

PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL District News



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Valedictorian



William Jones

William Jones

William is the Class of 2024 Valedictorian and is the son of Russell and Angela Jones. He resides in Cherry Creek. William will graduate with an Advanced Regents diploma with Mastery in Mathematics. Academically, William took advantage of many of the dual enrollment courses Pine Valley offers, earning him 29 college credits as well as three potential Advanced Placement college credits.

Outside of school, his interests are lifting weights and computer programming. While in school at Pine Valley, William was part of the Swim Team.

William has cumulated 107 community service hours, helping with the Pine Valley Summer Enrichment and the Pine Valley Learn to Swim programs. William also volunteered with the Community Vacation Bible School during his high school years.

William earned the PVT A Science Award in grade 9 and the PVT A English Award in grade 11, and he also received the RIT Computing Medal Award in his junior year. As a senior, William earned the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

William will attend Erie Community College and major in Computer Science in the Fall.

CLASS OF

2024

Salutatorian



Aidan Moskaluk

Aidan Moskaluk

Aidan has achieved the honor of being the Class of 2024 Salutatorian. Aidan is the son of April Mighells and Ryan Moskaluk and resides in Conewango Valley. Aidan will graduate with an Advanced Regents diploma. Aidan attended the Construction Technology program at the LoGuidice Educational Center in Fredonia.

Aidan has participated in the Soccer program at Pine Valley, achieving the status of Scholar Athlete. Recently, he also played a significant role in the drama club production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee". Aidan was involved in community service through various children's soccer skills clinics.

Aidan has received the PVT A Math Award in grade 10, and in grade 11, he received the PVT A English and Social Studies Award and the St. Bonaventure Junior Scholarship. As a senior, Aidan received the President's Award for Academic Excellence.

Aidan will attend Alfred State College and study in the Electrical Maintenance Technician Program.

Superintendent's Message

By Shanda DuClon, Superintendent of Schools

Panthers and Panther Families,

First, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I have received over the past six months. I look forward to meeting even more of you as we kick off our 2024-25 school year. I would like to congratulate Terry Howe, Rose Kruska, and Raymond Hadley on a successful Board of Education election. I would also like to thank the community for supporting the 2024-25 school budget. Highlights include funding of a Washington DC trip for our eighth-grade students, significantly reducing the amount of school supplies our families have to purchase for elementary students, the purchase of a diesel and EV bus, and increased participation in BOCES Career/Technical Education Programs. Also included is the continuation of our full-time/district-wide School Resource Officer, 3PK programming, and summer programming. You may have heard that Pine Valley has been selected to receive 2.76 million dollars in EPA funding to purchase eight (8) electric buses. Our rural community faces several challenges, and transitioning to electric vehicles is one of them. Because of these funds, our burden to shoulder is much lighter. While summer is a time to rejuvenate, it is also a time to plan for the upcoming school year. This work is inclusive of our Leadership Team and our Board of Education. We also need feedback from you as a community. Look for a survey this fall asking for input regarding our academic programming and educational experience. I would like to conclude my message by congratulating the class of 2024! The Panther family is proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Follow your dreams and your heart and remember that country roads can always take you home.



Respectfully,
Shanda DuClon, Superintendent

Pine Valley Special Education

Summertime is upon us, bringing with it school vacation, water play, and trips to get ice cream. The Special Ed team has been rocking and rolling all year and our students have had a lot of amazing opportunities such as unified sports, special olympics and some will participate in a hands-on extended school year program this summer. While summer break is the perfect time to relax and recharge for a new academic year, these months filled with great weather can also offer some spare time to stay intellectually stimulated. Plus, being outside of the classroom offers new ways to learn, especially for students on the autism spectrum or with special needs.

What's great about these potential activities is that they involve much more than just dusting off and opening a textbook — they engage the whole body's senses and mind. As summer approaches, consider activating your panthers with some of these activities to keep their mind and body in tiptop shape.

1. **Create an indoor jungle gym.** On rainy days, this is the perfect activity to keep your child stimulated. Take sofa cushions and pillows to erect a fort or tunnel and have your child crawl through it. Give them the chance to explore new textures in a safe environment.
2. **Establish daily exercise.** If your child thrives on structure, consider adding a daily walk into your routine. This will keep days organized and scheduled, which may be important as students, come summertime, are thrust from their usual routines. Plus, it gets you and your child to exercise together! Consider stopping by the elementary school and using the playground any time after 2pm during the week and anytime on the weekends! It is a great space to enjoy as a family!
3. **Visit the zoo.** The National Institute of Health published a study that found "social behaviors increase in children in the presence of animals compared to toys." Animals, as living things, can stimulate positive social interaction, and the summer may be the perfect time to get a seasonal pass to your local or city zoo.
4. **Read a book.** Grab a book your child will enjoy and read it together! Modeling the joy of reading with your panthers is a wonderful way to help keep them motivated! Another great option is to visit the local library together! Browsing all the great options at the library is a fun way to find a book the whole family can enjoy! A library also hosts many fun events and activities, so keep an eye out for ways you and your panther can engage in the library.
5. **Music and Art.** Get them coloring supplies and have them paint outdoors under the sun. Find different textures in nature and use crayons to make rubbings of the different items found. This is a fun way to engage with nature and give being outside a purpose. Another fun activity is to use everyday household items to make instruments. One of my favorites is using rice in a pop bottle to make shakers or a tin pie pans for symbols.

The summer can be exciting and fun, but it can also be an exciting time to continue growing the skillsets of our panthers. Find something that they will appreciate to pass the time, and — as always — follow your instinct and offer the activities and games your child most loves; they will love it even more if you share the time with them.



Counselor's Corner

By Amanda Miller, Katie Markiewicz, Kara Johnson, Lori Svenson, Stacy Chase

Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being in Children Over Summer Break

The thought of summer break can be exciting but daunting for some. Many kids may struggle to transition from the daily structure and routine during the school year to summer when there aren't clear schedules. While the summer break is a much-needed time to rejuvenate and relax it brings changes in routine and social interactions, it can be hard for some kids.

Children thrive on routines, structures, and schedules, especially those kids who struggle with anxiety, depression, ADHD, and/or autism spectrum disorders. Children tend to feel more secure and confident when their days are predictable and provided with a daily routine. By implementing coping skills to utilize over the summer, you can give your children a framework for handling any negative emotions that may arise from the schedule changes. Let's talk about some important coping skills that will be helpful for your children (and you!).

