Susquehanna Valley CSD

2026-27 Calendar

Brookside Elementary School
3849 Saddlemire Road
Binghamton, NY 13903
Main Office: 607-775-7513
*Principal: Jessica Bowerman
School Nurse: Megan Pappas
*Social Worker: Anita Barry

Richard T. Stank Middle School
P.O. Box 225 (1040 Conklin Road)
Conklin, NY 13748
Main Office: 607-775-9129
*Principal: Laura Karlson
Assistant Principal: Peter Fardon
School Nurse: Colleen Lynch
School Counselors:
Marissa Paulo, Krista Shoemaker
*Social Worker: Daniel Kosick

Susquehanna Valley District Offices
P.O. Box 200 (1040 Conklin Road)
Conklin, NY 13748
607-775-0170
Superintendent: Natalie Brubaker
Assistant Superintendent: Catherine Kacyvenski
Transportation Supervisor: Nancy Flanagan
Director of Athletics: Peter Fardon
Director of Technology: Jason Luke
Director of Special Services: Aaron Kaminsky
Director of Facilities: Ralph Schuldt
Business Executive: Jennifer Dattoria
Food Services Director: Patrick Walsh/Annie Hudock
Public Information/Website: Regina Felice

Susquehanna Valley
Central School District
Educate, Prepare, Empower

**In each of our schools, the Principal and Social Worker serve as DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) Coordinators.*

Francis P. Donnelly Elementary School
P.O. Box 250 (1168 Conklin Road)
Conklin, NY 13748
Main Office: 607-775-0176
*Principal: Jill Rich
School Nurse: Rebecca Flanders
*Social Worker: Stacey Stilloe

Susquehanna Valley High School
P.O. Box 275 (1040 Conklin Road)
Conklin, NY 13748
Main Office: 607-775-0304 or 607-775-9114
*Principal: Sydelle Steward
Assistant Principal: Kelsey O'Donnell
School Nurse: Tammy Hoover
School Counselors:
Lauren Dowd, Karin Newton
*Social Worker: Heather Fitzgerald

August 2026

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JULY 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	SEPTEMBER 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	**LEGEND:** **BKS -** Brookside Elementary **FPD -** Francis P. Donnelly Elementary **RTS -** Richard T. Stank Middle School **HS -** Susquehanna Valley High School		*Sunset print by Isaiah Wdowiak SVHS*		1
2	3	4	5	6	7 ***Registration Deadline for SAT on Aug. 22***	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 ***Registration Deadline for ACT on Sept. 19***	15
16	17 ***Vars/JV Football begins***	18	19 **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	20	21	22 **Digital SAT test date**
23 / 30	24 ***Vars/JV Fall Sports begin Mod. Football, Mod. Cross Country begins*** / 31	25	26	27	28 ***Registration Deadline for SAT on Sept. 12***	29

Student Transportation Information

The Susquehanna Valley bus fleet transports approximately 1,400 students and travels an estimated 350,000 miles each year. The transportation department employs about 25 staff members. In addition to four regular trips to and from each of SV's school buildings, the buses travel to other locations throughout Broome and Tioga Counties. There are also numerous athletic, educational, and music trips.

The first goal in the transportation of students is safety. Aboard the buses, students are expected to be well-behaved and to conduct themselves in an orderly, respectful manner. Students who choose not to follow the rules pose a serious threat to safety. Therefore, bus riding rules and regulations are strictly enforced. ***Transportation is a privilege that can be revoked.***

The SV Board of Education has established a policy of transporting students to and from school which reduces the state mandated distance factor of two miles for elementary students and three miles for secondary students. Children in the SV district are transported per the following schedule:

- Elementary students who live more than 1/2 mile from school;
- Students in grades 6-12 who live more than 3/4 mile from school;
- Students may be asked to walk these same distances to and from established bus stops.
- Students who are transported to or from a location other than their home (babysitter's, child care center, relative's home, etc.) **must** fill out an Alternate Site Form each year.

Motor Vehicle Regulations

All persons who drive motor vehicles to or on school property must comply with all the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Law as well as

those rules and regulations established by the Board of Education. Vehicle operators must strictly comply with all parking regulations, laws regarding the passing of stopped school buses, and the 10-mph speed limit established on all district campuses.

All persons driving to the high school regularly must register their vehicle each year. Registration forms may be obtained at the SVHS Assistant Principal's Office.

Upon arrival at school, all vehicles should be locked. Students may park only in designated areas and once at school, students may not return to the vehicle without permission from the principal unless the student is leaving at the end of their school day.

All-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles are prohibited on school property.

Working Papers

SV issues working papers, as required by the NYS Department of Labor, to students under the age of 18 living in the district. Please go to either the SVHS or RTS Middle School Guidance Office weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. year-round to obtain the necessary forms.

Students wanting to secure working papers must:

- Pick up Working Papers packet at the Guidance Office.
- Complete the Application for Employment and have it signed by a parent/guardian.
- Have the Physical Fitness Certification signed by your physician.
- Show proof of age when turning in completed forms.

Types of working papers available include:

- Newspaper-carrier Employment Certificate (ages 11-13)
- Non-Factory Employment Certificate (ages 14-15)
- Student General Employment Certificate (ages 16-17)
- Full-Time Employment Certificate (ages 16-17)

Please allow 24 hours for completion of the processing of working papers. Call the SVHS Guidance Office, 607-775-9115, or the RTS Middle School Guidance Office, 607-775-9132, with additional questions.

SV Dollars for Scholars

The SV Dollars for Scholars Committee is always looking for new members. This committee meets regularly and runs annual fundraising programs - primarily the annual Restaurant Raffle, among others. As a result of these fundraisers and the generosity of our community, the Dollars for Scholars Foundation annually awards over $40,000 in scholarships to our graduating students. Since its inception, the Dollars for Scholars Foundation has awarded over a quarter of a million dollars to SV graduates.

The Dollars for Scholars program encourages SV alumni to consider donations to our program whenever classes hold reunions. Memorial donations are also welcomed. The committee has been proud and pleased to honor those who have contributed to our district and families with plaques on the Dollars for Scholars Wall across from the SV High School cafeteria.

Interested in serving on the committee? Please call the SV High School main office at 607-775-0304.

