



2023 - 2024
DISTRICT CALENDAR



Pine Valley Central School



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Pine Valley Panthers and Friends of the Pine Valley

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. This calendar lists dates for meetings, events and activities that have been planned and scheduled for this school year. It also includes pertinent district information regarding our Board of Education, staff, and district plans, procedures and policies. Please read/review.

The Board of Education, administrators and staff have been working throughout this summer preparing for an exciting school year. The entire staff is committed to providing a comprehensive challenging education for all students. We realize this cannot be accomplished without your help and support. Please join us in helping reach this goal by actively involving yourself in your child's education.

School Hours

Elementary School Student Day 7:50 am – 3:00 pm
Jr./Sr. High School Student Day 7:40 am – 2:50 pm

The high school door is unlocked at 7:25 am

2023-2024 School Breakfast & Lunch Programs

GRADES UPK-5

Breakfast.....\$1.50
Lunch\$1.60
Milk.....\$0.40

GRADES 6-12

Breakfast.....\$1.50
Lunch\$1.85
Milk.....\$0.40

Breakfast is served at 7:35 am in the High School and 7:45 am in the Elementary School

***All students enrolled at Pine Valley Central School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2023-2024 school year. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.*

Important Numbers

Elementary Main Office..... 988-3291 ext. 3306
High School Main Office 988-3276 ext. 4307
Special Education Office 988-3291 ext. 3403
Superintendent's Office/District Clerk 988-3293 ext. 3307
Business Office..... 988-3293 ext. 3300

2023-2024 Pine Valley Central School District Calendar

P/T Conference	T - 18							S - 17							T - 20							S - 19						
Early Release	NOVEMBER														MARCH													
Emergency-Go Home Early Drill	SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA							
Holidays				1	2	3	4							1	2													
Staff Development Day	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9														
Vacations	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
Rating Day	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	27	28	29	30	31									
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BOE Meetings (TBD)																												

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Aug. 31 & Sept. 5	Staff Development Day	March 15	Staff Development Day
September 4	Labor Day	April 1 - 5	Spring Recess
September 6	First Day of School	April 15 - April 19	ELA Grades 3-8
October 9	Indigenous People Day	April 29 - May 3	Math Grades 3-8
November 1	Staff Development Day	May 6 - May 10	Science Grades 5+8
November 10	Veterans' Day	May 27	Memorial Day
November 22 - 24	Thanksgiving Recess	June 19	Juneteenth
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2	Winter Recess	June 14 - June 25	Regents Exams
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	June 26	Rating Day
February 19 - 23	Mid-Winter Recess		

MARKING PERIODS-P/T CONF. DATES	
11/9: End of 1st Qtr.	
11/20: P/T Conf 12-4; 5-8 (ES & HS)	
11/21: Early Release ES/HS Students/Faculty	
1/26: End of 2nd Qtr	
3/27: ES P/T Conferences 12-4; 5-8	
3/27: Report cards are available	
3/28: Early Release ES Students/Faculty	
3/28: End of 3rd Qtr.	
6/13: End of 4th Qtr.	

SUMMARY - STUDENT DAYS			
September	18	February	16
October	21	March	19
November	17	April	17
December	15	May	21
January	20	June	16
Student Days 180		Staff Days 185	
Take back days in order: February 23, 22, 21, 20; and April 5, 4, 3, 2, 1			

BOE Approval Date: 03/09/2023
Revised & Approved 7/13/2023

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Mission Statement:

To prepare all students to be college and career ready as lifelong learners, instilled with the intrinsic values of: integrity, perseverance, responsibility, curiosity, and civility.

Vision Statement:

To provide an education that grows tomorrow’s leaders who are fully aware of and able to act upon any and all opportunities.

District Administrators & Supervisors:

- James Przepasniak, *Interim Superintendent*
.....988-3293 ext. 3399
- Nicole VerHagen, *Business Executive*
.....988-3293 ext. 3304
- Kourtney Almeida, Jr./Sr. *High School Principal*
.....988-3276 ext. 4308
- Carrie Davenport, *Dir. of Special Education & Curriculum*
.....988-3276 ext. 4335
- Brandi Meacham, *Elementary Principal*
.....988-3291 ext. 3305
- Kristin Sercu, *Transportation Supervisor*
.....988-3254 ext. 4307
- Leslie Milliman, *Cook Manager*
.....988-3291 ext. 3321
- David Vanzile, *Dir. of Facilities*
.....988-3293 ext. 3333

The doors at the high school open at 7:25 am.

Board of Education 2023-24:

The Board of Education comprises nine members elected by district residents at the annual election and budget vote held each spring. Board members serve without pay for staggered three-year terms. Under the Education Law of New York State, the School Board is responsible for establishing policies, which govern the education of all children attending district schools, for preparing the annual budget, and for ensuring district adherence to state laws and regulations. As chief executive officer, the Superintendent of Schools is charged with seeing that school board policies are carried out. Regular meetings of the Pine Valley Board of Education are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise announced. Additional Board meetings are held as needed. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Ends</i>
Jeffrey Chase, President	2026
Joshua Howard, Vice-President	2025
Ang Astry	2026
Kara Frontuto	2024
Terry Howe	2024
Rose Kruszka	2024
Christie Lokietek	2026
William Pekrul	2025
Lawrence Zollinger	2025

PLEASE REMEMBER:
A BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
IS A MEETING IN PUBLIC, NOT A
PUBLIC MEETING

Board Committees:

Buildings & Grounds	Finance/Audit Committee
Josh Howard Terry Howe Larry Zollinger	Josh Howard Kara Frontuto William Pekrul
Negotiations/Grievance Committee	Policy Committee
Rose Kruszka Christie Lokietek Kara Frontuto	Rose Kruszka Christie Lokietek Larry Zollinger
Transportation Committee	Board Representatives on School Committees
Terry Howe William Pekrul Larry Zollinger	CCSBA Legislative Liaison: Lawrence Zollinger

Board of Education Goals

- Student Achievement/College and Career Ready**
Support and encourage the development of, and exposure to, a college and career-minded education for all students providing a scaffolded curriculum.
- Engagement with School & Community**
Provide programs that promote the emotional and educational well-being for the students, staff and community members increasing participation and involvement with our school.
- Climate and Culture**
Support activities that promote a positive and unified culture among students, staff and community.
- Fiscal Responsibility**
Commits to being fiscally responsible and transparent in its support of educational programs and student outcomes that are centered on sustainability.
- Safety**
Ensure a safe environment that provides for the physical and emotional security of all students.