How to cope with summer routine changes:

- **Get outside:** Being in the sunshine can release endorphins that boost mood. Children need to get time to play outdoors physically, mentally, and emotionally. Studies show that vitamin D from sun exposure in healthy amounts is good for children's immune systems.
- **Limit screen time:** Hours of electronics, TV and video games can decrease mental health, lower self-confidence, and lower mood. It can be easy to overdo it on screen time during the summer when there's not as much structure. Make "unplugging" a regular activity in your home. Playing can allow children to discover new talents and skills, engage in quality family time, and allow for unstructured time in new and healthy ways. Research has shown that being bored increases a child's creativity, critical thinking and problem solving.
- **Family time:** Parents spending quality time together with their children can have a positive effect on their development and growth. It can be normal for us to get consumed by day-to-day tasks, but even taking 10 minutes daily to do simple things as a family such as preparing and cooking meals, creating fun summer activities, movie nights, time outside, family game nights, and bedtime routines collaboratively are just some of the ways quality time can be spent. So many fun summer activities can be done without spending money or going on expensive vacations. Children will remember how it felt to be with you, not the details of what they did with you.
- **Mindfulness:** Mindfulness can help with reducing stress, and symptoms of anxiety and depression. It can be done as a family or individually, with skills such as body scanning and a variety of breathing techniques that can be quick. Model for your children the importance of just stopping, looking, and listening to their surroundings. This will help ground them if they are feeling overwhelmed or out of control.
- **Get out of the house:** Encouraging them to attend summer camps and establishing play dates can be a great way for kids to grow mentally and emotionally with social events. Volunteering with parent involvement can also be an enjoyable social experience for children.
- **Take care of yourself too:** Parents can't pour from an empty cup. Ways to practice self-care as a parent can include starting small, scheduling it, and involving others. A 10 to 15-minute walk, increasing your consumption of water, engaging in mindfulness for a few minutes, and writing down a few things that make you happy and bring you joy are some simple ways you can implement self-care. If we don't make space to take care of ourselves as parents, we will find ourselves overwhelmed and burnt out more often. Try scheduling a date night with friends or a partner, scheduling a yoga or workout class, or setting scheduled time aside for an hour for a hobby. Burnout can be due to a lack of self-care, so maintaining proper care of oneself and taking care of your own needs is imperative.

With the right support and activities, children can successfully navigate the transition from school to summer break. By incorporating socio-emotional learning, coping skills, quality family time, and maintaining routines, they can enjoy a fulfilling and balanced summer.



Elementary School News

by Mrs. Brandi Meacham, Elementary School Principal

Hello Pine Valley Families!

Thank you for another wonderful year! Parent participation in our Outside Open House, parent-teacher conferences, programs, concerts, and field trips has been amazing! On behalf of our faculty and staff, thank you for sharing your children with us for the 2023-2024 school year! I also offer huge applause for our teachers and staff who kept this school year flowing, allowing for a safe and joyful learning environment! At the elementary school, we started the year learning about the importance of building strong relationships with students, incorporating social-emotional learning throughout the day, and the value of collective efficacy. When a school staff works together, builds trust, and all work toward the same goals for students, we can help our students close any learning gaps. Whether academic, behavioral, or emotional, this collective approach is key! Our work on a strong student-centered team approach will continue year after year to make Pine Valley the best place to be!

There are many wonderful highlights from this school year that would take this entire newsletter to share! However, a few newer initiatives included the addition of STEM groups for enrichment, computer classes for the fourth grade, and more field trips/live experiences for our students. Through these changes, we hope to vary our students' learning experiences and make new information more readily available!

Have a fun-filled summer and remember to keep reading; Thirty minutes of reading each day can help eliminate any summer learning loss. I continue to work during the summer, so do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,
Brandi Meacham, *Elementary Principal*

Summer Drama Club Camp

By Caitlin Sengbusch

Pine Valley's Drama Club is excited to embark on another adventure this summer. Our Drama Camp this summer will take place for two weeks, ending with two shows performed for family, friends, and community members. Mark your calendars for July 25th and 26th at 6pm in our High School auditorium, our production of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* is coming!

James and the Giant Peach Jr. is about James being sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach, rolls into the ocean, and launches a journey of enormous proportions. James befriends a collection of singing insects that ride the giant piece of fruit across the ocean, facing hunger, sharks, and plenty of disagreements along the way.

Tickets will be sold at the door; student tickets will be \$5 and adult tickets will be \$8. Concessions will also be available. We thank everyone for supporting this program. We hope you enjoy our production of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*

You Sunk My Battleship

By Christina Lyndsley, Instructional Coach

Congratulations goes to Mrs. Young for sinking my battleship! Her first-grade class also has many "hits" and are working hard to submit their final coordinates.

Pictured: Kierstyn, Caleb, Sophie, & Thomas



Students at Pine Valley Elementary School have been enjoying interactive math bulletin boards in the hallway this year. The latest display featured a battleship game, which had students and teachers in all grade levels trying to find and sink the battleship. This activity served as a fun and engaging way to introduce students to coordinate geometry. Students submitted their guesses on a form then eagerly awaited to see if they had a "hit" or "miss." Students who participated in these boards earned Paws Bucks as well. These interactive displays were designed to demonstrate how enjoyable math can be and give teachers another resource to use with their students.



Mrs. Ribbeck's Class



Mrs. Ribbeck's class completed a unit on the life cycle of butterflies in their classroom and had a butterfly release party that the students loved.



September Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Thaddeus Parker
Charlotte Weaver
JD Kennison
Luella Visker
Sally Emke-Walker
Adalynn Mathews
Emerson Moss
Rorik Kohler

Liliana Gross
Wyatt Bell
Easton Scott
Paislee Steward
Myla Daniels
Mitchell Flaig
Cienna Armstrong

JuneAllyz Santiago
Rachelynn
Meacham
Obed Rosario
Tanner Peate
Josiah Doner



Art

Jules Caparco
Alicia Ritter
Dale Perry
Wyatt Bell
Kennedy Young
Bella Lachut
Rowan Fagnan

Music

Elliot Smith
Gavin Crispin
Andrew Reimer
Carter Mathews
Leo Colvenbach
Isabelle Wilson
Rachelynn Meacham
Kaydence Barlow



Library

Austin Castellano
Sally Emke-Walker
Kierstyn Gastol
Wyatt Bell
Robin Bruyer
Scarlett Lingenfelter
Domminic Treusch
Adam Riley

Physical Ed.

