



# PATRIOT

NEWS

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### Senior Recognition

*Congratulations to our seniors!*



**Varsity Girls Basketball:**

*Sara Cortese, Kyra Druse, Brin Whiteman*



**Varsity Boys:**

*Kris Cade, Faustin O'Neill, Alex Rockwell*



**Varsity Cheerleaders:**

*Hannah Decker, Julissa Dixon, Carly Spaulding*

# Superintendent's MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The past few months have been busy, and it's evident that our students have been actively engaged in various activities, showcasing their talents and dedication. From gearing up for January Regents, All-County preparations in chorus and band, participating in basketball at different levels, and getting ready for the upcoming spring musical—our students have truly been making remarkable contributions.

As we look ahead to the next few months, let's hope for an early spring. Winter has arrived with full force this year, and it seems to be sticking around. Along with the snow, we've also seen an increase in sickness within our school community. To help combat this, it's important that students

practice good hygiene—washing hands regularly, coughing into their elbows, and staying home if they're not feeling well. Additionally, maintaining a balanced diet, staying hydrated, and getting enough sleep are essential for staying healthy through the winter months.

We continue to use ParentSquare as our primary communication tool. If you haven't signed up for the app yet, I highly recommend doing so—it offers additional ways to stay connected.

Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming school events.

Be well!

*TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent*



## Local Library Hours

They are great local resources.

Be sure to check them out!

### CHERRY VALLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Mondays.....9:00-12:00 & 2:00-7:00

Wednesdays..... 9:00-12:00

with Story Hour 10:00 AM

Thursdays .....9:00-12:00 & 2:00-7:00

Saturdays ..... 9:00-1:00

69 Main St., Cherry Valley

607-264-8214

### SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

Tuesdays.....2:00PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesdays..... 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

with Story Hour 10:00 AM

Thursdays ..... 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

& 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sat ..... 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

129 Co. Rd. 29A, Springfield Center

315-858-5802



We held our annual Spelling Bee on Thursday morning, and our two champions moving on to the regional competition are *Julian Anderson* (8th grade) and *Kimberli Leavitt* (8th grade). The 2025 Regional Spelling Bee Competition has been scheduled for Saturday, February 1 at SUNY Oneonta's Goodrich Theater beginning at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to watch the competition. Many thanks to our Spelling Bee Coordinator Mrs. Rathbun, and our judges, Mr. Rhodes and Ms. Wathen for organizing this year's bee, and congratulations to Julian and Kimberli!





# 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*

## Welcome **TO CV-S**



“Hello, my name is Krista Gogis and I am the new Secondary School Counselor. I will be working with students in grades 7th through 12th. I received my Bachelors Degree in Human Development

from the University at Albany and my Masters Degree in School Counseling from the College of Saint Rose. I am currently working on getting my Certificate of Advanced Study in School Counseling through Russell Sage College. Prior to starting here at Cherry Valley-Springfield, I worked as a substitute teacher at a variety of districts. Outside of school, I enjoy hiking, skiing, helping on my families dairy farm and hanging out with my dog, Roxy.

As a school counselor, it is my mission to help support students develop academic, social/emotional, and college/career goals. I understand that each student’s success in school looks different, and with support and advocacy, students have the opportunity to grow to reach their highest potential. It is my privilege to create a welcoming and positive school environment where all students belong and have the access to education they deserve. I am so excited to be part of the Cherry Valley-Springfield School District and look forward to the rest of the school year!”



## FFA District LDE Contests

Nine CV-S FFA members traveled to Sidney on January 25 to compete in District 4 Leadership Development Events. These are public speaking contests that push the kids to be the best they can be. We are so proud of every member who all put a lot of time and dedication into preparing for the contests and honing their skills. Those that placed will advance onto the sub state contests on March 15 in Schuylerville. We would also like to thank Mrs. LeJeune for stepping up and volunteering to be a judge. Contestants and results follow:

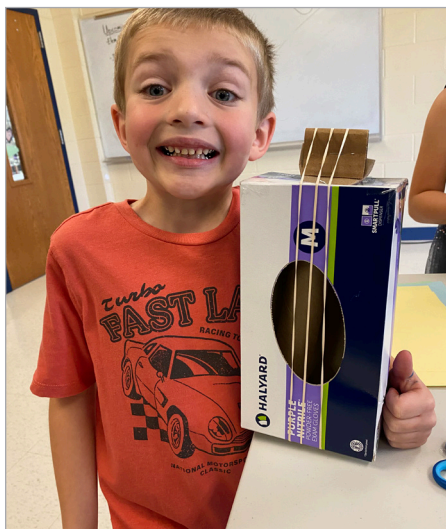
*Abigail Oram*—Employment Skills [5th place]  
*Liam Rockwell*—Creed Speaking [4th place] and Employment Skills  
*Charlise Canary*—Sr. People in Ag  
*Sydney Buck*—Creed Speaking  
*Ava Canary*—Prepared Speaking [4th place]  
*Willow Beauregard*—Creed Speaking [2nd Place]  
*Abigail Field*—Extemporaneous Speaking  
*Killian Redden*—Jr. Extemporaneous Speaking [1st Place]  
*Thomas (Tj) Miller*—Jr. Extemporaneous speaking

