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# A message from our superintendent

Dear Newark Valley CSD,

It doesn't seem possible, but we're already into December in the blink of an eye. The New Year will be upon us soon. My first several months here at Newark Valley have been amazing. The welcome I have received from staff, students, and the community has been outstanding. My entry plan for the start of the school year was to learn as many of the aspects of the district as possible. Everyone's willingness to have conversations and share their experiences has enabled me to gain a deeper understanding of the district, identify areas of strength, and recognize opportunities for further inquiry. The process is still ongoing, and the outcome will be the basis for the development of a strategy that will help guide our future work. This process has only strengthened my appreciation for the community and the Newark Valley Central School District. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this school district.

One thing that has already become very clear is the support for our district. Thank you to everyone in our NVCD family students, families, staff, community members, and our Board of Education—for supporting the multiple programs and events that make our school a great place to learn and grow. Without all of you, the quality of the journey for our students would not be the same.



I encourage you to follow all of the

wonderful accomplishments and activities that occur in our district by visiting our website at *www. nvcs.stier.org/*, our Facebook page at *www.facebook.com/ NewarkValleyCSD*, and to download the Newark Valley App by searching Newark Valley CSD in your phone's app store.

I wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year!

With gratitude and best regards,

Timothy M. Calice

Superintendent of Schools

# Senior Harley Switzer competes in the NYS Public High School Cross Country Championships

On Saturday, Nov. 11, Newark Valley high school senior Harley Switzer competed in the New York State Public High School Cross Country Championships, which took place at Vernon Verona Sherrill High School in Vernon, NY.

She had the best race of her cross-country career, which allowed her to finish 26th in her race. Congratulations, Harley!

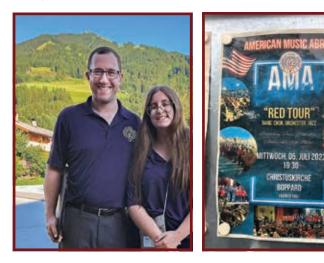




# American Music Abroad Red Tour

Over the summer, Newark Valley High School student Carissa Sweet participated in the American Music Abroad Red Tour as a member of the Concert Choir. The AMA Red Tour assembles around 120 top high school musicians from across Southern Tier NY and Northern NJ to rehearse and perform a variety of concerts across a nearly 3-week tour of Europe. NVHS choral director, Graham Terry, served as one of the concert choir conductors for this year's tour. Throughout July, they traveled to Switzerland, France, Germany, the Czech Republic, and Austria, performing a concert in each country and visiting many important cultural sites. Congratulations to Carissa Sweet on representing Newark Valley's music program this summer across Europe.







# Johnson Museum of Art field trip

On Friday, Dec. 1, the Newark Valley Art Department took a field trip to the Johnson Museum of Art on Cornell University's campus in Ithaca, NY. Students were able to see and interact with exhibits that are currently on display, as well as pieces from the museum's permanent collection. It was a wonderful inspiration for students and very thought-provoking. JOHNSON MUSEUM



# The Community Comes Together

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Newark Valley Central School District Alumni Committee presented the 2023 Alumni Community Concert. The benefit concert aims to raise money for eight different scholarships for graduating seniors. Tickets were not required; however, freewill monetary donations were accepted at the door.

Concert attendees were treated to musical performances across an array of genres, including country, pop, classical, and gospel. A big thank you to the Alumni Committee for making this great concert happen. Another thank you to those who attended, those who donated, and to our many talented performers for sharing their talents with our community!



# Interact Club making an impact on the community

Students in the Interact Club volunteered their time to help restore the Trout Ponds Park on Friday, Oct. 20. The team worked in conjunction with Lowe's Home Improvement and Lowe's Hometowns Project. The project stems from Lowe's community impact program, a five-year, 100-million-dollar commitment to rebuild and revitalize community spaces nationwide. Students helped paint pavilions and benches, giving the park a much-needed facelift. The club got to work to help make an impact in the community and enjoyed giving back.



Pictured: Hailey Engbith helping with the garden.



