

DECEMBER 2018



Wishing goa and goar families a safe and happy holiday season!

Important Winter Weather Closing/Delay/Early Dismissal Information

As the winter weather season has begun in our area, please take a moment to review Chenango Valley Central School District's closing, delay and early dismissal procedures to help ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff. Careful regard for safety is made when considering snow, ice and other weather-related delays or closings. Contact is made with local town highway departments, input from the National Weather Service is considered, and discussions are held with our transportation department and other area school districts.

The district will notify parents/guardians about these occurrences through the following channels:

- Notifications for delays, closings and early dismissals are shared with local media and sent via our emergency alert system (which includes an email/text message notification) and/or our automated calling system (these voice messages are sent to the phone numbers of students' primary contact). *Please make sure that you are signed up for our emergency alerts and that your information is up-to-date. (See more information about our emergency alert system on page 2 of this Newscaster).
- Notifications are also posted on our website (www.cvcsd.stier.org), and shared on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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District News Emergency Alert System

The district uses an automated system to quickly send messages in the event of a school or district emergency. For typical school opening delays and closings, messages will be sent in the form of an email and/or text to your cell phone. To receive messages, you will need to have an up-to-date account set up through our district website.

To access this system on our district website:

- 1. Go to www.cvcsd.stier.org
- 2. Select "Public Login" at the top right-hand corner of the page (for desktop computers) or a grey box that says "Register to Receive School Closings/Alert Messages"
- 3. Log in and/or create a new account by choosing "Register New User"
- 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 specifically to the school(s) of your choice. 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 that 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.

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If you have any questions about your account, your contact information and/or the system in general, please contact CV Director of Technology/Curriculum Sarah Latimer at slatimer@cvcsd.stier.org.

An Important Reminder Regarding Pick-Ups and Drop-Offs at CV Middle School/High School

To ensure the safety of students being dropped off and picked up at the security entrance of Chenango Valley Middle School/High School, we ask that you please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please use the one-way entrance closest to the building. Please avoid pulling into the parking lot to drop off students.
- After dropping off, please use the one-way exit. Again, please avoid using the parking lot to leave the school.
- Please be mindful of people crossing the entrance area this is a busy time where many students are being dropped off and staff are arriving as well. Please stop your vehicle at the crosswalks when people are crossing.
- Please drive slowly when passing vehicles that are dropping off students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to help keep all who are entering/exiting our school buildings safe. Please contact your building principal if you have any questions or concerns.





At Chenango Valley Central School District, students are our top priority. **To help all students achieve success, one of our core focuses is on attendance.**



New York State defines chronic absenteeism as missing (excused or unexcused) ten (10) percent of school days scheduled in the calendar year. If your child is enrolled for the entire year that would be 18 days of absence. This would work out to missing over 5,000 minutes of possible instruction. At CV, we want to make sure that we have every minute possible to help your student succeed.

Here are a few ways that you can help your child to avoid chronic absenteeism:

- Establish a morning/evening routine to help your child prepare for the school day ahead.
- Try to arrange medical and/or dental appointments outside of the school day when possible.
- Try to take family holidays at a time that will not conflict with school being in session.
- If your child does not want to attend school, but does not have symptoms of illness talk with them about why this may be the case.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with school officials. Our staff members are here to help and support our students and families.

District News Message from the Superintendent

Dear CV Community,

Happy holidays! The year is moving quickly and we have had many CV celebrations! Thank you to those who joined us for our Humanities Night which is a fun, educational family night for our community. Two informative parent/guardian events are taking place at CV in December. One is a program called "Shawna has a Secret," dealing with substance abuse. The other is a December 12 presentation on supporting families around routines, schedules and structure. Our holiday concerts showcase our students' vocal and instrumental talents. These talents also shine through the Chenango Valley Middle School Theatre Guild's production of "Disney's Lion King JR." In addition, many of our Warrior athletes excelled this fall season! We're so proud of all of our Warriors for their many accomplishments!

Some reminders:

- Please help us with our continued efforts to ensure good student attendance. There are numerous research studies tying student attendance to student success. Students are our first priority and we want them here each day so we can help them learn and grow.
- We continue to monitor transportation issues. Although we hope you have seen some improvement, we continue to have issues if there is sickness in our transportation department. We have three substitute drivers, but when a fourth person is ill, we are unable to man all 16 buses required to transport our students. It is important to note that we need 16 buses and 16 drivers regardless of the start/end times or routing.
- First quarter grades are complete. Please reflect on them and reach out to your child's teacher(s) and principal for any support you may need. We believe all students can learn and will never give up on any student. Our partnership with families is critical to help ensure student success.
- For those families with elementary students, we are finalizing our relocation plan for the 2019-2020 school year for grades pre-K through 5. Presently, we will be
 moving grades pre-K through 2 to our Chenango Bridge Elementary building during the summer of 2019. They will be housed at CB for the fall and early winter
 seasons, while renovations take place at Port Dickinson Elementary School. We anticipate the completion of PD by November/December of 2019, at which time
 we will move grades pre-K through 2 back to PD. Meanwhile, we will be relocating grades 3 through 5 to St. Francis of Assisi School for the 2019-2020 school
 year. The Chenango Valley School District utilized this school in the early 2000s during the middle/high school renovation project. It was most recently used for
 4.5 years by the Binghamton City School District to house their MacArthur Elementary School during the last flood. More details will be forthcoming as the year
 progresses.
- For the families of our middle/high school students, we ask that you continue to have conversations with your children, especially in regards to dangerous and illegal behaviors such as smoking, vaping, underage drinking and more serious drug use. As you know, these behaviors are harmful to our youth and are against school policy and state law. Please help us to be proactive with our students to encourage them to not engage in these behaviors and report any concerns to the appropriate building principals.