***Congratulations to all of you for taking  
the initiative to improve your skills!***



# Brian Yanish, Author, Visits CV-S

Thanks to the generous support of our Parent-Teacher Organization, author Brian Yanish spent the day with CV-S Elementary students on November 18. He began his day with an assembly for all students in grades PK-6, detailing his journey from a young child who liked to draw, to a published author whose books feature characters made of scrap materials found laying around the house. He brought several examples of these characters and other objects, including Star Wars figurines made from toilet paper tubes; boats made from milk cartons; and instruments made from rectangular boxes. Later in the day, Mr. Yanish led separate workshops with our first grade and third grade students to make ukeleles from scrap materials. Students experimented with different materials to create unique sounds from their instruments. If your child was in one of these workshops, you most likely were treated to a ukulele performance when they got home!





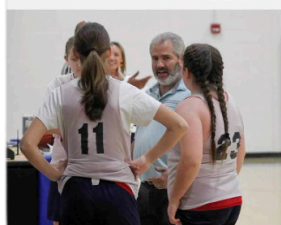
# Let Me Run NEWS

This is the third year that Cherry Valley-Springfield will be participating in the Let Me Run program for boys in fourth and fifth grade. Let Me Run is a nonprofit wellness program that inspires boys to be themselves, be active, and belong. With a comprehensive curriculum that applies the power of running, the program encourages boys to develop their psychological, emotional and social health, in addition to their physical health. This is a seven-week program and the boys meet twice a week. During these seven weeks the boys train to run a 5k race. Last year those who participated ran a 5k at Glimmerglass State Park through Clarks Sports Center. It was

an incredible experience for them and their families to see their growth and watch them complete the 5k road race. The cost of this program is \$135.00 per boy plus the entry fee to the 5k road race. We are looking for donations and sponsors to help offset some of the cost for families so we can once again have a Let Me Run team. If you would like to make a donation, please use the link provided.

<https://www.pinwheel.us/donate/A3IVLMXPBTPYHAK>

If you have any questions about this program please contact Gary Wannamaker at 607-264-3265 ext. 530 or email at [gwannamaker@cvsd.org](mailto:gwannamaker@cvsd.org). Thank you.





# Spanish NEWS

Señora Ahrens' students made their rounds caroling to the elementary classes on December 19 and 20. The students in grades 7-12 learned Christmas carols in Spanish to sing to all of the elementary classes throughout these two days. The elementary students love to try and sing along, especially to "*Cascabeles*" (Jingle Bells). It is a highlight of the season for all students.



THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR ANNUAL CANDY KISS SALE in DECEMBER.  
YOUR GENEROSITY IS OVERWHELMING.

## Gracias



The Foreign Language Club took a Field trip on November 15 to see the Iberian Flamenco Dance and Music show. The music and dances displayed a variety of culture from various Latin American countries such as Puerto Rico, Mexico, Argentina and Spain. Students thoroughly enjoyed the culture and the history of these dances and music styles. They also were immersed in some of the language throughout the show. Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Taco Shop. It was a great experience and everyone had a wonderful time.

We would like to thank the Arts in Education for sponsoring the tickets to this event. We are grateful for this opportunity and the money they gave us to make it affordable for the students.



# Jungle Book

*In November our elementary students presented The Jungle Book.*



Come support the CV-S Drama Club  
as they present

## Mean Girls Jr.

March 21 & 22 at 7:00 p.m.

March 23 at 2:00 p.m.



