We have enjoyed a wonderful fall season and the same for the start of the school year. As the colors of this fall slowly fade, we begin our journey into the winter months that lie ahead. This transition also signifies that the end of the first quarter is near in which I hope all of our students have acclimated well to the academic expectations for the school year, and will have a rewarding report card for their efforts. I encourage all of our students to continue to put forth the effort necessary to maximize their potential and maintain a growth mindset to overcome their challenges or to challenge themselves to exceed beyond what one may believe they are capable of. I encourage parents to reflect with their child on the first quarter and reach out to the school to assist, as needed, to ensure your child is successful.

Phase I (roof replacement) of our $10.785 million Capital Project should be completed at this time. The roofing contractor has been waiting on the metal to fasten the roofs down over the edges of the buildings. We had a total roof replacement at the middle school, a portion of the roof over the bus and mechanic bays at the bus garage, and select areas of roofing at the high school and elementary school. The plans for Phase II of the project have been submitted to the State Education Department for their review and approval. Bids for the work to be performed in Phase II are dependent on the time it takes for review at the State Education Department. The goal is to have as much Phase II work conducted in the summer of 2023 as possible.

The PTO is proud to present the return of the Craft Fair on November 19 and 20. We have not been able to conduct the Craft Fair the past two years and are excited to have it return. This is a significant fundraiser for the PTO, which provides a lot of financial assistance in support of the district and our students. Please consider attending the Craft Fair to show your support of the PTO as they support various needs within the district.

This past sports season, the district supported the following teams: boys’ modified and varsity soccer; girls’ modified, JV and varsity soccer; modified and varsity 8-person football; cheerleading; modified and varsity field hockey, boys’ and girls’ modified and varsity cross country; and girls’ tennis. We had four of our teams make sectional competition. Boys’ soccer lost to Waterville in the quarterfinals; field hockey lost to Morrisville-Eaton in the semi-finals; boys’ cross country will be competing in the Section III championships the first weekend in November; and girls’ soccer won the Section III, Class C championship versus Immaculate Heart Central School. The girls’ soccer team advances to the state regional round to face Watkins Glen Central School. Congratulations to all of our fall sports teams for competing this fall and for all of your hard work.
Now that winter is just around the corner, we would like to remind you of a few things that come along with it. Should there be a reason to close school, delay the start of school or cancel afterschool activities, we will continue to use ParentSquare to notify parents; as well as, notify our local media outlets. We undoubtedly confront sub-zero temperatures at various times during the winter months. We ask that students dress accordingly for the cold weather. There may be mornings when it is particularly cold at the bus stop and we ask that students remain inside their homes and look for the bus to approach your house. As the bus is approaching your house, then proceed to the bus for pick up. Our drivers will be advised to wait a little longer for students who may remain in the house until the bus arrives during the winter months.

As always, we are grateful for the continual support of the community of our District, and for supporting us in meeting the needs of our students as we prepare them for their future.

Sincerely,

Ronald Wheelock
SUPERINTENDENT
So many smiles, lots of running and blazing the track and hills of the beautiful Sauquoit Valley. This picturesque setting could not be any more perfect for a run and some fun! The Witch Way is the 5K? road race and kids’ runs were held on October 2. The Sauquoit Valley Foundation wants to thank all the sponsors of the race: Elite Physical Therapy, Johns Farms, TNT Timing, Windy Hill Orchards and Edwards Ambulance. Thank you to the Chadwicks, Clayville and Paris Hill Fire Departments for their support for traffic safety and water stations. Thank you to Edwards Ambulance for medical support during the races for both the children and adults. Thank you to Jim Canaguier, the Town of Paris Highway Department and the Oneida County Highway Department for their help in course setup and removal. Thank you to the Oneida County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police Department. Thanks to all the teacher, student and community volunteers! This event is possible because of your help and dedication to this community, for which the Sauquoit Valley Foundation is incredibly grateful.

Thanks to the families who participated as runners or spectators. Hope you come back next year and bring more friends to have fun!