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 **HS -** Gr. 9 Orientation, 5:30 p.m. (SVHS)	2 **HS -** Gr. 10 - 12, Pick up Schedules, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. **RTS -** Gr. 7 & 8, Pick up Chromebooks/Scheds./Yondr, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. **RTS -** Gr. 6 Student & Parent Orientation; Chromebooks/ Lockers/Scheds./Yondr, 6 p.m.	3 **HS -** Gr. 10 - 12, Pick up Schedules, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. **RTS -** Gr. 7 & 8, Pick up Chromebooks/Scheds./Yondr, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	4	5
6	7 *Labor Day Holiday* **NO SCHOOL** *All Buildings Closed*	8 *Superintendent's Conference Day* **NO SCHOOL**	9 *Superintendent's Conference Day* **NO SCHOOL**	10 **BKS/FPD -** Gr. K Orientation,10 a.m. UPK Orientation, 12:30 p.m. ***First Day of School: Gr. 1-12*** ***Fall Modified Sports begin***	11 ***First Full Day of School for UPK & Kindergarten*** ***Registration Deadline for ACT on Oct. 17***	12 **Digital SAT test date**
13	14 **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	15	16 **FPD -** PTA Meeting, 4 p.m. **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	17	18 ***Registration Deadline for SAT on Oct. 3***	19 **ACT Exam**
20	21 **HS -** Chem-Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	22 **RTS/HS -** School Photo Day *First Day of Fall*	23 **RTS/HS -** School Photo Day **RTS -** AIS and Acceleration Meeting, 5:15 p.m. **RTS -** Curriculum Night, 5:45 p.m.	24 **BKS -** PTA Back-to-School Bash, 5:30 - 7 p.m.	25 **FPD -** PTA Movie Night, 5 p.m.	26
27	28	29	30 **HS -** AIS meeting, 5:30 p.m. **HS -** Curriculum Night, 6 p.m.	 *You can't help but smile back at this cheerful sun by Dominick, Brookside*		

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Interscholastic Athletic Program

Susquehanna Valley offers these Varsity sports programs: Baseball; Boys/Girls Basketball; Boys/Girls Bowling; Cheerleading; Boys/Girls Cross Country; Football; Flag Football; Boys Golf; Indoor Track; Boys/Girls Soccer; Softball; Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving; Boys/Girls Tennis; Boys/Girls Track & Field; Volleyball; and Wrestling.

Junior Varsity (JV) teams are offered for Baseball; Boys/Girls Basketball; Football; Boys/Girls Soccer; Softball; and Volleyball.

Modified teams are offered for Baseball; Boys/Girls Basketball; Cross Country; Football; Boys/Girls Soccer; Softball; Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving; Boys/Girls Tennis; Boys/Girls Track & Field; Volleyball; and Wrestling.

To participate in SV interscholastic sports:

- Candidate must be a bona fide student of the Susquehanna Valley CSD.
- Students/parents must complete and sign the following forms, which will be located at www.arbitersports.com 30 days prior to the official start date of each season:
  1. Athletic Care/Parental Consent Emergency Medical Form
  2. Interval Health History for Sports Participation
  3. Athletic Health History Form
  4. Parent/Athlete Pledge Form

Download forms from the Athletics page on the district website - ***www.svsabers.org***

- Students must pass a physical examination given by the school physician, school nurse practitioner, or private physician. If a parent chooses to take a child to a private physician, the Health Appraisal Form can be downloaded from the Athletics page on the school website www.svsabers.org. Return the completed form to the middle school or high school nurse.
- Students may only start practice with a school athletic team once the above-mentioned items are completed and signed by the school physician.
- Students must maintain academic eligibility and be enrolled and participate in physical education to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- Students must abide by all rules and regulations in the Parent/Student Athletic Handbook, which can also be found on the SV Athletics web page.

Clubs and Organizations

SV High School and RTS Middle School offer a variety of clubs and organizations to enhance the learning process. Most of these groups meet during Saber Time. Historically, some of the clubs and organizations offered have been: Drama Club; Honor Society (by selection); Mock Trial Team; Odyssey of the Mind; Intramurals; Peer Leaders; Ski Club; Student Council; Yearbook; Spirit Club; SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions); Mathways to the Stars, Liberty Partnership; Book Club; SV Identity; and eSports. The clubs and organizations change on a yearly basis depending on the interests of the students and faculty. Detailed information is available in the schools.

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	*This piece of ceramic landscape sculpture is by Macey Polhamus, SVHS*	**1**	**2** **BKS -** School Photo Day	**3** **Digital SAT test date** Wall of Fame Induction, 12:30 p.m. (HS Gym)
4	**5** SV Spirit Week SV Spirit Week SV Spirit Week **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	**6**	**7** **HS -** Construction & Technology Career Day **FPD -** AIS Parent Night, 5:30 p.m. **FPD -** Curriculum Night, 6 p.m.	**8** **Early Dismissal Drill** *Dismissal 15 mins. early - All Schools* **BKS -** AIS Parent Night, 5:30 p.m. **BKS -** Curriculum Night, 6 p.m.	**9** ***Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL*** Districtwide Open House, Elementary, 3 - 5 p.m. MS & HS, 5 - 7 p.m. **HS -** Homecoming Football Game, 7:30 p.m.	**10** Homecoming Parade, 10 a.m. **HS -** Homecoming Dance, 8 p.m. (HS Gym)
11	**12** *Columbus Day Holiday* **NO SCHOOL** *All Buildings Closed*	**13**	**14** **HS - Digital PSAT** (Gr. 11), 8 a.m. **FPD -** PTA Book Fair/Ice Cream Social, 5 - 6:30 p.m.	**15** **FPD -** School Photo Day	**16** **RTS -** Gr. 6 Halloween Fun Night, 5 - 6:30 p.m.	**17** **ACT Exam**
18	**19** **HS -** Chem-Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	**20**	**21** **HS -** Greater Binghamton College Day, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	**22** **HS -** Financial Aid Night (Gr. 12 Students & Parents), 6 p.m.	**23** ***Registration deadline for SAT on Nov. 7*** **BKS -** PTA Trunk or Treat, 6 p.m.	**24**
25	**26**	**27** **RTS/HS -** School Photo Make-ups	**28**	**29**	**30** **FPD -** PTA Fall Fun Night, 5:30 p.m. **RTS -** Gr. 7/8 Halloween Dance, 5:30 - 7 p.m.	**31** *Ava Bowman (HS) melded the American Gothic motif with "A Nightmare Before Christmas"*

Library Media Centers

Students attending the Susquehanna Valley School District have the advantage of accessible and inviting Library Media Centers (LMC) in every school. The emphasis of the LMC is to create an environment conducive to locating, evaluating, and using information in all its forms and to encourage reading for pleasure for all students at any reading level.

At the elementary level, students come to the LMC once a cycle with their classes and are welcome to come in on an individual basis if they wish to borrow or return materials. Our libraries are staffed by library clerks and overseen by a Certified Library Media Specialist.

The habit of lifelong learning and a love of reading has always been promoted by our libraries and continues in this age of new technologies. The book and eBook collections are continuously updated based on student interests, reading levels, and curriculum needs.

Our school library program ensure that our students are taught the current information literacy, research and evaluation skills that will help them succeed in college and careers. LMC computers give students access to a variety of databases, which provide accurate and timely information. Remote access to the databases and eBook collection is available 24/7, year-round, from our website. Ask the library staff for password information.

Music

Susquehanna Valley students have the opportunity to participate in a quality music program that includes courses in music appreciation and general music.

The vocal/choral program begins in our elementary schools with general music classes. At the middle school, students take general music in grades 6 and 7, unless they are enrolled in an ensemble or chorus. These classes introduce the recorder, guitar, singing, notation, and exposure to various music genres through band, orchestra, and choral literature. Students can also participate in band, chorus and orchestra ensembles.

The High School offers elective courses in Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Music Theory, Composition & Podcasting or Piano Lab to satisfy the requirements of one unit in music or art for graduation.

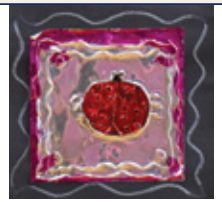
Starting in grade 4, instrumental lessons for strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion are offered. The middle school and high school have bands, orchestras and choruses, which are also an important part of the music program. Concerts are performed annually throughout the district.