# Principal's List



Student	Grade
<i>Bennett, Isabella</i>	7
<i>Beront, Adele</i>	7
<i>Coveny, Alexa</i>	7
<i>DeHond, Ethan</i>	7
<i>Eissler, Blake</i>	7
<i>Hotaling-VanBuren, Alexis</i>	7
<i>Kerzick, Jocelyn</i>	7
<i>Lusk, Melanie</i>	7
<i>Murray, Gabriella</i>	7
<i>Waterfield, Cora</i>	7
<i>Abdallah, Lyla</i>	8
<i>Anderson, Julian</i>	8
<i>Brumleve, Kadence</i>	8
<i>Carley, Brandon</i>	8
<i>Crews, Natalee</i>	8
<i>Ellis, Vivianne</i>	8
<i>Finch, Justeena</i>	8
<i>Haig, Gavin</i>	8
<i>Harris, Jillian</i>	8
<i>Lusk, Bailea</i>	8
<i>Lusk, Corbin L</i>	8
<i>Redden, James K</i>	8
<i>Rockwell, Landon</i>	8
<i>Snyder, Amanda</i>	8
<i>Abdallah, Samar H</i>	9
<i>Ackerman, Allison</i>	9
<i>Barown, Heath</i>	9
<i>Butts, Matti</i>	9
<i>Cade, Hunter</i>	9
<i>Dornburgh, Angelika J</i>	9

Student	Grade
<i>Field, Abigail E</i>	9
<i>Fox, Emily</i>	9
<i>Gridley, Oliver J</i>	9
<i>Haig, Logan</i>	9
<i>Kretser, Kaitlyn</i>	9
<i>McGovern, Mackenzie</i>	9
<i>Monser, Austin</i>	9
<i>Rockwell, Logan</i>	9
<i>Rockwell, Sophia</i>	9
<i>Royce, Darin</i>	9
<i>Shaffer, Curtis</i>	9
<i>Thayer, Bailey</i>	9
<i>Bard, Liliana</i>	10
<i>Bennett, Dakota</i>	10
<i>Canary, Ava</i>	10
<i>Dresser, Hadlei</i>	10
<i>Gray, Destiny</i>	10
<i>Hickling, Ayden</i>	10
<i>Jurutka, Jackilyn-Grace</i>	10
<i>Laymon, Caden</i>	10
<i>Lusk Jr., Brian J</i>	10
<i>Rathbun, Jossalynn</i>	10
<i>Rockwell, Savanah</i>	10
<i>Tracy, Jazmin M</i>	10
<i>All, Ethan</i>	11
<i>Aramini, Gianna</i>	11
<i>Baker, Anna</i>	11
<i>Barnes, Trace M</i>	11
<i>Barown, Graham</i>	11
<i>Glowicki, Raymond A.</i>	11

Student	Grade
<i>Lusk, Andrew J</i>	11
<i>McCord, Madelynn J</i>	11
<i>Sheldon, Hannah B</i>	11
<i>Stannard, Ethan</i>	11
<i>Tripple, Adrianna</i>	11
<i>Ward, Madison A</i>	11
<i>Beauregard, River</i>	12
<i>Buck, Sydney M</i>	12
<i>Cade, Kristopher</i>	12
<i>Canary, Charlise</i>	12
<i>Carley, Katelyn</i>	12
<i>Cortese, Sara</i>	12
<i>Decker, Hannah</i>	12
<i>Dixon, Julissa</i>	12
<i>Dygert, Lexi</i>	12
<i>Frasier, Jacob</i>	12
<i>Gridley, Jonathan</i>	12
<i>Harrington, Lucas</i>	12
<i>Lusk, Caraline A</i>	12
<i>Meade, Karsin C</i>	12
<i>Munson, Matthew</i>	12
<i>O'Neill, Faustin M</i>	12
<i>Oram, Abigail B</i>	12
<i>Rockwell, Alexander</i>	12
<i>Rockwell, Caleb</i>	12
<i>Rockwell, Liam</i>	12
<i>Scherer, Daniel</i>	12
<i>Spaulding, Carly</i>	12
<i>Valentine, Chloe</i>	12





# Honor Roll



Student	Grade
<i>Bishop, Payton</i>	7
<i>Burgher, Jacob L</i>	7
<i>Jicha, Gianna</i>	7
<i>Nemo, Amelia</i>	7
<i>Ritch, Brett L</i>	7
<i>Rood, Kaylie</i>	7
<i>Smith, Skyler</i>	7
<i>Yacobucci, Sawyer</i>	7
<i>Ackerman, Jackson</i>	8
<i>Glowicki, Nicholas</i>	8
<i>Houk, Alexiona</i>	8
<i>Hribar, Cole</i>	8
<i>Leavitt, Kimberli</i>	8
<i>Miller, Thomas J</i>	8
<i>Reckeweg, Brenden</i>	8
<i>Schmidt, Lailajune</i>	8

