

Susquehanna Valley High School
SABER NEWS
September 2024

From the Administration

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at SVHS! As we open the doors for the 2024-2025 academic year, I am thrilled to see the familiar faces of our returning students and to welcome our new students and their families. It has been quiet around here this summer without students in the building!

I hope that everyone had a refreshing summer break and is ready for the opportunities and challenges that this new school year will bring. Our building has transformed with the capital project, and we are almost there! For now, we have an alternate entrance and exit for the start and end of the day, but soon we will move back to the main entrance. We are almost settled into the new Main Office, Nurse's Office, and Guidance Office... please pardon our dust as we get everything settled! I cannot wait to invite everyone in to see the new spaces once we are all set!

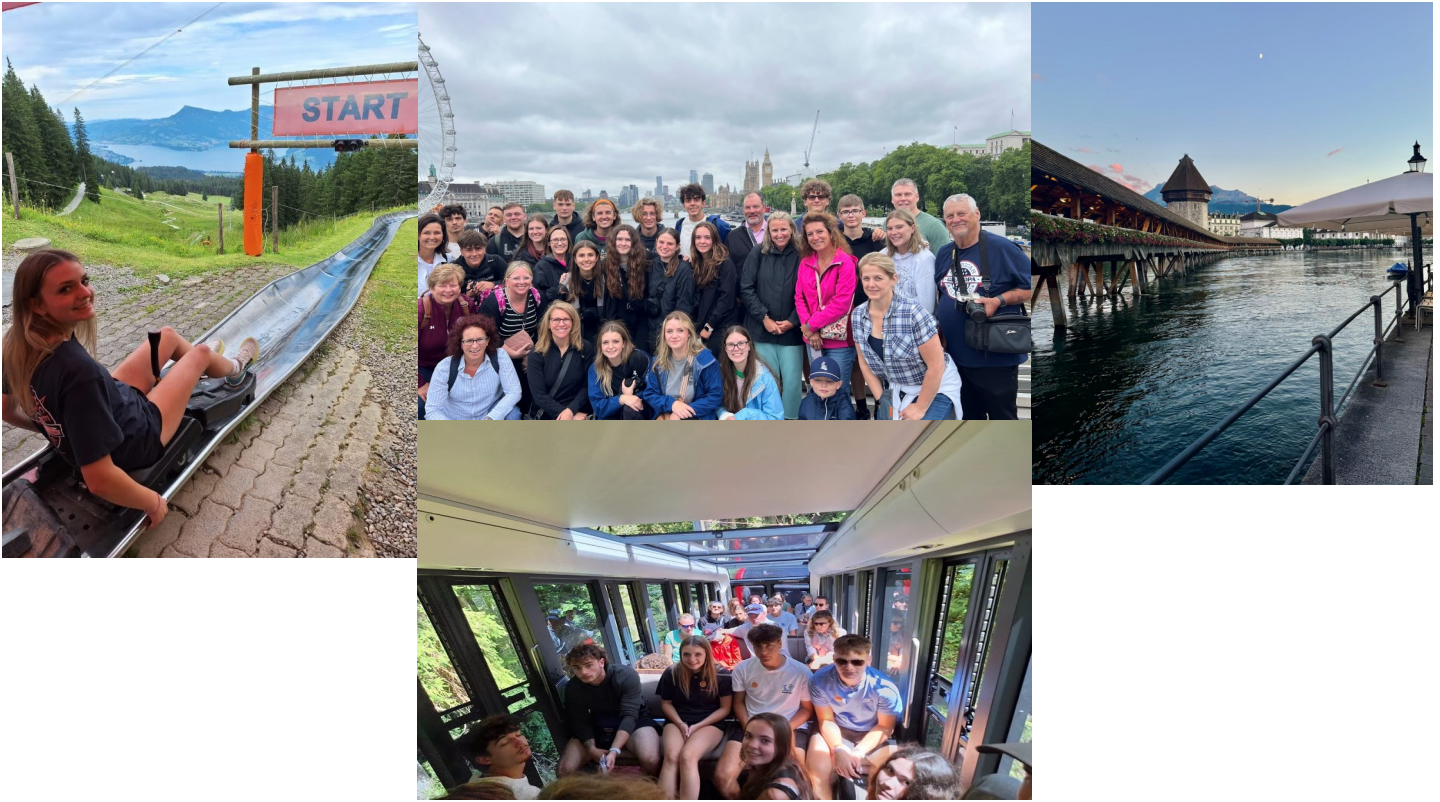
Over the summer, many of our students were actively engaged in experiences and activities that I am excited to share with you. Firstly, I want to highlight the incredible experience of a group of our students who embarked on a remarkable educational journey to Europe. This summer, a select group had the opportunity to travel to London, Brussels, Lucerne, Zurich and Munich to name a few! They explored historical landmarks and engaged in many cultural experiences. For instance they made waffles in Belgium, took a walk along the Thames River, rode a toboggan, and took a swim in Alpine lake. So cool! Their experiences abroad not only broadened their horizons but also allowed them to gain invaluable insights that they will carry forward in their academic and personal lives. We look forward to hearing their stories and reflections throughout the year!