The overall male and female winners were: Alex Keller with a time of 17:54 and Stephanie Bergstrom with a time of 20:52. Great race! For more results, go to tnttiming.com.
We are very excited to bring back the Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts & Crafts show, which will be held on Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We will have many new and returning crafters, our fabulous bake sale, the pie room and refreshments will be available to purchase in our cafeteria.

This is PTO’s major fundraiser, please come out and support this wonderful organization. If you would like to volunteer please email svcraftshow@gmail.com or sauquoitpto@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Looking for Part-Time Employees

The Sauquoit Valley School District has various job opportunities. Available positions include substitute teacher aides, substitute teachers, and substitute custodial/laborer. The hours may vary depending on position needing coverage. Please go to the school’s homepage at svcsd.org; under departments choose Business Office and to the left, click Employment Opportunities. If you’d like further assistance or clarification on a position, feel free to call the school at 315-839-6311.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

PART-TIME AND SUBSTITUTES

Must meet Oneida County Civil Service regulations. High school diploma or GED required CDL with a P and S endorsement preferred. Will train. Benefits. Must be 21 years old, have a good driving record, pass a school physical, drug test, and physical performance test. Send letter of interest and resume to Adam Crossman, Transportation Supervisor, Sauquoit Valley Central School, 2601 Oneida Street, Sauquoit, NY 13456. EOE
Many great things have been happening with math in our first grade classrooms. School feels like school again and we have, once again, been able to manipulate using all of our tools together and more than ever before. We started with decomposing numbers up to 10, which is a very abstract skill for our little minds. With help from our chips and blocks, giant rekenrek beads and new virtual manipulatives on our SMART Boards, we have had lots of fun making math concrete for students to understand. This year is a special year for math as we get the benefit of Miss Malerba, our new Title I Math teacher, coming in to join us for co-teaching, extra practice and work on essential skills. We have been given the chance to get more in tune with numbers than ever before with so many great tools and minds working together in our classrooms. This is just one of the ways that Sauquoit strives to develop our lifelong learners in an ever-changing curriculum and world!

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! We are happy to announce that our Little Bee Early Literacy Reading Program is back this year! Our first hive meeting of the year was held October 13. Thirty-five children from the District came to make this our biggest event yet.

We began the fun socializing with new friends while we played together. Once we cleaned up, we buzzed into the story room to sing our “Little Bee” song and listen to a story by our mystery reader Mrs. Ward. She is one of our universal pre-K teachers. She read us a story called “There’s a Monster in My Book!” by Tom Fletcher. Our little bees really loved this story because the reader interacts with the story to try and get the monster out of the book. Next, we swarmed into the library to make a craft. This time we made our own monsters to put into our very own books all about us! Before everyone grabbed their allergy-free snack, we raffled off some door prizes to a few lucky winners!

If you have a child between the ages of two and five and live in the school District, please join us for our next event on Thursday, November 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the elementary school library. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, November 2 to Mrs. Pirger at (315) 839-6339, Mr. Putnam at mputnam@svcsd.org or Mrs. Stephens at cstephens@svcsd.org. This event is extra important because Mrs. Facchini, our CSE chairperson, will be providing information regarding early childhood services. If you cannot make our November date, we will be gathering every second Thursday of the month from now until May. We hope that you and your child buzz on by!
September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Abigail’s Athletes, Inc.; a local, not for profit charity; would like to thank the Sauquoit Valley community for all their generous support. Abigail’s Athletes kicked off a three-week challenge on September 12, asking elementary students to bike, run and walk in the fight against childhood cancer. For every mile students went, they raised a dollar for Abigail’s Athletes through the sponsorship of several businesses in the Mohawk Valley. This fundraising challenge was made possible because of the following businesses and individuals:

- Utica First Insurance Company
- Steet Ponte Auto Group
- Hubbell Galvanizing
- Di Highway Sign & Structure Corp.
- Mike and Paula Fitzgerald
- Harley-Davidson of Utica
- Elite Physical Therapy & Sports Training
- Indium Corporation
- Smith Packing Company Inc.
- Foundeo Inc.
- Grande’s Pizzeria
- Murad and Murad, P.C.
- New York Sash
- Clinton Tractor & Implement Co.
- Gigliotti’s Driving School
- Sullivan Contracting
- Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors

This campaign would not have happened without their charitable and generous support!

