

Susquehanna Valley High School

SABER NEWS

March 2024

From the Administration

As we dive into the spring season, I am delighted to share some exciting news and achievements that have taken place at SVHS recently.

First, it is with immense pride that I announce our Valedictorian, Caroline Devendorf, and Salutatorian, Jamieson Cook. These students have worked hard throughout their high school career,



taking advantage of numerous academic offerings. And while they excel academically, they are also kind and caring. Congratulations, Caroline and Jimi! I would also like to recognize the outstanding efforts of our top-performing students who have earned a place in the top 10% of their class. They include Evan Bronson, Heidi Brusso, Mia Cole, Syria Frank, Morgan Hoffman, Laci Lasicki, Emma Milasi, Bethany Ondreyko, and Isaac Spottek. These students have demonstrated not only academic prowess but also a commitment to excellence that sets a shining example for their peers. We congratulate them on this well-deserved honor! Overall, I am so proud of the efforts of the entire senior class, and I am excited for all of the senior events in the spring.

(continued on next page)

Important Dates:

March 2

Read Across America Day

March 10

Daylight Saving Time

March 14

Superintendent's Conference Day - No School

March 15

No School

March 19

First Day of Spring

March 20

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

March 21

Music in Our Schools Concert, 6:30 p.m.

March 22

Chem Free BINGO Night, HS Gym, 6:00 p.m.

March 29

Spring Recess Begins

(continued from previous page)

In the spirit of celebrating diverse talents, I am also thrilled to share that senior Justin Vanderburg secured a remarkable 3rd place in a recent BOCES skills regional competition for Video Production. This achievement not only showcases individual skill and dedication but also highlights the opportunities that the BOCES CTE Program offers! Interested 10th grade students went on a field trip to BOCES as well this week, to see what programs they might be interested in for the upcoming year. I am curious to see what students choose!

Our school community also came together for a spectacular showcase of talent and creativity in the form of "*Seussical the Musical*." The dedication and passion displayed by our students both on and off the stage were truly commendable. The resounding success of this production is a testament to the vibrant arts culture that thrives within our school. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew on a great show and thank you to everyone from the community that came to support it!



In another highlight, our Model UN students embarked on an enriching journey to Washington, D.C. where they engaged in meaningful discussions, honed their diplomatic skills, and represented our school with grace. Such experiences not only broaden their perspectives but also contribute to the global awareness and understanding that we strive to instill in our students. Thank you for representing us well outside of our community!

In the midst of all of these achievements, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of finding a balance between hard work and enjoyment. Our students continually inspire us with their dedication, but it is equally crucial to savor the moments and build lasting memories along the journey. As we navigate the remainder of the academic year, let's encourage our students to embrace challenges with resilience and find the fun in their pursuits. Wishing you all continued success and looking forward to more accomplishments in the coming months!

News from the Guidance Office

March 2024

Scholarship Availability

Seniors - Scholarship availability for students considering further education picks up between the months of January & May. Students will want to check several places for a list of scholarships:

- Class of 2024 Google Classroom- Scholarship List.
- Guidance Services page on the SV website- Financial Aid section- School Scholarship link on the right-hand side.
- SV Dollars for Scholars - This application typically opens up during the second semester and students will work on it during English class. Copies of student transcripts have been provided to the English teachers.

The Scholarship Foundation has increased its awards each year and currently presents between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to members of the graduating class. The Scholarship Foundation depends upon the generosity of the SV community to raise these graduation awards. Please 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. In addition, 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**, the Susquehanna Valley High School Principal.

Peer Leaders Volleyball Tournament

Heads up! Peer Leaders will again be sponsoring the "Volley for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness" Tournament on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Games start at 3:30 p.m. Registration forms are posted at 4 corners. Parents and spectators are welcome to come and watch the fun! Permission slips for guest players are in the Guidance Office! Please make sure to have these turned in by the end of the day on March 5.



Junior Awards and Scholarships!

