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CONGRATS! CONGRATS! CLASSOF 2 0 2 1

Superintendent's MESSAGE

Parents and Community members,

The last week of the 2020-21 school year was extremely busy. We were able to hold our traditional celebrations—PK Graduation, Sixth Grade Graduation, National Honor Society Inductions, Class Night and Graduation. The weather cooperated and all festivities were held under the tent except for PK Graduation. We celebrated all of these activities with great excitement as it was a challenging year. Everyone persevered and we made it through the entire school year in-person. Some students had their share of quarantines but overall our students were where they needed to be . . . in school. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. It took a team approach for this to happen, not just a couple of people. Please give yourself a pat on the back!

The Class of 2021 graduated 32 students. We wish them all the best and success in whatever the next chapter in their lives may be. Our PK class that graduated will be the Class of 2034. That year seems impossible! For our returning students we hope you take the time this summer to be you, be outside and enjoy the time with your family and friends. Don't forget to read a book or two.

As we look at September, we do not have guidance of what that will look like. I am predicting we will get more information the first or second week of August. We are hoping to return to as close to normal as possible. As soon as we have concrete information, I will share this information with you.

We had multiple retirements this year. Ray Key, who worked in the Maintenance Department for 10 years, retired in January but he is continuing to drive bus. Also in the Maintenance Department, Rick Collins Sr. retired after 17 years and he too will be driving bus. Robin Seamon who drove bus for us is retiring after 35 years. Peg Traficante, an aide in the PK, will be leaving us after 22 years. Jordan Jaquay, social studies teacher and coach, is retiring after 28 years at CVS. We would like to thank all our retirees for their service to our district. We wish them good health and a happy retirement. We would also like to thank Mr. Brophy for his time here at CVS. He was only here two years yet he made a huge impact with our students, faculty and staff. Happy retirement! Our new elementary principal, Mrs. Rachel Wright, began with us on July 1. Look for more information about Mrs. Wright within the newsletter.

Enjoy your summer. Continue to stay safe and healthy. Be well,

TheriJo Climenhaga

Superintendent

Welcome Mrs. Wright!



Rachel Wright is a lifelong area resident who currently resides in Laurens, NY with her husband and three children. As early as fourth grade, she knew she wanted a career in education. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Elmira College; a Master's degree in reading from SUNY Albany; and

obtained her Certificate of Advanced Studies in Education Administration from Canisius College. Since 2001, Mrs. Wright has spent time in the region as an elementary classroom teacher; a data and technology specialist; a staff development specialist; and an administrator. When she is not at school, Mrs. Wright enjoys spending time outdoors in all seasons, reading, cooking, and cheering on the New York Giants.

Mrs. Wright notes, "In joining the Cherry Valley-Springfield community, I feel as though I have found a school that matches my desire to support all educational professionals to become the best educators they can be; to put learners of all ages first; and to create learning environments that foster creativity, passion, and empathy towards others. I'm eager to get to know the students, staff, and community better as the school year begins! Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or simply to say hi."

Valedictoriaη: Mia Horvath



Over her time at Cherry Valley-Springfield Mia Horvath has proven to be an innately curious, exceptionally astute student, who always strives to learn more. Her academic record at CV-S has been nothing short of remarkable; she is a true scholar. Mia is ambitious and relentless in her pursuit of

her goals, and has challenged herself by taking AP and college courses. Furthermore, she is truly a global citizen who cares about world issues and wants to make a positive impact not only in her local community but in the world at large. She has made an effort to travel as much as she can to broaden her understanding of the world and plans to continue to travel in the future.

Mia is also a student-athlete at Cherry Valley-Springfield and has shared her talents, as a three-sport athlete, on our courts and fields for her entire high school career. Her participation in sports and clubs at CV-S has enriched our school community, and it is through these experiences that Mia has shared her propensity for collaboration and cooperation. Mia has always been a bright and positive force at CV-S, and her efforts and contributions have uplifted not only our students but our entire district.

There is no doubt that Mia will continue to excel after she leaves CV-S and will certainly do new and amazing things. Mia plans to attend Hamilton College in the fall where she will begin her studies in the liberal arts.

Salutatorian: Jaelyn Jaquay



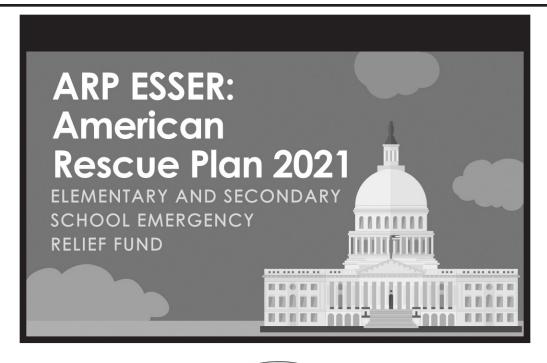
Jaelyn Jaquay is a passionate student, a student devoted to learning and a student devoted to artistic expression. Throughout her high school career, Jaelyn has challenged herself. She has taken AP and college courses, continued with her pursuit of art and music, and this school year, participated in

the rigorous and selective ONC BOCES New Visions Health Program. Jaelyn has met each of these challenges with determination, tenacity and, as always, has found great success. Her teachers within the New Visions Health program describe her as an 'elite scholar,' In these unprecedented times she has dedicated herself to the healthcare field. She has been described as a natural leader who has the energy and intellect to be exceptional in the healthcare field.