Abigail’s Athletes was able to provide each student and staff member with a T-shirt. In response, the school wore their shirts on September 22 in memory of Abigail Freitag’s birthday. Classes with the most miles at the end of our challenge won themselves a pizza party courtesy of Grande’s Pizzeria in Sauquito.

The school was able to complete more than 2,000 miles throughout the three weeks, and Abigail’s Athletes raised more than $16,000 as a result of this fundraiser. The money raised will fund new childhood cancer research and help local families who have children battling cancer.

We are so grateful and blessed to be part of this wonderful community. Our aim is to help those less fortunate because of cancer, and it was amazing to see the community come together to make this possible.

Thank you again to all of our supporters!

Abigail’s Athletes, Inc. and the Freitag family
There will be an EARLY DISMISSAL ON NOVEMBER 18. Students will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m.
MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY

PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS NOVEMBER 21.
All students who were absent on the original day need to have their picture taken. If you would like to have your picture retaken, bring in your original picture package to give to the photographer.

Mrs. Purrington’s Build Your Story workshops have begun! If you are ready to meet new people, participate in some crazy challenges and find a place where you can be yourself and be accepted by others, this workshop is for you! Check out the photos where teams raced to create a hat out of a basket of random materials that could hold an apple. This was some serious fun, creativity and teamwork!

We meet one Friday a month until 4:30 p.m., but we are thinking about adding meetings since once a month just isn’t enough for us! Come in after a long week at school and leave with a smile! See Mrs. Purrington if you are interested in joining in on the fun!

Students in sixth grade science were introduced to the engineering design process. They were answering the question “How can you build a table out of paper that will be strong enough to hold a large dictionary?” The criteria for the project was that the table had to be 15 cm in height, all the legs needed to be connected and it must be strong enough to hold a large dictionary. Carter C. and Omar M. had great success on day one, building a table that could hold not one, but 41 books. Upon evaluating the design on the second day, Carter’s improvements led to a table that was able to hold 47 books. Congratulations to all of the sixth graders for their efforts and perseverance while working on the project.
SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

Mr. Dischiavo
- ES Social Worker

Mr. Ryan
- MS Counselor

Mr. Scialdone
- HS Counselor

Mrs. Duell
- ES/MS Counselor

Mrs. Miller
- HS Social Worker

Miss Powers
- HS Counselor

BUILDING LEVEL UPDATES

ELEMENTARY

Our elementary school “Lunch Clubs” all kicked off during the last week of September. Lunch Club is an informal group, run by our social work interns, for students in grades K-4 (each grade level has their own time slot). Lunch Club gives kids the chance to socialize with their peers, to make new friends from other classes, and enhance established friendships. Our interns help the kids navigate difficult social situations, while teaching and promoting the use of problem-solving skills.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

On the morning of October 27th, the 8th graders toured the OHM Boces programs in New Hartford. This experience exposed them to all the programs that BOCES has to offer in the Career and Technical Education Center. A few examples of programs that they visited are: Nursing, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Building Trades and Cosmetology. Most programs are offered starting in their Junior year for a half day.

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Optimists Youth of the Month

Congratulations to our Optimist Youth of the Month! Selected by faculty as students who demonstrate good citizenship, are helpful toward others, and participate in school and community events.

October – Ethan Benn
November – Bryan DeGironimo

Junior Rotary Students of the Month

Students are selected based on the Rotarian 4 way test: Must be fair to all, build friendships, be trustworthy, and participate in community service.

October – Alexander Peckham
November – Leah Larsen

Stay Connected

Parents are encouraged to utilize ParentSquare and students StudentSquare which are engagement tools that help teachers and staff easily communicate and collaborate with parents & students.

Instructions: Download the FREE StudentSquare app for iOS or Android. Use your SCHOOL Google Account to login. You can either turn notifications on in the app or enter your cell phone number and receive a text when a message is sent.