Luella Visker
Conner Vancise
Liliana Gross
Easton Scott
Shawna Pettygrove
Jasper Howard
Lakelyn Brisley

Technology

Luke Smallback
Donald Tuttle
Evelyn Smith

October Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Solstice Haskins	Hunter Brown	Grace Kelley
Raymond Hender	Kade Luce	Robert Booth
Hayley Scanio	KoraLynn Harvey	Domminic Treusch
Abigail Stanfield	Brooke Sillemann	Timothy Doner
Ersel Foster	Reese Bradigan	Tucker Racinowski
Gwen Gloss	Brantley Johnston	Draven Sillemann
Charlotte Wilkey	Miranda Ritter	

November Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Maverick Sandy	Brody Lachut	Rowan Fagnan
Carter Morton	Colton Crawford	Bryson Fagnan
Ryker Pierce	Aveline Hill	Sean Baker
Gaige Moss	Leo Colvenbach	Wyatt Ellis
Andrew Reimer	Gabrielle Sebastiano	Jonathan Delcamp
Quintin Smith	Tabitha Hill	Andrew Nuebel-Vanaken
Evelynn Hinkley		



Art

Everett Scott
Madison Clark
Savanah Jones
Brooke Sillemann
Layla Dustin
Rachelynn Meacham
Tucker Racinowski

Music

Charlotte Weaver
Ersel Foster
Braxton Pulliam
Easton Scott
Morgan Johnson
Bryson Fagnan
Tucker Racinowski



Art

Luca Gross
Kierstyn Gastol
Liliana Gross
Molly Robertson
Grace Kelley
Layne Woleben
Brett Killock

Music

Roman Wickham
Luelle Visker
Blake Young
Kade Luce
Amelia Wightman
Sophia Clabeaux
Layne Woleben
Sean Baker



Library

Abigail Tolbert
Oakley Ellis
Darcy Wightman
Aiden Agapov-Nobles
Audrie Frary
Giana Paul
Tanner Peate
Everett Scott

Physical Ed.

Kierstyn Gastol
Olivia Almeida
Myla Daniels
Mason Schulz
Milena DiPietro
Owen Reynolds

Technology

Crystallyn DeJac
Summer-ann Comstock
Kendal Herman



Library

JHarper Almeida
Gwen Gloss
Willow Gruka
Kennedy Young
Aria Colvin
Keira Bruyer
Lakelyn Brisley

Physical Ed.

Harper Almeida
Adalynn Mathews
Carter Mathews
Leo Colvenbach
Miranda Ritter
Donald Tuttle
Tanner Peate

Technology

Audrie Frary
Kyenin Cole
Serenity Pilarski



December Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Isabel Maillard	Lucas Ruszkowski	Emma Connors
Raymond Hender	Christopher Johnson	Bentley Ellis
Jalyn Rose Seeley	Kierra Metzger	Summer-ann
Everett Scott	Raven Bruyer	Comstock
Harper Almeida	Aiden Agapov-Nobles	Maggie Stewart
Madison Clark	Robin Bruyer	Serenity Pilarski
Reid Woleben	Kaliyanei Pilarski	Kaydence Barlow



Art

Adelynn Parmenter
Ersel Foster
Charlotte Wilkey
Myla Daniels
Mason Miller
Kaliyanei Pilarski
Domminic Treusch
Autumn Dybka

Music

Daisy-Mae Westling
Gaige Moss
Charlotte Wilkey
Allison Williams
Jaxon Caparco
Linley Wood
Donald Tuttle
Tanner Peate



Library

Alicia Ritter
Madison Clark
Jionni Scinta
Jaxon Caparco
Layla Dustin
Rosaleigh Stewart
Evelyn Smith
Caleb Kelley

Physical Ed.

Gaige Moss
Caleb Kelley
Wyatt Bell
Layla Foster
Caleb Sterling
Keira Bruyer
Draven Silleman

Technology

Aria Colvin
Keira Bruyer
Dakota Wilkey

January Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Tahlia Gross	Darcy Wightman	Jasper Howard
Gwendolyn Reynolds	Ashton Silleman	Joseph Kelley
Patrick Pierce	Abigail Kelley	Roan Kohler
Alicia Ritter	William Pekrul	Alexander Stauffer
O'Riah Riley	Flynn Moynihan-Kerr	Samara Irwin
Kierstyn Gastol	Layla Dustin	
Jared Bailey	Shawna Pettygrove	
Jasmine Pilon		



Art

Hayley Scanio
Sean Dolling
Darcy Wightman
Emma Buczek
Tabitha Hill
Magnolia Stewart
Mohammed Kassem

Music

Carter Mortin
Abigail Stanfield
Gwenyth Gloss
Liliana Gross
Maggie Nichols
Braydon Rodgers
Alex Phillips
Josiah Doner



Library

Ryker Pierce
Khalessi Hinkley
Johnnie Phillips
Kaylynn White
Avalee Wickmark
Milena DiPietro
Tucker Racinowski
Ryker Pierce

Physical Ed.

Autumn Kanner
Emerson Moss
Darcy Wightman
Jaxon Caparco
Cienna Armstrong
Kenneth Joyce
Kaydence Barlow

Technology

Kaliyanei Pilarski
Austin Press
Dakota Wilkey

February Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Mabel Visker	Lucas Ruskowski	Crystallyn DeJac
Persephone Waite	Seraphina Ross	Lillianah Pagan
Ivy Vancise	Ariana Riley	Giana Paul
Gavin Crispin	Amara Chamberlin	Sam Fish
Daniel Joyce	Carson Reynolds	Annabelle Lillie
Raelynn Gross	Jaxon Caparco	Gianna Pagan
Oakley Ellis	Anna Agapova-Nobles	

March Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Asher Young	Colton Crawford	Braydon Rodgers
Jules Caparco	Ryleigh Sterling	Kenneth Joyce
Jaxon Walker	Domminic Dougherty	Lauryn Sawatis
Bentley Gierszewski	Robin Bruyer	JuneAllyz Santiago
Abigail Tolbert	Maggie Nichols	Autumn Dybka
Marley Luce	Emma Buczek	Lilyan Sawatis
Raven Henry	Aria Colvin	



Art

Ivy Vancise
Isaiah Leach
Blake Young
Christopher Johnson
Paislee Steward
Cienna Armstrong
Bryson Fagnan

Music

Brantley Gross
Rorik Kohler
Quintin Smith
Wyatt Bell
Ari Paff
Aria Colvin
Camden Brown
Brett Killock



Art

Jaxon Kortz
Luella Visker
Ashton Plaza
Evelynn Hinkley
Ari Paff
Shawna Pettygrove
Timothy Doner

Music

Ivy Vancise
Ryker Pierce
Jared Bailey
Rilya Pierce
Carson Reynolds
Barrett Austin
Dominic Treusch
Dakota Wilkey



Library

Jules Caparco
Hunter Brown
Adalynn Mathews
Oliver Haskins
Adalynn Brown
Tabitha Hill
Domminic Treusch
Cole Lachut

Physical Ed.

Ryker Pierce
Blake Young
Isaac Kreamer
Emma Buczek
Morgan Johnson
Giana Paul
Wyatt Ellis

Technology

Serenity Proefrock
Layne Woleben
Dakota Wilkey



Library

Persephone Waite
Sally Emke-Walker
Raelynn Gross
Grace Sebastiano
Maggie Nichols
Aiden Gibbs
Milena DiPietro
Grace Rinehart

Physical Ed.

