Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District

PATRIOT NEWS

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WELCOME NEW FACULTY!

Front row: Mrs. Climenhaga, Mrs. Urban, Mrs. Misiewicz, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Whelihan; second row: Mr. Nirschl, Ms. Ertefai, Mrs. Carley, Mrs. Horender and Mrs. Knapp.

Mrs. Climenhaga started her full time teaching career at CV-S in 1994. She returned as the superintendent after being a part of the administrative team in Richfield Springs for 10 years. She and her family live in Cherry Valley.

Kathleen Urban is the special education teacher for 5th and 6th grades. This is her 5th year teaching. Prior to obtaining a Masters Degree in Childhood Education from Dominican College, she was a practicing Occupational Therapist for over 20 years, specializing in pediatrics and physical disabilities. She obtained her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from New York University. She and her family recently relocated to the area from Orange County. Her four children attend Cherry Valley Springfield.

Mary Misiewicz joins CV-S as an LPN/Aide. I live in Springfield with my husband and children. I graduated from Springfield Central School and received my nursing degree from Central Tech. in Syracuse. I love coming to school with my kids and joining the C-VS CS family.

My name is **Sarah Williams.** I am very happy to join the team at Cherry Valley-Springfield. I have been a special education teacher for nine years and look forward to many more. Outside of school, I love to be with my husband and kids as well as to read and watch movies.

Hi my name is **Patty Whelihan.** I have been a special education teacher since 1991. I am extremely happy with my new position in my home district. I work with an incredible team who truly enjoy being a part of our students' progression. I love horses and the beach.

Anton Nirschl joins CV-S as a new bus driver/custodian. Up until eight years ago he and his family were living in Cobleskill and now they live in the CV-S District. He enjoys spending time with his family in the great outdoors.

Wendy Ertefai joins CV-S as a long-term substitute third grade teacher. She was born and raised in upstate New York. She moved to Arizona after graduating from Russell Sage College and then moved back to New York after living in Arizona for 29 years. She has three daughters who are all nurses!

Shannon Carley joins CV-S as an aide. I live in the village of Cherry Valley with my husband and three children. I have been an LPN since 2015. I grew up in Morris.

My name is **Kylee Horender** and I am originally from Fort Plain. I love spending time with my family and exploring new places. This is my third year of teaching and I am so excited to be a part of the Cherry Valley-Springfield family as a first grade teacher!

Nicole Knapp joins CV-S as our elementary principal. She lives in Greene with her husband and three children. They enjoy riding four wheelers and having bonfires. More than anything she wants this year to be fun for your children!

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

We are off to a great start with a new year that is filled with hope, vision and excitement! Our students were treated to Patriot Day on Friday, September 9. PK-12 students took part in activities outside that were fun and required them to be active. Students in grades 6-12 were randomly split into 20 teams of 15 students each. They spent the day with people who they may not typically mingle with. The overall theme was to take pride in being a patriot and getting to know others. It was a great day!

As with any new school year we have new faculty and staff members. If you see them, please take a minute to welcome them to C-VS CS. A photo and their bios are included in this newsletter.

This year we would like to focus on the successes of our students and the district overall. The administrative team is determined to share those successes with the community. We are also looking to get the community more involved in the school. Information will be sent out regarding the venues we will use and how you can get involved. As stated in the previous newsletter, it takes a community to raise a child, to help accomplish that we would like to tap into all of our community-wide resources.

On Thursday, November 10 we would like to honor our Veterans by inviting them to attend an assembly and breakfast. The assembly will start in the High School Gym at 8:15 a.m. and then the Veterans will move to the Cafeteria where breakfast will be serviced. Please RSVP to Laura Carson at 264-9332, ext. 501 by November 4. We look forward to recognizing our Veterans.

