

January 2015



CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT - HOME OF THE THUNDER

Central Valley Academy Parent News

Renee J. Rudd, Principal ♦ Richard J. Keeler, Assistant Principal

Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

Regents Examinations, mid-terms, and the end of the second quarter are just weeks away. Students are highly encouraged to attend all classes, attend review sessions, and complete all homework assignments in order to be fully prepared to do your best on the upcoming assessments.

Classes will not be held for four days during this week; Monday, January 26 through Thursday, January 29. However, all juniors and seniors who attend BOCES should report to their respective programs at Herkimer BOCES every day. Transportation will be provided.

Classes will be in session for all students at CVA on Friday, January 31; second semester begins.

Our January testing schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 26	8:30 a.m.	Living Environment, CC ELA, Government, Economics, RCT Global Studies
	12:30 p.m.	Comprehensive English, CC Algebra
Tuesday, January 27	8:30 a.m.	Global History, RCT Writing, Anatomy Spanish 4 (College Now)
	12:30 p.m.	Integrated Algebra, Chemistry Midterm, Earth Science Practical
	1:15 p.m.	RCT Math
Wednesday, January 28	8:30 a.m.	US History, Performance Theatre CN, Geometry
	9:15 a.m.	RCT Science
	12:30 p.m.	Earth Science, Chemistry
	1:15 p.m.	RCT Reading
Thursday, January 29	8:30 a.m.	Algebra 2/Trig., RCT US History,

For specific exam times, please check our school website; www.cvalleycsd.org

Should you have any questions, feel free to send me an e-mail; rudd@cvalleycsd.org.

Sincerely,

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Important Phone Numbers:

CVA Main Office: 895-7471
 Attendance Office: 574-3111
 Guidance Office: 895-7120
 Nurse's Office: 894-5000 ext. 55911

CSE Office: 574-3115
 Director of Facilities and Athletics: 574-3108
 Music Department Office: 894-5000 ext.51408
 Transportation Department: 866-2140

Disclosure of Student Information

Pursuant to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, school districts must disclose to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our high school students. However, the district must also notify parents of their rights and the rights of their children to request, in writing, that a district NOT release such information if it is so requested.

Parents or students who are at least 18 years old, wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, should have submitted a request in writing by Friday, September 19, 2015 to Renee Rudd, CVA Principal, 111 Frederick St., Ilion, NY, 13357.

Marking Periods - 2014-2015 school year

2nd Marking Period: Nov. 10th – Jan. 29th

3rd Marking Period: Jan. 30th – April 10th

4th Marking Period: April 13th – June

Cell Phones

Cell phones are not allowed in the school environment. Any cell phone that is on, ringing, out in class, seen or heard will be in violation of the code of conduct. Phones may be stored in lockers, clothing or purses. Phones may be used in the main entrance before and after school. During lunch they can be used in the main entrance, cafeteria, and gym. Consequences for violating the cell phone policy include after school detention, confiscation of phone, and parent notification to pick up the phone after 3:00 p.m.

Food and Drinks in School

A reminder ... No food or drinks (except clear water in a clear container) are allowed in the halls or classrooms. Eating is not allowed in the main entrance or near the Weber Avenue entrance during lunch. All food and drinks should remain in the cafeteria.

After School Academic Help

Teachers will be in their rooms from the end of ninth period to 3:20 pm to assist students with their academics. Please make sure your child, our student, takes advantage of this opportunity to get professional assistance from our faculty. In the course of a year, that would mean your child could receive an extra 75 hours of academic assistance.

Visitors to the School

We welcome visitors to Central Valley Academy. If you wish to talk to a teacher and want an appointment, please contact the teacher directly. If this is not possible, please contact the Guidance Office or the Main Office, and we will set up the appointment.

If you are in the building during the school day between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm, while students are present, we ask that you follow Board of Education Policy and sign in at the Main Entrance in order to get a visitor's tag. Please return the tag after your visitor meeting.

Committee on Special Education (CSE) visitors: The CSE office is now located on the bottom floor of the building. Visitors are asked to park on Weber Avenue and enter the building at the designated door.

Library Hours

The library will be open 8 am to 4 pm daily to accommodate students that want to study, work on research papers, homework, or need access to a computer. A late bus will be available for students that need transportation home at 4 pm.