Ersel Foster
Raelynn Gross
Ariana Riley
William Pekrul

Technology

Kaliyanei Pilarski
John Thomas
Andrew Nuebel-Vanaken



April Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Charlotte Elbersen	Rodney Asel	Audrie Frary
Adelynn Parmenter	Carter Mathews	Kamryn Logan
Jade Weber	Olivia Almeida	Milena DiPietro
Luca Gross	Anime Martynowicz	Madison Johnson
Brayden Fisher	Amelia Wightman	Mohammed Kassem
Maximus Widner	Remington Astry	Lakelyn Brisley
Parker Buczek	Bella Lachut	

May Students of the Month



UPK - 6th Grade

Waylon Tolbert	Hunter Brown	Bella Scinta
Bristol Fye	Oliver Haskins	Bentley Ellis
Elliot Smith	Braxton Pulliam	Jasper Howard
Autumn Kanner	Paisley Smith	Nolan Dustin
Kaelynn Fischer-Melinski	Cali Cardot	Sophie Jozwiak
Axel Jock	Avalee Wickmark	Kendal Herman
Blake Young	Rowan Luce	



Art

Alana Kerr
Ryker Pierce
Lucas Racinowski
Johnnie Phillips
Leo Colvenbach
Layla Dustin
Rowan Fagnan

Music

Henry Moss
Sally Emke-Walker
Dale Perry
Cory Hunt
Mason Miller
Jeremiah Egner
JuneAllyz Santiago
Alexander Stauffer



Art

JD Kennison
Isabella Gibson
Jackson Weber
Oliver Haskins
Amara Chamberlin
Osvaldo Cassarubias Tenorio
Obed Rosario

Music

Patrick Pierce
Autumn Kanner
Parker Buczek
Ryleigh Sterling
Cali Cardot
Shawna Pettygrove
Jasper Howard
Cole Lachut



Library

JD Kennison
Colton Astry
Riley MacCallum
Isaac Kreamer
Kaylynn White
Anna Agapova-Nobles
Lennox Richter
Tanner Peate
Gavin Crispin

Physical Ed.

Rodney Asel
Karsyn Robertson
Maggie Nichols
Mayson Schroeder
Camden Brown
Jonathan Delcamp

Technology

Grace Kelley
Maggie Stewart
Roan Kohler



Library

Jade Weber
Bradley Comstock
Charlotte Wilkey
Olivia Almeida
Leo Colvenbach
Braydon Rodgers
Maggie Stewart
Tucker Racinowski

Physical Ed.

Savannah Gerwitz
Charlotte Wilkey
Hunter Brown
Reese Bradigan
Karter Waite
JuneAllyz Santiago
Serenity Pilarski

Technology

Luke Smallback
James Cox III
Cole Lachut

Jr./Sr. High School News

by Mrs. Kourtney Almeida, Jr./Sr. High School Principal

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

By Caitlin Sengbusch



On March 22nd and 23rd our Jr./Sr. Drama Club students put on *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* for the public. The cast and crew were excited all season to put on this show for their parents, family members, friends, teachers, and community members.

After many months of rehearsals, learning lines and music, practicing dances, building sets, and putting together costumes, the students were thrilled to finally show all their hard work. The cast and crew also had an extra weight on their shoulders with being a semi-finalist for the 1st Annual Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards. The cast and crew had high expectations for themselves and for the show. They surpassed those expectations sending the crowd on an emotional rollercoaster. All the hard work, long hours and balancing act that comes with being a student and doing extracurriculars had finally come together for this spectacular weekend.

The weekend was a huge success, turning a profit for the program and entertaining the hundreds that showed up for the event. The cast, crew, and production team are extremely grateful to all of those who helped support the event! All the teachers and staff that stepped up to help, all the friends, family, and community members who came to the show! We could not have done it without everyone. Congratulations cast and crew of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*!

The cast performed at Shea's Performing Art Center on Saturday, May 25th. Congratulations to the cast and crew on winning Original Poster Design and Outstanding Crew Execution.



Art Department News

On May 21, the high school atrium was transformed into an art gallery for our district-wide art show. The exhibition featured artwork from students across the district, including those enrolled in an art class for the 2023-2024 academic year. The diverse collection of student pieces ranged from our youngest artists in the three-year-old classroom to our seniors.

Taylor Richter, the elementary art teacher, and Caitlin Sengbusch, the middle/high school art teacher introduced innovative concepts for this year's showcase. To engage the community, friends and families had the opportunity to vote for the best in show and take part in the interactive "leave your mark" art experience. Additionally, a collaborative community mural created during Creativity Night was on display.

A successful magnet sale was also held to raise funds for the art department.

On May 31, Caitlin Sengbusch's AP Art & Design students had their annual AP Art Exhibition, held at The Trillium Lodge. Caitlin has collaborated with The Trillium for the last 4 AP Art Exhibitions and is thrilled to continue this tradition at a local restaurant.

Be on the lookout for updates and events for the art department for our 2024-2025 year by following our art Instagram page, PineValley_Art.



2024 Pine Valley Graduation

Graduation Speaker- Congressman Nick Langworthy



Congressman Nick Langworthy was elected to represent Western New York and the Southern Tier in Congress in 2022. New York's 23rd Congressional District includes Chautauqua, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben Counties, and parts of Erie County. He currently serves as a member of the House Rules, Agriculture, and Oversight Committees, fighting to ensure that his constituents and our rural communities have a seat at the table on major legislation.

With a background rooted in public service, Langworthy began his career working in the district office of former Congressman Tom Reynolds, where he developed and led a strong constituent services team. He recently served as the Chairman of the New York Republican State Committee, championing Upstate New York and ensuring their voices are heard in state politics. As a member of Congress, Langworthy prioritizes constituent service, casework, and cutting red tape for his constituents while bringing home important resources for the communities in his district, "No problem is too big, and no problem is too

small."

Congressman Langworthy is the Chairman of the Aviation Safety Caucus and was a leader during the consideration of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, to uphold airline safety measures established after the Colgan Air Flight 3407 tragedy in Clarence, NY. He is also co-chair of the Maple Caucus and an active member of the Northern Border Security Caucus, the Rural Health Caucus, and other groups.

Langworthy's dedication to public service is reflected in his commitment to promoting jobs and economic opportunity for Western New York and the Southern Tier and protecting the constitutional rights of all Americans. His work in Congress is driven by his upbringing — working in his family's bar and restaurant business — and his deep-seated belief in the small-town values of hard work, perseverance, and self-determination.

Born in Jamestown, NY, and a proud alumnus of Pine Valley Central School, Langworthy has the honor to represent the communities where he was raised and where he worked his entire life. Congressman Langworthy and his wife, Erin, currently reside in Pendleton, NY, where they are raising their son and daughter. He remains deeply connected to his community, striving to represent their interests and uphold their values in Washington, D.C.

Student Celebration & Recognition Ceremony

Ronald C. Brown:

This award is given in Ron's memory by his mother, Patricia Brown. The award is presented to the senior with the best overall attendance in grades 9-12.

Jack Sheldon

Honor Roll 2024 (overall GPA is 90% and above for 2023- 2024 school year):

Students chosen for each award based on achievement, advancements or perseverance.

