



PATRIOT NEWS

VOLUME 31, NO. 1

NOVEMBER 2023



Thank You Veterans!



Our PK-12 students, faculty and staff recognized our local Veterans and guests at an assembly and after our Student Council members served them breakfast.



Superintendent's MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The first ten weeks of school flew by and our students are doing great things here at CV-S. The Junior Drama Club presented *The Wizard of Oz*, our fall soccer teams made it to semifinals in Sectionals, the FFA is getting started, and our music students are preparing for their Winter Concerts. In the classrooms, students are learning Positivity Project characteristics such as gratitude, integrity, open-mindedness and curiosity.

We are continuing to use ParentSquare as our District communication tool along with our Website and Facebook page. Over the next few months, we will be working on using the ParentSquare calendar feature and filling out paperwork using the online option.

We are excited that the School Based Health Center is completed and opening soon. Be on the lookout in the mail for the QR code to register. If that does not work for you, contact the main office for a paper registration packet. Online registration includes pre-fill areas if you have more than one child to register.

Looking ahead we will have a referendum vote for our next Capital Project in February. There will be an informational night in January. Stay tuned for more information.

The holidays are quickly approaching. Our Winter concerts are scheduled for December 6 and 14. Our first home basketball game tips-off on November 28 for the JV/Varsity boys and November 29 for the JV/Varsity girls. Please come out and support our students!

Be well,
TheriJo Snyder
Superintendent

SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

The SBHC will be opening soon. Postcards were mailed home this past week with instructions on how to register your child. Either use the QR code provided or contact the main office to request an application packet.

Ribbon cutting will be held Thursday, December 7 at 1:00 PM.

PARENTSQUARE

We are using ParentSquare as our school-to-home communication at CV-S. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and caregivers informed and to encourage greater engagement and connection with CV-S. It provides a safe way for superintendent, principals, teachers, staff, and parents to:

- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- Attendance notes
- Calendar items—coming soon!
- Paperwork—coming soon!

All district and school, grade level and classroom information will now be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text. For even more convenience, download the ParentSquare app (available for free for iOS and Android devices).

Have questions? Click the question mark in the top right corner of the desktop version or the Help tab on the app (tap the triple bar icon at the top left) to find answers to most of your questions.

Senior Citizen Dinner

Student Council is sponsoring their annual Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, December 5, 4:00-6:00 PM.

For reservations please contact Mrs. Carson in the District Office at 607-264-9332, ext. 501.



COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS

With the holidays quickly approaching us, we recognize that most will feel a sense of excitement and happiness. There are some; however, that may feel stressed, overwhelmed, and/or a sense of sadness. We would like to take this opportunity to remind families that we are available to meet with any students that are in need of someone to talk to.

Our Counseling Department consists of Amber Van Scooter, Elementary School Counselor; Angeline Conte, Middle/High School Counselor, and Gary Wannamaker, Social Worker.

In addition to individual counseling, we also offer group counseling. Group counseling may focus on topics such as social skills or familial issues. We can also look at ways to improve academic achievement for each student. You can reach us via e-mail or by contacting the Counseling Office at (607) 264-3265, ext. 507.

New Employees



SAMANTHA SEAMON

My name is Samantha Seamon and I'm your Chairperson for the Committee on Special Education. I come to you from Richfield Springs NY, where I reside with my husband, our two teenage children, and two very rambunctious 9 month old chocolate lab puppies.

In my 23 years as a Special Education teacher, I have had the opportunity to work with a diverse group of students including those with autism, learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, speech and language impairments, and other health impairments. I've been a self-contained classroom teacher, a resource room provider, and both a consultant and co-teacher. I maintain a considerable knowledge of accommodating different styles of learners and incorporating effective methods to meet students' varying needs. I recognize the importance of providing our students with the most appropriate and least restrictive learning environment available in order to give them the fundamental skills they need to be lifelong learners.