In addition to the band, orchestra and chorus offerings, there are jazz ensembles in grades 6-12 and percussion ensemble in grades 9-12. Junior and senior music students are eligible to apply for and join Tri-M, the only national honor society for student musicians in grades 6 - 12.

The SV School District is a member of the Broome County and NYS School Music Associations - BCMEA and NYSSMA. Membership allows students to participate individually or as a unit at the All-County Elementary and Middle School festivals and sectional, state, and national events.

Our music staff, administration, and students are proud of their achievements in competition and their service to school and community.

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	**2** **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	**3** **BKS -** School Photo Make-ups	**4** **FPD -** PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.	**5** **BKS -** Math Night & Book Fair, 5:30 - 7 p.m.	**6** ***Registration Deadline for ACT on Dec. 12***	**7** **RTS -** Fall Bottle Drive, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
8	**9**	**10** **BKS -** Veterans Day Ceremony, 9:30 a.m. **FPD -** Math Night, 5:30 p.m.	**11** *Veterans Day Holiday* ***NO SCHOOL*** *All Buildings Closed*	**12**	**RTS/HS:** MP 1 Ends **13**	**Digital SAT test date** **14**
15 SVTA Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. (HS Gym)	**16** **FPD -** School Photo Make-ups ***Varsity/JV Winter Sports begin*** **HS -** Chem-Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	**17** **RTS -** Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving Luncheon, 1 p.m. (MS Cafeteria)	**18** **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	**19** **HS -** National Honor Society Induction, 7 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	**20** ***Registration Deadline for SAT on Dec. 5*** **BKS -** Pasta Fest, 5:30 - 7 p.m. **FPD -** PTA BINGO Night, 5:30 p.m.	**21**
22	**23**	**24** **Early Dismissal:** **RTS & HS** ***At 11 a.m.*** **BKS & FPD:** ***At 12 p.m.***	**25** **THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL** *All Buildings Closed*	**26** *Thanksgiving Day*	**27**	**28**
29	**30** ***Modified Winter Sports begin***			 *This cheerful ladybug painted on tin foil is by Addison (FPD).*		

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Support Services for Our Students

We set high standards for our students, and we are able to assist them in achieving these levels. Learning does not come easily to everyone, and we at Susquehanna Valley take our commitment to all children seriously. A number of services are available to help students achieve their educational goals.

Classroom teachers encourage students to seek assistance during the day or after class when necessary. A student's teacher is the first step in acquiring extra help. Intervention in mathematics, reading and writing at both the elementary and secondary levels is provided through Academic Intervention Services (AIS). This is accomplished by small-group instruction, as well as team teaching within the regular classroom. Students who score below state reference points on the standardized test and a local measure qualify for this support.

As a district, SV embraces the fact that all students can and do learn in different ways while still being held to state-standard expectations. When students' skills are below grade-level expectations, support systems exist to help make a targeted plan for student skill growth. This process begins with a referral by a teacher and/or the parents to the building-level intervention team. Using a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), this team of professionals collaboratively identifies academic and/or behavioral areas of concern, analyzes potential instructional gaps and develops a targeted intervention plan to address the student's specific needs. After these techniques have been attempted and analyzed for growth, further assistance may be determined necessary and a written referral to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) may be initiated with parental consent and support. The CSE is overseen by a CSE chairperson and may consist of a parent, special educator, school psychologist, general educator and an administrator. This team works with the student's parents and classroom teacher(s) to determine if the child meets criteria for an educational disability classification and the services that would most appropriately serve the child's needs. There are several programming, accommodation and modification options within our district, as well as through BOCES.

An Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Accommodation Plan is written for each student identified with a disability. Each plan includes long- and short-term goals for the improvement of educational skills. The CSE will review the educational program of each special education student annually to determine its effectiveness and plan for the following year.

Education is a collaborative partnership with parents, the school district, and ultimately - the student. Each person learns in a different way and at a different pace. For some, this doesn't pose any difficulty. For others, special support is necessary to ensure learning. Susquehanna Valley provides that support effectively.

The Susquehanna Valley Special Services Office can be contacted at 607-775-9111. Additional information can be found in the Parent's Guide to Special Education on the NYS Education Department website:

www.nysed.gov/special-education/parents-guide-special-education

Reporting/Promotion Policies

At the elementary level, a comprehensive reporting system is used to keep parents informed regarding their child's achievement. A combination of this reporting system, teacher input and evaluation and assessment, and administrative review are all integral components used in assessing the needs to promote or reassign a student. In addition to academic criteria, the school looks at a student's physical, emotional, and social maturity, as well as school attendance records, before recommending placement. Procedures enable the parents and teachers to work cooperatively toward providing a quality education for each child.

Report cards for students in UPK - Grade 5 are issued three times per year. Opportunities are provided for classroom teachers to meet with parents at least once during the school year. Parent/teacher conference days are scheduled each school year.

At the secondary level, grades 6-12, the school staff provides parents with a clear understanding of each child's progress on a continuous basis. Report cards are issued at 10-week intervals. Students receive numerical grades, which are weighted for class-ranking purposes.

Between report card periods, interim reports are issued at five-week intervals. Parents/Guardians of students in grades 6-12 may also use School Tool's Parent Portal on the district website, to access their child's grades, assignments, absences and other important information. Parents are encouraged to utilize ParentSquare to contact their child's teachers if they need information or have questions about their child's school work.

www.svsabers.org/ParentSquare.aspx

DECEMBER 2026

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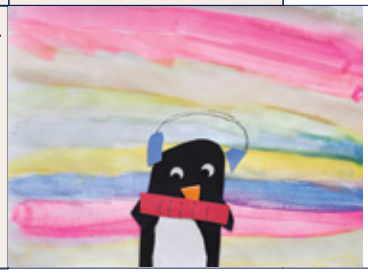
6	7 **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	8 **BKS -** Winter Concert, 6 p.m.	9	10 **FPD -** Winter Concert, 6 p.m.	11 **Early Dismissal** ***BKS & FPD ONLY*** Elem. Parent-Teacher Conferences ***Dismissal at 12 p.m.***	12 **ACT Exam**
13	14 **HS -** Chem-Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	15 **RTS -** Senior Citizens' Holiday Luncheon, 1 p.m. (MS Cafeteria)	16 **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	17 **RTS/HS -** Gr. 8 - 12 Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	***RTS/HS: Interim Per. 2 ends*** 18 **FPD -** PTA Holiday Party, 5 - 7 pm.	19
20 *Chloe, a student at Donnelly, crafted these decorated pine trees out of construction paper.*	*First Day of Winter* 21 	22	23 **WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL**	24 *All Buildings Closed*	25	26
27	28 **WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL**	29	30	31		*This adorable little penguin, bundled up against the glow of the Northern Lights, was created by Greyson (FPD).*

Susquehanna Valley CSD

A Brief History

The Susquehanna Valley Central School District was established in 1950 through the consolidation of several local school districts. Today, the district serves approximately 15,000 residents across 57 square miles, encompassing most of the Town of Binghamton, all of the Town of Conklin, much of the Town of Kirkwood and portions of the Towns of Vestal and Windsor.

