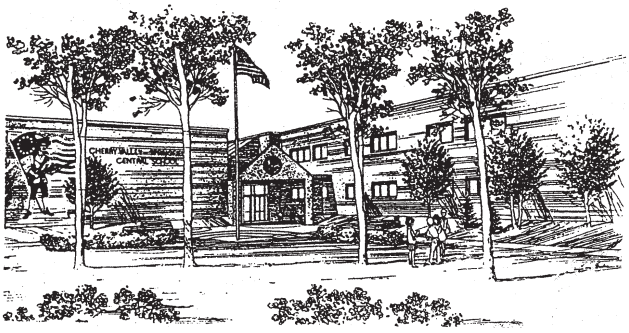

PATRIOT NEWS

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District

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Superintendent's Message

Hopefully this newsletter finds everyone able to relax and enjoy the beautiful summer weather we are having in the area. Even though most of the students are gone for the summer, we still have Drivers' Education and High School Summer School going on.

On Saturday, June 27, we said good-bye to a very special group of seniors. These 38 individuals are set to make their mark on the world. While we will miss them at CV-S, it is time for them to apply all they have learned at home and at school over the years as they set foot in the future.

I am extremely excited to announce that Cherry Valley-Springfield High School has been selected by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine as a Silver Medal winner and received a ranking of 120 out of over 800 high schools in New York State. We are second only to Cooperstown in the region.

The list was created using a three-step process: how students were performing academically compared to their peers across the State, how economically disadvantaged students were performing compared to their peers, and our graduation rate. Our graduation rate this year is 97%, which is outstanding; hats off to our staff, students and administration for making this a District priority over the past years.

This summer 15 staff members spent two days working on creating a District Plan/Vision as we look to the future. The LINKS plan we created is a five-year-plan to focus the efforts of the staff, students, Board of Education and community in how best to provide a top-notch educational facility for our students. The result is a 20 page document that digs into every aspect of the District and provides a road map for focusing our efforts and professional development for the staff and students. We are extremely excited to have this plan. All areas of the District and community were represented in our work session. The LINKS team will meet throughout the year and all are invited to attend and offer their input. This plan will be presented at the September 17 Board of Education meeting.

In just a few short weeks the buzz of staff and students will return to the school hallways. I look forward to a very positive and exciting 2015-2016 school year. Please take time to relax and enjoy the remaining days of summer. Please feel free to email me at *tryan@cvscs.org* or call me at the school at 264-9332. Thank you and have a great summer.

Timothy R. Ryan,
Superintendent of Schools

Principal's Message

Dear Families of CV-SCS,

I hope this note finds you well and your children eager to return to our school for the 2015-16 year!

Our custodians have prepped our classrooms for learning, teachers have prepared their opening activities, and a team including Board of Education members, teachers, teaching assistants, counselors and administrators met this summer to set goals for the District. Overall, we have been very busy using expertise, innovation and all of our resources to promote a great school experience as we continue to grow our program.

I look forward to seeing your children on September 8, the first day of school. Please remember to gather your school supplies and communicate to the Main Office any changes to your address prior to the start of school. I also welcome you to think of ways to get engaged with our school community by volunteering on our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) or joining our Partners in Education (PIE) group.

Proud to be your Principal,
Mrs. Crisman

Many Thanks!

The CV-S Community would like to thank Mrs. Kathleen West for her many years of service to the District. Mrs. West filled many roles at CV-S and helped countless students during her 28 years at CV-S! Thank you Mrs. West and we wish you the best as you enter into the next chapter of your life—retirement!

Thank You!

Child Find

It is the responsibility of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District Committee on Special Education (CSE) and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) to find and identify students residing within the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District who may be in need of special education services. If you have noticed that your child is not developing skills such as walking, talking, learning, or playing like other young children, and you suspect that he or she may have a disability, you may wish to make a referral to the CSE or the CPSE. You may do so by contacting the chairperson of the CSE/CPSE at 264-9012. The chairperson will explain the pre-referral, referral and evaluation process and describe the eligibility requirements for identification of a preschooler with a disability. If your child is between the ages of birth and three, the CPSE chairperson will refer you to the Otsego County Early Intervention Program. For school aged children, the chairperson can explain the many general education supports and services available, as well as the CSE referral, evaluation, identification process, and the State and Federal eligibility requirements for identification of a student with special needs.

Section 504 Annual Notice

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 commonly known as §504, the School District hereby notifies disabled children and their parents of the School District duty under the Regulations to §504.

