

# Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District

# PATRIOT NEWS

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## Jump Rope for Heart



Jump Rope for Heart is a community service learning program of the American Heart Association which teaches students:

- the importance of developing heart-healthy habits;
- that being physically active can be fun;
- that raising funds to support cardiovascular research and education helps save lives in their community and across the country.

Students learned to jump rope while learning how nutrition and physical activity can help them live longer, healthier lives. Jump Rope for Heart also promotes community service by teaching kids how to help others.

Our K-5 students participated in Jump Rope for Heart in Physical Education classes last month. The students' commitment and enthusiasm for this cause far exceeded the school's goal of \$1,500. The CV-S students raised \$3,822!

### Top Fundraisers



**Jillian Harris**  
**Katelyn Carley**  
**Jazmin Tracy**  
**Gabriel Johnson**  
**Brian Duncan**  
**Jossalyn Rathbun**

## National Honor Society News



The Cherry Valley-Springfield Excelsior Chapter of the National Honor Society held its induction ceremony in the school Atrium on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.

New inductees include: **Kayleigh Baker, Nathan Climenhaga, David Collins, Isabel Daley, Kaitlyn Ehlers, Garret Fassett, Whitney Fink, Amanda Pressly and Megan Wilmot.**

These students will join the current members: **Emily Burr, Nicole Deselets, Mark Gustafson, Elizabeth Jacoby, Karah Morton, Dorothy Oakley, Claudia Preston, Sarah Russo, Victoria Viscosi, Anna Voss, Lukas Webster, Tanner Yager, Kaylie Yerdon.**

When the National Honor Society was founded in 1921, the hope was to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. These ideals of scholarship, leadership, character and service remain as relevant today as they were in 1921. The Excelsior Chapter has been in existence continually since February 20, 1955

As an inducted member of NHS, the students have a huge responsibility to uphold the tenets of the society; to maintain a high level of academic achievement, to model excellent character, to continue to serve our school and community and to be a positive leader in every way.

We look forward to the addition of the new members to our chapter and congratulate each of them.

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## Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,  
Just when we think spring is almost here Mother Nature reminds us that winter is not over yet. One never knows what the weather will be like in Central New York. I hope everyone managed to stay safe and took advantage of family time during the last storm.

In a few more weeks it will be the end of the third quarter. It is important to have conversations with your children about buckling down for the last quarter. During the last quarter there are a lot of distractions; the nice weather reappears, spring vacation, and there are multiple school activities and celebrations. Our students have worked hard throughout the school year and they need to be reminded to finish strong!

It is wonderful to have so many of our students active and successful. Congratulations to the inductees of National Honor Society, Math Honor Society and the History Honor Society. We recognized over 60 students in grades 6-12 at the Quarter II Silver Medal Awards. Congratulations to all the award winners. Students have participated in all-county in Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton and Oneonta. Great job to our musicians. Both our Girls' and Boys' basketball teams qualified for sectionals. The modified, junior varsity and varsity teams represented our school well during the winter sports season. The elementary students are gearing up for the third quarter recognition assembly. Students have been practicing the character trait of perseverance, involved in Jump Rope for Heart and selecting healthy snacks. The Drama Club presented *The Sound of Music* during the last weekend in March. Hats off to the cast and crew. They lost many days of practice to snow days and cancelled after-school activities. Great show!

The budget for the 2017-18 school year is just about finalized. Our goal is to stay under our Tax Levy Limit and provide a budget that provides our students with the tools needed to be *College and Career Ready*. A public hearing will be held on May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in room 145, at which the final proposed budget will be presented. I encourage you to attend. In New York State all schools will vote on the upcoming budget on the third Tuesday in May. This year's budget voting day will be Tuesday, May 16. Our polls will be open from 12 noon-8:00 p.m. We will be voting on two Board of Education seats, the budget, one bus lease, one bus purchase and the capital project. Please come out and vote, and treat yourself to a top notch art show and spring concert.

Sincerely,  
*TheriJo Climenhaga*  
Superintendent

## Guidance Office News

Working papers are issued for two different age groups:

- 14-15 years of age (blue employment certificate)
- 16-17 years of age (green employment certificate)

An application signed by the parent/guardian along with verification of a physical within the last year is required. Applications for working papers are available in the guidance office. Completed applications should be returned to Mrs. Sears for processing.

Students issued an Employment Certificate should take care in storing it in a safe place until employment is secured and the employer requests the certificate. The employer will then hold the certificate as long as the student is employed with them. If employment is terminated, the employer is required to return the certificate to the student so that it can be used at the next employment location.

Fifteen year olds who turn sixteen should go to the guidance office to get a new certificate for work. A new application is not needed.

If you have any questions or need help with the application, see Mrs. Sears or call 264-3257, ext. 507.

## Substitutes Needed

CV-S is in need of Substitutes in all areas including the School Nurse, Bus Driver's, Maintenance, Cafeteria, Aides, LTA's and Teachers. If you know of someone that might be interested please have them contact the District Office at 607-264-9332, ext. 501 or they can complete the application that is available on our school website [www.cvscs.org](http://www.cvscs.org).

## Health Office News

Spring is here! It is time to step outside and breathe in that fresh air! Such close quarters expose everyone to all sorts of germs and illnesses. A simple walk outside as the weather starts to turn can raise your immune system and help you de-stress. We have had a rough last few months with colds and stomach bugs here at school and I would like to remind everyone of sick child guidelines as we look forward.

