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#### Vol. LXII No. VI Secondary School News

It is amazing to think that we are in the second half of the school year. In fact Thursday, February 17 marked the  $100^{\text{th}}$  day of school.

We are proud to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2023. Both young men have distinguished themselves throughout their high school careers at Tri-Valley.

Thomas Houghtaling, son of Holly and Todd Houghtaling, has earned the academic distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2023 for having the highest overall average in the graduating class. Thomas has challenged himself throughout his high school career to take rigorous coursework and to excel academically, earning the number one ranking. He was recognized by the College Board as the recipient of the National Rural and Small Town Award. Whether academically or athletically, Thomas has always given his best. He was a member of the 2022 State Championship Cross Country Team and the Section IX 2023 Championship Indoor Track and Field team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the club's Treasurer. He has participated in FBLA and student government throughout high school. He has participated as a member of the school's Track Team and Wrestling Team. Noah Jucha, son of Cassandra and Theodore Jucha, has been named as the Salutatorian of the Class of 2022. Noah has challenged himself with rigorous academic courses throughout high school. As a student-athlete, Ben has been involved in soccer throughout his high school career. Noah is a member of the 2023 Section IX Championship Indoor Track and Field team. He has participated in soccer, track, FBLA and pit band during high school. He was a pioneering member of our Civics & Social Justice (2021-22) class. Congratulations to Thomas, Noah and their families on earning these great honors. We will be announcing the

remaining top 10 students in the Class of 2023 in early March.

As we have reached the half-way point of the year which means we begin to start planning and scheduling for the 2023-24 school year. On Thursday, February 16, we held our first "Electives Rounds/ Fair". We have bolstered our electives over the past years to provide courses that are of high interest, offer opportunities for exploration and to further students' interests and passions. Students in grades 9-11 had the opportunity to visit classrooms and hear about the electives courses being planning for the 2023-24 school year in the following areas: Visual Arts, Technology/ Industrial Arts, Agriculture, Business and Family and Consumer Sciences. Electives taught in Computer Programing, Math, Science, English and Music will be addressed by students' current teachers in each subject area. In all, we are planning to offer 55 elective courses for next year varying from semester and full year courses. In collaboration with SUNY Sullivan we will be offering a variety of college level courses totaling 48 college credits. We will be offering an Advanced Placement (AP) course in Computer Science. Course catalogs for the 2023-24 school year will be available soon on the district website. We are in the process of beginning to meet with students in grades 9-11 (current grades) to do course selection for the 2023-24 school year. In late March, our school counselors, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Williams, will be pushing into the 8th grade classrooms to discuss scheduling and course selection to meet state graduation requirements and to begin their transition to high school. Parents, please feel free to reach out to your child's guidance counselor if you would like to participate in your child's scheduling meeting.

#### **Elementary School News**

Communication: Our RULER team continues their focus on addressing the social emotional well-being of our students. Be on the lookout for your child to be bringing home a really cool slap bracelet that was earned due to their ongoing learning of regulating emotions. This is just another way for us to continue to highlight the importance of every child's mental health!

At-Home Preparedness Plans: Getting into a routine of reviewing emergency procedures with your family at the start of a new calendar year is always worthwhile. Included in your conversation, you are encouraged to review with your child their address, phone number, and discuss what to do if they are ever separated from you whether it be at the grocery store or even if they arrive home from school to find you are not there! Of course the usual fire drills are important too!

A Note from the ES Office: Any dismissal changes should be either faxed or emailed before 2:20 pm. Please be aware that if you email us (esbusnotes@trivalleycsd.org), we will send a confirmation email so that you know we have received it. If you do not hear from us, kindly assume we did not get it and you should then give us a call.

In addition, if any of your contact information has changed, phone number or email address, it is important to update that information with us.

#### Stay Connected:

Our unpredictable winter weather is here! Stay in the loop! School Closings, Delays, and Early Dismissals are communicated via email, phone, website, and our Tri-Valley Facebook page!

Also, be sure to check out the Whitson's menu page for school breakfast, lunch offerings and nutritional facts.

#### Weather:

Brrr....it's cold! Feel free to send students into school with coats, hats, and mittens. As temperatures tend to rise during the school day, afternoon recess and other outdoor activities may resume and we want students to be prepared and warm.