Lastly, I want to thank our CV Board of Education, the wonderful staff of Chenango Valley, our student body and our supportive Chenango Valley families for working with me to help make CV shine!

Enjoy the holidays with your families and friends,

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Dr. David P. Gill Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education President's Message

It is a magical time of the year. There is a sense of anticipation and wonder. It's also, sadly, a time of stress for some of our families. There are many programs that are able to help now and throughout the year. We hope that anyone who needs assistance reaches out.

We are honored to serve ALL citizens of the Chenango Valley Central School District. None are more important than the other. When we do our work, we keep the following Board of Education member responsibilities in mind:

- Create a shared vision for the future of education
- Set the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Provide rigorous accountability for student achievement results
- Develop a budget and present it to the community aligning district resources to improve achievement
- Support a healthy school district culture for working and learning
- Create strategic partnerships with community stakeholders
- Build the district's progress through continuous improvement
- Adopt and maintain current policies
- Hire and evaluate the Superintendent
- Ratify collective bargaining units
- Maintain strong ethical standards

We know, as board and community members, that there is work to be done. We are about to embark on a mission to rework our district goals and develop strategies and objectives to meet those goals. We are also about to begin the budget process. These both require a great deal of work, insight and focus. We remain committed to doing our best work for our CV family.

Now to the most difficult, but most important part of my message. Our Chenango Valley family has experienced a devastating loss. Megan Santa Croce was a spirited, strong, brave and inspiring young lady who will live on in the memories of all of those blessed enough to have known her. There are no words to adequately express our feelings, but on behalf of the Chenango Valley Board of Education, we want our community to know that we grieve with you. The world is a more hollow place because of our loss, but certainly a better place because Megan made a lasting difference.

I hope you are able to find moments of peace this holiday season and that your hearts may be filled with love. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting. It's an honor to represent this community.

Kelly Warwick President, Chenango Valley Board of Education

Dr. David P. Gill Superintendent



Kelly Warwick, President Board of Education



Students Recognize School Board with Art Creations

As a token of gratitude during School Board Recognition Week, a group of elementary students worked on an art project to present to members of the Chenango Valley Board of Education.

Eleven of Mrs. Vesci's third grade art students worked hard on a printmaking project using apple designs. At the October 24 Chenango Valley Board of Education meeting, students revealed their creations and each shared why they appreciate their school board. Messages included words such as "They make sure all of the buildings are kept nice and run well," and "They help in hiring our amazing teachers and principals." In addition to their printmaking project, third grade student Madeline Vesci gave board members a hand-drawn portrait of the Chenango Valley Board of Education. The board members were delighted by the entire presentation! Thank you to our Chenango Valley Board of Education for its continuous hard work and dedication to our schools!



'Warrior Learners' Workshops Begin for 2018-19 School Year

On October 22, Chenango Valley Superintendent Dr. David P. Gill and Assistant Superintendent Michelle Feyerabend led "Warrior Learners" workshops for elementary and secondary teachers and teaching assistants on "Classroom Management and Communicating with Families."

This workshop began with Dr. Gill leading a discussion on successful classroom management. "An effective classroom starts with you," Dr. Gill told participants. He reviewed the district's mission and goals as part of this presentation. During an interactive activity, Dr. Gill had the groups write down three statements on what they believed to be part of an effective classroom. In another activity, participants received a worksheet and determined if each scenario listed was effective teacher. Mrs. Feyerabend then shared helpful information on how teachers can make sure they are communicating with students' families both positively and effectively. She asked teachers to review their current communication system and identify goals of how they can improve communications with families.

The objective of these workshops is to help provide various support and mentorship resources for Chenango Valley Central School District teachers -- especially those who are newer to the district. Additional workshops will continue throughout the school year.



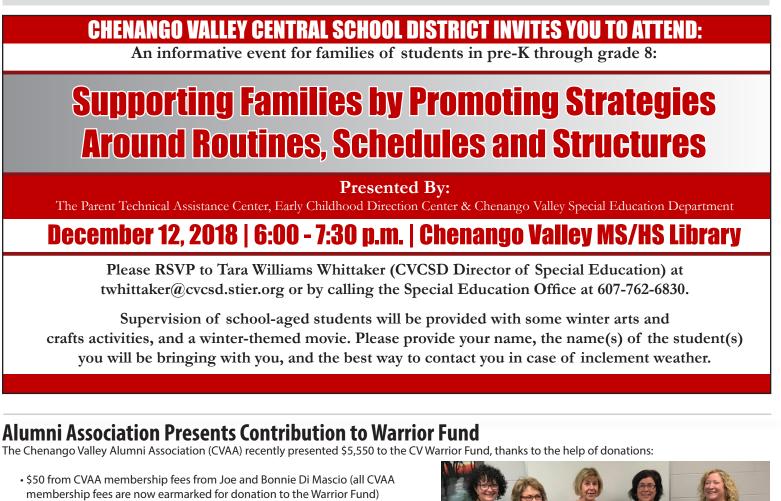


Capital Project Update

The Phase 2 portion of the 2018 Capital Improvements project is getting closer to construction. The review by the State Education Department is going smoothly and we are anticipating their approval soon. We recently conducted one last review of the design with instructional leaders to confirm that it will meet the needs of the district. We are also fine-tuning other details to get the best outcome for the project, including plans for temporarily relocating elementary students so construction operations can occur in a concentrated effort.

In addition, the last phase of the 2015 Capital Improvements project has been bid and awarded, and construction planning is now underway. The project includes the replacement of the exterior sign at Port Dickinson Elementary. Although it is late in the year, we are hoping that the weather will cooperate so the sign's foundation and masonry structure can be erected prior to year-end.





- membership tees are now earmarked fo • \$1.000 from The Class of 1968
- \$1,000 from The Class of 1
- \$450 from Carrie Shafer
- \$4,050 from Greg and Ann Stanton

Thank you for the generous contributions! The Warrior Fund helps provide support to families in need in the CV community.