Merit Roll 2024 (overall GPA is 85% to 89.999% for 2023- 2024 school year):

*Warren Butcher,
Savana Jackson,
Terence White*

Cattaraugus County Bank Award:

Scholarship awarded to a college-bound senior who will be pursuing a career in the business field.

*Arryanna Bardo &
Alyssa West*

*Arryanna Bardo,
James Gleason,
Ryan Jackson,
William Jones,
Caleb Lanphere,
Zachary Lanphere,
Raphael Meurant,
Dakota Smeal,
Lucas Smith,
Cole Sterling,
Miles Volk,
Alyssa West,
Muriel Zollinger*

Honor & Merit Roll (for 2023-2024 school year):

*Jeremy Adams,
Maive Leverentz,
Vivien Libby,
Tianna McIntosh,
Aidan Moskaluk,
Nicholas Seabolt,
Jack Sheldon,
Tyler Smith,
Brody Swanson,
Samara Weaver*

Paula J. Troutman “Love More” Scholarship:

Scholarship awarded to students who exemplify “love more” and may be pursuing a STEM/Science career and strive to bring people together, work hard, and show compassion to others in the school and community, all while being involved in athletics.

*Warren Butcher &
Zachary Lanphere*

President’s Academic Excellence Awards:

Students with above a 90% average throughout four years of high school.

*Jeremy Adams,
Arryanna Bardo,
James Gleason,
Ryan Jackson,
William Jones,
Caleb Lanphere,
Zachary Lanphere,
Maive Leverentz,
Aidan Moskaluk,
Lucas Smith,
Brody Swanson,
Alyssa West*

President’s Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement:

Savana Jackson

PV Scholar Athletes:

Students who maintained 90% or higher GPA while participating in Varsity Sports.

*Arryanna Bardo,
Ryan Jackson,
Zachary Lanphere,
Maive Leverentz,*

*Raphael Meurant,
Jessina Miller,
Aidan Moskaluk,
Nicholas Seabolt,
Jack Sheldon,
Cole Sterling,
Miles Volk,
Alyssa West,
Muriel Zollinger*

Independent Health’s Community All-Star Award:

Recognizes a student who has made a positive difference in the lives of people here at school and the community. Independent Health is recognizing students throughout Western New York who are making a difference.

Jack Sheldon

Daughters of the American Revolution Awards:

Humanity & Social Science Award- Recognition of a student who has shown exceptional knowledge concerning our nation’s history.

Muriel Zollinger

Good Citizen Award- The Citizen of the Year Award is awarded to a senior who possesses the qualities that the DAR recognizes as good citizenship: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Caleb Lanphere

State of New York Office of the Attorney General Triple “C” Award:

This award aims to recognize the “Character, Courage, and Commitment” of outstanding young people. Students who excel in academic pursuits, participate in community service, display leadership among their classmates, or overcome personal challenges inspire and provide hope for our future.

Muriel Zollinger

Class Officer Recognition:

President- Muriel Zollinger

Vice President- Alyssa West

Secretary- Maive Leverentz

Treasurers- Arryanna Bardo &
Vivien Libby

Class Representatives- Jessina Miller

Jamestown Community College Unified Student Assistance (USA) Scholarships:

*Arryanna Bardo &
James Gleason*

South Dayton America Legion Post #1593 Auxiliary Awards: :

*Jack Sheldon &
Muriel Zollinger*

Congratulations to our Pine Valley Graduates!



Future Plans for our Pine Valley Graduates

Jeremy D. Adams – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement – Workforce, Welding
Arryanna R. Bardo – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation - Jamestown Community College, Sociology
Warren Butcher – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation – Jamestown Community College, Music
Joseph S. Castellano – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement - Workforce, Carpentry
Connor Elliott - Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement - Hilbert College, Sports Management
Molly Fritsch – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement – Workforce, Auto Body Repair
James Gleason – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation - Jamestown Community College, Psychology
Samuel J. Jacchino – High School Diploma – Workforce
Ryan M. Jackson – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation – Jamestown Community College, Business
Savana L. Jackson – Regents Diploma - Workforce
Joshua A. Jones – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement - Niagara County Community College, Culinary Arts
William P. Jones – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Mastery in Math - Erie Community College, Computer Science
Caleb L. Lanphere – Regents Diploma – St. Bonaventure University, Computer Science
Zachary R. Lanphere – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement - Jamestown Community College, Biology
Maive J. Leverentz – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement- Alfred State College, Radiologic Technology
Vivien M. Libby – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement – Finger Lakes Community College, Physical Education
Tianna M. McIntosh – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement - Workforce
Raphael B. Meurant – Sart-Tilman Université, Microbiology
Jessina L. Miller – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Career and Technical Endorsement – Workforce, Cosmetology
Aidan R. Moskaluk – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Career and Technical Endorsement – Alfred State College, Electrical Maintenance
Austin C. O’Neil – Regents Diploma - Workforce
Jayden W. Pritchard – Regents Diploma – Workforce
Nicholas O. Seabolt – Regents Diploma - Workforce
Jack L. Sheldon – Regents Diploma - Jamestown Community College, Sports Mangement
Dakota S. Smeal – Regents Diploma - Jamestown Community College, Early Childhood
Lucas R. Smith – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation– Undecided
Tyler G. Smith – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement - Workforce
Damien R. Stanfield – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement - SUNY Fredonia, Acting
Cole S. Sterling – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement – Workforce, Small Engine
Brody Swanson – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Career and Technical Endorsement – Workforce, Road Maintenance
Miles L. Volk – Regents Diploma – Workforce
Samra L. Weaver – Regents Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement - Jamestown Community College, Early Childhood Education
Alyssa G. West – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation - -Alfred State College, Agricultural Business
Terence D. White – Regents Diploma – Jamestown Community College, Welding
Muriel K.M. Zollinger – Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation - Mercyhurst University, Art Therapy

Combined Project Bio & Seventh Grade

Miss Nichols's and Ms. Youngblood's seventh grade English classes and Mrs. Kestler's Biology lab students have been collaborating to showcase their learning about conservation. In the English classes, the seventh graders did initial research on alternative sources of energy, conservation of ecosystems, and decreasing waste caused by humans. For their research, they were expected to read books and online articles about their topics as well as conduct interviews with sources knowledgeable about how the school district's communities are impacted by their topics. They were then prompted to come up with community service ideas that they believed would benefit one of the towns or villages that our school district serves.

The biology students reviewed the seventh-grade ideas and discussed the beneficial outcomes, cost, and procedures for implementing the projects. They also related the ideas back to ecological and conservation sciences that they had previously learned about in class and presented this deeper knowledge with some of the seventh-grade classes.

As a result of the research and collaboration, the seventh-grade students went on a community service field trip where they will plant non-invasive tree species at the Boutwell Hill State Forest in Cherry Creek on June 17th—one of the project ideas that a student proposed. While there, they learned more about specific trees that are invasive and native to the Western New York area and how these trees affect the habitats of animals within the ecosystem.

