

Susquehanna Valley High School

SABER NEWS

April 2025

From the Administration

It's hard to believe we're already entering April, and even harder to believe that we're just about to close out the third quarter. With only ten weeks left in the school year after that, we're officially in the home stretch. Now's the time to stay focused, push through, and finish strong—every day still counts, and the effort students put in now can make all the difference.

March was a busy and exciting month at SVHS, especially for our music department. As part of "Music in Our Schools" month, our student musicians were out and about sharing their talents and love for music with the community. Whether performing locally or collaborating with younger grades, they represented us with pride and professionalism.

Another big highlight this past month was one of our student groups taking first place in the regional APP Challenge. This competition encourages students to explore coding, computer science, and workforce-related issues impacting their communities. Their success not only reflects impressive technical skills, but also the creativity, collaboration, and community-minded spirit we value so much here. Great job representing SV!

Looking ahead, spring break is scheduled from April 18–25, and I hope it provides everyone with a chance to rest, recharge, and reset before we head into the final weeks of the school year.

Let's keep showing up, working hard, and supporting one another—we've come this far, and I'm excited to see how we finish.

Important Dates:

April 4
Q3 Ends
School Librarian Day

April 7
2 Hour Delay for Teacher
Professional Development

April 9
Junior Parent Night @
6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

April 16
Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

April 17
School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day

April 18-25
Spring Recess

April 18
No School
All Buildings Closed

April 21-25
No School

April 28
District will celebrate-
Administrative Professionals Day

News from the Guidance Office

April 2025

Scholarships

The [SV Dollars for Scholars application](#) is open. Students should be completing this application whether they are enrolling in college, the workforce or military after graduation. The deadline to submit the application is April 11, 2025. There is also a [scholarship list](#) posted on the Class of 2025 google classroom for additional scholarship opportunities.

Junior Parent Night

The Counseling Office is hosting a Junior Parent Night on Wednesday, April 9, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. We will discuss their senior year timeline, the college application process, and many important dates for your student's final year of high school. Students are encouraged to attend with their families. Don't miss out on this informational meeting!

Youth Apprenticeship Program

The Youth Apprenticeship Program is a work-based learning experience for students in 11th and/or 12th that mixes on-the-job training and learning. Students will work off-site with a business 10 hours a week to gain knowledge in that occupational field while earning high school and college credits! All the listed apprenticeships are paid! Below is a list of employers and potential career pathways the position will introduce students to. Stop by the counseling office for more information about these positions and an applica-

Employer	Grade	Potential Career Paths
Willow Run Foods**	12	Business, Accountant, Human Resources, Computer Operator, Warehouse, Receptionist/Office Clerk, Sales
Raymond Corporation**	11 or 12	Business, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources, Marketing, Accounting, Finance
Raymond Corporation**	11 or 12	Engineer, Production Operator, Electrical Technician, Welding Technician
Willow Point Nursing Center**	11 or 12	Healthcare/Patient Care, Nurse Assistant, RN, Physical Therapy Assistant, PT, Social Worker, Dietician
Guthrie Lourdes Hospital**	12	Healthcare/Patient Care, RN, Occupational Therapy, Medical Records Specialist, Lab Tech, Respiratory Therapy
Hinman, Howard & Kattell**	12	Lawyer, Paralegal, Office Clerk, Legal Research, Accounting, Business Manager
Visions Federal Credit Union**	11	Finance, Banking, Business, Human Resources
Media Brush Marketing**	12	Marketing, Advertising, Sales, Media Management
**= positions that are PAID!		

tion. Applications are due April 17, 2025. Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

SAT and ACT

There is still time for college-bound seniors to take the SAT or ACT. While some schools have a test-optional policy, there are schools and programs that require SAT or ACT scores. Both exams have fall test dates!