Each year there are a handful of colleges that offer awards to students for their success in school and involvement within the community. These awards have scholarships attached to them if the student decides to attend that college after graduation from high school. Our mission is to recognize worthy students while trying our best to match the award to students who may end up attending that college. With that being said, we are asking students to complete a Google form to express their interest in particular awards/colleges. A committee will then come together to nominate students for each award. Colleges that offer awards/scholarships are:

The University of Rochester
Elmira College
Russell Sage College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution (RPI)
Clarkson University
Wells College
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
LeMoyne College
Wilkes University
Alfred University

To be considered, students must fill out the Google form by **Friday, March 8**. The form was sent to students and families in an email and was posted to the Class of 2025 Google Classroom. Please contact the guidance office with any questions.

Workforce Wednesday

Susquehanna Valley High School's 2nd Annual "Workforce Wednesday" is underway. We are widening our students' knowledge of job or career opportunities available after graduation, be it from high school, trade school, or college, and developing their understanding of what makes a good employee. Employers will be set up in the Library for students to visit during Saber Time and/or lunch periods (10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) Please encourage your students (especially Junior or Senior students) to attend as many of these opportunities as possible. Many of these employers have apprenticeship openings, and summer and full-time jobs available. A list of questions to ask a potential employer is available to help start the conversations. You never know when an opportunity can help a student choose a path.

Your College Search

We encourage juniors to start thinking about their post-secondary plans. For those that plan to go to college after graduation, it will be important for students to start researching schools to find ones that fit their interests. Counselors will begin meeting with juniors in February to help with this process, but it's never too early to start planning! Below are some websites to get the ball rolling:

- College Board Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
- Cappex: <https://www.cappex.com/>
- Chegg: <https://www.chegg.com/schools>

News from the Counseling Office

March 2024

2024 SAT Prep Classes at SV High School*

*A Minimum number of students must be registered for these classes to occur

The 6-week SAT Prep Class will start Wed March 13 and run until Wed, April 24, in advance of the May 4, 2024 SAT exam. Week # 7 (May 1st) may be offered as an optional opportunity if a prior class was missed (please clear with the teacher). Classes will meet in MS room #119 (Wright - Math) and HS room #4 (Strmatka-English):

Week 1: March 13

Week 2: March 20

Week 3: March 27

No Classes held the week of Spring Break

Week 4: April 10

Week 5: April 17

Week 6: April 24

*To register for the SAT exam: Go to www.collegeboard.org.

**** To register for Prep classes:** Complete the form below and return it to the Counseling Office by Friday, March 9, 2024 with your check made payable to Susquehanna Valley High School for \$50, or see your counselor for an approved fee waiver.

Students who take the SAT preparation class at Susquehanna Valley High School will be required to purchase a book titled Kaplan: Digital SAT Prep Plus 2024. It is available for about \$25 - \$30 at Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Detach and return to the Guidance Office by Friday, March 8, 2024

Student name: _____

Indicate which section you'll be attending:

Wed - Math 5-6:30 p.m. _____ or 6:30- 8 p.m. _____ (check one)

Wed - Read/Write 5-6:30 p.m. _____ or 6:30- 8 p.m. _____ (check one)

Cost: \$50.00 Check _____ Cash _____ * Fee Waiver _____ (check one)

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

Students must register online at sat.org/register

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

2024 ACT Test Dates

Students must register online at act.org/register

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

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.

Level up by becoming a coder this summer.
Get the skills, network, and community
you need to change the world
with our two free programs.

WELCOME TO THE GAME. CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE.

VIRTUAL SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM

Ready for a multiplayer experience?

Build a network and invest in your future in live classrooms hosted by top companies.

Who gets to join?

- 9th-11th grade girls and non-binary high school students, with or without prior coding experience, including alums.

What will you learn?

- Design computer games using p5.js, a JavaScript library for creative coding.

What's in it for you?

- Find support and community from devoted Teaching Teams and classmates.
- Get career inspiration and mentorship from exclusive Partner Events.
- Enhance your experience with grants and laptop and hot spot access.

When does the program take place?

- Round 1: June 14 – June 28
- Round 2: July 8 – July 19
- Round 3: July 29 – August 9
- Classes meet M-F for 2-3 hours, followed by independent work time and optional Student Hours.

