

Susquehanna Valley High School

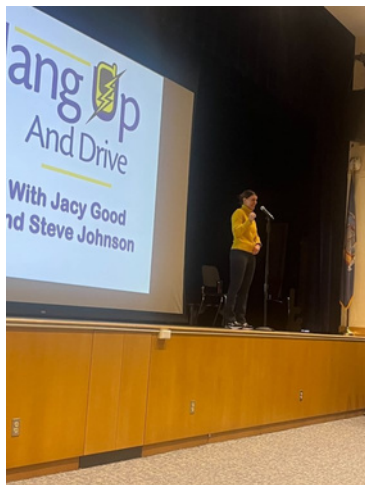
SABER NEWS

January 2025

From the Administration

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2025, we would like to reflect on some of the wonderful moments that brought 2024 to a close and share what's ahead as we dive into an exciting and productive new semester.

December was a month filled with highlights. We were fortunate to host Jacy Good for a powerful assembly presented by our SADD club. Jacy's heartfelt presentation about the dangers of distracted driving resonated deeply with our students. Her story was both impactful and inspiring, and we're so grateful she took the time to stay afterward to connect with students one-on-one.



We also celebrated the season with a fabulous Holiday Concert, showcasing the incredible talents of our music students. Their performances filled the auditorium with holiday spirit and left us all in awe of their hard work and dedication. And who could forget the Saber Snow Show? It is always a fun and festive way to wrap up the year, bringing smiles and laughter to students and staff alike. Thank you to all of the amazing student performers!

Important Dates:

January 1

New Year's Day
All Buildings Closed

January 1-3

Winter Recess
No School

January 15

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

January 20

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School
All Buildings Closed

January 21-24

Regents Week

January 24

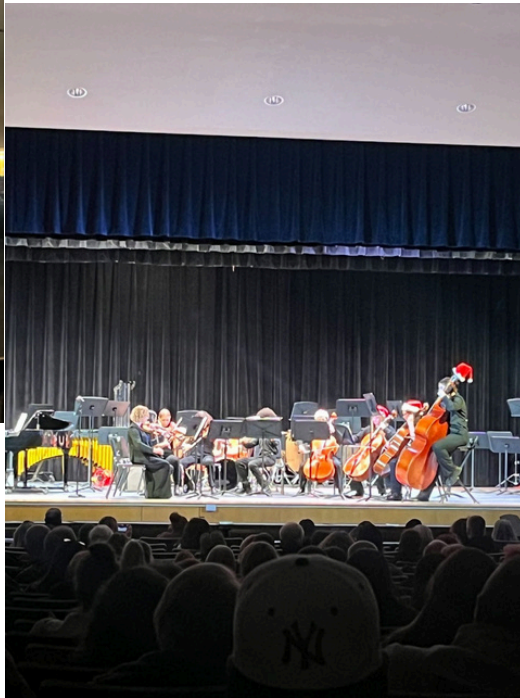
End of Quarter 2

January 29

Asian Lunar New Year
No School

January 30

2 Hour delay for Teacher Professional Development



Looking ahead, January marks an important time for our students as they work to finish the second quarter strong and prepare for midterm examinations. A new year is the perfect opportunity for students to set goals, stay focused, and strive for their best. Encourage your child to reflect on their progress so far, identify areas for improvement, and take full advantage of the resources available to them—whether it's extra help sessions, study groups, or simply staying organized and proactive.

This month from January 21 to January 24, we will follow a special schedule for Mid-term and Regents week, with exams taking place during this time. Please see the included midterm schedule for details, and reach out to the school if you have any questions or concerns.

As always, thank you for your support of our students and school. Let's make 2025 a year of growth, success, and achievement for everyone in the SVHS community!



News from the Guidance Office

January 2025

Senior Information

College Applications

Students applying to college should have submitted or be close to finishing their applications. Early Decision and Early Action deadlines have passed and most Regular Decision deadlines are fast approaching. **Common Regular Decision deadlines vary between January 1, January 15 and February 1.** Students should not wait until the last minute to submit their applications. Many colleges require transcripts and letters of recommendation to be available by the deadline date which is why it is extremely important for students to be communicating with their counselor and teachers ahead of time!