SAT:

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

***Please note: SV is not a testing site, so students will have to take the exam at a neighboring high school such as Binghamton HS, Vestal HS, Maine-Endwell HS or CVHS.**

ACT:

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

Preparing for the SAT/ACT:

Students should familiarize themselves with the test(s) and create a study plan. Here are some tips on how to prepare for the SAT/ACT:

- Khan Academy
- This is a free, personalized, online study tool. Khan Academy has partnered with College Board to deliver a tailored guide to the SAT based on the student's PSAT results. If a student took the PSAT in October, they can link their results to Khan Academy!
- SAT Practice Tests: - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

ACT Practice Tests: <https://academy.act.org/>

Please check with the schools you are interested in for the most up-to-date information. If you are still interested in taking the SAT/ACT, you must register online at www.collegeboard.org for the SAT or www.actstudent.org for the ACT. SV is not a testing site, but our students can test at local high schools in the area such as Binghamton HS, Vestal HS or Maine-Endwell HS.



Art News

SV High School student wins Art Award

Senior Grey Milligan took home one of only six awards at the 2025 Emerging Artist Competition for High School students. Each year, the Broome County Arts Council invites area art teachers to submit up to 12 pieces of exemplary artwork to be adjudicated by art professionals working in the community. This year, 100 artworks from nine area high schools were selected and will be displayed at the Artisan Gallery in Binghamton for the month of March.

Awards were granted in 5 categories, and for Best in Show. All artworks were scored individually, with the highest scores receiving awards. Grey's ceramic teapot, entitled, *Hindrance of the Skin Basket* received the award in the category of *Excellence in Composition*.

Other talented SV High School artists who had their work selected for this exhibition were Riley Masters, Madelyn Fabrizi-Shover, Madelyn Strnatka, Vincenz DiFulvio, Rylan Everson, Amethyst Albert, and Jolene Pleus.



Senior artists Maryis Karns and Maddie Fabrizi-Shover recently created a new Sabers mural to decorate part of the newly renovated training hallway at Lowe's Home Improvement in Vestal. Lowe's wished to update their space with murals representing local school districts. SV was the first school selected to share their school spirit with the community.



NYS 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Course



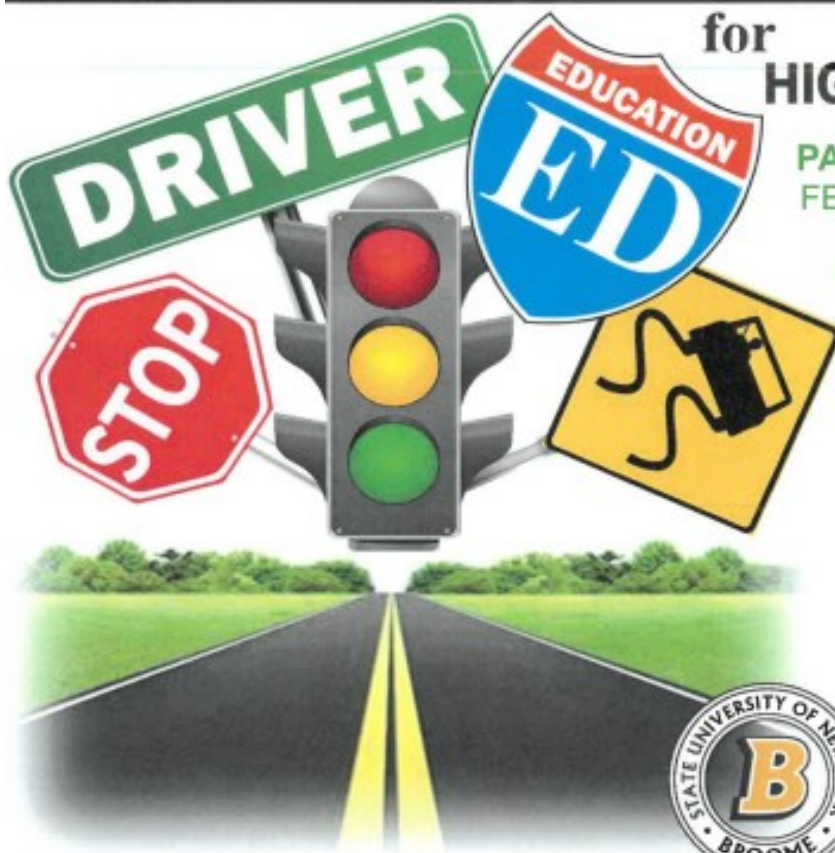
NEXT CLASSES

ZOOM	4PM-9PM
Jan. 22, Mar. 5	
Apr. 16, May 14	
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IN PERSON	4PM-9PM
Feb. 19, Mar. 26,	
Apr. 30	



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FEB-APRIL 5:00-6:30PM



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TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
FEB-MAY 5:00-6:30PM



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April is National Poetry Month
& the S.V. High School Library
will celebrate its annual

“Poem in Your Pocket” Week

During April 7 – 11

☞ Read Poems ☞ Collect Poems ☞ Share Poems ☞
Write Poems ☞ Find Out Your Teacher’s Favorite
Poem ☞ Enter Contests ☞ Celebrate Poetry!

