

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We have had a busy summer at CVS. We welcomed 116 students for the summer program in grades PK-8. Students were involved in many hands-on activities that fostered continued learning and growth. The building has been thoroughly cleaned and eleven elementary rooms now have new tile floors. Thank you to our maintenance department for all their hard work this summer. Working around the summer program did not slow them down!

As we approach the start of a new school year there are concerns of the pandemic. The coronavirus has once again spiked due to the Delta Variant. Our goal in returning this fall is to reach as much normalcy as possible. With that being said our Back to School plan will be adjusted. We will be decreasing our six feet social distancing down to three feet. All classrooms have returned back to their original rooms. Elementary students will eat in the cafeteria and the secondary students will eat in the classrooms on the first floor of the secondary wing. As I write this letter today, August 9th, face masks will be worn when in the building, for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Face masks will be worn on the buses. During the last week of August, I will send out a detailed letter of what the day will look like and any changes that may need to be made.

We found during the pandemic some of the changes we made were for the best. We once again are asking you to complete a transportation survey that requires you to state how your child will be transported and where their one bus pick-up/drop off will be. That will be mailed out or you may complete the survey on the school website, please complete as soon as possible for planning.

We have a handful of new faculty and staff to introduce to you.

Rachel Wright, elementary principal
Amber VanScooter, elementary guidance counselor
Dawn Frank, library media specialist
September Schecter, secondary social studies teacher
Beth Spaulding, third grade teacher
Kristie Fassett, fifth grade teacher
Kelly Jennings, school psychologist
Lindsey Monser, Adrienne Haig, Connie Dingman,
Sharri Bartleson, Brittany Hoag, LTAs
Matt Druse, maintenance
Tim Fish, bus driver
Ushuaia Diaz, music teacher

CVS is establishing a district Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee that is representative of all stakeholders, including students. We are looking for 2-3 parents who may be interested in sitting on the committee. For more information or if interested please contact Mrs. Casron at 607-264-9332, ext. 501 or lcason@cvsd.org.

I hope you and your families were able to enjoy the summer. As a district we need to continue to work together. We continue to have the goal of our students to be in-person every day. Enjoy the remainder of the summer. More information will be shared as we get closer to the first day of school, September 7.

Please stay healthy and be safe.

Sincerely,
TheriJo Climenhaga
Superintendent

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Child Find

It is the responsibility of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District Committee on Special Education (CSE) and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) to find and identify students residing within the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District who may be in need of special education services. If you have noticed that your child is not developing skills such as walking, talking, learning, or playing like other young children, and you suspect that he or she may have a disability, you may wish to make a referral to the CSE or the CPSE. You may do so by contacting Bonnie Georgi, the Chairperson of the CSE/CPSE, at 607-264-9012. The Chairperson will explain the pre-referral, referral and evaluation process and describe the eligibility requirements for identification of a preschooler with a disability. If your child is between the ages of birth and three, the CPSE Chairperson will refer you to the Otsego County Early Intervention Program. For school aged children, the Chairperson can explain the many general education supports and services available, as well as the CSE referral, evaluation, identification process, and the State and Federal eligibility requirements for identification of a student with special needs. For additional information please refer to A Parent's Guide to Special Education on the New York State Education Department (NYSED) website.

Dignity For All Students Act

What is DASA?

- The Dignity for All Students Act was established with the broad legislative intent to provide a school environment free of discrimination and harassment.
- Prohibits harassment of students on school property or at school functions, and designates many forms of bullying as unlawful discrimination.

Preventing and Addressing Bias-Based Harassment in Schools

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) took effect July 1, 2012. Its purpose is to provide students with a school environment free of discrimination and harassment by peers and by school personnel. It applies to behaviors on school property, in school buildings, on a school bus, as well as, at school-sponsored events or activities. Incidents of harassment and discrimination may include, but are not limited to, threats, intimidation or abuse based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), and sex. These eleven categories are referred to as protected classes.