**Pictured (L-R):** Janene Williams-Interact advisor, Olivia Vaughn, Madilynn Jordan, MaeAnna Jackson, Brook Illsley, Kate Guiles, Ted Hardenstine, Hailey Engbith and Justin Jacobson.

# Dessert Success at Apple Fest

The Newark Valley Historical Society hosted their 42nd Annual Apple Festival on Oct. 7 and 8, 2023. Despite the rain, the Bement Billings Farmstead was bustling with talented artists, historians, musicians, and vendors. Students from elementary to high school were excited to learn of the addition of a student division in the apple dessert baking competition.

Multiple kids and classes got in on the action and created irresistible, award-winning desserts. Judges were selected at random to taste-test the apple entries. Among the winners were Julianna Tomazin with her amazing concord grape apple pie, Kirstie Hardenstine's crew with a delicious apple pie lasagna recipe, and Jill VanDeMark's class with an expertly assembled, lattice top apple pie.

Honorable mentions could certainly be given to all our student bakers, including Casey Krager and Cassidy Pado (apple cinnamon buns), Tressa Middendorf (apple crumb cake), Kaitlyn Bohne (apple pinwheel cookies), Tyler Thompson (apple crisp cups), Billie Dawson (apple cobbler), Ben Dawson (apple dumplings), and Reagan Oliver (apple walnut cake). All desserts were sold by the slice at the festival, which helped raise funds for future community events. Congratulations to all the participants. Thank you for supporting the community while learning a useful skill and having fun along the way.



# **NV** 2023 Homecoming Fun!

On Sept. 29, Newark Valley High School and Middle School students showed their school spirit at their pep rallies, showing off their cardinal pride!

High school students got to play musical chairs, grade versus grade tug-of-war, and play a teacher versus student football game! Students also got to witness the crowing of the Homecoming King and Queen, Eric Hunt, and Hailey Engbith. The king and queen also got to do the honors of throwing a pie in two teachers faces!

Middle school students also had a great time at their pep rally. They had a teacher-versus-student dodgeball game and a teacher-versus-student floor hockey game! Students even came prepared with cardboard cutouts of their favorite teachers that they gleefully waved around during the pep rally. On Saturday, Sept. 30, the homecoming parade commenced, and tons of people from the community came to show their support of our students and schools! We loved seeing all the floats go by and students participating by throwing candy into the crowds of people. Parade watchers got to see all the fall sports teams go by on their very own floats or walk down the hill with signs, as well as the class floats. We especially loved the class of 2024 float! Everyone enjoyed seeing the homecoming court go by in the parade, each pair waving and smiling to the crowd. All in all, the parade was a hit!

All of that cheering from students and the community did not go to waste as the varsity football team scored a big win against Deposit/Hancock by 43-36 at the homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 30. Amazing job, Cardinals!









# accomplishment for the girls' varsity field hockey team

At the end of October, the varsity field hockey team was awarded the Section IV sportsmanship award for their proactive approach to keeping sportsmanship at the forefront. Congratulations, girls!



Hailey Engbith and Kayden Rockwell holding the award

# A Scary Good Time!

Students at Nathan T. Hall Elementary were invited to attend the Fall Festival, hosted by the NTH PTS, which took place on Friday, Oct. 20. Many families came to enjoy the fun. There were games to play, crafts to create, pumpkins to paint, and even free donuts and cider to eat. Dan the Snake Man was also in attendance, showing off his creepy crawly creatures! He had a tarantula, a giant tortoise and a baby tortoise, a blue tongued skink, a baby alligator, and a giant Burmese python among other little snakes. Students and families had a great time learning about the animals from Dan the Snake Man and even got to pet most of them.

We also saw a lot of great costumes

at the Fall Festival. There were scary costumes, cute costumes, and even silly costumes, like the student who dressed up as a toilet! A costume contest was held at the end of the night, and we had five winners, each in a different category. Aubrey Smith as the witch won "Most Realistic Costume," Riley Biango as Huggy Wuggy won "Funniest Costume", Wyatt VanVorce as the farmer won "Coolest Costume." William Holt as the Mad Scientist won "Most Creative Costume," and Joanna Crandall as the pirate won "Cutest Costume!" There were so many great costumes and we loved seeing each one! It's safe to say that the NTH Fall Festival was a great night for all!









# Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2024–2025 school year for children who will be attending preschool and kindergarten will be held the week of March 18–22, 2024, from 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. daily. A registration packet may be obtained prior to our registration week at our NV website, www.nvcs.stier.org, by scrolling down to find Nathan T.Hall Elementary School and clicking on the picture.You will scroll down about halfway and find the link for the registration packet listed on the right side of the page. You can also pick up a packet at the Nathan T. Hall Elementary School office. Please bring the completed packet and all other requested paperwork with you to register your child.

Children turning five years old for kindergarten or four years old for pre-kindergarten on or before Dec. first, 2024, are eligible to register. Parents or guardians should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records, recent annual physical records, any legal or custody paperwork that we would need, and **two** proofs of residency to register. Parents are reminded that New York State law requires written proof that all students have immunization against polio, measles, diphtheria, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox), and hepatitis B or medical verification of any of the above illnesses.

**Please note:** Children currently attending our preschool program do not need to register for kindergarten. Parents or guardians can call the Nathan T. Hall Elementary Office at (607) 642-3340, ext.2, if you have any questions. Registering your child during our registration week helps the school determine classes and transportation needs for the coming school year.

The Halloween Barade was "Wicked" Fun

On Halloween day, all students at Nathan T. Hall were able to participate in this year's Halloween parade and got to walk around outside of the school and show off their costumes to the families in the crowd! We saw so many silly costumes, scary costumes, beautiful costumes, and an abundance of

inflatable dinosaur costumes! Students and staff had a scary good time walking around and waving to their friends and family in the crowd of people watching. All in all, it was a "wicked" fun parade!



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# CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

The Newark Valley Middle School Student Council has been busy creating ornaments that will eventually adorn a large Christmas tree in the village of Newark Valley. Classes will take their students to place their ornaments on the tree, which is decorated in time for Christmas. Check out some of the ornament's students in Lindsey Tomazin's fifth grade class created!



# LEARNING ABOUT FIRE SAFETY!

During the month of October, the UPK students at Nathan T. Hall Elementary got a real treat when the **local Newark Valley Fire** Department came to visit our school for National Fire Prevention Week. The students got to learn from "Buzzy," the smoke detector, how to "get low and go" and how to "stop, drop, cover your eyes, and roll." They even got to explore the fire truck, which was a big hit! The students were each given a firefighter hat and a packet of material to learn more about fire safety. A great big thank you to Ken Schneider and the Newark Valley Fire Department for keeping all of us safe!



# GRADE 6

Harley Andrews Aviah Aylesworth Trey Crispell Gavin Gilmartin Rowan Gregow

**Brayden Alexander** 

Sheldon Houston Aidan Mele Elizabeth Phillips Rylee Quick Myah Whitney

#### **GRADE 7**

Kaden Harrington Rylan Harvey Jack Hill Alex Spencer

Tyler Thompson Rowan Veruto Maria Vidovich Hannah Yurkonis

#### **MS Honor Roll**

**MS High Honor Roll** 

#### GRADE 7

Hunter Birdsall Aubrey Cooney Nolan Doughtery Jack LaPorte Adin Lelik Gabriel Manzer Elli Rojas Payton White Dominic Woodin

## GRADE 6

**GRADE 6** 

Avery Davis

Aubrey Hill

Emma Fenner

Rebecca Kelsey

Kacie Jo Krager

Ashley Lortscher

Cheyanne Baril Adalyn Bohne Layla Brind Liam Colgan Bruce DeRitis Jacob Elliot Blake Haney Austin Haus Nora McCann Hadley Merrill Tressa Middendorf Rylan Nechwedowich Addison Neno Nora Roth Tyla Rundell

#### **MS Merit Roll**

Clayton Hill Mason Jordan Noah Krenner Cody Morse Taryn Petriwsky Addison Poirier Holly Rupert Gunner Tesseyman

#### GRADE 7

- Rylee Andrews Lisa Marie Capwell Perez Ryder Drabik Elijah Edgington Emily-Rose Gillotti Rhys Golovko Mayson Griffith Wyatt Hoover
- Kaitlyn Keith Elijah Kipp Myah Nunez Marco Riker Jaxson Roach Mason Sack Zoey Thomas