August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Regents Exams	17 Regents Exams	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 No School Staff Development Day		

2023-2024 Pine Valley Employee Listing

Junior/Senior High School:

Agriculture

Mr. Isaac Habermehl

Art

Ms. Caitlin Sengbusch

Computer Technology

Mr. Robert Gebhard

English

Ms. Meghan Arnold
Ms. Chandell Nichols
Mrs. Jill Szumigala

Foreign Language

Mrs. Lorraine Sutherland
TBD

Home & Careers

Mrs. Elizabeth Hesse

Librarian

Mrs. Cynthia Snyder

Mathematics

Mr. Jacob Cuthbert
Mrs. Sherri Goodwill
Ms. Danielle Long

Music

Mr. Alexander Peterson
Mrs. Mary Kay Himes

Occupational Therapist

Mrs. Nicole Maher

Physical Education & Health

Mr. Christopher Buczek
Mr. Zachary Len

Nurse

Mrs. Jill Kenney

School Counselors

Mrs. Stacy Chase
Ms. Lori Svenson

Science

Ms. Sandy Karpie
Ms. Nicole Kestler
Mrs. Amy Palmatier
Mr. Derek Schalk

Social Studies

Mr. Todd Cardone
Mr. Carter Russo
Mr. Robert Slisz

Social Worker

Ms. Kara Johnson

Coaches

ELA- Mrs. Jill Marsh
Math- Mrs. Christina Lyndsley
Behavior- TBD

Special Education

Mrs. Dawn Andrews
Mrs. Jamie Brown
Mrs. Elizabeth Hesse
Ms. Amanda Hillebert
Mrs. Ginny Maltbie
Mr. Eric Streebel
Ms. Susan Zirkle

Speech & Language Pathologists

Mrs. Maggie France Pihlblad
Ms. Julia Santini

Technology

Mr. Matthew VanKoughnett

Teaching Assistants/ Aides

Ms. Daphne Cortright
Ms. Rhoda Ellis
Mrs. Adrienne Kelly
Mrs. Marsha Smith
Mrs. Stephanie West

Elementary School:

Art

Ms. Taylor Richter

3PK

Ms. Brooke Bradigan

4PK

Mr. Jeremy Daly-Griffen
Mrs. Alicia Lindquist

Kindergarten

Ms. Holly Abers
Mrs. Kennadee Mosher

1st Grade

Ms. Megan Emory
Mrs. Justina Young

2nd Grade

Mrs. Terry Mansfield
Mrs. Bonita Mathews

3rd Grade

Mrs. Sierra Rocque
Mrs. Brianna Griewisch

4th Grade

Ms. Cassidy Buchman
Ms. Abbigale DeLand

5th Grade

Ms. Karah Herman
Mr. Robert Paterniti

6th Grade

Mrs. Tara Hayes
Mrs. Tracy Raetz

Computer Technology

Mr. Robert Gebhard

Interventionist

Ms. Lisa Caskey

Librarian

Mrs. Cynthia Snyder

Math

Mrs. Rose Park
Ms. Jennifer Donato

Music

Mr. Alexander Peterson
Mrs. Mary Kay Himes
Mr. Shawn Huestis

Nurse

Mrs. Kathy Bukoskey

Occupational Therapist

Mrs. Nicole Maher

Physical Education

Mr. Jeffrey Housler
Mr. Kyle Cunningham

Psychologist

Mrs. Catherine Markiewicz

Reading

Mrs. Lisa Kelley
Mrs. Abbigail Gloss

Coaches

ELA- Mrs. Jill Marsh
Math- Mrs. Christina Lyndsley
Behavior- TBD

School Counselor

Mrs. Amanda Miller

Social Worker

Ms. Kara Johnson

Special Education

Ms. Alizee Dziduch
Ms. Ashley Dunlap

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Ms. Alicia Buss
Mrs. Hazel Morrison
Mrs. Heather Ribbeck

Speech Language & Pathologists

Ms. Julia Santini
Mrs. Maggie France Pihlblad

Teaching Assistants/ Aides

Mrs. Courtney Bradigan
Mrs. Candi Campbell
Mrs. Karen Clapp
Mrs. Alexandria Gross
Mrs. Kelley Ivett
Mrs. Katie Kelley
Mrs. Roxy Kelley
Mrs. Kimberlee Killock
Mrs. Mercedes Riley
Mrs. Sarah Roland
Mrs. Julie Scott
Mrs. Nicole Smallback
Mrs. Kellie Swanson



September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 <i>No School Labor Day</i>	5 <i>No School Staff Development Day Middle School Orientation</i>	6 1st Day of School	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16
17	18	19	20 College Consortium 10:00 am	21 Outside Open House 5:00-6:30 pm	22	23 Homecoming Dance 7:00 pm
24	25	26 Outside Open House Rain Date 5:00-6:30 pm	27	28	29	30



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 secretary at: 988-3276 ext. 4307 (Jr./Sr. High School)
 or 988-3291 ext. 3306 (Elementary School)*

Code of Conduct on School Property Summary

The District has developed and will amend, as appropriate, a written Code of Conduct for the Maintenance of Order on School Property, including school functions, which shall govern the conduct of students, teachers and other school personnel, as well as visitors. The Board of Education shall further provide for the enforcement of such Code of Conduct.

For purposes of this policy, and the implemented Code of Conduct, school property means in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of the District's elementary or secondary schools, or in or on a school bus; and a school function shall mean a school-sponsored extracurricular event or activity regardless of where such event or activity takes place, including those that take place in another state.

The District Code of Conduct has been developed in collaboration with student, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel and other school personnel.

The Code of Conduct shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- a. Provisions regarding conduct, dress and language deemed appropriate and acceptable on school property and at school functions, and conduct, dress and language deemed unacceptable and inappropriate on school property; provisions regarding acceptable civil and respectful treatment of teachers, school administrators, other school personnel, students and visitors on school property

and at school functions; the appropriate range of disciplinary measures which may be imposed for violation of such Code; and the roles of teachers, administrators, other school personnel, the Board of Education and parents/persons in parental relation to the student;

- b. Standards and procedures to assure security and safety of students and school personnel;
- c. Provisions for the removal from the classroom and from school property, including a school function, of students and other persons who violate the Code;
- d. Provisions prescribing the period for which a disruptive student may be removed from the classroom for each incident, provided that no such student shall return to the classroom until the principal (or his/her designated School District administrator) makes a final determination pursuant to Education Law Section 3214(3-a)(c) or the period of removal expires, whichever is less;
- e. Disciplinary measures to be taken for incidents involving the possession or use of illegal substances or weapons, the use of physical force, vandalism, violation of another student's civil rights, harassment and threats of violence;
- f. Provisions for detention, suspension and removal from the classroom of students, consistent with Education Law Section 3214 and other applicable federal, state and local laws, including provisions for school authorities to establish procedures to ensure the provision of continued educational programming and activities for students removed from the classroom, placed in detention, or suspended from school, which shall include alternative educational programs appropriate to individual student needs;
- g. Procedures by which violations are reported and determined, and the disciplinary measures imposed and carried out;
- h. Provisions ensuring the Code of Conduct and its enforcement are in compliance with state and

- federal laws relating to students with disabilities;
- i. Provisions setting forth the procedures by which local law enforcement agencies shall be notified of Code violations which constitute a crime;
- j. Provisions setting forth the circumstances under and procedures by which parents/persons in parental relation to the student shall be notified of Code violations;
- k. Provisions setting forth the circumstances under and procedures by which a complaint in criminal court, a juvenile delinquency petition or person in need of supervision ("PINS") petition will be filed;
- l. Circumstances under and procedures by which referral to appropriate human service agencies shall be made;
- m. A minimum suspension period for students who repeatedly are substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interfere with the teacher's authority over the classroom, provided that the suspending authority may reduce such period on a case-by-case basis to be consistent with any other state and federal law. For purposes of this requirement, as defined in Commissioner's Regulations, "repeatedly is substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interferes with the teacher's authority over the classroom" shall mean engaging in conduct which results in the removal of the student from the classroom by teacher(s) pursuant to the provisions of Education Law Section 3214(3-a) and the provisions set forth in the Code of Conduct on four (4) or more occasions during a semester, or three or more occasions during a trimester, as applicable;
- n. A minimum suspension period for acts that would qualify the student to be defined as a violent student pursuant to Education Law Section 3214(2-a)(a). However, the suspending authority may reduce the suspension period on a case-by-case basis consistent with any other state and federal law;
- o. A Bill of Rights and Responsibilities of Students which focuses upon positive student behavior, and which shall be publicized and explained to all students on an annual basis; and
- p. Guidelines and programs for in-service education programs for all District staff members to ensure effective implementation of school policy on school conduct and discipline.