Sincerely,
TheriJo Climenhaga
Superintendent

Alumni Spotlight

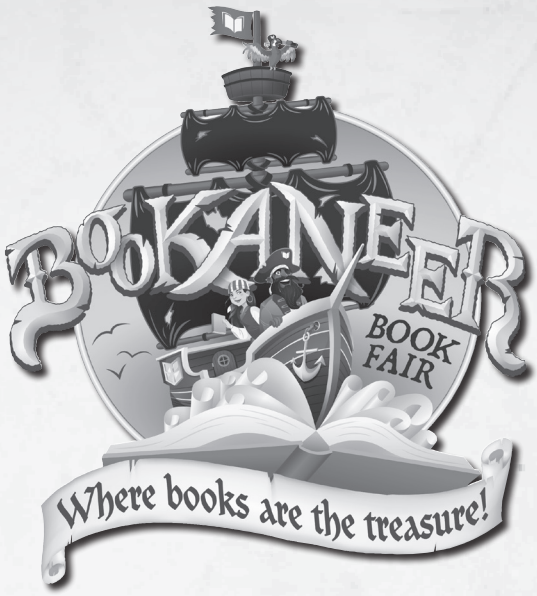
The first alumni spotlight for the year is Ms. Bethany Garretson. Bethany resides in Paul Smiths, New York where she is an instructor of Environmental Studies and manager of the farm at Paul Smiths College. Bethany loves the outdoors and is part of the hiking clubs the 46ers and the Saranac 6er. This summer Bethany completed a multi-day hike of the 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks. She completed this hike in two weeks to raise awareness to our changing environment and show what we can do with will power and human energy. During Climb it 4 Climate she raised $33,000 to start a climate change program at Paul Smiths which includes student scholarships and sustainability projects at the college. In addition to hiking, she is also enjoys swimming, skiing and rock climbing.

When asked about her most valuable lesson she learned at Cherry Valley-Springfield, she stated that this lesson was learned from Mr. Bill Nelson. Mr. Nelson covered his classroom clock with a poster that had a picture of Olympic speed skater Eric Heiden on it. The poster said, "There are things in life worse than this." Bethany said when she first saw the poster she thought it was a clever joke; however, Mr. Nelson explained the meaning behind the poster to the class. The poster showed the speed skater slipping, falling and not placing on the medal stand. After the race the skater was asked how he felt, but instead of talking about the race, he talked about his sister who had terminal cancer. He equated his falling in the scheme of things happening in his life and said that there was much worse in the world than his not getting an Olympic medal. Every time Bethany sees a clock she is immediately reminded of the story from Mr. Nelson.

When asked her greatest professional accomplishment she stated, "I have stayed true to who I am, always picked a path that was outside and active and I have never dreaded going to work in the morning. I love what I do; that is my greatest accomplishment." If she came back to CV-S to teach any class she could create, her answer was "The Art and Exploration of Being Human." This would be small class of about a dozen students that would meet outside and explore the nature trails, ponds and ecosystems around the school. Bethany feels that while exploring nature you explore your own *Nature* and learn a lot about your place in the world. The class would consist of primitive skills, team building activities and communication exercises. Why would we meet outside, because our minds are more attentive and creative outside. As we grow, we should never lose the urge to run, play or climb a tree.

The advice that Bethany gives to current students is to "explore the world around you: weather you lie on your belly in your backyard, hike the Pacific Crest Trail, or live with nomads in Mongolia—get outside and explore! Ask questions—imagine a pink elephant standing the middle of the room and examine it from all angles. Always remember, we all see the world differently. Have compassion for each other and the environment. Know where your food comes from and have a garden! Take a daily walk. Laugh. Surround yourself with what you want to be. At the end of every day, say three things you are thankful for. Give back."

When thinking about the future of Cherry Valley-Springfield students and alumni and our effect on society she sees us shaping the world around us because, "CV-S students and alumni come from a very special place in the world. The fields, valley and small town communities are an excellent place to learn and practice stewardship. I believe we live in a very innovative and exciting time. There are certainly many issues to address and I believe small communities that support each other will thrive in the future.



Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from November 14-18. Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they will get. This fall's Book Fair is also a great place to begin your holiday shopping!

Funds raised will help support literacy activities including PARP in January 2017. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event.

The Book Fair, sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee, will be located in Room 218 at the top of the stairs from the Main Lobby during the following dates and times:

Monday, November 14 .....8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15 .....8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16 ..... 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 17 .....10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 18 .....8:15 a.m.-Noon

Books may be purchased from the Book Fair with cash, checks (payable to CV-S Parent Advisory Committee/ CV-S PAC or all major credit cards. **Make sure to include the 8% sales tax.**

Before you visit the Book Fair be sure to download the FREE Book Fairs App to help you find the right fit books for your child. For more information, visit: *scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs*. And if you are all booked up during Book Fair week be sure to visit the Book Fair online at scholastic.com/fair. Our Online Fair is available for an extended time from November 9-22.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the Book Fair or have any questions, please give PJ Johnson a call at 264-3265, ext. 518.