Section 504 Annual Notice

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 commonly known as § 504, the School District hereby notifies disabled children and their parents of the School District duty under the Regulations to § 504.

The School District shall provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified disabled child who resides in the School District regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. The School District shall educate each qualified disabled child with children who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the disabled child, and shall also ensure that disabled children participate with nondisabled children in nonacademic and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate. A disabled child shall be afforded an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities.

The School District shall provide disabled children an equal opportunity for participation in physical education courses, interscholastic, club or intramural athletics.

The School District shall conduct pre-placement evaluations, and shall establish standards and procedures consistent with § 104.35 for the evaluation and placement of children who need or are believed to need special education or related services. Periodic reevaluation shall be conducted of children who have been provided special education or related services.

Placement decisions shall draw upon information from a variety of sources and shall be made by a group of persons knowledgeable about the child, the meaning of the evaluation data, and the placement options. The School District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards that includes notice, an opportunity for the parent to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with the opportunity for participation by the parent and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

Public Access to Records

Access by residents of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District to records of the District shall be consistent with the rules and regulations established by the State Committee on Open Government and shall comply with all the requirements of the New York State Public Officers Law Section 84 et seq.

Rules and procedures used are pursuant to Article 6 of the Public Officer's Law and the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

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Attendance

If your child is going to be absent, please call the Health Office the morning of the absence. When you call, please leave your name, the student's name and grade and the reason for the absence. If no reason is given, it will be marked as an illegal absence. Voicemail is available so you may leave a message during the night. The number is 264-3265 ext. 514. Please remember to follow-up with a written note to be turned into the Main Office for the absence.

Parents of Home-Schoolers

If you plan to home school your child, you must submit a letter of intent to TheriJo Climenhaga, Superintendent of Schools. You will then be mailed a packet containing an Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) and reports which must be completed and returned to Mrs. Climenhaga each quarter.

Please mail your letter of intent to: PO Box 485 Cherry Valley, NY 13320

Public Notification

The Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to:

Title IX Compliance Officer and 504 Officer
Bonnie Georgi, Director of Special Education
Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School
PO Box 485
Cherry Valley, NY 13320

Annual Fire Inspection

Notice is hereby given that the annual fire inspection of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School buildings has been completed. The report is on file in the District Office.

Electronic Surveillance

Cherry Valley-Springfield uses video equipment to assist in building and transportation safety and security. Cameras are placed at entrances and hallways, both inside and outside of the building. There are also cameras on the school-owned buses. The purpose of the cameras is primarily building security and safety but students and parents must be informed that the video footage is sometimes scanned in situations where incidents involving students may have happened. If the camera footage indicates that a child has misbehaved in any way, administration will use those images to give consequences, as necessary.

Homework Requests

When your child is out sick, please contact the Main Office by 9:00 for homework to be gathered. Please understand that sometimes notes for all classes might not be available that same day. If a child misses class, notes that were on the board will have to be reproduced, that will take some time to do. If your child is absent, we make every effort to have all homework collected. However, remind your child to ask the teacher what else needs to be done to make up all that's missed. Remember that being in school as much as possible is the best way to get it all.

Parent Notification Regarding Teacher Qualifications

In accordance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, parents and guardians have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. As a parent/guardian of a student in the Cherry Valley-Springfield CSD, you have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met New York state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- If your child is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Requests for information about the qualifications of your child's teacher(s) can be directed to either principal at 607-264-3265, ext. 506 or 515. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in your child's education.

Dissection of Animals

Per Board Policy 4850 and Education Law Part 809, any student expressing a moral or religious objection to the performance of witnessing of the dissection of animals, either wholly or in part, shall be provided the opportunity to undertake and complete an alternative project that shall be approved by such student's teacher; provided, however, that such obligation is substantiated in writing by the student's parent or legal guardian. Students who perform alternative projects who do not perform or witness the dissection of animals shall not be penalized. Parents or legal guardians may contact their child's teacher for further information.