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 6th Grade Parent Lunch	4 Financial Aid Night 6:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9 <i>No School Indigenous People Day</i>	10 ES & Jr./Sr. HS Fall Picture Day <i>Fire Prevention Week</i>	11 CCMTA Administrator's Banquet School Day SAT 8:00 am	12 ES Fire Prevention Day BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14
15	16 <i>National School Bus</i>	17 Fall Sports Picture Day <i>Safety Week</i>	18 PSAT 8:00 am	19 PSAT 8:00 am	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Attendance Policy:

The District believes that classroom participation is related to and affects a student's performance and grasp of the subject matter and, as such, is properly reflected in a student's final grade. Therefore, students are expected to be in class and prepared to work.

Any student with more than twenty-eight (28) absences in a full-year course, fourteen (14) in a half-year course, seven (7) in a half-year, every-other-day course may not receive credit for the course. A student must be in class for half the class period, currently 20 minutes to receive credit for attendance. Students who are absent from class regardless of the reason are to arrange with their teachers to make up any work missed in a timely manner as determined by the student's teacher. Notices will be sent home for those students with excessive absences and a meeting with the building principal will be set up for those who have lost credit for half of the allowed absences. Once a student has missed the maximum absences (excused or unexcused), notification of loss of credit will be mailed home and the respective teachers will be notified to not enter grades for said student. The student is required, however, to continue to attend class.

If a student is absent, a parent/guardian must notify the attendance monitor via telephone and state the reason for absence. State law requires a written note with the appropriate dates and reasons for absence sent on the first day student returns to school. If the note is not returned within three school days the absence will be recorded as unexcused. State attendance registers define excused absences as follows: personal illness, sickness or death in the family, religious observance, quarantine, doctor and dental appointments, approved college visits, military obligations, and alternate instruction. Unexcused absences or tardiness will be assigned penalties in accordance with the school's code of conduct.

Perfect attendance means that your child is in school all day, every day. Excellence in attendance allows your child to be absent, tardy, or excused early three times or less during the school year.

Dignity for all students:

Pine Valley Central School condemns and prohibits all forms of bullying, discrimination and/or harassment of students based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex by school employees or students on school property and at school-sponsored activities and events that take place

at locations off school property. In addition, any act of bullying, discrimination and/or harassment, outside of school-sponsored events, which can reasonably be expected to materially and substantially disrupt the education process may be subject to discipline.

Any violations of our "Dignity for All Students Act" policy will be investigated and dealt with under the policy. Complaints need to be forwarded to one of our Dignity Act Coordinators: Mrs. Kourtney Almeida, Ms. Lori Svenson, Mrs. Brandi Meacham, and Mrs. Amanda Miller.

Discipline Policy:

The Board of Education expects all students to conduct themselves in an appropriate and civil manner, with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, district personnel and other members of the school community, and for the care of school facilities and equipment.

The best discipline is self-imposed, and students must learn to assume and accept responsibility for their own behavior, as well as the consequences of their misbehavior. District personnel who interact with students are expected to use disciplinary action only when necessary and to place emphasis on the students' ability to grow in self-discipline.

The Board recognizes the need to make its expectations for student conduct while on school property or engaged in a school function specific and clear. The rules of conduct listed below are intended to do that and focus on safety and respect for the rights and property of others. Students who will not accept responsibility for their own behavior and who violate these school rules will be required to accept the penalties for their conduct.

Classroom Management - Each teacher will set their own classroom rules. They will post them in the room and will review them with students so that students know what is expected. In addition, a copy of the rules must be submitted to the Main Office. (Rules will indicate disciplinary steps to be taken.)

Areas of Control - Behavior that the teacher will have authority and control over: students unprepared for class, students late to class, profanity, disruption, insubordination, cheating, harassment, student travel, public display of affection (PDA).

Teacher Options-

- 1) Verbal warning;
- 2) Recommendation of after school detention;

- 3) Contact parents by phone or letter;
- 4) Assignment devised in conjunction with the offense;
- 5) Teacher-arranged conference with parents and student (principal optional); and 6) Referral to the office after steps.

When a student is not in class the teacher will: 1) Check attendance; 2) Mark student absent; and 3) Notify the attendance officer.

Possible punishments depending on severity and number of occurrences may include - not in any particular order but progressive in nature:

• ASD

After School Detention: (3:45 pm) - assigned by the principal. No talking, eating, music, etc., will be allowed.

• Suspension

If an out-of-school suspension is warranted, it will be determined by the principal and/or superintendent in accordance with school policy.

• NP

No privilege- means no participation in ANY after-school activity (such as sports – home or away, dances, concerts, drama productions, academic club or activity).

• LP

Loss of privileges- no privileges within school building. "No Computer Lab Privileges" means no access to any computers in the building due to inappropriate behavior either in the Computer Lab or when using a computer elsewhere in the building.

• No Parking

Students who do not drive responsibly, violate the attendance policy habitually, or violate the parking regulations will lose parking privileges. Students leaving school without authorization, taking other students off the premises without principal's permission or failing to register their vehicle will be subject to "no parking" penalties.

Please refer to the complete Pine Valley Central School Code of Conduct for information on prohibited student conduct and disciplinary penalties, procedures and referrals. It is posted on our website: www.pval.org – For Parents – District Policies. If you would like a copy mailed, please contact a school secretary at: 988-3276 ext. 4307 (Jr./Sr. High School) or 988-3291 ext. 3306 (Elementary School)

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>No School Staff Development Day</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7 Senior Honor Society Induction Ceremony 5th Grade Parent Lunch	8	9 ES Veteran's Day Assembly 2:00 pm BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	10 <i>No School Veteran's Day</i>	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Parent Teacher Conferences ES/HS 12:00-4:00 pm; 5:00-8:00 pm Early Release HS-10:50 am; ES- 11:00 am	21 Early Release HS-10:50 am; ES- 11:00 am	22 <i>No School Thanksgiving Recess</i>	23 <i>No School Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Recess</i>	24 <i>No School Thanksgiving Recess</i>	25
26	27 Grades 5, 6 & 8 Project KNOW	28 Grades 5, 6 & 8 Project KNOW	29 Grades 5, 6 & 8 Project KNOW	30 Winter Sports Picture Day Grades 5, 6 & 8 Project KNOW		

Bus Discipline Policy:

Expectations for Riding the Bus:

- No eating, drinking, drugs, alcohol, smoking;
- Follow directions given by the driver; and
- Stay in your own space at all times keeping your hands, etc., to yourself - moving only for rotation purposes
- Use quiet, courteous voices - not profanity or vulgarity; and
- You must obtain a bus pass from the office before riding any bus other than the one assigned to you. NO BUS PASS/NO ADMITTANCE.

