



*"The Central Valley School District will be the leading educational model fostering individual success for all students."*



## Center Township Fire Department Teams Up With Classes for Fire Safety Day

On **September 28th**, the firefighters of Center Township came to Central Valley to talk to **Mrs. Hufnagle's** Family and Consumer Science classes about the importance of fire safety and to demonstrate what to do in the case of an emergency in the kitchen. The students first learned about various fire facts. They also learned about the different types of fires and how to put each of them out.

Following the classroom discussion, students were taken outside and given the opportunity to put out a controlled fire with a fire extinguisher. This was done to help teach students how to use a fire extinguisher so that they could be safe and knowledgeable if they were ever put in this situation on their own. Some of the images below illustrate students extinguishing fires started by the firemen that day. This simulation was conducted in a non-dangerous environment, and it is safe to assume that Central Valley students are now well prepared should a fire ever happen near them.



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# Freshman/ New Student Orientation

On **August 23, 2023**, members of the National Honor Society, sponsored by **Ms. Jones** and **Ms. Dzumba-Rubb**, and FBLA, sponsored by **Ms. Delon**, welcomed the Class of 2027 and new students to the district at orientation. Schedules were distributed by the NHS, and parents and students were ushered into the auditorium. Mr. McCreary and Mr. Vukovcan welcomed the group and briefly explained high school expectations and opportunities. The students were then divided into smaller groups and assigned student tour guides to walk through the building and answer questions. Well over 300 students attended Freshman/New Student Orientation and left feeling a little more confident about the first day of school.



## District-Wide Tutoring/ Literacy Programs

The **Central Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society** has worked within the district to support literacy and provide homework support to all CV students. High school students, who are members of the NHS or those who are juniors or

seniors and NHS eligible, act as tutors for their peers or younger students.

In the past, students have worked at Center Grange Primary School and Todd Lane Elementary under the direction of the building teachers. The middle school has tutoring twice a week after school for students. At the end of their academic day, the NHS students tutor at all three schools. Academic support is available at the high school during academic study hall as well. The programs at each school have proven to be very effective and successful.



## NHS Food Drive for Fall 2023

The **National Honor Society** collected non-perishable items this fall for the district and local food pantries. Many boxed and canned goods were donated to support the families in the community. Some of the items donated were pasta sauce, cereal, applesauce, and macaroni and cheese. Food drives are a part of the service component of the National Honor Society. Another food drive is planned for early 2024 to benefit the Central Valley Food Pantry. The support from the community is always greatly appreciated.



## German Schultuten Gifted to Start School Year

During the first week of school, all German classes were reminded that the basic functions of language are the building blocks to progress into higher-level German classes. Every year, **Ms. Kain** holds the German tradition where each student receives a “Schultute” with German treats and school supplies. This year the Schultuten consisted of Haribo gummy bears, chocolates, pencils, and the German-invented Capri Sun. The class is a very interactive course. The students have already learned how to introduce themselves, count up to 100, recite the alphabet, and speak a traditional German poem by heart. All of **Ms. Kain’s** classes are looking forward to celebrating more German customs as the school year continues!



## PACIE Grant Awarded to CV Teacher

German teacher **Ms. Kain** won the prestigious PACIE award. PACIE stands for the Pennsylvania Council for International Education. She was awarded this grant based on a lesson plan she

wrote about what it was like to be a teenager in East Germany. The grant allowed her to buy a set of German graphic novels last spring. She incorporated those novels to teach her students about Communism in East Germany and the fall of the Berlin Wall. On **Saturday, October 14th**, the committee asked her to attend the PACIE conference at the Cathedral of Learning. There, **Ms. Kain** explained her methodology to other teachers and formally accepted the grant.



## Classroom Diagnostic Testing

During the week of **September 11-15**, students in **Algebra, Biology, and Literature** courses began CDTs to gain a baseline for teachers to measure the individual strengths and challenges of all students in their classroom. To help better prepare students for the Keystone Exams, our staff will collaboratively analyze data to make any necessary adjustments to the curriculum and target individual needs. CDTs will be taken at various points in these courses throughout the school year.