#### Teaching and Learning:

Attendance matters! Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward. Missing 1 or 2 days every few weeks can make it harder for your child to gain early reading and math skills, build relationships, and develop good work ethics. If your child expresses that they are not feeling well and you are not certain whether to send your child to school due to illness, feel free to call our Health Office to discuss the situation with one of our nurses.

School Spirit: Bear Pride is something we continue to foster in our students. We invite families to come out and support all of our winter sporting events. A list of daily competitions can be found on the school's website under Athletics. Not only will the attending of an athletic event inspire school spirit, but may also ignite a passion for a particular sport. We are always looking to grow our Tri-Valley Athletics programs.

Upcoming is the Harlem Wizards basketball game where our very own faculty and staff will take on professional basketball players. This exciting event is taking place on February 26th. See our website for more details. I hope to see everyone come out for this fun-filled community event!

Final Thoughts: We are halfway through the 2022-2023 school year. Encourage your children to stay focused. There is lots of learning and growing still to come. Go BEARS!

Jennifer Williams ES Principal

#### Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!

On Friday, February 10, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Jacob Davison and Rebecca Squires won awards for Academic Excellence, Aaron Edwards and Luis Cholula-Jimenez won awards for Leadership, Caitlyn Monell and Novalee Morton won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Johnathan Moore and Jacob Van Etten won awards for Most Improved, Janiel Prado and Kaylee Taubl won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Hiram Roman and Anthony Schuman won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

In the 7th grade, Ava Bush and Avery Carrier won awards for Academic Excellence, Matthew Cuji Angamarca and Julia Sweetman won awards for Leadership, Timothy Kufert and Jiya Patel won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Maddox Cruz and Leland Reinshagen won awards for Most Improved, Kenneth Green and Sanaa Lawrence won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Christopher Parken and Carter Ukaj won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



(left to right): back row- Novalee Morton, Johnathan Moore, Jacob Van Etten, Aaron Edwards; middle row- Kaylee Taubl, Rebecca Squires, Hiram Roman, Luis Cholula-Jimenez, Caitlyn Monell; front row- Janiel Prado, Jacob Davison, Anthony Schuman



(left to right): back row- Sanaa Lawrence, Timothy Kufert, Matthew Cuji Angamarca, Kenneth Green, Maddox Crux, Julia Sweetman; front row- Jiya Patel, Ava Bush, Avery Carrier, Carter Ukaj, Christopher Parken, Leland Reinshagen

#### **Spring Sports Start Dates**

Varsity & JV Sports:Monday, March 13th Registration is open in FamilyID Modified Sports: Monday, March 20th Registration opens February 18th in FamilyID Register your student today at www.familyid.com/organizations/tri-valley-athletics! To stay updated on our Athletic Events throughout the 2022-2023 school year, please go to the Tri-Valley Athletics Website and select the Athletic Schedules link. The "Notify Me" option is a convenient way for you to receive notifications when updates are made to the Athletic Schedule.

For all information regarding Athletics, please follow Tri-Valley Athletics on Twitter and Instagram @ TVCS\_Athletics. We are also on Facebook at Tri-Valley Athletics.

#### 2022-2023 Athletic Accomplishments

#### 2022 Boys Cross Country

Team: Boys Team Division Champions Boys Team Section 9 Champions Boys Team NYSPHSAA Class D Champions NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

Individual accomplishments: Adam Furman -4 Individual Invitational wins (VVS Pre-States Invitational, Bowdoin XC Classic Invitational, Suffern Invitational, Burnt Hills Invitational) -OCIAA Champion – 14:57.5 (17th fastest time ever ran on the historic Bear Mt. Course) -Section 9 Champion -NYSPHSAA Class D Champion -NYS Federation Runner-up -Sullivan County Democrat Fall Athlete of the Year (with Van and Anna) -Sullivan County Democrat XC All-Star -2022 First Team All-State

Van Furman -Section 9 Runner-up -NYSPHSAA Class D Runner-up -Sullivan County Democrat Fall Athlete of the Year (with Adam and Anna) -Sullivan County Democrat XC All-Star -2022 First Team All-State -2022 NY State XC Sophomore of the Year

Craig Costa -Sullivan County Democrat XC All-Star Team -2022 Third Team All-State

