

Susquehanna Valley High School

SABER NEWS

April 2024

From the Administration

First, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you for a rejuvenating and enjoyable spring break! It's a great time for students to unwind and recharge before the last quarter of the school year. Whether you're embarking on a family adventure or simply relaxing at home, I hope that students and families can enjoy a bit of time off.

Before we look ahead, there is much to celebrate and be proud of last month! One notable highlight is the successful launch of our Elementary Mentor Program, which saw an impressive turnout of 87 high school volunteers eager to positively impact students in grades 2

-5 at Donnelly Elementary. When I asked students who would be interested in working with our younger friends, I could not

fathom how many students would want to participate. They even give extra time in their busy schedules as this extends their school day once a month! This initiative not only fosters a sense of responsibility and leadership among our high school students but also creates meaningful connections to school and among students that benefit both mentors and mentees alike. We are looking forward to our next trip to Donnelly at the end of April!



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Important Dates:

April 8

Early Dismissal
11:30 a.m. HS & MS

April 10

Junior Parent Night
6:00 p.m.

April 12

2 Hour Delay

April 22

Board of Education
Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

April 23

School Bus Drivers
Appreciation Day

April 24

Administrative
Professionals Day

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Our Mock Trial team has also been making waves, showcasing their legal prowess by securing victories in both prosecution and defense during the preliminary rounds. With their exceptional performance, they have advanced to the regional semi-final round of trials, and we wish them the best of luck as they continue to excel and demonstrate their skills vs. Maine-Endwell on April 9! (photo)



Our recent Music in Our Schools concert was a success, showcasing the talent and dedication of our student musicians. March is a very busy time for them, and they made it look effortless. Many musicians just returned from a trip to Virginia, representing our school and showcasing their musical talents on a broader stage. We are immensely proud of their planning and preparation, and the way they represent our school as Saber musicians!



As part of our ongoing commitment to preparing students for future careers, our Workforce Wednesday program has been thriving, with numerous community businesses actively engaging with our students throughout the month. We had visitors that included Broome County Corrections Officers, Broome County Emergency Services, International Union of Painters, Big E Tires, NYS Dept. of Transportation, Willow Run, Rogers Trucking, Staff Kings, and more! This program provides invaluable insight and networking opportunities that help our students explore various career paths beyond high school, and I am happy to say it has even led to internship opportunities and planned future employment for some of our current seniors! We want to thank all of the representatives from various businesses that participated with us, we would not be able to do this without you!



We also had a successful Winter Dance, a fun “Volley for Mental Health” volleyball
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tournament, and an awesome turnout at our Bingo Night! Thank you to all of the parent and teacher volunteers, and the businesses that donated to each of these events, they wouldn't have been successful without you! Each of these events helped raise money for the Junior class, Suicide Awareness & Prevention, and the chem-free after prom... and were a good time too!



As we approach the end of the third quarter on April 12th, I encourage all students to finish strong and remain focused on their academic goals. If students are behind or owe past assignments, spring break would be a great time to get those completed. The stronger students finish the third quarter means less pressure for the end of the year, so hard work now is worth it!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community! Happy Spring!

SV Peer Leaders 4th Annual

Volley for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Tournament

Our Annual Volley for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Tournament was again a huge success! Thank you to the 17 teams and the many students and parents who came out to cheer on their friends and family. The competition was fierce and fun! A donation to the Dan Cullen Scholarship Fund was made with the profit.



Our SVHS SADD group also attended the event, and sold bracelets supporting Suicide Prevention, with the proceeds donated to the Dan Cullen Scholarship Fund!

News from the Guidance Office

April 2024

Scholarships

Scholarship availability picks up between January and May. Students will want to check several places for a list of scholarships:

- Class of 2024 Google Classroom - Under Classwork, Scholarships!
- [Scholarship list](#).
- Guidance Services page on the SV website- Financial Aid section- scholarship link on the right-hand side.
- [SV Dollars for Scholars](#) - this application typically opens up Semester 2 and students will work on it during English class. English teachers were provided copies of student transcripts before the start of applications.

The Scholarship Foundation has increased its awards each year and currently presents between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to members of the graduating class. The Scholarship Foundation depends upon the generosity of the SV community to raise these graduation awards.

