



## Seniors Leave Their Mark

In a creative way to say farewell to high school, seniors painted their parking spaces and will now leave their mark on CVHS. **Abigale Stewart** and **Emma Weaver** organized Student Parking Spaces as part of their senior project. For a small fee, seniors were able to pick and paint their parking spaces in the rear parking lot. All of the proceeds went to the **Club Hope Foundation**. Club Hope is a cancer research and treatment facility whose goal is to provide services and hope for all of their cancer patients. The students raised \$350.00. This money was sent to the founder of the club, Cara Atkinson. Abigale and Emma said they did this to raise money for a wonderful cause as well as to let seniors be able to express themselves through art. The parking spaces have so many colors, designs, song lyrics, and characters that bring a smile to your face every morning pulling into school.



## New to School

On **Monday, August 19**, Freshman and New Student Orientation was held at the high school. Students had the chance to connect with their peers, meet the administration, and learn about various clubs and organizations. They were given information about the rules and regulations of the high school. Student schedules were also distributed in the lobby.



**National Honor Society** and **FBLA** members provided insights into school life and offered advice on making the most of their high school experience. Parents also received important information on academic resources and support services available to their children. Over 325 people attended the welcome in the auditorium and stayed for building tours. The positive atmosphere and engaging activities helped ease any anxieties, setting the stage for a successful start to the school year. Overall, the orientation was a valuable and successful opportunity for new students to acclimate and feel welcomed into the school community.

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## Classroom Diagnostic Testing

During the week of **September 9th**, students in **Algebra, Biology, and Literature** courses began their 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 throughout the school year in these courses.



## CVHS Chorus Attends Hamilton

On **Thursday, September 19th, Ms. Damp**, the choral director and vocal music teacher, and her chorus class went to see the Broadway Tour of *Hamilton* at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh. *Hamilton* is the story of America in 1776, told by America now. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and Broadway music, *Hamilton* has taken the story of American founding father Alexander Hamilton and created a revolutionary moment in theater. It is a musical that has had a profound impact on culture, politics, and education. Many of the students were very excited to see this musical. There were around 85 students who attended. After selling tickets to the Chorus students, Ms. Damp sold the remaining tickets to their families. Ms. Damp reserved these tickets for her chorus students ahead of the public sale, so her students attended at a fraction of the cost of the average ticket price. It was an amazing experience for students to see this famous musical. CV students had a wonderful time experiencing the wonders of *Hamilton*.



## Speech Class Reads to Todd Lane Students



On **September 20th, Mrs. Kramer's 2nd and 3rd block Speech** classes visited Todd Lane Elementary School. In total, 42 seniors read children's books to the Todd Lane students. The seniors did this to help the younger students want to read more, as well as receive a grade in speech class. The Todd Lane teachers included **Mrs. Beatrice, Mrs. Beckman, Mrs. Bredan, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Huwar, Mr. Klemencic, Mrs. Marchionda, Mrs. Poleti, Ms. Szuchy, and Mrs. Weber**. Senior, **Michael**

**Bendekovic** was one of the many speech students who went down to read to the elementary students. He read the book *The Turkey Train* and it was a huge hit with the children. The seniors received many questions and "thank yous" after such a fun activity from the Todd Lane students.



## Shirts Made By Us for Us

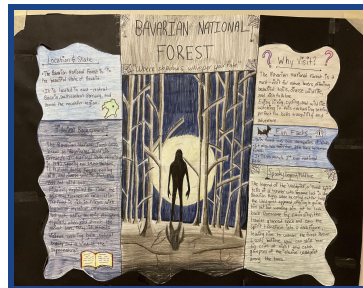
**Ms. Delon's Entrepreneurship class** started making t-shirts for organizations and in-house clubs. At the beginning of this school year, her students' first customers were the **National Honor Society**. Students in her class met with club sponsors and showed them multiple designs for the students' shirts. Students and sponsors worked together as a team to design a shirt style that looks great and creative to show off their club. The students made the shirts with a heat press. Students were proud of the work they have accomplished so far this school year.



