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Class of 2024



Max Horvath - Co-Valedictorian



Morgan Huff - Co-Valedictorian



Karis Brodie - Salutatorian

Max Horvath's remarkable academic achievements have led to his recognition as Cherry Valley-Springfield's (CV-S) Co-Valedictorian for the Class of 2024. Max is a stellar student and has been a fixture on the Principal's List throughout his entire high school career. He is uniquely ambitious and has adopted a rigorous schedule of advanced and college courses in every discipline including college calculus, college physics, and English composition and literature. Max's rare academic acumen led to his acceptance into the selective New Visions Engineering program at OAOC BOCES in Milford, N.Y., where he quickly became a leader and serves as the vice president. In addition to being a leader at BOCES, Max also contributes to the

Morgan Huff's incredible career as a Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School (CV-S) student has earned her the title of Co-Valedictorian for the Class of 2024. Morgan has always challenged herself by taking numerous college courses in science, math, English, Spanish, and history. She is a leader in the classroom, and routinely astounds her teachers with her profound insights into course material. From Shakespeare to differential equations, Morgan's understanding of the most difficult concepts in her courses is truly impressive. In addition to her remarkable intellect, Morgan is also characterized by her commitment to our school community. Impressively, she is a member of every honor society CV-S offers and serves as President of the Math

Karis Brodie's exceptional intellectual energy and boundless positivity have led to her being named the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School (CV-S) Salutatorian for the Class of 2024. Karis is a source of irrepressible optimism and positivity at our school. She consistently has a smile on her face and approaches all of her classes with a sense of joy. She is a frequent contributor to class discussions, and her positive tone and witty sense of humor uplifts the mood in any classroom. Her positive attitude is paired with a sharp mind and naturally inquisitive nature. At Cherry Valley-Springfield, she has taken a wide array of courses ranging from Screenwriting and Film Study to Photography to College Biology and AP Language and Composition. In whatever

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Superintendent's MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we eagerly await warmer weather, it's clear our students have been actively engaged in various enriching activities over the past few months. These experiences outside the classroom provide invaluable life lessons.

The upcoming two months promise to be bustling with events, including a concert, an Art Show, Honor Society inductions, field trips, awards nights, and much more. Please mark your calendars for the annual Budget Hearing on May 9 for the 2024-25 budget, followed by the Budget Vote on May 21 from Noon to 8:00 p.m. Your participation in these processes is vital, and we look forward to your presence.

To keep you informed about upcoming events, we will continue to utilize Parent Square, a convenient platform for reminders and updates. Senior parents/caregivers, be on the lookout for a letter from Mr. Keane detailing important dates for seniors and their families.

I'm excited to celebrate and recognize the achievements of our students in the coming months. My door is always open, so please feel free to stop by for a chat anytime.

Sincerely,

TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent

Counseling Office News

The Counseling Office would like to take this opportunity to talk about Autism Awareness Month, which occurs during the month of April. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, or ASD, often have problems with social communication and interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests. People with ASD may also have different ways of learning, moving, or paying attention. These characteristics can make life very challenging. It is important to note that some people without ASD might also have some of these symptoms. About 1 in 36 children has been identified with ASD. ASD is nearly 4 times more common among boys than among girls. About 1 in 6 (17%) children aged 3–17 years were diagnosed with a developmental disability, as reported by parents, during a study period of 2009-2017. These included autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, blindness, and cerebral palsy, among others. Studies show that more than 2/3 of autistic students experience bullying. Autism Speaks encourages students and staff, “to fearlessly include and respect kids of all abilities”. Remember, “some people with Autism may not be able to speak or answer to their name, but they can still hear your words and feel your kindness.” —*Author Unknown*



**AUTISM
AWARENESS
MONTH**



100 Days of School

Elementary classes were challenged to bring in 100 items for the Susquehanna SPCA to help celebrate the 100th Day of School. We almost doubled that goal . . . donating over 160 items to the SQSPCA! The SQSPCA was very appreciative of our donations, which were delivered to their facility during the week of February 26. Thank you to the families and caregivers for supporting the students' efforts and the SQSPCA!