Important Dates:

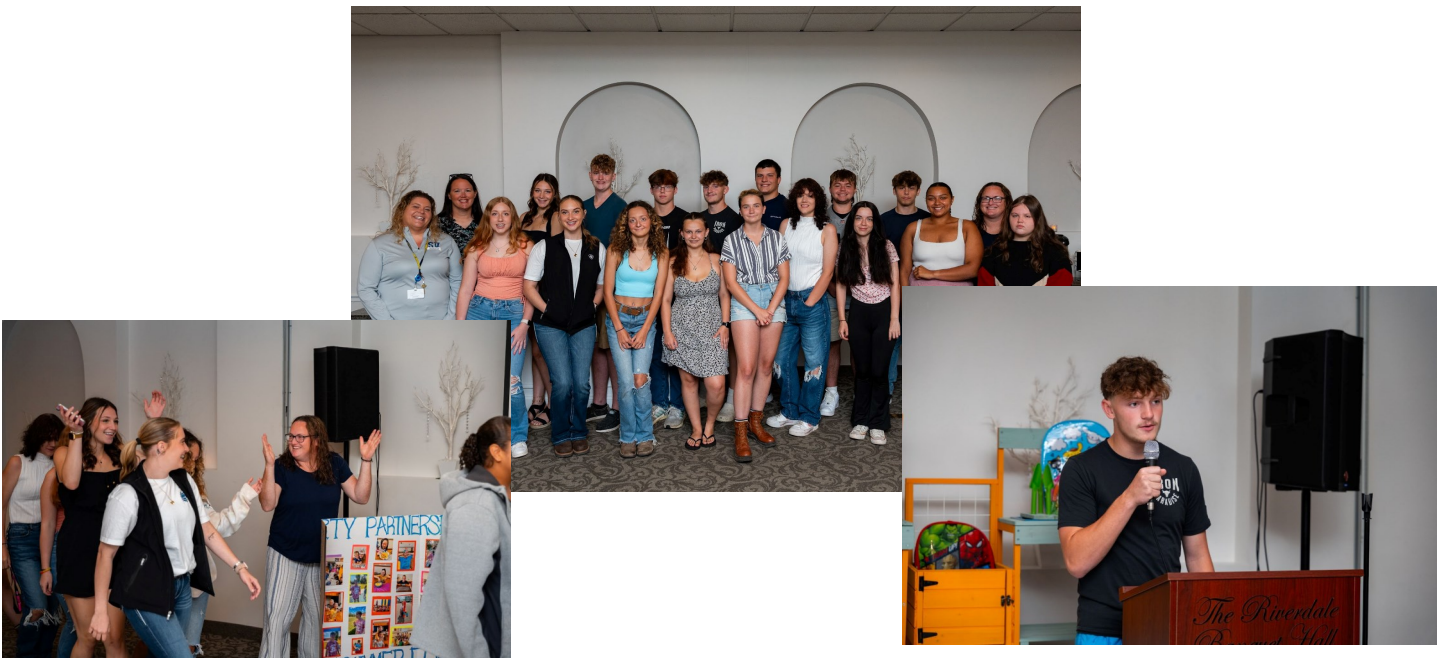
September 17
Curriculum Night
@ 5:30 p.m.

September 18
Board of Education meeting
@ 6:00 p.m.

September 19-20
HS Picture Days



Additionally, Liberty Partnership was instrumental in bringing the Conklin Summer Fun Program to life at Donnelly this year. I do have to say I missed it being housed at the High School! The program provided a fantastic array of activities for students, and it was a wonderful opportunity for our younger students to engage in fun and learning over the summer months. I had the opportunity to attend the Liberty Partnership Expo this summer where students spoke about the impact they have on the community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the student staff members and Liberty Partnership Coordinators who makes this program a success and provided a memorable experience for the children.