KEY DATES:

Early decision deadline: February 14

Regular decision deadline: March 22

girlswhocode.com/summerapply

SELF-PACED SUMMER PROGRAM



Prefer single-player life?

Explore hot topics in tech and become a coder on your own schedule.

Who gets to join?

- 9th-12th grade girls and non-binary high school students, with or without prior coding experience, including alums.

What will you learn?

- Choose from courses in Cybersecurity, Data Science + AI, and Web Development tracks.

What's in it for you?

- Enjoy the flexibility to learn independently, at your own pace.
- Connect with fellow coders and Advisors through Discord and Student Hours.
- Apply your new skills to create projects with real-world relevance and impact.

When does the program take place?

- July 1 – August 9
- Each course in a track takes 3-6 hours to complete.

JOIN
THE FUN:



**New this
year!**



**Tuesday
March 5, 2024
5:00-7:00 pm**



Business



Education



Engineering



Healthcare



Law & Government

New Visions Parent Information Night

for 10th graders and their families!

5:00-7:00 pm

BT BOCES Gymnasium
435 Glenwood Road
Binghamton, NY 13905

Broome-Tioga BOCES

Center for Career & Technical Excellence

Open House 2024

Tuesday
March 5
5-7 p.m.

Connect... Explore... Discover your future

Here's your chance to explore the many career-building opportunities available at Broome-Tioga BOCES' Center for Career & Technical Excellence.

Visit our unique classrooms. Meet our staff and get firsthand information about the courses and training that could help define your future.



Snow Date: Wed. March 6, 2024



435 Glenwood Road
Binghamton, NY

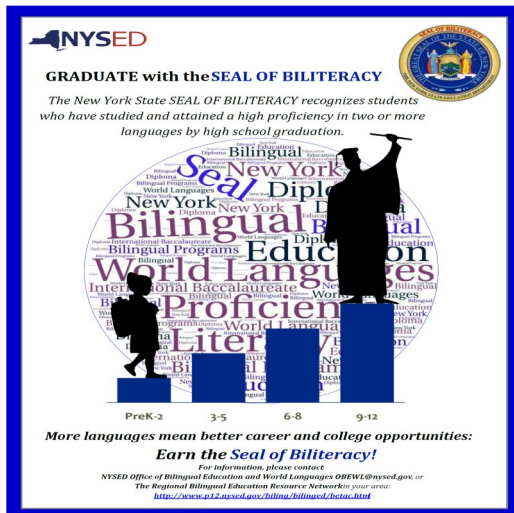


SEAL OF BILITERACY

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

Seal of Biliteracy:

srowe@svsabers.org.



NYS Five Hour Pre-Licensing Course

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

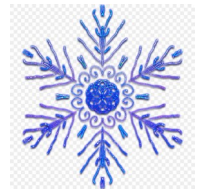
**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
& CONTINUING EDUCATION**
(607) 778-5012
sunybroome.edu/ce

Learn.
Experience.
Succeed.

Susquehanna Valley's



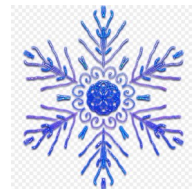
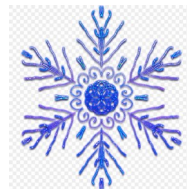
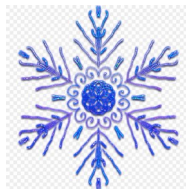
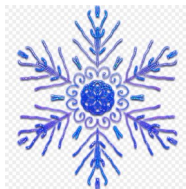
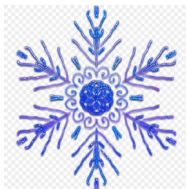
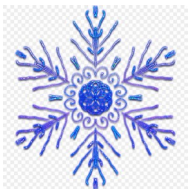
Snowball Dance



When: *March 8, 2024*

Time: *8-10 p.m.*

Cost: *\$10 per ticket*



**Tickets will be sold in February
during lunch blocks.**

**If bringing in a guest from another school,
an approval form must be completed beforehand
and turned in to the main office.**

Chem Free Post Prom

March is an exciting month for us! We will be hosting our annual Bingo Fundraiser on March 22, 2024 in the High School Large Gym. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo games will begin at 6:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased from the High School AP Office beginning on March 1, 2024 for \$25.00 for 20 Bingo game boards.