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Music Department Notes

Winter Concerts

Start planning ahead—he Winter Concerts will be here before we know it! The December 8 concert will feature the Fifth Grade Band, Fifth Grade Choir, Junior Jazz Band and Senior Jazz Band. The December 15 concert will feature the Junior Band, Junior Choir, Senior Band and Senior Choir. Both concerts will take place at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Music of the Stage and Screen

This year's high school music elective is *Music of the Stage and Screen*. This course introduces students to musical theater, including Minstrel Shows, Vaudeville, Operetta, Opera, Broadway musicals, and Rock Opera. Students will examine composers, lyricists, producers, directors, choreographers, and performing artists who have contributed to the development of musical theater. Students will identify historical and cultural references and assess performance videos viewed in class and online to formulate an opinion of each production. Time will be spent looking at how music is used in films as well.

All-County Auditions

Auditions for Junior and Senior High All-County ensembles will take place in Milford on November 5.

Area All-State

The Music Department is excited to announce the acceptance of four music students into Area-All State groups. **Kaitlyn Ehlers** (alto saxophone) and **Claudia Preston** (alto saxophone) will be playing with the Area-All State Band. **Jenna Stalter** (soprano) will be singing in the Mixed Chorus. **Josephine Herzog** (alto) will be singing in the Women's Chorus. They will all be practicing and performing in November at SUNY Oneonta. The concert will be November 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Hunt Union Ballroom on the SUNY Oneonta campus.

Music Department

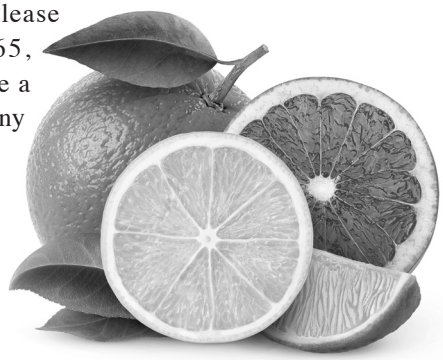
Fruit and Candle Fundraiser

It is that time of year! The CV-S Music Department will begin their annual Fruit and Candle Sale on November 1. All proceeds will support the choral and instrumental music programs. Our oranges and grapefruits are the best gift at the holidays. They can be a healthy snack to send to school or drop a few in the bottom of a stocking. Can't eat a whole box? Share them with family, friends and neighbors, or donate to the Food Bank!

Not in the mood for fruit? Candles are also available, and make wonderful gifts for friends and family.

See any music student to place your order. You may also call the CV-S Music Department to request an order form or place an order: 264-3265, ext. 122. Orders will be taken until Friday, November 18. Checks can be made payable to *CVS-CS Music Fund*.

Fruit will be available for pick-up after the 7:00 p.m. High School Concert on December 15. Additional scheduled pick-up times are from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on December 16 and from 9:00 a.m.-Noon on December 17. Candle orders will be distributed to students for delivery before the Holiday Recess. Your support is greatly appreciated! Please call 264-3265, ext. 122 to leave a message with any questions.



Cafeteria News

The cafeteria is now accepting online credit card payments for school lunch accounts.

1. Go to the school website: *cvscs.org*
2. Under *Quick Links* click *Lunch Accounts*
3. Click on *Credit Card Payment*
4. Click on *Food Service & Student Fee Payments*
5. Enter amount to be paid
6. Enter last name and lunch pin #
7. Add to shopping cart and go to *Check Out*
8. Follow instructions to set up an account and finish paying
9. There will be a fee to use this payment option

Any questions about your accounts please contact Holly Kehoe at 264-3265, ext. 135.

New Email Addresses

All email addresses at Cherry Valley-Springfield Central have changed. They have added a ***"d"*** at the end of their email addresses. For example: TheriJo Climenhaga's email address will change from *tclimenhaga@cvscs.org* to *tclimenhaga@cvscs**d**.org*. Please be sure to update your contact lists accordingly.

Seesaw

STEAM and Elementary Art

Exciting news from STEAM and Elementary Art! Starting this year pre-kindergarten through 5th grade students will create a digital portfolio with Seesaw. Seesaw can be accessed as an app or website. Students will create photos or videos of their work to be saved and organized. Seesaw allows students to share work with parents and classmates. Students and parents will benefit from this connection. Parents will have a window into their student's day and can even add messages to artwork and projects. Students will take pride in classroom activities and recognize the importance of their effort each day. More information about how to access Seesaw will be available in your child's Friday folders.