***It is preferred you enter your cell number to receive text messages***

MVCC College Connections

Placement testing and course scheduling has begun for the Spring 2023 semester. Juniors and seniors who are interested should complete the enrollment process as soon as possible. Parents and students may contact Mr. Scialdone for more information.
Congratulations to Allie Kiesel who has earned the prestigious College Board National Rural and Small Town Award! This academic award is presented to students who have excelled in the classroom and also have scored at elite levels on College Board examinations including the PSAT and Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations. As she enters her senior year, Allie continues to add to her very impressive academic record. She is also an active participant in extracurricular activities including the Drama Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook Club and track team. She has also compiled various accomplishments as a competitive dancer over the last several years. Congratulations to Allie on this extremely impressive honor!

On October 23, the National Honor Society participated in the Oneida County Office for the Aging’s Fall Clean Up. Students spent the day raking leaves and cleaning yards for multiple senior citizens living in and around our community. Residents were very appreciative and all had a great time.
Congratulations to Callum Torruella for winning the SVHS Perseverance Award! This award is presented to one student each quarter. Winners are selected through teacher nomination. Cal was nominated by Ms. Valentine for always working very hard in chemistry and for always maintaining a positive attitude! Cal will receive a gift card courtesy of the Sauquoit Valley PTO. Congrats to Cal!

Congratulations to Morgan Sica and Julia Makuszak for being part of the Section III Gymnastics Championship team!

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Soccer team for winning the Section III Class C Championship for a second year in a row!
The Sauquoit Valley Field Hockey program recently made a trip out to Syracuse to support Sauquoit alum Jessica Jecko. She led herself to an astonishing field hockey career beginning with her Division 1 spot on the Syracuse field hockey team. Her dedication as a goalie aided her team in winning an NCAA Championship in 2015. Later that year, Jecko joined the US Women’s National Team, securing multiple wins. Following her 14 years of playing on the field, Jecko took an assistant coaching position with Dartmouth field hockey for the 2021 season. Currently, Jecko is the assistant coach of the Duke University field hockey team. Our Sauquoit field hockey team was able to cheer her on as Duke faced her own alma mater Syracuse. It was a great experience for our girls to see how hard work and dedication pay off.

“Motivation is internal, and motivation has to happen on a continuum, you have to continually motivate yourself to go out and push yourself beyond your own limitations.” -- Abby Wambach

A big thank you to the Sauquoit Valley girls varsity field hockey team. Over the course of two days in mid-October, they raised $1,500 in the fight against childhood cancer. This team held a bake sale near the turf during both a boys varsity soccer game and varsity football game the evening of October 14. In addition, they held a basket raffle and a 50/50 raffle during their own game the next afternoon. Abigail’s Athletes is so thankful for this group of athletes and their head coach Alyssa Orsino. Great job, ladies! Thank you for your efforts, support and time. It is greatly appreciated!
Listening to an audiobook might look different than reading a print book, but it still does wonders for building stronger readers. Studies show that listening to audiobooks:

- Strengthen listening and decoding skills
- Enhance vocabulary and comprehension
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Build empathy and imagination
- Encourage a love of stories and literature

Looking to get a hold of the latest audiobook titles for your students? The local public libraries offer access to hundreds of audiobooks for free. Our school libraries also offer access to downloadable audiobooks through our own digital library app - Sora. Every Sauquoit student already has an account. Contact Elementary School Librarian Jody Hildreth or High School Librarian Michelle Babbie to learn how to get your student connected.

**SOONER THAN YOU KNOW!**

The semi-formal season starts sooner than you know. Help make prom dress dreams come true by donating your gently used special occasion attire to the Sauquoit Valley Teachers’ Association’s Prom Dress Closet. Please contact Ms. Mallory Snow at 315/839-6316 or msnow@svcsd.org to make arrangements to donate newer, gently worn prom or semi-formal dresses, as well as young men's special occasion attire. All items should be clean and in good repair.

