

Congratulations
CLASS OF 2018 VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN!

Valedictorian Kaitlyn Ehlers

Kaitlyn Ehlers kind nature and drive for success have given her the opportunity to be recognized as Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School's Valedictorian for the Class of 2018. Kaitlyn has always been very interested in Science and will be pursuing a Major in Biology at the State University of New York at Geneseo in the Fall. She currently serves on our National English Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, National History Honor Society and National Honor Society. She is the President of National English Honor Society and the Secretary for National Math Honor Society. Kaitlyn displays admirable character and leadership qualities. She is an outstanding model for our younger students, demonstrating the benefits of hard work, perseverance, and a positive attitude. Kaitlyn leads by example, using her intellect, wit and kindness to guide others. She not only purposes to do her best, but is always discovering new ways to attain her best. She has always been an excellent student and risen above the crowd in giving 100% all of the time. Kaitlyn has

challenged herself academically by completing a number of Advanced Placement and college courses. Kaitlyn has received several awards while at Cherry Valley-Springfield for academic excellence. We congratulate Kaitlyn Ehlers on attaining the honor of being Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School's Valedictorian for the Class of 2018!



Salutarian Amanda Pressly

Amanda Pressly's devotion to help others and her outstanding work ethic has led to her being recognized as Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School's Salutarian for the Class of 2018. Amanda is very passionate about English and will be pursuing a Major in English with a Pre-Law Concentration at Cazenovia College in the Fall. She currently serves on our National English, National History, National Math and National Honor Society. She is the President for the National Math Honor Society and the Secretary for the National English Honor Society. Amanda has taken many challenging courses throughout high school including several Advanced Placement and college courses. Amanda works well independently, but her interpersonal skills make her a natural leader in any group project. Amanda has taken an active leadership role by advocating for students in the school setting. Throughout Amanda's high school career she has received several awards for her outstanding academic abilities. We congratulate Amanda Pressly on attaining the honor of being Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School's Salutarian for the Class of 2018!



Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The extended winter that we experienced in March has made everyone anxious for spring to actually arrive. It will be interesting to see how the spring sports season plays out. Our first spring concert was wonderful. By the time we have our second spring concert the school year will be headed towards the final push. Here at CV-S students have been busy with academics and extracurriculars. Students have attended Odyssey of the Mind, Brain Game, and have been inducted into Honor societies. The Drama Club production of *Annie* was a special treat. Congratulations to the cast, crew and advisors!

Throughout the school year we have been looking at ways to be more efficient with the resources we have at hand. Our main focus is to raise student achievement, yet we are conscientious of creating an atmosphere where we support the whole child. You will start to begin to hear the term *trauma-sensitive* school. At CV-S we want our students to feel safe, and to learn the skills and strategies to maintain a positive mental health. It will be our focus to start implementing this at our school. Stay tuned for more information on this initiative.

On Tuesday, May 15, we will ask you to vote on the 2018-19 budget. This budget provides us the opportunity to purchase Chromebooks for two grade levels so they can transition into a 1:1 laptop program. The budget supports professional development for the teachers in regards to the new standards. The Next Generation standards in ELA and Math were released this year and the Social Studies framework and the Next Generation Science standards have been updated. We are moving the sixth graders back to the elementary wing. We feel this is a better for the students developmentally and academically. The budget also includes the purchase of two new buses; 60-passenger bus with one wheelchair and a 30-passenger bus. We will continue to include \$100,000 capital outlay project in the budget for minor renovation projects. The next minor project would be the replacement of 4-5 exterior doors throughout the building. The propositions that will be on the ballot are listed within this newsletter, please take a moment to review them. We also have three retirements; one elementary teacher, one physical education/health teacher and our cafeteria manager. We are cutting a part time science/part time LTA position. That position in the budget will be replaced with a sixth grade teacher to support the move of the sixth graders.

Our annual budget hearing is on Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in room 145. I hope all will attend and also remember to vote on May 15, from Noon to 8:00 p.m. Our annual Art Show will be displayed in the atrium and hallways along with the second spring concert at 7:30 p.m.

At the budget vote last year the community supported a Capital Project. Right now we are still waiting final approval from the State Education Department. The next step after approval is to put the jobs out to bid. We have completed the fuel tank project at the bus garage and installed 50 interior doors in the main building.

And, finally, I want to take this time to thank you, our community, for supporting the school. We are fortunate to have a community that gives students the opportunities to be lifelong learners. I am striving to make CV-S a better place; one day at a time.

—TheriJo Climenhaga, Superintendent

Students Design Artwork for Adirondack Chair



The 2018 CV-S Endowment Fund Adirondack Chair Raffle chair is on display. This year's chair was again built by John Walsh with materials donated by the CV-S Student Council and the artwork designed by seniors **Althea Prime** and **Hailey Diani**. The theme for the artwork was developed from a photograph taken in Bellagio, Italy during the 2016 All-Stars Soccer trip. The back and the seat of the chair illustrate the beautiful scenery of Bellagio, while the repeated design of the life preservers along the sides and arm enhance the frame in the composition.