(Members of the Chenango Valley Alumni Association with Chenango Valley Guidance Office staff members - Photo By: Gary Hall)



(Photo Provided By: Lisa Chavez)

The Chenango Valley Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter would like to thank everyone who helped to make the November 7 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (to support the CV Post Prom Party) a success!

YES Leads Members Attend Leadership Conference



(Photo Provided By: Cherie Lange)

Members of the Chenango Valley High School YES Leads group attended a YES Ignites conference on November 1 at the DoubleTree in Binghamton. They learned leadership skills and attended various workshops.

District News CVCSD Website Accessibility

The Chenango Valley Central School District is working to ensure our school website allows all users to have equal access to information and functionality through ADA Compliance. We are working to help make our district's site more compliant for those with disabilities (including sight, hearing, motor and cognitive disabilities). If you experience difficulties accessing content on our district's website or have questions about accessibility, please contact our communications office at 762-6804 or email MDarrow@cvcsd.stier.org. Please include the question/issue at hand, the web page from which you are requesting material and your contact information.

Family Career Night Event Held at CV

A career exploration event for Chenango Valley families was held at CV High School on November 5. The "Your Future Pathway to Success: Family Career Night" event was presented by the Greater Binghamton Education Outreach Program, an affiliate organization of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce. The goal of this event was to explore the vast employment opportunities available in our area, with more than 25 employer and organization tables on hand for students and their families to connect with. These events are a part of the Broome Talent Taskforce initiative and in partnership with the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, The Agency and Broome-Tioga Workforce - with support from the Klee Foundation.



CV Humanities Night Offers Educational Exploration

Chenango Valley's Humanities Night was rescheduled due to weather, but it was still a blast on November 19! The event, held at Chenango Valley Middle School, offered elementary students and their families the chance to dive into the topics of literacy, social studies, art and music. It featured a variety of activity stations such as sight word Bingo, coloring and writer's notebooks. There were also tables from community partners including local Girl Scout troops, the Chenango Valley Elementary PTA and Binghamton University. Each station was designed to give students in grades pre-K through 5 a fun environment to expand their learning opportunities. Students who attended received a free bookmark and pencil with a literary or social studies theme. There was even a book swap/donation opportunity!



CV Craft Fair Showcases Handmade Creations

The 2018 Chenango Valley Craft Fair was held in the CV Middle School/High School gymnasiums on November 17. The fair featured dozens of tables with a variety of local vendors and handmade goods available for purchase! There was also a performance from the CVHS Saxophone Ensemble and some holiday cheer! This year's event was sponsored by the CV Middle School/High School Theatre Guilds. Thanks to all who helped to make this a successful event and fun time for all!



CV Students take part in 'Engineering Day' Event

On October 25, 16 Chenango Valley Middle School and High School students put their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) skills to the test during an "Engineering Day" competition at Broome-Tioga BOCES. Students worked in groups of four and had a set amount of time to assemble a "Rube Goldberg-style machine" using miscellaneous household items. Students did not know what items they would be given before the event, but had to quickly work together to figure out how to create a functional device. In addition to building upon their academic skills, the hands-on activities expanded students' creativity and teamwork skills. Awesome job to all students who participated in this exciting and educational event!



CV Alumni and Former Teachers: Share Your Stories to Help Students Learn about CV History

As part of a capstone project, Chenango Valley High School students in Education (EDU) 111, a new CVHS SUNY Broome Fast Forward college course, are looking to uncover more information on the district's history.

These students have been exploring topics, such as:

- What does it mean to be a teacher?
- What is school like?
- What needs to be learned?
- What were the expectations and opportunities like for female students and teachers?

The class is working to answer these questions by exploring the history of Chenango Valley, including the five (5) elementary buildings that were once in use. Those elementary schools were in Port Crane, Port Dickinson, Nimmonsburg, Hillcrest and Chenango Bridge. The class wants to learn more about the culture of each building and what was expected of teachers and students.

Can you help in their search? The class needs information and artifacts (artifacts will be given back if you provide proper information on how to return them). Students will need to do a bibliography with their project, so please do not send anything in anonymously.

Former Teachers: Do you have old employee handbooks, lesson plan books, classroom newsletters you made, class photos or any kind of yearbook material from before 1959? Would you be willing to be interviewed by a current student?

Former Students: Do you have old student handbooks, class/club/sport photos, CV sports memorabilia pre-1980, elementary classroom newsletters, teacher's letters or any kind of yearbook material from before 1959? Do you have a unique story to tell about the old days to current CV students?

If you can help, contact course instructor Mrs. Kelly Haskell:

-By phone: (607) 762-6800, extension 4161. Voicemail is set up to answer the phone if Mrs. Haskell is teaching while you call. Please leave message and number to call back.

-By email: <u>khaskell@cvcsd.stier.org</u> - Please put "CV History" in the subject line.

-By mail: Mrs. Kelly Haskell

Chenango Valley High School 221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY 13901

Please enter submissions by December 19, 2018.

Halloween Event Creates 'Spooktacular' Memories

The CVHS Business Club and CVSSA Union put on a "Spooktacular" Halloween costume festivity and trunk-or-treat event on October 29! The event included a variety of fun games designed by Business Club students. Thank you to all who attended and sported their fun and creative costumes!





Students Visit SUNY Broome's New Advanced Manufacturing Center

Students from a CV High School Fast Forward chemistry class had the opportunity to visit SUNY Broome during the grand opening of the Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center on October 16.



(Photo Credit: SUNY Broome)

CV Sophomore Receives 'Akshar All-Star' Award

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? CHECK OUT CHENANGO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S FALL 2018 STUDENT NEWSLETTER!



This student-written newsletter can be found on the Chenango Valley High School homepage on our district website!