Max Horvath - Co-Valedictorian

school community at CV-S in innumerable ways. As a sophomore, he attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) where he honed his leadership skills. He is a member of the English, Math, and History honor societies, and serves as vice president of the National Honor Society (NHS). As a leader in NHS, Max helped secure a grant from the "Student Voice, Student Choice" Competition, which led to a partnership with the Otsego County Conservation Association and the replanting of native cherry trees in Cherry Valley. He is also a talented musician, and is a member of the CV-S jazz, marching, and concert bands, where he plays percussion and bass guitar. Remarkably, Max's participation in our school community doesn't end there. He is also an outstanding student-athlete, and he has won numerous MVP awards as a member of our varsity soccer, basketball, and baseball teams. An exceptional student, a responsible citizen, an athlete, a musician, and a safe driver—Max is truly an asset to the school and community. His incredible achievements at CV-S have led to his acceptance at multiple colleges, and he will attend the school of his choice in the fall as an engineering major. Congratulations Max, Cherry-Valley Springfield's Class of 2024 Co-Valedictorian!

Morgan Huff - Co-Valedictorian

Honor Society. Furthermore, Morgan participates in Student Government as a member of the Student Council. She is also a member of the Foreign Language Club, and Iridescence, our school's art and literary magazine. As a member of the S.A.V.E. Promise Club, Morgan helped lead several initiatives to keep our school safe and prevent violence in our community. In addition to her valuable contributions to CV-S through her club memberships, Morgan is a truly remarkable student-athlete. She participates in sports all year round. In the fall, she was the Captain of our soccer team, and this winter helped lead our basketball team to the Class D State Semi-Finals. She is also an invaluable member of our track and field team where she runs with singular determination and tenacity. Morgan has a true passion for sports, and she will attend Ithaca College in the fall to pursue exercise science, a field in which she will surely have a profound impact. She will also be a member of the Women's Track and Field team at Ithaca College. Thank you for all of your contributions to our school, and congratulations, Morgan, on being named Co-Valedictorian of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Class of 2024!

Karis Brodie - Salutatorian

course she chooses, Karis has proven to be an outstanding student. Her drive for academic excellence has earned her induction into the National Honor Society, and the National English, Math, and History honor societies. She also contributes to the school community as a member of Foreign Language Club, and notably, the Drama Club where she earned an award for distinction. When she is not astounding audiences with her talents as an actress, she can be found working with our younger students in our After School Program. Notably, Karis has also been an outstanding leader of her class and has served as Class President for four consecutive years. Karis is also particularly interested in animals and is a valuable member of the FFA. She truly cares about animals and has spent much of her senior year at CV-S becoming an expert on livestock through classes in agriculture and veterinary science. In addition to all of these interests and accomplishments at CV-S, Karis is equally dedicated to her faith and her church, and will be attending the Word of Life Bible Institute for Biblical Studies next year. Congratulations Karis on being named the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Salutatorian for the Class of 2024!



Earth Day

Pre K through Second Grade celebrated Earth Day with a book swap. Each child was asked to bring in a gently used book to swap for another gently used book. Every child was able to bring home at least 2 gently used books.

Kids HEART CHALLENGE

From February 1 through February 14, PK-6th grade had the opportunity to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge, sponsored by the American Heart Association. Students were challenged to raise money online and complete “Finn’s Mission”, which taught them how to do hands-only CPR and how to spot signs of stroke.

Last year was a phenomenal year and we were able to raise \$9,100. This year we surpassed that! We had 114 students participate, and together they raised a total of \$11,300 for the American Heart Association. Special shout-out to our top students: Brianna Harris raised \$1000, Tysen Fassett raised \$645, and Hailee Tripp raised \$605! Thank you to the participants, families, friends, and community members that helped to make this event so successful!



