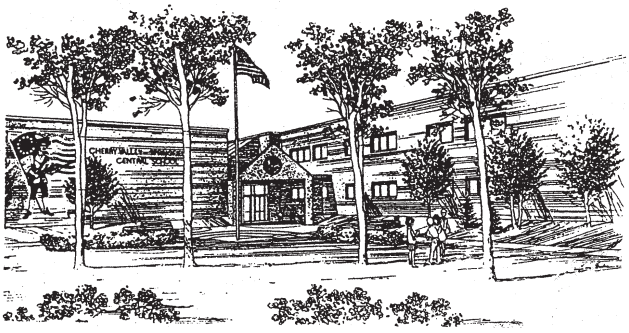

PATRIOT NEWS

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District

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NYS Summer School of the Arts

Congratulations to **Skyler Girard!** Skyler submitted her portfolio in February to The New York State Summer School of the Arts and was accepted into the School of Media Arts. Skyler has the opportunity to attend a four-week program at the School of Media Arts at SUNY Oswego this summer where she will be immersed in an intensive art making experience in Digital Photography.

Dr. Seuss Week

Students celebrated Dr. Seuss week from February 29-March 4. That week, the CV-S Cafeteria served dishes inspired by his books. On Monday the inspirations were *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* and *Oh Say Can You Say*. Tuesday's books were *The Sneetches* and *What Was I Scared Of?* Wednesday we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and the book of choice was *The Cat in The Hat*. Students celebrated his birthday by dressing up; *The Cat In The Hat* made an appearance to read to the younger students. Thursday's meals were inspired by *The Lorax* and *Ten Apples Up On Top* and Friday's book choice was *The Butter Battle Book*. Thank you to the Cafeteria Staff for your hard work and planning to make this week a fun learning experience.

— Sabrina Preston

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Presents:

A Splash of Color

Pre-K through 12th Grade Student Art Show

May 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

Prekindergarten Registration

If your child is going to be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2016, he or she is eligible to apply for our Prekindergarten program. Applications will be available in the District Office on April 4, 2016. Please contact Mrs. Carson for more information, at (607) 264-3265, ext. 501 or *lcarson@cvscs.org*.

Kindergarten Enrollment

For questions related to Kindergarten enrollment for 2016-17 school year, please contact Mrs. Carson in the District Office. Your child must turn 5 years old on or before December 1, 2016 in order to be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten.

Superintendent's Message

1:1 Device Initiative

As many of you are aware the district is moving forward with a 1:1 device initiative. It is our hope and a district goal to increase the availability of technology for our students and staff. The district is hard at work creating a timeline for the roll-out and implementation of a 1:1 device initiative in which every staff member, BOE member and student will have access to a Google Chrome book.

This is a huge undertaking to say the least. We are capitalizing on the Smart Schools Bond Act funding in which the CV-S district was awarded $618,000 to be used over three years. There are many steps and hurdles to overcome in order to use the funding in the most effective way and in ways which will benefit the district.

Please notice on our school website the district's efficiency plan. This plan outlines the first round of money to be spent and how it will be spent. This has to be posted on the website for at least 30 days to give the community an opportunity to weigh in. This plan was also recently voted on and approved by the BOE, another necessary step in utilizing the funds.

Later this spring all staff members should be receiving a Google Chrome Book. We will also begin to provide staff members with the necessary professional development to incorporate the devices into their classrooms. Teachers will learn how to *flip* their classrooms and incorporate the Chrome Books into all areas of their lessons, planning, grading, etc.

In early fall when the students come back to school it is the district's intent to provide all juniors and seniors with a Google Chrome book. A few months later we will provide freshmen and sophomores with the devices also. Over the next year or so, all students from twelfth grade down to fourth will be provided a device. At this point we envision the students in grades PK-3 will have a set provided for each of their classrooms.

We have many spent many hours researching other districts, attending trainings, visiting schools and learning all that we can. Please look for additional information in upcoming district newsletters and on our school website. If you have any questions regarding our 1:1 device initiative or any other district related questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at 264-3265.

