

Susquehanna Valley High School
SABER NEWS
May 2024

From the Administration

As we step into the vibrant month of May, I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and events happening in the High School. First and foremost, I am incredibly proud to announce that several of our students participated in the recent BOCES SkillsUSA Competition and emerged as winners! Their dedication, skills, and hard work have earned them a top spot, and one student even has a chance to compete in the upcoming National competition in June. This is a testament to their talent. Please join me in congratulating them on this remarkable achievement! We also had numerous students whose art was on display at the Oakdale Commons last month, and two of our students received 2nd place awards (see page 10). I am always amazed at the talent we have in this building!

Our elementary mentors also had another trip to Donnelly, and students are really enjoying spending time with their mentees! This trip gave students an opportunity to play games and just spend some time with each other. We are looking forward to a couple more trips before the end of the year!

And with the start of May, the first full week is dedicated to celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the minds and futures of our students. Their passion, commitment, and creativity make a lasting impact, and we are immensely grateful for all that they do. Let's take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for their tireless efforts!

As we enter the fourth quarter of the school year, it is important that we look ahead to finishing the year strong. Our students have shown resilience, adaptability, and determination throughout the year,

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Important Dates:

May 21

Annual Budget Vote &
Board of Education
Election,
Noon- 8:00 p.m.
HS Gymnasium

Community Night
District Art Festival &
Music Pop-Up Event
4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

May 22

Board of Education
Meeting
6:00 p.m.

May 24

No School

May 27

Memorial Day
No School- All Buildings
Closed

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navigating challenges with grace and perseverance. With continued support from families and the dedication of our educators, I am confident that we will successfully conclude the academic year on a high note and students will be ready for all of their Regents Examinations!

Stay tuned for upcoming events, including end-of-year celebrations, academic recognitions, and more. May 15th will be decision day for our seniors going to college, joining the workforce, or joining the military, and kicks off the first of many senior events! This surely is a busy time of year. Your involvement and engagement are crucial in creating a thriving learning community, and we appreciate your ongoing support.



(SVHS Mentors with their Donnelly 2nd & 3rd graders).

SVHS SkillsUSA Competition Winners!

Congratulations to Justin Vanderburg and Calli Graham on their high rankings in this past weekend's SkillsUSA Competition in Albany! Justin received a Gold Medal in the category TV Production and now has qualified with his partners for SkillsUSA Nationals in Atlanta this June! Calli received a Bronze Medal in the category of Nail Care for our BOCES Junior Cosmetology program. Well done Sabers!





COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 21st
12:00pm - 8:00pm

Join the SV Central School District for our budget vote and Community Connections Night

BUDGET VOTE

High School Gymnasium
12:00pm - 8:00pm



2024 District ART SHOW

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Featuring student works from

Donnelly, Brookside, Middle School and High School

FUN & FAMILY EVENTS

4:30pm - 6:30pm

Pop up music, crafts sponsored by our student groups, a robotics and hydroponics demonstration, a dunk tank, and snacks sponsored by Frito Lay and Hershey's.



News from the Guidance Office

May 2024

Attention Seniors entering the Workforce after graduation.

We are taking interested students to the **Broome-Tioga Workforce NY Career Fair** at the Visions Veterans Memorial Arena on May 8, 1:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. The bus will leave the high school at 11:15 a.m. and return by 1:00 p.m. Students will eat during saber time (10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.). **The completed permission slip is due back to the Counseling Office by May 3, at 2:22 p.m.** This information is additionally posted on your Google Classroom and has been in the daily announcements.

The Vestal Youth Academy

The Vestal Youth Academy is running its fun summer program at the Vestal High School (205 Woodlawn Drive, Vestal) again this year.

Middle School students (6th -8th grade at the time of application) will be held July 8 - July 12, 2024, (Monday to Friday), from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

High School Students (9th -12th grade at the time of application) will be held July 15 - July 26 (Monday - Friday), 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Applications are available in the High School Counseling Office and in your student's Google Classroom.

If you have any questions please contact Officer Talbut at ctalbut@vestalny.gov or 607-343-9105

Ninth-Grade Orientation

Ninth-grade orientation is normally held just before school starts in the fall but due to construction at the high school over the summer, this year we will be holding it early.

Current 8th graders (rising freshmen) and their parents are invited to join us on Tuesday, May 28, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Decision Day for Seniors

We will be celebrating Decision Day on May 15, 2024 at SVHS. We will be taking group and individual photos in Room 1 so wear your best gear (college, trade school, military, or job) to celebrate everything you've accomplished!

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.

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 05/03/2024 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: **Broome/Tioga WorkforceNY Career Fair to the Arena on 5/08/2024 from 11:30 - 12:45.** The bus will leave SV at 11:15 a.m. and return by 1:00 p.m. Students will eat during SaberTime.