Consequences for bus offenses:

- Warning;
- Write-up and referral to administration; and
- Any recurring infractions beyond this level will be reported to the Administration and may result in ASD or Bus Suspensions.

Severe Action: Incidents of fighting or other acts of violence are to be reported to the principal immediately.

Questions about bus transportation may be directed to Mrs. Kristin Sercu, Transportation Supervisor, at 988-3254.

The deadline for a Non-Public Transportation Request is April 1, the form can be found online at www.pval.org under the Transportation Department.

Guns or Weapons on School Property:

In accordance with the Educate America Act (Public Law 103-227) Section 1032, Gun Free Schools, it is the policy of Pine Valley Central School that any student who is found to have brought a weapon to school will face possible expulsion for one year. This policy may be modified by the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis. "Weapon" means a firearm as defined in 18 USC §921 for purposes of the Gun-Free Schools Act. It also means any other gun BB gun, pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, machine gun, disguised gun, dagger, dirk, razor, stiletto, switchblade knife, gravity knife, brass knuckles, sling shot, metal knuckle knife, box cutter, cane sword, electronic dart gun, Kung Fu star, electronic stun gun, pepper spray or other noxious spray, explosive or incendiary bomb, or other device, instrument, material or substance that can cause physical injury or death when used.

Harassment Policy:

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct, or communication of a sexual nature. This may include verbal - such as derogatory comments, jokes or slurs; physical - unnecessary or offensive touching; visual -such as derogatory posters, cards, cartoons, graffiti, drawings, or writing, looks or gestures.

Any person who believes he/she has been the victim of sexual harassment or violence by a student or employee of the school district is required to report the alleged acts immediately to a designated school official. If you believe you have been a victim of sexual harassment or have questions, seek the aid of an adult you trust such as a teacher, counselor, parent or building administrator. Any report will be investigated. If it is determined that a student has sexually harassed another, the possible consequences include: parent conference, apology to victim, detention or out of school suspension, placement on the No Privilege list, notification of authorities.

Our Anti-Harassment Officers are Mrs. Kourtney Almeida, Ms. Lori Svenson, Mrs. Brandi Meacham, and Mrs. Amanda Miller.

Homeless Children and Youth

Homeless children and youth shall be educated as part of the school's regular academic program. Services must be provided to homeless children and youth through programs and mechanisms that integrate homeless children and youth with their non-homeless counterparts, including programs for special education, vocational and technical education, gifted and talented students, before and after school, English language learners/limited English proficiency, Head Start, Even Start, and school nutrition. Services provided with McKinney-Vento funds must expand upon or improve services provided as part of the regular school program. Consequently, the School District shall ensure that homeless children and youth are not segregated in a separate school, or in a separate program within the school, based on their status as homeless; and to the extent feasible consistent with the requirements of Commissioner's Regulations, keep a homeless child or youth in the school of origin except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child's or youth's parent or guardian. Further, the School District shall review and revise policies and practices, including transportation guidelines that may act as barriers to the enrollment, attendance, school success, and retention of homeless children and youth in the School District.



December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Blood Drive	2
3	4	5 4th Grade Parent Lunch	6	7 BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	8	9
10	11	12 Fall Picture Retake (ES and HS) & Senior Formal Pictures	13 Jr./Sr. HS Band & Chorus Winter Concert 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Emergency Go- Home Early Drill	22 <i>No School</i> <i>Winter Recess</i>	23
24 <hr/> 31 New Year's Eve	25 <i>No School</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Winter Recess</i>	26 <i>No School</i> <i>Winter Recess</i>	27 <i>No School</i> <i>Winter Recess</i>	28 <i>No School</i> <i>Winter Recess</i>	29 <i>No School</i> <i>Winter Recess</i>	30

Miscellaneous Information

Accidents:

A nurse is available in the elementary school and junior/senior high school to provide first aid in case of an accident. In emergency cases, parents will be contacted and if not available, the family doctor called and his instructions followed.

Aids Instruction:

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the district will provide classroom instruction concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency syndrome (AIDS) as part of a sequential and comprehensive health program for all students, K-12. The school provides age-appropriate instruction, which must include the following:

- The nature of the disease; and
- Methods of transmission of the disease; and
- Methods of prevention of the disease (stressing abstinence as the most effective and appropriate protection against AIDS).

Parents may request to have their child/ren excused from that segment of AIDS instruction regarding methods of prevention of the disease by filing a request with the superintendent of schools. The request must give assurance that such instruction will be given at home.

Arrival & Dismissal with Parent (Elementary School):

The student drop off/pick-up area is located in the parking lot adjacent to the sidewalk from the parking lot door to the curve. **Please drive around the circumference of the parking lot – SLOWLY – and do NOT cut through the parking lot. Be aware of others possibly pulling out of parking spaces. Your safety as well as that of our students and staff is a top priority.**

Students transported by parents should NOT arrive earlier than 7:30 a.m. A monitor is at the parking lot door and a monitor is in the cafeteria at 7:30 a.m.

Should you wish to pick your child up from school, **a written note or phone call is required.** Your child will be held in the office until **you come into the school to**



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pick them up. Do NOT take your child from the bus. ALL children who are to be picked up at the end of the school day will report to the hallway between the gym and the cafeteria serving line. Parents will pick them up from this location AFTER signing them out with the monitor on duty.

Please remember that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus when the red lights are flashing!!! DO NOT park in front of the school when buses are arriving to school or loading at dismissal.

Picking up Students at School:

When picking up students during the school day, parents should report to the school's Main Office if a note was not sent in that morning. Students should report to the office before being excused to sign out. It is requested that parents do not park in the bus loading area of the school but use the parking facilities.

Asbestos Notice:

In accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations, all buildings in the Pine Valley Central School District have been re-inspected for asbestos-containing building material. The management plan/inspection report is available to all interested parties. For further information, please contact Mr. David Vanzile, Director of Facilities, at 988-3293 ext. 3333.

Childs Find:

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate and evaluate all children suspected of having disabilities. The search is for children birth to 21 years of age who are in need of early intervention, preschool or school-age services.

If you suspect your child, or a neighboring child, has of a disability, or you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Carrie Davenport, Director of Special Education, at 988-3291 ext. 3428.

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>No School New Year's Day Winter Recess</i>	2 <i>No School Winter Recess</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 3rd Grade Parent Lunch	10 ASVAB 8:00 am	11	12	13
14	15 <i>No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	16	17	18 ASVAB Career Exploration 12:45 pm BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20 Westfield Chamber Choir Festival
21	22	23 Regents Exams	24 Regents Exams	25 Regents Exams	26 Regents Exams	27 Winter Ball 7:00 pm
28	29	30	31 Junior National Honor Society Inductions			

Computer Use Policy:

Student access to the District's computer system will automatically be provided unless the parent has submitted written notification to the District that such access not be permitted. Each student who has or wants access to the district computer network and Internet must be inserviced.