Thank you.
Timothy R. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

Principal's Message

Dear CV-S families,

This is an exciting and extremely busy time of year at CV-S, as we continue to maintain a relentless focus on academic achievement throughout the spring. After the 3rd Marking Period closes on Friday, April 8, we have two weeks of school before spring break. After spring break we only have 26 days of school before final exams begin, so it is essential that we continue to work together to promote student achievement whenever possible.

As a parent of elementary students, I know how difficult it can be to talk about school with my kids. My wife and I often receive one word answers when we ask our boys about school and I can only imagine how much more challenging these conversations will become in the next few years! As an educator, I also recognize how important it is for parents to make time to talk about school with their children. Below is an excerpt from the Kids Health website about how to help your child succeed in high school.

Make Time to Talk About School

Because many teens spend so much of the day outside the home—at school, extracurricular activities, jobs, or with peers—*staying connected* with them can be challenging for parents and guardians. While activities at school, new interests, and expanding social circles are central to the lives of high school students, parents and guardians are still their anchors for providing love, guidance, and support.

Make efforts to talk with your teen every day, so he or she knows that what goes on at school is important to you. When teens know their parents are interested in their academic lives, they'll take school seriously as well.

Because communication is a two-way street, the way you talk and listen to your teen can influence how well he or she listens and responds. It's important to listen carefully, make eye contact, and avoid multitasking while you chat. Remember to talk with your teen, not at him or her. Be sure to ask open-ended questions that go beyond *yes* or *no* answers.

Besides during *family meals*, good times to talk include car trips (though eye contact isn't needed here, of course), walking the dog, preparing meals, or standing in line at a store. When teens know they can talk openly with their parents, the challenges of high school can be easier to face.

To read this article in its entirety, please go to: *http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/school-help-teens.html#.*

There are many great things happening at CV-S this month. Please see the spring sports calendar in the newsletter so you can join us on campus to support our student athletes.

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Keane
Principal

Elementary Principal's Message

I continue to enjoy my assignment as Interim Elementary Principal and continue to feel fortunate to work with such a fine staff, supportive parents and WONDERFUL STUDENTS! Each day brings new challenges, new adventures and celebrations. Speaking of celebrations, the students at the elementary school have thoroughly embraced celebrating the 100th day of school, Dr Seuss' birthday, the start of Girls on the Run, National Foreign Language Week, Pi Day and St. Patrick's Day where some leprechauns were a wee bit naughty. Some turned chairs over, changed names on desks and even left gold and green glitter in the bathrooms! Our students celebrate daily the benefits of healthy choices and the primary grades engaged in an assembly that championed the Ready Set Jump program. They learned about fun exercises and good nutrition. Our cafeteria workers even got into the act! They cooked nutritious and creative meals that correlated with specific Dr. Suess books and also recreated menus from international fare. In the classrooms, teachers did an excellent job incorporating all the fun activities into the curriculum.

Grades 3-8 State testing is right around the corner. This is a perfect time to get your children used to an early bedtime and used to eating a complete breakfast that includes a protein. The children are ready!

I thank you for such a warm welcome and sincerely wish you and your terrific children a fun and happy spring.

— *Teresa Gorman,* Interim Elementary Principal

Special Education Office News

In late October, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Moschetti, Mrs. Hazzard-Smith and I attended a regional PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) conference entitled, *Restorative Relationships with Students who Display Challenging Behavior.* We left feeling energized and wanting to bring a PBIS model to our District. In January a small group of teachers and administrators met with Laura Grosso, Regional Behavior Specialist, to determine the next steps for implementing PBIS in the District. Moving forward, a survey will be distributed to the PK-5th grade teachers to determine our need areas. Following this, a team comprised of representatives from all areas in the school setting will meet with Laura Grosso on May 6 for a half-day *growing the green* training to begin the initial steps of PBIS implementation. Further training will be conducted during the summer and a roll-out of the PBIS program will occur during the 2016-17 school year. Anyone wishing further information on this program may view the PBIS website *http://nyspbis.org* or contact Bonnie Georgi at 264-3265, ext. 507.

Immunization Information

This September, students entering 7th and 12th grades in New York State public, private and parochial schools will be required to be fully vaccinated against meningococcal disease according to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (AICP) recommendations. This is not a new vaccine, it has been recommended for a decade and most parents already choose to vaccinate their children. What's new is that the vaccine is now required for school entry. Your primary healthcare providers are aware of this change and should be updating you at your child's next visit if age appropriate.

