

Susquehanna Valley High School

SABER NEWS

November 2023

From the Administration

As November dawns upon us, I find myself reflecting on the concept of thankfulness and the importance of being grateful. It's a time of year when the vibrant colors of autumn remind us of the beauty in change, and it's a season to express gratitude for the many blessings in our lives.

Gratitude is the Attitude

Thanksgiving, a holiday rooted in the spirit of gratitude, is a perfect reminder of the power of being thankful. In a world filled with challenges, it is essential to take a moment to appreciate the positives, no matter how big or small they may seem. Our students took that task to heart and wrote down all the things they are thankful for, and we will be saying them on the announcements all month!

Thankful for Our Students

I want to start by expressing my profound gratitude for the incredible students of Susquehanna Valley High School. Their energy, resilience, and enthusiasm never cease to amaze me. It is through their determination that our hallways are filled with the vibrant spirit of learning, growth and community. They are the heart and soul of our school, and for that, we are thankful.

Thankful for Our Parents

To the parents of our students, I extend my deepest appreciation for your unwavering support and partnership. Your involvement and commitment to your children's education are the cornerstone of their success. We recognize the sacrifices you make to ensure your children have the best possible educational experience.

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Important Dates:

November 8

HS Picture Retakes;
Jostens Rep in HS

November 10

Veterans Day
All Buildings Closed

November 13

2 Hour Delay

November 14

NHS Induction
7:00 p.m.

November 15

Board of Education
Meeting
6:00 p.m.

November 18

HS Craft Fair
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

November 22-24

Thanksgiving Break

November 29

Financial Aid Night
6:00 p.m.

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Grateful for Our Staff

I am also immensely grateful for our dedicated teachers and staff. They work tirelessly to provide a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students. Their passion for education and their relentless dedication are what make Susquehanna Valley High School a great place to learn and try new things.

Upcoming November Highlights

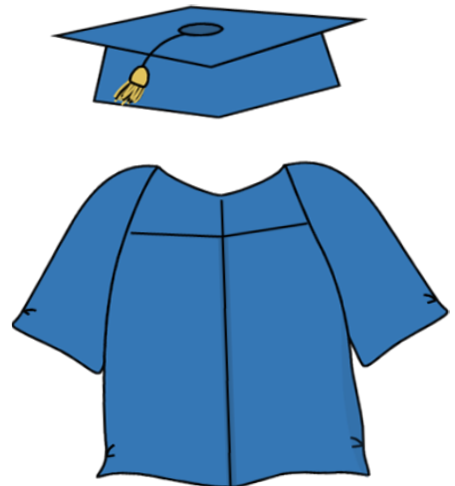
As we step into the month of November, let's look forward to some exciting events at our school:

- End of the 1st marking Period: Mark your calendars for November 9th! Report cards will be mailed the following week. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress to start the year, and to set goals for the future.
- Veterans Day Red, White and Blue: On November 9th, we will wear Red, White, and Blue to honor and express our gratitude to our veterans.
- Thanksgiving Food Drive: Our annual Thanksgiving food drive is soon to be in full swing! Cut out Turkeys will be for sale for \$1, which will be placed on classroom doors. The money then goes to purchase and provide thanksgiving meals. Your generous contributions will help us support families in need within our community, and it also promotes friendly competition between classes.

The spirit of thankfulness should extend beyond November, and I encourage you all to continue practicing gratitude throughout the year. We have a wonderful Saber school community here, and together, we can achieve great things. Thank you for being part of the Susquehanna Valley family, we are grateful for your continued support!

Cap & Gown Ordering!

Do you have a graduating senior in the Class of 2024? It is time to start thinking about graduation already! You can order online at www.nygrad.com (put Susquehanna Valley in the box for name of school), or you can order from the Jostens representative who will be here in the high school on Wednesday, November 8th. The rep will be here during the student lunch blocks (11:09 a.m.-12:58 p.m.). It is a perfect opportunity to ask any questions you may have, and order your student's cap & gown! If purchasing the cap & gown will be a financial burden for your family, please be sure to contact the high school main office (607-775-0304). We can help!