### We ask that you keep your child home if he or she

- Has a fever over 100° (oral) degrees or higher
- Sore throat with fever
- Vomiting
- Persistent cough
- Diarrhea

If your child has been recently ill, please be aware of the following guidelines before returning to school, athletics, or social activities;

- Needs to be fever free for at least 24 hours (without medication)
- If strep throat, they must be on medication for a full 24 hours
- Be free of vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours

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## Alumni Spotlight

**Jonathan Press** was a student at Cherry Valley Springfield from 2005-2008. While growing up in Brooklyn, Jonathan had the great opportunity to be on Broadway. He remembers his time there as being an amazing experience and his fondest memory of it was being able to look out at the audience and see them being captivated by the show. Mr. Press then moved upstate to Cherry Valley at the age of 14 and has said that CV-SCS has taught him to never give up, no matter what. When recollecting his time at CV-S, Press recalled all of the great staff here at Cherry Valley, taking time to mention the teachers, aids, coaches, counselors, lunch team, bus drivers, management, nurses and janitors that helped to make this school what it is today. He couldn't name a favorite employee here at CV-S but what he did say was that when given the opportunity, one should learn from everyone they can, whether that be from a teacher a nurse or a janitor, every lesson learned is important. After leaving CV-S in 2008, Jonathan moved on to being part of the Israeli Army. He was drafted to help the Jewish state fight the war on terror and he served two years in the famous Israeli para-troopers brigade, who guarded communities and the borders of Israel. He recounts the experience as being incredible. "I learned a great deal about myself, the limits/potential of the human spirit, and the importance of serving selflessly," he stated. Jonathan has since moved back to Cherry Valley and currently works at Otsego Land Trust with a full time job as a Community Outreach Coordinator. He enjoys hiking with his wife and dog, and planting fruit-bearing trees in his small but growing orchard; so much so that if granted a chance to come back to CV-SCS, Mr. Press has stated he would love to teach a class for young farmers or just people that would enjoy planting food for the school and learning how to tend to the crop. As can be seen, Jonathan Press is a fantastic pick for the alumni spotlight with his many talents and continuous need to help his fellow people. We hope to see more great things from him and we are sure we will not be disappointed.

—Anna Voss

**Eric Barnes** graduated from Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School in 1998. Eric grew up in the town of Minden (Hessville). As a student at CV-S he stated he found it very rewarding to be involved in as many clubs and activities as possible. Eric was a three season athlete throughout high school. He played soccer, basketball and baseball. He feels that "some of my most valuable lessons gained from school activities were garnered through my participation in school student government and class representation." As he was growing up when he wasn't busy playing sports or doing school work, he was active in the Fire Department Explorer Post and became a firefighter with the South Minden Fire Department.

Today he belongs to many professional organizations including, The New York State Police Investigators Association, The International Association of Arson

Investigators and The American Police Polygraph Association, The Ghent Sportsman's Association and The Columbia County Fire Investigation Team. Today, Eric is currently Assistant Chief of the Chatham Fire Department in Chatham, NY.

During his free time he enjoys spending time with his family and children, a five-year-old son and a two-year-old daughter. Other free time is spent volunteering in the agricultural society and the fire department. If that weren't enough, he loves hunting.

Like any CV-S alumnus, experiences sitting in classrooms and listening to lessons sometimes inspired them to become teachers. I asked Mr. Barnes if he would ever think about coming back to CV-S to teach a class. He enthusiastically answered, yes! The course he would create would be entitled *Paying It Forward*. In his mind this class translates to supporting the idea that "we as a community can do a better job at paying it forward. There are so many others that do not have the same fortunes as the rest of us . . . we, as a society can help our fellow community members to make for a better stronger community as a whole!"

Just as all of our alumni we have interviewed have taken valuable lessons from their CV-S experiences, Eric was no exception. He stated his most valuable lesson during from high school was "to stay true too who you are and Carpe Diem—Seize the opportunity!" He feels the building blocks were established while he attended CV-S helped him form the necessary foundation needed as he moved though. The foundations being established today at CV-S are the same for present day students as they move on with life.

Outside of the classroom Mr. Barnes experienced several highly valuable lessons. He dubbed one of these lessons, "It Takes a Village." He told us that his sense of community and family is the biggest thing he took away from the CV-S community. The most important lesson to him? The fact that "all of the teachers, coaches, staff and administrators thought of and treated each student as their own."

Like many CV-S alumni, Eric has seen many professional accomplishments and been busy changing the world after graduating from CV-S. Shortly after the 2001 September 11 terrorist attacks in New York City he was afforded an opportunity to do something that he had aspired toward his entire life, he entered service with the New York State Police. He has served with the Division of State Police for over 14 years and has enjoyed every moment of it.

He feels his "greatest professional accomplishment was working hard and being promoted through the ranks to my current position as Senior Investigator." He currently supervises a barrack of criminal investigators in Dutchess County, where he is tasked with investigating all felony and high level criminal cases from fraud to burglaries to homicides.

Never underestimate the value of community.

—Lukas Webster

## Library News

### Free Audiobooks and eBooks Anytime, Anywhere



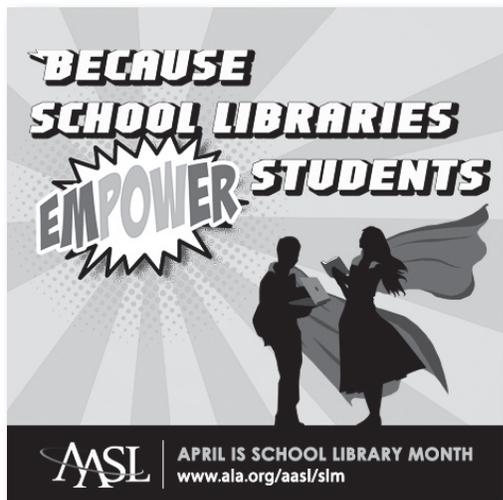
The Cherry Valley-Springfield School District is proud to offer students, staff, families and community members free access to best-selling and classic eBooks and audiobooks from the library's digital collection at [cvscs.org/overdrive](http://cvscs.org/overdrive).

These eBooks and audiobooks can be enjoyed on any smartphone, computer, tablet or eReader. Books can be accessed immediately in your web browser or downloaded directly to your device for offline enjoyment.

With hundreds of popular titles to choose from, the school library's digital collection is guaranteed to have something for everyone. Best sellers and classic literature, stories for children and teens and much more anytime, anywhere.

Stop in to the CV-S Library Media Center or contact Library Media Specialist Emily Gibson at [egibson@cvscsd.org](mailto:egibson@cvscsd.org) or ext. 234 to receive login information or schedule a training workshop.