The School District shall provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified disabled child who resides in the School District regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. The School District shall educate each qualified disabled child with children who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the disabled child, and shall also ensure that disabled children participate with non-disabled children in nonacademic and extra-curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate. A disabled child shall be afforded an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities.

The School District shall provide disabled children an equal opportunity for participation in physical education courses, interscholastic, club or intramural athletics.

The School District shall conduct pre-placement evaluations, and shall establish standards and procedures consistent with §104.35 for the evaluation and placement of children who need or are believed to need special education or related services. Periodic reevaluation shall be conducted of children who have been provided special education or related services.

Placement decisions shall draw upon information from a variety of sources and shall be made by a group of persons knowledgeable about the child, the meaning of the evaluation data, and the placement options. The School District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards that includes notice, an opportunity for the parent to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with the opportunity for participation by the parent and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

Possible Pesticide Application

In School Buildings and on District Property

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and State Education Department Commissioner's Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, require all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticide periodically throughout the school year. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

The School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notification of certain pesticide applications. If you would like to receive 48-hour notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school please contact the school.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hour following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile redenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

Asbestos Notification

The CV-S Building and Grounds do not contain asbestos materials.

Cherry Valley-Springfield
Central School
2015-2016 School Calendar

SEPTEMBER

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HOLIDAYS & CONFERENCE DAYS

September 2-3	Supt. Conf. Days
September 7	Labor Day
September 8	Classes Begin
October 12	Columbus Day
October 23	Supt. Conf. Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1	Holiday Vacation
January 18	M.L. King Jr. Day
February 15	Presidents Day
February 15-19	Winter Break
March 25	Good Friday
April 22	Supt. Conference Day
April 25-29	Spring Break
May 30	Memorial Day
June 24	Supt. Conference Day

DAYS IN SESSION

September	19
October	21
November	17
December	17
January	19
February	16
March	22
April	16
May	21
June	18
TOTAL	186

TESTING DATES

January 26-29	Regents Exams
April 12/May 13	NYSESLAT Speaking
April 5-7	ELA Tests Grades 3-8
April 13-15	Math Tests Grades 3-8
May 2-15	NYSESLAT: L/R/W
May 25/June3	Science Performance Grades 4 & 8
June 6	Science Written Test Grades 4 & 8
June 1	Regents Math
June 14-22	Regents Exams
June 23	Regents Rating Day

FEBRUARY

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29				

MARCH

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JUNE

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R	R	R	R	C
27	28	29	30	

Emergency Days: 5
Adopted by Board of Education: April 9, 2015
H = Holiday, C= Conference, V= Vacation *R = Students will be in session and R= Regents

New School Nurse

Hello Parents/Guardians and Students,

My name is Chelsea Fassett and I am the new school nurse for Cherry Valley-Springfield. I come to you with a background in medical-surgical nursing and I am very excited to integrate my knowledge and love for nursing into the school setting. Your child's safety is my number one priority and I want nothing more than to promote a positive environment that is student centered and can help all students succeed and grow.

I do ask that any changes to your child's emergency information (emergency contact, phone numbers, dental information or any other changes) be sent to me via email or you can call my direct line. Those entering Pre-K will receive a packet from me with important papers and this can be addressed at that point as your child is new to the system.

I look forward to meeting all of you. Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Chelsea Fassett, RN
(607) 264-3265, ext. 514
cfassett@cvscs.org

Music Department News

The summer instrumental music lesson program had a great turnout this year! This program is an excellent way to give our beginning band students a jump start on their instruments, while our more experienced players continue to learn new skills. Thank you to the Town of Cherry Valley, the Town of Springfield and the District for their financial support of this program.

The CV-S Music Department will accept donations of good quality, working band instruments. As repairs can be costly, we will not be able to accept instruments that need major repairs. Donations are a great way to provide support for students who are unable to obtain an instrument, and all donations are tax deductible. For more information, please contact Kelly Oram at 607-264-3265, ext. 122 or *koram@cvscs.org*.

Bus Safety

Discuss these safety rules with your child and ask him or her to learn the bus driver's name. Your child should understand that riding the school bus is a privilege and it may be denied as a result of misbehavior on a bus.

Crossing the street

- Be sure that you can see the driver's eyes and that the driver sees you, too. You should cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus. Wait for the driver's signal to cross and then look both ways. Walk quickly, don't run across. NEVER cross in back of the bus. Remember, if you can touch the bus you are too close and are in a *danger* zone.