FAFSA and TAP

New York State requires that each school district shall ensure verification from the parent or guardian of a student who is a senior that the student either:

(1) completed the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) or, if applicable the Jose Peralta New York State Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act application;

or (2) completed a Waiver indicating that the parent or guardian (or student, as applicable), understands what the FAFSA or, if applicable, the DREAM Act application are, and has chosen not to file an such application. Students that choose not to complete the FAFSA must fill out a waiver form. Waiver forms can be found in the guidance office.

The FAFSA is open! Students and families are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA and TAP applications as soon as possible. The longer students and families submit these applications, the less money will be available to them. Counselors and Shaunte Middleton, a counselor with Binghamton University's Talent Search, are available to help families with this process!

Scholarships

Scholarship availability picks up between the months of January-May. Students will want to check a number of places for a list of scholarships:

- Class of 2025 google classroom- Scholarship List
- Guidance Services page on the SV website- Financial Aid section- scholarship link on the right-hand side.
- Dollars for Scholars application- the DFS application typically opens up in the beginning of February.

Hey Juniors!

College Search

As we approach the second half of the year, 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>

New Visions

Mark your calendars! There will be a New Visions presentation in the Auditorium, on Thursday, January 16 at 1:30 p.m. for students interested in the New Visions program their senior year. New Visions is an academically rigorous program for college-bound high school seniors interested in a career in **business, health, engineering, education or law & government**. *Students spend each morning taking classes and working side-by-side with professionals, observing and participating in real-life experiences. Students must sign up in the guidance office so that e-hall passes can be assigned.*

Susquehanna Valley High School would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous individuals and organizations that contributed to the **SVHS Holiday Gift Drive**. Your kindness and support made this meaningful effort possible. Thank you for spreading joy and making a difference in the lives of families in need.

The following is a list of donors:

- Conklin Volunteer Fire Department
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County (for donating holiday food boxes)
- Frank and Jane DeMane
- Hawleyton Methodist Church Women's Club
- Patricia Westgate
- Shirley Goodman
- SVHS Band
- SVHS Class of 2025
- SVHS Class of 2026
- SVHS Class of 2027
- SVHS Peer Leaders (for donating the proceeds of their Krispy Kreme Fundraiser)
- SVHS SADD
- SVHS Student Council (for running our Thanksgiving Food Drive)

Sincerely,
The SVHS Students, Families, Faculty, and Staff

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:

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

***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:

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

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.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Office of State Assessment
Albany, NY 12234

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2025

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY: EXAM START TIMES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22	THURSDAY, JANUARY 23	FRIDAY, JANUARY 24
8:00a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00a.m.	8:00a.m.
English Language Arts	Geometry U.S. History & Government	Global History & Geography II	Living Environment
12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	<u>Uniform Admission Deadlines</u>
Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra II	Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

SVHS Midterm, Final, and Regents Schedule: January 2025*

	Tuesday, 1/21		
Location:	Gym (athletic entrance)	Gym (pool side)	Small Gym
7:45 am - 10:45 am	ELA Regents Exam		AP English
11:15 am - 2:15 pm	Living Environment and Earth Science		AP Calc
7:45 am - 2:20 pm	Bootcamp in Room 46 (ALL GRADES) and PE Makeups		
Regents Exams: English Language Arts (8:00 AM), Chemistry and Earth Science (12:00 PM)			

	Thursday, 1/23		
	Gym (athletic entrance)	Gym (pool side)	Small Gym
7:45 am - 10:45 am	Global II / Foundations of Global II	Physics AP Physics	AP World
11:15 am - 2:15 pm	Chemistry	AP Chemistry	
7:45 am - 2:20 pm	Bootcamp in Room 46 (ALL GRADES) and PE Makeups		
Regents Exams: Global II (8:00 AM) Algebra II (12:00 PM)			