We ask you to consider a tax-deductible donation to assist us in our mission. Donations may be mailed to: Susquehanna Valley Scholarship Foundation/Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 382, Conklin, New York 13748. The foundation is always looking for new members. It doesn't require a huge time commitment - usually only an hour or two per month. The foundation committee typically meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the SV High School library. Please consider joining!

If you would like more information regarding the permanent endowment programs designed to recognize members of the Susquehanna Valley School Community, please contact **Sydelle Steward**, high school principal at Susquehanna Valley Senior High School at 1040 Conklin Road, Conklin NY 13748.


Junior Parent Night

Our high school counselors will host a Junior Parent Night on Wednesday, April 10, 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!

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Please contact Mrs. Rowe,
department chair for languages, if you would
like more information about earning the NYS

Seal of Biliteracy:
srowe@svsabers.org.



The poster features the NYSSED logo at the top left and the Seal of Biliteracy logo at the top right. The main text reads: "GRADUATE with the SEAL OF BILITERACY. The New York State SEAL OF BILITERACY recognizes students who have studied and attained a high proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation." Below this is a circular graphic with a silhouette of a graduate and a bar chart showing proficiency levels for PreK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The bar chart shows increasing proficiency levels across the grades. The text "Seal of Biliteracy" is written in a stylized font within the circular graphic. At the bottom, it says: "More languages mean better career and college opportunities: Earn the Seal of Biliteracy! For information, please contact: NYSSED Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL)@nysed.gov or http://www.nysed.gov/office-of-bilingual-education-and-world-languages".

SAT and ACT

The SAT and ACT are both standardized tests that colleges use to measure academic achievements and college readiness in applicants. Schools accept either the SAT or ACT so students should find out about both tests to determine which one would be best for them to take. Counselors are available to help students decide.

*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.

2024 SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Deadline to Register
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024

Students must register online at sat.org/register

2024 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Deadline to Register
August 24, 2024	August 19, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	September 20
Date Nov 2, 2024	October 18
Dec 2, 2024	November 22

Students must register online at act.org/register

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, 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/>

It is recommended that college bound students take the SAT for the first time in [the spring of your junior year](#) and again in the Fall before college application deadlines. Most students who retake the SAT raise their score, and some students even take it more than twice.

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SV FACS

Susquehanna Valley High School Family & Consumer Sciences (FACS) classes are busy preparing for Spring and 2024 FACS Service Learning Projects. The curriculum for each elective offered through FACS incorporates mini-service learning projects that focus on creating healthy environments conducive to production, increasing accessibility, food preparation, and sampling of nutrient-dense foods through agricultural and culinary experiences. These projects are designed to be student-driven comprehensive learning opportunities empowering self-efficacy through applications of the principles of sustainable food systems and healthy living through an agricultural lens. The interdisciplinary approach of these projects facilitates the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and leadership skills.

Healthy food is a key component to increase vitality and longevity. The secret to healthy food lies in the quality of the soil it is grown in. The better the soil, the higher the nutrient density of the food. This was envisioned by SV Alumni, Kolton Gardener (Class of 2022) when he proposed vermiculture as an addition to our FACS program. Fast forward to 2024 and Susquehanna Valley is now vermicomposting through our partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

March 6 and 7, CCE Recycling and Composting Educator, Kira Hawkins joined our classes sharing her knowledge and experience with building healthy soil and raising red wiggler worms to produce worm castings that will enrich our garden soil. With Kira's guidance, students created mini habitats using shredded paper and fruit/vegetable scraps from our culinary classes and composting efforts. Presently, our red wigglers are thriving under the care of our students. We are looking forward to adding worm castings to our courtyard garden beds as soon as the weather permits.