DROP/ADD COURSE DATES - Feb. 2nd-6th

If a student wishes to drop a course at the midyear point they will need to complete the drop/add form which needs to be signed by teacher, counselor and parent by Feb. 6th. If a student changes courses at the midyear, his report card will be marked WP (Drop Passing) or WF (Drop Failing). Students need to maintain a schedule of six classes plus PE.

Attendance Procedures

Procedures Governing Absences and Tardiness

1. If you are legally absent, the day you return to school you must bring a written excuse to your homeroom teacher signed by your parent or guardian. If you are absent for five days or more, a doctor's certificate is necessary.
2. Anytime you are absent, please be sure your parent calls the attendance office. (574-3111)
3. APPOINTMENTS—Students being excused during school hours must bring their excuses to the nurse before first period for verification and sign-outs.
4. If any time during the school day a student becomes ill, then the student should report to the nurse's office. At no time should the student leave the building and go home on his/her own.
5. If a student is going to be absent from school, we recommend that the parent or guardian call the attendance office between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. that day. If the call is not received, then the school will contact the parent or guardian.
6. Students are responsible for all work and/or assignments when absent.
7. Students who are absent for any part of the day from school other than a verified appointment may not attend extracurricular activities or functions on the day of the absence as a spectator or participant. This includes interscholastic athletics (practices and games), field trips, dances, concerts, club meetings, play rehearsals or any school-related activities, etc.
8. If you are late from lunch, you will serve a one hour detention that night.
9. If you are late to school, you are ineligible to compete in any activities that day.

Attendance Policy—concerning course credit

Based on a normal bell schedule, high school students will be denied credit when:

- ◆ There are 28 absences for a full year course
- ◆ There are 14 absences for a half year course

Students who are absent from class due to a school sponsored activity are to arrange with their teachers to make up any work missed in a timely manner as determined by the student's teacher.

PARENT PORTAL

How do I get a password?

Parents who have requested access to the Parent Portal have been sent login/password information to their registered email address. If you do not receive a password, you can request a new one by sending a request to dgeno@cvalleycsd.org.

How do I register?

If you would like to register for Parent Portal, please complete a user access request form which can be downloaded from the school website Parent Portal page. When completed, return the form to the high school office.

District Website

Keep up on important news at events by checking out the Central Valley website at www.cvalleycsd.org.

COURSE OFFERINGS

AP/Honor/College Now

English 9 Honors	Geometry Honors	Earth Science Honors	AP World History	Spanish 4 Coll. Now
English 10 Honors	Algebra 2/Trig Honors	Chemistry Honors	AP US History	Mandarin Chinese
English 11 Honors	Pre-Calc Honors	Physics Honors	Global 1 Honors	Perf. Theatre Coll. Now
AP English	Pre-Calc Hon. Coll. Now	AP Biology	Global 2 Honors	Music Theory Col. Now
English 111 College Now	AP Calculus AB	Anatomy College Now	Western Civilization College Now	
English 112 College Now	AP Calculus BC	Mathematics Stats I College Now		
		Contemporary Math College Now		

The Dignity for All Students Act

New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (the Dignity Act) seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function.

The Dignity Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012.

This legislation amended State Education Law by creating a new Article 2—Dignity for All Students. The Dignity Act also amended Section 801-a of New York State Education Law regarding instruction in civility, citizenship, and character education by expanding the concepts of tolerance, respect for others and dignity to include: an awareness and sensitivity in the relations of people, including but not limited to, **different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identity, and sexes**. The Dignity Act further amended Section 2801 of the Education Law by requiring Boards of Education to include language addressing The Dignity Act in the codes of conduct. Additionally, under the Dignity Act, schools will be responsible for collecting and reporting data regarding material and incidents of discrimination and harassment.

You should feel safe and able to do your best anytime you are at school. Everyone is different, and no one should feel harassed or threatened because of race, color, weight, national origin (where your family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex. Whether you are on school property, on the telephone, or at home on your computer, it is against the law for anyone to use words or actions that make you feel threatened or unsafe in school. And it is against the law for you to do the same to anyone else. The Dignity for All Students Act protects you and helps everyone feel safe and ready to learn at school.

Code of Conduct – We have included an abbreviated Code of Conduct in this newsletter.

CV Offers Parent Today E-Newsletter

Central Valley School District is encouraging parents to sign up for Parent Today, a twice-monthly e-newsletter that provides tools and information to encourage parents to be even more engaged in their children's education.