Also, the requirement still stands that for student's entering 6th grade they must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap). This, however, is not required until they reach age 11.

If you have further questions in preparation for the fall please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (607) 264-3265, ext. 514.

Thank you,
Chelsea Fassett, RN
School Nurse

An Artistic Discovery 2016

On display during March 1-April 1, at the Cooperstown Art Association was *An Artistic Discovery 2016,* the Congressional Art Competition for High School Students.

The following CV-S High School artists exhibited their work: **Sabrina Preston, Miranda Stocking, Anna Voss, Emily Burr, Emeilya Erway, Kayleigh Baker, Rhiannon Davis-Fralick, Elizabeth Jacoby, Kathleen Jacoby, Sarah Russo, Skyler Girard, Althea Prime, Megan Wilmot, Avalon Kubis, Jordan Zaccagnino, Shannon Sears, Julia Dudley, Nora Davis, Emily Lincoln, Amanda Pressly, Kaitlyn Ehlers, Whitney Fink, Randi Farris, Matt Dawson, Jamie Tilt** and **Bryanna James.** 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 11. Digital images of the award winners will then be submitted to Congressman Gibson's office for final selection in the next phase of the competition at the regional level. Congratulations to Randi Farris, her oil painting titled, *When I was Young* received a Merit Award and will advance on to the Regional Competition. Congratulations to Emeilya Erway, her black and white photograph titled, *Morning Dew* received a Juror's Citation Award at the show. The Congressional Art show was a huge success and a great opportunity for our young artists to showcase their artwork. Congratulations to all!

School Bus Safety

According to the National Association of Pupil Transportation, school buses are the safest form of transportation to and from school; however, a bus stop on a busy morning can be a chaotic place. Here are a few basic guidelines parents can teach children to stay safe every school day.

Getting Ready For School

- Ensure loose drawstrings, chains or other dangling objects are removed from clothing, coats, and bags.
- Make sure they leave home on time so they can walk to the bus stop and arrive before the bus is due, typically at least five minutes before. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.

Walking To The Bus Stop

- Walk your young child to the bus stop or have children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior: Walk on the sidewalk, and if there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street.

At The Bus Stop

- Wait in a location where the driver can see you as they drive down the street. Never wait in a house or car.
- Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is dangerous.

Getting On And Off The Bus

- Warn children that if they drop something getting on and off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow their instructions.
- Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.
- If you meet your child after school, wait on the side where they'll exit—not across the street. They might be so excited to see you that they run across the street without looking both ways.

For More Information

To learn more about school bus safety, visit *BetterOurBuses.com*.

Drama Club News

The school's production of Rodger and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* took place on the weekend of 18-20 of March. It was directed by Mrs. Jessica Hazzard-Smith and starred **Anna Voss** as *Cinderella* and **Zachariah O'Connor** as Prince Charming. The Drama Club would like to thank everyone who contributed their time effort to help make the show a success. Whether it be with costumes, stage crew, light booth, pit band, providing dinner for the cast or other types of help we appreciate everyone's assistance so much and couldn't have done it without you. Congratulations to the cast, crew and advisors all your hard work paid off; resulting in a magical show enjoyed by young and old alike.

— Shannon Sears

Foreign Language Club News

On March 4, the Foreign Language Club took their annual trip to the Mexican restaurant, El Mariachi, in Albany. The Foreign Language Club has fundraisers throughout the year such as selling Hershey's Kisses with messages during the holiday season. The members can earn a reduced price for the El Mariachi trip by bringing in kisses to sell or helping to wrap the kisses. The trip is always toward the end of the school year and is a well deserved payoff for the hard work done during the year. Much of the fun is had on the bus ride to the restaurant while all of the members and the advisor, Mrs. Ahrens, joke and have fun conversations. There is always a pleasant vibe that helps perpetuate the good mood and fun atmosphere that continues into the restaurant. While there the group eats delicious appetizers like guacamole and nachos supreme, entrees like goat tacos and smothered chimichangas, and desserts like flan and churros. The night ends with inevitably full stomachs, content faces, another fun bus ride back to Cherry Valley-Springfield, and the bittersweet departure of the senior Foreign Language Club members who lament the end of this delightful tradition in their lives.