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

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
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.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2024

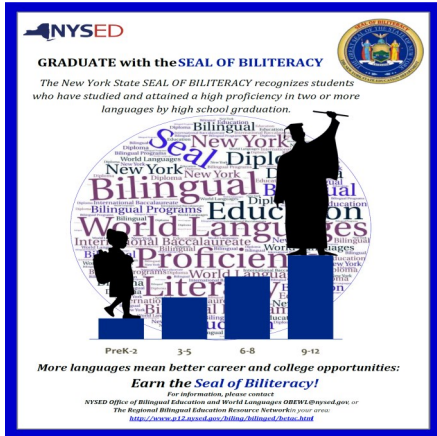
Susquehanna Valley CSD Report Times for Regents Examinations Listed

June 4 TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Algebra I*						June 26 WEDNESDAY	RATING DAY
June 14 FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	English Language Arts						June 25 TUESDAY	Physical Setting/ Physics
June 17 MONDAY		Eid al-Adha Observed						June 24 MONDAY	Algebra II
June 18 TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	U.S. History & Government						8:00 a.m.	
June 19 WEDNESDAY		Juneteenth Holiday Observed							
June 20 THURSDAY	8:00 a.m.	Physical Setting/ Earth Science							
June 21 FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	Geometry							
June 17 MONDAY		Eid al-Adha Observed							
June 17 MONDAY		Rating Day for Schools Not Closed							
June 14 FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	English Language Arts							
June 14 FRIDAY	12:00 p.m.	Living Environment							
June 18 TUESDAY	12:00 p.m.	Global History & Geography II							
June 20 THURSDAY	12:00 p.m.	Physical Setting/ Chemistry							
June 24 MONDAY		World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint Exams							
June 25 TUESDAY		Uniform Admission Deadlines							
June 25 TUESDAY		Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m.							
June 25 TUESDAY		Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.							

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.



Attention All Earth Science Students!!

Earth Science Lab Performance Exam

Thursday and Friday, June 6 & 7

This is administered only to students currently enrolled
Earth Science!!

Any questions please contact your student's Earth Science
teacher by email or the HS Main Office prior to these dates!



SVHS at Syracuse Stage for the Young Playwright's Festival



Mrs. Goodman's Theater class and select Saber Stage members attended the Syracuse Stage for Young Playwrights Festival on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. The invitation was received because Susquehanna Valley students, Grey Miligan and Janeva Mazil submitted their one act plays to the festival. Although this was the first time that they submitted plays to this festival, when judged, their plays were in the top 25% of the 250 plays submitted!

The class had a great time at Syracuse Stage, and learned a lot about writing, producing and performing one act plays!

SV Art News

Two SV High School students came home with ribbons in the 2024 FASST Art Show at the Oakdale Commons this month. Grey Milligan was awarded 2nd place in the Sculpture category for his ceramic mug, *Trypanophobia*; and Adam Spisak also earned a 2nd place honor in Photography with his work entitled, *Lights of the Ferris Wheel*.

Other students whose work was selected for this exhibit were:

Hallie Dix- *Trash Panda*, Drawing
Will Kumpon- *Mysterious Blossoms*, Photography
Emma Milasi- *Saint*, Photography
Brayden Phillips- *Getting Swole*, Photography
Emma Rexford- *My Horse*, Drawing
Ivy Senick-Rose- *Overgrown*, Ceramic

This annual exhibit showcases the artwork from High School students across the region, and is sponsored by the Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier and the Broome County Arts Council. This year, nine local districts participated with approximately 120 entries on display. The exhibit in the FASST Gallery in the Oakdale Commons Center Court ended April 29.

Congratulations to SVHS Junior, Grey Milligan for being accepted into the New York State Summer School for the Arts! Grey submitted a portfolio of work earlier this year and was recently notified of his acceptance to this prestigious program, this year taking place at SUNY Fredonia.

NYSSSA is an in-residency program for high school students who are interested in pursuing advanced studies in the visual arts. It is sponsored by the NYS Education Department's Office of Cultural Education, and is designed to emphasize art experiences that cannot normally be undertaken during a 45-minute school period. It is an intensive three week summer program delivering training, personalized coaching, and leadership development to qualified students across NY state. The teaching staff is composed of accomplished professional artists, companies, and college professors, offering their skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm to the future artistic talent of New York's high schools.





Announcing Europe 2026 Trip!

We will be traveling to Italy and Greece in July 2026 and you can join us! We will fly to Rome, Italy to start our adventure. After spending three days enjoying the food, sites and culture of Rome & Pompeii, we will then jet off to Athens, Greece. We will see all the historic sights in and around Athens and Delphi and then board a cruise ship to spend the last four days of our tour cruising the Aegean Sea. Our cruise ship will be visiting Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini and Ephesus, Turkey. If you would like more information or you are ready to sign up, please come to the informational meeting on Thursday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. There will be a bonus and a discount for signing up on the night of the meeting. Please feel free to contact the trip advisors, Laura Retzlaff and Jody Butts, if you have any questions or to pick up a brochure and itinerary.

