



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

Congratulations Class of 2023!

The Class of 2023 gathered for the final time at Sarge Alberts Stadium to receive their diplomas on **June 2nd**. Prior to Commencement, however, there were a number of activities in which our seniors took part in that made their final days in high school even more special.



One of the newer traditions at CVHS that started last school year is the Graduation Walk. On **May 24th**, seniors walked through the hallways of Center Grange and Todd Lane Elementary schools. They were greeted by excited students who cheered them on and teachers who were happy to see how much they've grown over the years.

Their last week of high school began with a Baccalaureate ceremony in which the main address was given by **Rev. Steve Vesolich** of Centerpoint Community Church on **May 30th**. His message, "Time Is Everything", encouraged students to achieve great



things but also reminded them of the importance of their spiritual well-being.

A Senior Banquet, sponsored by **Ms. Kramer** and **Ms. McCracken**, was held on **May 31st** at Shakespeare's in Ellwood City. The evening began with a buffet dinner and included a hypnotist, who provided entertainment for those in attendance. It culminated with hours of dancing and prizes that were raffled off at the end of the night.

Commencement would mark the end of a week-long celebration of our graduating class. Inspiring speeches were given to the Class of 2023 by Class President **Brady Hudson**, Salutatorian **Ava Weber**, and Valedictorian **Nicole Galzerano**. Dr. Nicholas Perry concluded the ceremony by awarding diplomas to 158 graduating seniors, who are now ready, willing and able to begin their life's next journey. Best of luck to the Class of 2023!

IN OUR HIGH SCHOOL:

Shakespeare on Stage

Ten seniors taking **Ms. Greco's** AP Literature and Composition course during the second semester chose to apply what they learned in class to the theatrical stage. Students performed several scenes from William Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark" at the high school's talent show on **March 24th**. After spending weeks studying one of British literature's greatest tragedies, this group of seniors decided to collectively create a riveting interpretation of the play. Students incorporated props, costumes, musical background, and narration between scenes. They recited Shakespeare's original Early Modern English rather than a modern translation. Nicely done, AP Lit and Comp students!



Introduce a Girl to Engineering

On **March 31st**, Guidance Counselors **Shannon Istik** and **Rachael Watts** chaperoned a group of females to Westinghouse's "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" event at their headquarters in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. The day included an overview presentation on nuclear power, a discussion on the disciplines within engineering, activities related to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), a tour of Westinghouse's AP1000® simulator followed by a Q&A session.

CV Students Bring Home National Awards

On **April 20-25th**, several Central Valley students traveled to Orlando, Florida along with **Ms. Goss** to compete in this year's National Academic Games League of America Competiton. Our CV students represented well with many students medalling in their events.

Congratulations to seniors **Christian Yu** and **Goehring Peterson** who brought home Thinker trophies for placing 2nd in the nation in the Propaganda Team Event, and to senior **Jackson Shearer** who tied for 7th place out of 118 players in the nation as well.



Experiencing German Culture

Frau Kain's German classes investigated local German culture on **April 25th** with a trip to explore the Old Economy Village German community, food at a German restaurant, and three German composers as performed by the CMU Philharmonic at Carnegie Music Hall.

They started with a docent-led tour of Old Economy Village, where they examined hand-written samples of the German dialect that was once spoken in Monaca and Ambridge. Then, the group joined Bethel Park High School's German Club for a German food feast at the Hofbrauhaus, where at least one student ordered Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte to go after the meal! Finally, CVHS students continued with their BPHS peers to the Carnegie Music Hall, where they enjoyed the music of Wagner, Brahms, and Schubert performed by the talented CMU Philharmonic.

It was a long day for the German students, but they returned to school inspired to learn even more about our region's history, traditional German food, and classical music!