#### **GRADE 8**

Shane Anguish Haven Aylesworth Alyssa Baldwin Troy Blomberg Kaitlyn Bohne Rex Chapman Levi Clark Kiona DePrimo Lauralei Donegan Kendall Griswold Leland Houston Gabrielle James Isabella King Brenna McMurray Zachary Moffett Brianna Noble Amanda Rotundo Addison Smith Chance Spoonhower Gavin Stoeckel

Charlotte Vaughn Tristan Veruto Jason Wandell Elle Webb

#### **GRADE 9**

Jack Blomberg Malloy Chapman Isla Hendrickson Andrew Jerabek Joseph Jerabek Kadie Krenner Andrew Lelik Iris McCloskey Madeline Noble Cecelia Whitney

#### **GRADE 10**

Megan Brooks Rachel Hartman Jackson Hoover Aubrey Kwiatkowski Jeremiah McMartin Haley Payne Anna Sailus John Sloughter Anika Smith Nikara Taylor Elijah Williams

High School High HR 10 weeks 2023/2024

#### **GRADE 11**

Hailie Carter Bela Krenner Carissa Sweet

#### **GRADE 12**

Brandon Adams Mackenzie Benjamin Emily Bird Alyssa Brown William Craparo Hailey Engbith Makana Gardner Paige Hinckley Levi Holt Dallas Jensen Matthew Kasper Mikayla Lawrence Fiona McMurray Michael Medina Emma Neno Kathleen Rombach Alexandra Rosengrant Harley Switzer Jamison Thompson Sophia Tyrrell James Wood Joslyn Wright



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Benjamin Dawson Billeigh Dawson Matthew Greene Aydin Kohman Leah Lansing Madelynn Mele Abigail Quick Connor Remaley Peyton Rhodes Chloe Smolinksy Dekan Walker Natalie Wandell

#### **GRADE 9**

Teagan Akers Lucille Armstrong Joshua Benjamin Dakota Callahan Tristen Carter Lilly Craparo Abigail Escalante Oliver Ferguson Devon Green Kate Guiles Kailyn Harvey Kaleb Jackson Camden King Hayden Pratt Nathan Sessions Wyatt Welch

#### **GRADE 10**

Ryan Bohne Kaylee Crumb Abigal Dufresne Austin Green Ella Klingle Emily LaPorte Adriana Rich Joseph Rombach Anna Roth Lura Schultheis Ryan Schweckendieck Olivia Vaughn Olivia Webb Cheyenne Welch

#### **GRADE 11**

Logan Daniels Lyla Dufresne Kaytlyn Hall HattieSue Hines Reyanna Hines-Cornell Riley Lavine Bianca Milewski Brianna Miller Livia Short John Turnbull

#### **GRADE 12**

Madyson Armstrong Zachery Brodfuehrer Thane Buckley-Camacho Cora Denis Malachi Grant **Brady Hill** Justin Jacobson Matthew Keller Daisy Keller-Perry Bryan Lanner Raechelle Mathewson Kaiden Pado Valentin Perdrix **Daniel Pirger Ryan Rhodes** Aiyanna Stebbins **Brooke Swindler** Sierrah Thompson Joseph Wagner Elizabeth Waterman

#### High School Merit Roll 10 weeks 2023/2024

#### **GRADE 8**

Karmine Cataloni Polly Hines Neal Ingrahm Ava Jordan Hailee Lyon Cadence Payne Rhyley Payne Kameron Zupancic Tesseyman

#### **GRADE 9**

Quinton Adams-Swansbrough

Vanessa Babcock Kolton Case Abigail Debolt Aiden Fenner Vincent Finta LaKoda Gorsline Malerie Gregrow Cereniti Griffith Jeanie Hill Owen Jerabek Isaiah Keith Isaiah Kipp Sarah Iamb Kyler Lykens Lily Pullano Jane Roth Sadie Smith Joshua Spencer