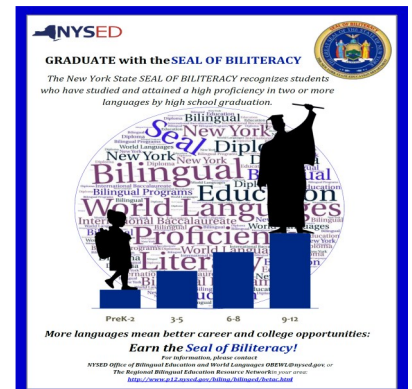
SV Students Make the Semi- Finalists for the Syracuse Stage Young Playwright’s Festival



Grey Milligan, grade 12 and **Peyton Tobler**, grade 11, submitted their original one act plays to the Syracuse Stage Young Playwright’s Festival. Out of over 200 original one act plays written by high school students, both Grey and Peyton’s plays were judged worthy to be included in the semi-finals, as part of the top 16 plays chosen. Both will receive a workshop and feedback by theater experts from Syracuse University. After this, the young writers will have a chance to revise their work. Upon re-submission, the playwrights will be considered for the final round where they could have their play performed at the April 29th festival. Congratulations to Grey on his play “Death by the General,” and Peyton’s play “In the Eye.” Last year, we attended the festival and learned so much. We plan to do the same this year.

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Please contact Mrs. Wright, World Language
Department Chair, if you would like more in-
formation about earning the NYS Seal of
Biliteracy: jwright@svsabers.org.





Time to order Graduation Caps & Gowns!



CAP GOWN AND TASSEL PLATINUM

\$85.00

CAP GOWN AND TASSEL GOLD a

\$75.00

CAP GOWN AND TASSEL SILVER a

\$60.00

**More packages and items available
Follow this link for all your Class of 2025 ordering**

<https://www.nygrad.com/schools/susquehanna-valley-high-school>

Senior Dates to Remember:

- **Senior Awards Ceremony:** Monday, June 9, 2025
SVHS Auditorium 7 p.m.
- **Senior Prom:** Friday, June 20, 2025
Traditions at the Glen 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- **Chem-Free After Prom Party:** Friday, June 20, &
SVHS Saturday, June 21, 2025
11 p.m. - 2 a.m.
- **Senior Breakfast:** Monday, June 16, 2025
High School Court Yard 8 a.m.

Caps and Gowns will be distributed at Breakfast

- **Senior Walk-thru:** Monday, June 16, 2025
Donnelly & Brookside 9 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- **Last Day of Classes:** Monday, June 16, 2025
- **Senior Picnic:** Thursday, June 26, 2025
SVHS 11:30 a.m.
- **Graduation Rehearsal:** Thursday, June 26, 2025
The Forum *Seniors Only* 1:00 p.m.
- **Graduation:** Friday, June 27, 2025
The Forum 7 p.m.

Graduation Cap & Gown can be ordered by clicking this link:

<https://nygrad.com/>

If ordering a cap & gown is a financial burden, or if you have any problems ordering, please contact us at the Main Office.

We're here to help!



Prom

- The prom will be at Traditions at the Glen from 8-11 p.m.
- Tickets will go on sale in May after the proper forms have been filled out from the main office.
- We are happy to announce that all SV Seniors will receive a free prom ticket.
- Dues must be paid before hand.
- Any non-SV Senior ticket will be \$20 pp.
- Only 1 outside guest is allowed per SV Senior.

Class Dues

- If you have not paid any class dues as of yet, they are now \$60.
- *Class dues are paid by every student and help cover senior event costs.*
- Checks can be made out to SV Class of 2025.
- Dues must be paid before receiving a prom ticket in May.

Your Class Advisors,
Dan Simonds & Elizabeth Strnatka
dsimonds@svsabers.org & estrnatk@svsabers.org



JUNIORS

Class of 2026

Spring Fling Dance!