Economics Classes Tour Local Steel Mill

Economics can be defined as the study of how we make choices in the face of scarcity and how those choices motivate behavior. On **April 26th**, **Mr. Miller** and **Mr. Bell** took our school's Economics and Government classes and toured NLMK Pennsylvania, a steel mill located in Farrell. There students learned more about how this industrial plant serves as a microcosm of one of our nation's important economic industries and how these choices are made daily.

The tour took students through their hot and cold rolling mills where students learned more about the steel-making process.

It ended with a presentation given by CEO Bob Miller and an executive panel. They talked to students not only about economic decision-making, but also about the various career opportunities involved in the industry along with traits that employers look for in prospective employees.

Senior Ava Weber stated that her biggest take-away from the trip was the fact that she was reminded of "how you should keep an open mind about what is out there because you never know where your career will take you."



Take Your Child to Work Day

Take Your Child to Work Day is celebrated annually across the US in order to give children a glimpse into the working world. On **April 27th**, **Ms. Hufnagle's** Child Development class was very eager to meet with the younger children who visited CVHS and provide them with a day that they would not soon forget. A number of games, crafts and activities were planned by the class for the day to keep the children busy and luckily the weather cooperated.

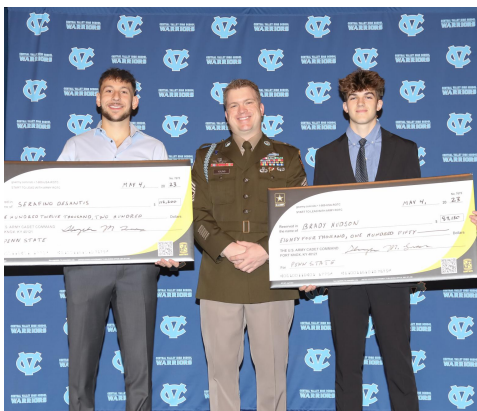


BotsIQ Competition Comes to an End

On **April 29th** at the PennWest University Convocation Center, the 2023 BotsIQ fighting season came to a close and **Mr. Fiedler's** Central Valley's Robotics team returned home after another successful competition.

Central Valley's Robotics team, sponsored by Schroeder Industries, participated in their sixteenth season beginning with the preliminary fights on March 15th at Robert Morris University and at the Finals over two days on April 28th and 29th at PennWest University, California campus. They placed 27th out of 63 teams for Grand Champion and 19th in Engineering documentation this year. Additionally, the Central Valley students participated in Bots IQ's pre-apprenticeship program, which is comprised of the industry recognized Tooling U online courses and a litany of hands-on competencies. Students earn certificates and skills which they can carry to modern STEM careers.

The team would like to thank Schroeder Industries for continuing to support us for 16 years, the Central Valley School District for their continued support, and Bots IQ and the NTMA which have made this opportunity possible. The team has already begun designing for the 2024 season and are looking forward to bringing home the Grand Champion trophy next year!



CVHS Student Awards Assembly

On **May 4th**, CVHS held its annual Awards Assembly in the high school auditorium. Over \$600,000, including \$180,000 from local scholarship committees, were awarded to over 40 seniors in the Class of 2023. This year the Walter R. Sylvester Scholarship (4 years/ \$10,000 per) was awarded to senior **Kristina Lacenere**, while Seniors **Tanner Baughman**, **Mallory Bible**, **Jackson Shearer**, and **Alexandra Walmsley** were the recipients of the Mateer Memorial Scholarships (4 years/ \$5,000per).

In addition to the scholarships, the Assembly highlighted many other awards and achievements made by the student body throughout the 2022-23 school year. A big thank you to the Guidance Office for coordinating the assembly and the speakers and representatives that were able to attend.



Local Carpenters Donate to CV Tech Program

The Central Valley Tech Ed program and students would like to acknowledge and express their gratitude to Mrs. Betty Barron of Munhall who graciously donated several tool boxes full of tools along with an array of fasteners and assorted hardware. The tools and materials were left by her late husband Bill and their late sons Bill and Gary. All three gentlemen were Union Carpenters in the Pittsburgh region. The tools and materials she donated are being used within the Tech Ed program here at Central Valley High School. Some of the tools are being given to outstanding Tech Ed students so that they can begin

to build their own tool collections and carry on the traditions of the trades and engineering.

