

Susquehanna Valley High School
SABER NEWS
January 2024

From the Administration

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well and that you had a joyful and restful holiday season. As we step into 2024, I am thrilled to welcome all of the students back to school and excited to get back into the swing of things!

The start of a new year is a wonderful time for reflection, growth, and setting new goals. We are currently in the second half of Quarter 2, which is the time for students to work hard and finish the quarter strong. This is the perfect time to reflect on academic strategies students have used so far and decide what should stay and what might need to be changed. It's also the perfect time to set achievable goals to work toward for the rest of the school year. Talking with your child about their goals is a great way to check in and help them create goals on their path to academic success.

At the end of the quarter, we will be running a Regents and Midterm Week Schedule to allow students to sit for exams and gain experience for June examinations (see page 6 for the schedule). Midterms help teachers benchmark student learning and decide on any adaptations they need moving forward with their classes. Tuesday, January 23, through Friday, January 26, students will need to report only for the exams that they are taking and may leave when they are finished. During this timeframe, we will have regular morning and afternoon buses for students needing transportation. Please see the attached Midterm Schedule and Regents Schedule on the following pages. Attendance at the exams is very important, as it is difficult to make up exams that are the length of midterms. Regents exams are not allowed to be made up. We do have Friday, January 26, scheduled as a make-up day for midterms as needed.

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Important Dates:

January 15

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (All Buildings Closed)

January 17

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

January 24

SV Teachers vs. Harlem Wizards at HS @ 7:00 p.m.

January 23-26

HS NYS Regents Exams

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In the event of a weather-related closing or delay during this time, we will communicate how it affects the scheduled examinations.

We will also be running an academic boot camp from January 23rd through January 26th. We are asking that all students who are failing courses at that time come in and work in our boot camp room with our credit recovery teacher to make up any work they need to complete to pass their courses. This is a great opportunity to ensure all students can have a successful finish to quarter 2! Boot camp will be open from 7:45 am-2:20 pm, for students to utilize when they are not taking exams.

Our teachers and counselors are always here to ensure students are on their way to success in their courses. Please reach out to either the classroom teacher or your child's school counselor if you have any questions related to their academic progress. We are all here to ensure students have what they need to succeed!

Thank you for all that you do every day for your family. We at SV are wishing you and your family a fantastic 2024!

January Word of the Month: **INTEGRITY!**

Integrity is doing the right thing even when nobody is looking!



News from the Guidance Office

January 2024

BOCES CTE Visitation for Current Sophomores!

Now is the time for sophomores to learn more about the programs BOCES offers. As juniors and seniors, students have the opportunity to learn job skills through instruction and hands-on experience. Successful students are prepared to enter the workforce, earn a technical degree, and/or advance to college with credits earned through articulation agreements.

Visitations will be during the afternoon session on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024** with a snow date of **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**. Sophomores will be able to tour three programs to help them decide if a CTE program is right for them!

Please return the permission slip (page 4) to the Guidance Office by **February 16**. Copies are also available in the Guidance Office.

BOCES is also holding an OPEN HOUSE for parents/guardians and students to attend on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Education Center - 435 Glenwood Road, Binghamton NY 13905.

Introductory Level Programs	Intermediate Level Programs	Advanced Level Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Trades/Plumbing• Business Management & Computer Careers• Clean Energy Battery Solutions• General Automotive Services• Hospitality Industry Careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agricultural Sciences• Auto Body Repair• Carpentry• CAD & 3D Animation• Cosmetology• Culinary Arts• Electricity• Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation• Masonry• Video Production• Welding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auto Technology• Criminal Justice• Graphics & Gaming Design• Health Science• IT Specialist• Manufacturing

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RULES, REGULATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS/STUDENT TRIPS

The following procedures, rules and regulations are in effect for all student trips sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley School District. A “sponsored trip” is one approved by the appropriate district official and may be a field trip, an extracurricular trip, or another type of school trip.