Vincent Mingo -Sullivan County Democrat XC All-Star Team Thomas Houghtaling -Sullivan County Democrat XC All-Star Team

#### 2022 Girls Cross Country

Team: OCIAA Division Champions Section 9 Class D Runner Up NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

Individual: Chrissy Wachter -SC Democrat All-Star Team Honorable Mention

Lily Siciliano -SC Democrat All-Star Second Team

Delanie Hoffman -SC Democrat All-Star Second Team

Brynn Poley -SC Democrat All-Star First Team -Advanced to NYSPHSAA (State) Championships and finished 48th

Anna Furman -SC Democrat All-Star First Team -Section 9 Individual Champion -Finished 2nd overall at the NYSPHSAA (State) Championships -Finished 32nd at the NYS Federation Championships -Won the 13/14 age group of the Champs Northeast Regional Race -Named to NY Milesplit's NY State Girls Runner of the Year Awards -First Team NY Class D

#### 2022 Varsity Football

Team: Section IX 8-Man Champions \*1st 2 Time Champion in Section IX NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

Individual: Austin Hartman -Section IX Coaches Association 8-Man Player of the Year -Section IX Coaches Association All-Section -Section IX Coaches Association All-League -SC Democrat Football All-Star -NYS Sportswriters 8-Man All-State Football Dylan Poley -Section IX Coaches Association All-Section -SC Democrat Football All-Star -NYS Sportswriters 8-Man All-State Football -NYS Coaches Association Scholar All-State Football Team

Ian Mullen -Section 9 Coaches Association All-Section -SC Democrat Football All-Star -NYS Sportswriters 8-Man All-State Football

Josh Carmody -Section 9 Coaches Association All-League -SC Democrat Football All-Star

Collin Mentnech -Section 9 Coaches Association All-League -SC Democrat Football All-Star

Zach Kitaychik -Section 9 Coaches Association All-League -SC Democrat Football All-Star

Dan Winters -SC Democrat Football All-Star

Talan Scanna -SC Democrat Football All-Star

Coach Crudele -Section 9 Coaches Association 8-Man Coach of the Year

#### 2022 Girls Varsity Soccer

Team: Division Champions 1st Seed in Section IX Class C Section IX Runner Up NYS Sportswriters Final Ranking of 16th in the State NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

Individual: Kendall McGregor -Section IX All-Star -Sullivan County Democrat Soccer Most Valuable Player

Abbigail Mentnech -Section IX All-Star

#### 2023 Girls Indoor Track Accomplishments...So Far

Team: OCIAA Division Champions 9th out of 20 teams in the Section 9 Class B Championships

Individual: Amelia Mickelson -3rd in the 1000m at Sectional Championships -Division Champion in the 600m and 1500m

Anna Furman -Section Champion in the 3000m -SCCC Champion in the 1000m and 1500m

Emily Hornbeck -Division Champion in the High Jump

Tabitha Mulholland -Division Champion in the Triple Jump

The Girls 4X400m Relay Team of Anna Furman, Amelia Mickelson, Emily Hornbeck, and Kaylee Poppo - 3rd at Sectional Championships

The Girls 4X400m Relay Team of Emily Hornbeck, Lily Siciliano, Delanie Hoffman, and Emma Richardson - 1st at Divisional Championships

#### 2023 Boys Indoor Track Accomplishments... So Far

Team: OCIAA Division Champions Section 9 Class B Team Champions (2nd time in Tri-Valley School History)

Individual: Adam Furman -3x Division Champion (600m, 1000m, 1600m) -3x Section 9 Champion (600m, 1000m, 1600m) -New School Record in the 1000m run – 2:31.58 -New Balance National Championship qualifier (1000m) -Nike Nationals Championship qualifier (1000m) -Adidas Indoor Nationals Champion Elite qualifier (1000m)

Van Furman -Division Champion (3200m) -Division Runner-up (1600m) -Section 9 Champion (3200m) Craig Costa -Division Runner-up (3200m) -Section 9 Runner-up (3200m)

Dayne Wall -Division Runner-up (300m)

Jacob Lucak -3x Division Runner-up (55m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump)

Noah Jucha -Division Champion (Triple Jump)

Noah Edwards -Division Champion (High Jump)