	Wednesday, 1/22		
	Gym (athletic entrance)	Gym (pool side)	Small Gym
7:45 am - 10:45 am	US History / AP US History	Algebra I	
11:15 am - 2:15 pm	Pre Calculus	Geometry	Algebra I Regents
7:45 am - 2:20 pm	Bootcamp in Room 46 (ALL GRADES) and PE Makeups		
Regents Exams: US History and Geometry (8:00 am) Algebra I (12:00 PM)			

	Friday, 1/24		
	Gym (athletic entrance)	Gym (pool side)	Small Gym
7:45 am - 10:45 am	Global I	Algebra II	Global 1 H
7:45 am - 11:00 am	Bootcamp in Room 46 (ALL GRADES) and PE Makeups EXAM CONFLICTS AND MAKE UP EXAMS		
Regents Exams: Living Environment (8:00 AM)			

*Subject to change

PRINTING OF DIPLOMAS

CLASS OF 2025

Do you have a graduating senior this year? Please tell us how you want your graduate's name to appear on the diploma. Do you want to include the middle name? Middle initial? Is there a name suffix, such as junior? See the examples listed below for the different possibilities:

Joseph Smith
Joseph D. Smith
Joseph David Smith
Joseph David Smith Jr.

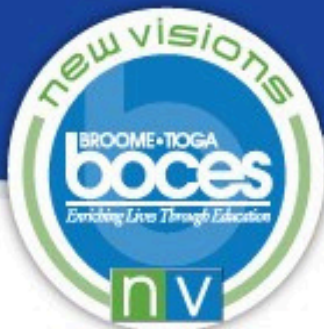
Please complete the form below and return it to the Main Office by Friday, February 21, 2025.

This is to request that my graduate's name be printed on their diploma as follows:

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

If this form is not returned to the main office by the due date, the student's name will be printed as it appears in our school database.



New Visions Recruitment Night



for 10th graders and their families!



**Tuesday
March 4, 2025
5:00-7:00 pm**

BT BOCES Cafeteria

435 Glenwood Road, Binghamton, NY 13905

This event coincides with CTE Recruitment night and 10th graders who are interested in learning more about the New Visions program should stop on by.

Parents & 11th grade
students are invited
to attend



**Wednesday
Feb. 19, 2025
6:00-8:00 pm**



Business



Education



Engineering



Healthcare



Law & Government

New Visions Parents Information Night

- 6:00-8:00 pm
- 6:00 pm
Information Session on program
- 6:30 pm
academy specific breakout session

BT BOCES Student Cafeteria
435 Glenwood Road
Binghamton, NY 13905

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NYS 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Course