"Research shows that engaged parents have a positive effect on their children's school success – meaning better attendance, better attitude toward school and homework, better grades and higher expectations for the future," said Superintendent Cosimo Tangorra.

"Parent Today allows us to foster stronger connections between families and our schools and encourage parents to be even more involved in the education of their children."

Parent Today is an award-winning opt-in e-mail newsletter delivered to subscribers' inboxes twice a month. It features easy-to-read, blog-style posts talking about what matters most for families. Parent Today addresses important, age-appropriate topics and gives accessible, easy-to-implement strategies. It also provides information to help families understand the dramatic changes taking place in school curriculum and public education. Subscribers can access the Parent Today website for ongoing information and support in dealing with the challenges of raising an educated child.

Parent Today is provided free of charge to families in Central Valley School District. Subscribers must have Internet access and an e-mail address to receive Parent Today. **To sign up for Parent Today**, just click on the "Parent Today" icon on the district home page and follow the on-screen instructions. Use Central Valley's code 13357. Or, sign up at www.parenttoday.org.

Student Dress Code

As we start a new school year, we need to be reminded of our student dress code. Based on court cases and appeals to the Commissioner of Education, a school may establish rules for dress. The Student Dress Code will be enforced in a consistent and fair manner. We have a dress code that has been adopted is stated in the Central Valley Academy Student Code of Conduct and is explained below.

ACCEPTABLE AND APPROPRIATE:

All members of the school community are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate and acceptable, and is not disruptive to the learning and teaching environment. All students are also expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness. A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails, shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Recognize that extremely brief garments and see-through garments are not appropriate.
- Ensure that underwear is completely covered by the outer clothing.
- Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
- Not include the wearing of hats in the classroom except for a medical or religious purpose.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities, or depict weapons.

UNACCEPTABLE AND INAPPROPRIATE:

- Excessively short shorts and skirts
- Tube tops, net tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, see-through clothing, and plunging necklines (front or back), A-shirts, or any tank top whose straps are not at least 3 fingers wide
- Bare midriffs (any shirt will need to meet the waistline if the arms are held straight out)
- Exposed underwear
- Any item that by word or picture is vulgar, obscene, and libelous, or offensive to others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual preferences, and/or disability
- Promotes or endorses the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and /or encourages other illegal or violent activities
- Extreme hair styles/color, jewelry, make-up, and nails
- Coats are not to be worn in the classroom or in the halls during the school day. Temperatures can vary in the building, so students should be prepared with sweatshirts or sweaters to wear when it is cold outside.
- Pajamas
- **Reminder on wearing of hats:** Hats are not to be worn in the building and should come off when you enter the building and placed in your backpack/locker, not to be carried from class to class.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who violate the dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension.

Mark Your Calendar - Important Dates to Note

Below are some important dates for Central Valley Academy. For a complete listing of school events and meetings, you can view the district calendar online through the school's website at www.cvalleycsd.org.

January 2015

- 17 CVA's Got Talent Show, 7 pm
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
- 24 SAT Exam
- 26-29 NYS Regents exams
- 29 End of second marking period

February 2015

- 1 Performing Arts Pancake Breakfast-Applebee's
- 4 Report Cards Distributed
- 16-20 Mid-Winter Recess
- 23 School Reopens

March 2015

- 5 CVA Spring Musical, 7 pm
- 6 Five week marking period ends
- 6,7 CVA Spring Musical, 7:30 pm
- 11 Five week progress reports mailed
- 14 SAT Exam
- 18 MIOSM Instrumental Concert-Grades 7-12, 7:30 pm
- 20 Superintendent's Conference Day-No School
- 20-21 HCMEA All-County II at Poland
- 25 MIOSM Vocal Concert-Grades 7-12, 7:30 pm
- 30-31 Spring Recess

April 2015

- 1-6 Spring Recess
- 7 School reopens
- 10 End of third marking period
- 15 Report cards mailed
- 18 ACT Exams
- 24-25 NYSSMA 1-VI All-State Solo Festival @ Sauquoit
- 30 CVA Chamber Music Ensembles Concert-7:30 p.m