The chair will be on display in the CV-S Main Office through mid-April when it will move to the Cherry Valley branch of NBT Bank. It will remain at the bank until the 4th of July when it will be taken to Springfield Center to be raffled off after the parade festivities.

Tickets are available from any Endowment member or at NBT Bank.



Alumni Spotlight

Cherry Valley-Springfield is proud to recognize the innovative and remarkable accomplishments Cherry Valley-Springfield School alumni have accomplished since their graduation. These accomplishments have affected our community as well as the world. Tom Shukis is a 2007 graduate from Cherry Valley-Springfield who now lives in New York City. He is a Quality Improvement/Contracts Coordinator at the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Tom's greatest professional accomplishment thus far has been stepping into his new role as Coordinator for Quality Improvement. Having the opportunity to manage all aspects of quality and clinical care for such an important service has been tremendously rewarding.



A course Tom would like to teach if he returned to CV-S would be in the field of Clinical or Abnormal Psychology. He feels it is a fascinating field of study which can help to explain so much about our community, the people in our lives, and our ability to support those who may be struggling.

One valuable lesson that Tom learned while attending CV-S is to participate in as many extra-curricular activities as possible. Tom feels that half of the learning he experienced came from outside of the classroom and many of the activities he participated in at CV-S are still passions of his today. These activities have also led to new activities such as long-distance cycling, hiking, beekeeping, music performance, and weight-lifting.

While at CV-S there were many teachers who played many different roles for him while he was growing up that he doesn't feel he could fairly choose a favorite. There were many teachers and all of them cared about me as an individual and were invested in his learning. When Tom thinks about how CV-S students will help shape the future he states that to shape the future students need to do what is right, not what is easy. His advice is you will shape the future by: "Picking up after yourself, showing gratitude and thanks when another person helps you, complimenting genuinely and often, being curious about life and learning, helping others to be curious like you, eating a little less red meat giving assistance to others because it is the right thing to do, not for the sake of reciprocity and buying local." Additionally, Tom wants students to remember, we can't always control everything that happens to us in this life, but we can control how we react. He believes that sometimes, how we respond to the challenges and adversity in our lives is more important than what actually occurred. CV-S is happy to have such an exceptional alumnus to put in the spotlight.

— Isabel Daley

Students Selected to Boys and Girls State

The Whiteman-Hull-Snyder American Legion Post 1360 will be sending three juniors, **Ryan Burr**, **Justin Riavez**, and **Ryan Lewis**, to Boys State in June.

For the first time in CV-S history we are sending two girls to Girls State! The newly chartered Women's Auxiliary Chapter of Post 1360 is sending two juniors, **Zoe Smith** and **Heather Brinig**, to Girls State in July.

Both Boy's and Girls State offer students an opportunity to learn about our system of government at all levels by running a fictional 51st state. Elections are held, bills are written, debated, and voted on.

Post 1360 sends all the students to this week long program free of charge.

Math Honor Society News



Thank you to everyone who participated in Pi week. It would not have been possible without the help of Ms. Kilpeck and the members of Math Honor Society. We had a lot of games and competitions with lots of great prizes. Activities included a Pi scavenger hunt, a Pi memorization contest and making a Pi chain. This week was memorable and math-tastic!

Also, the Math Honor Society had a great turn out at the Math Honor Society Induction and we had an amazing ice cream cake and lots of fun.

We Need YOU Blood Drive

The CV-S National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Monday, May 7, in the elementary gym from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in donating blood can schedule an appointment by contacting Mr. Fralick or Mrs. Gray. Walk-in donors would also be greatly appreciated!

Music Department News

Concert on May 15



On May 15, at 7:30 p.m., the CV-S Music Department will present their second Spring Concert. Performing will be the 4th Grade Beginning Band, Jr. and Sr. Choirs, and the Jr. and Sr. Jazz Bands. The 4th Grade Band will be eager to demonstrate their improvement from the beginning of the year. The Jr. Choir will be performing a diverse program that is sure to get audience members to tap their toes. The Senior Choir will be performing selections that include works by Mendelsohn and The Doobie Brothers. They will be joined in performance by Mrs. Sue Ethington and The *Coincidental Quartet*. Always crowd favorites, Jr. and Sr. Jazz Bands will be playing sets that will be sure to bring the audience to its feet.

General Music

- **3rd Grade:** If you hear 3rd grade students mentioning karate when they talk about music class it's because they have started learning to play the recorder using the Recorder Karate book. Students have been learning new songs and earning *belts* in the process. Along with playing recorders, students have been learning and exploring instrument families in preparation for their band instrument selection.
- **4th Grade:** The month of April is Jazz in Our Schools Month and the 4th grade general music classes will be exploring jazz through its history and performance.
- **5th Grade:** The 5th grade general music class will further explore jazz concepts such as jazz harmony and improvisation through their already composed blues songs.

Drama Club (Check out the photos on page 8!)