Nick Bender -Division Champion (Pole Vault)

Armaan Butler -Division Champion (Weight Throw) -Division Runner-up (Shot Put)

#### 2023 Winter Cheerleading...So Far

Team Accomplishments: -Attended 1st Cheerleading competition in many years -Won 1st Place in Co-ed Small Varsity-Small School Division at Warwick

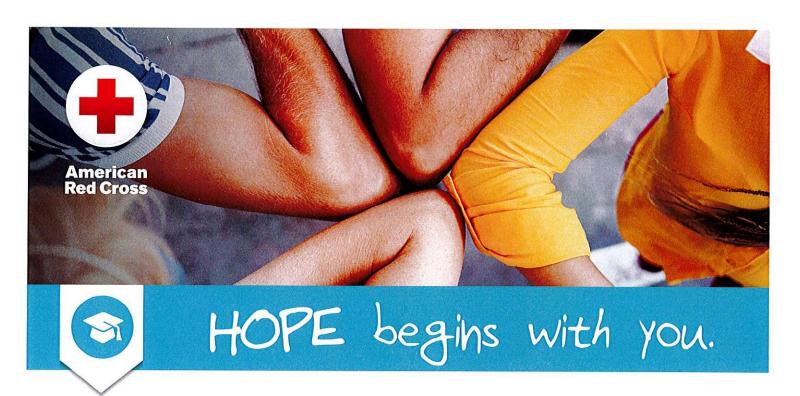
#### 2023 Alpine Skiing Accomplishments...So Far

Individual: Austin Hartman -Section IX Champion

Congratulations on these accomplishments Bears! Let's have a great spring season!

Yours in Sport,

Jason T. Closs Secondary School Director of Athletics (845) 985-2296 Ext. 5304 jasoncloss@trivalleycsd.org



# Tri-Valley Community Blood Drive

## Proudly sponsored by the National Honor Society

in the Tri-Valley High School Gym 34 Moore Hill Rd. Grahamsville, NY 12740

### Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Students who are 16 must bring a signed permission slip to be able to donate blood.



Come to give and receive a Red Cross Fanny Pack! (while supplies last).

RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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# Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Snow Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

## **3:00 to 4:30 p.m** Grades 3 - 6

Are you interested in learning more about dogs? Join 4-H Youth Development Animal Science Coordinator, Barbara Moran for this hands-on program! Activities include demonstrations in handling and dog training, activities geared toward dog lovers, and a mock dog skill-a-thon. You do not have to own a dog to be a part of this program!



Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

# Love dogs?

You'll love this program and will gain more canine knowledge!

PLEASE NOTE: More the merrier for this program, BUT we have a limit of 20 seats on the bus. If the bus fills up, parents will need to provide transportation to this program. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than Monday, March 20th.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org





#### Daniel Pierce Library

# Daniel Pierce Library Upcoming Program Dates

#### Save the Date

Mark your calendar! Join us for these programs and events coming soon. Check our website and social media pages for future happenings.

#### EVENT DATES:

APRIL-JUNE | WED-FRI. 9:30 & 11 a.m. Spring Children's Programing Ingnite your child's love of reading, ages 12 months-5 years.

APRIL-JUNE | WED. 3-4:30-p.m. LEGO Time LEGO and zip with us once a month.

APRIL 22nd | SAT. 10-12 p.m. Webinar Medicare 101 All you need to know about Medicare.

MAY 6th | SAT. 10-3 p.m. 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Class For those looking to get their license.

MAY 20th | SAT. 9-2 p.m. Child and Babysitting Safety Course Get the skills needed to care for infants and children.

JUNE 2nd | FRI. 9-3 p.m. National Donut Day Pumpkin Party donuts for sale.

JUNE-JULY | To Be Announced All Together Now Summer Reading Programing SRP Reading incentives and programming begin June 25th.

OCTOBER 7th | SAT. 9-4 p.m. Giant Pumpkin Party The Daniel Pierce Library's 37th Giant Pumpkin Party.



Save the Dates for these upcoming programs and events offered by the Daniel Pierce Library

Library Hours of Operation

Monday - 9:00 - 1:00

Tuesday - 9:00 - 7:00

Wednesday - 9:00 - 5:00

Thursday - 9:00 - 7:00

Friday - 9:00 - 5:00

Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00

Sunday - Closed

Follow us on social media for much more!