—Amanda Sikkema

1st graders learning about butterflies and moths during STEAM.

Middle School News

We achieve our greatest success when students complete their assignments in a timely manner, and at the highest degree of quality possible. In order to encourage students to be responsible and to maximize their opportunities to learn the most that they can, the Middle School team has developed a homework policy for the 2016-2017 school year. The Middle School core teachers will meet every Wednesday. Students who have three or more missing assignments will be assigned to a Friday Middle School lunch detention. Students who skip the detention will receive an after school detention the following Tuesday. Students who accumulate three lunch detentions in one quarter will be assigned after school detention. Parents of students who receive after school detention two times in one quarter will be asked to have a parent-teacher conference with the Middle School team. Students who receive no detention at all during the quarter will receive a reward. Others will go to a silent study hall where they can only do academic work—no reading or art work, etc. Absent students will be evaluated by the team of teachers according to their individual situations. Each quarter will provide an opportunity for a fresh start. Thank you for supporting the Middle School team to maximize student achievement!

Parents, please refer to the Middle School assignment calendar to see upcoming assignments due for your middle schooler. The calendar was created and will be maintained by middle school students. Between the calendar and Powerschool you will be able to stay up to date on your child's progress!

Exchange Student News

On Friday, September 16 our Bolivian exchange student **Daniel Navarro** and our guest for the day, Belgian exchange student Valentin Boulanger from Vestal; visited an eighth grade social studies class, the K-2 classes to tell about their countries, cultures, foods, customs and schools. They taught some of the students how to count to 10 in Spanish and French as well as answering some of their questions. Some of those questions were about the weather in their countries, their parents' jobs and what the boys did during their spare time. All 35 of the exchange students from Rotary District 7170 were in the area for the weekend for their fall inbound orientation which was held at Cooperstown High School with other events in the area including visiting schools in Cooperstown, Milford, Edmeston, Cherry Valley-Springfield and Worcester.

From the Nurse's Office

Dear Parents/Guardians:

To help prevent the spread of illness, we would like to give you some guidelines to help with your decision on whether or not to send your child to school. We ask that you keep your child home if he or she:

- Has a fever of 100°F or higher
- Sore throat with a fever
- Vomiting
- Persistent cough
- Diarrhea

If your child has been recently ill, please be aware of the following guidelines before having your child return to school, athletics or social activities:

- Should be fever free for at least 24 hours (without medication)
- Be free of vomiting and/or diarrhea for at least 24 hours
- If strep throat, they must be on the appropriate antibiotic for at least 24 hours
- If conjunctivitis they must be on the appropriate eye drops for at least 24 hours

We appreciate your help in keeping our students healthy! If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school nurse at 264-3265, ext. 514.

Thank you for helping to keep our students healthy!

— *Chelsea Fassett, RN,* School Nurse

Fall Play—*A Christmas Carol*

The Cherry Valley-Springfield Drama Club will be performing *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Ludlum (adapted from the novel by Charles Dickens.) Performances dates and times are: Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for Senior Citizens and students.

It's ALMOST that time of year again!

The Spanish Club will be selling

CANDY KISSES!

50¢ each bag
November 28 – December 14

If you need more forms or any information, please contact Señora Ahrens at school.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank You Retirees

Former Librarian Rhonda King, right, presented the following books to the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Librarian Emily Gibson: *Big Red and the Little Bitty Wolf: A Story About Bullying,* written by Jeanie Franz Ransom in memory of Teaching Assistant Mildred Ferrone. And Cooking Class: *57 Fun Recipes Kids Will Love to Make (and Eat!),* written by Deanna F. Cook in memory of Home Economics Teacher Kay Perkins. These books were purchased by the Cherry Valley-Springfield Retirees in memory of former colleagues of the Cherry Valley, Springfield, and Cherry Valley-Springfield Districts.

Transportation Reminders

Parents please send in notes to the main office regarding bus changes and call Mrs. Wilmot 264-3265, ext. 506 prior to 1:00 p.m. if you have questions. For questions or changes on the AM run please call 264-3265, ext. 601 at the garage from 6:00-7:15 a.m.