Advisor Contact Information:

Laura Retzlaff, HS Room 23

Jody Butts, HS Room 29

lretzlaf@svsabers.org

jbutts@svsabers.org

Chem Free Post Prom

The Chem Free Post Prom Committee wants to thank all the volunteers and our amazing senior parents for their hard work and effort during our Annual Bingo Night fundraiser! We had a great turnout from the community. We also want to thank Cortese Restaurant, Jane's Diner, The Little Oak and Nirchi's for their generosity in donating toward our event. We are so lucky to have local businesses supporting our SV Senior Class!

We are only two months away from the Chem Free Post Prom Party! We are still looking for volunteers, who are needed for a number of committees and for chaperones on the night of the post prom party. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Mr. Tarnowski or Ms. Schuster.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m. in the HS Room 1.
New volunteers are always welcome!

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

SV Senior Prom News

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

~Mrs. Root & Mrs. Lyke

Senior Dates to Remember:

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

Graduation Cap & Gown should have been ordered by now! If you have not ordered, please call the Main Office.



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Class of 2025

Fundraising

- We have had a very successful year with fundraising and we are looking forward to all of the Class of 2025's Senior Activities! It is going to be a great Senior Year for our class. Thank you so much for all of the hard work and support from our students and parents!

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

- Thank you to all who supported our **Krispy Kreme Fundraiser!**
- We are planning one final fundraiser for the end of the year. Please keep current with REMIND for more details to come.

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**.
- **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!

Our last fundraiser of the year was hanging baskets! The baskets will be delivered at the middle school **back** parking lot on May 11, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.. Thank you all for your participation in the fundraiser and help with the pickup!

Additionally, thank you to all the amazing parents and family members that have contributed to the many fundraisers and events the class has put on this year. We could not have done this without all of your support. To end with some great news, we have made our goal amount for freshman year, and gotten off to a great start. THANK YOU!!

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."

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

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



High School Music News May 2024

NYSSMA Ensemble Performances

- Concert Band and Orchestra ONLY.
- May 16, 2024.
- Students have received the [information packet](#) and all permission forms should have been returned by now.

Tri-M Induction

- Congratulations to our Tri-M Music Honor Society Inductees.
- The Induction Ceremony details will be communicated to your student very soon. Please be on the lookout for this information.

June Concert

- The June concert will take place on **Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Students should arrive by 6:00 p.m.
- The Auditorium doors will open at approximately 6:15 p.m.
- Concert dress is “classy black” - no jeans, skirts, dresses, shorts, flip-flops, or sneakers.
- Limited programs.

Scholarships

The Music Department Scholarship forms are now available in Google Classroom, or by clicking below:

- [Senior Scholarship Application](#): for all graduating seniors from the Music Department.
- [Summer Scholarship Application](#): for students who are going to be taking private music lessons, purchasing an instrument or music, and/or attending a summer *music camp*.

Music Awards Banquet

- **Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6 p.m.**
- Middle School Cafeteria.
- Dinner followed by awards.
- Attire: awards appropriate business casual.
- ALL Musicians in grades 9-12 will receive awards.
- Tickets will be available in mid-May.

SENIORS: If you would like your biography in the banquet program, please [complete this form](#) by 5/15/24.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

FOR RISING FRESHMAN AND
SOPHOMORES (GRADES 9-10)

Get ready for a summer
adventure!



7/15 - 7/18

Working With Machines

7/15 - 7/18

Science Sampler

7/22 - 7/25

Charge Forward: Clean Energy Science

7/22 - 7/25

Healthcare Careers

LEARN MORE

Cost: \$125 per session

Meals are included

For more information visit

sunybroome.edu/summer-youth-programs





ORDER YOUR SCHOOL YEARBOOK TODAY

Yearbooks are **limited** — but you still have time to get one! **DON'T MISS OUT** on your chance to own all the amazing memories from the 2024 school year.

<https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>

May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Word of the Month: Empathy</p> <p>SCHOOL NURSE</p>	<p>Day 4 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day</p>		<p>Q3 Grade Chgs. Due</p> <p>Day 1 School Principal Day</p>	<p>College Shirt Day!</p> <p>Day 2</p>	<p>Day 3 School Lunch Hero Day!</p>	<p>California Women UNBREAKABLE</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>Community Night District Art Festival Music Pop Up Event (4 p.m. - 8 p.m.)</p>	<p>Day 2</p>	<p>Day 3 Ann. Budget Vote/BoE Election Noon-8 p.m. (See May 19)</p>	<p>Day 4 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. Mad City Event</p>	<p>Day 5 College Decision Day!</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		
<p>MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL ALL BUILDINGS CLOSED</p>	<p>MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL ALL BUILDINGS CLOSED</p>	<p>Day 6</p>	<p>Day 1 Peer Leaders Trip</p>	<p>Day 2</p>		