Another group of students, specifically researching fossil fuels and alternative energy, took their projects to Cassadaga High School where they shared them at a transportation event on June 5th. Those students researched the differences between diesel and electric buses with cost, fuel, and environmental impact.

All of the students involved realized how impactful what they are learning in school can be to the world around them.



E-Sports



Liberty Ross and Mohammed Kassem.

The E-Sports Club ran a concession stand during the Pine Valley Baseball & Softball games. We took the profits from 2 of those nights to purchase \$160 of food for the South Dayton/Cherry Creek food pantry.



Noah Cowles, Serenity Pilarski, Kaydence Barlow, and Chloe Colburn.

Boy's Modified Basketball



Coaches VanKoughnett and Parisio

The boys modified basketball had a great season this year. We were just starting to find our groove as the season ended. Modified Basketball has the unique opportunity to split its teams into Seventh and Eighth Grade teams.

The Eighth grade team has a few monsters emerging and moving on to the JV Team. There are a few quick ball handlers heading up there as well. They worked hard together and had a few amazing games that they should be really proud of. With 11 Games, they averaged 24 points per game. There were 11 players that are moving up to JV.

The Seventh Grade team really impressed me with their improvement. Many players ended up with at least one basket on the season. We are really excited to go into

next year with that same group. Keep drinking milk and hitting the weightroom, gentlemen.

Boy's Junior Varsity Basketball



Coach Andrews

Our JV Men's basketball season can be summed up and recapped in one word, successful. The focus of the team was to get better each and every day. We did not worry about the wins and losses. We set out with the goal of becoming not only better basketball players but also better young men. In the face of a lot of adversity, we not only achieved our goal, but we crushed it. Each day the eight young men not only became better on the court. But they also became better young men off of it as well. The development shown throughout the season was tremendous and the eight young men showed up every day working harder and harder each day. We formed not only a team but also a family. These young men have incredible futures ahead of them and it is going to be incredibly exciting to see them continue to grow and develop.

Boy's Modified Baseball



Coach Guglielmi

The game of baseball offers valuable life lessons for young men as they confront challenges in competition, fostering confidence, an indispensable experience for teenagers to encounter early and frequently to comprehend and manage its repercussions. It's essential to realize that success in life stems from hard work rather than arriving effortlessly, and the baseball field imparts vital lessons in discerning between entitlement and earning it. Frequently, society embraces instant gratification and champions only the winning side until they are no longer winning. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have coached your son.

Boy's Varsity Basketball



Coach Slisz

It was an impressive ride for the 2023-2024 Pine Valley Central School District boys' varsity basketball program, which goes down in district history as one of our Panther family's most memorable teams. Following a hard-fought 30-28 victory over Clymer Central School District on March 1, 2024, the boys brought home a Class D Section VI championship title after 13 not-so-lucky years.

After a tumultuous season start and some tight losses, there were incredible comebacks: No lead was safe when playing the Panthers. Mental toughness proved critical to its championship with the team exemplifying its theme of "Evolution."

"Despite many obstacles, the team was unstoppable," says coach Bobby Slisz, who guided the team along with assistant coach

John Kennison. "They battled through bumps in the road along the way, reaching an impressive pinnacle."

The boys kicked off the season with a 4-1 winning stretch and a big home win over Clymer, cementing confidence it could win a sectional championship. But five straight close losses followed, including a game where half the team was out due to illness. The team persevered, focused on a section championship goal. Healthier and in pursuit of postseason success, the Panthers were positioned for playoffs. Their offensive structure developed, they knew who excelled at what, how to play as a unit, and how to move together.

With two weeks to prep for playoffs, the Panthers unveiled a plan to trap the ball handler. They strategized to pressure the handler into mistakes with two defenders; their intensity and focus led to one of the best defensive performances in sectional championship history. The team's confidence never wavered. The Panthers' defensive pressure shut down Clymer CSD, securing the first sectional title for the Pine Valley boys' basketball since 2011.

"They evolved as players and as a team, and won a section title," says Slisz. "It has been the honor of a lifetime, and this season will forever be cherished."

The team ended its season March 9, 2024, with a 75-47 loss to Avoca-Prattsburgh CSD in the Far West Regionals at Buffalo State.

Critical to the team's success are the assistant coaches, families and fans who brought so much energy and support, and the transportation department. The South Dayton Hotel helped organize a team dinner. Via alumni and family fundraising, the team bought a state-of-the-art shooting machine, enjoyed a St. Bonaventure game, and a trip to Boston for a Celtics game. They ended the season 11-12, 8-4 in league play.

THE TEAM: Each player brought individual skills and every player scored a basket this season. The leadership of seniors Miles Volk, Jon Sheldon and Nick Seabolt was essential. Jack Sheldon and Connor Elliott demonstrated tremendous defensive energy. Ryan Jackson, a calming presence, brought maturity, knowledge, and patience. Terence White improved so much and his first varsity basket was an exciting team moment. Foreign exchange student Raphael Meurant, who had never played basketball before, brought fun as his abilities grew. Cam Slade brought athleticism and energy. Trent Ivett was one of the team's leading rebounders. Sawyer Bradigan brought tenacious defensive energy. Noah Frontuto could not play due to injury but worked with the team and provided insight while rising JV player Aiden Bell brought passion.

Boy's Varsity Soccer

The Pine Valley Boys Varsity Soccer Team Started its season with a 9-1 loss against Silver Creek. The team knew there was a long road ahead. The players took it upon themselves to improve every practice and every game and it showed by the end of the season. The improvement was palpable. This team battled every single game and never quit. That is something that our Pine Valley community was very proud of. The highlight of our season was a huge 4-1 win over Salamanca on senior night. We earned a home playoff game for the first time in a while. Unfortunately, our season ended with a 3-0 loss to Silver Creek. We had multiple players to have a goal or an assist during the season. Jack Sheldon Scored 6 goals and had 2 assists. Jarret Meyers had 1 goal and 3 assists. Rafael Meurant had 1 goal. Sawyer Bradigan had 1 goal and 3 assists. Warren Butcher had an assist. 3 players were acknowledged for their high level of play, earning Honorable mentions. Those players include Jack Sheldon, Sawyer Bradigan, and Hayden Chase. The team has thanked and said goodbye to their seniors but are excited for the next season and are ready to go.



Coaches Housler and Cunningham

Boy's Modified Soccer

We ended out season with a record of 2-11-2 and ended the league with a 2-8-2 record. Despite playing many of the games with only 9 or 10 people, the boys did a great job of not giving up. Our lead scorer of the season was Landon Reger, followed by Andres Morillas leadin g in assist.

This year awards were awarded to Landon Reger for most valuable player (MVP) and Brian Kelly for most improved for the 2023-2024 modified boys soccer team.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have coached these athletes. I would like to say thank you to the parents for helping with our end-of-the-seasob dinner and the trunk or treat. Thank you for allowing me to coach you!