Farm to School



Cherry Valley-Springfield School District’s food service department has been hard at work on our farm to school initiative this year! Since September, we have been purchasing local foods to serve to our students, with the goal of purchasing 30% of all our lunch foods from New York State! We buy fresh produce and maple syrup directly from local farms, like Limesprings Farms and Dreamweaver Farm right here in Otsego County. And this spring and fall you can look forward to local chicken, beef and pork products from Morningstar Poultry in Fort Plain and Slate Foods. We get lots of dairy products from New York State as well, such as Chobani yogurt and we serve Upstate Farms milk from western NY. We love supporting our local farm economy and providing our students with delicious meals!

Alumni News

Freshman *Joleen Lusk*, who attends St. John Fisher, made an immediate impact in her first year of collegiate hoops. She is named to the Region III Second-Team and is awarded Regional Rookie of the Year. Lusk shared the conference’s Rookie of the Year Award with Nazareth’s Vanessa Hall while earning a place on the All-Conference first team. The 6’2” forward won E8 Rookie of the Week honors on five different occasions this season. She finished the regular season fourth in the conference in points per game (14.7) and field goal percentage (.464). She twice scored 26 points in a game, a season high for the Cardinals. Defensively, she led the Empire 8 in rebounds per game (9.6) and was third in blocks per game (1.6). St. John Fisher Cardinals won the Empire 8 Championship and made it to the round of 32 in the NCAA Division III Tournament.





Art NEWS

Spring is always a busy time of year in the Art room. In February we traveled to MVCC for workshops in Digital Animation and Photographic Light Painting, and sent artwork to area student exhibitions. During Youth Art Month in March we were pleased to have seven students show their work at 25 Main Collective in Cherry Valley during their 3rd Annual Youth Arts Show from March 1 to March 31. Congratulations to *Mason Thalheimer* for winning the 'Best in Show' award given by the exhibit jurors! As we move into April students are anxiously awaiting the jurying results from the Fenimore Art Museum's exhibit Young at Art! Accepted artists will be notified after April 22 and artwork will be on display from May 24 until July 21. We are also in full swing finishing projects in preparation for the CV-S Art Show that will be open to the community during the May 21 budget vote and music concert. Please plan to stop by the halls and atrium to see the efforts of all our talented students.



Garden Tower

Mrs. Davidson in the cafeteria with the help of Mrs. Richards' agriculture classes are growing vegetables and herbs using garden towers. Tomatoes, peppers, basil, lettuce, and cucumbers are harvested and used in school lunches.

Math Honor Society News

On March 14 the Math Honor Society celebrated the irrational number, pi, for the entire week! Members taught pi lessons and created pi themed activities for elementary classes, held a pi drawing and memorization contest, and shared daily pi jokes every morning during announcements throughout the week. Lastly, our Math Honor Society had elementary students color more digits to add to our very long pi train and added digits to our colorful pi chain in the high school. Fun was had by all! We are looking forward to celebrating this special day with you next year - same month, same day!

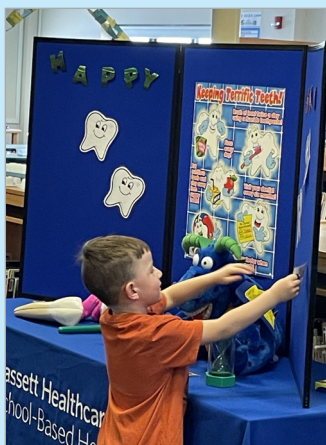
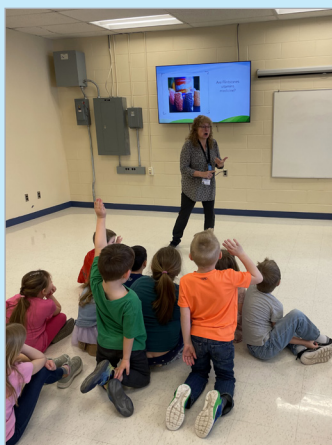
Third Grade NEWS

The third graders in Mrs. Spaulding's class love learning both in school and out of school. During the American Heart Association Kid Challenge, we had seven students from our class complete Finn's Mission. Finn's Mission was completed at home and taught students hands-only CPR and the signs of a stroke. Because our class had so many students complete it, we won a stuffed avocado! Now we have fun playing "hot avocado" instead of hot potato!