# Central Valley High School Holds 15th Annual Homecoming

In celebration of Homecoming, the Class of 2024 hand-picked twelve senior girls from their class to be on the 2023 CVHS Homecoming Court. After the list was announced to the school, the girls were very eager to select their dates and outfits. The eight senior football players served as an escort to either one or two of the girls at the coronation on **Thursday, October 12th** in the HS Auditorium and each of the girls was able to choose their own escort at the football game the following night.

The first part of homecoming included pictures outside of the school during study hall. All of the girls and their escorts attended the pictures. Pictures were then used for the slide show at the coronation, the football program, and the yearbook.

The Court was asked to meet in the high school library at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday night, and the coronation began promptly at 7:00 P.M. The ceremony, which lasted a little less than an hour, was hosted by two of our Junior Class Officers **Julia Haney** and **Lexi Bickerstaff**. Biographies were read and were accompanied by a slide show as the Court walked to the stage. The flower girl and ring bearer for these festivities were **Zoey Chirico** and **Berden Egan**. At the coronation ceremony, **Seniors Leah Baldassare** and **Dominic Banicucci** were crowned queen and king.

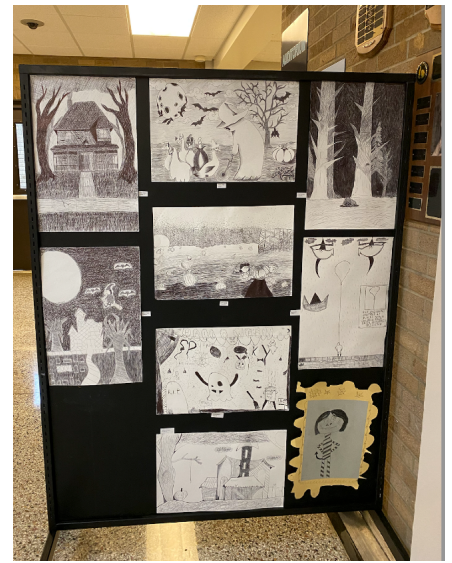
Friday night was the final and main event for our Homecoming Court. The girls and their escorts' biographies were introduced at 6:00 P.M. They were also announced for the last time, walking down the 50-yard line, at halftime. A big thank you

goes out to the student activity directors, **Ms. Kramer** and **Ms. McCracken**, who coordinated the entire event.



# Ooky Spooky Cabaret, Play, and Art Show

On **October 24th**, the Central Valley community was entertained by the musical and theatrical talents of **Ms. Damp's** Intro to Musical Performance class in the second annual Ooky Spooky Cabaret & Play. This evening featured "Into Thin Heir" along with several other Halloween-themed acts including Michael Jackson's "Thriller." To end the night, our high school chorus performed "Time Warp" to the delight of all who attended. **Ms. Lombardi's** 2D and 3D Art classes added to the ambiance by displaying their artwork throughout the auditorium and making various props, sets, and costume pieces in this truly collaborative effort to make a great show for the community.



# Seniors Paint Their Way to Success

In a remarkable display of creativity and community spirit, **Mackenna Brucker** and **Katey Hall** took charge of an inspiring Senior Project for their graduation requirement.



Their mission was for seniors to express themselves by painting their parking spots at the high school. What made this endeavor even more special was that the proceeds from this initiative went to the Club Hope Foundation. Their hard work paid off, as they successfully raised an impressive \$350.00! These heartwarming photos feature the foundation's founder and CEO, Cara Atkinson, along with other snapshots capturing their hard work and dedication to the club and its funding.



# In October, We Wear Pink!

Club Hope's goal is to provide hope to people with cancer diagnoses and raise money for the **Club Hope Foundation**. Club Hope's sponsor, **Ms. Brown**, brought the club to Central Valley four years ago, with about 140 students now participating this year. The club members have sent snacks, made crafts, and created cards for AHN's Cancer Center. The club also organizes events like Hearts of Hope on Valentine's Day and a Purple Walk for Hope in May.