Getting on the bus

- Be on time at your bus stop. Stay back from the roadway until the bus is completely stopped. (Student conduct at the bus stop is the responsibility of the parents.)
- Hold on to the handrail as you get on or off the bus. Be sure to carry a backpack for all your books and papers.
- Take a seat immediately.

Riding the bus

- Stay in your seat. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times.
- Be courteous to other riders and to your driver. Do not use profane language. You may talk quietly with your friends.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- Absolutely no smoking.
- Help keep the bus clean. Do not litter.
- Keep aisles clear at all times. A package or musical instrument that can be held on your lap is permissible, as long as it does not obstruct the driver's vision. No glass or animals are permitted.
- Do not play with emergency exits.
- If you see something wrong or unsafe, report it to the driver immediately.
- You may not leave the bus at any scheduled stop other than your own without parental permission and approval.

Always follow the bus driver's instructions. The driver is in full command and is authorized to assign seats if necessary. The driver may explain other safety guidelines during the school year.

When Red Lights Flash—Don't Pass

To ensure the safety of students when they are riding on school buses, drivers of other vehicles may not pass when a bus's red lights are flashing. Many drivers assume that this law refers only to buses stopped in streets and roadways; however, the law was revised in 1990 to include driveways and school parking areas as locations where buses may not be passed if the red lights are flashing.

Drivers who fail to stop when a school bus has its red lights on face costly penalties and even can land in jail:

- First conviction: carries a fine of between $250 and $400, a jail sentence of up to 30 days, or both.
- Second conviction: within three years carries an increased fine of between $600 and $750, a jail sentence of up to 180 days, or both.
- Third or subsequent conviction: within three years carries penalties of a fine between $750 and $850, a jail sentence up to 180 days, or both.

Bus Routes

Bear
Morton Road
Doc Ahlers Road
O'Neil Road
Hoose Road (West End)
Gage School House Road
Stannard Road
Gage Road
County Route 50
Lancaster Street
Kilfoil Street

Car
County Route 33
Hayes Road
Pollack Mountain Road
Indian Run Road
Hubbell Hollow Road
Pete Hendricks Road
Genesee Street
County Hwy 54
Old School
Alden Street
Fish & Game Road

Horse
Route 166
Norton Cross Road
County Route 35
County Route 52
Whiteman Road
Gately Hill
Tabor Road
Rezen-Middlefield Road
County Route 36 A

Truck
Route 165
Thompson Hill Road
Honey Hill Road
County Route 34 & 39
Route 166
Town Line Road

Fish
Route 20
County Route 54
Limited Schedule
North Road (South End)

Duck
Rendering Works Road
Barringer Road
Keller Road
Willy O'Neil Road
Clinton Road
Hess Road
Indian Trail Road
State Route 163
Sprout Brook
County Route 32
Main Street
Maple Avenue
Elem Street

Boat
Hinds Road
Domion Road
Griggs Road
Dunning Hill Road
Mill Road
Continental Road
Route 80 E
Briar Hill Road
County Route 31S
Springfield Hill Road
Addie VanAlstine Road
Fassett Road

Cow
Indian Trail Road
VanDycke Road
Route 163
Swamp Road
County Route 54
Dykeman Road
County Route 30 & 31N

Elephant
Public Landing Road
Route 80
McShane Road
Gywitts Road
Allens Lake Road
Mc Rorie Road
Wilsey Road
County Route 53
Route 29A
Route 20

Gingerbread Man
County Route 31N
Salt Springville Road
Starkville Road
Bauder Road
Dingman Road
County Hwy 32A
VanDerwerker Road
Butler Road
Montgomery Street

Pass It On

If you know of anyone not receiving the *Patriot News* who would like to receive a copy, please contact Laura Carson at (607) 264-9332, ext. 501. Remember you can also access the *Patriot News* on the school website at *www.cvscs.org*.

School Tax Collection

School taxes may be paid in person at the Cherry Valley Branch of the NBT Bank or by mail to the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, P.O. Box 485, Cherry Valley, New York 13320, in care of Betty Short.

Remember When? Springfield 1985

Senior BOCES

Front Row: A. Fuhs, S. Bodmer, J. Fralick, B. McGovern, K. Brownlee. Second Row: R. Reid, J. Santoro.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

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Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret

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LinkedIn

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WhatsApp

17

Vine
Tinder

18

Path

18 / 13 with parent's permission

YouTube
WeChat
Keek
Kik
Foursquare
Flickr

Age specified in the platform's terms of service as of 09/2014.

linneyville.com

Fall 2015 Continuing Education Courses

Be on the lookout for this fall's exciting selection of Continuing Education Courses! The full Fall 2015 Continuing Schedule will be posted on the school website at *www.cvscs.org,* under the "Community" heading, by the first week in September. A full schedule will be available in the *Turnpike Pennysaver* (September 10th issue) and October's *Patriot News*.