### April is School Library Month



"In high school, I was the stereotypical nerdy, unpopular kid. I got bullied a lot, in no small part because I was a smart aleck. The school library became my sanctuary. It was the one place I could go without encountering the bullies who would harass and belittle me. I'd read random encyclopedia entries—an early version of a 'Wikipedia Wander.' Libraries provide more than just knowledge. They provide a venue for learning and contemplation. I wouldn't be who I am without that little school library and the shelter it provided me." —*Andy Weir* ([www.andyweirauthor.com](http://www.andyweirauthor.com)), author of the New York Times bestseller *The Martian*, national spokesperson for the 2017 celebration of School Library Month

## Lead Testing Results

To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Department of Health regulations require that all public schools test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 15 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), the NYSDOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

We are pleased to state that the few minor issues that were detected have been corrected and all of the water outlets that are used at CV-S are safe. If you wish to review more information regarding the testing please visit the school's website [www.cvscs.org](http://www.cvscs.org).

## Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration News

If your child is going to be 4-years-old on or before December 1, 2017, he or she is eligible to apply for our Pre-Kindergarten program. If your child will turn five on or before December 1, 2017, they are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. A parent night will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School auditorium. Applications will be available at that time.

Beginning April 4, 2017, applications will also be available by visiting the school website and can be found under the guidance link or by visiting the guidance office. Please contact Mrs. Sears for more information at 607-264-3257, ext. 507 or email at [bsears@cvscsd.org](mailto:bsears@cvscsd.org).

## Bus Safety Reminders

### 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 conviction—within three years carries penalties of a fine between \$750 and \$850, a jail sentence up to 180 days, or both.

## History Honor Society



*Row 1: Claudia Preston, Megan Wilmot, Dorothy Oakley, Liz Jacoby; row 2: Lukas Webster, Karah Morton, Kaitlyn Ehlers, Katie Baker, Whitney Fink, Anna Voss, Tanner Yager, Emily Burr*

## National Technical Honor Society



*National Technical Honor Society inductions were held on March 22. New inductees were Elizabeth Jacoby, Karah Morton, Jacob Wilson, Nichlas Gage, Tanner Yager (returning member), Marcus Mosenson and Emily Lincoln*

## New Graduation Requirement

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School is implementing a community involvement graduation requirement. Students who enter their junior year in high school will be required to perform a minimum of 15 hours of community involvement before graduating. Students must also share with the Board of Education (BOE) their experience; explaining their activities, how the community benefited from their efforts and what they personally got out of their service, as well as their plans for after graduation. This program will give students invaluable experience and an opportunity to give back to a community that has supported them and the school through the years. Through this project a sense of community spirit is fostered, many valuable lessons are learned, and contacts with people dedicated to this program are made.

This year's juniors will be the first class who will be required to fulfill this requirement. They will only be required to complete 7.5 hours due to the timing of implementation of this requirement. If your organization has an opportunity for a student(s) to fulfill their hours please contact Mrs. Sears in the Guidance Office, 264-3265, ext. 507.

## Math Honor Society News



On February 15, there was a Math Honor Society induction held in the CV-SCS atrium. Inductees, parents and community members were introduced to a new math concept and problem called KenKen. Originally, KenKen was a

puzzle created by Japanese math teacher Tetsuya Miyamoto in 2004. Its purpose was to be an instruction-free method of training 8-year-olds to think in different ways than usual. The name *Ken* means wisdom in Japan so KenKen technically means *wisdom squared*. The goal for each sudoku-like puzzle is to fill the grid until completion with digits. Today, KenKen is a puzzle for everyone. First of all, the numbers you use in KenKen depend on how big the grid is. Therefore, a 3x3 grid would mean you would just use the numbers 1, 2 and 3. The numbers in each

3+	5+	1+
		5+
4+		

outlined set of squares, referred to as cages, must combine in any way to produce the target number in the top corner using the mathematical operation called for (+, -, x, /). There are several more rules that apply to KenKen. You must use each number only once per row and once per column. Cages with just one square should be filled in with the number shown in the top corner and a number can be repeated within a cage as long as it is not in the same row/column. Practice puzzles were provided as seen below. Inductees, members and parents concluded the evening with having a dessert reception. Congratulations to all new members, **Kayleigh Baker, Nathan Climenhaga, David Collins, Kaitlyn Ehlers, Garret Fassett, Amanda Pressly and Megan Wilmot!**

The members of the National Math Honor Society here at CV-S took it into their own hands to create an interactive student run week-long event commemorating Pi Day. Unfortunately, due to the weather, not as much was done during the week than was anticipated, but the students still had fun participating. On the Friday prior to Pi Week, members of the Math Honor Society went down to read pi books to the younger students in Mr. Strange's class. For the week, they created a pi chain that stretched from Ms. Kilpeck's room to the end of the middle school hallway, put up pi riddles on the math board, and hosted a pi memorization contest during lunch on Thursday, the winners getting a reward that appropriately fits the occasion-pie! The elementary students colored in numbers of pi for a pi train that was hung up in the order of pi in the elementary wing along with the definition of pi.

## Standing Desks in English Class



In February, high school English teacher, Ms. Bouck, received four standing desks for her classroom. These desks help provide a healthy, dynamic learning environment. The original proposal for the purchase of stand-up desks was drafted by **Alexis Stasilli** and **Jasmine Olsen** in the summer of 2016. These AlphaBetter stand-up

desks and stools from the company SAFCO are made in the USA using environmentally responsible manufacturing processes. But what really makes these desks so special?

Most importantly, the desks improve a student's ability to learn. Alexis and Jasmine, like most students, find it hard to sit still in desks and remain attentive for the long hours of the school day. A standard school desk may not provide enough movement to keep a student awake or attentive, especially if they have ADHD or physical conditions that inhibit their concentration. Standing desks provide students relief from fatigue, back problems, antisocialness and ADHD. Additionally, the standing desks decrease the chance of obesity by increasing blood flow and physical movement while improving overall focus. These desks have features that would improve a student's learning over conventional desk designs.