Congratulations to Olivia Bochenek, who New York State Senator Fred Akshar recognized as an "Akshar All-Star" recipient on October 23. Members of Olivia's family, Chenango Valley staff and Senator Akshar surprised Olivia while she was in math class. As Olivia saw familiar faces enter the room, she was first shocked and then honored to learn about her recognition. Olivia, who is active in multiple academic programs and extracurricular activities, was nominated for her overall attitude, perseverance and willingness to take on any challenge. Thank you to Senator Akshar for providing this positive recognition to students around our region!



Arts and Music

Holiday Concerts 2018

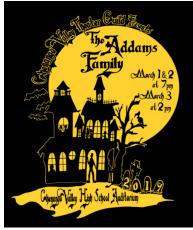
~*All concerts held in the CV Middle School/High School Auditorium*~

<u>Chenango Bridge Holiday Concert</u> Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. <u>Middle School Holiday Concert</u> Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. High School Holiday Concert Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.



Cast members in the Chenango Valley Middle School Theatre Guild's production of "Disney's Lion King JR." practiced hard to put on a fantastic show! Great job to all!

Chenango Valley Theatre Guild Presents:



March 1-3, 2019

Mark your calendars and please join us for this comedy about a ghoulish American family and star-crossed lovers

Tickets go on sale January 4, 2019

Watch the district website for the ticket order form and more information about the show

CV Students Perform in All-State Junior High Music Festival (Photo/Information Provided By: Kevin Hammill)

Three Chenango Valley High School students recently participated in the Zone 3 Area All-State Junior High Music Festival. Chenango Valley students Olivia Pepples (percussion), Saniah Reeves (soprano) and Fisher Sullivan (tenor) proudly represented Chenango Valley Central School District at the festival. The event took place at Ithaca High School beginning on the weekend of Friday, November 2. Each student was selected to perform in the festival based on their audition grade from their NYSSMA solo earlier this year. Together, the students worked and performed with music teachers, conductors and students from all around the Southern Tier. Saniah sang a solo in the gospel number "Shine on Me," as Fisher proudly sang with the choir. Olivia performed with the band on an unusual piece entitled "Old Churches," in which the percussion plays on kitchen bowls to represent cathedral bells. The students enjoyed spending Friday and Saturday rehearsing for the concert performance, as well as making friends with other student musicians from local districts. The concert itself received high praise by Chenango Valley families and music educators in attendance!



Chenango Valley Art Program to Exhibit at Scholastics

(Submitted By: Matthew Wilson and Andrew Fitzsimmons)

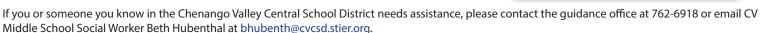
The 76th annual NY/PA Scholastic Art Awards is scheduled to open to the public on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. It will take place at the Arnot Museum (235 Lake St. in Elmira, NY) and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. There will be an awards ceremony held at the Clemens Center on Sunday, January 27 at noon with a reception to follow in the museum's East Gallery. The show is a juried exhibition with a panel of professional jurors. It is a great honor to be accepted and to receive a key/award. Chenango Valley has been participating in this show for over 12 years and looks forward to displaying the hard work and talent of our art students. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Fitzsimmons invite you to check out this year's showing!

Guidance

Help Available for CV Families in Need

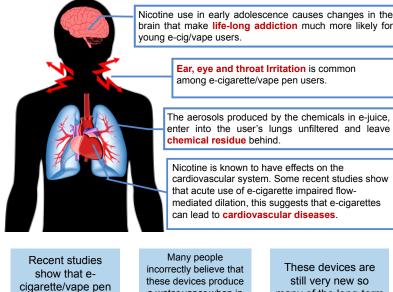
Did you know that Chenango Valley has these resources available?

- CHOW Food Pantry
- CV Clothing Bank
- · Individualized Services: Please contact the guidance office to see if we can help.



Risks of E-Cigarette and Vape Pen Use

Although the overwhelming majority of young people do not use e-cigarettes, the recent increase in use among adolescents is concerning to health professionals.



a water vapor when in many of the long-term fact they create health consequences aerosols that contain of their use is still not harmful chemicals, known. Even still, the and ultra-fine mounting evidence particles that are shows that these inhaled into the lungs devices are not and out into the environment, making harmless. them harmful to the user and others nearby.

use is associated

with the use of

other tobacco

products that are

known to cause

further health

issues, including

cancer and heart

disease.

Tobacco Prevention Toolkit Division of Adolescent Medicine, Stanford University For more information go to: www.tobaccopreventiontoolkit.stanford.edu

Students, Staff Sport Gear for 'College Day'



Some of our Chenango Valley Middle School students and staff sported gear from various universities for College Day on November 1. The goal was to open discussion and raise awareness about future career and higher education opportunities!

Talking with Your Teen About E-cigarettes: A Tip Sheet for Parents (Left Graphic/Information Below Provided By: Deb Lally & Shelby Samson)

- Be patient and ready to listen.
- Avoid criticism and encourage an open dialogue.
- · Remember, your goal is to have a conversation, not to deliver a lecture.
- It's OK for your conversation to take place over time, in bits and pieces.

Here are some questions and comments you might get from your teen about e-cigarettes and some ideas about how you can answer them:

"Why don't you want me to use e-cigarettes?"

- · Science shows that e-cigarettes contain ingredients that are addictive and could harm different parts of your body.
- Right now, your brain is still developing, which means you are more vulnerable to addiction. Many e-cigarettes contain nicotine and using nicotine can change your brain to make you crave more nicotine. It can also affect your memory and concentration. I don't want that for you!
- E-cigarettes contain chemicals that are harmful. When people use e-cigarettes, they breathe in tiny particles that can harm their lungs.
- The cloud that people exhale from e-cigarettes can expose you to chemicals that are not safe to breathe.