The performance of the musical *Annie!* was a success! The students, directors, and volunteers all had a great time putting the show together. We appreciate everyone's support! Central themes in *Annie!* are about homelessness and poverty. We are pleased to report, through sales of refreshments at intermission, that we were able to donate \$200 to Opportunities for Otsego. Opportunities for Otsego's mission is to "promote healthy lives, thriving families, and caring communities."

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope For Heart is a community service learning program of the American Heart Association which teaches students:

- the importance of developing heart-healthy habits;
- that being physically active can be fun; and
- that raising funds to support cardiovascular research and education helps save lives in their community and across the country.



During Physical Education classes, students learned to jump rope while learning how nutrition and physical activity can help them live longer, healthier lives. Jump Rope for Heart also promotes community service by teaching kids how to help others.

Our K-5 students participated in Jump Rope for Heart in Physical Education classes last month. The students' commitment and enthusiasm for this cause far exceeded the school's goal of \$3,500. The CV-S students raised \$6,036!

Great job to all of the CV-S students who raised money!

Ski Club Seeking Donations

The CVSCS Ski Club is looking to expand club activities to include hiking, orienteering, cross country skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing, and much more! We are currently accepting donations of outdoor gear including:

- Downhill skis (and associated boots)
- Snowboards (and associated boots)
- Cross country skis (and boots)
- Hiking boots
- Snowshoes
- Ice skates
- Hiking backpacks



We are accepting gear in any state of disrepair as we will be teaching students how to repair and maintain any and all outdoor equipment. Contact Tristan Davis Fralick at (607)-282-0922 (call or text) or davisfralickt@gmail.com!

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Budget Vote • Art Show • Spring Concert

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Cherry Valley - Springfield
Central School Cafeteria**

Eat In or Take Out

Students will be available to help
carry your order to your car

COME AND ENJOY A GREAT MEAL!

To benefit the Class of 2019 and the Class of 2020.

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School
SPRING 2018 CONTINUING ED CLASSES

Call 607-264-3265, ext. 518 or email pjohnson@cvsd.org to register for classes. Please also register for walk-in classes in order to receive updates & cancellation notices.

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	DATE/TIME	FEE
ACRYLIC PAINTING: BARN/FENCE/WILD FLOWERS: Try your hand at painting without any investment in supplies. All skill levels are welcome. Students will go home with an 11"X14" finished piece.	Anna Halkowich	Tuesday, April 17: 6:00-8:00 p.m.	\$25/1 class Includes all supplies
ACRYLIC PAINTING—DAISIES: Another opportunity to try your hand at painting without any investment in supplies.	Anna Halkowich	Tuesday, May 8: 6:00-8:00 p.m.	\$25/1 class Includes all supplies
INTRO TO ANCESTRY.COM: For beginners interested in exploring the basics of Ancestry.com. School computers will be used for this class.	Rhonda King	Tuesday, May 8: 6:00-8:00 p.m.	\$20/1 class
BASKET WEAVING (Workshop 1): Choose one. Small Waste Basket With Curls: Perfect for any room! Decorative and useful! Berry Bottom Fruit Basket: A basket approximately 5" tall with a diameter of 9".	Susan Hardy	April 24: 3:30-6:30 p.m. OR April 25: 5:45-8:45 p.m.	\$30/1 class Includes all supplies
BASKET WEAVING (Workshop 2): Choose one. Shaker Style Cheese Basket: A unique basket with a hexagonal woven bottom. Tissue Basket: A 3" tall basket which is sized to fit tissues (without the box) & is also good for dinner rolls or knick-knacks. Choice of handle.	Susan Hardy	May 1: 3:30-6:30 p.m. OR May 2: 5:45-8:45 p.m.	\$30/1 class Includes all supplies
CREATE WITH CRICUT EXPRESSION or CRICUT EXPLORE: A variety of all-occasion projects to choose from created with paper, vinyl or iron-on materials.	PJ Johnson	Monday, April 16: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	\$30/1 class
JR KARATE 1 (Block 4 starts approx May 4)	Brian Cox	Mondays: 5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$23/6 classes
JR KARATE 2	Brian Cox	Fridays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$23/6 classes
ADULT KARATE BASICS	Brian Cox	Fridays: 5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$23/6 classes
JR KARATE 3	Brian Cox	Mondays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$25/6 classes
JR KARATE DOUBLES	Brian Cox	Mondays & Fridays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$33/6 classes
ADULT KARATE	Brian Cox	Mondays & Fridays: 7:30-9:00 p.m.	\$38/6 classes
OPEN COMPUTER NIGHT	Brian DeBoyace	No Fee	No Fee
POUND®: the world's 1st cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing & sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Ripstix will be provided. Bring a yoga mat.	Michelle Schmitt	Mondays beginning April 23, 6:00-6:45 p.m.	\$35/5 classes \$8/walk-ins
YOGA /EVENINGS: A gentle practice allowing the body to open at its own pace. Deeply relaxing.	Bonnie Fayssoux	Tuesdays: 5:45-6:45 p.m. Will offer classes w/min 4 students; starting date TBA	\$36/6 classes or \$8/1 walk-in