All students will be required to present a form signed by the parent/guardian and the student attesting to the fact that the rules are understood and will be followed. Additional information may be attached as developed for a particular trip.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

1. Students will act as ladies and gentlemen at all times.
2. The use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco, in any form, is prohibited.
3. Littering is prohibited.
4. Destruction of school or private property is prohibited.
5. “Petting” and other displays of affection are prohibited.
6. Obscene gestures, language, or other improper acts are prohibited.
7. Students with previous problems with disobedience, abuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco may be denied participation on any trip.
8. The chaperones are in complete charge at all times. Students will comply with all directions of the chaperones.
9. The chaperone in charge has the right to terminate the trip at any time. Serious violations may be referred to the appropriate police agency or school authorities for immediate actions.
10. It is the responsibility of the student and parents to notify the chaperones of any known medical problem that would have to be considered on the trip.
11. It is understood that in the event of serious illness or accident the nearest medical facility will be used.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARENTS

1. Review the accepted rules of conduct and behavior with your son or daughter.
2. Be sure that school representatives are informed if your son or daughter has an allergy, other medical problem or disability.
3. Be sure that your son or daughter does not bring alcohol, drugs or tobacco on the trip.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN: **(Completed form due to Guidance 02/16/2024 by 2:22 p.m.)**

I have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.

STUDENT _____ has my permission to go on the following school sponsored trip.

Field Trip Title: **CTE Visitation for current 10th-graders to: BOCES Education Center on: 2/27/2024**

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature for Field Trip Permission

Date

Student Signature

MEDICAL RELEASE

In case of any emergency (and a parent cannot be reached by phone), I authorize school chaperones to obtain medical treatment for my son/daughter named above.

Home phone

Emergency Phone

Parent/Guardian Signature for Medical Consent

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 still have dates available!

SAT:

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

***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 Chenango Valley HS.**

ACT:

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline- Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

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.

SVHS Midterm Schedule: January 2024

*Buses will run as normally scheduled, although students only need to report for their exams.

*Students should report to cafeteria when arriving for exams.

Date	Time	Exam
Tuesday 1/23	7:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	REGENTS EXAM: English Language Arts **All 11 th Grade ELA Students
		AP English
		AP World History
	11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Global History I
		Geometry
Wednesday, 1/24	7:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Physics
		US History / Career US History / AP US History
		Algebra I / Algebra I Part 1
		Spanish III
	11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.	French III
		AP Calculus
		Living Environment
		Spanish IV
Thursday, 1/25	7:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	French IV
		Global History II / Foundations of Global II
		Chemistry / AP Chemistry
		Spanish II
	11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.	French II
		Algebra II
		Earth Science
Friday, 1/26	7:45 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.	Precalculus
		Exam Makeup and Conflict Exams* Academic Bootcamp

ACADEMIC BOOTCAMP: 7:45 a.m.-2:20 p.m., Daily, Tuesday-Friday.

*Students who are failing courses are asked to attend bootcamp when



The **Project SHARE Heating Fund** is a heating grant designed to help low-income customers as well as active members of the military and veterans who are facing energy emergencies.

To be eligible for a **Project SHARE Heating Fund** grant, the applicant must:

- Have an active account in their name with either NYSEG or RG&E
- Have an active disconnect notice or energy emergency
- Have received HEAP or meet the HEAP income guideline, *except*:
- Active duty military members and well-discharged veterans may qualify regardless of income

Active Duty Military and Veterans

Active duty military members and well-discharged (honorary or general) veterans may qualify for a **Project SHARE Heating Fund** grant without adhering to all the eligibility guidelines above. See details below:

- The active NYSEG or RG&E account may be in the spouse's/partner's name
- The military member or veteran does not have to reside in the household upon application, however, the spouse/partner must
- The household must have an active disconnect notice or energy emergency
- No income guideline requirement

Once approved, the grant awarded is \$200 and customers may apply once every 12 months. The **Project SHARE Heating Fund** is administered by HeartShare Human Services of New York. Applications for grants must be submitted by an authorized intake agency or by calling HeartShare directly at 1.800.599.4327. To hear an automated message of intake agencies in your area, call 1.844.579.5555.

