Susquehanna Valley High School SABER NEWS March 2025

From the Administration

As we welcome March, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the incredible accomplishments of our students in February—there were many!

Our student-athletes had a standout month, demonstrating their hard work, talent, and dedication to their teams. Congratulations to the Girls JV Basketball team, who won the STAC Championship for the second year in a row! The Boys Swim team also made history, competing in the STAC Championship for the first time. In bowling, Allicyn Basaha qualified for the State Bowling Qualifiers, and in cross country, Aiden Skuban was selected for the Elite 10 Boys Cross Country Team. Our Varsity Cheer team showcased their skills at both the STAC Championship and Nationals, representing SVHS with pride. In addition, we celebrated many senior nights throughout February, honoring our Senior student-athletes as they finished out their winter seasons. We are incredibly proud of all of our Sabers and can't wait to see what they accomplish next!



Important Dates:

March 2 Read Across America Day

March 9 Daylight Savings Time

March 14 Superintendent's Conference Day No School

March 17 Chem Free Prom Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. via zoom

JV/ Varsity Sport begin

March 19 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

March 21 Chem Free BINGO Night @ 6:00 p.m.

March 27 Music in Our Schools @ 6:30 p.m. The stage was also full of talent this past month with our musical production of Hadestown (High School Edition). This show was an ambitious production that highlighted the incredible talents of our students both on stage and behind the scenes. The cast, crew, and directors poured their hearts into this performance, and their hard work paid off with a phenomenal show. Bravo to everyone involved in bringing this story to life—you made SVHS proud! We also had one of our students, Asher Valentine, earn the Gold Key in Photography at the 2025 Regional Scholastic Art awards. Congratulations!



Beyond athletics and the arts, our students continue to shine in academic and careerbased competitions. Congratulations to Cali Graham and Macadia Heavey, who placed in the Regional SkillsUSA competition and will move on to the NYS SkillsUSA competition in April! Meanwhile, our 10th-grade students visited BT BOCES for the CTE Visitation, exploring career and technical education programs that offer hands-on learning opportunities. The National Honor Society also hosted a blood drive, giving back to the community in a meaningful way. Thank you to all who donated and helped make this event a success! I would also like to recognize some of our highest academic achievers—the Class of 2025 Valedictorian and Salutatorian and our Top 10 students. A huge congratulations to Valedictorian Nassar Al-Khalidi and Salutatorian Andrew Waite for their hard work and dedication to academic excellence. Joining them in the Top 10 (in alphabetical order) are:

- Jacob Bailey
- Nicolla Bronikowski
- Myles Clement
- Julie Lamantia
- Norah Schneider
- Lillian Short
- Alexandria Stewart
- Madelyn Strnatka



Achieving a place in the Top 10 is no small feat—it takes years of commitment, resilience, and an unwavering dedication to learning. We are proud of all of these students and commend them for their accomplishments, as well as all of our Senior Sabers!

As we look ahead to March, we are entering the final stretch of the third quarter, and I encourage all students to stay focused, put in their best effort, and finish strong. A strong third quarter sets the stage for a smoother fourth quarter and will make final exam preparation much easier. Teachers and staff are here to support students, so please take advantage of extra help sessions, peer study groups, and all the resources available.

We are also excited to kick off Workforce Wednesdays this month! This is our 3rd year, and each Wednesday, local businesses will visit SVHS to introduce students to different industries, career paths, and job opportunities available in our area. We have a full schedule of businesses booked for March, and this is a fantastic way for students to explore career possibilities and make connections for the future.

Hopefully, as we move further into March, spring will finally start to show itself (though we know Upstate New York tends to keep us guessing!). Warmer days, longer daylight hours, and the promise of a fresh season can be a great motivator for students to stay engaged, set goals, and finish the school year on a high note.

As always, thank you for your continued support of SVHS!

News from the Guidance Office February 2025

Scholarship Availability

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

Class of 2025 Google Classroom- Scholarship List

• SV Dollars for Scholars - this application is open! Students will work on it during English class. Copies of student transcripts have been provided to the English teachers. Deadline to submit the application is **April 12, 2025**.