Students in grades 7 and up—please remember to sign up for the late buses before 2:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer Senior Nights

FALL 2016 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

October Updates

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	DATE/TIME	FEE
ACRYLIC PAINTING—DUCKS IN THE MOONLIGHT: Try your hand at painting without any investment in supplies. The subject of this painting class will be ducks in the moonlight.	Anna Halkowich	Wednesday, November 9 6:00-8:00 p.m.	$25/1 class
AIKIDO: Learn a Japanese martial art! "Aikido is a non-violent martial art that promotes harmony of the mind, body & spirit . . ." Ages 10 thru adult welcome. For more info, call the instructor at (607) 547-2273.	Linda Cox	Tuesdays beginning November 1 5:45-7:00 p.m.	$36/6 classes
AROMATHERAPY 101: Learn how Nature's medicine can take the place of synthetic drugs. Learn more in-depth info about the chemistry of essential oils & how to blend them.	Heather Hogan doTerra Rep & cert. aromatherapist	Wednesday, October 26 6:00-8:00 p.m.	$25/1 class
BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP: Choose to do 1 or 2 basket weaving classes. The 1st will be the instructor's choice & the 2nd will be your choice.	Susan Hardy	Tuesdays, October 25 & November 1 5:45-8:45 p.m.	$20/1 class or $38/both all materials included
FELTED HOLIDAY PIN: Felt a cute holiday pin in about 1½ hours using a handful of wool and a felting needle . . . it is that easy!	Andre' Jones	Wednesday, November 2 10:00-11:30 a.m.	$16/1 class all materials included
FELTED WOOL SCARF: Felt a soft wool scarf in about 1½ hours with very soft merino wool, beads & yarn to create your own unique project.	Andre' Jones	Saturday, October 22 10:00-11:30 a.m.	$27/1 class all materials included
FIRST AID FOR NEW COACHES: Get ready for winter coaching by taking the First Aid course for new coaches as required by NYS Education Department or by getting recertified.	Les Bush	Saturday, October 29 & November 5 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	$30/1 day recertification $60/full 2-day course
JR KARATE I (Block 2 starts approx 11/7)	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	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
PIANO LESSONS: Individual lessons ages 10 thru adult. Will cover keyboard familiarity, basic technique, music-reading & repertoire. Students are responsible for their own transportation.	Anthony Dangler	Tuesday or Thursday beginning October 25 or 27 starting at 4:00 p.m.	$98/4 lessons *Piano book not included
WREATHS-WREATHS-WREATHS!: Learn how to hand-wind a beautiful holiday wreath using an assortment of fresh balsam, white pine & boxwood too!	Jackie Hull A Rose Is a Rose	Wednesday, November 16 6:30-8:00 p.m.	$35/1 class all materials provided
YOGA /EVENINGS: A gentle practice allowing the body to open at its own pace. Deeply relaxing. No experience needed.	Bonnie Fayssoux	Tuesdays or Thursdays: 5:45-6:45 p.m. beginning November 1 & 3	$42/6 classes; $9 walk-in
ZENTANGLE 2: Grow & expand your experience with the art of Zentangle. Learn a variety of tangles leading you to the creation of a 10.5" Opus tile.	Rebecca Carter	Wednesday, November 9 6:00-8:00 p.m.	$25/1 class includes kit $18/1 class have own kit
ZUMBA: A Latin-inspired dance-fitness exercise program for cardio and toning. Adjustable to any intensity.	Suzanne Fine	Tuesdays: 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning November 1	$36/6 classes; $8 walk-in

COURSE REGISTRATION INFO

- **Pre-**registration can be done **BY PHONE** (264-3265, ext. 518) or **E-MAIL** (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.
- 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 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.**

OTHER INFORMATION

- Enrollment in most classes is limited & **REQUIRED!** So sign up early! Walk-ins are only allowed in Zumba, Yoga, & Karate. For these courses, it's smart to call ahead to make sure class has not been cancelled.
- Only those registered will receive course changes, updates, or cancellations.
- Classes without minimum enrollment will be cancelled.
- Checks for all courses except AARP 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.
- Continuing Ed information & updates can be accessed at www.cvscs.org under the "Community" heading.
- Courses are open to all. Residency in the CV-S District is not required.
- **GIFT CERTIFICATES available for most courses.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell #: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Course Title: _____

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Amt. Paid Check: _____

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