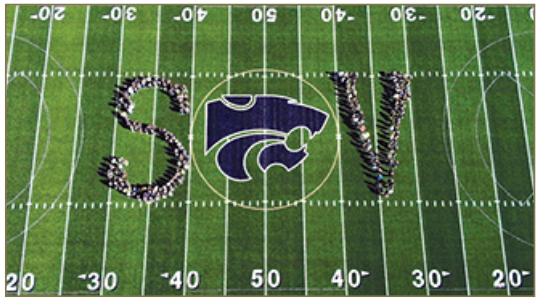
Before consolidation, students attended one- and two-room schoolhouses throughout the community. Following New York State's school reorganization, modern school facilities were constructed, creating the district we know today.

Brookside Elementary opened in 1958, followed by Cedarhurst Elementary later that year (expanded in 1966). Francis P. Donnelly Elementary, named for the district's first superintendent, opened in 1964 and was renovated in 1991. Cedarhurst Elementary closed in 2006.

Today, Brookside and Donnelly serve students in Pre-K through grade 5. Richard T. Stank Middle School, which opened in 1966, serves grades 6-8, while Susquehanna Valley High School, originally opened in 1958, serves grades 9-12.

The 1961-62 school year marked the first time students could attend Kindergarten through 12th grade entirely within the district. The Class of 1962 became the first graduating class to complete all 13 years of schooling at Susquehanna Valley.

Presently, the district accommodates approximately 1,800 students and staff. Capital projects approved by voters have enabled significant improvements and modernization of our facilities, including the district's first-ever swimming pool, a synthetic turf multi-purpose stadium, baseball,



and softball fields, additional classrooms, flexible library spaces for learning, studying and collaboration in each building, technology upgrades, updates to electrical, heating and ventilation systems, roof replacements, access control and monitoring upgrades, a new buildings & grounds maintenance facility and concessions stand, a bus garage at Brookside, improved handicapped accessibility, district-wide window replacements, upgrades to the lighting and sound systems in the high school auditorium, replacement of student lockers, classroom renovations, significant security upgrades, kitchen and cafeteria renovations, a backup generator at Brookside and air conditioning on the second floor of the middle school.

District Staff Information

Approximately 130 teachers serve the district at the elementary and secondary levels. Additional professional-support services are provided by psychologists, speech, occupational and physical therapists, school counselors, social workers, school nurses, library media specialists and library clerks.

Our dedicated support staff consists of custodial workers, clerical staff, food service workers, business office personnel, bus drivers, mechanics, aides, and specially assigned individuals.

The goal of all personnel is to provide students with the best possible education in surroundings that are safe and conducive to learning.

JANUARY 2027

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3	**4**	**5**	**6** **FPD -** PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.	**7**	**8**	**9**
10	**11** **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**
17	**18** *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday* ***NO SCHOOL*** *All Buildings Closed*	**19**	**20** **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	**21**	**22** ***Registration deadline for ACT on Feb. 27*** **FPD -** PTA Movie Night, 5 p.m.	**23**
24 / **31**	**25** **HS -** Chem-Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	**26**	**27**	**28**	**RTS/HS:** MP 2 ends **29**	**30**

HS - NYS Regents Exams & Midterms

Attendance

We realize that some absences are unavoidable due to health issues or other circumstances. But we also know that when students miss too much school, regardless of the reason, it can cause them to fall behind academically. Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month. Research shows that:

- Children chronically absent in Kindergarten and grade 1 are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of grade 3.
- By grade 6, chronic absence is a proven early-warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of school.
- By grade 9, good attendance can better predict graduation rates than eighth-grade test scores.

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and feel discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. **Here are practical tips to help support regular attendance:**

- Make sure your child (even teenage children) keeps a regular bedtime and establishes a morning routine.
- Do not allow electronics in children's bedrooms.
- Pack backpacks and lay out clothes the night before.
- Do not allow children to take "mental health days" as a reason for staying home.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or medical/dental appointments when school is session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your child feels anxious about going to school.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Our established policy provides strict definitions regarding your child's attendance:

Scheduled Instruction: Every period that a student is scheduled to attend instructional or supervised activities during a school day during the year.

Absent: The student is not present for scheduled instruction.

Tardy: The student arrives after the scheduled instruction is designated to begin.

Early Departure: The student leaves before the end of scheduled instruction.

Excused: Any absence, tardiness, or early departure for which the student has a valid school-approved excuse. These may be due to personal illness, medical appointments, illness or death in the family, religious observance, impassable roads due to inclement weather, quarantine, required court appearance, approved college visits, military obligations, approved cooperative work programs or school-approved music lessons.

Unexcused: Any absence, tardiness or early departure for which the student has no valid school-approved excuse.

Register of Attendance: Any written or electronic record maintained to record the attendance, absence, tardiness, or early departure of a student.

For students in UPK - grade 5, a student's daily presence or absence shall be recorded once per day. For students in grades 6-12, a student's presence or absence will be recorded in each period of scheduled instruction. Late arrivals and early departures will also be recorded. Attendance will ***not*** be used as a measure of student learning. Course credit is recommended based on student performance related to learning outcomes.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

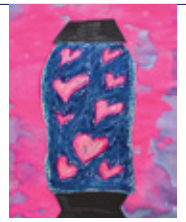
A written excuse is required for EACH absence/tardy/early dismissal from school within 48 hours of return to school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the Health Office in the building in which the student attends if their child is absent. This excuse must include a statement of the date(s) and reason(s) for the child's absence or tardiness. A written excuse - in and of itself - does not define excused or unexcused.

Incentives/Sanctions/ Notification of Parents

The district will communicate with parents/guardians regarding student attendance and tardiness. Progressive disciplinary consequences for unexcused tardiness will be imposed. Parents will be notified of these consequences. Building-level attendance teams collaborate to investigate attendance concerns and initiate interventions.

A summary of the district's attendance policy is outlined in the Student Handbook distributed to parents at the start of each school year. Copies of the entire policy will be made available to community members upon request.

February 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	2	3 **FPD -** PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.	4	5 **BKS -** Valentine's Family Fun Night, 5:30 - 7 p.m. **RTS -** Valentine's Dance, 6 - 7:30 p.m.	6
7	8	9	10 **FPD -** PTA Valentine's Dance, 5 p.m.	11 **Early Dismissal:** **RTS & HS** ***At 11 a.m.*** **BKS & FPD:** ***At 12 p.m.***	12 *Presidents' Day Weekend* **NO SCHOOL**	13  *Lava Heart Lamp by Natalee, Donnelly*
14	15 *Presidents' Day Holiday* **NO SCHOOL** *All Buildings Closed*	16	17 **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	18	19 ***Registration deadline for SAT on March 6***	20
21	22 **HS -** Chem-Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	23	24	25	26 **HS -** Saber Stage Musical, 7 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	27 **ACT Exam** **Regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament** (BOCES) **HS -** Saber Stage Musical, 7 p.m. (HS Auditorium)
28 **HS -** Saber Stage Musical, 2 p.m. (HS Auditorium)			*These adorable Kitty macarons were sculpted out of clay and painted by Jenna Hogue, SV High School* *Ruby created this beautiful butterfly in Art class at Brookside* 		JANUARY 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MARCH 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

SV High School Curriculum

Susquehanna Valley High School strives to provide a curriculum that prepares students for both college and career readiness. We are committed to helping students build the problem-solving, teamwork and communication skills necessary for success beyond high school. Whether students enter the workforce, the military or continue their education after graduation, we continue to develop programs that meet the needs of our students and community.