The **Project SHARE Heating Fund** is open for applications until funds are exhausted. This fund is supported by the Avangrid Corporation as well as NYSEG and RG&E customers and employees who contribute throughout the year.

For additional information on the **Project SHARE Heating Fund** visit our websites. NYSEG customers should visit www.nyseg.com and RG&E customers should visit www.rge.com, click on "Account", then under "Ways to Pay" click on "Help with Bill", scroll down to "Project SHARE Heating Fund" and click on the link.

We want to know you are safe



Our **Life Support Protection Program** provides special, personalized benefits and services for customers with life-sustaining equipment.

What qualifies as life sustaining equipment?

Any medical equipment that mechanically sustains, restores, or replaces a vital bodily function per a licensed medical professional.

- Ventilators
- Oxygen concentrators – used 24 hours per day
- Home dialysis equipment
- Suction machines
- Feeding pumps
- Artificial Heart Devices (VAD, LVAD, LVACS)

What you can expect in our program

Communication during major storms: Our Critical Needs Specialists will call you to ensure you have a plan in place and are kept safe.

Notification of planned outages: We will notify you before any planned electrical outage so you can make alternate arrangements.

Critical Contact: Our enhanced texting service provides you with a convenient and easy way to personally communicate with us during a storm. This opportunity allows our Critical Needs Specialists to text you in preparation for a storm and to make sure you are safe. If you are involved in an outage, you can text us back requesting more information and a specialist will call you. Please provide us your mobile phone number by calling **866.717.2307** Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or email us at Criticalcontact@nyseg.com.

Additional Services

Outage Alerts: You can stay informed on storm status, restoration times and report an outage by text. Enroll at nyseg.com.

Assistance with bills during financial hardship: Medical Emergency: If you or a member of your household has a serious medical condition that requires electricity and you receive a termination notice, we will extend your service for 30 days with the request of a medical certificate from your physician.

One Less Worry: If you or a member of your household is hospitalized, we will extend the due date of your bill for 30 days.

How to Enroll in our Life Support Protection Program

Contact us at **800.572.1111** Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and we'll send you a survey to complete.

- **Visit your physician** – they will need to fill out some details and sign the survey to authorize that you require life sustaining equipment.
- **Return the survey** to us.
- **Tell us if any of your contact information changes** – like your address or phone number.



Energy Assistance Program Application



NYSEG

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Discount for eligible residential customers

Please complete this form, sign, and return by email, fax or mail to:

email NYSEGEnergyAssistanceProgramMailbox@nyseg.com
 fax 800.325.9920
 mail NYSEG Energy Assistance Program
 P.O. Box 5240
 Binghamton, NY 13902-5240

Customer Name				Benefit Qualifying Person			
Mailing Address					Apartment No.		
City		State	NY	Zip		Phone	
Account No.				Email Address			

Please check the program from which you now receive assistance

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start (if living on tribal lands) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal TANF (if living on tribal lands) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Disability or Survivors Pension | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (if living on tribal lands) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Public Housing Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifeline Telephone Service Program (Lifeline) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (if living on tribal lands) | |

Eligibility Requirements

To prove participation in one of the above programs, please submit an award letter or a document that includes your name or the name of their benefit qualifying person (BQP), the name of the qualifying program, and the government, Tribal entity or program administrator that issued the document. All documentation must have an issue date within the last 12 months or a future expiration date that aligns with the benefit period.

Customer/Benefit Qualifying Person Certification and Authorization

I certify that the information above is correct. By signing this form, I allow NYSEG to share and verify information in my application or documentation for this program with Third Parties. I also allow Third Parties to give NYSEG, or representatives or agencies of the federal, state, or local government, information or documentation requested about me related to this and related programs. This information will be shared to help process my application and for ongoing participation and compliance with the program. Information that NYSEG and a Third Party may share about me:

- Information about my application, program participation, and eligibility.
- Information and documentation about utilities, payment history, employment history, income, application status, and award information for benefits or utilities assistance.