News from the Guidance Office

November 2023



As previously published - the ASVAB will be given to all 10th grade students and some registered Jr./Sr. students on November 1, 2023 at 8 a.m. This aptitude test helps your child see how interests, abilities, and personal preferences match career opportunities. When taken in the 10th grade there is **NO** commitment to the military; it is strictly used as a career development tool and will aid in guiding student decisions regarding post high school plans. The test takes 3 hours and 15 minutes to complete online. Please assure your student arrives at school with a fully charged Chromebook (as they should everyday).



Financial Aid Night

The guidance department will be offering an **IN-PERSON** Financial Aid Night for Seniors and their families on November 29, **at 6 p.m.** in the high school auditorium. Part of the college application process is to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This presentation will help students and families understand the types of financial aid available and how to submit the application. We highly encourage college-bound students to attend with their families. Richard Griffis, the Assistant Director of Financial Aid/Operations at SUNY Broome will be presenting.

Additionally, Shaunte Middleton (from Talent Search) continues to be available at SVHS from 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on alternating Wednesdays to provide individualized assistance in completing the FAFSA and TAP applications. We continue to schedule college-bound students to meet with her, and welcome parents' participation. Please call the Counseling Office at 607-775-9115 if you would like to make an appointment.

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>
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

***Please note: SV is not a testing site, so students will have to take the exam at a neighboring high school such as Binghamton, Vestal, Maine-Endwell or Chenango Valley HS.**

ACT:

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline- Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

Preparing for the SAT/ACT:

Students should familiarize themselves with the test(s) and create a study plan. Here are some tips on how to prepare for the SAT/ACT:

- Khan Academy: This is a free, personalized, online study tool. Khan Academy has partnered with College Board to deliver a tailored guide to the SAT based on the student's PSAT results. If a student took the PSAT in October, they can link their results to Khan Academy!
- SAT Practice Tests: - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>
- ACT Practice Tests: <https://academy.act.org/>

Please check with the schools you are interested in for the most up-to-date information. If you are still interested in taking the SAT/ACT, you must register online at www.collegeboard.org for the SAT or www.actstudent.org for the ACT. 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.



Senior Information:

Counselors are meeting with seniors to discuss post-secondary plans. Students that are:

- College-bound should have a list of colleges they plan to apply to.
- Work-bound should bring a list of jobs they are interested in.
- Military-bound should let us know what branch they are interested in.

Your counselor will help finalize these lists and assist with the application process.



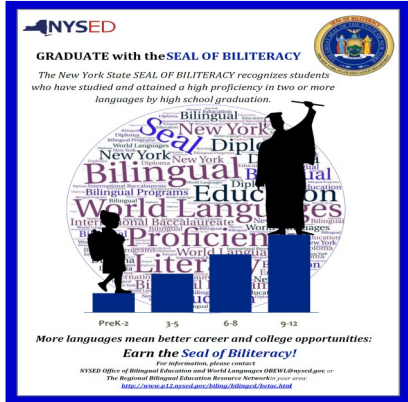
Instant Admit Day

All Seniors will be participating in SUNY Broome's Instant Admit Day on Monday, November 13, at 1 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Please be prepared by having your Chromebook charged and your Social Security Number available.



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.**



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

The image features the Susquehanna Valley Sabers logo centered within a white square. The logo consists of the words "SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY" in a small, blue, sans-serif font above a stylized gold and blue horse head. Below the horse head is the word "SABERS" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font with a white outline. The entire logo is set against a dark blue background. Surrounding the white square is a circular banner with the words "DONATE HERE" repeated twice in a white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left and right corners, there are small logos for "SV" in gold and blue.



Saber Stage Productions is proud to announce “*Seussical The Musical*” coming to our high school stage! *Seussical* is one of the most widely produced musicals in the country. It a story of friendship, loyalty, and love based on some of the most beloved Dr. Seuss stories. We follow Horton and Gertrude as they band together to save the Whos, free Horton, and restore peace and unity to the Jungle of Nool against all odds! The musical will be performed Friday and Saturday, February 23 & 24, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, February 25, at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online in February.