If you are interested in doing Finn's Mission with your own child, go to the American Heart Association web-site: https://www.heart.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=ahc_resources_ms_finns_mission



Elementary Health Fair



Our elementary students participated in a Health Fair on March 26. Students rotated through three different presentations; learning the importance of taking care of their teeth and how to do that from Mary Beth Duszynski RDH from the School Based Health Center, learning about medication safety from Becky Sears, Bassett Healthcare Network and learning

about the nutritional value of dairy products and butter making from Megan Richards, Ag/Tech teacher with assistance from students Mia Dubben and Charlise Canary. Thank you to the Wellness Committee for supporting this programming and the presenters for their time and information presented. The students had a great day!

Elementary Positive Patriots & Golden Essentials



Positive Patriots February 2024

For our monthly Community Meeting, each classroom teacher selects a student who demonstrates the CV-S Core Values of Power in Positivity; Respect; More Grit; and Do the Right Thing as well as other character traits from the Positivity Project. Congratulations to the following elementary students on being named Positive Patriots for February 2024.

<i>Holly Sheldon</i>	<i>Emily Abdallah</i>
<i>Leila Hayes</i>	<i>Paisley Jorgensen</i>
<i>Bentley Hribar</i>	<i>Caleb Crews</i>
<i>Arabella Gurley</i>	<i>Tysen Fassett</i>
<i>Seamus Wall</i>	<i>Bryce Barnes</i>
<i>Karver Bartlett</i>	<i>Charlotte Morton</i>
<i>Adalynn Gridley</i>	<i>Ellianna Jump</i>
<i>Julianna Kerzick</i>	<i>Charlotte Thomas</i>
	<i>laan Weaver</i>

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<i>Sawyer Houk</i>	<i>Sadie Gaughan</i>
<i>Mia Schrader</i>	<i>Darrin Weaver</i>
<i>Jessalyn Kraham</i>	<i>Gatlin Young</i>
<i>Weston Young</i>	<i>Olivia Kerzick</i>
<i>Madelyn Seeley</i>	<i>Cyles Schmidt</i>
<i>Robert Zvirzdin</i>	<i>Juliette Patenaude</i>
<i>Emma DeLade</i>	<i>Melanie Lusk</i>
<i>Scarlett Layman</i>	<i>Payton Bishop</i>

Golden Essentials February 2024

Each Essentials teacher also selects a class for the Golden Essential award. Congratulations to the following classes for earning the award for February!

Music	<i>Mrs. Bartlett</i>
Art.....	<i>Mrs. Spaulding</i>
Library	<i>Mrs. Bartlett</i>
STEM PK-2	<i>Mrs. Lusk</i>
STEM 3-6.....	<i>Mrs. Fassett</i>
Health	<i>Miss Barnes</i>
PE-Mr. Whiteman	<i>Mrs. Gage</i>

Golden Essentials March 2024

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Music	<i>Mrs. O'Leary</i>
Art.....	<i>Miss Babcock</i>
Library	<i>Mrs. All</i>
STEM PK-2	<i>Mrs. Gage</i>
STEM 3-6.....	<i>Mrs. Loucks</i>
Health	<i>Miss Loucks</i>
PE-Mrs. Pierce.....	<i>Mrs. Lusk</i>
PE-Mr. Whiteman	<i>Mrs. Fassett</i>