Customer Signature		Date	
Benefit Qualifying Person Signature (if necessary)		Date	

If you have any questions, please contact us at 800.572.1111.

Aplicación del Programa de asistencia de energía



Descuento para clientes residenciales aptos

Complete este formulario, firmelo y envíelo por correo electrónico, fax o correo postal a:

correo electrónico **NYSEGEnergyAssistanceProgramMailbox@nyseg.com**
fax **800.325.9920**
Correo postal **NYSEG Energy Assistance Program**
P.O. Box 5240
Binghamton, NY 13902-5240

Nombre del cliente				Persona calificada para recibir beneficios			
Dirección postal N.º				N.º de depto			
Ciudad		Estado	NY	Código postal		Teléfono	
N.º de cuenta				Dirección de correo electrónico			

Marque el programa del cual actualmente recibe asistencia

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programa de asistencia nutricional complementaria (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Asistencia general de la Secretaría de asuntos indígenas (Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, si vive en tierras de aborígenes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start (si vive en tierras de aborígenes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pensión de sobrevivientes o jubilación por discapacidad de veteranos de guerra | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal TANF (si vive en tierras de aborígenes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ingreso de seguridad complementario (Supplemental Security Income, SSI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Programa de distribución de alimentos en reservas indígenas (si vive en tierras de aborígenes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asistencia federal para la vivienda pública (Federal Public Housing Assistance) | <input type="checkbox"/> Programa de asistencia de energía para el hogar (Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Programa de servicio telefónico Lifeline (Lifeline) |

Requisitos de aptitud

Para comprobar su participación en uno de los programas anteriores, envíe una carta de adjudicación o un documento que tenga su nombre o el nombre de la persona calificada para recibir beneficios (BQP), el nombre del programa para el que califica, el gobierno, la entidad aborígen o el administrador del programa que emitió el documento. Toda la documentación debe tener una fecha de emisión en los últimos 12 meses o una fecha de caducidad a futuro que se alinee con el periodo de beneficios.

Certificación y autorización del usuario o la persona calificada para recibir beneficios

Certifico que la información anterior es correcta. Al firmar este formulario, autorizo a NYSEG a que intercambie y verifique la información presente en mi solicitud o documentación de este programa con terceros. También autorizo que terceros entreguen a NYSEG, representantes o agencias gubernamentales locales, estatales o federales información o documentación que se solicite sobre mi persona relacionada con este programa o programas relacionados. Esta información se intercambiará para ayudar el proceso de mi solicitud y para la participación y el cumplimiento permanente del programa. La información que NYSEG y un tercero podrá intercambiar sobre mi persona es la siguiente:

- Información sobre mi solicitud, participación en el programa y aptitud.
- Información y documentación sobre servicios públicos, historial de pagos, antecedentes laborales, ingresos, estado de la solicitud e información de adjudicación de beneficios o asistencia para recibir servicios públicos.

Firma del usuario		Fecha	
Firma de la persona calificada para recibir beneficios (si corresponde)		Fecha	

Si tiene alguna pregunta, llámenos al 800.572.1111.



Advanced Online HS Elective Courses Spring 2024

Broome-Tioga BOCES is partnering with Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) to offer regional online courses for high school students through their CollegeNow program.

Juniors and Seniors from school districts in the Broome-Tioga BOCES region can participate in the advanced online courses. Courses will be offered as asynchronous courses. Asynchronous courses can be completed at any time, and allow for more flexibility so that the courses can fit into your schedule.

Teachers will be available for synchronous office hours to support students.

Based on the tentative award of the Advanced Course Access (ACA) grant for the next two years, these courses will be available at no additional cost to those districts included in the grant. **Counselors who are interested in enrolling students should contact Dodie Ainslie at dainslie@btboces.org or Dan Longo at dlongo@btboces.org for enrollment procedures.**

Spring 2024 Courses

Technology and the Environment | ENVS 102 | 3 Credits

Instructor: Mr. Mark Pellegrino

This course examines the technological aspects of resource problems. Topics include air and water pollution, traditional and alternative energy sources, climate change, and management of non-renewable resources. Technical and economic constraints are considered, along with alternatives for future development. Local and global issues are addressed.