Jaelyn is also a leader on our sports teams. She has been a student-athlete for her entire high school career and has served as a mentor for younger athletes. Jaelyn is also an invaluable member of many clubs and organizations and is an integral member of our school community. She has selflessly given her time to countless charitable events over her time at CV-S.

It is clear that Jaelyn will continue to put her best foot forward in order to reach her goals in college and beyond. Jaelyn plans to study Speech Pathology at Baldwin Wallace University next year.





School districts have received funding from two previous federal stimulus funds: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP). CV-S worked with faculty and staff and reached out to parents and the community with a survey to elicit ideas on how to spend these funds. The administrative team and cabinet then compiled all requests and worked together to develop a plan to spend these funds which end September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2024,

The CRRSA funds will be used to address learning loss, provide summer enrichment to students, provide mental health services and supports, purchase technology to aid in educational interaction, and to make improvements to enhance health and safety.

- Fund a PK-6 summer program, a grade 7/8 summer program, and a 9-12 summer school (2021-22)
- Replace 35 carpets with tile

respectively.

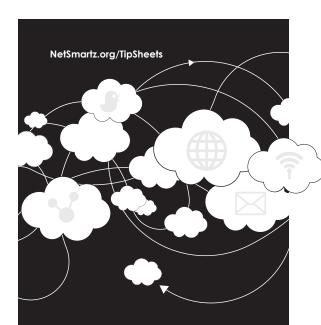
- Purchase Interactive whiteboards and document cameras for classrooms
- Improve and update our literacy program through resources and training for teachers
- Hire a school psychologist to assist in mental health support
- Secondary Science Department will upgrade STEM resources
- Elementary classes will be equipped with a speaker system to enhance specialized hearing that adjusts

sound to improve the learning environment.

The ARP funds will be used to address learning loss, summer programming for students and increase student enrichment. The categories are broad so that districts have the flexibility to target areas of need. We will focus on the following areas:

- Continue to fund a PK-6 summer program, a grade 7/8 summer program, and a 9-12 summer school (2022-23, 2023-24)
- Staffing to support Ready to Learn Rooms in both elementary and secondary
- Hire math specialist in the elementary
- Hire social worker to assist in mental health support
- Provide professional development for faculty and staff
- Distance learning room
- Internet/Wifi for areas in district with no service capabilities
- Construct an Outdoor Learning Center
- Replace HS gym curtain with a drop-down divider
- Replenish band instruments
- Student field trips

Information has been shared at the May and June Board meetings. This is our initial plan and we welcome additional feedback. Please email me at *tclimenhaga@cvscsd.org* if you have any suggestions or additional ideas. On the school website there are three documents pertaining to the CRRSA and ARP funds including guidance for how these funds can be expensed; ARP ESSER Fund Fact Sheet, ARP ESSER Final Plan, and ARP ESSER Frequently Asked Questions.



Protecting | KIDS | on social media

Online social media services aren't new, but many of us are still learning how to use them without getting into trouble – especially children and teens. Use these tips to help your kids safely use any social media service from networking to image posting sites.



For more resources visit NetSmartz o

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Do you know...



What they're posting?

Check comments and images for personal information, like phone numbers and addresses, as well as inappropriate and illegal content such as hateful or threatening speech and nudity. Delete anything you think is too much information.



How they access social media?

Mobile devices, like cell phones and tablets, let children access social media apps away from adult supervision. Children may post content and even share their locations. Review app settings to help them keep information – like their location – private.



Who they're talking to?

Your child's online contact lists and followers may include people you don't know, or even people your child only knows online. Even if you don't know the contact, make sure you know what images, messages, and other content they're sharing.



What account settings they're using?

This is where you can control who has access to your child's information. Each social media service has a different setup, so take a look at each one your child uses. Always ask yourself – what is on the profile and who can see it?



Who has access to their information?

Most social media services have ads and applications from 3rd parties, like games and fan pages. If children click on these or add them to their profiles, they are allowing access to their personal information. Have a discussion about what's OK to add and what's not.



Where to report?

If anyone talks to your child about sex, shares or asks them to share sexual images, or is a victim of sexual exploitation, make a report to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® at www.CyberTipline.com or 1-800-THE-LOST ®.

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