Coach Buchman

Boy's Varisty Baseball



Coach Len

Front Row L-R: Kadyln Logan, Camryn Slade, Trent Ivett, Sawyer Bradigan, Preston Danner, Jarrett Meyers

Back Row L-R: Coach Len, Cameron Howard, Terence White, Dylan Green, Riley Kenna, Finnigen Steward

This Varsity Baseball Season was all about learning. We knew coming into this season it was going to be a tough year, especially with us losing so many seniors last year. I thought this season was a success, I thought all the guys on the team grew over the course of the season. That was our number one goal this season, was to get better each and every day. Early on in the season, we were getting mercied every single game. But as the experience grew for the boys, they started to play full 7 inning games with chances to win multiple games. I am very excited to be able to coach this group of gentlemen for the next couple of years. They have work to do next year!

Thank you to:

- **Chris Buczek** – A BIG THANK YOU to the Athletic Director. If you were not around there would be no Lady Panthers Basketball Team or any sports teams.
- **Ryan Stefanik** – Thank you for your dedication to the athletes at Pine Valley. The athletes are very lucky to play on a field like the ones we have here.
- **Kourtney Almeida & Victoria Howard** – Thank you to both of you for your support and help throughout the season.
- **Jacqui Parisio** – Thank you for all the help with the technology purposes this year.
- **Courtney Bradigan** – Thank you for being the bookkeeper when we needed. The guys appreciated it.
- **Ryan Riley and Joe Parisio** - Being helpful whenever I needed the help. Your support to the team was unnoticed.

The girls modified basketball team finished with another great season. The team was made up of mostly 7th graders that were playing for the first time together and did quite well. 7th graders included Ashlynn Silleman, Carlie Postle, Taylor Postle, Mackenzie Schroeder, and McKayla Ebel. The 8th graders included Aubree Ellis and Karleigh Egner. Karleigh was the only player that was on the team from the previous year, she played a big part in supporting the team and guiding the younger girls throughout the season. It was a huge year for building on the future as a group that will continue to develop and learn the game will only get better and better. The season was definitely one to be proud of as we look forward to another great season next school year!

Girl's Modified Basketball



Coach Cunningham

Girl's Junior Varsity Basketball



Coach Herman

Front: Sandy Ivett, Lily Hohl, Brooke Smith
Back: Coach Karah Herman, Ava West, Ashley Irwin, Karley Ebel

The 2023-2024 Girls' JV Basketball team was made up of six of the most hard working athletes I have ever coached. They knew coming into this season with low numbers it was not going to be easy. We had so many highs and lows throughout the season. These included some injuries and illnesses. But they continued to persevere and came to practice everyday with the mindset that it's a new day to get better. And in no time they proved that to everyone. We started our season really struggling to work together as a team and it did not help that we were playing some really good non-league teams. But with time, just like any newly formed team, they found their groove. Their confidence grew within themselves and they gained trust in each other. And when all the pieces were finally put together that's when they started to win some games. Our 9th game became our first win of the season, in a 37-31 thriller against Forestville. We would win 5 more games. The girls ended their season with a win on the home court 38-27 against Silver Creek. We finished the season with a 6-12 overall record. Big shout outs go to the Varsity Coach Zach Len, Assistant

Coach Cassidy Buchman, Bookkeeper Dee Herman, Managers Kendal Herman and Ashlynn Silliman, Bus Driver Bruce Newcomb, Athletic Director Chris Buczek, and most importantly the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team for their willingness to practice against my girls and make them better every single day.

This season had its up and downs. The season started very slow. We didn't win a single game in 2023. But as soon as 2024 hit the Lady Panthers started to roll. The first win of the season came against Silver Creek on January 5th. After that, they were able to pull off 5 more leading to a 6-game winning streak beating teams Franklinville, Ellicottville, and Fredonia. They suffered a loss in Ellicottville, but they did not quit on the season. They were able to pull off another 6-game winning streak to end the season.

With going on two six game winning streaks, they set themselves up to win the division title in the last game of the season. They were able to do that with winning at North Collins on Feb 16th. It was the Lady Panthers first CCAA East 2 Division title since 2014. We finished as the #2 seed in the Class D Playoffs, setting up a Semi Finals Matchup vs Sherman @ Jamestown Community College. Unfortunately, our season came to an end with a heartbreaking loss 44-30 vs Sherman.

We had Two First Team All Stars, Danielle West and Vivien Libby. We had One Second Team All Star, Alyssa West. We had Two Honorable Mentions (Sarah Kruszka and Jessina Miller). We have Four Seniors leaving us this year (Maive Leverentz, Vivien Libby, Jessina Miller and Alyssa West). Thank you for everything this year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DANIELLE WEST FOR ACHIEVING 1000 PTS IN HER CAREER

Special Thanks to these people:

- *Ryan Riley and Bruce Colvenbach* – Being helpful whenever I needed the help. Setting up all our home games. Your support to the team was unnoticed.
- *Joe Parisio* – Thank you for the help this year. Making sure the floor was cleaned before our home games. You don't know how much I appreciate it.
- *Bruce Newcomb* – Thank you for being the main Bus driver for our games getting us to and from everywhere we went safely.
- *Chris Buczek* – A BIG THANK YOU to the Athletic Director. If you were not around there would be no Lady Panthers Basketball Team or any sports teams.

Girl's Varsity Basketball



Coaches Len and Buchman

Front Row (Left to Right) – Sarah Kruszka, Danielle West, Paige Hohl
Middle Row (Left to Right) – Coach Buchman, Jessina Miller, Vivien Libby, Alyssa West, Maive Leverentz, and Coach Len
Missing– Danica Farnham

Girl's Varsity Soccer

This year's varsity team was full of a great group of young women. This included seniors, Aryanna Bardo (Captain), Alexia Harvey (Gowanda), and Kaitlyn Hender (Captain/ Gowanda). My juniors are Sarah Kruszka (captain), Destiny Lindquist (captain) and Julianna Yasurek. The sophomores are Rayne Bruyer, and Katie King. My freshmen include Sandy Ivett, Samantha Collins (Gowanda), Felicia Scanlan (Gowanda), Lauren Hostetter (Gowanda), Ennette John (Gowanda). My lone eighth grader is Ashley Irwin. Finally, my seventh graders are Kalie Bellinger (Gowanda) and Carlie Postle. Our overall record was 3-12-2. We battled hard against very skilled teams. It is very difficult to win varsity games without the addition of a modified team. So hopefully in the up and coming years we are able to bring that back to our program. My goal when I coach is to show them the life lessons that come from playing on sports teams throughout high school, it's not all about the winning and losing. I wish the seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors. I would like to thank these girls for coming to practice every single day and working hard, whether it was the conditioning, their footwork and skills, or just laughing and making memories. I would like to thank the parents for supporting their student-athlete in every way possible. Thank you, Chandell Nichols, for being an awesome assistant coach. Thank you, Dee Herman, for driving our bus, doing the timer and keeping stats. Thank you, Ryan Stefanik, for keeping our fields in pristine condition. Thank you, Chris Buczek, our Athletic Director, for all your hard work to keep our sports programs running. Finally, thank you to the administration team for everything they do to allow us to have a soccer program here at Pine Valley.