Student	Grade
Arnold, Chloe	9
Beauregard, Willow	9
Constable, Zaniel	9
Erkson, Colin	9
Hoag, Duke	9
Pokorny, Lucas H	9
Sheldon, Ethan	9
<i>Aramini, Macon</i>	10
<i>Bennett, Maddox</i>	10
<i>Dowd, Alex</i>	10
<i>Duncan, Brian</i>	10
<i>Frasier, Hunter</i>	10
<i>Hurley, Vincent</i>	10
<i>Iglesias, Julieanna</i>	10
<i>Maine, Natalie</i>	10
<i>Smoot, Jacob</i>	10

Student	Grade
<i>Dygert Jr., Marvin R</i>	11
<i>Jorgensen, Ashton</i>	11
Bard, Hayden	12
Canary, Collin	12
Houk, Tyler	12
Moyer, Jackson	12
Rockwell, Austin	12



*Congrats!*

# Scholar-Athlete Teams

Both the Varsity Girls and Boys basketball teams earned Scholar-Athlete Team status. Congratulations!

## Varsity Girls:

Team average of 95: Allie Ackerman, Ava Canary, Sara Cortese, Abby Field, Emily Fox, Mackenzie McGovern, Hannah Sheldon, Bailey Thayer, Adrianna Tripple, Brin Whiteman

## Varsity Boys:

Team average of 96.77: Ethan All, Graham Barown, Kris Cade, Ray Glowicki, Caden Laymon, Andrew Lusk, Faustin O'Neill, Alex Rockwell





# Winter SPORTS



*Boys Jr. Basketball*



*Girls Basketball*



*Boys Basketball*



## Girls Basketball at Syracuse

The CV-S basketball program Biddy grades 3-6, modified, and varsity girls attended a college game at Syracuse University.



## Boys Basketball at Colgate

The CV-S basketball program Biddy grades 3-6, modified, JV and varsity boys attended a college game at Colgate University.



# Elementary Positive Patriots & Golden Essentials

## Positive Patriots November 2024

*Patrick Freeland*  
*Kaylee VanDewerker*  
*Holly Sheldon*  
*Barrett Hysack*  
*Harper Whiteman*  
*Aurora Sheldon*  
*Carter VanDewerker*  
*Ruth Waterfield*

*Paisley Jorgensen*  
*Logan Duncel*  
*Leo Davis*  
*Charlotte Mills*  
*Lucia Barbieri*  
*Randy Weaver*  
*Avery Hotaling-*  
*Van Buren*

## Positive Patriots December 2024

*Isabella Kubis*  
*Shane Kraham*  
*Wynter Sklener*  
*JJ FitzGerald*  
*Jessalyn Kraham*  
*Griffin Leavitt*  
*Lelia Jump*  
*Cade Arnold*

*Kyle Cornell*  
*Liam Wannamaker*  
*Brielle Seeley*  
*Austin Bosc*  
*Rowen Constable*  
*Jaylinn Sklener*  
*Dean York*

## Positive Patriots January 2025

*Hudson FitzGerald*  
*Eve Murcray*  
*Zavier Truax*  
*Lula Fox*  
*Bentley Hribar*  
*Lorraine Loveland*  
*Karver Bartlett*  
*Adalynn Gridley*

*Kara Van Scooter*  
*Bryce Barton*  
*Sadie Gaughan*  
*Hunter Whiteman*  
*Bella Hoag*  
*Faris Abdallah*  
*Paige Thayer*

## Golden Essentials November 2024

Music ..... *Mrs. Lusk*  
Art.....*Mrs. Bartlett*  
Library .....*Mrs. Gage*  
STEM PK-2 .....*Mrs. Gage*  
STEM 3-6 ..... *Mrs. Licenziato*  
Health ..... *Miss Thomas*  
Physical Education (Mrs. Pierce) .....*Mrs. Loucks*  
Physical Education (Mr. Whiteman).....*Mrs. Gage*

## Golden Essentials December 2024

Music .....*Mrs. Horne*  
Art.....*Mrs. Lowry*  
Library .....*Mrs. All*  
STEM PK-2 ..... *Miss Thomas*  
STEM 3-6 .....*Mrs. Fassett*  
Health .....*Mrs. Bartlett*  
Physical Education (Mrs. Pierce) .....*Mrs. Bartlett*  
Physical Education (Mr. Whiteman).....*Miss Barnes*

## Golden Essentials January 2025

Music ..... *Mrs. Lusk*  
Art..... *Miss D'Amico*  
Library ..... *Miss Thomas*  
STEM PK-2 ..... *Mrs. Lowry*  
STEM 3-6 .....*Mrs. Loucks*  
Health .....*Mrs. All*  
Physical Education (Mrs. Pierce) ..... *Mrs. Horne*  
Physical Education (Mr. Whiteman).....*Mrs. Fassett*

*congratulations*



# CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CS

## WINTER 2025 CONTINUING ED CLASSES

Call or email Mrs PJ Johnson at (607) 264-3265, x518  
or [pjohnson@cvsd.org](mailto:pjohnson@cvsd.org) to register or for more info.