This year **Seniors Gianna Cercone, Megan Grimm, Sara Miloszewski, and Jordan Hunter** raised \$5,183.00 throughout the Pink Out game held on **October 6th** to raise awareness and honor those affected by cancer.



The planning involved designing t-shirts, collecting donations for raffle baskets, and selling pink items during Pink Out week. About 800 shirts were sold in total. The foundation will use the money for various purposes like gas and food gift cards, chemo baskets, and providing support to those undergoing cancer treatment.



# Youth Ambassadors of Central Valley

CCBC hosted an event for the Youth Ambassadors Program on **September 27th**. Central Valley's members of the program were invited to attend the event with advisor **Ms. Hunter** along with multiple groups from different schools in the Beaver County Area.

The Youth Ambassadors Program was created to create a place where students come together to meet new people and discuss topics relating to mental health awareness and suicide prevention. The program works to promote a youth-centered and youth-driven club in Beaver County schools.



The event provided breakfast and lunch to those in attendance. The program also brought in speakers to give program members

information about understanding and gathering resources about mental health awareness. The program teaches not only leadership in taking action for those suffering from mental health issues but also teaches students not to be afraid when advocating for their own mental health. The Youth Ambassadors Program is searching for new members at this time. If interested, please email **Ms. Hunter** for information about the program. The organization will hold two more events at CCBC in January and April.

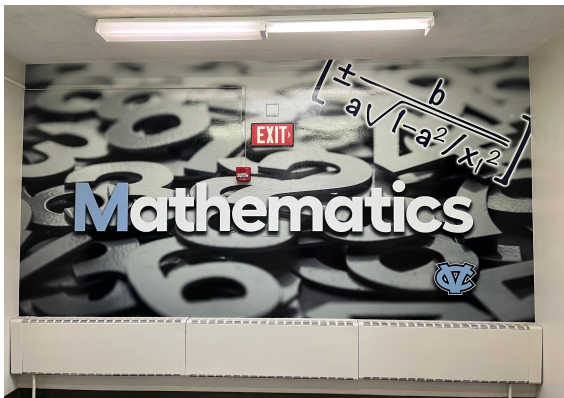
# Special Olympics Student Summit

On **October 26th**, **Mr. DiBenedetto** took **Senior Leah Baldassare, Juniors Guadalupe Anderson-McLean and Cole Hayden, and Sophomore Avery Cairns** to the Special Olympics Summit. This event took place in Southpointe at the Loft Conference Center. It lasted from 8:15 A.M. to 2:15 P.M. This conference gave students the opportunity to explore the different ways that the Special Olympics raises money for events like the Polar Plunge, Polar Pop, and other activities throughout the school district. The students had the chance to get ideas from 60 other schools in attendance and interact with students across the area. Students talked about inclusive practices happening in their schools and ways to get students involved in unified events in their districts.



# Brightening the Hallways

Over the summer, most hallways at Central Valley High School received murals customized to their department. These murals are sprucing up our school. Also, Central Valley High School decals have been put in areas such as the cafeteria and by the vending machines. Students were delighted when they saw this interesting addition to the halls upon their return to school in August.



# CVHS Chorus Attends the Opera

On Thursday, **October 19th**, **Ms.Damp** and the **chorus class** went to the Benedum Center to see the Pittsburgh Opera production of *The Barber of Seville*. This trip was special for the chorus class because they got to see George Milosh, their

accompanist for concerts and musicals, as well as a former Center High School graduate, perform. Each student contributed \$26.00 in order to attend. The students departed the school at 9:00 A.M., and they returned around 2:00 P.M. The show lasted three hours. There was a vast amount of different schools and grades in attendance. Many of the students said they enjoyed the show and will most likely go see another production with their families.