As we gear up for the school year, I want to remind everyone of the importance of staying engaged and proactive. Whether you're returning to continue your journey or starting at the High School as a Freshman, I encourage each of you to take full advantage of the resources and opportunities that are available. We are all dedicated to supporting your academic and personal growth, and we are excited to work with you to achieve your goals.

Let's make this year the best one yet! Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!



Thank you to Myles Clement for the pictures from the first day of school!

News from the Guidance Office

September 2024

PSAT:

Susquehanna Valley High School will be offering the Digital PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 9 to 10th and **11th graders (priority for 11th)**. The Digital PSAT is essentially a practice Digital SAT that will help students prepare for the actual Digital SAT, usually taken in May or June of their junior year. The Digital PSAT also has a scholarship opportunity attached to it. Only 11th graders with qualifying scores on the Digital PSAT will be entered into the scholarship competition. The deadline to register for the test is Thursday, October 3. **Students will use their chromebooks to take the test digitally.** Students are not officially registered until payment is received. Due to the digital nature of the exam, students that register after the deadline may not be able to test.

Sections and Timing of the Digital PSAT:

Reading and Writing Section- 64 minutes (two modules within the section)
Math Test - 70 minutes (two modules within the section)

Benefits of the Digital PSAT:

- Preparation for the *Digital SAT*
- You can get a sense of your SAT score
- Pinpoints areas for development
- Free, personalized study plans through Khan Academy
- Scholarship opportunity (NMSQT)
- Connect with colleges and universities

Where: HS Small Gym

Materials to bring: **CHARGED CHROMEBOOK**, Number 2 pencils, scientific or graphing calculator

Cost: \$18.00 - Cash or Check accepted. Checks can be made out to Susquehanna Valley CSD *fee waivers are available to eligible 11th graders only

* For more info, go to <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>.

The PSAT

October 9 at 8:00 a.m.

The Preliminary SAT, also known as the PSAT/NMSQT® (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a practice version of the SAT exam. You can take the PSAT once per year, and many students take it in 11th grade. The PSAT **cost is \$18.00** and can be paid via cash or check made out to the Susquehanna Valley School District. Payment and permission slips should be turned in to the High School Guidance Office by noon on **October 3**. For fee waiver consideration please call 775-9115. **The PSAT will be digital this year.** This means students taking the PSAT **MUST** bring a **CHARGED chromebook** on the day of the test. We will not have spare chromebooks available.

The test lasts about 3 hours and tests reading, writing, and math skills. Unlike the SAT, the highest score possible on the *Digital PSAT* is 1520.

I would like my son/daughter:

Name: _____

To take the Digital PSAT on October 9 at 8:00 a.m. at Susquehanna Valley High School.

Parent Signature

Date

Due to the Counseling Office: Thursday, October 3, 2024.

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>
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 13, 2024
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
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
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18
December 14, 2023	November 8	November 22	December 6
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

Construction/Technology Career Day

Construction/Technology Career Day at BT BOCES is Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

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.

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.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

- 4) The chaperones are in complete charge at all times. Students will comply with all directions of the chaperones.
- 5) 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 action.
- 6) 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.
- 7) It is understood that in the event of serious illness or accident the nearest medical facility will be used.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN: 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: Construction/Technology Career Day on Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

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

Permission slip due Thursday, September 26, 2024.

Greater Binghamton College Fair at the Visions Veterans Memorial Arena.

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Student _____ has my permission to go on the following school sponsored trip.

Field Trip: Greater Binghamton College Fair at Visions Veterans Memorial Arena on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

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

Due to the Counseling Office October 14, 2024.

September 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian of Junior and/or Senior Students:

This is to inform you that a provision of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires the school district to provide students' names, addresses and home phone numbers to military recruiters when requested.

However, the law also states that schools must notify parents and students that they have the right NOT to be included when the information is released if they choose.

To exercise your legal right to have this information kept private, you should use the form below to notify the school office that you do not wish this information to be released. Please note that unless you use this "opt out procedure" the school district cannot refuse the military recruiters' requests and you and your student may be contacted by them at home.

To OPT OUT of the Military Recruitment Provisions of the NCLB Act, please complete this form and return it to the Guidance Office by September 13, 2024. You may submit this form in person, by mail, by the student, by e-mail to dwormuth@svsabers.org or by fax at 607-775-9126.