This is our biggest fundraisers to benefit our Class of 2024 Senior Post Prom Party. Come out and support our seniors with bingo, food, and tons of prizes. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions please contact the Assistant Principals Office @ 607-775-9114



If you have any questions please contact Zach Tarnowski or Emily Schuster:

ztarnows@svsabers.org or eschuste@svsabers.org

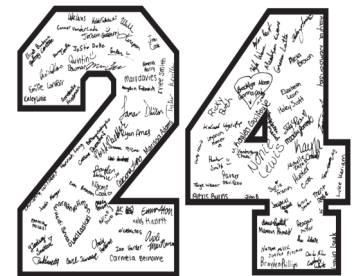
Phone: 607-775-9114

Senior Dates to Remember:

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

- **The Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser was a HUGE success! Thank you to all who participated. We had more sales than ever before.**

Snowball Dance Fundraiser

- **The fundraiser will be held March 8, 8-10 p.m.**
- **Students from ALL classes are invited and encouraged to attend**
- **Tickets will be on sale during lunch blocks. Students must fill out a form for guests from outside the school.**
- **Thank you Chenango Chiropractic for donating funds to pay for the decorations.**

REMIND

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

Class Dues

- **Class dues help pay for all senior activities.**
- **Dues are \$15 now for this year**
- **It is the cheapest 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 & 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.

Fundraisers

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

Class Dues

- Class dues help pay for all senior activities.
- Since it is now **2024**, the amount for the year has increased to **\$15**.
- **If you have not paid for your freshman year dues**, you will also be responsible for paying an **additional \$15 for freshman year**.
- **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

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!

As a reminder, the freshman class will be running the **refreshments table at the Snow-ball Dance** as our next fundraiser. The dance will be March 8, from 8:10 p.m. and open to all high school students who purchase a ticket. **The class is asking for donations of bottled water, cans of soda, small bags of chips/other snacks, packs of candy, or monetary donations for pizza.** If you are able to, please send your child in with any of these items, and we can store them in room 13. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraisers for the class!

Also, a HUGE thank you to all who participated in our **Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser!!** It was a very successful fundraiser for the class, the students did a great job, and we could not have done it without your support.

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

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

Your class advisors,

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

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



High School Music News

March 2024

March Concert Reminder and MIOSM

The evening Music in Our Schools Concert will take place on Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

- Students should arrive in concert dress (black shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes) by 5:45 p.m.
- Auditorium doors will open for guests at 6:15 p.m. (concert warm-ups take place until this time. Please do not enter the auditorium until the doors open at 6:15 p.m.)

Please remember that High School Music Ensembles are *not performing at Oakdale Commons this year.*

Students are “sprouting up” during this time of year. Please remind your students to take a moment **before** concert day to **try on their concert clothes and shoes**. Remember, a concert closet of items to borrow is available. Students should see their teacher before performance day to borrow clothing.

Music Department Virginia Trip

The Virginia Trip packet is available [by clicking here](#). Please read the information carefully if you are traveling with us, and note the deadlines for the completed forms.