Bus Runs

BEAR

Morton Rd.
Doc Ahlers Rd.
O'Neil Rd.
Hoose Rd. (West End)
Stannard Rd.
County Route 50
Lancaster St.

CAR

County Route 33
Hayes Rd.
Pollack Mountain Rd.
Indian Run
Hubbell Hollow Rd.
Pete Hendricks Rd.
Genesee St.
County Hwy 54 (from School to
Village of Cherry Valley)
Fish & Game Rd.

HORSE

Route 166
Norton Cross Rd.
County Route 35
County Route 52
Gately Hill
Tabor Rd.
Rezen-Middlefield Rd.
Montgomery St.
Church St.
Kilfoil St.

TRUCK

Route 165
Thompson Hill Rd.
Honey Hill Rd.
County Route 34 & 39
Route 166 (Village of Cherry Valley to
Roseboom)
Town Line Rd.

FISH

Rendering Works Rd.
Route 20
Willy O'Neil Rd.
County Rte 54 (Triangle to Rte. 20)
Keller Rd.
Limited Schedule

BOAT

Hinds Rd.
Domion Rd.
Griggs Rd.
Mill Rd.
Continental Rd.
Route 80 E
Briar Hill Rd.
County Route 31S
Springfield Hill Rd.
Addie VanAlstine Rd.
Fassett Rd.
Texas Rd.



Discuss these safety rules with your child and ask him or her to learn the bus driver's name. Your child should understand that riding the school bus is a privilege and it may be denied as a result of misbehavior on a bus.

Crossing the Street

Be sure that you can see the driver's eyes and that the driver sees you, too. You should cross at least ten feet in front of the bus. Wait for the driver's signal to cross and then look both ways. Walk, don't run, quickly across. NEVER cross in back of the bus. Remember, if you can touch the bus you are too close and are in a "danger" zone.

Bus Safety

Getting on the Bus

- Be on time at your bus stop. Stay back from the roadway until the bus is completely stopped. (Student conduct at the bus stop is the responsibility of the parents.)
- Hold on to the handrail as you get on or off the bus. Be sure to carry a backpack for all your books and papers.
- Take a seat immediately.

Riding the Bus

- Stay in your seat. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times.
- Be courteous to other riders and to your driver. Do not use profane language. Talk quietly with your friends.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- Absolutely no smoking.
- Do not litter. Help keep the bus clean.
- Keep aisles clear at all times. A package or musical instrument that can be held on your lap is permissible, as long as it does not obstruct the driver's vision. No glass or animals are permitted.
- Do not play with emergency exits.
- If you see something wrong or unsafe, report it to the driver immediately.
- You may not leave the bus at any scheduled stop other than your own without parental permission and approval.

2021-2022

COW

Salt Springville Rd.
Dingman Rd.
Starkville Rd.
Bauder Rd.
VanDyke Rd.
State Route 163 (Hessville)
County Route 32 & 30
County Route 31N
Swamp Rd.

ELEPHANT

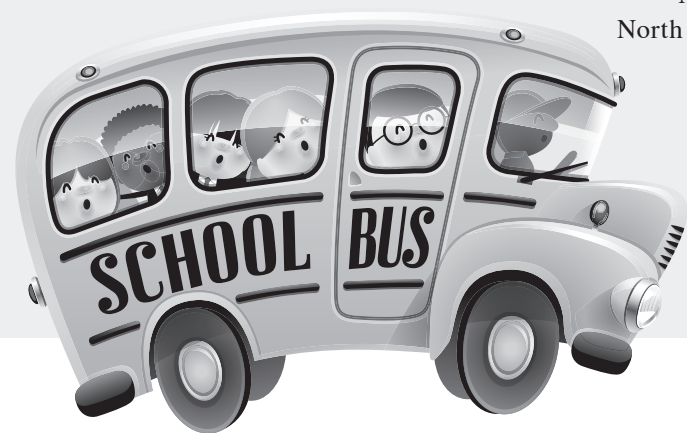
Public Landing Rd.
Route 80
McShane Rd.
Gywitts Rd.
Allens Lake Rd.
McRorie Rd.
Wilsey Rd.
County Route 53
Route 29A
Route 20
Neilsen Rd.
North Rd. (South End)