- The Spring Fling Dance is going to be held on **Friday, April 11** by the Class of 2026!
- Where: SVHS Large Gymnasium
- Time: 8-10 p.m.
- Tickets will be sold in Miss. Herman's room (room 14), or Miss. Balachick's room (room 6) for **\$10** (must purchase a ticket for entry).
- Ticket sales start on Monday, April 7.
- If you plan on bringing someone from another school to the dance, a **guest form** must be filled out in the main office prior to the dance.

Communication

- For communication, we will continue to use **ParentSquare**. Please have the app downloaded on your phone.

Fundraisers

- We are selling Krispy Kremes starting on April 30! Please help us raise money as your Senior Prom is right around the corner!

Class Dues

- Class dues of **\$15 for junior year** are due now! These help pay for all senior activities.
- **If you have not paid for your freshman and/or sophomore year dues**, you will also be responsible for paying these (\$15 late due fees).
- **Checks** should be made out to **SV Class of 2026**.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Alyson Herman or Hailie Balachick.

Your Class Advisors,
Alyson Herman and Hailie Balachick
aherman@svsabers.org & hbalachi@svsabers.org

Sophomores

Class of 2027

Please sign up for Parentsquare. This is the best way to get information out and can be accessed in various ways. We will no longer be using Remind. Students, there is a Student Square for you and our Google Classroom. Please make sure you are signed up for at least one point of contact!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the pop-up popcorn fundraiser. We were able to raise more than anticipated for the class account, and we could not have done it without all of your support!

This month, we are trying a new fundraiser for Manni's doughnuts during April. The students will be selling vouchers for a dozen doughnuts! We are hoping to have the fundraiser done by the time we leave for Spring break on 4/18, and that we can continue to do this fundraiser moving forward. We will reach out to students with more information during a Sabertime meeting, and as always, we will reach out to everyone on Parentsquare. Looking ahead, we will have the hanging baskets after spring break, and they will be delivered on the Saturday before Mother's Day!

Lastly, please remember class dues. The payment schedule is posted below. As always, do not hesitate to reach out if you are unsure about owed dues. We are happy to help. **The cheapest option is to pay for all 4 years at once, and it will cost \$50 until the end of this month! After the new year, the price goes up \$5.**

Year	September-December	Paid For All 4 Years	January-June	Paid For All 4 Years
Sophomore	\$25	\$45	\$30	\$50
Junior	\$40	\$50	\$45	\$55
Senior	\$55	\$55	\$60	\$60

All checks should be made out to "SV Class of 2027."

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you for your endless support!

Your class advisors,

Mackenzie Barker and Jennifer Potter
mbarker@svsabers.org & jpotter@svsabers.org

Freshman

Class of 2028

The Class of 2028 is hosting the concession stand for the **April Spring Fling Dance on April 11. Please consider helping us fundraise by contributing the following items:**

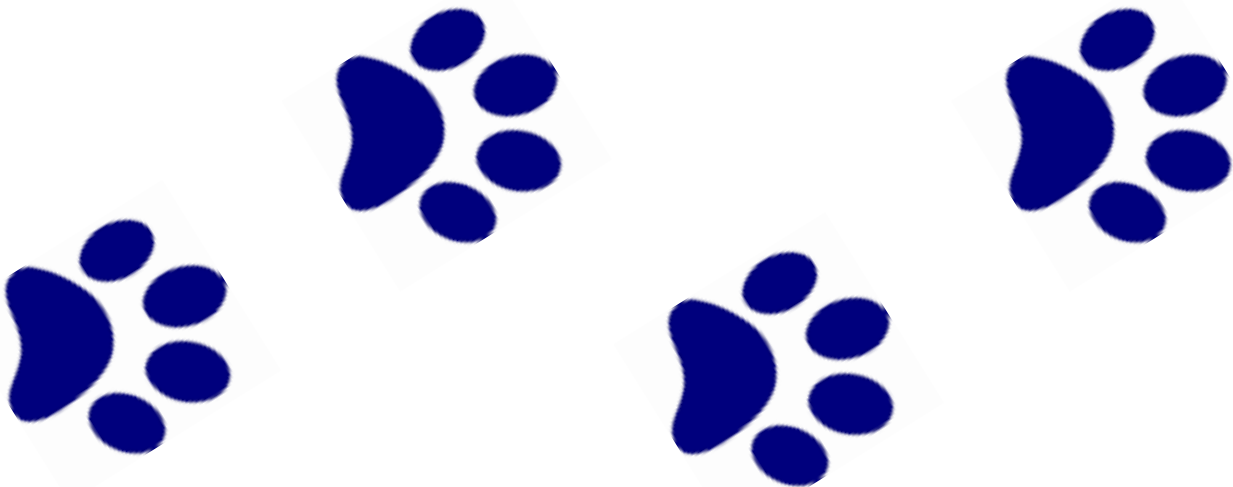
- Cases of water bottles
- Various flavors of canned soda (Dr Pepper, Mountain Dew, Pepsi, Diet Coke, Root Beer, etc.)
- Full-size candy bars
- Sweet/Sour candies (Sour Patch Kids, Nerds, etc.)
- Monetary donations for sheet pizzas