Computer Science II | CSCI 165 | 3 Credits

Instructor: Mr. Brian Tolan

This is an introductory computer science course covering problem-solving, algorithm development, and object oriented design in a modern programming language such as Java, Python, or C++. Specific topics include objects, methods, data structures, classes, abstraction, encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism, and exception handling. Applications are from a variety of areas.

Prerequisites: CSCI 160

Introduction to Sociology | SOCI 101 | 3 Credits

Instructor: Ms. Amber Hardy

This is an introductory study of the basic concepts, theoretical principles, and methods used within the discipline of sociology. Emphasis is on group interaction, social and cultural processes, and the structure and organization of American social institutions. SOCI 101 fulfills the SUNY General Education Social Sciences requirement.

Introduction to Statistics | MATH 200 | 3 Credits

Instructor: Mr. Mark Marino

This course is a study of the application of statistical procedures to the analysis of experimental data. Topics covered include methods for presentation of data; measures of center, dispersion and position; sampling techniques; elementary probability; hypothesis testing and confidence intervals for both one and two populations; and linear correlation and regression. Use of the binomial, normal, student's T and chi-square distributions are also covered. Technology such as a graphing calculator or Excel is required.

Precalculus Mathematics | MATH 138 | 4 Credits

Instructor TBD

This course provides the algebraic foundation from a function standpoint for a standard calculus course. Topics include: theory of functions and radicals, right triangle trigonometry, analytic trigonometry, law of sines, law of cosines, trigonometry with applications, vectors, polar coordinates, binomial theorem and conic sections.

American National Government | POSC 103 | 3 Credits

Instructor TBD

An examination of the essentials of the American constitutional system, the function of political parties, the concept of the federal system, the role of administrative agencies, the methods by which foreign affairs are conducted, and the manners in which conflicting ideals are resolved in a democratic system.

Personal Health | HLTH 206 | 3 Credits

Instructor: Mrs. Kelly Breward

This course isolates some of the most perplexing health-related problems, and provides opinions, data, and facts to help students make decisions to optimize their personal health. Topics include promoting health behavior change, psychosocial health, managing stress, violence and abuse, human sexuality, nutrition, weight management, personal fitness, addictions and addictive behavior, alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, illicit drugs, cardiovascular disease, cancer, infectious diseases, sexually-transmitted infections, noninfectious conditions, healthy aging, environmental health, consumerism, and complementary and alternative medicine.

Intro to Astronomy | ASTR 101 | 3 Credits

Instructor: Mr. Kyle Verspoor

This course is a general study of the fundamental principles of astronomy. Topics include the motions of the earth, members of the solar system, stars, galaxies and universe. ASTR 101 fulfills the SUNY General Education Natural Sciences requirement, but is not a laboratory science course. Students do not need a background in science or mathematics to take this course.

**We treat others
how we want to
be treated.**





for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

PARENT-STUDENT MEETING
JANUARY 25 7:00-8:30PM



CLASSROOM SESSIONS
IN PERSON
JAN-APRIL 5:00-6:30PM



DRIVING SESSIONS
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
FEB-APRIL 5:00-6:30PM



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NEXT CLASSES

ZOOM
Feb. 4, Apr. 14 3PM-8PM
Mar. 11, May 8 4PM-9PM

← →
IN PERSON 4PM-9PM
Jan. 26, Feb. 23,
Mar. 22, Apr. 26



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Chem Free Post Prom

Congratulations to the grand prize scratch off lottery board winners! Patti Sperber was the third place winner of \$100 worth of scratch off tickets and Rebecca Clark was the second place winner of \$200 lottery tickets. The Grand Prize winner of \$500 worth of lottery tickets was Alison DeGraw. This fundraiser was a gigantic success, and we thank all of those who participated!!

The next Chem Free Post Prom meeting will take place on January 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. If you have not attended a meeting thus far, please come and join us, all are welcome!