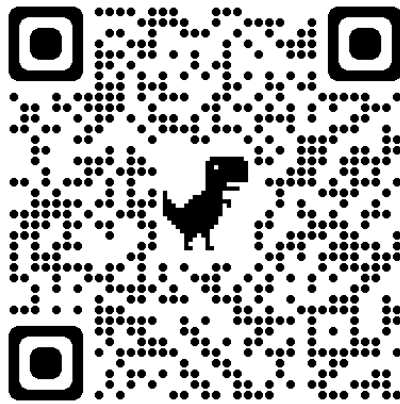


Europe Trip 2024

England, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany & Austria

If you are interested in traveling to Europe in July 2024, check out the itinerary and sign up soon! We will be taking off from New York City on July 8, 2024 for London. We will take the Chunnel train under the English Channel to explore Brussels and Bruges in Belgium. From there we are on a high speed train to Zurich, Switzerland. We will enjoy the Swiss Alps from Lucerne, Switzerland. Next we're on a bus to Munich, Germany to experience Bavarian culture, and take a day trip to Salzburg, Austria. We will return home on July 18, 2024! Questions to Mrs. Butts- jbutts@svsabers.org or Mrs. Retzlaff- lretzlaf@svsabers.org in the high school

Use the QR code below or go to www.explorica.com and use Tour Center ID: Butts-4502



Model UN 2024

Fall Lotto Raffle

Prize:

\$100 in New York State Scratch Off Lottery Tickets

Important Information:

- Tickets are \$10 each.
- Tickets can only be sold to people who are 18 years or older.
- Ask a member of Model UN or email jbutts@svsabers.org to buy tickets!
- Fundraiser to support Model UN Conference in Washington, D.C. in February 2024.
- Drawing will be held Thursday, November 9, at 2:30 p.m. Winner will be called as soon as ticket is drawn.



Sabers Art

Three SVHS students' work was recently selected to be displayed at the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Art Exhibit, sponsored by the New York State Art Teachers' Association. Works by Grey Milligan, Syria Frank, and Johnathan Cortese were submitted to a virtual exhibit representing 10 regions from elementary and secondary schools across New York State.

The NYSSBA Exhibit is an annual art exhibit that brings attention to art students' work with members of local school boards at the School Board Association's annual convention. School board members attending the NYSSBA Convention will be able to view student artwork during the convention October 26-28 in Buffalo, NY.



Johnathan Cortese,
Ode Hella



Grey Milligan, *Drifting*



Syria Frank, *Sunflower*

National Honor Society



Induction Ceremony

- The induction ceremony is scheduled for November 14., 7 p.m.
- Rehearsal will be both Monday, November 13, during Saber Time and Tuesday, November 14, after school.
- All inductees should attend both rehearsals.
- Current members should attend both rehearsals if possible but must attend the one Tuesday afternoon.
- All current members are required to attend the ceremony.

Stay Informed

- Join NHS on Remind text #81010 and enter message @estrn.
- Join NHS on Instagram.

Community Service Hours

- Students in NHS must complete 20 hours of community service per year by June.
- Please see posts on Google Classroom for updated opportunities.
- The form for recording these hours has been updated and is now on Google Classroom.

NHS Dues

- NHS dues are mandated by the organization.
- Dues are \$20 per year.
- *If you pay before January 1, 2024, you will receive your NHS cord for free-worth \$10.*
- Checks should be made out to SV NHS.

Your NHS Advisors,

Elizabeth Strnatka & Karen Lyke

estrnatk@svsabers.org & klyke@svsabers.org



Popcorn Fundraiser

- Delivery is tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2023.
- Pick-up will be in the High School Cafeteria.