Elementary Sweetheart Dance



Principal's List



Student	Grade
<i>Abdallah, Lyla A</i>	7
<i>Ackerman, Jackson E</i>	7
<i>Crews, Natalee</i>	7
<i>Finch, Justeena</i>	7
<i>Haig, Gavin</i>	7
<i>Harris, Jillian</i>	7
<i>Hribar, Cole</i>	7
<i>Lusk, Bailea</i>	7
<i>Redden, James K</i>	7
<i>Rockwell, Landon</i>	7
<i>Tracy, Levi</i>	7
<i>Abdallah, Samar H</i>	8
<i>Ackerman, Allison</i>	8
<i>Barown, Heath</i>	8
<i>Butts, Matti</i>	8
<i>Cade, Hunter</i>	8
<i>Field, Abigail E</i>	8
<i>Fox, Emily</i>	8
<i>Gridley, Oliver J</i>	8
<i>Haig, Logan</i>	8
<i>Kretser, Kaitlyn</i>	8
<i>Rockwell, Sophia</i>	8
<i>Royce, Darin</i>	8
<i>Shaffer, Curtis</i>	8
<i>Thayer, Bailey</i>	8

Student	Grade
<i>Bard, Liliana</i>	9
<i>Canary, Ava</i>	9
<i>Dresser, Hadlei</i>	9
<i>Gray, Destiny</i>	9
<i>Hickling, Ayden</i>	9
<i>Klotzbach, Noah</i>	9
<i>Laymon, Caden</i>	9
<i>Lusk Jr., Brian J</i>	9
<i>O'Leary, Landin</i>	9
<i>Rockwell, Savanah</i>	9
<i>All, Ethan</i>	10
<i>Baker, Anna</i>	10
<i>Barnes, Trace M</i>	10
<i>Barown, Graham</i>	10
<i>Glowicki, Raymond A.</i>	10
<i>Lusk, Andrew J</i>	10
<i>Lusk, Caraline A</i>	10
<i>McCord, Madelynn J</i>	10
<i>Sheldon, Hannah B</i>	10
<i>Ward, Madison A</i>	10
<i>Beauregard, River</i>	11
<i>Cade, Kristopher</i>	11
<i>Canary, Charlise</i>	11
<i>Dygert, Lexi</i>	11
<i>Frasier, Jacob</i>	11

Student	Grade
<i>Gridley, Jonathan</i>	11
<i>Meade, Karsin C</i>	11
<i>Oram, Abigail B</i>	11
<i>Rockwell, Caleb</i>	11
<i>Rockwell, Liam</i>	11
<i>Spaulding, Carly</i>	11
<i>Whiteman, Brin</i>	11
<i>Aramini, Mina</i>	12
<i>Barnes, Kailey</i>	12
<i>Brodie, Karis</i>	12
<i>Calhoun, Ava R</i>	12
<i>Campagna, Trevor</i>	12
<i>DeLade, Gianna</i>	12
<i>Dubben, Amelia</i>	12
<i>Gallup, Evelyn</i>	12
<i>Horvath, Max</i>	12
<i>Huff, Morgan</i>	12
<i>Morrison, Hope M</i>	12
<i>Newell, Kody</i>	12
<i>O'Leary, Kelan</i>	12
<i>Rockwell, Hailey</i>	12
<i>Ross, Colin</i>	12
<i>Sturtevant, Anjelia</i>	12
<i>Thalheimer, Mason K</i>	12
<i>West, Daphnee</i>	12

Honor Roll

Student	Grade
<i>Anderson, Julian</i>	7
<i>Glowicki, Nicholas</i>	7
<i>Herring-Duke, Lailajune</i>	7
<i>Houk, Alexiona</i>	7
<i>Williams, Shyanne</i>	7
<i>Arnold, Chloe</i>	8
<i>Beauregard, Willow</i>	8
<i>Constable, Zaniel</i>	8
<i>Erkson, Colin</i>	8
<i>McGovern, Mackenzie</i>	8
<i>Monser, Austin</i>	8
<i>Rockwell, Logan</i>	8
<i>Hurley, Vincent</i>	9
<i>Iglesias, Julieanna</i>	9
<i>Jurutka, Jackilyn-Grace</i>	9
<i>Rathbun, Jossalynn</i>	9