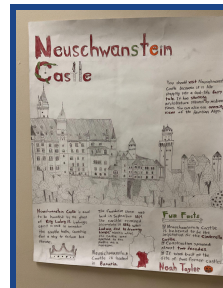
## German Haunted Posters

German-speaking countries are filled with frightening legends. To spotlight that heritage, Central Valley High School **German I** and **German III** students created haunted German posters and they are now on display in the German hallway. Students were assigned a location that has a known history of haunting. The students then made a poster with information on that location. Pictures, battles, and ghost stories were used. Many of the posters had lots of effort put into them that deserves recognition. Three posters were voted as the best and received Kinder Egg prizes. **Mrs. Kain** always makes her class very interactive and students are looking forward to continuing their German education thanks to her.

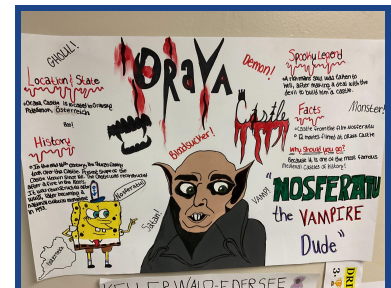
1st Place: **Kaitlynn Janci**



2nd Place: **Noah Taylor**



3rd Place: **Lizzy Kirik**



## Scholarship Received by German Teacher

The American Association of German Teachers has selected Central Valley High School German teacher **Erica Kain** to receive a 2024 Tussing-Mahlkau Scholarship. The scholarship will pay for Frau Kain's professional development this year at the College Board's Advanced Placement Institute. Her work here at Central Valley is nothing short of amazing. She won this award because she goes out of her way to be great for the students she teaches. Frau Kain gets involved with her class and makes learning fun. Once again, Congratulations Frau Kain!



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## District Wide Literacy

The Central Valley Chapter of the **National Honor Society** (NHS) has made significant strides in promoting literacy and providing homework support across the district. The NHS members, along with eligible juniors and seniors, serve as tutors for their peers and younger students, fostering a collaborative learning environment. In previous years, NHS students have partnered with Center Grange Primary School and Todd Lane Elementary School, working closely with teachers to enhance literacy initiatives. The NHS will tutor three days a week at the Primary School, working with the district's youngest readers and future scholars. At the middle school, tutoring sessions are held twice a week after school, offering targeted support for students in need. Additionally, the NHS volunteers dedicate time at the end of their academic day to assist at the high school, ensuring that academic help is accessible. The tutoring programs have not only been well-received but have also proven to be successful, benefiting both the tutors and the students they support. This initiative underscores the NHS's commitment to academic excellence and community service, creating a positive impact on the learning experience within the district.



## 16th Annual CVHS Homecoming

In celebration of Homecoming, the Class of 2025 hand-picked twelve senior girls from their class to be on the 2024 CVHS Homecoming Court. After the list was announced to the school, the girls were eager to select their dates along with their outfits. The ten senior football players served as an escort to either one or two of the girls at the coronation on **Thursday, October 3rd** in the HS Auditorium. Each of the girls was able to choose their escort for the football game the following night.

The first part of homecoming included pictures outside 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 **Gabrielle Galatis** and **Riley Slater**. 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 **Arazio Antoline** and **Skyler Mckittick**. At the coronation ceremony, **Seniors Bella Gabauer** and **Steven Rutherford** were crowned queen and king.

**Friday, October 4th**, 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, **Mrs. Kramer** and **Mrs. McCracken**, who coordinated the entire event.