As a past graduate of CV-S, I also bring to you a knowledge of this beautiful rural community that we serve, enthusiasm for this craft, organizational and interpersonal skills, and a continued commitment to education. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting and working with you!



LISA WATHEN

Lisa Wathen is a native New Yorker, although she hasn't lived here until this summer! Born in Manhattan, her family moved to Portland, Oregon where she grew up and went to college and graduate school to earn her teaching degree. From there she moved to Northern California, where she lived and taught for 11 years before moving again—this time to Williamsburg, Virginia. There she raised her children and taught middle and high school for 18 years. Two years ago she and her husband fell in love with a neglected farmhouse near Cherry Valley and decided it was going to be their new home. After lots of cleaning and renovations, they are here to stay.

In addition to teaching, Lisa is a writer and a musician (classically trained in violin but mostly playing everything but classical music). She loves life in Upstate New York and is thrilled to be a member of the Cherry Valley-Springfield family.



MAXINE ANTUNES-REIFF

Hello Everyone,

My name is Maxine Antunes-Reiff and I am the new high school English teacher. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary English Education from Oneonta and a Master's Degree in Reading from Albany. I have been living in Cherry Valley since 2016. After a full year of retirement, I decided to return to teaching and am thrilled to be here. I completed my student teaching at Cherry Valley-Springfield in 1996 and was very fond of my experience, so it is nice to be back.

While away from school, I enjoy spending time with my children and grand-children, gardening, walking, cooking and traveling. I look forward to learning more about my students and helping them grow as they discover more about the world and themselves.



LISA SHAFFER

Hello, my name is Lisa Shaffer and I am the newest member of the high school math department. I spent the last 10 years teaching Mathematics and Stem at Worcester

Central School and taught at Richfield Springs for the first five years of my career. I grew up in Roseboom and was a 2001 graduate of Cherry Valley-Springfield. During my free time, I enjoy camping and golfing with my family. I am looking forward to educating students at CVS for years to come.



CASSIE CLEGG

Hello Parents/Guardians and Students,

My name is Cassie Clegg and I am the new fourth grade teacher at Cherry Valley-Springfield School. I have an Associate in Sciences and Liberal Arts from Monroe Community College, and a Bachelor's in Elementary Education Grade 1-6 from Western Governors University. I plan to start my Masters in the Fall of 2024. Before Cherry Valley-Springfield, I worked at Cooperstown Elementary School as a Teacher's aide while completing my Bachelor's degree.

I enjoy spending time with my family, camping, baking, cooking, watching football, and listening to music. I am excited to get to know more about all of you as this school year continues. As a parent myself, I know communication is very important, so feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.



CELIA GARRETSON-RATHBUN

Hello everyone- My name is Celia Garretson-Rathbun and I'm thrilled to return home to Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School as a 6th grade teacher. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Adolescent Social Studies, a Masters in K-12 Literacy, and certifications in 5-9 general education as well as 5-6 social studies. For the past 16 years I have worked mainly as a 7th & 8th grade social studies teacher, while also teaching College Now courses through Herkimer College. I am beyond excited to be teaching 6th grade at my Alma Mater.

In my spare time I enjoy being outside as much as possible with my husband, Ryan, and children, Jossy and Luke. Together, we enjoy camping, traveling, cooking, and playing sports.



ELENA SHELDON

My name is Elena Sheldon and I am currently in the position of the fifth grade LTA. I am a graduate of Cherry Valley- Springfield and SUNY Oneonta. I previously worked for Otsego County and ran a local small business. I live in Springfield with my husband and three children; Hannah, Ethan and Holly. In my spare time I like to spend time with my family, garden, paint and go snowshoeing. I look forward to the rest of the school year!