— Zarchariah O'Connor

Spring 2016

Game and Meet Schedule

Date	Team	Game Time
4/4	VB/VS vs. Laurens	4:30 p.m.
4/5	VB/VS @ Richfield Springs	4:30 p.m.
4/7	Track at Milford vs. CV/SK & Milford	4:30 p.m.
4/8	VB/VS @ Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton	4:30 p.m.
4/9	VB @ St. Johnsville (Tournament)	TBA
4/11	VB/VS @ Brookfield	4:30 p.m.
	Track vs. Laurens & Franklin	4:30 p.m.
4/13	VB/VS vs. Franklin	4:30 p.m.
	Track vs. Andes, CV/SK, & Richfield Springs	
4/14	VB/VS @ Milford	4:30 p.m.
4/18	Track: Tri-Valley Relays @ Edmeston	4:30 p.m.
4/19	VB/VS vs. Edmeston	4:30 p.m.
4/20	MB/MS vs. Edmeston	4:30 p.m.
4/21	MS @ Morris	4:30 p.m.
	Track vs. Schenevus/Worcester	4:30 p.m.
4/22	VB/VS @ Sharon Springs	4:30 p.m.
5/2	MB/MS vs. Sharon Springs	4:30 p.m.
	Track: CV-S Relays	4:30 p.m.
5/3	VB/VS vs. Schenevus	4:30 p.m.
5/4	Track vs. Franklin, Stamford, and GMU/Morris	4:30 p.m.
5/5	MB @ Laurens	4:30 p.m.
5/6	VB/VS @ Morris	4:30 p.m.
	Track @ Norwich (REK Invitational)	4:15 p.m.
5/9	MB/MS vs. Milford	4:30 p.m.
	VB/VS Tri-Valley Playoffs	TBA
5/10	Modified Track @ Unatego	4:30 p.m.
5/11	Track @ Delhi (Harbaugh Invitational)	4:00 p.m.
5/12	MB/MS @ Gilbertsville-Mt.Upton	4:30 p.m.
	VB/VS Tri-Valley Playoffs	TBA
5/13	Track: Kyle Hysack Invitational	4:30 p.m.
5/14	VB @ Cooperstown (Tournament: Doubleday Field)	TBA
5/16	MB/MS vs. Worcester	4:30 p.m.
	Track: Tri-Valley Steeplechase @ Oneonta HS	TBA
5/18	Track: Tri-Valley Championship	@ CV-S
5/19	MS @ Franklin	4:30 p.m.
5/20	Track: CV-S Modified Invitational	4:30 p.m.
5/21	Track @ Clinton (Junkyard Invitational)	10:00 a.m.
5/23	MB/MS @ Richfield Springs	4:30 p.m.
5/25	Track: Class D meet @ Marathon	3:00 p.m.
6/1	MB/MS vs. Schenevus	4:30 p.m.
6/2	Track: State Qualifiers	TBA
6/3	Track: State Qualifiers	TBA
	MB/MS vs. Richfield Springs	4:30 p.m.

Bowling Tournament

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped the CVSTA raise money for the 2016 scholarships during our bowling tournament.

A Huge Thank You To Our Lane Sponsors

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CV-S 4th Grade
CV-S District Office
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A Huge Thank You To Our Raffle Sponsors

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Foreign Foods Week

Bonjour, Hola, Nǐ hǎo, Hallo, Ciao, Hello. During the week of March 7, the cafeteria introduced foods from different countries, which included: France, Mexico, China, Germany and Italy. All of the meal's name that were served that were changed to correlate with the traditional foods of the country for that day. There was information on the country that was also posted on the bulletin board for anyone who wanted to know more about one of the countries that were featured. On behalf of all of the students we would like to thank the cafeteria staff for this week and all of their hard work year-round. *Merci, Gracias, Xièxiè, Danke,Grazie, Thank you.*