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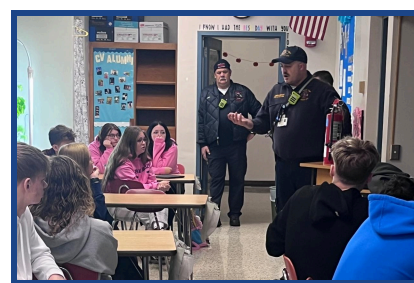
## International Diplomacy Simulation

On **October 11th**, several students participated in the International Diplomacy Simulation at the BVIU. The topic was International Wildlife Trafficking: The Plight of the Pangolin. **Liam Cairns, Dehlia Goss, Brooke Ladakos, Paige Phillips, and Chloe Reinstadtler** became stakeholders in various organizations and fictional countries. Central Valley obtained the simulation from the U.S. Diplomacy Center. The U.S. Diplomacy Center offers educators immersive programs that explore the goals and practice of diplomacy, teach diplomatic skills, build global competence, and illustrate how the critical work of American diplomats impacts people's everyday lives. In this simulation exercise, the students focused on wildlife trafficking of the endangered pangolin. Bengkano, Keneselles, and Trangalia have been affected by declining pangolin populations in various ways. The students had to find common ground to save the pangolin from extinction, respect cultural traditions, and find ways to stop organized crime, poachers, and local consumers from exploiting the situation. Pangolins play a significant environmental role in regulating insect populations. They use their claws to break into nests of ants and termites and use their long, sticky tongues to lap up the insects. When threatened by predators such as lions and tigers, they roll into a ball. Unfortunately, this makes it easy for poachers to collect and transport them. Congratulations to the students who participated!



## Fire Safety in FCS

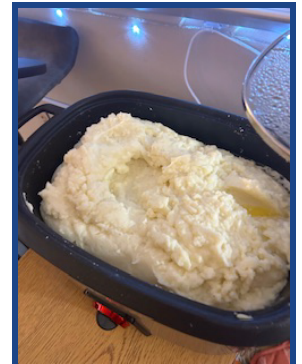
On **Wednesday, October 16th**, the Center Township Volunteer Fire Department visited all of **Mrs. Hufnagle's Family Consumer Science classes** to talk about fire safety. They discussed the importance of fire safety and demonstrated what to do in case of a fire in the kitchen. The students were taught how to first determine the class of fire and then how to put each type out. In the case of a kitchen fire, the students were told how/when to evacuate. Directly after the classroom discussion, the firefighters took the students outside to allow them to put out a controlled fire with a fire extinguisher. They were taught how to use the fire extinguisher and the different methods of using them. This gave the students a feel for what they would need to do if they were ever put in this situation on their own. After this class, all of Central Valley students in a Family Consumer Science class should be prepared to deal with a fire.



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## Thanksgiving Feast with a Side of Manners

For the 1st nine weeks, students of **Mrs. Law's** Academic Study Hall have been working on social skills. On **Wednesday, October 16**, the social skills being discussed were manners, especially table manners. What better way to learn about table manners than by putting them into action? Thanksgiving dinner was held a month early to learn about the importance of manners during a family gathering or a meal. The students had turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, sparkling grape juice, and even pumpkin pie. Interacting with one another at the table can enhance social skills by encouraging communication, including feelings, comfort, and intention. Food can be a way to stay connected, celebrate, and even learn about different cultures. Learning can be fun; especially while eating a delicious meal!



## Warriors Fight Together!

This year's 14th annual Pink-Out Game was hosted by seniors, **Shaelyn McDonald, Hannah Shaffer, Lily Seese**, and junior, **Maddy McIlroy**. The game was held on **October 18th** and was deemed a success. Every year, this senior project carries on the tradition of recognizing and celebrating those who have conquered Breast Cancer and remembering those who have lost their battle. Throughout the past month, these students have been fundraising for the Club Hope Foundation. Their fundraising efforts have consisted of selling Pink-Out shirts, pink accessories, raffle tickets, baked goods, and candy. Fortunately, they sold around 800 shirts and raffled off 19 baskets. They were also blessed to have 14 breast cancer warriors to honor during the halftime ceremony. All proceeds were donated to the Club Hope Foundation which will use the money for various purposes like gas and food gift cards, chemo baskets, and providing support to those undergoing cancer treatments. The final check for the foundation was worth \$5,453.00!