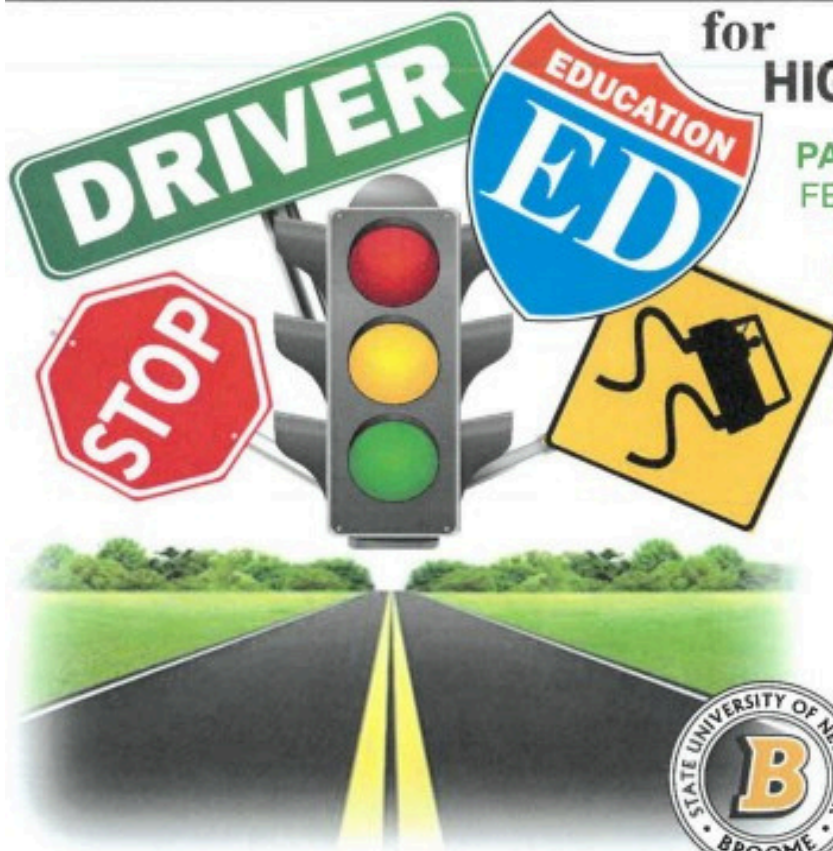


NEXT CLASSES	
ZOOM	4PM-9PM
Jan. 22, Mar. 5 Apr. 16, May 14	
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IN PERSON	4PM-9PM
Feb. 19, Mar. 26, Apr. 30	



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Saber Stage Announces The Cast of Hadestown Teen Version

Hadestown is a musical that retells the ancient Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice written by Anaïs Mitchell wrote the music, lyrics, and book for Hadestown. The musical is set in the depression era, in a New Orleans-inspired meeting house. It's infused with blues, jazz, Dixieland, and modern American folk music. IN 2019, It received 14 nominations (the most that year) and won eight, including *Best Musical* and *Best Original Score*.

The musical is about a young couple, *Orpheus* (Grey Milligan) and *Eurydice* (Janeva Mazil), whose love story takes place in a reimagined underworld. Representing the Greek chorus, the three *Fates* (Ryleigh Stewart, Maddie Zitzmann, and Grayden Everson) give foreboding advice to the young couple. Despite the warnings, *Eurydice* accepts a job in Hadestown, an underground factory, run by *Hades* (Rylan Everson) and his wife *Persephone* (Peyton Tobler). *Eurydice* goes “way down under” to escape poverty. *Orpheus*, a singer-songwriter, sets out to rescue her. The musical explores themes such as doubt, faith, love, fear, and industry versus nature. It also tells a story about the working class's potential to overthrow the ruling class. The workers are led by Alexandria Stewart, Madison Turner, and Basil Kutalek. The rest of the ensemble is played by Lily Hollenbeck, Paul Howard, Hailey Litster, Reilly Miller, and Sophia Sousouris. They are joined by eighth-grade students: Ruby McEwen, Shaina Onishea, Riley Olds, Sophia Landers, Jenna Hogue, Hailey Gorton, and Isaiah Wdowiak.

Our stage crew includes: Ava Palmer, Demitrius Moorlock, Victor Piester, Sonora Grant, Jonathan Dieppa, Samantha Gale, Jatiana Field, and Jeane Fazzi.

Stage direction is by Shirley Goodman. Our musical director, pit conductor, and producer is Jenn Perkins. Sonny Dewitt, Karen Everson, and Shirley Goodman will be building the sets designed by Mr. Dewitt. Peg Collins is getting the backstage crew in shape as stage manager. Costumes are assembled and organized by Erin Goodman and Megan Howland. Finally, Hannah Merrell is sharing her dramatic talents as assistant director, and Nina Varano is teaching choreography. Light design is by Shirley Goodman with the assistance of Gabby Button, Terri Schneider, and Rita Foran at the light board running cues.

Hadestown Teen Version is an epic tale that asks each one of us to find beauty not only in “the world we dream about, but also in the one we live in now.” Tickets can be purchased online starting January 1st. All tickets are \$10.

Saber Stage Productions Presents

Susquehanna Valley High School

1040 Conklin Road, Conklin, NY



HADESTOWN

TEEN EDITION

is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Corp. www.concordtheatricals.com

February 21, 22 7:00 pm

February 23 2:00 pm

All Tickets \$10.00



saberstageproductions.ludus.com

Book, Music & Lyrics by Anaïs Mitchell

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Susquehanna Valley Resolves to Read

- ◆ Is one of your goals this year to read more? That's great, because reading for pleasure has so many great benefits, both for your brain and for your mental health.
- ◆ Please encourage your student to read and to take part in our "S.V. Resolves to Read Challenge" which takes place between 12/21/24 and 2/28/25.
- ◆ When they finish a book, they can add that information to our list. Let's see how many books S.V. High School students and staff can read before spring!
- ◆ As an added incentive, Ms. Westgate has pledged to donate \$1 to the BC Humane Society for every book read. Let's try to beat last year's donation of \$96.
- ◆ The first time they use the form, they will need to click on the "request access" link. [2025 January Resolve to Read form](#) -No personal information will be requested.