- The following list identifies specific violations of the Pine Valley Computer Network Access Policy and applies to all users of the Pine Valley Central School Computer Network.
- Revealing your password to others or attempting to learn passwords of other users or network administrators.
- Gaining unauthorized access to networked or stand alone systems or trespassing in another user's folder, work or files.
- Intentionally developing programs that cause damage to the system.
- Harassing, insulting, attacking or threatening others, or sending inappropriate messages, programs or mail to others.
- Copying or modifying server or network system files.
- Intentional physical abuse of system hardware (i.e. laptop, desktop, monitor, mouse, keyboard, etc.).
- Use of the school's network to obtain, view, download, or gain access to materials that are unlawful, obscene, abusive, or otherwise objectionable.
- Making copies of licensed software and/or storing copies of networked software in personal folders.
- Violating copyright laws.
- Installing non-school owned software on any school owned networked or stand alone computer system without prior written permission from the technology department.
- Employing the network for commercial purposes, product advertising or lobbying.

VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF ACCESS AS WELL AS OTHER DISCIPLINARY OR LEGAL ACTION

Consequences for violations can include, but are not limited to the following depending on severity of violation:

- Students/parents may be required to provide remuneration for any damages that occur.
- Students will receive a warning and suspension of computer use.
- Suspension may result in a specified time frame, remainder of year or permanent suspension.

(Please refer to the Student Handbook for complete information on the PVCS Computer Use Policy)

Corporal Punishment:

Corporal punishment is any act of physical force upon a student for the purpose of punishing that student. Corporal punishment of any student by any district employee is strictly forbidden.

However, in situations where alternative procedures and methods that do not involve the use of physical force cannot reasonably be used, reasonable physical force may be used to:

- Protect oneself, another student, teacher or any person from physical injury.
- Protect the property of the school or others.
- Restrain or remove a student whose behavior interferes with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers and duties, if that student has refused to refrain from further disruptive acts.

The district will file all complaints about the use of corporal punishment with the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Commissioner's regulations.

Criminal Penalties

False Reporting of Emergencies:

When a person reports a false bomb threat, they commit a crime that is punishable by up to one-year imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000. (Falsely Reporting an Incident in the Second Degree: Section 240.55 subsection 1 of the New York State Penal Law: Class "E" Felony).

Recently, laws dealing with this issue have been expanded to include instances where someone places a device fashioned to resemble or contain a bomb, when in fact it is an inoperative facsimile or imitation. In these circumstances, a person would also be guilty of a crime punishable by up to one year imprisonment and up to a \$1,000 fine (Placing a False Bomb Threat: Section 240.61

of the New York State Penal Law: Class "E" Felony).

If an emergency worker is seriously injured or killed while responding to or performing duties in connection with a bomb threat, the crime is elevated to a much more serious offense (Falsely reporting an Incident in the First Degree: Section 240.60 subsection 2 of the New York State Penal Law: Class "E" Felony). This crime is punishable by imprisonment up to four years and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

Emergency Closing:

It is rarely necessary to close school early in the day, but there is always the possibility of power or heat failure, dangerous road conditions or ice storms. Please instruct your child/ren about what to do or where to go in case school closes early and no one is home. In case of early closings, parents will be notified via the automated parent notification system.

Snow Days

Due to inclement weather, delays and/or closings will be reported as soon as possible to the following radio and television stations: WBEN, WGRZ, WKSX, WDOE, WJTN and channels 2, 4 and 7. In addition, the automated parent notification system, Facebook and Twitter will be used to contact students' families. When PVCS is closed for school, this includes the fitness center, pool and all evening activities.



February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 CCMTA Solo Festival
4	5	6 2nd Grade Parent Lunch	7 8th Grade Parent Night 6:00 pm	8	9 PS I Love You Day	10 CCMTA Winter Festival
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 BOE Meeting 7:00PM	16	17
18	19 No School Presidents' Day	20 No School Mid-Winter Recess	21 No School Mid-Winter Recess	22 No School Mid-Winter Recess	23 No School Mid-Winter Recess	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Emergency Plans:

In accordance with regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the district has developed an Emergency Management Plan to safeguard the safety and health of students and staff, as well as district property, in the event of a true emergency.

Each year the school will stage a “test” or drill of the Emergency Management Plan, including practice in sheltering students and staff, and an early dismissal at a time not more than 15 minutes earlier than the normal dismissal time. Parents/Guardians will be informed of any such “test” at least one week prior to the drill.

The District Emergency Management Plan includes the following:

1. Definitions of “emergency” and procedures to be followed to activate the plan;
2. Designation of a control center in anticipation of, or in response to an emergency;
3. Identification of sites of potential emergencies;
4. Identification of appropriate responses to emergencies;
5. Procedures for coordinating the use of district resources and personnel during emergencies;
6. Identification of district resources which may be available for use during an emergency;
7. A system for informing each school within the district of the emergency;
8. Plans for taking the following actions, if appropriate: school cancellation; early dismissal; evacuation; and sheltering;
9. Pertinent information about each school (including information on school population, number of staff, transportation needs and the business and home telephone numbers of key employees of the district and others, as appropriate); and
10. Procedures for obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials.

Graduation Requirements:

Information on New York State Pathways to Graduation can be found by visiting:

www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/multiple-pathways.

Hard copies of this information may be obtained from the Jr./Sr. High School Guidance Office.

Homework:

Homework provides excellent opportunities for developing good study habits, providing for individual differences and abilities, and encouraging self-initiative on the part of the student.

- Parents and the school share the responsibility for student learning. Parents can assist their children with homework by:
- Providing a study area free of distractions and with good lighting;
- Asking questions about the content of student homework;
- Giving requested assistance, but letting the student do his or her own work;
- Avoid undue pressure; and
- Helping create a “homework habit” at the same time each night.

Pine Valley Central School District believes that parental involvement in students’ homework is essential to making homework an integral part of the educational program. Parents should encourage and monitor homework assignments.

Each teacher will have their own late homework policy.

Lunch Program:

Replacement electronic cards will be issued at a cost of \$2.00 each.

Sixth grade students who had balances on their accounts and are entering 7th grade will find the money on their account in the Jr./Sr. High School.

The Pine Valley Central School District offers an online payment processing system, My School Bucks, to allow parents to have easy and convenient online access

to purchase and pay for school meals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Parents can make payments on the school’s web site, www.pval.org, with an e-check or credit card. To ensure your security, My School Bucks does not store personal bank or credit card information.

Nicole VerHagen (988-3293 ext. 3300) is available to walk you through the process or answer your questions.

Information and an application for Free and Reduced Meals may be found in the Fall Newsletter and on the school’s website: www.pval.org – Departments – Cafeteria Services – Forms for Free and Reduced Lunch.

We strongly recommend the use of My School Bucks for all transactions to reduce the risk of any communicable diseases.

Office Hours:

If you wish to speak with or make an appointment with school personnel, call the Junior/Senior High School at 988-3276 ext. 4307 or the Elementary School at 988-3291ext. 3306 between 7:30 am and 3:45 pm.