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## Any Spare Hoodies?

The **National Honor Society** recently organized a new and gently worn hoodie drive, also accepting jackets and coats, for donation. The collected items were given to local charities for distribution to individuals in need of warm clothing during the fall and winter seasons. Held over two weeks, the initiative was highly successful, resulting in the collection of approximately 70 hoodies and jackets. The generous contributions from students and community members reflect the commitment of the NHS to support those in need and promote a spirit of giving within the community.



## Ooky Spooky Cabaret, Play, and Art Show

On **Thursday, October 24th**, the Central Valley community was entertained by the musical and theatrical talents of **Ms. Damp's Intro to Musical Performance** class along with the **Chorus** at the Ooky Spooky Cabaret. Some featured performers included **Italia Cercone, Bryn Dolata, Abigail Thompson, and LaReyne Wukawitz**. Songs included, "The Ghostbusters" theme song, and "Dead Mom" from *Beetlejuice* the musical. The show ended with "I'll Put a Spell on You" from *Hocus Pocus*. To add to the night, **Ms. Lombardi's 2D and 3D art classes** displayed their art throughout the auditorium and hallways. They also made a variety of props and costumes for the play to share on this extra spooky night.





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## Bots IQ Determined to Win!

Entering its 18th year, **Bots IQ**- the Battling Robots- is still highly demanded at CVHS. The Central Valley team will design and build two robots this year, KING BILL and WHEELY-BIG-CHEESE. The teams will compete with their battle bots against over sixty-five South Western Pennsylvania area schools at the annual competition in April at PennWest University (Cal U) Preliminary matches will be in March at a local university. Bots IQ is a manufacturing workforce development program of 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 manufacturing industry, including job training and internship opportunities. This program helps individuals gain technical skills like CAD, soldering and electronics, and machining. It also develops real-life skills like teamwork, project planning, and problem-solving.



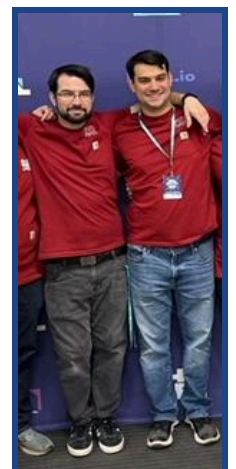
## Bots IQ Team Meets with SuperBolt

October is manufacturing month, and the **Bots IQ** team celebrated by visiting 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. Schroeder is a world leader in hydraulic filtration manufacturing components, filters, custom reservoirs, and evaporators. SuperBolt is the world's first to revolutionize nuts and bolts with multi-jack bolt tensioning technology. The CV students visited 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 decades, the most important new technologies being researched have the potential to dramatically enhance production.



## CV Robotic Teams Receive Charitable Donations

The Central Valley **Bots IQ** teams received several charitable donations recently. At the end of the 2024 school year, alumni Don and Joe Doerfler donated \$2,000.00. The brothers, now professional engineers, competed in Bots IQ and participated in Battle Bots as team Brutus/Doerfler Robotics. Additionally, alum Lucas Stockdale, now in a carpentry apprenticeship, made a surprise donation to give back to the program.



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## *Beyond the Classroom:*

### Magic Mentors

It is another productive year with the high school mentor program. Starting **October 9th**, and every other Wednesday throughout the school year, Mrs. Lupinacci takes twenty-two CV High School students down to the middle school to help mentor the younger students. They are currently helping fourteen students. This club runs until the middle of May, and they celebrate a successful year with a pizza party! The club also organizes a fundraiser called The Rain Rally which is held at the end of the school year.