#### **Daniel Pierce Library**

# PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE



Fish <u>OR</u> Chicken and Chips, Dessert. For advanced tickets contact: Bill Richardson at (845) 489-1215 Alyssa Kelly at (845) 807-4171 Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97



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# *Ciant Pumpkin Crowing Time* at the Daniel Pierce Library

Saturday, March 4, 2023

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Did you ever wonder how to grow a GIANT pumpkin? Join our special guest, multi award winner giant pumpkin grower, Sean McAndrew as he talks us through the steps from seed to pumpkin! He will share everything you will need to know to cultivate your very own GIANT pumpkin.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents ages 12 and up. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org





Daniel Pierce Library 328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268 Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233 www.danielpiercelibrary.org

# The Daniel Pierce Library Presents... **Snakes of the Hudson Valley** Saturday, March 11, 2023

Snow Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Please join us and naturalist Pam Golben, Director of the Mamakating Enviromental Center to learn about the natural history of snakes

found in Hudson Valley and how to identify them.



Meet a live snake! Recommended for adults and Children 12 and older.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org



#### **Daniel Pierce Library**

# The Daniel Pierce Library Spring Children's Programs 2023

## The library is a wonderful place to ignite your child's love of reading.

The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to five years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 10, 2023. These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

#### Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, April 12th

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Must be 12 months by 12/1/22.

#### Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 13th

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 24 months by 12/1/22.

#### Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 14th

Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, homework, and music. Two programs will be held each Friday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 3 years or older by 12/1/22.

#### **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour**

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. (Children will be registered at school.)

Give your child a head start by enrolling in one of these valuable programs this spring. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by April 1st. If you have any questions, please email dmchugh@rcls.org or call (845) 985-7233 x105.



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Register Today!

# Daniel Pierce Library

Mardi Gras Donuts Same delicious Pumpkin Party Donuts! Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:00 am. - 3:00 p.m.



Donuts available:

# Cinnamon Sugar and Plain \$8.00 per dozen

Orders must be received by Tuesday, February 14th. To order:

🐱 Call us at 845 985-7233

Place an online order at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

or

Fill out an pre-order form available at the circulation desk

Thank You for your continued support!



#### Daniel Pierce Library

# Daniel Pierce Library WINTER READING CHALLENGE JAN 9- MARCH 20

Read for 12 hours or 48 books. Audiobooks count too! Pick up a log at either circulation desk or download one from our website and start coloring in the circles...each quarter of a circle equals 15 minutes or 1 book. Fill in as you read and list your read books on the log on the back. Bring the completed log to the library and pick up your prize!



# WIN PRIZES | AGES 12 AND UNDER



## ARE COMING TO TRI-VALLEY!

## Sunday, February 26th, 2023

Game Times: 1:00pm- 3:00pm

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5:00pm-7:00pm

Doors Open 1 hour prior to game time.

Come watch some of your favorite Tri-Valley teachers and staff play against the Harlem Wizards! Purchase Tickets online at <u>www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/</u> or scan the QR code at the bottom of the flier

> General Admission ONLY Student & Adults \$12.30 (Incl. 8% Sales Tax & \$1.50 Service Fee) Children 3 and under admitted free

> > \$18.00 at the door

Pre-Sale is strongly encouraged, limited availability at the door



THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT FOR PreK-8 STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



#### PROPOSED 2023-24 BOE BUDGET CALENDAR

#### BOE MEETING BOE Meeting Date

November	10th	Present BOE Budget Calendar for review
December	8th	Adopt BOE Budget Calendar
January	5th	Governor's Budget Proposal (if available)
	19th	Introductory Budget Info to BOE
February	2nd	Capital Component Presentation
	16th	Administrative Component Presentation Tax Cap Discussion
March	2nd	Program Component Presentation
	16th	Overview of Proposed Budget, Revenues, Tax Cap Contingency Budget
	30th	Budget Adoption
April	11th	Budget Adoption
	25th	BOCES Budget Vote
May	9th	Budget Hearing
	16th	Statewide Budget Vote (No Meeting)
	25th	Acceptance of Budget Results
June	20th	**** Statewide Budget Revote Day