Dues

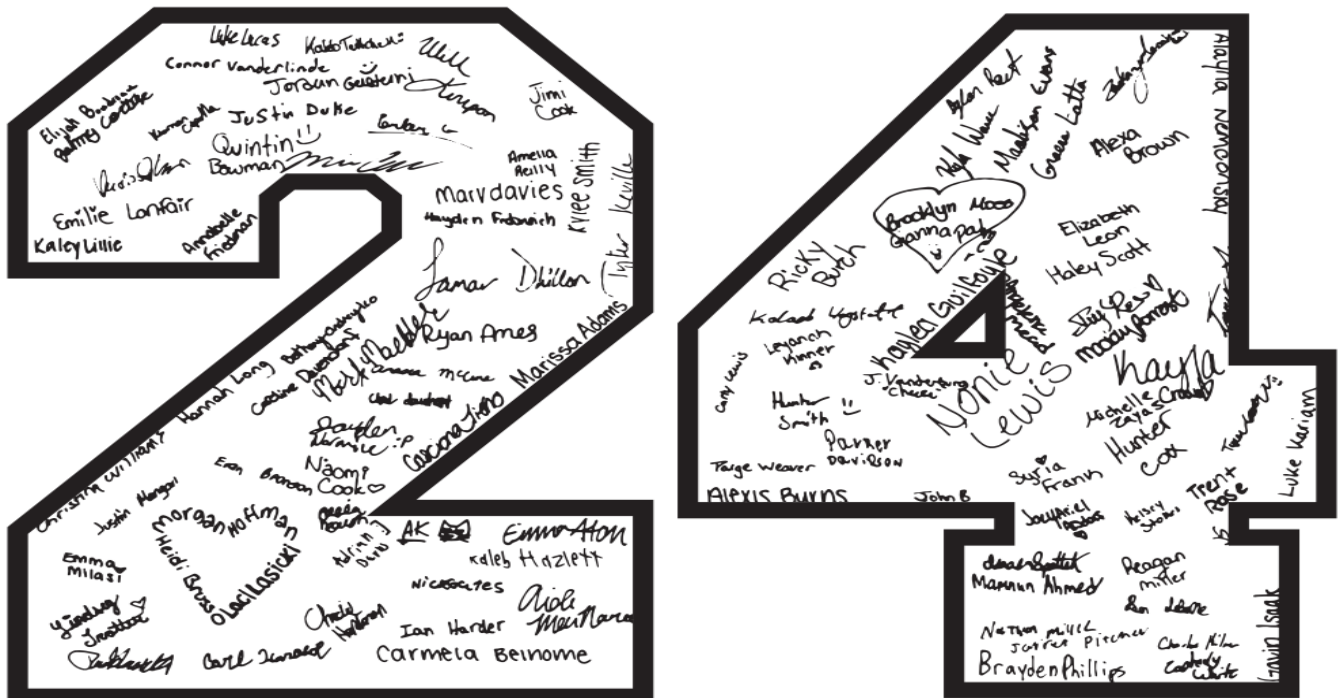
- If you have not paid your Dues for the year, please pay before January when the cost goes up!
- ***Class Dues - **\$10** ***After January **\$15*****
Checks payable to: SVHS Class of 2024.

Prom Committee

- If you are interested in joining the Prom Planning Committee please email sroot@svsabers.org or klyke@svsabers.org with your preferred availability (saber time or after school) Meeting will be scheduled once we hear from you.

Questions?

Please contact an advisor with any questions –
sroot@svsabers.org or klyke@svsabers.org



JUNIORS

Class of 2025

Thank you!

- Thank you to everyone who participated in making our Junior Class Float. **We WON!!!**
- Thank you to Hayle Warner's Family for hosting our float building sessions!
- Also a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Silver Linings Fundraiser and contributed their time or talents for our bake sale! It is much appreciated.

Poinsettias & Wreath Nanticoke Gardens Fundraiser

- Poinsettias and wreaths will be delivered December 6.
- Plants and wreaths must be picked up that day.

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 \$10 until January for this year.
- It is cheapest to pay \$50 for all 4 years ahead of time.
- 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

- **No fundraisers for November!**

Class Dues

- Class dues help pay for all senior activities.
- Each **sophomore** is responsible for paying **\$10 this year**.
- If you wait until **January**, the amount is then **\$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



The freshman class of 2027 is now selling 2024 “Save Around” coupon books! These are great to gift, or even to keep for yourself. There are so many savings in this book - from both local businesses and chains - that there is a coupon for everyone.

To grab one, you may order one from a student directly, or using our special code online at www.SAPayNow.com/286235

Please have your order in with a student or online by 11/16/2023 to ensure your books are delivered by the holidays.

Thank you for your support!

The Class of 2027

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



If you like eating at the Texas Roadhouse and showing Saber spirit, this is a fundraiser for you. There are two ways that you can help the Class of 2027 raise money for their senior year!

ONE: Purchase some Texas Roadhouse gift cards through a class of 2027 student - all freshmen should have a log to take down gift card orders. Orders for gift cards are being taken until 11/21/23

TWO: Join the S.V. Sabers Class of 2027 for a “Dine and Donate” night with good food and fun on November 13th, 2023 from 3:30 - 9:00 PM. 10% of all sales that night will go toward the freshman class.