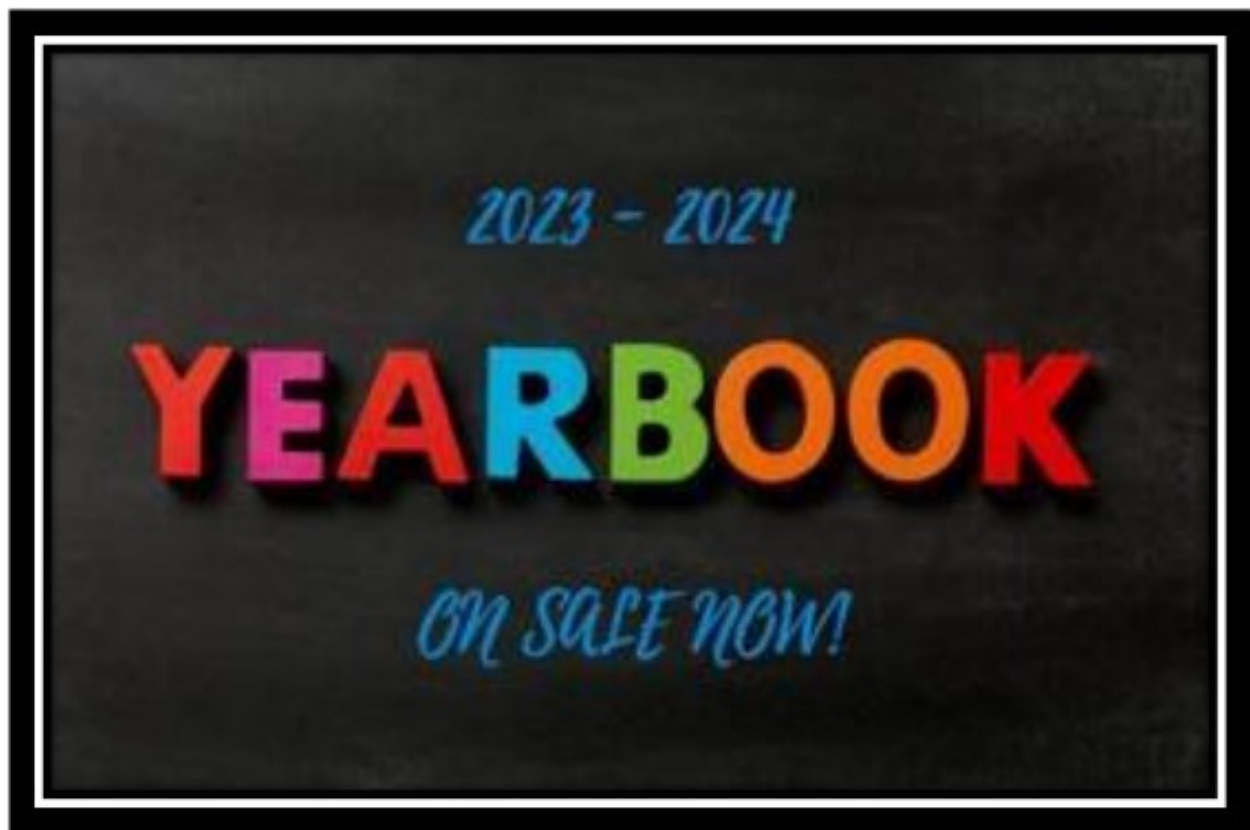
Students will perform in our trip T-shirt. **Trip orders are due by 3/5/24.**

ALL FORMS must be returned by March 8, 2024. This includes the forms for students to be able to take **any** medication on the trip, **including over the counter and prescription medications**. This is a NYS law and must be followed.

Scholarships & Summer Music Programs

Amazing opportunities await our musicians through a variety of summer music programs. Information about both local and sleep-away programs in a variety of fine arts areas is posted outside of the Music Suite as it is received.


Scholarship deadlines for many programs, and for graduating seniors, are also quickly approaching. Check out Google Classroom and the postings outside the classroom for more information!




SENIORS




**GUARANTEE YOUR COPY
ORDER TODAY:**




1.877.767.5217






jostensyearbooks.com





March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Word of the Month: Resiliency			Day 2	
3	Day 3	Day 4	Work Force Wed. 6 Day 5 Volley for Mental Health @ 3:30p.m.	College Gear Day 7 Day 6	Day 1 Snowball Dance @ 8:00 p.m.	9
10 	Day 2	Peer Leader Trip 3 12 Day 3	Work Force Wed. 13 Day 4	Superintendent's Conference Day 14 No School	15 No School	16
17	Day 5	19 Day 6 	Work Force Wed. 20 Day 1 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	21 Day 2 Music in Our Schools Concert @ 6:30 p.m.	22 Day 3 Chem Free BINGO Night @ 6:00 (Gym)	23
24	Day 4	26 Day 5	Work Force Wed. 27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Spring Break! 3/29 - 4/5	30 
31						