Adult Education Course Registration Info

- Pre-registration can be done BY PHONE, (607) 264-3265, ext. 518, or EMAIL pjohnson@cvscsd.org, but must be followed up with payment by mail or dropped off at the CV-S Main Office c/o PJ Johnson. Even if you are doing a walk-in class, you should register so we have your contact info for updates.
- Registration IN PERSON can be dropped off at the Main Office any day during school hours.
- Registration can also be completed BY MAIL with payment and the completed form sent to Cherry Valley-Springfield CS Continuing Ed Program, c/o PJ Johnson, PO Box 485, Cherry Valley, NY 13320.
- Enrollment in most classes is limited. So sign up early! Only those registered will receive course changes, updates, or cancellations info. Classes without minimum enrollment will be cancelled.
- Checks for all courses should be made payable to CV-S Continuing Ed.
- If school or after-school activities are cancelled for any reason, Continuing Ed classes would also be cancelled.
- Non-district residents are welcome to attend Continuing Ed courses at CV-S.

Adult Education Class Registration Form

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Course Title: _____

Amt Paid Cash: _____

Amt Paid Check: _____



Foreign Language Club

The Foreign Language Club will be selling Pulsera Bracelets from May 7-21. These bracelets cost \$5 each and all proceeds will aid artists and their families in Guatemala and Honduras. We will be selling them in school and have a display on May 15. Come and check it out!

The Foreign Language Club took their annual trip to El Mariachi on Sunday, March 11. Twenty five students and 3 chaperones enjoyed fun games and great food around the table. This dinner gives our students the opportunity to enjoy authentic Mexican food and soda, and to also enjoy using some of their Spanish. From the guacamole, fajitas, enchiladas and flan, everyone had a wonderful time! (*Photos on page 11.*)

Art Department News



Josie Herzog



Josie Herzog

On display March 9-31, at the Cooperstown Art Association was *An Artistic Discovery 2018*, the Congressional Art Competition for High School Students.

The following CV-S High School artists exhibited their work: **Kayleigh Baker**, **Kathleen Jacoby**, **Skyler Girard**, **Althea Prime**, **Megan Wilmot**, **Avalon Kubis**, **Whitney Fink**, **Marcus Mosenson**, **Josephine Herzog**, **Gabby Card**, **Hailey Diani**, **Heather Brinig**, **Noah Young**, **Kathleen Dove**, **Kendra McGovern**, **Valissa Douglas**, **Felicia VanBuren**, **Bryana Reckeweg**, **Julian Rivera**, **Daryn Rodriguez**, **Zoe Smith**, **Jasmine Neill**, and **Allison Hoke**. At the local level, high school students from CV-S and other school districts within Otsego County and our Congressional District submitted their artwork. The art was juried and a selection of six Merit Awards and six Juror's Citation Awards were presented at the Opening Reception on March 9. The artwork that received Merit Award status will then be submitted to Congressman Faso's office for the next phase of the competition at the regional level. Congratulations to **Gabby Card**, her digital photographs