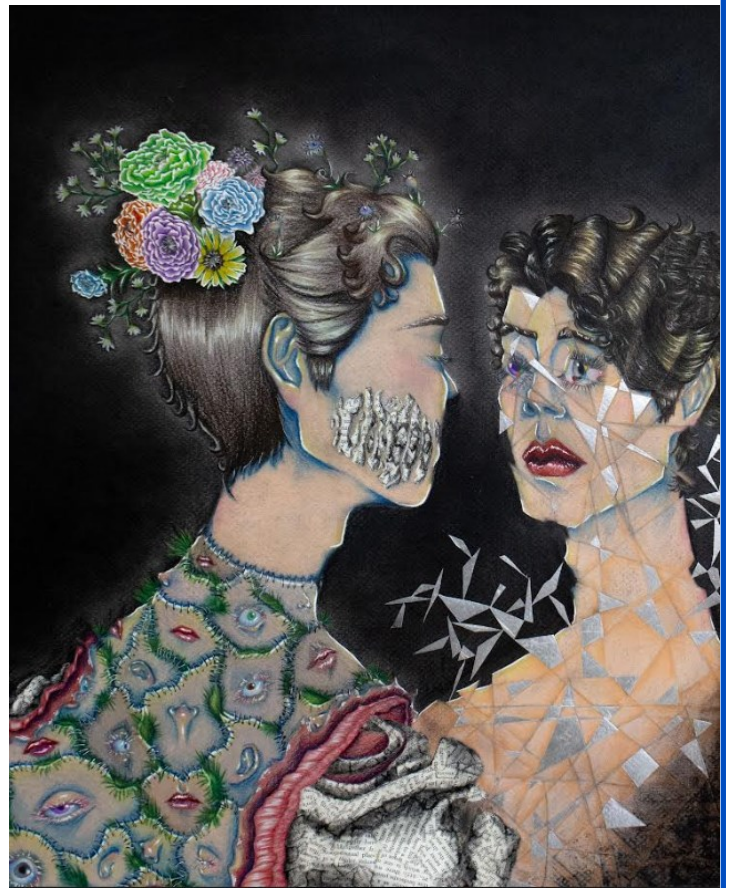
SV Art News

The SV Art Dept is proud to announce the winners in the 81st Annual Scholastic Art Awards! Congratulations to Grey Milligan, who was awarded a Silver Key for his drawing, *Capricious Corporeality*, and to Kaleb Twitchell who received an Honorable Mention for his digital photograph,

Grey and Kaleb received their honors at the Annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at the Clemens Center in Elmira, New York. This special event honors the winning students, teachers, and schools, by publicly recognizing the young artists of our region. Attendees will then move to the Arnot Museum immediately following the ceremony for an opening reception in the East Gallery. The exhibition will be on view in the Arnot Museum through April 26, 2024.



Multi-Dimensional Cubist Self-Portrait.



Capricious Corporeality

Chem Free Post Prom

We are pleased to announce that our Bingo Night, held on March 22, was a huge success! The success was only possible thanks to our many parent volunteers and the generous support of our SV community! Thank you everybody for your support! Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, at 6 p.m. We are always looking for volunteers!

If you have any questions please contact Asst. Principal Zach Tarnowski or his secretary, Emily Schuster at:

ztarnows@svsabers.org or eschuste@svsabers.org

Phone: 607-775-9114

SV Senior Prom News

SENIORS: Mark your calendars for June 14, 2024. If you have paid all of your dues, you'll receive **ONE FREE** ticket for yourself. If you are bringing a guest that is not an SVHS Senior or does not attend SVHS you must purchase a separate ticket for them. THESE TICKETS WILL BE \$25 (and can be paid by cash or check starting *approximately* May 14). We want you to have a wonderful stress-free time, but for that to happen it is YOUR responsibility to stay up-to-date about this event. Listen to announcements, check the google classroom or ask us if you have any questions.

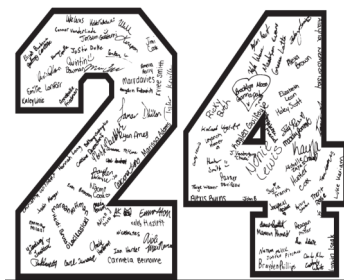
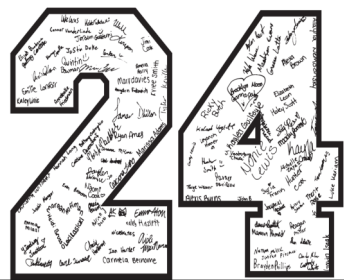
~Mrs. Root & Mrs. Lyke
Senior Class Advisors

Senior Dates to Remember:

- **Senior Awards Ceremony:** Monday, June 10, 2024
SVHS Auditorium 7 p.m.
- **Senior Prom:** Friday, June 14, 2024
Traditions at the Glen 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- **Chem-Free After Prom Party:** Friday, June 14, & SVHS
Saturday, June 15, 2024
11 p.m. - 2 a.m.
- **Senior Breakfast** Thursday, June 13, 2024
High School Court Yard 8 a.m.
- **Senior Walk-thru** Thursday, June 13, 2024
Donnelly & Brookside 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- **Last Day of Classes:** Thursday, June 13, 2024
- **Senior Picnic** Thursday, June 27, 2024
SVHS 11:30 a.m.
- **Graduation Rehearsal:** Thursday, June 27, 2024
The Forum 1:30 p.m.
- **Graduation:** Friday, June 28, 2023
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!



JUNIORS

Class of 2025

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

- Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser. Our profits were higher than normal which was very exciting!

Snowball Dance Fundraiser

- This fundraiser was a HUGE success! We were able to make a nice profit from the dance.
- An ENORMOUS thank you to all the students who helped by selling tickets, creating balloon decorations, and decorating the gym. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

REMIND

- Please join our REMIND group by texting the message [@svclass25](https://www.textnow.com/text/@svclass25) to [81010](https://www.textnow.com/text/81010).

Class Dues

- Class dues help pay for all senior activities.
- Dues are \$15 now for this year
- It is the best value to pay for all 4 years ahead of time, the amount is \$55.
- Checks should be made out to SV Class of 2025.

Your Class Advisors,

Dan Simonds & Elizabeth Strnatka

dsimonds@svsabers.org & etrnatk@svsabers.org

Class of 2026



REMIND

- Please join our REMIND group by texting the message [@svclass26](https://www.textnow.com/text/@svclass26) to **81010**.
- **Parents and students** please join the group for important information and updates.

Fundraisers

- Our fundraiser for April is **Krispy Kreme!**
- Stay tuned for more details. Flyers and other fundraising materials will be sent home to families soon.

Class Dues

- Since it is now **2024**, the amount for the year has been raised to **\$15**.
- **If you have not paid for your freshman year dues**, you will also be responsible for paying an **additional \$15**.
- **Checks** should be made out to **SV Class of 2026**.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your Class Advisors,

Alyson Herman and Hailie Balachick

aherman@svsabers.org hbalachi@svsabers.org

Class of 2027



JOIN OUR CLASS REMIND by texting the message **@svclass27** to the number **81010**. **JOIN OUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM** BY ENTERING CODE **slnwnpc**. Students need to join to get important class updates and fundraising information and parents/guardians are encouraged to sign up as well. The more, the merrier!

To start, thank you all SO much for the donations used at the refreshment table at our 2024 Snowball Dance. We were able to supply those who came to the dance with great snacks and drinks, as well as make a nice contribution to the class funds afterward. Way to go!

Our **last fundraiser** of the year will be hanging baskets! This is a fun and easy fundraiser that everyone can participate in. It is the perfect time of year to get those baskets out and beautify the outside of your home! It is also a great gift for Mother's day, or anyone who has a special day in these warmer months. See the flier on the next page for more information, as well as a sheet for orders. We will pass out the printed order sheets to students after spring break, and selling will end on 4/30. Baskets should arrive by mid May.

Lastly, please do not forget about class dues. The payment schedule is posted below. **The least expensive option is to pay for all 4 years at once, and it will cost \$45.**

Year	September-December	Paid For All 4 Years	January-June	Paid For All 4 Years
Freshman	-----	-----	\$15	\$45
Sophomore	\$25	\$45	\$30	\$50
Junior	\$40	\$50	\$45	\$55
Senior	\$55	\$55	\$60	\$60

Checks should be made out to "SV Class of 2027."