"What's the big deal about nicotine?"

- · Your brain is still developing until about age 25. The Surgeon General reported that nicotine is addictive and can harm your brain development.
- Using nicotine at your age may make it harder for you to concentrate, learn or control your impulses.
- Nicotine can even train your brain to be more easily addicted to other drugs like meth and cocaine.

"Aren't e-cigarettes safer than conventional cigarettes?"

- Because your brain is still developing, scientific studies show that it isn't safe for you to use any tobacco product that contains nicotine, including e-cigarettes.
- Whether you get nicotine from an e-cigarette or a cigarette, it's still risky.
- · Some e-cigarette batteries have even exploded and hurt people.

"I thought e-cigarettes didn't have nicotine – just water and flavorina?"

- I used to think that too, but many e-cigarettes have nicotine. There are also other chemicals in them that can be harmful.
- · Let's look at the Surgeon General's website on e-cigarettes (E-cigarettes.SurgeonGeneral.gov) together so you can see for yourself.

(Adapted from Center for Disease Control and Prevention Office on Smoking and Health)

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Athletics



Fall 2018 Athletic All-Stars



Anthony Forbidussi Brady Hope Jeremy Kellam Nathan Klein Lucas Scott **Honorable Mention** Nathan Aylward William Blewett

Boys Soccer

Brian Chong William Clark Zachary Crooks Macklyn Hogan Eric Jewson Aidan Marroquin <u>Girls Soccer</u> Sara Marinaro Mallorie Turner

<u>Girls Swim</u>

Jenna Beck McKenna Beers Logan Fetterman Paige Lettera Taylor Potenziano Lindsey Rice Emma Trumino Victoria Whidden (Harpursville)

<u>Cross Country</u> Diana Inzhirova Lilian Shelley

Megan Taylor



<u>Girls Tennis</u> Alexa Attleson Ellen Buckley Morgan Whittington

Volleyball Alyvia Brown

<u>Cheer</u> Sarah Lamoreaux

Sportsmanship Award

- Boys Soccer Max Sobel
- Girls Soccer Jacklyn Hardler
- Girls Swim Kendra Potenziano
- Golf Dylan Ferry
- Volleyball Faith Fassett & Carly O'Brien
- Girls Tennis Celia Trumino
- Cheer Jayna Ross
- Football William Blewett
- Girls Cross Country Erin Skinner
- Boys Cross Country Dominic Mastronardi

Scholar-Athlete Teams

- Boys & Girls Cross Country
- Cheerleading
- Golf
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Swimming
- Girls Tennis
- Volleyball

Academic All-Stars

- Boys Soccer Brian Chong
- Girls Soccer- Kerri Hayes
- Girls Swim Aubrey Craig
- Golf Nolan Wilson
- Volleyball Danielle Jewson
- Girls Tennis Teagan Nester
- Cheer Hallie Morgan
- Football John-Paul Webster
- Girls Cross Country Kara Watson
- Boys Cross Country Ellis Cleveland
- Girls Swim Sectional Champions (Class B)/ STAC East Champions
- Girls Cheer STAC Champions (Div. 2)
- Girls Varsity XC STAC East Champions

State Qualifiers for Swim

Paige Lettera	Victoria Whidden
Taylor Potenziano	Kendra Potenziano - Alt.
Lindsey Rice	

Port Dickinson Elementary

The first quarter of our school year is now finished and time really did go by quickly. Students in grades pre-K, kindergarten, 1 and 2 have adjusted well to school. The faculty/staff at Port Dickinson Elementary continue to provide a positive educational experience every day. Thanks to our wonderful families who play an integral role in our students' successes.

At Port Dickinson Elementary, we work diligently to educate our students in thought-provoking, rigorous, and fun ways. Beginning in September, our district continued working with Mr. Les Loomis. Through the efforts of both our district and building-level teams, we are working to make sure that "Every Warrior Succeeds." This work is directly connected to our school district's goals, which in turn coincides with the instructional work that we do in all areas. Additionally, our school district is focusing on the importance of attendance. Children learn the best when they are in school (with the exception of illnesses). The learning that takes place is built from one day to the next, so good attendance is necessary. We ask families for their continued support with this goal.

We are also very proud to share some building highlights:

- Our school continues to share important messages and develop wonderful human beings through our Morning Program. We have a team of faculty members who share, role play, sing, and interact with our students. We focus on learning, safety, being a good friend, as well as promoting positive ways to be "Warrior STRONG." Kelso, our school frog, continues to spread messages of positive relationships and ideas for conflict resolution.
- Special thanks to Mrs. Erin Danglli and Miss Jessica Shaller for organizing our "special edition" of Morning Program on November 8, honoring our veterans the men and women who have served our country. We thank you so much!
- We had a wonderful presentation from the CV Middle School Theatre Guild on Tuesday, November 20. The cast did a short "sneak peek" of their awesome "Disney's The Lion King JR." production.
- Our school sponsored a "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the month of November. Each grade level had specific items to bring in, so that Thanksgiving baskets could be made for families. Special thanks to the CV Elementary PTA for continuing their efforts to make being a student at PD awesome.

Our winter break begins on Monday, December 24 and extends through Wednesday, January 2. We return to school on Thursday, January 3, 2019. We wish all of our students' families and school community a fun-filled, happy holiday season. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of our students at Port Dickinson Elementary. Thank you for all of your support!

Port Dickinson Students Express Gratitude in Veterans Day Assembly

Patriotism shined as Port Dickinson Elementary students showed appreciation to all who have served our country during a Veterans Day assembly on November 8.

More than 20 veterans, including students' family members and community members, attended the event at the elementary school. Students sang and signed patriotic songs, read a patriotic poem and gave the veterans special thank you cards.



Students Recognized for Positive Actions

Throughout the school year, students will be recognized for their positive actions during "Morning Program Recognition" at Port Dickinson Elementary.