We are strengthening school-to-career connections by integrating real-world experiences into our curriculum. Each year, some students participate in Youth Apprenticeship opportunities, attending classes for part of the day and reporting to a worksite for the remainder of the school day. These students earn both wages and academic credit while gaining valuable workplace experience. Our Workforce Wednesday program also brings local employers and businesses into the school to help students learn about career paths, workplace expectations and potential employment or internship opportunities. In addition, we focus on skill building, resume development and helping students create a personal vision for their future.

Students also have access to career-focused programs through Broome-Tioga BOCES, including New Visions Academy in areas such as engineering, health care, law and government, education and business. Many students also work toward earning the Seal of Biliteracy and the Seal of Civic Readiness, both of which are additional endorsements to their diploma.

SV High School continues to expand opportunities in Technology, Engineering and STEM. Drawing for Design and Production serves as an introductory course, leading students into design, engineering and hands-on building experiences. Students can

"Midnight Bloom" *This photograph by Jenna Lillie, a rising junior at SV High School, received first place in the same category at the FASST (Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier) Emerging Artists competition!*

then choose from a variety of half-year courses based on interest and demand. These courses challenge students to analyze real-world problems, explore emerging technologies and apply practical skills.

We are also expanding academic opportunities in other areas. A Personal Finance course helps students develop essential skills in budgeting, credit, saving and financial decision-making. AP Human Geography allows students to explore human patterns, cultures and interactions with the environment from a global perspective. In music, students can explore new electives such as computer-based composition and podcasting, blending creativity with technology.

Susquehanna Valley offers a range of rigorous courses designed to prepare students for success after graduation. Students may take Advanced Placement courses in Physics, Chemistry, Human Geography, American History, Global History, English and Calculus. They may also earn college credit through SUNY Broome and Tompkins Cortland Community College in subjects such as English, Mathematics, Art, Physical Education, History, Language and Music at no cost. Recent course additions include Programming & Coding and Entrepreneurship, and we continue to look for opportunities to expand student options.

A major focus of our high school is creating a safe, student-centered learning environment. Our counselors, teachers, staff and administration work to build a culture of mutual respect, positive self-esteem, and responsible citizenship. We encourage students to participate in clubs, activities and service opportunities while contributing positively to our school and community. Through these programs and experiences, we aim to help students become well-educated, career-ready and empathetic members of the community.

March 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March is "Music in our Schools" Month *Stay tuned to your Music Teachers for information on concerts scheduled at the Oakdale Commons throughout the month!*	**1** **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	**2** *Read Across America Day*	**3** **FPD -** PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.	**4**	**5** ***Registration Deadline for ACT on April 10*** **RTS -** Movie Night, 3 p.m. **HS -** Chem-Free Post-Prom BINGO Night, 6 p.m. (HS Gym)	**6** **Digital SAT test date**
7	**8** ***Varsity/JV Spring Sports begin***	**9** **HS -** Junior Student & Parent Information Night, 6 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	**10** **FPD -** PTA Book Fair/Ice Cream Social, 5 - 7 p.m.	**11** **RTS/HS -** National Junior Honor Society Induction (Gr. 7 - 9) 6 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	**12** *Superintendent's Conference Day* **NO SCHOOL**	**13**
14	**15**	**16** **BKS -** Science & Book Fairs, 5:30 - 7 p.m.	**17** **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	**18** **FPD -** Gr. 5 Cap & Gown Photos / Spring Photo Day **HS -** Gr. 8 - 12 Music in Our Schools Concert, 6:30 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	**19**	**20** *First Day of Spring* *Cowboy Boot by Emalee, RTS Middle School*
21	**22** ***Modified Spring Sports begin*** **HS -** Chem-Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	**23** **BKS -** Spring Photo Day (Pre-K - Gr. 4)	**24** **BKS -** Gr. 5 Cap & Gown Photos	**25** **BKS/FPD -** ***Report Cards issued*** **RTS/HS -** MP 3 ends	**26** **SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL** ***All Buildings Closed***	**27**
28	**29** **SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL**	**30**	**31**		FEBRUARY 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	APRIL 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Richard T. Stank Middle School Curriculum

Susquehanna Valley's Richard T. Stank Middle School is organized as a grade 6-8 building serving a population of approximately 325 students. The school offers a quality program of instructional and co-curricular activities designed to meet the unique physical, emotional, social, and intellectual needs of the adolescent.

The middle school programs serve as a "bridge" between elementary school and high school, helping our students develop skills for their continued success academically and beyond. Students at Richard T. Stank Middle School are organized into interdisciplinary teams at each grade level.

At the sixth-grade level, the interdisciplinary team teachers teach ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. At grade levels 7 and 8, the interdisciplinary team teachers provide instruction in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Depending upon grade level, students also receive instruction in Art, Music, Health, Family and Consumer Science, Spanish and Technology. All students participate in Physical Education classes. Interdisciplinary teaming at the middle school allows our teachers to organize instruction in a more meaningful fashion, helping in the transition to ninth grade and high school coursework.

As required by the Board of Regents' Action Plan, opportunities exist for selected students to be recommended for an accelerated program in Math and/or Science. During their sixth-grade year, students will select one language to study in seventh and eighth grade. By completing Spanish in seventh and eighth grades, and passing the local final assessment, students earn a high school credit.

At the beginning of each school year, all students and parents are provided with information regarding middle school programs. You are encouraged to review this information at the beginning of the school year and contact the appropriate office at RTS Middle School if you have any questions.

April 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	 *Ceramic Vase by Ailey Rexford, SVHS*		1 **Spring Break - NO SCHOOL**	2	3
4	5	6	7 **RTS -** Gr. 8 Cap & Gown Photos **FPD -** PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.	8	9 **FPD -** PTA Movie Night, 5 p.m.	10 **ACT Exam** **RTS -** Spring Bottle Drive, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
11	12 **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	13 **NYS ELA Testing: Gr. 3 - 5**	14	15	16 **RTS/HS:** MP 3 Ends ***Registration Deadline for SAT on May 1***	17
18	19 **2-Hour Delay** For Professional Development **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.** **HS -** Chem Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 **NYS Math Testing: Gr. 3 - 5**	28 **NYS ELA Testing: Gr. 6 - 8**	29	30 *Vase of Flowers by Camilo, Brookside*	

Elementary Curriculum

Brookside and Francis P. Donnelly Elementary Schools provide a quality education for students in Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) through grade 5. The goal of our elementary schools is to provide a sound foundation of academic and social skills to prepare students for their middle and high school years. An outstanding array of professionals provide instruction in literacy, math, science, social studies, technology, physical education, library, art and music.

An ambitious testing and reporting program enables parents to be continually informed regarding student progress during the elementary years. Numerous activities during and after school hours are also provided. Parents are encouraged to join and support the PTA in each school.

Getting Involved

Parents and community members are valued partners in education at Susquehanna Valley. Through the PTA, district committees, the Board of Education and volunteer opportunities, they help strengthen our schools and support student success.