# FBLA Ice Cream Fun

One of the most popular and highly engaged clubs at CVHS is **FBLA** run by **Ms.Delon**. The club's numbers have skyrocketed this year with 90 members. The club started the year off with an ice cream party. All paid members were invited to attend. Students can still join the club by paying \$16.00 for dues to Ms. Delon. If interested in



joining, contact one of the club's officers. For the 2023-2024 school year, the president is **Mia Eberhardt**, the vice president is **Mia Spinelli**, and the secretary is **Paige Warsynski**. The Social Media and recruiting officers are, **Bella Gabauer**, **Rowan Zillian**, **Gaille O'Neil**, **Sonya Householder**, and **Fancy Bell**.



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## Bots IQ Teams Up with SuperBolt

This October, the **Bots IQ** team is celebrating manufacturing month. The Central Valley Bots IQ team visited with their industry partner Schroeder Industries in Leetsdale, PA on **October 25th**. They also visited a special host SuperBolt Manufacturing in Clinton, PA on **October 13th** to see cutting-edge modern manufacturing. SuperBolt is the world's first company to revolutionize nuts and bolts with Multi-Jackbolt tensioning technology. Schroeder is a world leader in hydraulic filtration manufacturing components, filters, custom reservoirs, and evaporators.

The CV students went to Schroeder Industries and SuperBolt to answer the question, "Why is manufacturing important?" Digitalization and the integration of cyber and physical systems are driving a new revolution in manufacturing. They rely on their machines to create the tools that make life easier for us. In the future, the most important technologies being researched have the potential to enhance production. This is especially true of equipment that improves efficiency, such as robotics and other automation developments, which will help American manufacturers to compete with enterprises throughout the

## Bots IQ Prepares for Another Season

Entering its 17th year, **Bots IQ**, battling robots, is still a very sought-after class at CVHS. The Central Valley team will design and build two robots this year, A'SALT N'BATTERY and King Julian. The teams will compete with their battle bots against over 60 South Western PA area schools at the annual competition in April at PennWest University (Cal U). The preliminary matches will take place in March at Robert Morris University.

**BotsIQ** is a manufacturing workforce development program in the Pittsburgh Chapter National Tooling & Machining Foundation whose goal is to provide a pathway for high school students to explore related STEM careers in manufacturing and engineering. Students learn about the fast-growing industry of manufacturing which includes job training and internship opportunities. This program helps individuals gain technical skills like CAD, soldering, electronics, and machining, as well as a way to develop real-life skills such as teamwork, project planning, and problem-solving. More information can be





world. Manufacturing could be a great high-tech STEM career opportunity for today's students.

## CVHS Class Officers

Class Officers for the **2023-2024 school year** were elected by their peers and here are the results:

### Senior Class:

Cooper Mitchell- President  
Jordan Hunter  
Joseph Skibinski  
Sara Sudak

### Junior Class:

Julia Haney- President  
Michael Bendekovic  
Lexie Bickerstaff  
Steven Rutherford

### Sophomore Class:

Gabby Galatis- President  
Claire Albertson  
Brady Noel  
Riley Slater

### Freshman Class:

Jacob Cone- President  
Vallese Byers  
Italia Cercone  
Chloe Haney

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **November 1st** - First Day of the Second Nine-Weeks Grading Period
- **November 9th**- First Nine Weeks Report Distribution (Online in PowerSchool)
- **November 10th**- No School (Veterans Day Observed)
- **November 11th**- Veterans Day (No School)
- **November 22nd**- Beginning of Thanksgiving Break (Early Dismissal)
- **November 23rd-27th**- Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- **December 22nd**- Beginning of Winter Break (Early Dismissal)
- **December 23rd-January 2nd**- Winter Break (No School)
- **January 3rd-17th**- **Winter Keystone Testing Window**
- **January 15th**- District-Wide Act 80 Day (No School)
- **January 17-19th**- First Semester Final Exams
- **January 19th**- Last Day of Second Nine-Weeks Grading Period