Each month, students will be acknowledged for acts of outstanding character and leadership. The children recognized receive a special certificate from their teacher, which is handed out by Port Dickinson Elementary Principal Mrs. Hammond. The school looks forward to celebrating students for their inspiring gestures all year long!



October "Morning Program Recognition" Recipients



Mary Beth Hammond, principal, Port Dickinson Elementary

Port Dickinson Elementary

Author Bruce Hale Visits PD Elementary

A superhero lion named Draggle who lives in a whipped cream bottle, but someone is shaking it?! This sounds like the start of an interesting storyline... In fact, these creative thoughts came from Port Dickinson Elementary second grade students as they helped author Bruce Hale to brainstorm a story idea. Mr. Hale visited with each grade level at PDE on October 22. The Chenango Valley Elementary Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) also presented a special evening event on October 22 for Mr. Hale to share more with students and their families.



Halloween-Themed Activities at Port Dickinson Elementary

During Halloween time, Port Dickinson Elementary students took part in some exciting activities! At a Pre-K Family Day on October 26, students and family members created delightful scarecrow hats. These were worn during Halloween parades at PDE. A.M. pre-K students sported their hats during a morning parade. P.M. pre-K students joined students in grades kindergarten through 2 for the school's afternoon parade. Even half of the Port Dickinson Elementary Gymnasium turned into a "haunted house" including an obstacle course, eerie sounds and cool lights - thanks to the PDE elementary teachers!



Lions Club Performs Vision Screenings

Thank you to local Lions Club volunteers for performing vision screenings on Port Dickinson Elementary students. The Lions Club has a national program known as Lions SEE, Inc. (**S**creening **E**yes **E**arly). This free community service project screens for risk factors that may lead to amblyopia (commonly known as "lazy eye") such as myopia (nearsightedness) and hyperopia (farsightedness). Trained members of the Lions Club conducted the assessment on students using noninvasive vision screeners. The device provides instantaneous referral or pass results. If a need is detected by the screening, students are referred to eye doctors for a complete eye exam. There were 227 students screened at Port Dickinson on October 22, and 20 referrals were made. Eye screenings can be quite a long process for our school nurse, but the Lions Club's assistance helps to accelerate this task. Port Dickinson Elementary greatly appreciates this Lions Club program!



Elementary Students Receive a Friendly 'Warrior Welcome'

On the morning of CV High School's 2018 Pep Rally and Homecoming football game, elementary students received a bit of encouragement of their own! Some of our CV High School student athletes dressed in their uniforms to greet our younger Warriors as they arrived at both Chenango Bridge and Port Dickinson Elementary on October 19. This "Warrior Welcome" helped to show community pride, inspire our young students with positive role models and support, and build connections between the younger and older students. (See photos from the CB "Warrior Welcome" on page 15).







Chenango Bridge Elementary

We are always looking to find additional ways to keep an open line of communication with our Chenango Bridge families, so they are aware of what is happening in and around our school. Here are some things we have been doing:

- During the first full week of each month, we send home a newsletter which provides our families with the monthly happenings at Chenango Bridge. This newsletter highlights special events including assemblies, guest speakers and/or district events. It also provides families with some reminders regarding district and school policies and procedures such as attendance and recess.
- A Note **To** Chenango Bridge Elementary: All of our families will be provided with notepads titled "A Note To Chenango Bridge Elementary." These were designed for parents/guardians to have an easy method to report an absence from school and/or a change in transportation. These were given out during parent-teacher conferences. Additional notepads are available in our main office, should families run out. We encourage the use of these forms.
- A Note **From** Chenango Bridge Elementary: This is a positive postcard that our faculty and staff mails to our families to celebrate individual student success. Faculty and staff just began to use these, so one may be coming your way.

We believe continued collaboration with our families is essential to student success and the African proverb "It takes a whole village to raise a child" is critical.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions. Our phone number at Chenango Bridge is 762-6950.

Chenango Bridge Elementary Gives Thanks to Veterans

As a gesture to thank all who have served our country, a special Veterans Day assembly took place at Chenango Bridge Elementary on November 9.

During the assembly, students spoke on the history and meaning of Veterans Day. As students spoke, a slideshow with photos submitted by students and staff of family members who have served, or are currently serving, played in the background.

After the assembly, members of the Chenango Bridge Student Council continued an annual tradition of placing small American flags across the school's front lawn to display appreciation for our nation's veterans.



Students Learn about Fire Safety

Thank you to members of the Chenango Bridge Fire Company for visiting Chenango Bridge Elementary and teaching students about fire safety and prevention. Some students were even able to show their peers a demonstration of the "stop, drop and roll" technique during the school's fire safety assembly on October 17.





Lori Pourby interim principal, Chenango Bridge Elementary

Chenango Bridge Elementary

CBE Receives a Visit from Author Bruce Hale

Author Bruce Hale visited Chenango Bridge Elementary on October 23. During his time in their school, Mr. Hale encouraged students to always use their imagination. He discussed topics such as inspiration and revision through fun and interactive activities. Mr. Hale reviewed the four main components of a story (main character, setting, a problem to solve, and a solution). He also shared a tip to help students avoid writer's block, "Be an artist first and editor second." As students wrapped up creative brainstorming sessions, Mr. Hale encouraged them to finish the stories on their own.



Halloween Activities at Chenango Bridge Elementary

Chenango Bridge Elementary students and staff celebrated Halloween with some exciting happenings including a mummifying contest, dancing and fun classroom activities!



Sunshine Committee Delivers Cheer

On October 26, members of the Chenango Bridge Sunshine Committee wheeled "Carts Full of Sunshine" down the halls, while the 80's hit "Walking on Sunshine" played in the background. The decorated carts featured homemade baked goods, decorated water bottles and snacks for staff to enjoy before the kids arrived for the day.