Thank you for your support!

Gift cards purchased before 11/6/23 will be available for pick at Texas Roadhouse during the dine and donate night. You can use them that night for dine-in or take-out orders, or save them for later.

If you cannot make it to the dine and donate night, or ordered your gift card after 11/6/23, **your gift card will be available at the high school starting November 14th 2023. We will contact you via the information you gave when it is ready.**



High School Music News

November 2023

December Performance

The High School Concert will take place on Thursday, December 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Music Department Trip

Families of students who are going on the Virginia trip, look for information coming home next week! The High School Music Department continues to raise money for our spring Virginia Performance Trip.

Please watch for more information about our upcoming fundraisers:

- 10/10-12/15 Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar sale
- 11/1-11/16 Frozen food sale
- 11/18 Bake sale at the SVTA Craft Fair - SEE BELOW
- TBD Basket Raffle
- TBD Music Clothing Sale

Bake Sale Fundraiser 11/18/23

The Music Department Bake Sale at the SVTA Craft Fair is a chance for us to raise money towards our trip. **We will work from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the HS Gym.** All items will be sold for a donation!

Please consider helping by working at the table, baking, buying baked goods to donate, or all of the above. Money raised will be used to offset the trip costs. Sign up by scanning the QR Code below. Contact Mrs. Olds at mold@svsabers.org with questions.

Reminders

- * Baked goods must include an ingredients list, whether homemade or store bought (the store label is fine, or if it is a mix, bring the box).
- * If you can, please cut up/package the items into individual servings (ex. cut brownies and put one each into a ziploc bag).
- * You can drop items off on Friday, November 17, 2023 at the HS.

BAKE SALE SIGN UP HERE



All students going to Virginia should plan to bake and/or work at the Bake Sale!

Concert Attire

All students in all High School Music Ensembles are required to wear the following for performances. We have a concert closet! Please contact your ensemble director if you need assistance in obtaining these items.

- Black dress pants.
- Black dress shirt.
- Black dress shoes.

Scholarships

Throughout the year, a variety of music scholarships are offered to area students. Keep your eye on our Google Classrooms for applications and deadlines. These are posted as they are received by the music faculty.



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 Friday, December 1**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in an absence of a senior portrait. If you're unable to schedule a senior portrait, plan on using November 8 (our retake day) as an opportunity to get a senior photo. No costumes or props will be allowed for photos.

Portrait Requirements

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

Senior portraits are due Friday, December 1.

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

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

Purchasing a Yearbook

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

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

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: [Pavlik Photo and Design.com](http://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 and an additional cost, and must be created online at Jostens.com. To purchase your ad online, please go to Jostens.com and follow the instructions on the website. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

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



Susquehanna Valley High
School

**Calling all proud
parents.**

Recognize your student's milestones
and successes with a yearbook ad.

Create and purchase online by
02/08/2024



jostensadservice.com/student



Susquehanna Valley High School Thanksgiving Fundraiser 2023



This year we will collect monetary donations to support families in our district. Each 1st period will collect money. When a student brings in a donation of at least \$1, they can hang a turkey on their classroom door. The "Turkey Contest" will end on Friday, November 17, at 8 a.m. We will come to each room after 8 a.m. to collect monetary donations.



The class who earns the most turkeys will receive a breakfast party of their choosing (bagels, donuts, or pizza) from the Student Council and YES Leads! on Monday, November 20, during 1st period.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Egan or Rachel Heslin, Student Council Advisors or Heather Fitzgerald, YES Leads! advisor.



November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			ASVAB @ 8 A.M. 1		College Sweatshirt Day 3	4
			Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
5 Day Light Saving Time Ends 	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 HS Picture Retakes Jostens @ Lunch Blocks	9 Q1 Ends Day 3	10 Veterans Day All Buildings Closed	11 
12	13 Grades Due @ 8 a.m.	14 Day 5 NHS Induction @ 7:00 p.m.	15 Day 6 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 HS Craft Fair 9:00-2:00 p.m.
19	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22	23	24	25 
			Thanksgiving Break- No School			
26	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1 Financial Aid Night @ 6:00 p.m.	30 Day 2		30