Label the items "Class of 2028" and drop them off in the main office by **April 11**. Checks can be made out to CLASS OF 2028. Thank you!

Have you ever heard of "Anything But A Backpack?" Well, the class of 2028 is bringing it here, to SV High School Thursday April 17th! Check out the poster for rules, ideas and donation information.

Class of 2028, we are here for you!

Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Howland



Anything **BUT** a backpack



Sponsored by the Class of 2028



Thursday APRIL 17th

Suggested donation payable at the door upon morning arrival.

Approval Sticker Required

\$3.00 items smaller than a bookbag

\$5.00 items larger than a bookbag

Note: All items must comply with school rules.

Staff reserves the right to search and confiscate containers causing disruption.



\$\$ For a small donation \$\$

You can use your creativity to carry all of your school stuff!



High School Music News

April 2025

Music Awards Banquet - DATE CHANGE

- June 16, 2025
- Awards at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
- Dessert reception to follow in the Cafeteria.
- Tickets: \$5.00 per person. Members of the Musical Class of 2025 attend for free.
- *Ticket order form on next page.*

Scholarships

Throughout the year, a variety of music scholarships are offered to area students. Keep your eye on our Google Classrooms and outside of the Music Suite on the bulletin boards for applications and deadlines. These are posted as they are received by the music faculty.

Senior Biographies for the Music Awards Banquet

Each year, we feature bios of our graduating seniors in the music banquet program. Seniors who wish to have their bios included should complete this [Google Form](#) no later than May 15, 2025. Seniors have received an invitation to this link in their SV email.





*All HS Musicians and Musical
Families
are invited to the
Music Awards Banquet*



- Monday, June 16, 2025 in the High School Auditorium.
- Awards at 6 p.m.
- Dessert reception to follow in the High School Cafeteria.
- ALL High School Musicians receive awards.
- Attire: awards ceremony appropriate business casual.
- Volunteers are needed to help with cafeteria setup and with cleaning up after the event.

COST:

- \$5 per person - cash or check to SVHS Band.
- *Class of 2025 graduating Musicians are guests of the Music Department at no charge.*

****Music Awards Banquet Ticket Order Form – please detach and return****
OR Fill out the Google Form by scanning the QR code above

Family Name _____ Phone _____

_____ We can help with setup

_____ We can help with cleanup

Class of 2025 Musician (grade 12 student):

Awards and Dessert:



TOTAL:

_____ x \$0.00 = _____
_____ x \$5.00 = _____
\$ _____

To order tickets, please return to your director no later than **May 30, 2025.**

April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Word of the Month: Perseverance		1 Day 6	2 Day 1	3 Day 2	4 Q3 Ends Day 3 School Librarian Appreciation Day	5
6	Grades due by 3 p.m. 7 Day 4 2 Hour Delay for Teacher Development	8 Day 5	Jr. Parent Night 9 Day 6	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12
13	14 Day 3 Purple Up for Military Children	15 Day 4	16 Day 5 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	17 Day 6 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	18 Spring Recess No School All Buildings Closed	19 
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
SPRING RECESS NO SCHOOL						
27	28 Day 1 Chem Free Prom Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.- Zoom Administrative Professionals Day	29 Day 2	30 Day 3			