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. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to assist us in our mission. Donations may be mailed to:

Susquehanna Valley Scholarship Foundation/Dollars for Scholars, P.O. 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 Senior High School Principal.

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 Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) LeMoyne College Wilkes University

Alfred University Alfred State Keuka College To be considered, students must fill out the Google form by **Friday, March 7.** The form was sent to students and families on parent square and was posted to the Class of 2026 Google Classroom. Please contact the guidance office with any questions.

SUNY College Fair for Juniors!

Juniors are invited to attend the SUNY College Fair at Broome Community College on Thursday, March 27th. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from over 35 SUNY colleges. The bus will leave SV at 9:25 a.m. and return by 11:00 a.m. Permission slips are due the counseling office by **Thursday, March 20!**

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.



All applications will be in the SVHS Counseling Office. Please email dwormuth@svsabers.org or call 607-775-9115 for more information!

Applications are due to the Vestal MS or HS Main Office by May 19, 2025 or they can be scanned and emailed to mtuetken@vestalny.gov.

Any questions regarding the application please email or contact Officer Tuetken at 607-221-5493.

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:

SAT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	
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	
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: <u>https://academy.act.org/</u>

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 <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> for the SAT or <u>www.actstudent.org</u> 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.



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.

2025 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 Wednesday, March 19 and run until Wednesday, April 30, in advance of the May 3, 2025 SAT exam. Classes will meet in MS room #116 (Wright - Math) and HS room #4 (Strnatka- English):

Week 1: March 19 Week 2: March 26 Week 3: April 2 Week 4: April 9 Week 5: April 16 No Classes held the week of Spring Break Week 6: April 30

*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 14, 2025 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 <u>Kaplan: Digital SAT Total Prep 2025</u>. It is available for about \$25 - \$30 **at** Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Detach and return to the Guidance Office by Friday, March 14, 2024

Student name:
Indicate which section you'll be attending:
Wed - Math 4-5:30 p.m or 5:30- 7 p.m (check one)
Wed - Read/Write 4-5:30 p.m or 5:30- 7 p.m (check one)
Cost: \$50.00 Check Cash * Fee Waiver (check one)

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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 or 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.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS:

- 1) Students will conduct themselves in accordance with the student Code of Conduct at all times.
- 2) The use of alcohol, drugs, vape pens or devices and tobacco, in any form, is strictly prohibited.
- 3) Littering on school buses or at the trip destination is prohibited.
- 4) Destruction or vandalism of school or any other public or private property is prohibited.
- 5) Inappropriate displays of affection are prohibited.
- 6) Obscene or lewd gestures, language, or other improper acts are prohibited.
- Students with previous problems with attendance, insubordination, use of alcohol, drugs, vape pens or devices, or tobacco, in any form, may be denied participation on any trip.
- The chaperones are in a position of authority at all times. Students will comply with all directions and reasonable requests 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 law enforcement agency or school authorities for immediate action.
- It is the responsibility of the student and parents/guardians 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.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- 1) Review the accepted rules of conduct and behavior with your child(ren).
- 2) Be sure that school representatives are informed if your child has an allergy other medical needs.
- 3) Be sure that your child does not bring alcohol, drugs, vape pens or devices, or tobacco, in any form, on the trip.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN: (Permission Slips Due: 03/20/2025)

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 TO SUNY Broome College Fair

on Thursday, March 27, 2025

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature for Field Trip Permission

Date

Student Signature

MEDICAL RELEASE

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

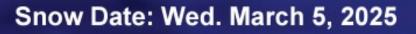
Primary Phone

CTE Recruitment Night Tuesday, March 4, 2025 **5 - 7 p.m.**

CONNECT, EXPLORE, DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

Please stop by and explore the many opportunities Broome-Tioga BOCES Career & Technical classes can offer prospective students. Visit our unique classrooms. Meet our staff and get firsthand information about the courses and training that could help define your future.