MILITARY RECRUITMENT OPT OUT REQUEST

Dear Susquehanna Valley Central School District,

We are exercising the opt out right under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and hereby request that the name, address and telephone listing of:

Student's Name

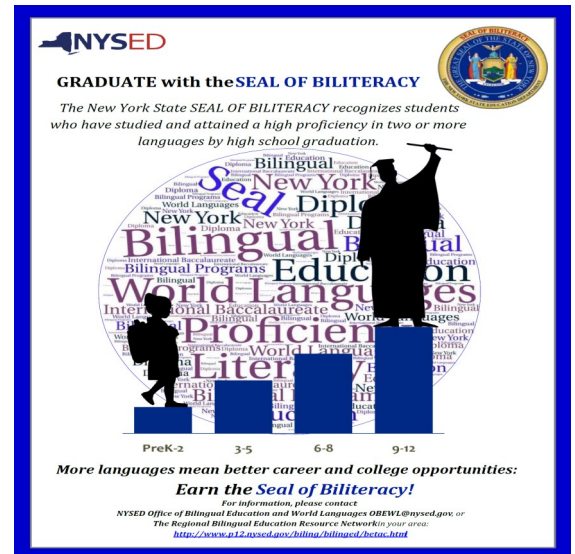
NOT be released to military recruiters without prior written consent.

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian Signature of Student

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.



The High School Librarian is IN!

The physical library is closed for construction, but your student can still:

- Access our free Research Databases (www.svsabers.org/LibraryMediaCenter.aspx)
- Borrow eBooks from our SORA account (<https://launchpad.classlink.com/svsabers>)
- Borrow print books during lunch.



Please email Ms. Westgate if you have any questions: pwestgat@svsabers.org

Mrs. Wright is the World Language Department Chair and her email is jwright@svsabers.org.

Peer Leaders

Peer Leaders will be selling Krispy Kreme
from October 1- October 31. There will be
more information to come!



Chem Free Prom

We kicked off the school year with our annual Chem Free Golf Tournament at Conklin Players Club on August 29, 2024. This tournament was a tremendous success! We'd like to extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible local businesses and senior parents for their generous donations and dedicated volunteer hours. Your contributions helped us organize a fantastic tournament for a fantastic cause.

Our goal as a committee is to throw our 2025 Senior class an after-prom party they will remember forever. To ensure this is possible, Senior parent participation is the key to this success. We are encouraging all Senior parents to attend our next Chem Free Post Prom meeting, scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. If you do not have this link, please email Ms. Schuster at eschuste@svsabers.org.





SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY HOMECOMING PARADE!

ATTENTION *SABER FANS!*

Show your Saber Spirit and participate
in the 2024 Homecoming Parade!

Friday October 11, 2024

Starting at Schnurbusch Park & ending at SV High School

- Line-up begins at 4:15 p.m.
- Parade starts at 5:00 p.m.

If your organization would like to participate, please contact:

Rachel Heslin, High School Student Council Advisor,
rheslin@svsabers.org, 607-775-0304

High School Homecoming Dance

- Dance will be held Saturday, October 12th
- Dance starts at 8pm and ends at 10:30pm
- Dance will be held in the SVHS gymnasium
- Tickets will be sold the week of October 7th during lunch blocks at the high school for \$10 cash
- Guests need to be registered in the Main Office by Thursday, October 10th
- Middle school students and individuals over 21 are not eligible to attend
- Concessions will be available, cash only



It's so exciting to announce that senior year is finally here for the Class of 2025! We are looking forward to this being a monumental year for the students and are already started planning their events. We look forward to working with the students to make this truly a memorable year for them!

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

- *With any luck, this should be our final fundraiser!*
- Hopefully, we will have some enthusiastic participation as that equals great profits.
- Fundraiser forms are due September 17.
- Krispy Kremes will arrive on the morning of September 25.

Senior Class Shirts

- The cost will be \$15 for t-shirts and \$20 for long sleeve shirts.
- Forms and payment are due by September 17.
- A solid deadline will be in place so they arrive for the pep rally.

Homecoming Float

- Our float theme is Candyland.
- Please help provide any supplies needed.
- Typically we need painting supplies, candy, balloons, etc.
- More information will follow.

