the Southern Tier in its 'BackPack Program' to assist area children in need. On September 13, at Binghamton's East Middle School, they helped to pack bags with donated food items to be distributed to local children.

'The Backpack Program' works to help children who receive free or reduced lunches during the school week by giving them food-filled backpacks for over the weekend/holidays. These students may not otherwise have access to this nourishment when school is not in session.

CV's Interact Club is a student volunteer group that works in collaboration with the Hillcrest Rotary. Those who helped out at this event included Interact Club President Peter Jensen, Vice President Grace McManus and Secretary Mia Hause.



### *Interact Club Students Help Out with 'Ramp It Up' Project*

A dozen students in Chenango Valley Central School District's Interact Club and members of the Hillcrest Rotary Club teamed up with Broome County Council of Churches' Faith in Action program for a "Ramp It Up" project. The team worked together to help rebuild a deck at a Vestal home.

Preparation and construction for the project began on Friday, September 22. On Saturday, September 23, crews returned to help refurbish the deck until it was complete.

This renovated deck meant a safer entryway for those living in the home including a resident who had suffered from traumatic brain injury from a car accident almost two decades ago.



*Great job to all involved in each of these events! Thank you for your hard work!*



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**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Chenango Valley High School/ Middle School Gyms**  
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**Do you make quality homemade crafts? Join us at the CV Craft Fair!**

To register as a vendor or for more information, please contact:

Sue Ticknor: (607) 762-6850 / [sticknor@cvcscd.stier.org](mailto:sticknor@cvcscd.stier.org)

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## **OUR MISSION**

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