KATELYN PASTERNAK

Hello everyone, my name is Katelyn Pasternak and I am the new speech aide for Cherry Valley-Springfield. I went to college in Cortland for early childhood education and human services. I love the unpredictability that working with kids brings each day. The kids I've been working with are such a wonderful group and I'm excited to see what the rest of the year has in store for us. In my spare time I like bringing my boys to the trampoline park with my husband, spending time with family and I also love to bake. I am grateful for the opportunity to work here and I look forward to meeting more smiling faces in the future.



MEGAN RICHARDS

Hello all! My name is Megan Richards and I am the new Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. I am happy to be returning to the district after graduating from here myself. I attended Penn State University (Main Campus) where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science and I am currently working on my Master's in Ag Education. After spending time as a 4-H educator and teaching Ag in Schoharie, I am glad to be a part of bringing this wonderful program back to our community. With our FFA chapter quickly developing please watch our Facebook page for upcoming events and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. My husband, Andy, and I own and operate a large registered goat herd as well as managing other stock and are actively involved in the youth livestock world. When not on the farm or in school, I serve as a livestock judge and meat goat specialist throughout the Northeast. I look forward to serving this community and developing tomorrow's leaders!



DAVID EVANS

Hello my name is David Evans. I am a new Driver/Cleaner. I'm originally from Utica. After graduating in 1983, I joined the military. After 14 years I decided to get a CDL and drive heavy equipment and or buses. I'm currently living in Canajoharie. I have a son and daughter in law with my first grandchild due in February. I enjoy hiking, running, biking, kayaking and snowshoeing. I'm super excited to be a part of the Cherry Valley-Springfield School District and spending my days with the students.



*Welcome to
Cherry Valley-
Springfield CSD!*

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School has partnered with Safer Schools Together to provide video education for parents and students regarding internet responsibility. These videos are excellent resources for social media trends, digital addiction, parental controls, and understanding the digital world from a teens perspective.

Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying

This parent module focuses on all things digital. Your child has now entered the peak of their digital media lives where cell phone ownership doubles, video game use explodes, and social media use may become problematic. Children encounter situations that will challenge their independence. Parents have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods. Video link below.

[Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying](#)

Password: cvscsd2023

This module includes:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- Relevant trends in your district/general area, information children may encounter while online and how to address it effectively
- Vault apps and how to detect them
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behavior as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- Recommendations for family rules/conversations, parental controls, family tech plans, as well as suggestions for monitoring your tween/teen's digital life
- Snapshot of concerning apps and platforms will be provided to equip you with your digital parenting strategy

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Parent's Guide

This Parent's Guide to Raising Digitally Responsible Youth will equip you with the knowledge you need to stay in the loop about the most popular applications and trends. Correspondingly, this guide will give you a better understanding of your child or teen's internet usage so you can relate to the digital world they live in. This is a downloadable guide with complete information.

[Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Parent's Guide](#)

Additional Parent Resources

Additional parent resources can be found at the Safer Schools Together website by following the link below. These include videos and articles pertaining to Internet Lingo and Slang Terms, A Sexting Safety Agreement, Protect Your Privacy on Facebook, Social Media Checklist for Parents, and Common Sense Media Digital Contract. Digital resources are continually updated on this page.

[Safer Schools Together Parent Resources](#)

PTO NEWS

CV-S SPIRIT BLANKETS

We had a very successful pre-order sale for our CV-S Spirit blankets! Blankets are expected to arrive by the end of November. If you pre-ordered your blanket, and already paid - items will be sent home with students when they arrive. If you did not pay for your pre-ordered blanket, we will reach out to you for payment prior to sending home. We have a limited number of blankets still available. Reach out to be sure to reserve yours today!

To order blankets email Ginger Thayer - gthayer@cvscsd.org, or send in a note and money with your child, and we will send them home with a blanket! Checks made payable to CVS-PTO.

SPIRIT BLANKET FUNDRAISER



Please support our school by
buying a blanket, we profit over
50% with each blanket sale!

\$25



- Soft plush blanket you'll want to snuggle with
- Beautiful spirited full color vibrant print
- Great to have to spread school spirit
- Large warm gift that makes a great keepsake
- Keeps you cozy year after year

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School bus transportation is safe.