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Please contact Mrs. Wright, World Language Department Chair, if you would like more information about earning the


NYS Seal of Biliteracy:

jwright@svsabers.org



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For information, please contact:
NYSED Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages OBELW@nysed.gov or
The Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network in your area:
<http://www.n12.nysed.gov/bilingual/bilnet.html>



□ Prom Committee

We held our most recent Prom Committee Meeting on 12/11 and chose our Prom Theme, which will be 'A Sky Full of Stars.' The idea and theme are a blend of ideas that were proposed in our previous meeting. If you would like to be a part of the committee moving forward, stay tuned for our next meeting date.

□ Class Dues

If you have not paid any class dues as of yet, they are now \$55

This will go up to \$60 in January if left unpaid

Class dues are paid by every student and help to cover senior event costs.

Your Class Advisors,

Dan Simonds & Elizabeth Strnatka

dsimonds@svsabers.org & estrnatk@svsabers.org



JUNIORS

Class of 2026

Communication

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

Fundraisers

□ None at this time.

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.

Welcome to a new year! The first fundraiser is tentatively scheduled to begin in February. It will be something sweet for Valentine's Day! More information is to come in January, and we will call a class meeting to discuss beforehand.

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.

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

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

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



High School Music News January 2025

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

10-12 Area All-State Orchestra
Geneieve Brown

10-12 Area All-State Band
Julie LaMantia
Xander Remza
Andrew Waite

NYSBDA Honors Band
Andrew Waite - alternate
Hartwick Honors Band

Jonathan Dieppa

10-12 All-County Audition Reminder

The final All-County audition day (only for students in grades 10-12) will take place on 1/11/2025 at West Middle School, with a snow date of 1/12/2025. See your director for times.

Music Performance Trip at Hershey Park

Payment information including the final schedule of payments will be emailed out to students. The second payment of \$50 is due ***NO LATER than January 17, 2025.*** Please reach out to Mrs. Olds with any questions regarding the trip!

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 props or costumes 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.

All electronic submissions are to be sent to Mr. Dana Zietz at dzietz@svsabers.org. If submitting in person, please see Mr. Zietz in room 22 in the High School. 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 2024-2025 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.

We encourage your child to schedule an appointment with Sean Murphy Studios **because it helps defray the cost of the yearbook.**



SVHS approved alternate professional photographers:

Jim Pavlik

Pavlik Photo and Design
970 Conklin Road

607-779-2220

Email is: jim@jimpavlikphotography.com

fb: Pavlik Photo and Design

website: PavlikPhotoandDesign.com

Karen Bixby

Karen Bixby Photography
126 Abbey Road, Windsor, NY
607.765.3759

Email: Kbixby@karenbixbyphotography.com

Link: <https://karenbixbyphotography.com/sessioninfo>

Upstate Images

1245 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY 13850

855-773-3321

upstate-images.com

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, has 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.



Please get Grad Ads done as soon as possible!

Grad Ads are due February 9, 2025.

Yearbooks can be purchased through Jostens.com

January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Word of the Month: Integrity			New Year's Day 1	2	3	4
			Winter Recess No School			
			All Buildings Closed			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1 Mathletes @ JC	Day 2	Day 3	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	Day 1 New Visions presentation in the Auditorium - 1:15-2:30	Day 2	
19	20	CFPP Meeting @ 6 Zoom 21	22	23	24	25
		Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	End of 2 nd Q Day 6	
		Mid-Term & Regents Week No Regular Classes are in Session				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Grades due @ 3 p.m. Day 1	Day 2		Day 3 2 Hour Delay Professional Development		