Patti Sperber & Asst. Principal Tarnowski



Rebecca Clark & Asst. Principal Tarnowski

If you have any questions please contact Zach Tarnowski or Emily Schuster
ztarnows@svsabers.org or eschuste@svsabers.org
Phone: 607-775-9114

Saber Stage Press Release

Seussical the Musical

February 23,24 @ 7:30 p.m.
February 25 @ 2:00 p.m.

Seussical is one of the most performed shows in America. It is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza written by Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. The show brings to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the elephant, the Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination – Jojo. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the invisible world of the Whos.

The Cat in the Hat, played by Adrian Burns and Bethany Ondreyko, tells the story of Horton, acted by Grey Milligan, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos and their mayor-embodied by Alexandria Kelly. Grayden Everson portrays Jojo, the mayor's Who son, sent off to boarding school for thinking too many "thinks." The Who village is represented by Lilly Hollenbeck, Hailey



Gorton, Sophia Sousouris, Sophia Landers and Riley Olds. Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, he must also guard an abandoned egg left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird, personified by Lillian Short. Mayzie is supported by her bird girl followers depicted by Basil Kutalek, Aleia Keough, and Madelyn Zitzmann. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, Janeva Mazil performs the part of the faithful Gertrude McFuzz who never loses faith in him. Despite the attacks of the Wickersham family, represented by Paul Howard, Veda Harendza and Ryleigh Stewart, and Alexandria Stewart, (who also doubles as Yertle the turtle) and sharp tongue of the sour Kangaroo interpreted by Peyton Tobler, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community triumph.

Stage crew includes: Emma Milasi, Mason Nagle, Demetrius Morelock, Rylan Everson, alumnus Chris Sears, and others who will join as production week approaches.

Stage direction is by Shirley Goodman. Musical director and pit conductor is Jenn Perkins. Sonny Dewitt, Karen Everson, Shirley Goodman will be building the sets designed by Mr. Dewitt. Courtney Kerrick is getting the backstage crew in shape, with the help of Isaac Contreras, our alumnus stage manager. Costumes are assembled and designed by Lynn Szigeti. Finally, we have Kate Fabrizio and Josey Milligan teaching choreography. Light design by Shirley Goodman with the assistance of Gabby Button. Sound will be delivered by alumnus Logan Everson.

Seussical is fun for the whole family! Tickets can be purchased online starting February 5. Special ticket prices for families of two or more children will be available online or at the door.

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.



Give your teen the gift of Reading!