Early Childhood Education

At the UPK and kindergarten levels, screening tools help determine each child's cognitive, social, emotional and physical readiness for school. Susquehanna Valley uses the Brigance screening for incoming UPK students and the Gesell screening for incoming kindergarten students. These observation-based assessments measure physical, language, personal-social and adaptive development, providing educators and families with valuable information about a child's developmental progress in relation to age-based expectations.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)

UPK registration is for children who will become four (4) years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2026. UPK registration typically begins in March of each school year. Registration is open each school day, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the District Office. Susquehanna Valley's UPK Program consists of two classrooms at Brookside Elementary and two classrooms at Francis P. Donnelly Elementary, for a total of 72 available slots. Each class is limited to 18 students. If the number of registrants for UPK exceeds the number of allotted spaces, a lottery will be held to admit children into UPK spots.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration is an ongoing process that begins in March. Kindergarten registration is for children who will become five (5) years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2026. Kindergarten screenings will take place in May.

Please Note - If your child is currently enrolled in the SVCSD UPK Program, there is no need to register for Kindergarten.

The main academic focus of Kindergarten is to prepare your child with the many skills that are needed to become successful in first grade. These will include the subject areas of Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.

Preparing your child for school

- Encourage play with children of the same age
- Assign small jobs around the house.
- Read together every day.
- Listen to your child's stories and ask questions.
- Practice identifying colors, shapes and letters. Help your child count and sort objects by hand.
- Build large-motor skills through climbing, running, skipping, kicking, throwing and catching.
- Develop fine-motor skills through coloring, cutting, drawing, using Play-Doh, typing and buttoning
- Talk about the school day and routines for getting on and off the bus.

Child Nutrition

Susquehanna Valley CSD recognizes the correlation between good nutrition and the ability to learn and provides a nutritional food service program based on the USDA Dietary Guideline for all students.

All school meals, breakfast and lunch, will continue to be **FREE** to all students for the 2026-27 school year! SV is continuing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs for 2026-27, which means all students at all SV Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge. **We encourage parent/guardians to still fill out the application to help our schools access critical funding for essential programs, teacher support and student services.**

May 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	**3** **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	**4**	**5** **NYS Math Testing: Gr. 6 - 8** **FPD -** PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.	**6**	**7** ***Registration Deadline for ACT on June 12*** **FPD -** PTA Movie Night, 5:30 p.m.	**8**
9 *Queen Card with Dragonflies by Amethyst Albert, SVHS*	**10**	**11** **NYS Science Testing: Gr. 5** **Public Budget Hearing 5 p.m. (BOE Meeting Room District Office)**	**12** **NYS Science Testing: Gr. 8**	**13**	**14**	**15**
16	**17** **HS -** Chem Free Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	**18** **Annual Budget Vote & School Board Election 12 (noon)- 8 p.m. HS Gymnasium** **• COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS • 4 - 6 PM** **• DISTRICT ART FEST • 4 - 8 PM**	**19** **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	**20**	***RTS/HS:*** *Interim Per. 4 ends* **21** **BKS -** Career Day **FPD -** Poetry Recitation, 1:30 p.m.	**22**
23 **30**	**24** **31** ***Memorial Day Holiday*** **NO SCHOOL** *Buildings Closed*	**25** **RTS/HS -** Gr. 8 - 12 Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	**26** **FPD -** UPK/Kindergarten Family Info. Night, 6 - 7 p.m.	**27** **Early Dismissal:** **RTS & HS** ***At 11 a.m.*** **BKS & FPD:** ***At 12 p.m.***	**28** ***Memorial Day Weekend*** **NO SCHOOL**	**29**

Conduct and Discipline

Susquehanna Valley believes students can learn to be responsible for their choices and actions. Each school promotes a safe, respectful learning environment by consistently applying rules of conduct that focus on safety, respect for others and care for property. Students who do not follow these expectations may face disciplinary consequences and additional support or supervision.

Each school provides students/families with information about conduct expectations through student handbooks, assemblies and other resources. Copies are available through the school's main office.

In compliance with New York Education Law's *Dignity for All Students Act (DASA),* effective July 2012, the Board adopted an updated School District Code of Conduct and Discipline and revisions to the following policies:

#3420 - Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the School District;
#7310 - School Conduct and Discipline;
#7315 - Computer Usage and Internet Safety; and
#7552 - Bullying: Peer Abuse in the Schools

The Board has also approved the appointment of our school social workers and principals as Dignity Act Coordinators in each school building.

Board policy, including the complete District Code of Conduct, can be found on the district's website.

www.svsabers.org/Formsanddocuments.aspx

www.svsabers.org/DASA.aspx

Information about DASA and the Code of Conduct will be distributed to parents at the start of school.

Parents' Right to Know (ESSA)

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents have the right to request information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. This includes information about certification, qualifications and assignment status. Additional information is available on the district website. Learn more about Parents' Right to Know:

https://www.svsabers.org/ESSAParentsRighttoKnow.aspx

In addition, the complaint procedures for parents on ESSA programs can be found via the NYSED website:

www.nysed.gov/essa/new-york-state-essa-funded-programs-complaint-procedures

Rights of Students

Susquehanna Valley is committed to supporting students experiencing homelessness or temporary housing. Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, eligible students have the right to access a free public education and receive support to help remove barriers to enrollment, attendance and success in school.

For more information, please see the policy on the district's website:

www.svsabers.org/Downloads/7131.pdf?v=-267

Visitor Procedures

Visitors are welcome in each of our school buildings, which are equipped with an access-control system. Every visitor **must have photo ID** to pick up students and/or gain entrance into the building beyond the security vestibule.

Visitors are asked to follow these procedures:

When Visiting a School:
Please use the Main Office entrance, push the button on the access-control system, identify yourself, sign in and obtain a pass. Please obtain prior permission if you expect to visit a specific area of the building.

When Requesting Early Dismissal: Send a written request with your child. If you are to pick up your child, report first to the school's Main Office.

Emergency Closings

Pear by Gwen Axton (SVHS).

If schools must close because of severe weather or another emergency, the district will notify families, students and staff as soon as possible through ParentSquare and local media. School closings may also require the cancellation of athletics, performances and other scheduled activities.

To help keep phone lines open for emergency communications, please do not call schools or district offices during emergencies.

Textile-art by Sydney Rogers (RTS).

ParentSquare App

Stay connected with Susquehanna Valley through the ParentSquare app, available free for iOS (Apple) and Android devices. The app gives parents, students, faculty and staff quick access to school news, calendars, event directions, important documents, cafeteria menus and more.