Flyers will be available beginning the second week of September at the Cherry Valley and Springfield Libraries and Post Offices as well as several local businesses. In addition, flyers will be sent home with students in grades Pre–K-5, be available in the Cherry Valley-Springfield Main Office and at Open House.

We are re-offering several of the community's favorite courses from Karate to Yoga and Zumba as well as some possible new additions including courses for athletic coaches, technology courses, a series of basket weaving workshops, a soapmaking class, and several more still in the works.

If you have a suggestion for a course you would like us to offer, or you might be interested in sharing your expertise by teaching a course, please contact PJ Johnson.

Please note that some of our on-going courses are already scheduled as listed below. To pre-register or for more information, contact PJ Johnson at (607) 264-3265, ext. 518 or by email at *pjohnson@cvscs.org*.

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	DATE/TIME	FEE
Acrylic Painting: A Mountain Scene	Anna Halkowich	Tuesday, October 6: 6-8 p.m.	$25/1 class
Beginning Soapmaking	Maria Gelnett	Saturday, October 24: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	$45/1 class
Jr Karate I (starts September 14)	Brian Cox	Mondays: 5:30-6:30 p.m.	$23/6 classes
Jr Karate II	Brian Cox	Mondays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	$23/6 classes
Beginning Adult Karate (starts September 18)	Brian Cox	Fridays: 5:30-6:30 p.m.	$23/6 classes
Jr Karate III	Brian Cox	Fridays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	$25/6 classes
Adult Karate	Brian Cox	Mondays & Fridays: 7:30-9:00 p.m.	$38/6 classes
Yoga (starts September 22/24)	Bonnie Fayssoux	Tuesdays or Thursdays: 5:45-6:45 p.m.	$36/6 classes/$8 walk-in
Zumba (starts September 22/24)	Suzanne Fine	Tuesdays or Thursdays: 5:30-6:30 p.m.	$30/6 classes/$7 walk-in

Fall 2015 Continuing Education Courses
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Course Title: _____

Amt Paid Cash: _____ Amt Paid Check: _____

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Medication Procedure in School Health Offices

Straight from the State Education Department of School Health Services—Procedure for prescription and over-the-counter medications:

- Written order from licensed prescriber;
- Written permission from parent;
- Parent needs to provide medication in the original container; and
- The medication needs to be properly labeled with the student's name, type of medication, dosage of medication, and time to be given.

All of the above steps need to be followed in order for any type of medication to be given in school.

Over-the-counter medications include Tylenol®, Ibuprofen, Motrin®, Advil®, Benadryl®, Excedrin®, Aspirin, Neosporin®, etc.—these medications will NOT be provided by the school. Any medication to be given in school needs to be provided by the parent/guardian. If you have any questions, please call Chelsea Fassett, School Nurse, at 264-3218, ext. 514.

Video Cameras on Buses

All buses will be equipped with video cameras, which will be used to monitor student behavior. Violations of the District Code of Conduct as well as participation in any illegal activities will be dealt with in accordance with applicable laws and school regulations. All video media used in relation to this policy shall be the sole property of the District and the Superintendent and his/her designee shall be the custodian of such media.

Use of Facility and Grounds

The Board of Education allows groups and organizations to use the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building and Grounds providing that certain requirements and guidelines are met. These requirements and guidelines are set not only for avoiding scheduling conflicts but to ensure proper security, safety and building maintenance measures.

A copy of the full context of the requirements and guidelines is available by contacting the Main Office.

Public Access to Records

Access by residents of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District to records of the District shall be consistent with the rules and regulations established by the State Committee on Open Government and shall comply with all the requirements of the New York State Public Officers Law Section 84 et seq.

Rules and procedures used are pursuant to Article 6 of the Public Officer's Law and the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2015-2016

Most meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month except those so marked by an asterisk. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

August 20, 2015
September 17, 2015
October 15, 2015
November 19, 2015
December 17, 2015
January 21, 2016
*February 11, 2016: Preliminary Budget Presentation

March 17, 2016
*April 7, 2016
*April 21, 2016: Board of Education Approves Budget
*May 5, 2016: Budget Hearing
*May 17, 2016: Budget Vote
June 16, 2016