#### **GRADE 10**

Anaya Aylesworth Abigail Benjamin Cadin Creeley Nathan Hinckley Brook Illsley MaeAnna Jackson Zion King McKenzie Larkin Kandys Mills Emilee Rhodes William Simmons Maiya Titus Carlee Vice Michael Wandell Dustin Williams Bradyn Woods

#### **GRADE 11**

Remy Allard Deven Cassell Austin DeBolt Brandon Eynon Adrianna Finta Emmett Hendrickson Aiden Klingle Oren Lindridge Trevor Middendorf Darren Plagens Hunter Price Kayden Rockwell Emma Smith Michael Smith Jenna Vosburgh Scott Wager James Wales Rose Wandell Derek Williams Benjamin Wilson

#### **GRADE 12**

Nathan Adams Nathaniel Beebe Madison Davis Bryce Dunn Brandon Greene Trent Jackson Jerod Meddaugh Seth Northrop Nathaniel Purdy Alexis Shaffer Connor Vanzile Ruthanne Walburn



NV Coding with Jessica Schappert

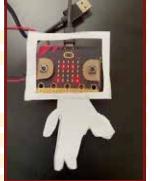
In Jessica Schapperts sixth and seventh grade coding elective, students have been learning how to do block coding to make LED lights turn on to make icons, play a musical note/song, scroll text, and have different things happen depending on the button they push on the micro:bit. A micro:bit is a small computer chip that allows students to get hands on experience with coding and digital making. It is like a pocketsized computer.

The pictures show students with people they drew and then they

coded the micro:bit to have different emotions on their persons face depending on whether they pressed button a, button b, or if they shook the person. Jessica Schappert says that her students have been doing a great job creating new and exciting codes!









# Learning to code with Marissa Potters Fourth Grade Class

Back in September, Ms. Schappert gave a coding lesson to Marissa Potters fourth grade class. They coded the micro:bit in block coding to show a random number from one to six when we shook the micro:bit. They then used their micro:bit as dice and played some addition and multiplication games using the dice program they created. Ms. Schappert says Marissa Potters class did a great job and students are looking forward to doing more coding soon!











### Broome-Tioga BOCES Annual Engineering Days Competition

On Nov. 14, 15, and 16, students from Newark Valley High School, Middle School, and Nathan T. Hall Elementary attended the annual Broome-Tioga BOCES Engineering Days.

Students were grouped into teams of four and competed against more than 80 other teams from different schools in the Southern Tier. The main challenge was to build the best and most successful Rube Goldberg machines using specific criteria and random items provided to complete a certain end goal.

As the day progressed, new challenges were thrown in, which made the students compete harder. Judges scored each team according to their rubric. Newark Valley's HS, MS, and NTH teams did an excellent job throughout their competitions, and they all had a great time doing so!







## **SUNY Broome Instant Admission Day**

On Monday, Oct. 30, 16 Newark Valley High School seniors participated in SUNY Broome Community College's Instant Admission Day and all 16 students were admitted to the college! A big congratulations to the following seniors: Kaitlyn Babcock, Zach Brodfuehrer, Alyssa Brown, Lorelie Cole, Will Craparo, Madison Davis, Bryce Dunn, Matt Keller, Daisy Keller-Perry, Bryan Lanner, Michale Medina, Rachel Parisot, Brenden Plagens, Alexis Shaffer, Joe Wagner, Elizabeth Waterman, and James Wood!





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## Three students perform in the Zone 3 Junior High Area All-State Chorus

On Nov. 4, three Newark Valley students performed in the Zone 3 Junior High Area All-State Chorus. Jack Blomberg, Malloy Chapman, and Cecelia Whitney prepared a challenging program of music to sing alongside top musicians from central New York, culminating in an exceptional concert performance at Homer High School. These students were given this honor by earning top scores on their NYSSMA vocal solos at last spring's festival.

Congratulations on this accomplishment and strong representation of Newark Valley music!



# Now Hiring Substitute Cafeteria Workers

Are you looking for a flexible way to earn some extra cash while your children are in school, work around their schedules and make it home in time for the school bus? The Newark Valley Central School District has openings in our cafeterias for substitute food service workers. No experience necessary.

For more information, please contact Lorraine Trotman at the Newark Valley High School cafeteria: 607-642-8606.