One Enchanting Evening- CVHS Prom

The Central Valley High School Prom was held on **Friday, May 5th** at Shadow Lakes in Aliquippa. The theme of the evening was “An Enchanted Forest” and over 250 students were on hand for the event, arranged by Student Activity Sponsors **Ms. Kramer** and **Ms. McCracken**.

Entertainment for the night included DJ John Book, Air Brush Tattoos and Balloon Artistry by Marlene and Dave Dudo along with a Photo Booth provided by Christopher Perry Photography.



Leading up to Prom, the Grand March was held at the HS Auditorium as the Prom Court was announced and senior **Natalie Samchuck** was chosen as Prom Queen by her classmates.

Pops and Pies Concert

The Central Valley High School Band hosted its Pops and Pies Concert on **May 9th** in the high school auditorium. Under the direction of **Ms. Lewis**, audience members were entertained to more contemporary pop music by the Concert Band, including hits “Careless Whisper” “April in Paris” and “Bad to the Bone”. This performance was followed by the Jazz Band who played arrangements from familiar artists such as Coldplay and Guns N’Roses. The evening ended with dessert in the cafeteria which really made Mr. Lewis smile.



Academic Excellence Banquet

Each year the Academic Excellence Banquet is held to honor and recognize seniors graduating from Central Valley with Highest Honors. These students graduated with an average of 93% or above over their four years in high school and were distinguished by the gold sash given to them for Commencement.

This year fifty seniors earned the honor and were invited along with their families to attend the banquet on **May 11th** which began in the HS Auditorium. Students shared their future plans and goals with the audience and were presented with small gifts from **Mrs. Whipkey's** Student Council during the ceremony. The evening concluded with a reception held in HS Cafeteria.



Chorus Fest Provides Outdoor Entertainment

For the third consecutive year, the Central Valley High School Chorus along with the High School Show Choir hosted its Chorus Fest on **May 23rd**. Performing on the steps of the high school main entrance, they were joined by the Middle School Chorus as well. Food trucks were on hand from Papa Duke's and Brusters to provide refreshments on what turned out to be a beautiful evening. **Ms. Damp** and **Ms. Patterson** led the ensembles in songs such as "Walking on Sunshine" and "You Can't Stop the Beat" that certainly set the tone for the well-attended festival.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

CV Regains Envirothon Championship

On **Wednesday April 12th**, CV students from **Mr. Emler's** SAVE Club competed in the Beaver County Envirothon. Central Valley took three of the top five spots in the competition. In fifth place was the team of **Dominic Suhayda, Raegan Phillips, LaReyne Wukawitz, Chloe Reinstadtler, and Meredith Dennis**. Central Valley had two teams tied for the top spot with 338 points out of a possible 500. First and second place came down to a tie-breaker. As a result of the tie-breaker, the team of **Emily Tran, Christian Yu, Jennifer Vo, Tanner Baughman, and Isabella Chimile** took second place. This year's Beaver County champs were the team of **Logan Henry, Alex Lewis, Grant Phillips, Jake Abrams, and Zack Alberico**. Congratulations to all of the Central Valley Envirothon teams on a successful year.



FBLA State Competition Held in Hershey

Thirty members of the Central Valley Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, along with sponsors **Ms. Delon** and **Ms. Valli**, traveled to Hershey, Pennsylvania on **April 16th-19th** for the state competition after qualifying at regionals earlier in the year. The following students placed in the top ten in their event at the FBLA State Leadership Conference:



- Jackson Shearer** - 7th Place in Business Communications
- Isabella Chimile** - 9th Place in Insurance & Risk
- Isabella Flinchim** - 5th place in Insurance & Risk
- Mara Fisher** - 1st place in Agribusiness

Senior **Mara Fisher**, a two-time national qualifier, will move on to the national competition. This year's conference is in Atlanta Georgia at the end of June. These are all tremendous achievements and a great representation of the hard work and dedication of our student body. Congratulations CV FBLA.