— Shannon Sears

Varsity Club News

On February 28, the CV-S Varsity Club traveled to the Carrier Dome in Syracuse to watch the Syracuse University Men's Lacrosse team play Army. The game started at 4:00 p.m. and within the first three minutes of the game an Army player broke the lacrosse stick of a Syracuse player. It was a good hint at the physical game that followed. At the end of the first period Army lead the game 2-3 over the men in orange. Dylan Donahue, from the Syracuse team, scored with 25 seconds left on the clock to bring his team back into the game. The second period was completely dominated by Syracuse, with the Orange scoring the three goals throughout the period, making the score 5-3. The third period was much more even and showed how close this game was; both teams scored three goals this period. Syracuse was still leading at this point 8-6. Army almost came back though scoring two goals to tie the game up with around 5 minutes remaining. Syracuse ended up getting the only other goal in the game, winning the game 9-8. The students in the Varsity club highly enjoyed the spectacle, with some students very happy to see the home team prevail. Thank you to Mr. Jaquay for providing us the opportunity to go to Syracuse University and learn about a new sport.

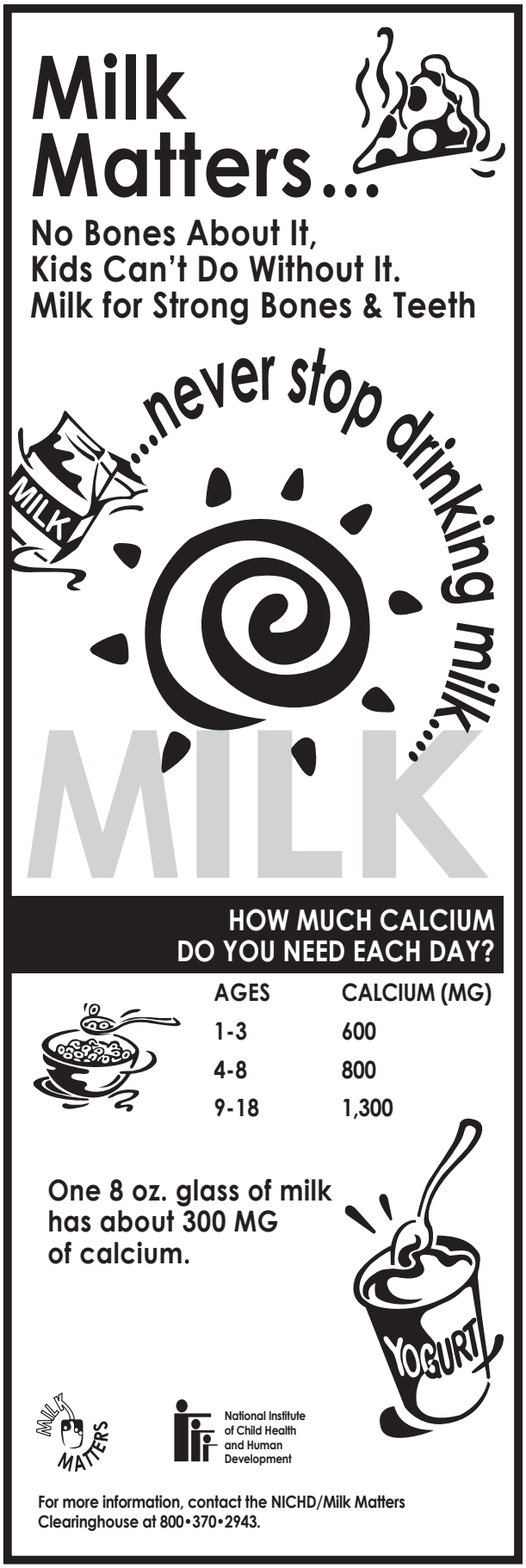
—Albert Wait

Rotary Exchange

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School will be hosting an exchange student through Rotary District 7170 for the 2016-17 school year. We are expecting a seventeen year old boy from Bolivia and we are in need of three host families. Each family typically hosts the exchange student for approximately fifteen weeks. Exchange students usually arrive in August, about two weeks before school starts. Switching between the three host families usually occurs right after Thanksgiving (early December) and in mid-March. Hosting an exchange student is a volunteer activity and host families simply provide *room and board* for the exchange student as well as parental guidance that they would provide their own son or daughter.

The class of 2017 has requested that we bring an exchange student to our school community and this is a powerful statement of their support for this young man and the exchange program in general. However, no international youth exchange is possible without host families being willing to open their homes to an exceptional young person for a period of time. Anyone who has hosted an exchange student will tell you what a positive and enriching experience it can be. Usually the connections between host families and exchange students last a lifetime while opening international horizons as well.