The CB Sunshine Committee is a volunteer group that uses donations from staff members to host a variety of activities throughout the year to brighten the lives of fellow staff members.

-Monica Trisket Computer Lab Aide, CB Sunshine Committee Chairperson



Pictured (I-r): Deb Cortese, Monica Trisket, Kathy Harlost, Carrie Tronovitch

'Warrior Welcome' Brings Positive Start to School Day

Some of our Chenango Valley High School student athletes greeted Chenango Bridge Elementary students as they got to school on October 19. The gesture was a welcome surprise for the younger students who smiled as the athletes cheered them on while they walked into the building.





(Photos By: Marisa Higgins)

Middle School

The first ten weeks of school have gone by very quickly. We have had a fantastic start to the school year. You should be very proud of your son or daughter in the efforts they are putting forth this school year. Keep up the good work!

The third annual Halloween Dance-a-Thon/Activity Day was held after school on October 31. Students raised a few hundred dollars, which will be donated to the food pantry. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Lange, Mrs. Broughton, MS Student Council, seventh and eighth grade class officers, and to Mrs. Price for spinning the tunes.

The sixth annual Zombie Run had to be canceled due to poor course conditions from all of the rain we received this fall. We are planning on next year's event. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate. The zombies get a reprieve this year.

Students should have already developed good school routines by this point in the year. It is very important that students get into a routine by going to bed and getting up at the same time each day. All of their school materials should be ready the night before so it will not be hectic when trying to get out the door. Please encourage your son or daughter to use their student agenda that they received at the beginning of the school year on a daily basis. Teachers will always post the night's homework and the daily

activity on one of the whiteboards in the classroom. Students should be writing down homework assignments, as well as project due dates. Please check your child's agenda periodically and remind them to get into the habit of using this important school resource. Also, please remind your son or daughter to take the time and effort to keep their lockers cleaned and organized.

If your son/daughter is absent and you would like to request homework, please contact the guidance office at 762-6926 by 10:00 a.m. to make that request. Work will be available in the guidance office during school hours. After school, requested work will be taped to the guidance door for pick-up.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. Your support throughout the year is crucial to your child's success. Follow the MS on Twitter: @CVMSWarriors.

Upcoming events at CV Middle School:

- Tuesday, December 11 MS Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m. MS/HS Auditorium
- Wednesday, December 19 BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m. MS/HS Library
- Thursday, December 20 5-week reports sent home
- Friday, December 21 MS Wellness Day
- Monday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 2 Winter Recess No School

Students 'Brush Up' on Good Character Skills

During a Warrior STRONG meeting on October 12, CV Middle School students worked in small groups to take toothpaste out of its tube and then try to put it back in. The purpose of this activity was to help teach an important lesson:

- Words are like the toothpaste once they are out, we can't put them back. Therefore, we need to be aware of the impact of what we say.
- Toothpaste helps to keep our mouth healthy! Words are the same way. If we use our words to say nice things, they can bring joy/health to others.
- If you squeeze a tube of toothpaste, all of the toothpaste comes squirting out. What a mess! Our words are the same way. When we speak hurtful things, we can make a huge mess!



'Halloween Spooktacular' Event Helps CV Food Pantry



The Chenango Valley Middle School Student Government sponsored a "Halloween Spooktacular" event at CVMS on October 31. The event included activities such as mummifying friends, costume contests, pumpkin painting, dancing and donut-on-a-string contests. There were even some brave teacher volunteers pied in the face. Students were also encouraged to bring in food items to donate as part of the district's Holiday Food Drive. In addition, they raised money towards the food pantry to help those in need.



Eric E. Attleson, principal CV Middle School

Middle School Eighth Grade Students Tour SUNY Broome



As a way to think further about future education and career preparation, CV Middle School eighth grade students toured SUNY Broome Community College on November 13. They had the chance to visit and learn more about various buildings on the college's campus.

CVMS Student Co-Hosts WSKG Podcast

Chenango Valley Middle School student Haley Smith recently volunteered to co-host a podcast series for WSKG.

Haley helped to co-host the second season of "Hear Here!" (<u>https://wskg.org/series/hear-here/</u>), a music appreciation podcast for kids, with Bill Snyder. Haley said that hearing her own voice on the radio for the first time was an exciting experience.

"You hear your voice different in your own head," said Haley. "Then when you hear it being recorded, you're just like, 'Is that me?' It was weird, but definitely cool."

With the support of her WSKG team, Haley said she felt at ease – and could even possibly see a future behind the mic. Awesome job, Haley!

Students Participate in 'Women in Engineering Day'

Three Chenango Valley Middle School students attended Lockheed Martin's "Women in Engineering Day" on October 27. They had the chance to take part in activities such as Engineering Jeopardy, constructing paper rockets and trying out a virtual reality helicopter simulation. They were even able to tour the hangar (as seen in the picture to the right). Thank you to Lockheed for putting on this exciting and educational event to give students the chance to explore potential career opportunities in the STEAM field!



Pictured (I-r): Mary Bush, Isabella Ross & Caelyn Koch

Lesson on Cave Art Paints a Picture of Prehistoric History

Students in Mrs. Vesci and Mrs. White's sixth grade social studies classes discovered the value of cave art in learning more about Prehistoric history. During a unit on early humans - studying the Stone Age, along with nomads and hunters/gatherers, students found that examining cave art could help them to learn more about nomadic behavior. The illustrations gave students a better idea of how our ancient ancestors may have perceived the world around them. Students wrote essays including information such as what cave art was, how people created it and what types of images were typically included. Students even performed research and created their own cave art pieces to go along with their essays!





High School

The fall has been a busy time for Chenango Valley High School! We had our Senior National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony on October 25. More than 35 juniors and seniors were inducted into NHS that evening. Congratulations to those students! We also worked with the middle school to collect food for our food drive. Many homerooms brought in items to help fill our food pantry. This helps families right here in our community.