COURSE	DATE/TIME	FEE
<b>AARP SMART DRIVER COURSES:</b> Learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, & new traffic laws & rules of the road.	Saturday, April 26 8:30 am–3:30 pm	\$25/members \$30/non-members
<b>BASKETWEAVING:</b> Create either a woven window sill basket/bathroom caddy or a berry picking basket.	Saturday, April 26 9 am – approximately 2 pm	\$65/1 class all supplies included
<b>CERAMIC COIL BOWL:</b> Learn to create a hand-built ceramic bowl from rolled clay coils.	Monday, Feb 10: 6-8:30 pm Monday, March 3: 6-7:30 pm	\$40/2 classes all supplies included
<b>GELLI PLATE PRINTING:</b> Learn to create unique, layered prints using a Gelli plate (a flexible gel-like surface) & paint.	Tuesday, Feb 4 6-8 pm	\$25/1 class all supplies included
<b>“GET READY FOR SPRING!” WREATH:</b> Master the art of a seasonal grapevine wreath embellished with quality ever-lasting blooms & foliage. . The instructor will show you how!	Thursday, March 13 6-8 pm	\$60/1 class all supplies included
<b>GLASS ETCHING:</b> Learn to etch glass on several different glass surfaces. Finish 2-3 projects.	Thursday, February 27 9:30-11:30 am or 6-8 pm	\$30/1 class all supplies included
<b>JR BEGINNER KARATE</b> ( starts approximately 2/25) (Must be 6 years old & in 1st grade)	Tuesdays: 5:30-6:30 pm	\$28/6 classes
<b>ADULT KARATE BASICS</b> ( starts 2/27)	Thursdays: 5:30-6:30pm	\$28/6 classes
<b>JR KARATE DOUBLES</b> ( starts 2/25)	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30-7:30 pm	\$38/6 classes
<b>ADULT KARATE</b> ( starts 2/27)	Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30-9 pm	\$38/6 classes
<b>KNITTING BASICS:</b> Step-by-step instruction for the knit stitch, purl stitch, how to cast on & cast off. <b>NEW START DATE-----&gt;</b>	Saturdays, Feb 8 15, Mar 1 9:30 am-12:30 pm	\$60/4 classes all materials included
<b>PICKLEBALL:</b> A paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, & table tennis. Equipment provided.	Mondays beg February 24 6:30–8 pm	\$10/5 classes \$3/walk-ins
<b>POTPOURRI OF CRICUT WINTER CRAFTS:</b> Ideas & materials available for a variety of projects using vinyl, paper, faux leather, embossing folders, wood, etc.	Thursday, February 13 9-11:30 am or 5:30–8 pm	\$30/1 class all materials included
<b>POUND:</b> Join us for <b>Pound®</b> , the world's 1st cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing & sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Ripstix provided.	Mondays beginning Jan 27 6-7 pm	\$45/5 classes \$12/ walk-ins
<b>SEWING CLASS/SEW A ROPE BOWL:</b> Learn the basic technique for using cotton clothesline rope or paracord to create a rope bowl or basket using a zig-zag machine stitch.	Saturday, Feb 8 9 am–Noon	\$60/1 class all materials included
<b>UKULELE FOR THE FUN OF IT:</b> Learn a few songs to strum all while having some fun! Ukuleles provided if needed.	Wednesdays beg Feb 26 6-7 pm	\$50/6classes Walk-ins \$10/class
<b>UNDERSTANDING ESTATE &amp; ELDER LAW PLANNING:</b> Info will be presented on Advanced Directives for Health Care (Health Care Proxy, Living Will, etc.), Powers of Attorney (to grant legal & financial authority), Wills & Probate, Trust Planning, & Medicaid.	March 22 10 am-Noon	No Fee/1 class
<b>VALENTINE PUZZLE WREATH:</b> Make a heart shaped wreath out of puzzle pieces & other Valentine crafts.	Thursday, February 6 9-11:30 am	\$25/1 class all materials included
<b>WEAVING BASICS:</b> A class for people with little or no experience with weaving. Participants will work on small looms to complete a finished piece.	Fridays March 7, 14, 21, 28 10 am-Noon	\$60/4 classes all materials included
<b>WOOD BURNING... A NEW WAY:</b> Learn a new & different way to "burn" designs on wood without using a wood burning pen.	Tuesday, March 18 6–8 pm	\$30/1 class all materials included