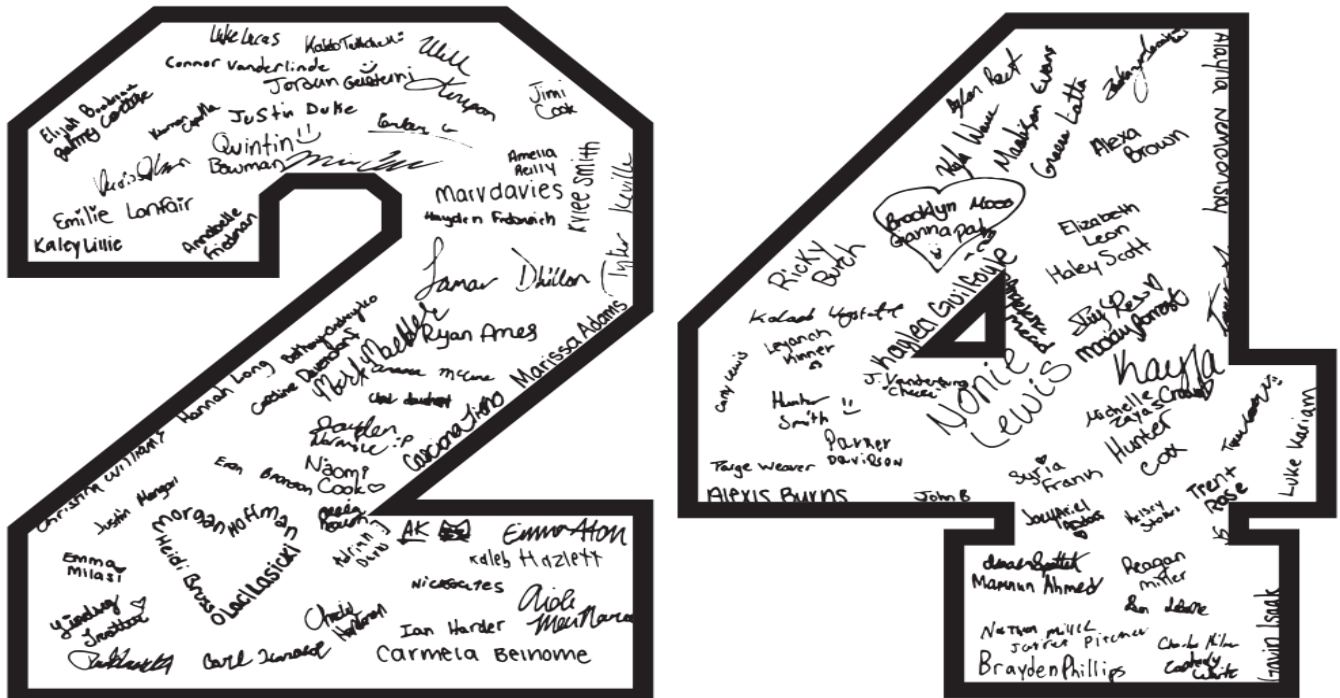
Numerous studies show that reading for pleasure is tied to many academic and social benefits. Here are some ways to inspire your teen to read: [“Reading for Fun.”](#) Not sure what book to choose? A gift certificate to a book store is a great idea, too. (Also, feel free to email Ms. Westgate, High School librarian, for book suggestions: pwestgat@svsabers.org.)

SENIOR 2024

Hello 2024

- Prom planning has started. Check 2024 google classroom for updates.
- If you haven't already done so, class dues must be paid.
- Any questions please contact Mrs. Root or Mrs. Lyke.

sroot@svsabers.org / klyke@svsabers.org



**We are collecting gently used Saber Gear that is in good condition.
All sizes are accepted.**



JUNIORS

Class of 2025

Poinsettias & Wreath Nanticoke Gardens Fundraiser

- Thank you to all students and families who participated in our Poinsettia and Wreath Fundraiser.

Krispy Kremes

- The Krispy Kreme Fundraiser sale will be run from 1/29/24 - 2/12/24.
- Doughnuts will be delivered to the school and sent home with students on 2/21/24.

Winter Fundraising Dance

- The class will sponsor a winter dance on March 8.
- All proceeds will go to the Class of 2025.
- Refreshment donations will be needed to make a successful profit.

REMIND

- Please join our REMIND group by texting the message @svclass25 to 81010.

Class Dues

- Class dues help pay for all senior activities.
- Dues were \$10 until January, they are now \$15 for the year.
- Checks should be made out to SV Class of 2025.

Your Class Advisors,

Dan Simonds & Elizabeth Strnatka

dsimonds@svsabers.org & estrnatk@svsabers.org





Class of 2026

REMIND

- Please join our REMIND group by texting the message **@svclass26** to **81010**.
- **Parents and students** please join the group for important information and updates.

Class Dues

- Class dues help pay for all senior activities.
- Since it is now **January**, the amount 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**.

Your Class Advisors,

Alyson Herman and Hailie Balachick

aherman@svsabers.org & hbalachi@svsabers.org



JOIN OUR CLASS REMIND by texting the message **@svclass27** to the number **81010**.
JOIN OUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM BY ENTERING CODE **slwnpc**. 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!

Please do not forget about class dues. The payment schedule is posted below. **The**

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

cheapest option is to pay for all 4 years at once, and it will cost \$45.