The standing desk has interesting features. The desk has a swinging pendulum footrest bar, also called a fidget bar, which aides students with redirecting fidgeting behavior while keeping them focused on the educational tasks at hand. There is also a lower shelf which can be used as storage for extra supplies that the students are not using at the moment. This prevents cluttered aisles that would occur during a regular class and keeps teachers and other students from tripping over student materials. Also, the lower shelf can potentially be used as a foot rest while students sit on stools. The matching ergonomic stools are essential because there are frequent occasions in the classroom when traditional seating would be highly recommended such as during tests, speeches and presentations. The stool provides another learning option for students because not any one student learns in the exact same way.

The desks are easily moved to provide what the students call *learning pods*. Students can work individually or in pairs at a single desk or expand the pod with more desks to accommodate up to eight participants. The discussions at the learning pods become collaborative with students

and the teacher exchanging ideas in discussions and sharing documents through the Google Classroom accessed through student ChromeBooks. When all participants are looking at each other, eye to eye, the discussions become more dynamic and learning becomes more personal. At times students splinter away from the learning pod to work independently in a more traditional work space if that learning style is preferred.

Interestingly, these desks can help facilitate the school's process of digital conversion. Because we continually progress with ever-evolving technological learning, we must provide a comfortable learning environment for our students. This is exactly what this kind of desk provides. As students work, they can either stand and swing on the fidget bar with one foot, sit and swing, or sit and plant their feet on the lower shelf. The desk space offers ample room for a computer as well as notebook and the utensil divots on the desk surface are at both the top and sides. This utensil holder style desk exists because if students are using computers, they do not have to reach behind the computer to reach their writing utensil; they can simply reach to the side of the desk which is more accessible.

As technology and education grow together, it is important that we give students a healthy atmosphere to adapt and thrive in. Since the desks have arrived, the students and Ms. Bouck have not only adapted to this design but also prefer this style over the standard desks. Now, students are more involved in what is being taught and enjoy being in the classroom. The education world is not one size fits all; the stand-up desks provide a plethora of learning positions and groupings so that each individual can be educated with whatever style is most comfortable.

### Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to **Caleb Carpenter**, an eighth grade student, he won the CV-S spelling bee! Caleb represented CV-S at the Oneonta Daily Star Regional Spelling Bee Competition that was held on Saturday, March 4 at the SUNY Oneonta's Good Rich Theater. His advice to new spelling bee contestants is, "read lots of books." Best of Luck Caleb!

GREAT  
JOB!



## Congressional Art Competition

On display during March 10-April 7, at the Cooperstown Art Association was *An Artistic Discovery 2017*, the Congressional Art Competition for High School Students.

The following CV-S high school artists exhibited their work: **Anna Voss, Emily Burr, Emeilya Erway, Kayleigh Baker, Kathleen Jacoby, Sarah Russo, Skyler Girard, Althea Prime, Megan Wilmot, Avalon Kubis, Kaitlyn Ehlers, Whitney Fink, Matt Dawson, Marcus Mosenson, Lukas Webster, Josephine Herzog, Gabby Card, Jessica Lundy, Isabel Daley, Hailey Diani, Anthony Hurley, Dorothy Oakley, Heather Brinig, Noah Young, Savannah Jicha and Emily Hoag.**

At the local level, high school students from CV-S and other school districts within Otsego County and our Congressional District submitted their artwork. The art was juried and a selection of six Merit Awards and six Juror's Citation Awards were presented at the Opening Reception on March 10. Digital images of the Merit Award winners will then be submitted to Congressman Faso's office for the next phase of the competition at the regional level.

Congratulations to **Lukas Webster**, his photograph titled, *Anemone* received a Merit Award and will advance on to the Regional Competition. Congratulations to **Anna Voss**, her pencil drawing titled, *Silver Still Life* received a Juror's Citation Award; along with **Kaitlyn Ehlers** mixed-media titled *Along the Beach of the Dominican Republic*, and **Jessica Lundy's** painting titled *Just a Spot of Tea*.

The 2017 Congressional Art show was a huge success and a great opportunity for our young artists to showcase their artwork. Congratulations to all!



*Lukas Webster at Congressional Art Show*



*Silver Still Life  
by Anna Voss*



*Anemone by  
Lukas Webster*



*Along the Beach  
of the Dominican  
Republic by  
Kaitlyn Ehlers*



*Just a Spot of Tea by  
Jessica Lundy*



## Basketball Senior Night



*Congratulations Seniors and Parents! Kyle Cummings, Nicole Deselets, Emily Hoag, Mark Gustafson, Matt Gustafson, Emily Lincoln, Eric Loucks, Claudia Preston, Seth Thomas, Victoria Viscosi, Kaylie Yerdon*

## 2nd Quarter Principal's List and Honor Roll

### Principal's List

#### Grade 12

Emily Burr  
Kyle Cummings  
Nicole Deselets  
Nichlas Gage  
Chelsea Hull  
Elizabeth Jacoby  
Emily Lincoln  
Karah Morton  
Daniel Navarro-Gonzales  
Dorothy Oakley  
Claudia Preston  
Sarah Russo  
Seth Thomas  
Victoria Viscosi  
Anna Voss  
Lukas Webster  
Morgan Westerman  
Tanner Yager  
Kaylie Yerdon

#### Grade 11

Kayleigh Baker  
Kaitlyn Ehlers  
Whitney Fink  
Skyler Girard  
Marcus Mosenson  
Amanda Pressly  
Megan Wilmot  
Jacob Wilson

#### Grade 10

Heather Brining  
Ryan Burr  
Makayla Gwinn

#### Grade 9

Luke Bartlett  
Morgan Collins  
Rylee Dea  
Kelsey Girard  
Josephine Herzog  
Matthew Kroll  
Larry Kroon  
Luke Loveland  
Matthew Mosenson  
Austin Yerdon