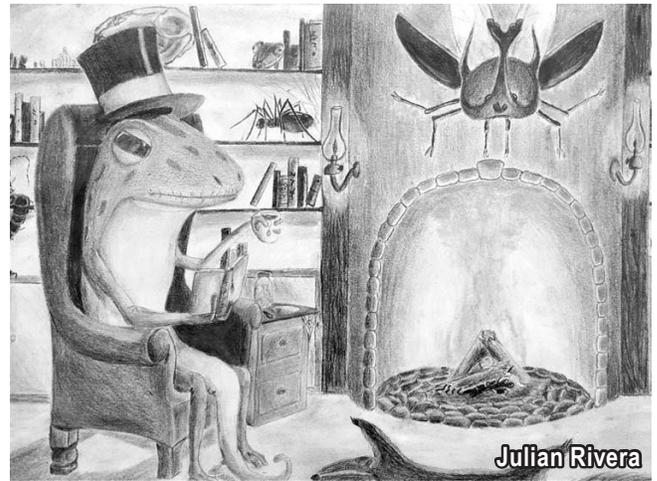


Gabby Card

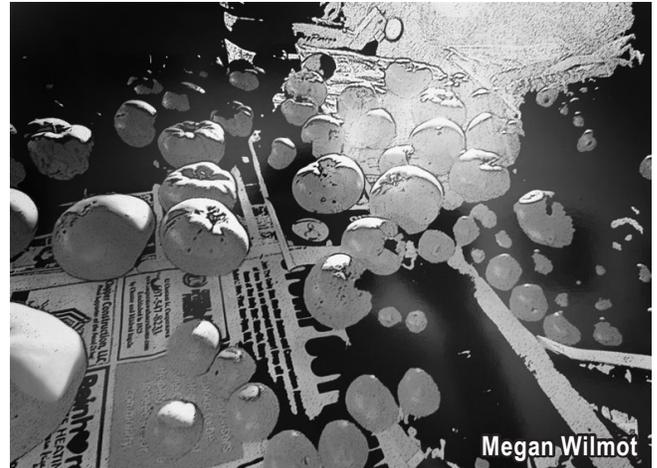


Gabby Card

titled, *Flight* and *Shell* both received a Merit Award. In addition, **Megan Wilmot's** digital photograph titled, *Jukushimashita*, **Josie Herzog's** gouache painting titled, *Shades of Midnight*, and **Julian Rivera's** pencil drawing titled, *Formal Newt* will all advance on to the Regional Competition. Congratulations to **Josie Herzog**, her charcoal drawing titled, *I Know I'm a Wolf* and **Whitney Fink's** digital photograph titled, *Secluded Abditory* received a Juror's Citation Award. The 2018 Congressional Art Show was a great success and opportunity for our young artists to showcase their artwork. Congratulations to all!



Julian Rivera



Megan Wilmot



Whitney Fink

Our Community.



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3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Principal's List Grade 12

David Collins
Hailey Diani
Kaitlyn Ehlers
Whitney Fink
Skyler Girard
Avalon Kubis
Marcus Mosenson
Jasmine Olsen
Amanda Pressly
Althea Jo Prime
Samantha Rockwell
Daryn Rodriguez
Megan Wilmot
Jacob Wilson

Grade 11

Ryan Burr
Hailey Erway
Michael McCallion
Tucker Yager

Grade 10

Kelsey Girard
Josephine Herzog
Luke Loveland
Kendra McGovern
Matthew Mosenson
Austin Yerdon

Grade 9

Marrisa Abbruzzese
Brady Benson
Zoe Climenhaga
Loial Davis Fralick
Mia Horvath
Jaelyn Jaquay
Allison Lennebacker
Sarah Lewis
Andrew Oram
Rebecca Phillips

Grade 8

Arianna Bresee- Kelsey
Vanessa Erkson
Kyle France
Madison Hastings
Dylan Huff
Marijke Kroon
Gabriel Oakley

Joseph Pressly
Brandon Preston
Maeve Rauscher
Alyssa Rockwell
Andrew Rockwell
Jack Seeley
Camilla Tabor
Oskar Webster

Grade 7

Julianna Abbruzzese
Chase Benson
Ariana Bosc
Trynity Dewey
Emma Goldsmith
Jeremiah Hillhouse
Jillian Johnson
Emily Kroll
Joleen Lusk
Lydia Lusk
Arianna Mosenson
Oren Prime
Lana Rockwell
Jade Thalheimer
Olivia Webster
Madison Westerman
Meredith Wilson

Grade 6

Mina Aramini
Kailey Barnes
Karis Brodie
Ava Calhoun
Trevor Campagna
Camden Decker
Amelia Dubben
Matthew Freer
Sullivan Hopkins
Max Horvath
Morgan Huff
Curtis Hurley
Hope Morrison
Kelan O'Leary
Bryant Rockwell
Dalton Stocking
Anjelia Sturtevant
Mason Thalheimer
Erin Williams

Honor Roll Grade 12

Garret Fassett
Savannah Jicha
Jennifer Kiltz
Bryana Reckeweg
Alexis Stasilli

Grade 11

Alexander Cronkhite
Matthew Dawson
Makayla Gwinn
Ryan Lewis
Jessica Lundy
Tyler Richards
Dallas Schorer-Crim
Zoe Smith
Barry Webster
Noah Young

Grade 10

Luke Bartlett
Morgan Collins
Rylee Dea
Kyrah Decker
Valissa Douglas
Joeseoph Hoag, Jr.
Matthew Kroll
Larry Kroon
Alana Latella-Devine
Cierra Reynolds
Felicia Van Buren

Grade 9

Caleb Carpenter
Luke Dubben
Lillian Lighthall
Jesse Mance
Abigail Peterson
Jillian Rockwell
Dylan Smith
Miranda Snyder
Jordan Sprague
Chloe Thalheimer

Grade 8

Cendra Crawford
Nathan Douglas
Jesse Fink
Kalvin Grimm
Landon Hamilton

Sheena House
Connor Morrison
Allan Parker
Madisyn Reyome
Mackenzie Templin
Mary Beth Wait
Sean Webster
Emma Whiteman

Grade 7

Ryan Barnes
Trevor Carley
Lillian Gallup
Xavier Jillson
Sydney Kukulech
Cadence Lefevre
Katrina Rivera
Eleanor Van Spanje
Stephanie Whiteman

Grade 6

Evelyn Gallup
Gabrielle Jicha
Jacob Johnson
Duane Lefevre
Collin Ross

Congratulations

Junior and High School Counseling Office News

What's happening in the Guidance Department?