Student	Grade
<i>Jorgensen, Ashton</i>	10
<i>Sheldon, Rilynn</i>	10
<i>Stannard, Ethan</i>	10
<i>Campagna, Trevor</i>	11
<i>Decker, Camden</i>	11
<i>Johnson, Jacob</i>	11
<i>Newell, Kody</i>	11
<i>Carley, Katelyn</i>	11
<i>Cortese, Sara</i>	11
<i>Dawson, Lyla M</i>	11
<i>Decker, Hannah</i>	11
<i>Dixon, Julissa</i>	11
<i>Druse, Kyrallynn</i>	11
<i>Falkowski IV, John</i>	11

Student	Grade
<i>Harrington, Lucas</i>	11
<i>Moyer, Jackson</i>	11
<i>Munson, Matthew</i>	11
<i>Rockwell, Alexander</i>	11
<i>Rood, Maddison L</i>	11
Decker, Camden	12
Delaney, Declan	12
Hurley Jr., Curtis	12
Johnson, Jacob V	12
Sargent, Brandon	12
Stocking, Dalton	12
Voght, Allison	12
Webster, Paige	12



Drama Club

The Drama Club spring musical this year was High School Musical, Junior. Congratulations to the cast and crew on a great job!



Athletic NEWS



Varsity Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Basketball team on making school history. First Sectional Championship, Regional Championship and Final Four Appearance. The team finished their season 20-4. *Kailey Barnes, Mia Dubben, Morgan Huff, Daphne West, Erin Willimans, Sara Cortese, Brin Whiteman and Mackenzie McGovern*, Coach Taggart, Coach Whiteman and Coach McGovern. We are proud of you!



Basketball

Scholar-Athlete Team

Boys: 91.32 *Kris Cade, Trevor Campagna, Jon Gridley, Max Horvath*

Girls: 94.35 *Kailey Barnes, Mia Dubben, Morgan Huff, Daphnee West, Brin Whiteman*

Tri-Valley League All-Stars

Girls: 1st team: *Daphne West, Morgan Huff,*
2nd team: *Mia Dubben,*

Honorable Mention: *Brin Whiteman*

Boys: Honorable Mention: *Kris Cade*

Section IV Girls Basketball 2024 BCANY Award Winners

Class D Player of the Year: *Morgan Huff*

Class D Coach of the Year: *Kelly Taggart*

2nd Team All-Star: *Morgan Huff*

Honorable Mention: *Daphnee West*

State Final Four Basketball Tournament

Sportsmanship Award: *Brin Whiteman*

Sectional Championships

Girls Soccer—1987, Co-Champs 2016

Boys Soccer—2007, 2011, 2015

Girls Basketball—2024

Golf—2007

Track & Field—Girls 1996, 1997, 2007

Track & Field—Boys 1997, 1998, 2005,
2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2001, 2013

Regional Championships

Girls Soccer—1987

Girls Basketball—2024

Final Four Appearances

Girls Soccer—1987 Finalist

Girls Basketball—2024



March Madness Attendance Challenge

Congratulations to our 5th Graders for winning the March Madness Attendance Challenge Championship with a final round percentage of 96.43%. Thank you to all of our students, staff, and families for supporting our Attendance Challenge!



2024 Patriot Yearbook News

Don't miss out on the 2024 Patriot, order yours today! Reviewed by Jostens as "creative and beautiful" for its use of colors, fonts, layout and backgrounds, this year's edition features traditional and new pages devoted to elementary, middle, and high school students. Help your student preserve memories from their school year, use the QR code to place your order!



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When schools use local New York food products, they support New York farmers and provide healthy choices for children in school meal programs. The 30% NYS Initiative is intended to provide healthy New York-sourced food products to children as part of their lunch meals in school.

For more information on how to participate in this initiative, please reach out to AGM's team at:

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518-485-1050

30percent@agriculture.ny.gov



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