Any family interested in hosting an exchange student for the 2016-17 school year or if might have any questions should contact Mr. Charles Strange at *strangecws@gmail.com* or by phone at (518) 788-8628.



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Spring Continuing Ed Schedule

(607) 264-3265, ext. 518 or *www.cvscs.org* (Community)

MARCH 2016 UPDATE

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	DATE/TIME	FEE
AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE: Learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies and new traffic laws and rules of the road. Upon completion you can save 10% on your auto insurance and remove up to 4 points from your license.	Christina Knee	Saturday, April 2: 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. *Bring a bag lunch, your license & AARP card.*	$20/member, $25/non-member *For this course, make checks out to AARP. No cash.
ACRYLIC PAINTING: A MOUNTAIN SCENE: Another opportunity to paint without an investment in supplies. All skill levels are welcome. Students go home with a finished piece.	Anna Halkowich	Tuesday, April 12 6:00-8:00 p.m.	$25/1 class Includes supplies
AIKIDO: Learn a Japanese martial art! "Aikido is a non-violent martial art that promotes harmony of the mind, body and spirit…" Ages 10 thru adult welcome. For more information, call the instructor at (607) 547-6201.	Linda Cox	Tuesdays: 5:45-7:00 p.m. Starting approx. April 19	$36/6 classes
CREATE WITH CRICUT: Create several all-occasion themed projects (cards, envelopes, gift bags, 3-D crafts, stencils for etching) from a variety of materials (paper, fabric and vinyl). Learn about machine settings and experiment with a variety of cartridges.	PJ Johnson	Saturday, April 2: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 14: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	$30/1 class Includes most materials
JR. KARATE I: 5th Block starts approximately April 11	Brian Cox	Mondays: 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning April 11	$23/6 classes
JR. KARATE II: 5th Block starts approximately	Brian Cox	Mondays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	$23/6 classes
BEGINNING ADULT KARATE: 5th Block starts approximately April 15	Brian Cox	Fridays: 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning April 15	$23/6 classes
JR. KARATE III: 5th Block starts approximately April 15	Brian Cox	Fridays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	$25/6 classes
ADULT KARATE: 5th Block starts approximately April 11/15	Brian Cox	Mondays & Fridays: 7:30-9:00 p.m.	$38/6 classes
YOGA: This yoga *is a gentle practice allowing the body to open at its own pace. Using props for support, poses are held without effort or force. Deeply relaxing.* Wear loose fitting clothing and bring a yoga mat.	Bonnie Fayssoux	Tuesdays beginning approx. May 3 Thursdays beginning approx. April 21, 5:45-6:45 p.m.	$36/6 classes $8/walk-ins
ZUMBA: A Latin-inspired dance-fitness exercise program for cardio and toning. Will also do some work with light hand-weights (2-3 lbs). New students may try a class for FREE!	Suzanne Fine	Tuesdays beginning approx. May 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m.	$36/6 classes Walk-ins $8/class Join the class at any time.

Course Registration Info

- Pre-registration can be done **BY PHONE** (607) 264-3265, ext. 518 or **EMAIL** *pjohnson@ cvscs.org* but must be followed up with payment by mail or dropped off at the CV-S Main Office, c/o PJ Johnson.
- Registration **IN PERSON** can be completed on Tuesday mornings from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in Room 144 with Continuing Ed. Coordinator, PJ Johnson, or dropped off at the Main Office 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 except the AARP Smart Driver course 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.

CONTINUING ED REGISTRATION FORM

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May 5, 7:00 p.m.

Budget Vote

May 17, 12 Noon- 8:00 p.m.

The Daily Bread Food Pantry

Hours

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please call the number below if these hours are not feasible or if you need immediate assistance.

Location

2 Genesee Street—The Community Center
Entrance is behind the Gymnasium
Donations can be dropped off during the day time
(the door to the entryway will be unlocked)

Is your family, or a family you know, in need? Please contact Mary Fralick, at (607) 547-8734, or send a letter to PO Box 328, Cherry Valley, NY 13320.

Remember When

Custodial Staff

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