Your class advisors,
Mackenzie Barker and Jennifer Potter
mbarker@svsabers.org & jpotter@svsabers.org



SV Class of 2027 HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER



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Violet (item #14)



Pink Flame (item #15)



Dark Eyes (item #16)

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Swing Time (item #17)

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Red (item #2)

Pink (item #3)



Violet (item #4)

Pink Star (item #10)



Red (item #8)



Blue (item #9)



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SV Class of 2027

Hanging Basket Fundraiser

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Pink	6											
Mixed Color(Growers Choice)	7											
Supertunias (petunia)												
Red	8											
Blue	9											
Pink Star	10											
Plum	11											
Mixed Color(Growers Choice)	12											
Calliope Geraniums												
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Violet	14											
Pink Flame	15											
Fuchsia												
Darks Eyes	16											
Swingtime	17											
Zebra Plant	18											
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<p>Make Checks Payable to SV Class of 2027</p> <p>Delivery Saturday May 11th in front of RTS middle school 10:00 to noon</p> <p>orders MUST be turned in by Tuesday April 30</p> 		name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name
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for more plant information use the QR or go to <http://oliverpainegreenhouses.com/documents/groups/Baskets2023.pdf>
 questions: Mackenzie Barker mbarker@svsabers.org or Jennifer Potter jpotter@svsabers.org
 We reserve the right to substitute plant colors based on greenhouse availability



High School Music News April 2024

Music Awards Banquet

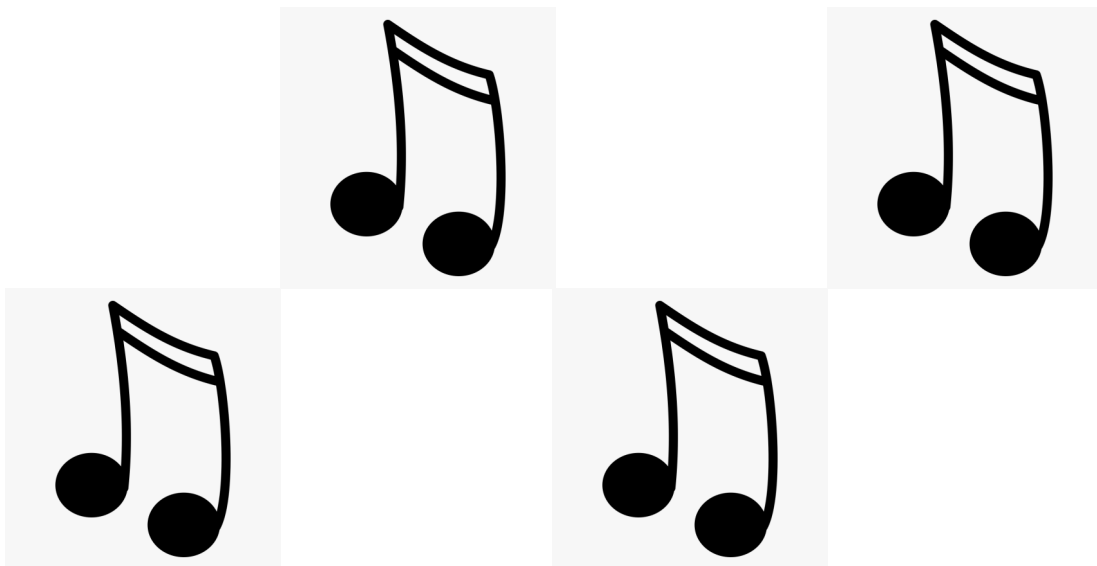
Save the date for this year's celebration. Our Music Awards Banquet will take place at SV on June 18, 2024. Details coming soon!

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, 2024.





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PURPLE UP! As of March 19, 2024, Commissioner of Education Rosa has designated April as the Month of the Military Child – also known as Purple Up! For Military Kids. On April 25, 2024 Susquehanna Valley will be joining school districts nationwide to celebrate the important role of military families by wearing purple. SV High School Spirit Club will provide a purple rubber bracelet to all high school students, faculty, and staff to show solidarity and support.



April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Word of the Month: Perseverance	SPRING RECESS- NO SCHOOL						
7	Day 2 Early Dismissal @ 11:30 a.m.	Day 3	Day 4 Junior Night 6:00 p.m. Auditorium	10 College Gear Day 5	Day 6 2 Hr. Delay Prof. Dev.	13	
14	Day 1 Grades due @ 3:00 p.m.	Day 2	Day 3	18 Day 4	Day 5	20	
21 	Day 6 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	Day 1 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	Day 2 Administrative Professional Day	24 Day 3 Wear Purple for Military Children	Day 4	26 	
28	Day 5	Day 6	30				