Scan the QR code to visit our website and download the app.

www.svsabers.org/ParentSquare.aspx

JUNE 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 **BKS -** Spring Concert, 6 p.m.	2 **FPD -** Spring Concert, 6 p.m.	3 **BKS -** UPK/Kindergarten Family Info. Night, 6 - 7 p.m.	4 **HS -** Gr. 9-11 Awards Ceremony, 1 p.m.	5 **Digital SAT test date**
6	7 **BKS -** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. **HS -** Senior Awards Night, 7 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	8 **RTS -** Gr. 6 - 7 Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m. (HS Auditorium)	9 **RTS -** Dog Walk & Bake Sale, 5:30 - 7 p.m. **FPD -** PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.	10	11 **BKS -** Field Day & BBQ **HS -** Senior Prom, 8 p.m. (Traditions) **HS -** Chem-Free After-Prom Party	12 **ACT Exam** **RTS -** Spring Bottle Drive, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
13	14 **HS -** Last Day of regular classes **HS -** Senior Breakfast **HS -** Senior Walks (**BKS, FPD, RTS**) **FPD -** Flag Day Celebration, 10 a.m.	15 **NYS Regents Exams (8 a.m., 12 p.m.)**	16 **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	17 **FPD -** Gr. 5 Moving-Up Celebration, 10 a.m.	18 **BKS -** Gr. 5 Moving-Up Celebration, 10 a.m. **FPD -** Field Day	19
20 *Sponge-Bob card by Jenna Lillie, SVHS*	21 **BKS/FPD -** ***Report Cards issued this week***	22 **NYS Regents Exams (8 a.m., 12 p.m.)**	23	24 **HS -** Senior Luncheon, 11 a.m. **HS -** Graduation Rehearsal, 1 p.m. (The Forum)	25 *SV High School Class of 2026 Commencement 7 p.m. The Forum, Binghamton*	26
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2026-27 School Year
New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance[1]

NOTES:
All children must be age-appropriately immunized to attend school in New York State. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine must be in accordance with the ACIP-Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule. Doses received before the minimum age or intervals shown on the schedule are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in gradeless classes must meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule

Vaccines	Pre-Kindergarten (Child Caring Center, Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-K)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td)[2]	4 doses	**5 doses or 4 doses** if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older and the series was started at less than 1 year of age or **3 doses** if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	**3 doses**	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap)[3]	Not applicable		**1 dose** given at age 10 years or older	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)[4]	3 doses	**4 doses or 3 doses** if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older		
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)[5]	1 dose	**2 doses**		
Hepatitis B vaccine[6]	3 doses	**3 doses** or **2 doses** of **adult hepatitis B vaccine** (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 years through 15 years		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine[7]	1 dose	**2 doses**		
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)[8]	Not applicable		**Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose** given at age 10 years or older	**Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose** if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)[9]	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV)[10]	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		

IMPORTANT:** *Per Public Health Law 2164, Section 66-1-4, there is a 14-day grace period from the start of school to obtain required immunizations. The student may attend school during the 14-day grace period. After the 14-day grace period, the student may* ***NOT *attend school until acceptable proof of immunization is received.* Questions may be directed to your school nurse. ***There are a number of very important footnotes pertaining to the dose amounts listed on this table that space constraints do not allow us to print here. For further information and clarification, please go to the New York State Department of Health website:*** *www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370_2026.pdf*

SV High School students express themselves by personalizing the Saber logo in these photo-collage projects.

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Brayden Kaczynski

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Cooper Spencer

Medication Administration in the School Setting

Any medication administered by the school nurse must be accompanied by an approved district medication form signed by both parent/guardian and provider. **All medication must be brought to school by a parent or guardian**. Prescription medications must be in the container dispensed from the pharmacy with the proper label. Over-the-counter medications must be in the original unopened container labeled with the student's name. Medications should not be transported daily to and from school. It is recommended that parents ask the pharmacist for two containers: one to remain at home and one at school. Medications are stored in the Health office unless the provider deems the student capable of self-carry/self-administration. This MUST be indicated on the medication order form. No medication will be dispensed without proper forms and/or labeling. The school nurse cannot administer any over-the-counter medication without physician's order and parental permission. **Medication Forms may be obtained from the School Health Office or the district website.**

www.svsabers.org/SVHealthServices.aspx

Emergency Contact Procedures

In the event of an accident, first aid is provided immediately, and every effort is made to contact the family. If the family cannot be reached, the family physician is contacted. If neither can be reached, the district will make necessary arrangements to care for the injured student.

To ensure this process works effectively, please notify your child's school of any changes to your emergency contact information or family physician.

July 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Independence Day 4 *Design by Brody, BKS.*	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 **SV CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.**	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Board of Education

The Susquehanna Valley Board of Education establishes policies and adopts regulations for the conduct of the public schools. Its seven members, who serve without pay, are elected by the qualified voters of the district.

Responsibility for administering Board of Education policies is vested in the Superintendent of Schools.

School Board Meetings

SV Board of Education meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. District residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Residents may speak at the Board meeting by being recognized by the Board President at the appropriate times during the meeting. Speakers are asked to state their name and address for the official record.

Board meetings are typically held in the Board Room, south wing of SV High School, Conklin Road, Conklin. Dates and locations of special meetings of the Board, **if scheduled**, will be announced during the school year.

Office Hours

All administrative offices within the district are open between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. when school is in session. On some holidays and in the summer, administrative office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Administrative phone numbers are listed on the inside back cover of this calendar. If a desired phone number is not listed, please contact the switchboard at **607-775-0170.**

Creativity flourishes in our Art classes! The drawing on the left is by Gwen Axton (SVHS), and the mixed-media moth below was produced by Pippa Gendron (RTS).

Public Information

The District utilizes a part-time Public Information Coordinator through Broome-Tioga BOCES. The Public Information Coordinator is responsible for creating content for the District website, www.svsabers.org, and its social media pages. The Public Information Coordinator is also responsible for furnishing news and information to local media and creating a variety of district publications, including this calendar.

At the beginning of the school year, parents and guardians will receive a **Publicity Release** form for each student. Please sign and return the form **ONLY if you do NOT give permission** for your child(ren) to be photographed or for their image to be used on the district website or published in local media.

Contact the Public Information Coordinator during regular business hours at **607-775-7599.**

Title I Parent & Family Engagement

Our district believes that parents and families are essential partners in student success. Through our Title I Parent & Family Engagement Program, families are encouraged to participate in planning, reviewing and improving Title I programs and activities.

Parents have the right to:

- Be informed about Title I programs & student progress
- Participate in meetings and decision-making opportunities
- Work in partnership with teachers & schools to support student achievement
- Provide input on the District's Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy

The complete Title I Parent & Family Engagement policy, School-Parent Compact and more resources are available by scanning the QR code or visiting the District website:

www.svsabers.org/TitleIParentandFamilyEngagement.aspx

2026-27 School Calendar

Approved by the SVCSD Board of Education 2/18/26

SCHOOL DAYS*	
Student	181
Conference	4
Total	185

Total possible days of Student Attendance: 185

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION			
Labor Day	9/7/26	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1/18/27
Columbus Day	10/12/26	Presidents Day	2/12 - 2/15/27
Veterans Day	11/11/26	Spring Recess	3/26 - 4/2/27
Thanksgiving Break	11/25 - 11/27/26	Memorial Day	5/28 - 5/31/27
Winter Recess	12/23/26 - 1/1/27	Rating Days	6/18 & 6/25/27

SEPTEMBER 2026 (15) + 2

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OCTOBER 2026 (20) + 1

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NOVEMBER 2026 (17)

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JANUARY 2027 (19)

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FEBRUARY 2027 (18)

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MARCH 2027 (18) +1

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JUNE 2027 (19)

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LEGEND

	Conference Days 9/08, 9/09, 10/09, 3/12
	School Closed (Holidays/Recess)
	Regents Exams
	Early Releases: - 10/08 (Bus Drill; 15 min. Early) - 11/24 (11 am & 12 pm) - 02/11 (11 am & 12 pm) - 05/27 (11 am & 12 pm)
	Elementary Parent Conferences - 12 pm Elementary Dismissal - 12/04, 12/11
	Two-Hour Delay (Teacher Professional Development) 4/19
	Regents Rating Day - 6/18 & 6/25

Priority of Make-Up Days

May 28, 2027
April 2, 2027
April 1, 2027

***School Year:** Sect. 3604 of New York State Education Law states that "...the Board of Education for the preceding school year shall show that the public schools were actually in session in the district... for not less than 180 days."