**legos & puzzles WANTED**

Do you have old Legos or jigsaw puzzles hanging around your house? Help us occupy our students’ busy brains by donating them to the high school library. Call High School Librarian Ms. Michelle Babbie at 315.839.6136 or email her at mbabbie@svcsd.org to arrange for drop-off or pick-up.
The Music Department would like to congratulate the following students who were chosen to participate in this year’s Area All-State Music Festival which will be held in Little Falls this November. Students are chosen from Oneida, Herkimer and Oswego counties based on their previous year’s NYSSMA Solo Festival audition scores. Students will rehearse together in Little Falls on November 18 and 19, and conclude the festival with a concert performance open to the public at 3:00 p.m. The students chosen to participate are:

- **AARON MESSENGER**  
  tuba / band  
- **KAELIN PATRICK**  
  baritone / band  
- **MADISON POLAROLO**  
  trombone / band

- **JILLIAN POWLES**  
  flute / band  
- **JOAN PRICE**  
  mixed choir  
- **SYDNEY SALLUSTIO**  
  flute / band

- **GEOVANNI STODDARD**  
  mixed choir  
- **GIA TIMIAN**  
  mixed choir  
- **CALLUM TORRUELLA**  
  treble choir

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**SAUQUOIT VALLEY DRAMA CLUB**  

proudly presents its fall musical

**MAMMA MIA!**

**NOV 10 & 11 @ 7:00 p.m. | NOV 12 @ 2:00 p.m.**

“Mamma Mia!” is a “jukebox” musical featuring the music of ABBA. It’s an up-tempo ensemble show with many of ABBA’s big hits. Presale tickets are on sale now through Ryan Decker by calling the high school or emailing rdecker@svcsd.org. All tickets are $8 general admission. Doors to the theater will open 30-40 minutes before the show, so plan to arrive early to pick your favorite seat. We look forward to seeing you all there!
The Clayville Library is now open to the public for browsing and item pick up. We ask that you observe our rules of mask wearing, physical distancing and hand sanitizing.

You can request items from the Clayville Library’s shelves or from elsewhere in the MidYork system by accessing www.midyork.org or calling the library at 315-839-5893.

**CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS:**
- Tuesday & Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- The library has a Notary Public available by appointment. If you require the service, call the library to set up a time to meet. This will be available during the library’s open hours.
- The Upstate Mammography Van will return to the library on November 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are required: Call 315-464-2588 or go to: www.upstate.edu/noexcuses. The most comfortable exam you will ever have!
- Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the library on Dec. 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. FREE pictures with the Clauses – bring your own camera and record your child’s visit with Santa!
- Our new Storytime reader is Miss Sherry. Sherry has a background in early childhood education and will host a story hour twice a month consisting of two stories, a finger play, song or movement activity and a craft. Every month will have a theme. November is Trains & Community Helpers.
- Times and dates are subject to change, please check our Facebook page for current info.
- Take & Make craft kits are available to children throughout the month. Check our Facebook page for availability.
- Visit our Little Free Library in the Nancy Sheppard Memorial Park in Clayville. “Take one or Leave One”
- Sip ’n Snack Book Club meets the last Thursday of the month. Join in for a good read and good company.
- Sign up for the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten challenge at the Clayville Library. This FREE program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she enters school – a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. This program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years.
- Ludlow Community Room - The Ludlow Community Room is once again available for use by our community members. Call the library to reserve the community room for your meeting or event.
- Our Barrett Gazebo is also available for outdoor use and is equipped with Wi-Fi availability.
- The NEW 2022 Wild Center, Onondaga County Park, NYS Park Passes, Ft. Rickey Discovery Zoo, Munson Williams Proctor Museum Pass and coming soon, The MOST Museum in Syracuse, are available for you to check out and enjoy with your family. So much to enjoy with your family all year long!
- Don’t forget to check out our Early Literacy Bags with a book and craft included, expanded Me-Reader selection and new themed Binge Boxes.
- Remember the Clayville Library is open after school for research and computer access. We are now able to offer Novelist to our computer users – come in and “check it out!”
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