GINGERBREAD MAN

Mill Rd.
Otsego St.
Clinton Rd.
Indian Trail
VanDyke Road
Route 163 (Sprout Brook)
Hess Rd.
County Hwy 32A
VanDerwerker Road
Elm St.
Maple Ave.
Main St. (Downtown Village of
Cherry Valley)

*If you have any questions, please feel free
to call the bus garage at 607-264-3265,
ext. 601. Thank you.*

Welcome Back!



Always follow the bus driver's instructions. The driver is in full command and is authorized to assign seats if necessary. The driver may explain other safety guidelines during the school year.

When Red Lights Flash—Don't Pass

To ensure the safety of students when they are riding on school buses, drivers of other vehicles may not pass when a bus's red lights are flashing. Many drivers assume that this law refers only to buses stopped in streets and roadways. However, the law was revised in 1990 to include driveways and school parking areas as locations where buses may not be passed if the red lights are flashing.

Drivers who fail to stop when a school bus has its red lights on face costly penalties and even can land in jail:

- **First Conviction:** carries a fine of between \$250 and \$400, a jail sentence of up to 30 days, or both.
- **Second Conviction:** within three years carries an increased fine of between \$600 and \$750, a jail sentence of up to 180 days, or both.
- **Third or Subsequent Convictions:** within three years carries penalties of a fine between \$750 and \$850, a jail sentence up to 180 days, or both.

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Pass It On

If you know of anyone not receiving the Patriot News who would like to receive a copy, please contact Laura Carson at 607-264-9332, ext. 501. Remember you can also access the Patriot News on the school website at www.cvscs.org.

Use of Facility and Grounds

The Board of Education allows groups and organizations to use the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building and Grounds providing that certain requirements and guidelines are met. These requirements and guidelines are set not only for avoiding scheduling conflicts but to ensure proper security, safety and building maintenance measures.

A copy of the full context of the requirements and guidelines is available by contacting the Main Office.

School Tax Collection

School taxes may be paid in person at the Cherry Valley Branch of the NBT Bank or by mail to the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, P.O. Box 485, Cherry Valley, New York 13320, in care of School Tax Collector, Ginger Thayer.

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Absence Notes

All absences, at every grade level including elementary and high school, require a parent signed note which the student must hand in to the Health Office on the first day after an absence. It is important that the note clearly states the reason for the absence.

ADDENDUM DUE TO PANDEMIC

Please note- students returning from an absence and/or dismissed with COVID 19 symptoms must provide a medical providers note and negative COVID 19 test upon return and symptoms must be resolved. If a student has tested positive, they must be released to return by the Otsego County Department of Health, as well.

Attention Parents

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School is participating again in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) during the 2021-2022 school year. This program provides breakfast and lunch for EVERY student at NO cost.

Health Office News

New York State required health screenings—Education Law Article 19 and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require physical examinations of public school students. This can be provided in school or by your family physician if you prefer.

If not completed in school, please provide a copy of the provider's letter for your student's health file. The school fax number is (607) 264-3299.

- **Physicals**—Grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, new students, all athletes, students requesting working papers and students being evaluated or reevaluated who are suspected of or have a disability. (Please note physicals are valid for only one year from the date of the previous physical and must be within one year of the start of the school year for that grade.)
- **Scoliosis Screening (spine screening)**—Grades 5 and 7 (females) and grade 9 (males)
- **Vision and Hearing**—Grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11 and all new students- will be completed by School Nurse
- **Immunizations**—Students who are not in compliance with New York State immunization requirements are not allowed to attend school beyond 14 days unless proof of an appointment or immunization is provided. Please contact Mrs. Meehan, RN, School Nurse at 607-264-3265 Ext. 514 with any questions.