In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.



STAY AWAY from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO WAIT for your bus, away from traffic and the street.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.

BE AWARE of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do.

WHEN BEING DROPPED OFF, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus.

USE THE HANDRAIL to enter and exit the bus.

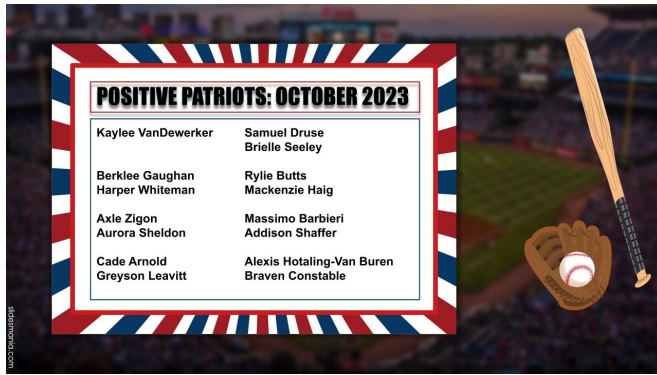
PROTECT YOURSELF AND WATCH OUT!

ELEMENTARY POSITIVE PATRIOTS AND GOLDEN ESSENTIALS

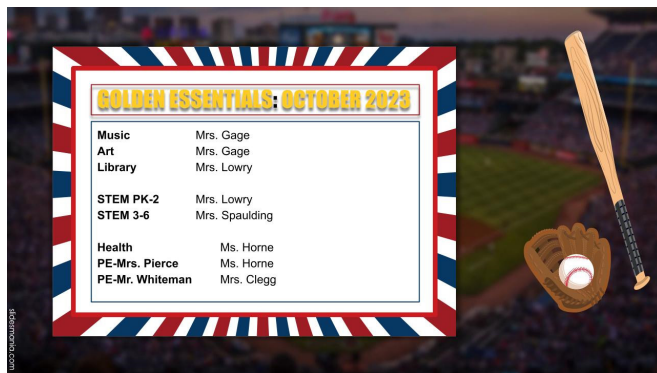
For our monthly Community Meeting, each classroom teacher selects a student who demonstrates the CV-S Core Values of Power in Positivity; Respect; More Grit; and Do the Right Thing as well as other character traits from the Positivity Project.

OCTOBER

Congratulations to the following elementary students on being named Positive Patriots for October 2023:

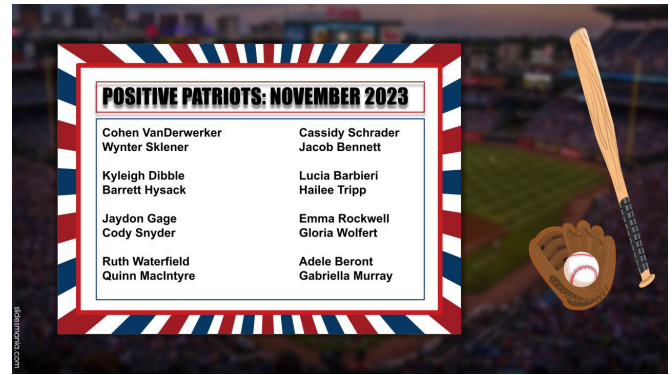


Each Essentials teacher also selects a class for the Golden Essential award. Congratulations to the following classes for earning the award for October!