Pesticide Use Notification:

The Pine Valley Central School District is following Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management. IPM uses common sense practices to control pests by taking advantage of various management options including the judicious use of pesticides. New York State Education Law requires school districts to inform staff and persons in parental relations of pesticide use in district buildings and on district grounds. The pesticide notification process consists of three parts:

1. **Initial Annual Notification** – At the beginning of each school year all staff and persons in parental relations will be informed that there is potential pesticide use at school facilities (buildings and grounds); that the school district will maintain a list of individuals wishing to receive notification 48 hours prior to actual pesticide use; Dave Vanzile, Director of Facilities, is the school district Integrated Pest Management contact.
2. **48-Hour Prior Notification** – Staff and persons in parental relations may ask to be notified 48 hours in advance of pesticide use in facilities where they regularly work or have children attending classes.



March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Read Across America Day	2
3	4	5 1st Grade Parent Lunch	6	7 BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	8 HS Musical 7:00 pm	9 HS Musical 7:00 pm
10	11	12	13	14 ES Spring Picture Day, UPK & Kindergarten Cap & Gown	15 <i>No School Staff Development Day</i>	16
17	18	19 Spring Sports Picture Day	20 ES Creativity Night 5:00-7:30 pm	21	22 Honors Breakfast 7:30 am	23
24 <hr/> 31 Easter Day	25	26	27 Early Dismissal, ES Only 11:00 am ES P/T Conferences 12:00-4:00 pm & 5:00-8:00 pm	28 ES Students & Faculty Early Dismissal 11:00 am BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	29 <i>No School Spring Recess - Good Friday</i>	30

Schools must keep a list of these individuals and provide them with written notification at least 48 hours before pesticide use giving date, location and name of pesticide used.

3. **Interim (Summary) Notification** – Within two days of the end of winter and spring recess, and within 10 days of the end of the school year, all staff and persons in parental relations must be notified of pesticide use since the last notification.

This article is to inform you that during the school year it may be necessary to use pesticides at Pine Valley Central School facilities to meet pest management goals. School districts are required to keep a list of individuals wishing to be notified at least 48 hours before pesticide use at the facilities in which they work or have a child attending classes. If you wish to have your name placed on the 48-hour pesticide notification list or if you have any questions about the Integrated Pest Management Program or pesticide use at Pine Valley, contact David Vanzile, Director of Facilities, at 988-3293 ext. 3333.

Physical Education (P.E.) Clothing:

Gym suits, sneakers, swimsuits and towels must be provided by students. A complete change of clothing is required for all students in the Jr./Sr. High School.

Physical Examinations:

All students shall have a periodic physical examination as indicated below by the school physician at the District's expense and such examination shall be conducted in accordance with all legal requirements:

1. Grades UPK, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11;
2. Students transferring into the district whose health records show no examination in the previous grade listed above;
3. All athletes prior to their first sport of the school year, then only those who were injured or ill during their first sport before participating in a second sport during that school year; and
4. All students referred.

School Counseling Service:

Guidance - Educational, vocational and personal guidance are offered to the students of PVCS. Parents wishing to speak with counselors may do so by contacting the guidance department.

Employment Certificates - Employment certificates (working papers) are required for students under 18 years of age and are available in the central office of the junior/senior high school building.

College Information - The Career Center maintains a large collection of current college catalogs and DVDs. Notices of scholarship availability is also available online under the Counselor/Psychologist section of the Pine Valley website.

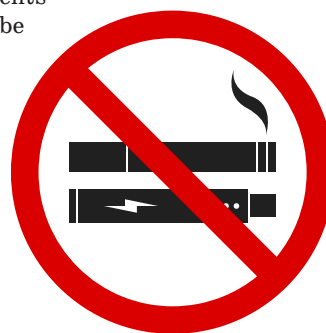
School Social Worker - Social and emotional learning support for students are available upon request.

School Supplies:

Some supplies needed by the student are not provided by the school. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide these necessary items. However, it is recommended that at the beginning of the year parents do not purchase school supplies before a request is made by the teacher.

Smoking on School Premises:

Due to the health hazards associated with smoking, and in accordance with state law, students, staff and public are forbidden to use or possess tobacco and tobacco-related products (also known as "smokeless" or "chewing" tobacco) on school premises, on school buses, or at school-sponsored activities. The use of e-cigarettes and any other products containing nicotine, except for current FDA-approved smoking cessation products, are also prohibited. Students violating this policy will be disciplined according to the Student Discipline Code of Conduct.



Staying After School*:

3:50 pm bus runs will be provided Mondays-Thursdays. Only students who will be staying with a teacher for academic assistance or participating in an organized study hall, club, activity or athletic team are permitted to stay after school. **All students must be supervised at all times,** and their supervisor will provide them with a valid bus pass.

Note: Students who remain after school without prior arrangements with a supervising teacher/advisor/coach will be asked to call home for a ride and not allowed to ride the 3:50 pm bus.

Student Dress Code:

The school has a responsibility to guide students in becoming employable. Personal experience may determine employability. Therefore, good taste, safety and health determine the policy on school attire. All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting. A student's dress shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate, and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process. Students may be asked to wear appropriate protective gear in certain classes (e.g. home economics, lab, and physical education).
2. Recognize that extremely brief tight fitting garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front and/or back), bare mid-riffs/back, see-through garments and other garments deemed inappropriate are not permitted unless covered at all times by a blouse, sweater, or sweatshirt. Skirts and shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh.
3. Ensure that underwear/undergarments are completely covered with outer clothing.
4. Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
5. Not include the wearing of hats or bandana inside of any school building. Hats **MUST** be

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TBD- BOCES Budget Vote/Election	1 <i>No School Spring Recess</i>	2 <i>No School Spring Recess</i>	3 <i>No School Spring Recess</i>	4 <i>No School Spring Recess</i>	5 <i>No School Spring Recess</i>	6
7	8	9 Kindergarten Parent Lunch	10	11 BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13
14	15 Grades 3-8 ELA State Assessments	16 Grades 3-8 ELA State Assessments	17 Grades 3-8 ELA State Assessments	18 Grade 3-8 ELA State Assessments	19 Top 10 Luncheon 11:30 AM Grads 3-8 ELA State Assessments	20
21	22	23	24 ES Band & Chorus Spring Concert 6:00 pm School Day SAT 8:00 am	25	26	27
28	29 Grades 3-8 Math State Assessments	30 Grades 3-8 Math State Assessments				

removed upon entering the building in the morning and remain off until the end of the day.

6. Not include string bags, back packs, briefcases or fanny packs inside the school building during the school day unless provided by the school.
7. Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
8. Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

Administration reserves the right to make judgments on the appropriateness of the article of clothing. Student dress will be judged on a case by case basis. Students who violate the student 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 appropriate disciplinary action, 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 suspension. 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. Each building principal or their designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the school year.

Student Medication:

Before any medication may be administered to any student during school hours, the following shall be required:

1. Written request of parent/guardian giving permission for such administration and relieving the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication.
2. Written order of the prescribing physician which shall include the purpose of the medication, the dosage, the time at which or the special circumstances under which the medication shall be administered, the period for which medication is prescribed, and the possible side effects of the medication.

3. Parent/guardian shall deliver medication to the school nurse.
4. Open containers are not permitted in school. Any student requiring for medical reasons dispensation from this rule must have written permission from the nurse or principal.

Textbooks, Laptops, iPads and Other School Property:

Textbooks, laptops, iPads, library books and other school property are furnished on a loan basis. It is the responsibility of each student to care for books and return them in good condition. When a pupil defaces, loses or damages any school property, the parents or guardian will be required to pay, in full, for the damage. Technology replacement costs can be found on our website: www.pval.org – Parents – District Policies – Technology Policies – Technology Replacement Costs.