The 2024-2025 mentors are; **Mikey Bendekovic** (12th), **Marino Cercone** (12th), **Kenniece Crumb** (12th), **Cameron DeVincentis** (12), **Mason Dixon** (12th), **Gianna Gasperine** (11th), **Jacob Hunter** (11th), **Natalie Iannessa** (11th), **Jolee Kurtz** (12th), **Ava Machak** (11th), **Claire Miloszewski** (11th), **Brady Noel** (11th), **Tyler Ondrusek** (12th), **Alissa Rose** (11th), **Julian Semovoski** (12th), **Charlotte Spec** (11th), **Caroline Spirnak** (11th), **Abigaile Stewart** (12th), **Hannah Stolec** (12th), **Maya Tripathy** (11th), **Taryn Warsing** (11th), and **Emma Weaver** (12th).

### Celebrity Scoopers

Teachers and students of Central Valley High School and Middle School, as well as Center Grange and Todd Lane, held a fundraiser on **October 8th** and **16th**. This fundraiser was held at the Bruster's Ice Cream Shop in Hopewell and was constructed to raise money for the CV Wicked Team. This is a fundraiser for the Beaver County Polar Plunge which supports the Special Olympics.

At Brusters, customers could help raise money in several ways. First, direct donations helped tremendously as they would go directly to the cause. However, customers could help raise money simply by buying ice cream. Brusters generously helped CV arrange for 10% of all sales between 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on the selected days of the fundraiser to go to donations.

If you were there, you may have seen some familiar faces such as **Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. George, Ms. Houston, Ms. Miceli, Miss Mottes, Miss Shaub, Miss Symons, and Mrs. Zemcik**. You may also have seen high school students, **Dominic Suhayda** and **Nikola Ziza**. If you had a really good eye, you may even have caught a glimpse of **Mrs. Ridjaneck** in the Brusters mascot costume, a truly fun and joyful sight for anyone to behold!

If you were to have attended on **October 16h**, you may have seen even more faces. Teachers such as **Mrs. Catabzartine, Mrs. Conkle, Miss Elde, Mrs. DelRusso, Mrs. Elyse King, Mrs. Emily King, Mrs**



**Klemencic, Mrs. Leone, Miss Mottes, Mrs. McAlister, Ms. Palladini, Mrs. Park, and Mrs. Turley.** You also may have even had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Leone's puppy, who was sporting a perfect pair of polar bear pajamas. This provided an adorably well-rounded end to a great and successful fundraiser!



## Trunk or Treat

The 4th Annual Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Central Valley PTA was held on **Saturday, October 19th**, from 5:00-7:00 P.M. in the Central Valley High School rear parking lot. Community members, teachers, parents, and students had the chance to socialize, have fun, and get candy while in costume. This was a free Trunk or Treat event with music, crafts, pizza from Pappy J's, and refreshments. It was a wonderful turnout with a total of 32 trunks, and 445 trick-or-treaters. It even allowed our students to gain community service hours. Congratulations to the winners of the event, 1st place - Todd Lane teachers, 2nd place - Samantha Camp and Nicolette D'Antonio, and 3rd place - Adam Bailey and the **CVHS Vocal Students**. Hopefully, Trunk or Treat can continue to be an exciting and fun-filled annual event.



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **October 28th** - First Day of the Second Nine-Week Grading Period
- **November 4th** - First Nine Weeks Report Distribution (Online in PowerSchool)
- **November 11th** - Veterans Day (No School)
- **November 27th** - Beginning of Thanksgiving Break (Early Dismissal)
- **November 28th - December 2nd** - Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- **December 20th** - Beginning of Winter Break (Early Dismissal)
- **December 23rd - January 1st** - Winter Break (No School)
- **January 7 - 9th** - Winter Keystone Testing Window
- **January 13th** - District-Wide Act 80 Day (No School)
- **January 15-17th** - First Semester Final Exams
- **January 17th** - Last Day of Second Nine-Week Grading Period