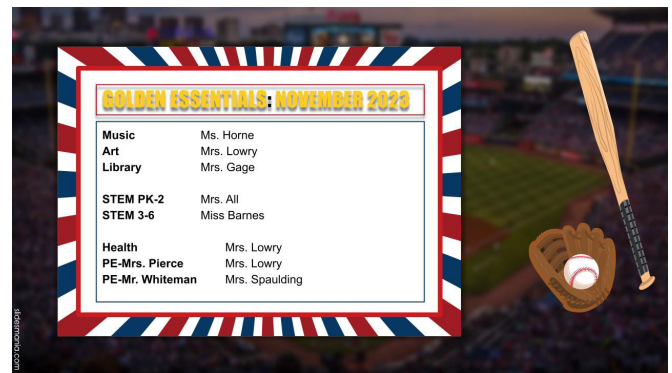


NOVEMBER

Congratulations to the following elementary students on being named Positive Patriots for November 2023:



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



AUTUMN IN FIRST GRADE

First grade and their parents enjoyed a fall celebration by making scarecrows, painting pumpkins and eating a sweet treat.



Quarter One Principal's List

7th Grade

Lyla A Abdallah
Jackson E Ackerman
Julian Anderson
Brandon Carley
Tucker J Cornelia
Natalee Crews
Justeena Finch
Nicholas Glowicki
Gavin Haig
Jillian Harris
Alexiona Houk
Kimberli Leavitt
Bailea Lusk
James K Redden
Landon Rockwell
Levi Tracy
Shyanne Williams

8th Grade

Allison Ackerman
Heath Barown
Willow Beauregard
Hunter Cade
Abigail E Field
Emily Fox
Logan Haig
Kaitlyn Kretser
Mackenzie McGovern
Austin Monser

Sophia Rockwell
Darin Royce
Bailey Thayer

9th Grade

Macon Aramini
Liliana Bard
Ava Canary
Hadlei Dresser
Destiny Gray
Ayden Hickling
Caden Laymon
Brian J Lusk Jr.
Isabella Nemo
Landin O'Leary
Jossalynn Rathbun
Savanah Rockwell

10th Grade

Ethan All
Anna Baker
Trace M Barnes
Graham Barown
Raymond A. Glowicki
Andrew J Lusk
Caraline A Lusk
Hannah B Sheldon
Madison A Ward

11th Grade

River Beauregard

Kristopher Cade
Charlise Canary
Kyrallynn Druse
Lexi Dygert
Jacob Frasier
Jonathan Gridley
Karsin C Meade
Jackson Moyer
Abigail B Oram
Alexander Rockwell
Caleb Rockwell
Liam Rockwell
Maddison L Rood
Brin Whiteman

12th Grade

Karis Brodie
Gianna DeLade
Amelia Dubben
Evelyn Gallup
Dillon Hoke
Max Horvath
Morgan Huff
Grayson Mollen
Hope M Morrison
Kelan O'Leary
Dalton Stocking
Anjelia Sturtevant
Mason K Thalheimer
Daphnee West

Quarter One Honor Roll

7th Grade

Brady Backus
Kadence Brumleve
Alexander Ellis
Gabriel J Fitzgerald
Lailajune Herring-Duke
Cole Hribar
Corbin L Lusk
Thomas J Miller
Warren Pendelton
Brenden Reckeweg
Amanda Snyder

8th Grade

Samar H Abdallah
Andrew Arnold
Chloe Arnold
Matti Butts

Zaniel Constable
Lucas H Pokorny
Logan Rockwell
Curtis Shaffer
Caitlyn Voght

9th Grade

Maddox Bennett
Nathaniel Campagna
Brian Duncan
Vincent Hurley
Annabelle L Williams

10th Grade

Aiden Bosc
Alan Maine
Ethan Stannard
Adrianna Tripple

11th Grade

Hayden Bard
Sara Cortese
Lucas Harrington
Tyler Houk
Matthew Munson
Faustin M O'Neill
Austin Rockwell
Aiden Ruggiero

12th Grade

Mina Aramini
Camden Decker
Declan Delaney
Curtis Hurley Jr.
Jacob V Johnson
Kody Newell

FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS

On October 13, volunteers from the South Minden; Cherry Valley; Springfield; and Middlefield fire departments spent the morning with our elementary students. Students learned what EDITH means and reviewed safety procedures in the event of an emergency in their homes. The highlight of the morning was the opportunity to explore the equipment and rigs used by the fire departments!