- On April 16 a representative from the Herkimer College Now program spoke with our students interested in taking College Now courses for the next school year.
- On April 25 the juniors will be attending college tours of Morrisville State College and Colgate University. This opportunity is provided through College For Every Student.
- 15 of our seniors received Clark Foundation Scholarships and will have their interviews on April 25. Congratulations to all of those students for their hard work!
- Our students at CV-S will soon find out if they received the Odyssey and Outward Bound Scholarships for their summer programs.

Looking Back

- On February 5 our sophomores attended an OAOC BOCES Tour to determine if they were interested in attending BOCES next year as juniors.
- On February 7 Mr. Weinert from the Clark Sports Center came to speak with our students about the Odyssey and Outward Bound Program Scholarships. He met with students in grades 8-11.
- On March 14 and 15 Mrs. Danica Sessions from Opportunities for Otsego came in to speak with our seniors about healthy relationships.
- On March 19 our sophomores attended college tours of SUNY Oneonta and Hartwick College. This opportunity was provided through College For Every Student.
- All 8th-12th grade students completed a career assessment this school year through Naviance or O*Net.



A Message from the Board of Education

On behalf of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Board of Education I would like to remind you of the upcoming annual budget vote on May 15, 2018. This year's proposed tax levy of 1.91% was reached with a lot of hard work and discussion between the Board of Education and our Administration.

In addition to the annual budget proposition this year we are asking for your approval to purchase a 60 passenger bus with one wheelchair position, to purchase a 30 passenger bus, to purchase a tractor, to expend funds to resurface the gym floor and to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for equipment purchases. You will find the actual propositions within this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding the budget please be sure to attend the budget hearing that is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. As always we thank you for your continued support of our District.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Tabor
 Board President

CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL

PRESENTS:

A Splash of Color

PK – 12th Grades
 Student Art Show

May 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The exhibit will be on display
 in the Lower Elementary Corridor,
 Main Office Windows, and in the Atrium

Propositions to be on Ballot



PROPOSITION I – Budget

- To adopt the budget as presented in the amount of \$12,992,264, to authorize the Board of Education to levy and collect the necessary taxes.

PROPOSITION II – Buses

- Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase two school buses—a sixty passenger that will include one wheelchair position with the total cost not to exceed \$120,000 and a thirty passenger with the total cost not to exceed \$55,000? The source of the funds shall be a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education.

PROPOSITION III – Tractor

- Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase one large garden tractor and necessary attachments with the total cost not to exceed \$25,000? The source of the funds shall be a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education.

PROPOSITION IV – Floor Repair

- Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend, during the 2017-2018 school year, funds not to exceed the amount of \$20,000 to repair the high school gym floor? The funds for the project were approved during the 2017-2018 budget vote and would be taken from the Repair Reserves Fund.

PROPOSITION V – Capital Reserve

- Shall the following resolution be adopted? **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, Otsego County, New York (the “School District”) is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund to finance various equipment purchases for the School District pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the “Fund”); that the Fund shall be known as the “Capital Reserve Fund for the Undertaking of Various Equipment Purchases for the School District,” that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than \$2,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of the Fund shall not be longer than ten (10) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) unappropriated fund balance moneys from the School District’s General Fund authorized by the Board to be deposited in the fund, (b) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the School District in connection with School District capital improvements, and (c) such other moneys from the School District’s General Fund as approved by the voters.

Budget Hearing
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 7:00 PM
Room 145

Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Noon-8:00 PM
Main Foyer

Proposed 2018-19 budget includes:

- Purchase Chromebooks for two grade levels
- Maintain present academic programs and extracurricular activities
- Provide faculty & staff professional development on the new/updated standards
- Support the move of sixth grade back to the elementary wing
- Eliminate part time science/part time LTA position and create grade 6 elementary teacher position
- \$100,000 Capital outlay project that will be aided by New York State Education Department
- Purchase two buses

Board Vacancies

One 5-year term vacancy is to be filled on the Board of Education. The vacancy is created by the expiration of the term of Gregory Lowry.

Absentee Ballots

Application for Absentee Ballots may be obtained at the District Office at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, 597 County Route 54, Cherry Valley New York 13320. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter.

Voter Qualifications

A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election.