Medication Procedure in School Health Offices

Straight from the State Education Department of School Health Services-Procedure for prescription and over-the-counter medications:

1. Written order from licensed prescriber;
2. Written permission from parent;
3. Parent needs to provide medication in the original container; and
4. The medication needs to be properly labeled with the student's name, type of medication, dosage of medication, and time to be given.

All of the above steps need to be followed in order for any type of medication to be given in school.

Over-the-counter medications include Tylenol®, Ibuprofen, Motrin, Advil®, Benadryl®, Excedrin®, aspirin, Neosporin®, etc. These medications will NOT be provided by the school. Any medication to be given in school needs to be provided by the parent/guardian. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Meehan, School Nurse, at 264-3218, ext. 514.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022

Most meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month except those so marked by an asterisk. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. (unless noted) in the cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School.

*July 8, 2021

August 19, 2021

September 16, 2021

October 21, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. for Audit Meeting

November 18, 2021

December 16, 2021

January 20, 2022

February 17, 2022

March 17, 2022

*April 7, 2022 (Possible 6:30 p.m. start due to possible concert)

*April 21, 2022 – Board of Education Approves Budget

*May 5, 2022 - Budget Hearing

*May 17, 2022 - Budget Vote

June 16, 2022

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Asbestos Notification

The CV-S Building and Grounds do not contain asbestos materials.

Tardiness to School

Students are considered late if they arrive after 7:55 a.m. When a student is late to school it is the responsibility of both the parent and student to account for that tardiness by submitting a note. The note must include:

1. Date and time of arrival
2. Valid reason for tardiness
3. Signature of parent or guardian with a number where they may be reached during the day

3rd unexcused tardy in a marking period: Student is assigned a lunch detention for the day he/she is tardy.

4th unexcused tardy in a marking period: Student is assigned a lunch detention for the day he/she is tardy.

5th unexcused tardy in a marking period: Student is assigned a lunch detention for the day he/she is tardy.

6th unexcused tardy in a marking period: Student is assigned after school detention from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for the day he/she is tardy.

Every unexcused tardy thereafter will result in after school detention on the day the student is tardy. Failure to comply with these consequences will result in further disciplinary action.

The School District has determined that absences, tardiness and early departures will be considered excused or unexcused according to the following standards:

Excused: An absence, tardiness or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations, music lessons, obtaining learner's permit, road test, or other such reasons as may be approved by the Board of Education.

Unexcused: An absence, tardiness, or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories (e.g., family vacation, hunting, baby-sitting, haircut, oversleeping).

We appreciate your support of our efforts to improve attendance.

Animals on School Property

To maintain a safe school environment for all children and guests, animals will be prohibited from school events, including sporting events. For educational purposes, animals may be allowed with prior approval. This policy exempts service animals.

Possible Pesticide Application on District Property

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and State Education Department Commissioner's Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, require all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticide periodically throughout the school year. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

The school district is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notification of certain pesticide applications. If you would like to receive 48-hour notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school please contact the school.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hour following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile redenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

No Child Left Behind Military Recruiter Policy

In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act, it is required that upon request made by military recruiters, educational agencies must provide access to secondary school student names, addresses and telephone listings. Students or parents may also request that such information not be released. If you want your child's information withheld and not released to military recruiters, please send written authorization of such to the Guidance Office at your earliest convenience.

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District Communication Procedure

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The communications guideline chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, questions will be answered efficiently.

Questions About	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Coordinator	Athletic Director	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Principal		
Board Policy	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Ed.	
Building Use	Principal	Superintendent		
Food Services	Cafeteria Manager	Principal	Superintendent	
Instruction	Teacher	Principal	Superintendent	
Curriculum	Teacher	Principal	Superintendent	
Health Office	School Nurse	School Health Care Provider	Principal	Superintendent
Scheduling	Guidance Counselor	Principal		
Special Education	Teacher	Director of Special Education	Principal	Superintendent
Transportation	Bus Garage	Principal	Superintendent	