#### Grade 8

Marissa Abbruzzese  
Nicholas Bennett  
Brady Benson  
Hailey Charboneau  
Zoe Climenhaga  
Loial Davis Fralick  
Zoe Dewey  
Luke Dubben  
James Herzog  
Mia Horvath  
Jaelyn Jaquay  
Allison Lennebacker  
Sarah Lewis  
Lillian Lighthall  
Andrew Oram  
Abigail Peterson  
Rebecca Phillips  
Jordan Sprague  
Chloe Thalheimer

#### Grade 7

Arianna Bresee-Kelsey  
Cendra Crawford  
Barry Ellis III  
Vanessa Erkson  
Kyle France  
Madison Hastings  
Sheena House  
Dylan Huff  
Marijke Kroon  
Connor Morrison  
Gabriel Oakley  
Allan Parker  
Joseph Pressly  
Brandon Preston  
Maeve Rauscher  
Madison Reyome  
Alyssa Rockwell  
Andrew Rockwell  
Jack Seeley  
Camilla Tabor  
Mary Beth Wait  
Oskar Webster

#### Grade 6

Julianna Abbruzzese  
Ryan Barnes  
Chase Benson  
Ariana Bosc  
Trynity Dewey  
Lillian Gallup  
Jeremiah Hillhouse  
Jillian Johnson  
Emily Kroll  
Joleen Lusk  
Lydia Lusk  
Arianna Mosenson  
Oren Prime  
Katrina Rivera  
Jade Thalheimer  
Joanna VanGelder  
Madison Westerman  
Stephanie Whiteman  
Meredith Wilson

### Honor Roll

#### Grade 12

Triston Cortese  
Andrew Edwards  
Emeilya Erway  
Mark Gustafson  
Joseph La Rosa  
Andrew Richards  
Hannah Roos

#### Grade 11

Nathan Climenhaga  
Davis Collins  
Isabel Daley  
Hailey Diani  
Savanna Jicha  
Avalon Kubis  
Althea Jo Prime  
Bryana Reckeweg  
Samantha Rockwell  
Brian Sprague

#### Grade 10

Alex Cronkite  
Matthew Dawson  
Hailey Erway  
Alison Hoke

#### Jessica Lundy

Michael McCallion  
Justin Riavez  
Tyler Richards  
Noah Young

#### Grade 9

Natalie Davis  
Philip Kubis  
Alana Latella-Devine  
Kendra McGovern  
Alexandria Misiewicz  
Christine Stanton  
Felicia VanBuren

#### Grade 8

Maddox Aramini  
Caleb Carpenter  
Mercedes Dornburgh  
Ezra Earl  
Riley Gohde  
Travis Hogan  
Brittany Keator  
Jesse Mance

Johanna Mosenson  
Jillian Rockwell

#### Grade 7

Nathan Douglas  
Jesse Fink  
Kalvin Grimm Jr  
William Heinrich  
Jackie Riavez  
Emma Whiteman

#### Grade 6

Trevor Carley  
Tyler Douglas  
Xavier Jillson  
Sydney Kukulech  
Ivan Latella-Chicaiza  
Riley Mance  
Brendon Meade  
Zachary Smoot  
Eleanor Van Spanjie  
Olivia Webster

# CONGRATULATIONS

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## Music Department News

### Instrumental Music

Band students are practicing hard for the April 5 concert. The Fifth Grade Band has been learning about Ludwig van Beethoven as they prepare to play an arrangement of the *Ode to Joy* melody from his Symphony No. 9. We watched a performance video of the final movement, which features full orchestra, full chorus, and vocal soloists. Did you know that Beethoven had been steadily losing his hearing and was profoundly deaf by the time his composition was completed?



The Junior Band members are looking at instruments a little differently as they rehearse *Old School March*, by Kevin Mixon a piece for buckets and trash cans. This piece has provided great lessons in subdividing beats, keeping a steady tempo . . . and patience!

The Senior Band has been working on a full program which showcases their ability to adapt to different musical styles. Some are very extreme, such as the *The Dark Waters* by Matt Conaway in which one section should sound *Steadfastly Apocalyptic*.

The Junior and Senior Jazz Bands are looking forward to their upcoming concert as well. Put it on your calendar now—7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16!



### Choral Music

On April 5, the Fifth Grade Choir will be performing three contrasting works including folk songs from America and Nigeria. Students will be singing in one and two parts and playing percussion accompaniments.

The Jr. and Sr. choirs have been hard at work learning their repertoire for the May 16th concert. The program will include popular, jazz and classical works.

### NYSSMA

Students in grades 5-12 are working diligently to prepare for NYSSMA in May. Individuals may choose to perform a solo or put together a small ensemble. At the NYSSMA festival students will receive a rating on their performance. We will recognize all students who participate in the NYSSMA festival at the Music and Drama Awards night on June 8.

### Teamwork

Students are often reminded that we must work together in band. Each student is responsible for his or her own part, but it is the piecing together of all parts that makes a full ensemble. CV-S Band members take that a step further when our older students take the time to work with our younger musicians. Sometimes that happens in rehearsal, when an 11th or 12th grade student teaches an 8th grader how to play a new note, or correctly count a rhythm. Or it may happen when a Senior Band member sits in on a 5th grade band lesson and models how to play a passage. Our musicians have experienced many successes so far this year, individually and as a whole. Their willingness to work together, despite differences in ages, instruments, and social groups has been a large factor in those successes.

### Classroom Music

Students in 4th and 5th grades have been doing projects in music theatre and have been learning about how music and drama interact. In April, students will also be exploring jazz in conjunction with Jazz Appreciation Month.