2018-19 Budget Overview

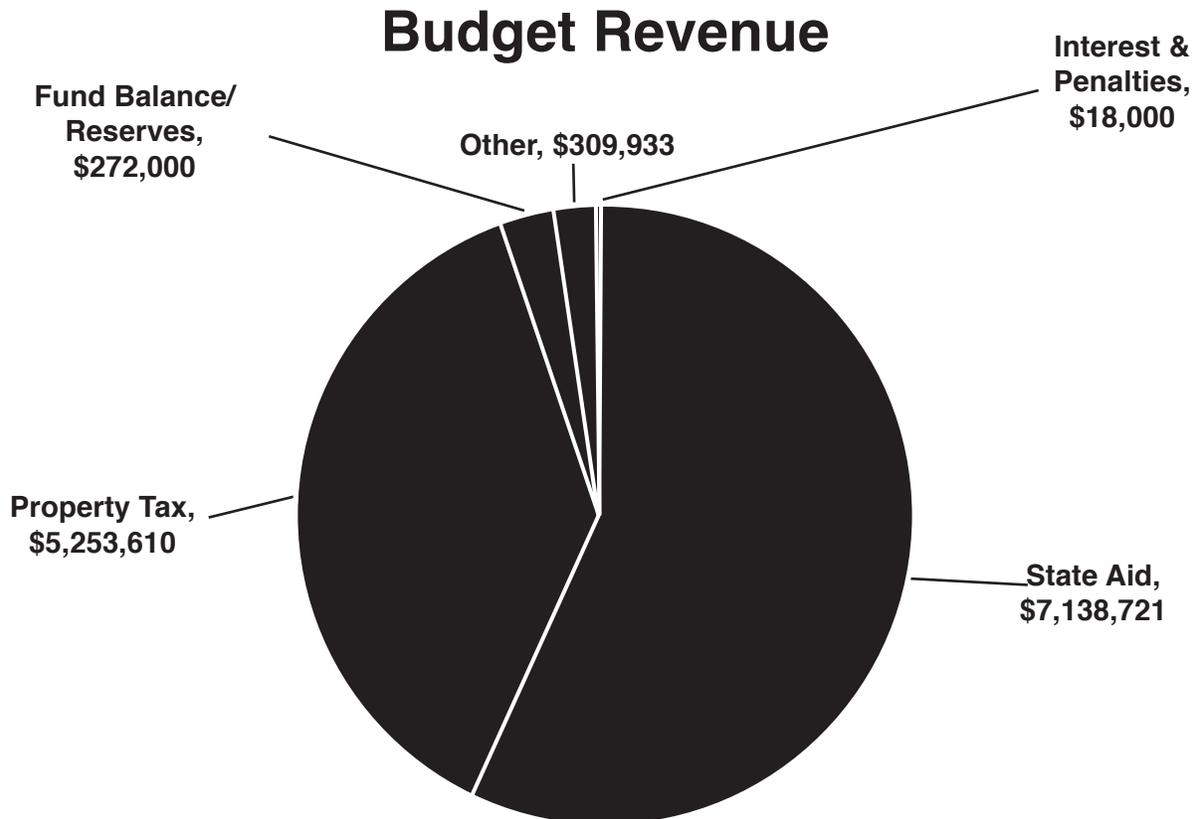
General Fund Appropriations by Component

	Amount	% of total
Administrative	\$1,309,518	10.1%
Program	\$9,622,972	74.1%
Capital	\$2,059,774	15.9%
TOTAL	\$12,992,264	100%

General Fund Revenues

	2017-2018 Current	2018-2019 Proposed
Property Tax	\$5,155,142	\$5,253,610
State Aid	\$7,654,352	\$7,138,721
Other	\$302,933	\$309,933
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$370,281	\$272,000
Interest & Penalties	\$18,000	\$18,000
TOTAL	\$13,500,708	\$12,992,264

Tax on True Rate	12.987979	12.890385
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Administrative Component

The administrative budget includes those expenses directly related to the functioning of the Board of Education, District Clerk, Superintendent's Office, Business Office, BOCES Administrative charges and Supervision. The administrative budget is increasing by 2.01%.

	Adopted Budget 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	\$ Change	%Change
Board of Education	\$19,200	\$19,200	\$0	0%
Central Administration	\$172,782	\$175,000	\$2,218	1.28%
Finance	\$197,844	\$202,489	\$4,645	2.34%
Staff	\$27,223	\$28,973	\$1,750	6.42%
Central Services	\$181,400	\$187,400	\$6,000	3.30%
Special Items	\$201,471	\$204,647	\$3,176	1.57%
Supervision and Training	\$210,014	\$218,651	\$8,637	4.11%
Employee Benefits	\$273,700	\$273,158	-\$542	-0.19%
TOTAL	\$1,283,634	\$1,309,518	\$25,884	2.01%

Program Component

The program budget includes those expenses directly related to the teaching of students. Those include teachers, assistants, aides and other professional salaries, BOCES charges, supplies, textbooks, special education costs, health, guidance, co-curricular activities and athletics. This area also includes transportation expenses directly related to the functioning of the bus garage and the operation of the bus fleet. The program budget is increasing by 0.54%

	Adopted Budget 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	\$ Change	%Change
Legal	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0	0%
Teaching Regular School	\$2,675,552	\$2,701,078	\$25,526	0.95%
Programs for Special Needs	\$1,218,117	\$1,388,099	\$169,982	13.95%
Special Schools	\$566,036	\$519,333	-\$46,703	-21.04%
Instructional Media	\$221,958	\$244,270	\$22,312	10.05%
Pupil Personnel Services	\$460,103	\$444,616	-\$15,487	-3.36%
Pupil Transportation	\$721,906	\$691,551	-\$30,355	-4.20%
Community Service	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0%
Employee Benefits	\$3,697,252	\$3,624,025	-\$73,227	-1.98%
TOTAL	\$9,570,924	\$9,622,972	\$52,048	0.54%

Capital Component

The capital budget includes Operations and Maintenance expenses including salaries, fringe benefits, utilities, and supplies directly related to the cleaning and maintenance of the District's building and grounds. This portion of the budget also includes principal and interest costs related to the borrowing for our capital improvement projects. The District receives 81.5% building aid from NYS for this. Purchases for buses is reimbursed by NYS at 61.5% over five years. \$100,000 transfer to Capital Fund will provide funding for exterior door replacement project. The capital budget is decreasing by 22.15%.