Title IX/Section 504/ADA:

The Pine Valley Central School District does not discriminate in its employment and admission to programs and activities as applicable, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, economic status, marital status, veterans' status, political affiliation, domestic victim status, use of a service animal, disability, or other classifications protected under federal or state law, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The designated district compliance officers will coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, and the New York State Human Rights Law.

The Pine Valley Central School District Compliance Officer (Title IX, Section 504 and ADA) are: the Elementary Principal, High School Principal and Director of Curriculum, 7755 Rt. 83, South Dayton NY 14138; 988-3291 ext. 3428 TitleIX@pval.org.

Complaints may also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, New York Office, U.S. Department of Education, 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005-2500, phone (646) 428-3800, fax (646) 428-3843, email: OCR.NewYork@ed.gov.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten:

Pine Valley is pleased to offer a full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) class. District children are eligible to attend

UPK during the year in which they turn 4 by December 1st (e.g. a child who turns 4 by December 1, 2023 is eligible to begin the 2023-2024 school year at the start of school in September 2023.) We now offer a 3-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten (3PK) program as well. Students are eligible for our 3PK program when they turn 3 by December 1st. Children may be enrolled in these programs at any time during the school year, if space is available.

The registration process for the 2024-2025 school year will begin in March, and Pre-Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for May 23rd & 24th. If you are interested in having your son/daughter attend Pre-Kindergarten, or to find out more information about the program, please contact the Elementary School Main Office at 988-3291 extension 3306.

Visitors:

Please contact building principals to make an appointment. All visitors must receive permission from building principals and sign in at the main office.

Code of Conduct for Members of Extracurricular Activities and Athletics:

Participation in the extracurricular programs at Pine Valley Central School is a privilege which should elicit great pride in both the student and their family. It is also an acceptance of responsibility which requires an extra commitment from those who wear our school colors and represent their organization, team, coaches, school and community. Standards of behavior are necessarily high and a willingness to meet these standards is a condition for being a member of one of our organizations/teams.

The complete Code of Conduct for Members of Extracurricular Activities and Athletics is posted on our website (www.pval.org – Departments – Athletics) or please contact Chris Buczek, Athletic Director, (988-3276 ext. 4323) for a copy.

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Grades 3-8 Math State Assessments	2 Grades 3-8 Math State Assessments BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Grades 3-8 Math State Assessments School Lunch Hero Day Blood Drive	4
5	6 Grades 5 & 8 Science State Assessments	7 Grades 5 & 8 Science State Assessments National Teacher Day Staff Appreciation Day	8 Grades 5 & 8 Science State Assessments National School Nurse's Day English Composition & Literature Exam 8:00 am AP US Gov & Politics Exam 8:00 am	9 Grades 5 & 8 Science State Assessments	10 Grades 5 & 8 Science State Assessments AP US History Exam 8:00 am AP Art & Design Submission by 8:00 pm	11
12	13 Mental Health	14 Budget Vote/ BOE Election 12:00-9:00 pm District Art Show 5:00-7:00 pm JR./Sr. HS Band & Chorus Spring Concert 7:00 pm Awareness Week	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 UPK Roundup	22 UPK Roundup	23	24	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day Memorial Day Parade	28 No School	29	30	31	

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA):

Pine Valley Central School has developed and adopted policies regarding students' rights as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution purposes. For copies of our district's policies on "Health Examinations (HIPAA) #6140" and "Student Privacy, Parental Access to Information, and Administration of Certain Physical Examinations to Minors (PPRA) #7250," please contact the Superintendent.

Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act:

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, the Freedom of Information Law, Public Officers Law section 84-90 (Sunshine Law) and the Education Law, that Pine Valley Central School shall make available qualified documents for public inspection to any eligible qualified voter, parent or student during normal business hours. Pine Valley Central School shall follow the above referenced statutes in determining qualification and eligibility for review and/or release of information.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that parents and eligible students (those over 18 years of age) have the right to: inspect and review a student's education record within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access, request the amendment of a student's education record that the student or parent believes are inaccurate or misleading and, consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in a student's education record except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. Disclosure without consent shall be made to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

School officials with legitimate educational interest (teachers, administrators, board members, support or clerical staff, attorney, nurses and health staff, counselors, information systems specialists, substitute teachers and volunteers)



- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific state law.

The District is also authorized to disclose directory information without consent to local news media for articles, announcements or programs about school activities, in public displays sponsored by the school, in school sponsored promotional information including brochure, flyers, newsletters, videotapes, etc., and via the World Wide Web in school sponsored websites or related internet activities. The following has been designated as directory information: name and address of student, telephone listing, e-mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status, participation in officially recognized activities, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received and most recent previously attended educational institution.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act §9528 (20 U.S.C. § 7908), the School District

is required to provide access to secondary school students' names, addresses and telephone listings upon request by military recruiters. A secondary

school student or a parent/guardian of the student may request that such information not be released without prior written consent. The School District is required to provide this notification of the option to make such a request and is required to comply with any such request. Both provisions require that military recruiters be afforded the same access to secondary students as is provided generally to post-secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students. The NCLBA, unlike the General Military Law, also requires that institutions of higher education have access to students' names, addresses and telephone listings.

Parents or eligible students have the right to refuse to allow the District to designate any or all of the above information as directory information. If a parent or eligible student wishes to exercise their option to withhold their consent to release any or all of the above information as directory information, then they must notify the Superintendent of Schools in writing by September 15th of each year or within 15 days of enrolling in the district. If the District receives no objection by this date, then such information may be disclosed without consent.