Students Place at Geneva Business Competition

Students in **Ms. Delon's** Business classes competed at Geneva College on **Thursday, April 27th**. The teams participated in a scavenger hunt to obtain clues to help them solve the business case. After analyzing the business dilemma, the team had to present their findings and provide a solution. Central Valley's team won 2nd place at the event.



CV Warrior 5K Held in April

On **April 29th**, **Ms. Chirico**, along with several student volunteers, hosted the Central Valley Warrior 5K. The goal of the event is to continually raise funds to support equipment in the Walter & Lois Sylvester Wellness Center at CVHS. With the help of local sponsors and entrance fees paid by almost fifty runners, close to \$3,000 was raised by the race. Both first place finishers came from the CVHS faculty with Mr. Emler in the men's division and Ms. Hufnagle in the women's division.

Summer hours will start on June 5th at the Wellness Center as it will be open from 8AM to 8PM on Monday through Thursday. Any community member interested in joining can contact Ms. Chirico at the high school.

National Honor Society's Year in Review

The Central Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society, sponsored by **Ms. Jones**, has been busy this spring. Chapter inductions for new members took place in early March. Several members worked at the “Todd Lane Muffins in the Morning” breakfast sponsored by the Central Valley PTA on **May 7th**. Tables, decorations, and crafts were set up the night before and on Saturday morning families were welcomed to a breakfast and activities with their children. In April, the National Honor Society “adopted” six Beaver County children and created beautiful baskets of small gifts and treats to be opened on Easter morning. The month of May will bring the chapter’s election of officers and supportive roles as the members assist during the graduation ceremony for the class of 2023. The members will continue their mission of service and host Freshmen Orientation in August.



First Annual Rain Rally Held at CVHS

On **May 11th**, Central Valley High School hosted a Cool Schools Rain Rally to benefit Special Olympics-Pennsylvania and raise awareness for our Unified Champion Schools program that is committed to students with intellectual disabilities. Sophomore **Bailey Maylone** and **Ms. Lupinacci** organized the event and were able to raise \$1285.00 by recruiting students to collect individual donations to sponsor them in the event. Local fire departments were recruited to provide the “rain showers”

and the event served as a send-off for our Unified Champion Track team as they departed for one of their track meets. We look forward to seeing this rally grow in the years to come.



IN OUR DISTRICT:

High School Scheduling for 2023-24

In preparation for the 2023-24 school year, scheduling took place on **April 3-5th**. After meeting with the entire class of students in the Auditorium to discuss the Courses of Studies, individual scheduling meetings were held in the HS Library with each student and their guidance counselors. On **April 18th**, future freshmen at the Middle School went through a similar process. For scheduling questions and concerns for the upcoming school year, please contact the Guidance Office.



New iPad Distribution

During the months of **April and May**, approximately 2,400 students across the district were issued Apple's newest iPad (10th Generation). The iPads came with new crayons and chargers and doubled local storage from 32 GB to 64 GB. Additional features include a bigger 10.9" retina-display, a touch-ID feature, and a camera that allow students to edit video in 4K resolution.

Students had their passwords reset and all notes and personal data was transferred with the help of our tech support team, **Sean Rendar, Ethan Young, Mike Malinich, Matt Diamond** along with **Ms. Rosatone** and **Dr. Hineman**. These new iPads are a part of our district's three-year cycle that has been in place since 2014.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **June 12th**- First Day of Summer Credit Recovery Program
- **July 21st**- Last Day of Summer Credit Recovery Program

- **August 23rd**- Freshman/ New Student Orientation
- **August 28th**- First Day of School for the 2023-24 School Year



Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!