*5th Grade Practice Group*

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## Silver Medal Winners



**Leadership: Nick Bennett, Brandon Preston, Trinity Dewey**



**Citizenship: Hailey Charboneau, Vanessa Erkson, Joleen Lusk**



**8th Grade Top 5 GPA: Brady Benson, Allison Lennebacker, Sarah Lewis, Jaelyn Jaquay, Mia Horvath (#1)**



**11th Grade Top 5 GPA: Marcus Mosenson, Amanda Pressly, Whitney Fink, Megan Wilmot, Kaitlyn Ehlers (#1)**



**9th Grade Top 5 GPA: Josephine Herzog (#1), Morgan Collins, Luke Loveland, Larry Kroon, Matthew Mosenson**



**12th Grade Top 5 GPA: Claudia Preston, Kaylie Yerdon; Not Pictured: Elizabeth Jacoby (#1), Tanner Yager, Karah Morton**



**Patriot Pride: Allan Parker, Chase Benson, Rebecca Phillips**



**Student Growth: Emily Hoag, Ryann Phillips, Makayla Gwinn, Valissa Douglas**

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## Silver Medal Winners



*Patriot Pride: Skylar Girard, Ian Johnson, Austin Yerdon. Not pictured: Emily Lincoln*



*10th Grade Top 5 GPA: Alex Cronkhite, Justin Riavez, Makayla Gwinn, Heather Brinig, Ryan Burr (#1)*



*Citizenship: Nichlas Gage, Ashley Fairchild, David Collins, Matthew Kroll. Not pictured: Michael McCallion*



*Leadership: Morgan Westerman, Whitney Fink, Alex Cronkhite, Larry Kroon*



*7th Grade Top 5 GPA: Camilla Tabor, Arianna Bresee-Kelsey (#1), Oskar Webster, Marijke Kroon, Gabriel Oakley*



*6th Grade Top 5 GPA: Chase Benson, Katrina Rivera, Julianna Abbruzzese, Lydia Lusk, Joleen Lusk (#1)*



*Student Growth: Travis Hogan, Maeve Rauscher, Stephanie Whiteman*



## SADD News



### SADD 5K

Lace up your sneakers and head to Oneonta High School on Sunday, April 2 for the SADD Strides for Safety 5K Run/Walk. The event kicks off at 11:30 a.m. with a Health Fair featuring over 30 exhibitors with lots of activities, including face painting and games. Registration for the 5K is from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with and the race begins at 1:00 p.m. The early registration fee is \$15 and race day registration is \$20. If you list Cherry Valley-Springfield on your registration form, a portion of the money raised by this event will come back to our CV-S SADD Chapter. You may register online at [saddstridesforsafety.itsyourrace.com/register/](http://saddstridesforsafety.itsyourrace.com/register/) or obtain a paper copy at [www.clarksportscenter.com/events/SADD-race](http://www.clarksportscenter.com/events/SADD-race).

### SADD Conference

On March 8, SADD students had the opportunity to attend a conference sponsored by LEAF and Otsego County STOP-DWI. The conference was held at ONC BOCES and featured keynote speaker, Marianne Angelillo, who lost her 17-year-old son to drunk driving. Students also viewed the Amy Stock Memorial, which displays the car driven by Amy Stock, who was struck and killed by a drunk driver in Albany. Dylan Clark, founder of the *Clean is the New Dirty* sobriety movement in Otsego County also spoke to students about advocating for living a *clean* life and overcoming stigmas. Members of LEAF also shared information on the growing addiction of gambling and it's impact on families.

### Donations for Post Prom

The SADD Post-Prom Party will take place during the early morning hours of May 28. This year it will be held at the Clark Sports Center and will offer all the amenities of the Sports Center, as well as other games, raffles, and lots of food. This event is free to CV-S students in grades 9-12 and their guests and is meant to be a safe alternative for the post-prom hours. SADD is looking for monetary as well as give-away donation items to help keep this event free to students and offer incentives for participation. If you would like to make a donation, you may contact Mrs. Seales at 607-264-3265, ext. 275 or at [eseales@cvscsd.org](mailto:eseales@cvscsd.org). Items can also be mailed or dropped off at the school. Checks may be made to CV-S SADD.

## PARP News



Students of Cherry Valley-Springfield Elementary School celebrated reading with PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) during the month of January. PARP is a wonderful way for us to create a stronger school/ home connection. The New York State PTA writes, "PARP is a program that cements the necessary bond between the home and the school to encourage a love of reading in our children."



We kicked off PARP with a visit from an illustrator, John Manders, and our very own pirate themed assembly promoting *Reading is a Treasure*. Students spent the next two weeks reading at home with a partner and completed a logo drawing contest. Our culminating activity, January 31,



was our family PARP night. Families were invited to participate in the pirate themed bookaneer adventure! Fun was had by all! We can't wait for next year!



## Endowment Foundation News



This year's Adirondack Chair sponsored by the Cherry Valley-Springfield Endowment Foundation was built by Mr. John Walsh and painted by student artists **Noah Young** and **Matthew Dawson**. The theme, *In a World*

*Untouched*, was created using spray paint painting techniques. The Adirondack Chair will be on display in the CV-S Main office until May 15.

The chair will then be placed on display at NBT Bank Cherry Valley from May 15-July 3. Tickets may be purchased at the bank or at the Springfield Center July 4th Celebration. The winner will be announced at the parade, but need not be present to win.

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## Truth To Power Class

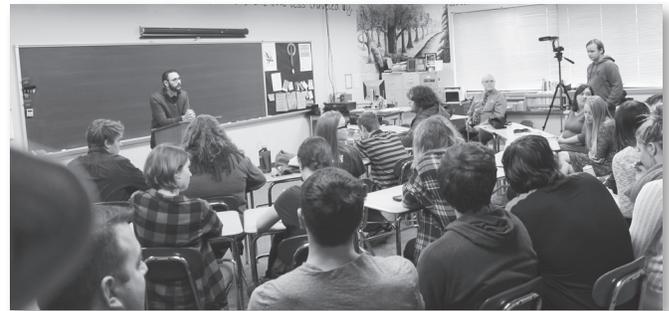


Vincent J. Intondi is a man full of determination and inspiration. He is an Associate Professor of History, Director of the Institute for Race, Justice and Community Engagement, Director of Research for American University's Nuclear Studies Institute in Washington, DC, a member of the Board of Directors for Peace Action in New York State, a contributor to the *Huffington Post*, and author of the book, *African Americans Against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons, Colonialism and the Black Freedom Movement*. He annually teaches at Hiroshima and Nagasaki with atomic bomb survivors. Most of all, he is an advocate and speaker for human rights. He has visited colleges such as Harvard University to speak about the connection between African Americans and the nuclear bomb in terms of human rights issues. On January 9, Vincent Intondi visited the Speak Truth to Power class of Cherry Valley-Springfield to talk to them about human rights.