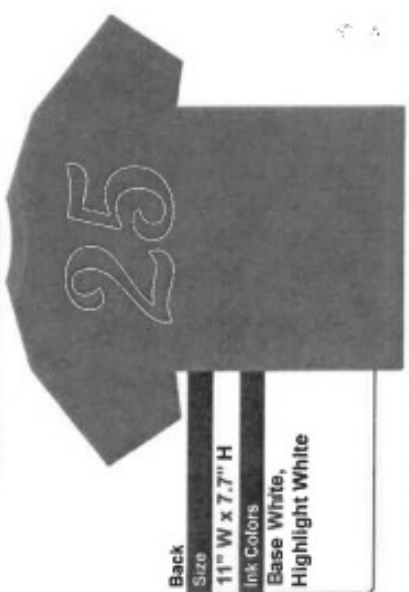
Class Dues

- 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

Class of 2025 Shirt Order Forms

/ 2024-08-22



Apparel Color(s)
 Gildan 64000 SoftStyle - Black



Size	T-Shirt - \$15	Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$20
Small		
Medium		
Large		
X-Large (+\$2)		
2XL (+\$2)		
3XL (+\$3)		
Total:		

Payment can be by cash or check. Please make checks out to **SV Class of 2025**. Bring all money to Mr. Simonds (Room 30) or Mrs. Strnatka (Room 4) no later than **Tuesday, September 17th**.

YOUR NAME: _____

JUNIORS

Class of 2025

Welcome back!

Communication

- **NEW**—we will be using **ParentSquare/StudentSquare** this year for communication.
- **Parents and students**—more information coming soon.

Homecoming

- **The homecoming parade is October 11 at 5:00 p.m.**
- The float theme this year is “Board Games”. The class of 2026 is doing **“Operation”**.
- Stay tuned for the interest meeting.

Fundraisers

- We are staying Saber Strong by supporting Breast Cancer Awareness in October. The class of 2026 will be selling Saber Gear. Part of the total profit will be donated to charity.

Class Dues

- Class dues of **\$10 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

Welcome back, class of 2027 students and parents! We are excited for another great year.

Firstly, please sign up for Parent Square. This is the best way to get information back and forth, and can be accessed in a variety of ways. Emails from the district have been sent out with more details on signing up for Parent Square. We will no longer be using Remind. Students, there is a Student Square for you, as well as our Google Classroom. These are the easiest ways to communicate with our class moving forward.

We are beginning our first fundraiser right away. This will be a **fundraiser selling mums for fall**. More information to come at our first class meeting (on 9/13) **but the fundraiser is live as of today!** Feel free to print out the order form on the next page and get started. It is the same process as the hanging baskets last spring. Help support our class and get into the autumn spirit! The fundraiser ends 9/17/24, with delivery on 9/28/24.

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 \$45.00 until this winter break!**

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

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

Please feel free to reach out with any beginning of the year questions.

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



SV Class of 2027 Fall Garden Mum Sale

Big & Beautiful 8" Pots



Just **\$12.00**

or

**2 For
\$22**



Yellow

Pink—Purple



Bronze—Orange



Red—Maroon

**Order by
Sept 17th**

**Pick-Up
Saturday, Sept 28**
in front of SV RTS Middle School
10am—Noon



White



SV Class of 2027
Fall Mum
Fundraiser

name

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<p>please make checks to SV Class of 2027</p> <p>pick up Saturday Sept 28 10am - Noon in front of SV RTS Middle School</p> <p>orders MUST be turned in by Tuesday Sept 17</p>	name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name	name
	phone	phone	phone	phone	phone	phone	phone	phone	phone	phone	phone	phone

Questions contact: Mackenzie Barker (mbarker@svsabers.org) or Jennifer Potter (jpotter@svsabers.org)
We reserve the right to substitute colors based on greenhouse availability

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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 6**. Failure to meet this deadline may result in an absence of a senior portrait. Please note that September 19-20, are picture days at the high school. This is the opportunity for students to get their photo taken (at no charge!) for identification cards. If you are unable to schedule a senior portrait, plan on using these days or November 6, (our retake day) as an opportunity to get a senior photo. Seniors need to get their photo taken on these dates to receive an ID card. 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 6.

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: [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, 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

September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Labor Day All Buildings Closed	3 Superintendent's Conference Day	4 Superintendent's Conference Day	5 Day 1 First Day of School	6 Day 2 Class Meetings- 11 th & 12 th	7
8	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1 Class Meetings- 9 th & 10 th Chalk the Walk	14
15	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 Curriculum Night @ 5:30 p.m.	18 Day 4 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	19 Day 5 Picture Day	20 Day 6 Picture Day	21 
22 	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28
29	30 Day 6		