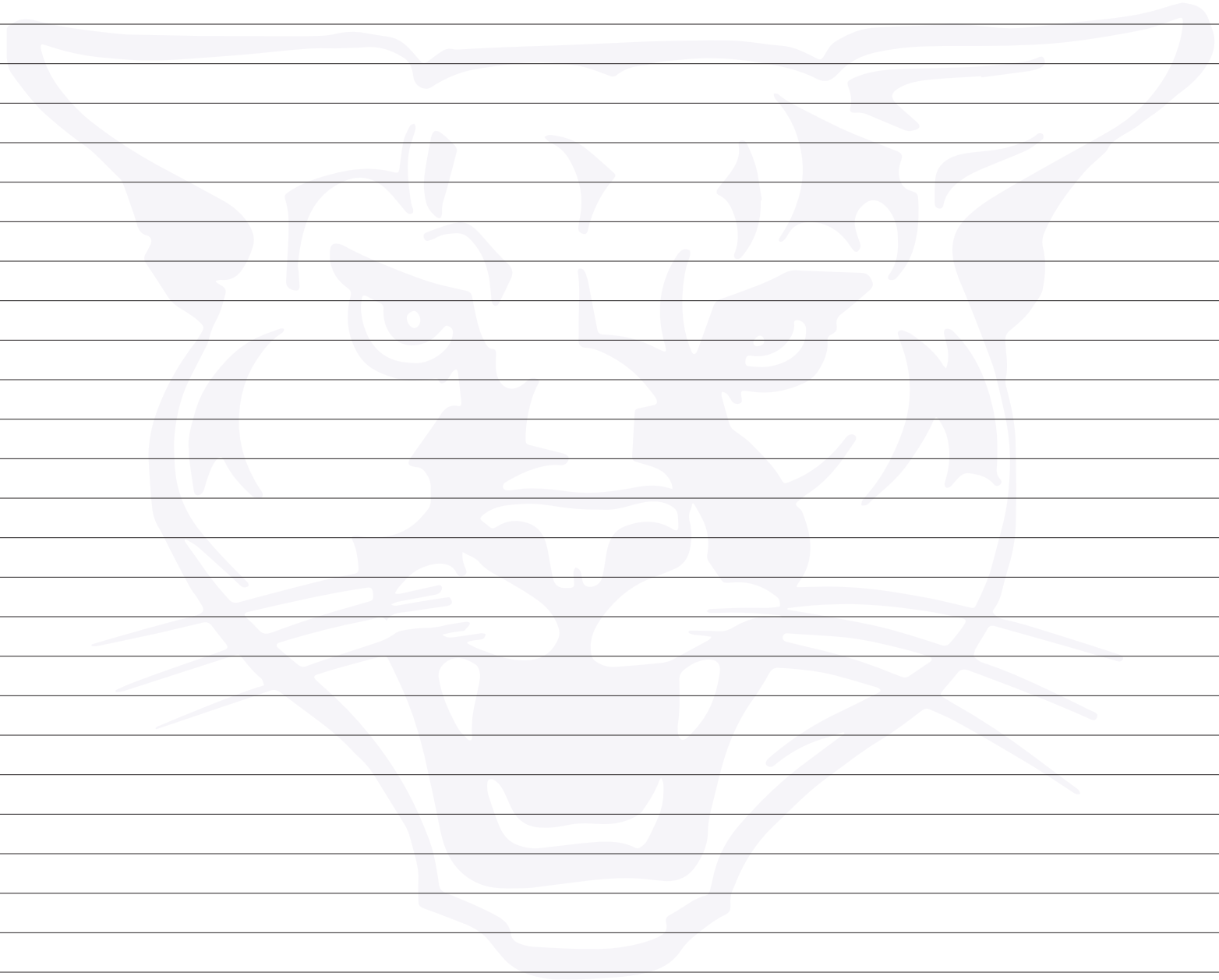
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that parents and eligible students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-5920.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that custodial parents are required to notify the District of any and or all student information that they don't wish released to non-custodial parents.

June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 CCMTA Spring Festival
2	3	4	5 Senior Class Night 6:00 pm	6 BOE Meeting 7:00 pm	7 AP Art Exhibition 3:30-5:00 pm Trillium Lodge Tractor Day	8
9	10	11	12	13 Last Day of Jr./ Sr. High School Senior Walk	14 Elementary Field Day Regents Exams	15
16	17 Elementary Field Day (Rain Date) Regents Exams	18 Kindergarten Program 6:00 pm Regents Exams	19 <i>No School Juneteenth</i>	20 6th Grade Recognition 6:30 pm Regents Exams	21 UPK Program Picnic 9:30 am Regents Exams	22
23 Baccalaureate 6:00 pm <hr/> Graduation 2:00 pm 24	24 ES Early Dismissal 11:00 am Regents Exams	25 Last Day of ES Classes ES Early Dismissal 11:00 am Report Cards Issued Gr. K-6 Regents Exams	26 Rating Day Senior Breakfast & Graduation Rehearsal 8:00 am Rating Day	27	28	29
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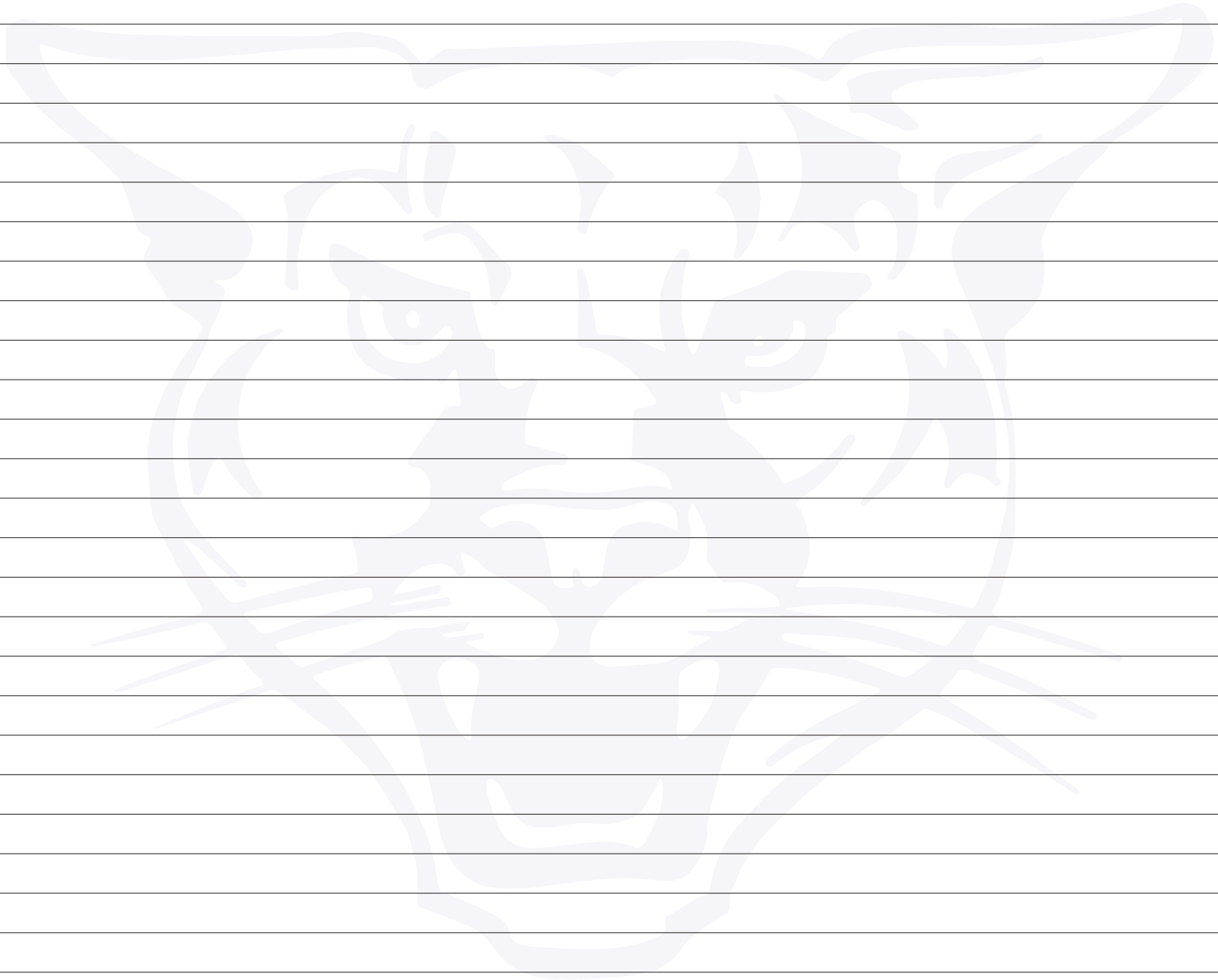
July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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August 2024

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