435 Glenwood Road Binghamton, NY





MIDDLE SCHOOL IS THE RIGHT TIME TO EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS! COME LEARN ABOUT STEM FIELDS AND MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL COLLEGES AND STEM-RELATED BUSINESSES TO LEARN WHAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER NOW TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS LATER!

> DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6-9, THEIR PARENTS, AND EDUCATORS, BUT OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS.



IF YOU NEED ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES OFFICE AT ARO@SUNYBROOME.EDU OR 607-778-5150 TO DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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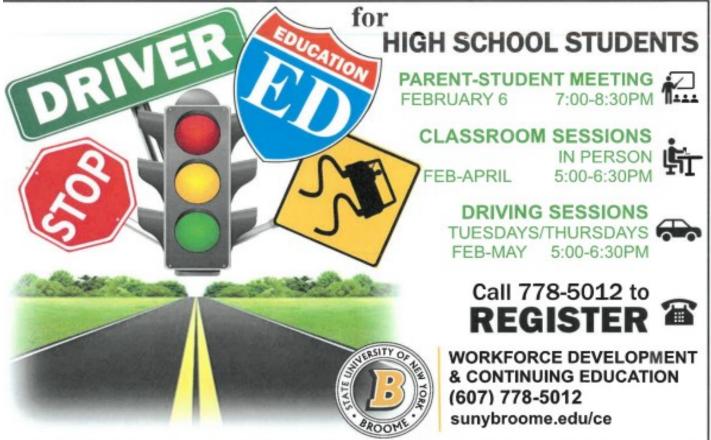
DOORS OPEN @ 5:30 P.M. BINGO STARTS @ 6:00 P.M.

<u>\$25.00 PRE-SALE FOR 20 GAME</u> <u>CARDS</u>

AVAILABLE AT SVHS ATTENDANCE OFFICE STARTING 2/28/25 7:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M. MON-FRI TILL 3/21/25

Join us for food, fun and prizes!





Did You Know That the S.V.H.S. Library Has a Book Club?

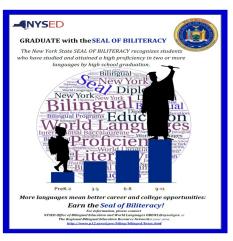


The Reading Café meets in the library on Day 1 during Saber Time. It is a time for readers to hang out together and talk about books, share recommendations, and borrow books. New members are always welcome. Please contact Ms. Westgate if you have any questions about this club (pwestgat@svsabers.org).





SEAL OF BILITERACY Please contact Mrs. Wright, World Language Department Chair, if you would like more information about earning the NYS Seal of Biliteracy: jwright@svsabers.org.





Time to order Graduation Caps & Gowns!



CAP GOWN AND TASSEL PLATINUM

\$85.00 CAP GOWN AND TASSEL GOLD a

\$75.00 CAP GOWN AND TASSEL SILVER a

\$60.00

More packages and items available Follow this link for all your Class of 2025 ordering <u>https://www.nygrad.com/schools/susquehanna-valley-high-school</u>

Senior Dates to Remember:

Senior Awards Ceremony: SVHS Auditorium

Senior Prom: Traditions at the Glen

Chem-Free After Prom Party: SVHS

Senior Breakfast: High School Court Yard 8 a.m. Caps and Gowns will be distributed at Breakfast

Senior Walk-thru: Donnelly & Brookside

Last Day of Classes:

Senior Picnic: SVHS

Graduation Rehearsal: The Forum *Seniors Only*

Graduation: The Forum Monday, June 9, 2025 7 p.m..

Friday, June 20, 2025 7 p.m.. - 11 p.m.

Friday, June 20, & Saturday, June 21, 2025 11 p.m.. - 2 a.m.

Monday, June 16, 2025

Monday, June 16, 2025 9 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 16, 2025

Thursday, June 26, 2025 11:30 a.m..

Thursday, June 26, 2025 1:00 p.m..

Friday, June 27, 2025 7 p.m.