May 2015

- 2 SAT Exam
- 5 National Honor Society Induction-7:00 p.m.—Aud.
- 5 AP Calculus Exams
- 8 AP US History Exam
- 11 AP Biology Exam
- 13 AP English Exam
- 14 AP World History Exam
- 15 8th Grade Visitation at CVA
- 15 Five week marking period ends
- 15-16 NYSSMA V-VI All-State Solo Festival @ CVA
- 19 Five week progress reports mailed
- 25 Memorial Day—No School
- 26 CVA Athletic Award Banquet

June 2015

- 1 Tri M Music Honor Society & Inductions @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2 CVA Honors Dinner
- 6 SAT Exam
- 9 Perf. Theatre Class-Evening of Songs & Scenes, 7 pm
- 10 Spring Concert, 7:30
- 11 Mott Marathon
- 15 End of fourth marking period
- 13 ACT Exam
- 15 Senior Awards Night—Aud.
- 16-24 NYS Regents exams
- 22 Baccalaureate
- 25 Superintendent's Conference Day-No School
- 26 Graduation, 7 pm

Check the district calendar online at www.cvalleycsd.org for event details and updates. New events will be updated and dates, times, and locations can change!

Central Valley Academy Letter Day Calendar 2014-2015

September 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	(2)	(3)	4A	5B	6
7	8C	9D	10A	11B	12C	13
14	15D	16A	17B	18C	19D	20
21	22A	23B	24C	25D	26A	27
28	29B	30C				

October 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1D	2A	3B	4
5	6C	7D	8A	9B	10C	11
12	13	14D	15A	16B	17C	18
19	20D	21A	22B	23C	24D	25
26	27A	28B	29C	30D	31A	

November 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3B	4C	5D	6A	7B	8
9	10C	11	12D	13A	14B	15
16	17C	18D	19A	20B	21C	22
23	24D	25A	26	27	28	29
30						

December 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1B	2C	3D	4A	5B	6
7	8C	9D	10A	11B	12C	13
14	15D	16A	17B	18C	19D	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5A	6B	7C	8D	9A	10
11	12B	13C	14D	15A	16B	17
18	19	20C	21D	22A	23B	24
25	26C	27D	28A	29B	30C	31

February 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2D	3A	4B	5C	6D	7
8	9A	10B	11C	12D	13A	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23B	24C	25D	26A	27B	28

March 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2C	3D	4A	5B	6C	7
8	9D	10A	11B	12C	13D	14
15	16A	17B	18C	19D	(20)	21
22	23A	24B	25C	26D	27A	28
29	30	31				

April 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7B	8C	9D	10A	11
12	13B	14C	15D	16A	17B	18
19	20C	21D	22A	23B	24C	25
26	27D	28A	29B	30C		

May 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1D	2
3	4A	5B	6C	7D	8A	9
10	11B	12C	13D	14A	15B	16
17	18C	19D	20A	21B	22C	23
24	25	26D	27A	28B	29C	30
31						

June 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1D	2A	3B	4C	5D	6
7	8A	9B	10C	11D	12A	13
14	15B	16C	17D	18A	19B	20
21	22C	23D	24A	(25)	26	27
28	29	30				

- Sept. 1 Labor Day
- Sept. 2 & 3 Superintendent's Conference Day
- Sept. 4 Classes Begin
- Oct. 13 Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 Veterans' Day (Observed)
- Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Winter Recess
- Jan. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 16-20 Mid-Winter Recess
- Mar 20 Superintendent's Conference Day
- Mar 30-Apr. 6 Spring Recess
- May 25 Memorial Day Observance
- June 25 Superintendent's Conference Day
- June 26 Commencement
- Regents Test Days
- Jan. 26-29
- June 16-24

Total Student Days
Sept. 19
Oct. 22
Nov. 16
Dec. 15
Jan. 19
Feb. 15
Mar. 19
Apr. 18
May 20
June 18—181
Total Staff Days
Sept. 21
Oct. 22
Nov. 16
Dec. 15
Jan. 19
Feb. 15
Mar. 20
Apr. 18
May 20
June 19—185

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Superintendent's Conf. Day = ()

Regents Test Day = _____

Vacation Day = □



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SAT/ACT Testing Dates

2014-2015 SAT Reasoning and Subject Test Dates

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
January 24, 2015	December 29, 2014
March 14, 2015	February 13, 2015
May 2, 2015	April 6, 2015
June 6, 2015	May 8, 2015

For more information and to register, visit
www.collegeboard.com

2014-2015 ACT Test Dates

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015

For more information and to register, visit
www.actstudent.org