Mr. Intondi mentioned a plethora of events and people that connected African American rights to nuclear power issues including the Black Freedom Movement, The Black Panther Movement, the Truman Doctrine, the Nuclear Triad, Greg Johnson who created an anti-nuclear group with one rotary phone and a flier, civil rights activists Ozzy Davis and Ruby Dee, Barack Obama and Donald Trump. Vincent

remarked during his speech that, "The issue wasn't about civil rights, it was about human rights." While talking about his book, he said that the hardest part of writing it was Obama. It affected Intondi deeply when Obama made his Prague speech in 2009 about nuclear disarmament as well as when Obama visited Hiroshima and Nagasaki in May of 2016. Once he began speaking of the horrors he discovered about the damage sustained in Hiroshima and Nagasaki; Intondi explained that when a nuclear bomb explodes, "You don't just die, you eviscerate" and "It's horrific . . . there's nothing like it."

When Vincent Intondi was asked by students about his suggestions for an action plan, he was hesitant to tell students specific things to do because he did not want to generalize actions since everyone is different. Instead, he said, "Everybody in here has gifts . . . use your gifts to further the cause. If you're a writer, write. If you're a poet, write. If you're an artist, draw." He also highly suggests getting your news from several different sources; don't just stick to one source constantly. He said that when you stay in the same news bubble, right or left, you keep getting fed the same information. One of the last things he said about human rights is something that connects Intondi to the other human rights defenders in the world that the students have studied: "I'd rather die on my feet than live on my knees."



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## The Bigs



On Friday, February 17, we were fortunate to offer our seniors a Q & A session via Skype with Ben Carpenter, author of *The Bigs*. All of our seniors were given a copy of the book.

What is *The Bigs*? In baseball, "the bigs" is slang for the big leagues. When you become responsible for yourself, and you are being paid to do a job, you are in the big leagues. The real world is tough, competitive, and much is expected.

This is a story of one man's journey through his career and life that chronicles Carpenter's progress from newly minted liberal arts graduate, to the owner of an out-of-control bar in



Manhattan, to the CEO of a major international investment company. *The Bigs* is an eye-opening book with specific, comprehensive, and practical advice you won't hear anywhere else. This is a book that parents will want to read and give to their children—and their children will want to read and share with their friends.

## Youth Advocates Do a Tobacco Reality Check with State Lawmakers



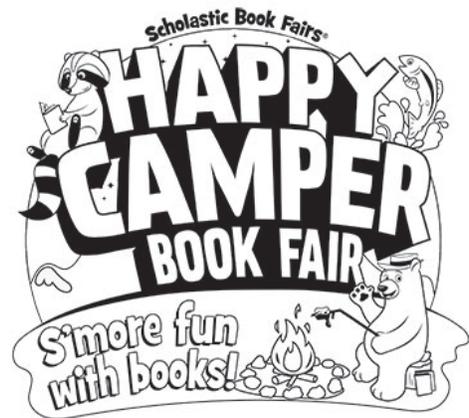
Advancing Tobacco Free Communities-Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie (ATFC-DOS) staff and local Reality Check youth advocates recently delivered a tobacco reality check to some state lawmakers in Albany. Participating in the legislative visits were **Sheena House, Ahna Misiewicz, Arianna Mosenson** and **Jasmine Neill** from Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School and ATFC-DOS staff. They met with Assemblyman Brian Miller representing the 101st Assembly District, Assemblyman William Magee representing the 121st Assembly District, and chief of operations for NYS Senator John Bonacic’s office representing the 42nd Senatorial District.

“I want decision-makers to know that tobacco is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death in New York State,” shared Ahna Misiewicz, one of the participating Reality Check youth advocates. Jasmine Neill, another Reality Check youth advocate, stated that tobacco use is an addiction and 28,200 adults in New York State die each year from tobacco use.

“We’ve made great strides in combatting the tobacco epidemic, but more work needs to be done to reduce the significantly higher smoking rates among certain populations in our region and throughout the state,” said Linda Wegner, Assistant Director for ATFC-DOS.

According to Regina Haig, ATFC-DOS Youth Engagement/Reality Check Lead, “While the New York State smoking rate is 15.6 percent, it is alarming that the rates in Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties are all higher than that being 22.9 percent, 26.3 percent and 19.3 percent respectively.”

Each year the ATFC-DOS group along with twenty-four other tobacco control contractors across the state educate legislators about the success of established tobacco control programs and opportunities to further decrease the burden of tobacco addiction on New Yorkers. Advancing Tobacco-Free Communities, Health Systems for a Tobacco-Free New York and the NYS Smokers’ Quitline are the key partners for New York State Tobacco Control Program. The ATFC-DOS representatives described the valuable work being done in the three-county area to reduce smoking rates and to keep youth from starting smoking which on average begins at age 13. NYS Tobacco Control Programs have been proven to reduce youth smoking and help current smokers quit, which saves lives and millions of state tax dollars.



Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from April 10-13. Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they’ll get.

Funds raised will help support literacy activities including PARP. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event.

The Book Fair, sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee, will be located in Room 218 at the top of the stairs from the main lobby during the following dates and times:

- Monday, April 10 ..... 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 11 ..... 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 12 ..... 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 13 ..... 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 14 ..... Closed

Books may be purchased from the Book Fair with cash, checks (payable to *CV-S Parent Advisory Committee/CV-S PAC*) or all major credit cards. Make sure to include the 8% sales tax.

Before you visit the Book Fair be sure to download the FREE Book Fairs App to help you find the right fit books for your child. For more information, visit: [scholastic.com/apps/book-fairs](http://scholastic.com/apps/book-fairs). And if you’re all booked up during Book Fair week be sure to visit the Book Fair online at [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair). Our Online Fair is available for an extended time starting on April 3.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the Book Fair or have any questions, please give PJ Johnson a call at (607) 264-3265, ext 518.



# Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School

## Spring 2017 Continuing Ed Classes

(607) 264-3265, x 518

COURSE	DATE/TIME	FEE
<b>ACRYLIC PAINTING: TULIPS &amp; PUSSYWILLOWS:</b> Another opportunity to paint without an investment in supplies. All skill levels are welcome. Students go home with a finished piece.	Wednesday, April 12 6:00-8:00 pm	\$25/1 class includes supplies
<b>AIKIDO:</b> Learn a Japanese martial art! "Aikido is a non-violent martial art that promotes harmony of the mind, body & spirit..." Ages 10 thru adult welcome. For more information, call the instructor at (607) 282-2273.	Tuesdays: 6:00-7:00 pm starting April 11	\$36/6 classes
<b>CREATE WITH CRICUT:</b> Create several all-occasion projects (cards, gift bags, 3-D crafts, lighted bottles & blocks, stencils for etching) from a variety of materials (paper, fabric & vinyl). Learn about machine settings & experiment with a variety of cartridges.	Thurs, April 27: 9 am-1 pm	\$30/1 class includes most materials
<b>JR KARATE I</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> Block starts approximately Mar 13 )	Mondays/5:30-6:30pm	\$23/6 classes
<b>JR KARATE II</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> Block starts approximately Mar 13 )	Mondays/6:30-7:30pm	\$23/6 classes
<b>BEGINNING ADULT KARATE</b>	Fridays /5:30-6:30pm	\$23/6 classes
<b>JR KARATE III</b>	Fridays/6:30-7:30pm	\$25/6 classes
<b>ADULT KARATE</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Block starts approximately Mar 13 /Mar 17 )	Mondays & Fridays/7:30-9:00pm	\$38/6 classes
<b>OPEN COMPUTER NIGHT:</b> Need help with technology? Stop in on Tuesday nights with your device & get free assistance from our technology instructor. Community members are welcome to use school computers and our lightning-quick internet as well. For more information go to: <a href="http://cvscs.org/ocn">cvscs.org/ocn</a>	Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00 pm	No fee
<b>PIANO LESSONS:</b> Individual lessons ages 10 thru adult. Will cover keyboard familiarity, basic technique, music-reading & repertoire. Students need access to a piano or keyboard for practice between lessons.	Tues or Thurs beg April 6 Lessons at 3:15 (Thurs only), 4:00, 4:45, 5:30 pm	\$98/4 lessons (adults) \$89/4 lessons (students) *Piano book not included
<b>POUND:</b> Pound® is the world's 1st cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing & sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Forty-five minutes of a rockout workout with drumsticks will release your inner rock star & pump up your day. Ripstix will be provided, just bring a yoga mat. No experience necessary ~ great for all abilities.	Mondays beginning April 3 6-6:45 pm	\$35/5 classes \$8/walk-ins
<b>THEORY &amp; TECHNIQUES OF COACHING:</b> Course includes information on objectives, rules, regulations & policies as well as performance skills, technical information, organization & management practices. Training & conditioning for specific sports, fitting of equipment, specific safety precautions and officiating methods will also be included.	Wednesdays beg April 26 at 7:00 pm	\$130/10 classes Required course for NYS Coaching Certification.
<b>UNDERSTANDING ESTATE &amp; ELDER LAW PLANNING:</b> Info will be presented on Advanced Directives for Health Care, Powers of Attorney, Wills and Probate, Trust Planning, & Medicaid.	Wednesday, April 12 6:30-8:30 pm	No fee/ 1 class
<b>YOGA:</b> This yoga is a gentle practice allowing the body to open at its own pace. Using props for support, poses are held without effort or force. Deeply relaxing. Wear loose fitting clothing & bring a yoga mat.	Tuesdays beg April 11 5:45-6:45 pm	\$42/6 classes \$8/walk-ins Call to register. Need a minimum of 5 for class to run.
<b>ZUMBA:</b> A Latin-inspired dance-fitness exercise program for cardio and toning. Will also do some work with light hand-weights (2-3 lbs).	Tuesdays beg April 4 5:30-6:30 pm	\$36/6 classes walk-ins \$8/class Join the class at any time.

### COURSE REGISTRATION INFO

\* Pre-registration can be done **BY PHONE** (607-264-3265, ext 518) or **E-MAIL** ([pjohnson@cvscs.org](mailto:pjohnson@cvscs.org)) but must be followed up with payment by mail or dropped off at the CV-S main office c/o PJ Johnson.

\* Registration **IN PERSON** can be completed on Tuesday mornings from 8 - 10 am in Room 144 with Continuing Ed Coordinator, PJ Johnson, or dropped off at the Main Office during school hours

\* Registration can also be completed **BY MAIL** with payment and the completed form sent to **Cherry Valley-Springfield CS Continuing Ed Program, c/o PJ Johnson, PO Box 485, Cherry Valley, NY 13320.**

\* Enrollment in most classes is limited. So sign up early!! Only those registered will receive course changes, updates, or cancellations info. Classes without minimum enrollment will be cancelled.

\* Checks for all courses should be made payable to **CV-S Continuing Ed.**

\* If school or after-school activities are cancelled for any reason, Continuing Ed classes would also be cancelled.

\* Non-district residents are welcome to attend Continuing Ed courses at CV-S.

### REGISTRATION FORM

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## Sponsor a Light Pole with a CV-S Patriot Banner



Join in with a group of people, have your organization sponsor a pole or give a donation. Cost \$120 per banner (pole). Contact Merrilyn Clapper at the school 264-3265, ext. 510. Checks payable to *CV-S Student Council*.

## CV-S Senior Nominated for Presidential Scholars Program



Tanner Yager is one of five students in New York State nominated by Commissioner MaryEllen Elia as a candidate for recognition in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Excellence in Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program. Tanner was nominated on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated ability and accomplishment in career and technical education. Congratulations, Tanner

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School  
Presents:

## A SPLASH OF COLOR

PreK thru 12th grade  
Student Art Show  
**TUESDAY, MAY 16**  
**5:30-7:30 P.M.**

The exhibit will be on display in the Lower Elementary Corridor, Main Office Windows and in the Atrium!