SV Central School District Numbers
Central Offices Fax #: 607-775-4575

Information/Switchboard.....**607-775-0170**
Superintendent.....775-9100
Assistant Superintendent.....775-9146
Athletics Office.....775-9144
Director of Technology.....775-9143
Public Information Officer.....775-7599
Director of Facilities.....775-9156
Food Service Office.....775-9154
Special Services Director.....775-9111
Transportation Supervisor.....775-9153

Brookside Elementary School
Fax: Main Office: 775-7516 / Health Office: 775-7502
Principal/Main Office.....**607-775-7513**
School Nurse.....775-7515

Francis P. Donnelly Elementary School
Fax: Main Office: 775-9313 / Health Office: 775-7507
Principal/Main Office.....**607-775-0176**
School Nurse.....775-9108

Richard T. Stank Middle School
Fax: Main Office: 775-9142 / Health Office:775-7508
Principal/Main Office.....**607-775-9129**
Assistant Principal/Athletics Director.....775-9131
Guidance Office.....775-9132
Social Worker.....775-9127
School Nurse.....775-9136

Susquehanna Valley High School
Fax: Main Office: 775-9126 / Health Office: 775-7509
Principal/Main Office.....**607-775-0304**
Assistant Principal.....775-9114
Guidance Office.....775-9115
School Nurse.....775-9119

Local Emergency Numbers

Please note: the following numbers are for informational purposes. It is strongly recommended that the reporting of emergencies and/or requests for emergency assistance be made by dialing 9-1-1.

Police Departments
Broome County Sheriff.....778-1911
New York State Police.....775-1241
Vestal Police.....754-2386

Ambulances
Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad.....772-6565
Superior Ambulance.....772-1456

Fire Departments
Binghamton.....723-7475
Conklin, Kirkwood, Windsor.....778-1911
Vestal.....754-1313

Hospitals
Binghamton General.....762-2200
Guthrie/Lourdes.....798-5111
Wilson.....763-6000

Town of Binghamton
Supervisor, Clerk, Water and Sewer.....772-0357
Highway Garage.....669-4323

Town of Conklin
Clerk.....775-3454
Highway Garage.....775-0020
Supervisor.....775-4114
Water and Sewer.....775-4584

Town of Kirkwood
Clerk.....775-1966
Highway Garage.....775-1616
Supervisor.....775-1370
Water and Sewer.....775-1919

Town of Vestal
Supervisor, Clerk, Water Department.....748-1514
Highway Dept.....785-4616

Town of Windsor
Clerk.....655-2023
Highway Dept.....655-1615
Supervisor.....655-2026

Our Drivers go the extra mile for students... We invite you to join our Saber fleet!

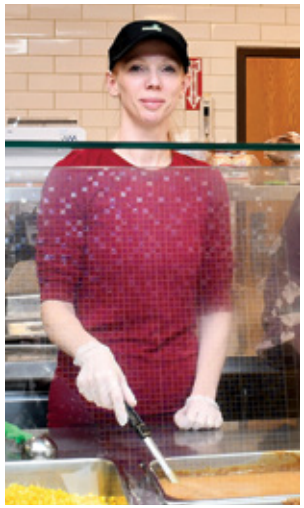
Susquehanna Valley CSD is hiring school bus drivers and monitors. We have an URGENT need to fill positions within our Transportation Department and are always interested in attracting qualified drivers to our team!

If you have ever thought about driving a school bus, here's your chance to explore this opportunity! Driving a school bus for Susquehanna Valley is an excellent way to earn money while making an immeasurable difference each day in the lives of our students.

At Susquehanna Valley, you'll be part of a dedicated team of transportation professionals, safely transporting approximately 1,400 students to and from school, as well as to other locations throughout the region.

At Susquehanna Valley, we offer:

- Full PAID training & CDL certification
- A competitive wage
- Full-time drivers qualify for Health Insurance
- Great work hours
- A positive, supportive environment



Our Food Service Helpers support our students with meals that are healthy & nutritious...

Join our team and help fuel our Sabers' success!

Follow the school calendar while earning a stable wage for part-time work. We're always looking for substitute Food Service helpers throughout the school year.

Keep an eye on our Employment web page for permanent openings in Food Service!

At Susquehanna Valley, we offer:

- A competitive wage
- Training provided
- Summers, weekends & holidays off
- A positive, supportive environment

Our Cleaners keep SV schools shining & safe... Join our crew to help create spaces where Sabers can thrive!

If you're looking for a fair, reliable income for rewarding work, SV is continuously recruiting substitute cleaners for full or part-time first & second-shift schedules.

And watch our Employment web page for permanent openings in our Facilities Department!

At Susquehanna Valley, we offer:

- A competitive wage
- Full-time cleaners qualify for Health Insurance
- Great work hours
- A positive, supportive environment

Call 607-775-9153 today!

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Or visit our District website to see the employment opportunities available - www.svsabers.org

2025 - 26 Saber Shoutouts!

We love celebrating our Sabers! Here are some kudos to share about students and staff alike from this past year...

Renovations at RTS Middle School, including an updated library space, were completed in time to welcome students back for the new school year.

Inductees into the 2025 Wall of Fame included Saber football & wrestling standout Ian Lupole (2015), *right,* and the 2015 Girls Varsity Basketball team & staff, *above*. They were inducted in a special ceremony on October 25, 2025.

SV High School teachers Lorraine Buckley (science), Rachel Heslin (math) and Matthew Strick (math) were selected to be NYS Master Teachers!

SV hosted the 3rd Annual "Kick It For Cans" tournament, bringing together Brookside & Donnelly fifth graders with students from Chenango Valley for a day of kickball and kindness. Their efforts helped raise $30,750 to support local families in need through the Saber Food Center and CV's Warrior Fund.

Graduates of Distinction!.. In June, SV proudly recognized the first-ever Graduates of Distinction, a new recognition program that will annually salute alumni whose professional achievements, leadership and service exemplify the very best of Saber pride. Congratulations to:

Cindy Gorgos (1976) • Mark Gorgos (1974)
Jeremy Lombardo (2004) • Jordan Patch (2001)

Distinguished Service Award

Past Board of Education member Suzanne Vimislik received the SV Distinguished Service Award from Superintendent Brubaker during the High School Commencement ceremony on June 26.

Photo courtesy of Sean Murphy Studios

Class of 2026 Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Leading their fellow Sabers at graduation in The Forum on June 26, 2026, were Valedictorian LilliOnna D'Introno (pictured right) and Salutatorian Rachel Dumian (pictured left).

Looking back at the Class of 2026's Senior Year

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Our Vision

"We strive to be leaders in providing high quality experiences, fostering personal growth, and developing positive relationships that make Susquehanna Valley a Great Place to Live and Learn."