Graduation Cap & Gown can be ordered by clicking this link: https://nvgrad.com/

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

We're here to help!



Prom

- The prom will be at Traditions at the Glen from 8:00 -11:00 p.m.
- We are happy to announce that all <u>SV Seniors</u> will receive a free prom ticket.
 *Dues must be paid beforehand.
 *Any non-SV Senior ticket will be \$20 per person.
 *Only 1 outside guest is allowed per SV Senior.

Class Dues

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

If you haven't already, please join our REMIND group by texting the message @svclass25 to 81010.

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



JUNIORS Class of 2026

Spring Fling Dance!

- The Spring Fling Dance is going to be held on <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 11</u> by the Class of 2026!
- Where: SVHS Large Gymnasium
- Time: 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- Tickets will be sold in Miss. Herman's room, room 14, for \$10 (must purchase a ticket for entry).
- If you plan on bringing someone from another school to the dance, a <u>guest form</u> must be filled out in the main office prior to the dance.

Communication

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

Fundraisers

• 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. <u>We will no longer be using Remind</u>. Students, there is a Student Square for you and our Google Classroom.

It is that time again!! Our next fundraisers to end this year will be as follows:

- An online popcorn sale that will take **4 days only** and is delivered directly to the buyer.
- Doughnut fundraiser more to come about this.
- Our usual hanging basket fundraiser with Oliver Paine at the end of the school year.

Students should expect a few meetings to discuss the specifics for each fundraiser during Sabertimes, so keep an eye on our Google Classroom and Parentsquare in the next few weeks!

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 \$50.00 until the end of this month! After the new year, the price goes up \$5.00.

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

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

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

Your class advisors,

Mackenzie Barker and Jennifer Potter

mbarker@svsabers.org & jpotter@svsabers.org

Freshman Class of 2028

Our next fundraiser is April 11, 2025. We will have the great opportunity to run the concession stand at the dance sponsored by the class of 2027. We did extremely well with concessions at the homecoming dance, and we hope we are as successful. We will need donations of soda cans, full size water bottles, sugary candy, full size candy bars, and monetary donations for pizza. Donations can be labeled Class of 2028 concessions. We'll reach out again as we get closer to the date.

Have you ever heard of "Anything But A Backpack?" Well, the class of 2028 is bringing it here, to SV High School in the spring as another fundraiser.

Stay warm and safe!

Class of 2028, we are here for you! Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Howland









High School Music News March 2025

March Concert Reminders

The Band, Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, and Orchestra will **perform at Oakdale Commons** (formerly the Oakdale Mall) on Thursday, March 25, 2025.

- Students should arrive at school at the beginning of the school day in concert dress (black shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes).
- Performances will begin at 10:15 a.m. and end at 11:45 a.m.
- We will have a pizza party lunch when we return to the school.

The evening Music in Our Schools Concert will take place on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the high school 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 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.)

Students are "sprouting up" during this time of year. Please remind your students to take a moment <u>before</u> concert day to try on their concert clothes and shoes. A concert closet of items to borrow is available. Students should see their teacher before performance day to borrow clothing.

Music Department Hershey Performance Trip

Students received updated payment information in mid-February. Please be sure you are making regular payments towards the trip. A limited number of Gertrude Hawk candy bar boxes are available for students to sell to raise funds.

A packet of permission and medical forms will be sent home in early March. This includes the forms for students to be able to take any medication on the trip, <u>including over the counter and pre-</u><u>scription medications</u>. This is a NYS rule 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 and/or on Google Classroom as it is received.

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





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Word of the Month: Resiliency		Music in Our Schools Month				
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Read Across America Day	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Saling Top the	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Superintendent's Conference Day No School	
16	17 Day 1 Chem Free Prom meeting- Zoom @ 6:00 p.m.	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 Board of Education meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	Day 4	21 Day 5 Chem Free Prom BINGO night @ 6:00 p.m.	22
23	24 Day 6	25	26 Day 4	27	28	29
30	31 Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3 Music in Our Schools HS Concert	Day 4	