Your class advisors,

Mackenzie Barker and Jennifer Potter



High School Music News

January 2024

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Sabers Musicians have been shining brightly this school year. Congratulations to all of those accepted to honors music ensembles throughout the area:

7-9 All-County Band

Addison Ruffo

7-9 All-County Chorus

Ryleigh Stewart

7-9 All-County Orchestra

Christine Barnett

Allicyn Bisaha

Genevieve Brown

Sonora Grant

Hannah Piscina

Arianna Yoder

7-9 Area All-State Orchestra

Allicyn Bisaha

Genevieve Brown

10-12 Area All-State Band

Andrew Waite

Hartwick Honors Band

Basil Kutalek

NYSBDA 10-12 Band

Andrew Waite (alternate)

10-12 All-County Audition Reminder

The final All-County audition day (only for students in grades 10-12) will take place on 1/6/2024 at West Middle School, with a snow date of 1/20/2024. See your director for times.

Music Department Trip

Virginia, Here We Come!

Payment information including the final schedule of payments has been handed out to students. The first payment is due ***NO LATER than January 15***. *These deadlines are very important and missing them can cause activities in our itinerary to be fully booked. The **final payment must be received February 10**. Please reach out to Mrs. Perkins with any questions regarding the trip!*

Please look for a final packet of information, including all medical release forms and permission slips, in mid-January. This will include details of the trip such as hotel information and final itinerary. We will provide you with packing instructions and how the morning of the trip will go. Be aware - you will have to be at school BEFORE the day usually begins. Time is still TBD but please plan on arriving prior to 6 a.m.!

Senior Photos and Grad Ads for the Yearbook

Please be advised of the following important dates regarding your child's senior year deadlines for Yearbook submissions:

Senior Portraits

Schedule your **senior portrait** to ensure proper delivery to the school. Senior portraits are **DUE ASAP**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in an absence of a senior portrait. No costumes or props will be allowed for photos.

Portrait Requirements

Senior Portraits must be submitted electronically (CD, email jpeg, USB). The digital image must be a resolution of 300 dpi and the color mode must be RGB. The image should be sized to a 5x7 image to ensure proper clarity. The yearbook is an all-color book so please plan accordingly when choosing a photo for the yearbook. To maintain a consistent look, only head and shoulders will be in the yearbook photo. No costumes or props will be allowed for photos. Photos submitted should be in color and with a simple background. The SVHS yearbook reserves the right to refuse a photo not meeting specifications.

Senior portraits are due ASAP.

All electronic submissions are to be sent to dzietz@svsabers.org. If submitting in person, please see Mr. Zietz in room 22. Any picture received after the due dates listed are not guaranteed to be in the yearbook. It is the student's responsibility to check with their studio to see if the studio has submitted the senior portrait to Susquehanna Valley. Portraits from Sean Murphy Studios will automatically be sent to the school.

For the 2023-2024 school year, our yearbook photo contract is with Sean Murphy Studios. They offer free yearbook sessions in their Binghamton studio for all Susquehanna Valley seniors. Sean Murphy Studios also offers full senior sessions which include the sitting and a selection of prints or digital images starting at only \$100. Many of their senior portrait collections include multi-location sessions with custom Photoshop graphics, personal smartphone apps, and some even include 50 free prints! For more information, please visit: <https://www.seanmurphystudios.com/svsabers> or call 607-203-9043.

Purchasing a Yearbook

Yearbooks may be purchased online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) until June 2, 2024. **Personalized year books may be purchased until January 31, 2024.**

Yearbook is a student run publication and your child is encouraged to join Yearbook Club. By joining Yearbook Club, your child will have the power to make their contributions to the assembly of this publication.

Grad Ads

Grad Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Grad Ads help our school create a better yearbook. This is optional and an additional cost, and must be created online at Jostens.com. To purchase your ad online, please go to Jostens.com and follow the instructions on the website. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

All Grad Ad orders must be placed by February 8, 2024.



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January 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 Winter Recess	3 Day 6 Welcome Back!	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6
7	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13
14	15 	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 
21	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 Teachers vs. Harlem Wizards @ 7:00 p.m.	25 Day 3	26 End of 2nd Quarter Day 4	27
28 	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31 Day 1	HS NYS Regents Exams, Finals and Midterms		