ART CLASS NOTES



Art students have started the school year with much enthusiasm. In October they focused some of their efforts on completing a month-long drawing challenge called 'Inktober' by responding to a daily drawing prompt in their sketchbooks. As creator Jake Parker says the challenge focuses on improving skills and developing positive drawing habits. At the end of the month students reflected on the experience saying their creative flexibility expanded. Photography students took time to visit with the professional photographer from Upstate Images when she was here taking our school photos. We learned all about working as a Photographer.

RUNNING CLUB

Students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the Morning Running Club. Supervised by Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Whiteman, and Mr. Wannamaker, students can start their day by running or walking laps in the gym before heading up to their classroom for breakfast. If your child would like to participate, please be sure to fill out a permission slip.



Thank You!



Pumpkins, pumpkins, and more pumpkins! The Elementary school was overflowing! Many, many thanks to Limesprings Farm for donating pumpkins to all students in grades PK-6! The students had a fun time decorating their pumpkins! Thank you, Limesprings Farm, for your generosity!

ANNUAL KISS SALE



The Foreign Language Club Annual Christmas KISS sale will be held in December from the 1st-13th. Request an order form from your child's teacher at the end of November. Cost will be \$.50 per kiss gram.

CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Our winter concerts will be held on December 6 and 14 at 7 PM in the auditorium.

In an attempt to help family and friends enjoy concerts, as well as making it easier for our featured performers to do their best on stage, the following suggestions are offered.

PLEASE make an effort to be settled in your seats before the concert begins. Make sure all restroom needs (especially for young children) are taken care of ahead of time. Turn off all cell phones, beepers, watches and any other electronic devices.

Talking during the performances is disrespectful to the performers as well as distracting to others in the audience. In fact, any excessive movement or commotion can be a source of irritation to others who wish to listen and concentrate on the performance.

Enthusiastic applause at the end of a complete musical selection is encouraged and appreciated; whistling and shouting is not. It is customary to applaud only at the end of the last movement of a multi-movement selection. Please do not clap along with the music unless invited to do so by the conductor.

It is expected that audience members will remain until the end of the performance. Our young musicians enjoy performing for a large audience. If you must leave in an emergency situation, please do so only at the end of a musical selection and not while students are performing. Our concerts usually last no more than 45-60 minutes. We encourage our guests to stay for the entire performance.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES



Basketball game schedules can be found under Schedule Galaxy along with practice schedules. Go to link on the school website www.cvscs.org under the Athletics tab or www.schedulegalaxy.com

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAMS

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

Varsity Girls—team average of 94.08:

- Allie Ackerman
- Kailey Barnes
- Sydney Buck
- Ava Canary
- Kyra Druse
- Mia Dubben
- Emily Fox
- Morgan Huff
- Mackenzie McGovern
- Jossy Rathbun
- Bailey Thayer
- Daphnee West
- Brin Whiteman

Varsity Boys—team average of 92.75:

- Graham Barown
- Kris Cade
- Max Horvath
- Andrew Lusk
- Jacob Lusk
- Kelan O'Leary
- Landin O'Leary
- Alex Rockwell
- Liam Rockwell
- Gavin Smith
- Thomas Tissiera

TRI-VALLEY LEAGUE ALL-STARS

Girls

Morgan Huff 1st team, Daphnee West 1st team, Mini Aramini Honorable Mention

Boys

Max Horvath 1st team, Kris Cade 1st team, Alex Rockwell 2nd team

SOCCER NEWS

Congratulations to the Girls' and Boys' Varsity soccer teams for playing in the Sectional semi-finals. Also, congratulations to the boys' team for making it to the Tri Valley League Championship game.



Congratulations to our seniors!



Varsity Boys: Max Horvath and Kelan O'Leary



Varsity Girls: Mina Aramini, Kailey Barnes, Mia Dubben, Morgan Huff, Daphnee West