	Adopted Budget 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	\$ Change	%Change
Operation & Maint. of Plant	\$714,837	\$682,931	-\$31,906	-4.46%
Refund of Property Taxes	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0%
Employee Benefits	\$222,422	\$220,984	-\$1,438	0.64%
Bonds	\$1,595,891	\$1,042,859	-\$553,032	-34.65%
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0%
Transfer to School Lunch Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0%
TOTAL	\$2,646,150	\$2,059,774	-\$586,376	-22.15%

Proposed Budget Q & A

Q: What is the increase in the local property tax levy?

A: 1.91%

Q: Does the STAR program still exist?

A: Yes, the School Tax Relief Program, which is known as STAR provides a partial exemption from school taxes. All New Yorkers who own & live in their home and earn less than \$500,000 are eligible for a STAR exemption on their primary residence. Exemption amounts are shown below. The Equalization rate, set by the State, and assessments set by township, will affect the exception value. Enhanced STAR provides a larger exemption on the primary residence for people over 65 years of age and who earn less than \$86,000. This exemption requires initial online registration with New York State. If you qualify, you will receive a STAR credit in form of a check, rather than receiving a property tax exemption. If you or spouse recently turned 65, or if your income fell below \$86,000 due to changing circumstances, please apply online.

2017-2018 CV-S CSD STAR Maximums		
Municipal Name	Basic	Enhanced
Town of Canajoharie	\$349	\$724
Town of Cherry Valley	\$370	\$780
Town of Decatur	\$360	\$707
Town of Middlefield	\$357	\$740
Town of Minden	\$365	\$723
Town of Otsego	\$365	\$737
Town of Roseboom	\$347	\$694
Town of Springfield	\$351	\$687
Town of Warren	\$299	\$597
Town of Westford	\$364	\$708

Q: How are your dollars spent?

A: By state law the budget is divided into three categories:

- **Program—74.1%:** This category includes expenses for the instruction and transportation of students.
- **Capital—15.9%:** This category includes capital improvement and operations and maintenance costs.
- **Administrative—10.1%:** This category includes costs for administration, supervision and legal services.

Q: How is education funded at CV-S CSD?

A: State aid covers approximately 55% of our expenses. Property taxes cover an additional 40% and other sources cover the remaining 5%

Q: What is the difference between the State Aid we received last year versus the State Aid we will be receiving this year?

A: The District anticipates receiving approximately 6.7% less aid for the 2018-19 school year. This is mostly from a large reduction in Debt Service.

Q: What has been done to reduce the budget to its present level and limit the taxes?

A: The Board of Education at Cherry Valley-Springfield CSD works hard to balance the needs of the students and the taxpayers' ability to pay. We have put together a budget that is fiscally responsible and that sustains our educational programs. The district continues to be efficient with the following efforts: bringing services back into the district, sharing maintenance and transportation staff, and exploration of grant opportunities.

Q: What happens if the budget is voted down?

A: If the proposed budget is voted down the Board of Education has three choices.

1. They can adopt a contingency budget.
2. Put the same budget before the voters for a second time in June.
3. Revise the defeated budget and put that budget up for another vote in June.

Q: What is a contingency budget?

A: A contingent budget is a budget that includes the minimum funds necessary to operate and maintain schools and educational programs, preserve the property of the district, and to assure the health and safety of the students and staff. Ordinarily contingent expenditures are determined by the Board of Education and are subject to certain regulations.

Q: What would the District have to do to develop a contingency budget?

A: The current NYS laws include a new calculated tax levy for each school district. Cherry Valley-Springfield's calculated cap for next year is 2.55%. If a contingency budget happens, the tax levy would remain at 0.00% .

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2018 Prom

2018 Junior Prom will be held at the
Artworks Theatre at
48 Main St., Cherry Valley
on Saturday, May 12,
from 7:30 -11:30 p.m.

The Prom Theme is:

*"I've Had the
Time of My Life"*

The cost is \$25 single, \$45 couple.

Tickets will be available
from junior class members
after April 16.

SADD will again host the Post Prom Party
at the Clark's Sports Center in Cooperstown
on Sunday, May 13, from 12:00-5:00 a.m.

Transportation will be provided.

— Hailey Erway, Prom Comm. Chair.
— Natalie Davis, SADD President

Free Ice Cream Social

When: May 15
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Snack Bar near the
Main Office

Sponsored by the CVSTA

Donations will be accepted to support
Student Scholarships