We've also recognized some of our high school students for outstanding achievements. Olivia Pepples, Saniah Reeves and Fisher Sullivan represented Chenango Valley High School at the Junior Area All-State Music Festival on November 2 and 3 in Ithaca. They performed alongside many other outstanding musicians from our region. They did a great job representing our school and district! Another student recognized was Olivia Bochenek. She received NYS Senator Fred Akshar's "Akshar All-Star" award for our district. Senator Akshar came to CVHS on October 23 and presented Olivia with a plague, T-shirt, and challenge coin for all of her achievements. Congratulations, Olivia!

As the weather starts to turn, this is a reminder to please take your time and drive slowly through our parking lots and drop-off points. Please also take care when walking to and from school. Our custodial and maintenance staff work very hard to remove snow and ice to make it safe for students, staff and families, but please take your time and be patient as people navigate through the parking lots and entrances. Thank you for your help with this!

Mark your calendars for some important high school dates:

- Tuesday, December 18: High School Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m. MS/HS Auditorium
- Monday, December 24 Wednesday, January 2: Winter Recess No School
- Monday, January 21: MLK Day No School
- Tuesday, January 22 Friday, January 25: Regents Exams (school is in session during this time, but we will have a half-day on January 25)
- Saturday, January 26: Junior Dinner Dance 6:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Binghamton

CV National Honor Society Inducts New Members

More than 35 students from the Classes of 2019 and 2020 were inducted into the Chenango Valley High School chapter of the National Honor Society on October 25. This year's ceremony was held in the high school auditorium. Members were selected by a Faculty Council for meeting especially high standards of "scholarship, leadership, character and service" as outlined in the Constitution of the National Honor Society. Each of these components was considered equally and carefully to determine membership. During the induction ceremony, current National Honor Society officers did a wonderful job addressing what it means to demonstrate these traits. Chenango Valley High School Principal Mrs. Jennifer Ostrander and Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Michelle Feyerabend added insightful remarks to the presentation. Congratulations to all inductees!





Senator Akshar Visits CVHS Class



New York State Senator Fred Akshar visited Mr. Tidick's Current Events & Local History class at Chenango Valley High School on October 26. Senator Akshar discussed his background and current roles, answered students' questions and encouraged students to "Work hard and dream big."

Students Explore Future Opportunities



(Photo Provided By: Judy Hayes)

More than 65 CV students took part in the 2018 "Greater Binghamton College Day" event at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena on October 17. This event gave students the chance to explore postsecondary school opportunities.



Jennifer Ostrander principal, CV High School

High School

P.E. Classes Participate in Inline Skating

CVHS physical education classes recently had the chance to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime activity... inline skating! This activity resulted in a fun time had by all!



(Photo Provided By: Sue Edwards and Scott Klein)

Gourmet Foods Hosts 'Harvest Delight' Meal

As a way to give thanks, students in Mrs. Chavez's Gourmet Foods class treated some of our Chenango Valley staff to a delicious "Harvest Delight" meal on November 15.



Yoga Activity Cultivates Mindfulness

EDU 111 Enjoys Field Trip to Elementary School

Tiny chairs, orange lunch trays, and

Forward students were welcomed to Charles F. Johnson Elementary School on November 13. As part of the Introduction to American Education course, students must do field observations in a variety of districts. Students truly enjoyed helping out with math and ELA lessons, along with the many hugs they received.

delightful little learners - our Fast

Chenango Valley High School students have enjoyed practicing breathing, relaxation, meditation and mindfulness techniques during yoga sessions with Ms. Ann Szymaniak.

(Photo/Information Provided By: Kelly Haskell)



Students Dissect Owl Pellets

Students in Mr. Grassi's science class recently dissected owl pellets. They learned about the dietary habits of owls and found bones from moles, mice, birds and shrews.



(Photo Provided By: Frank Grassi)

Former Broome Dusters Player Visits CVHS

Former Broome Dusters hockey player Max Hansen (pictured far right) visited Chenango Valley High School on October 30. Mr. Hansen discussed his hockey career and other related topics with students in Mr. Tidick's Current Events & Local History class and students in one of Mr. Lewis's science classes.



Warrior Pride Shines During High School Spirit Week, Homecoming Weekend

Warrior pride shined as Chenango Valley High School hosted its 2018 Pep Rally on October 19 to complete Spirit Week. On the morning of October 19, some of our CVHS student athletes greeted elementary students at their schools with a "Warrior Welcome" (see pages 13 and 15). That evening, Chenango Valley's Homecoming football game was followed by a wonderful fireworks display sponsored by the Chenango Valley High School Student Council! Chenango Valley's Hollywood-themed Homecoming Dance was held on October 20.





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(... front cover on winter weather closings, delays and early dismissals continued)

•A **school closing** means that schools are closed for that calendar day. When school is closed due to inclement weather, there will not be extracurricular activities. This includes all meetings, practices and contests.

•With a **one or two-hour delay schedule**, your child's school day will begin one or two hours after the regular start time. Dismissal times will remain the same. If there is a one-hour delay in the morning, A.M. pre-K classes will begin one hour later than their normal start time. Dismissal will be at the normal A.M. time. If there is a two-hour delay in the morning, the A.M. pre-K classes are canceled. P.M. classes attend on the normal P.M. schedule for one and two-hour delays.

In the event that a <u>three-hour delay schedule</u> is utilized, your child's school day will start three hours after the usual start time with dismissal times staying the same. A three-hour delay schedule would be utilized only if weather conditions forecasted indicate a significant improvement that would allow road crews the time needed to make our roadways safe for travel. In addition, a three-hour delay may assist us in preventing changes to planned vacation days already on our school calendar.

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

As always, the safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority. We greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and understanding.



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