Coaches Herman and Nichols

Girl's Varsity Volleyball



Coach Hoth

This season our team consisted of three seniors: Muriel Zollinger, Vivien Libby, and Jessina Miller (captain); four juniors: Danica Farnham, Lizzie Roland (captain), Olivia Lawton, and Serafina Joyce; and one freshman: Madilynn Robertson. Eighth grader Ava West and freshman Cameron Rinehart and Breanna Synder joined us for our playoff games.

After losing talented libero Kaitlin Hayes last year, Madi stepped into that position. She knew she had big shoes to fill after Kait averaged roughly 20 digs/game her senior year, but Madi was excited to be on varsity and take on the role. Jessina and Vivien were strong forces in the middle of the net, Lizzie and Olivia alternated in the outside hitting position, Muriel and Ava swung on the right side, Danica remained as our setter, and all the players spent time on the court playing defense. The girls experienced tough losses but reeled

in some big wins. In September, the girls beat Salamanca in a five-set match with their strong defense. Danica racked up 20 digs, while Lizzie and Olivia brought in 17 and 16 digs, respectively. Later in October, the Panthers beat Salamanca again in another five-set thriller. Following that, a huge win against North Collins was earned in another five-set game. Against North Collins, Vivien and Jessina were unstoppable offensively. Vivien had a game-high 16 kills while Jessina brought in 13 kills and 8 aces. On the defensive end, Danica dug up 21 balls and Madi had a game-high 17 digs. While the Panthers struggled mentally at times with consistency, they continued to push forward despite facing obstacles. The Panthers ended the season 8-12 overall with a loss to Chautauqua Lake in the Class D Playoffs. As with every season, the girls faced adversity and worked through each challenge they were faced with, whether that was battling back from a large deficit or winning a five-set match.

Congratulations to Danica Farnham and Vivien Libby who were chosen as second-team all-stars! Congratulation to Jessina Miller who received honorable mention and congratulations to Madilynn Robertson, who received the sportsmanship award! Thank you to all the parents and family members, athletic director Chris Buczek, modified coach Zach Len, scorekeeper Derek Schalk, bus driver Jeff Bailey, the PV custodial staff, the PV administration, and all the support from the PV students and community. A big thank you goes out to JV coach Tara Hayes, who also fills the role of my assistant. Whether it is coaching my team when I cannot be there, or simply listening to me vent after a tough match, Tara is there for it all and always has my back. I cannot believe this was our sixth season together "T!" Lastly, thank you to my team. My work schedule makes for many late nights in the gym and sometimes last-minute schedule changes. Thank you for being flexible, working hard, and continuing to push through adversity.

Girl's Junior Varsity Volleyball



Coach Hayes

This volleyball season has been full of growth and perseverance. Our JV team, unlike most districts, began with only seven very determined girls. Returning players were Cameron Rinehart, Lily Hohl, Autumn Bailey, and Breanna Snyder. We welcomed modified players Addison Lyndsley and Saphera Linquist and then one game in we also welcomed Ava West. We had a very slow start to the season, but I was so proud of the returning players that continued to grow in their skill development and how quickly the modified girls stepped up to play at the JV level. We fought hard all season for wins and came up short until the last two weeks of the season. These girls make me proud of the way they found some focus and grew emotionally as individual players and as a team. Many of these girls will be filling the gaps on the varsity team next year.

Thank you to all the parents for getting your child to practice and for the support you gave to the team, myself, and for baking for the fundraisers. Many thanks to the BOE, Chris Buczek, Bobby Slisz, and Mr. Shalk for making the season possible. I appreciate the varsity players that kept books and stats at all the home games. A huge thank you to Coach Kaitlyn Hoth for always helping with stats, organization, and emotional support. I couldn't do this without you!

Girl's Modified Volleyball



Coach Len

The Pine Valley girls modified volleyball season ended with a win against Brocton. There were so many positives that took place this year. The best thing to see was the number of girls we had on the team. We had 13 this year which was great to see. All thirteen girls came to volleyball every single day wanting to get better. It was great to have a returning player from last year Kieran Zollinger. Kieran was awesome during the season. She used her knowledge from last year to teach the new 7th graders this year. Kieran and Aubree Ellis were the only 8th graders on the team. Rest of the team consisted of 7th graders featuring McKayla Ebel, Vicki Erickson, Rosa Greene, Scarlette Horvath, Sandee Hosmer, Mihrina Joyce, Taylor Postle, Isabella Phillips, Mackenzie Schoeder, Ashlynn Sillemann, and Brenda Yoris. A lot of the 7th graders took a leadership role on the team which was great to see. Next year, they will come back ready to rock and roll. The 7th graders did a great job, since most of them have never touched a volleyball before. The modified volleyball girls built something special. This group of ladies will be a great group to build with over the next couple of years.

Special Thanks:

- *Ryan Riley* – Being accommodating and helpful whenever I needed the help. Setting up all of our home games (Setting up the bleachers, making sure the scorer's table is set up along with the chairs)
- *Joe Parisio* – Thank you for making sure the floor was cleaned before our games. Thank you for all that you do. You don't know how much I appreciate it.
- *Darlene Morrison* – Thank you for being the main Bus driver for our games getting us to and from everywhere we went safely.
- *Chris Buczek* – A BIG THANK YOU to the Athletic Director. Thank you for setting up our schedule and making sure everything was ready on home game days.

Girl's Modified Softball



Coach Herman

Front: Rayne Bruyer, Cameron Rinehart, Autumn Bailey, Madilynn Robertson & Carlie Ward

Middle: Karleigh Egner, Breanna Snyder, Sandra Ivett, Lily Hohl, Gabriella Hill & Saphera Lindquist

Back: Coach Karah Herman, Brooke Smith, Addison Lyndsley, Ava West, & Kaitlyn King

This was my fourth year as the Girls' Modified Softball coach. This year's roster includes 9th graders: Brooke Smith, Carlie Ward, Lily Hohl, Cameron Rinehart, Breanna Snyder, and Gabriella Hill. 8th graders: Ava West, Saphera Lindquist, Addison Lyndsley, and Ashley Irwin. 7th graders: Ashlynn Silliman, Victoria Erickson, Mackenzie Schroeder, and Taylor Postle. These girls came to every practice ready to work hard and get better at softball every single day. They ended the season with a record of 5 wins and 3 losses. There were lots of laughs and memories created throughout the season as well. One highlight from our season was from our last game when we traveled to Gowanda. Ashlynn Silliman pitched 5 scoreless innings, and struck out 7. Silliman also hit a homerun, which resulted in 3 RBI's. 11 different players crossed home plate, which resulted in 16 total runs to win the game. The strides these girls made throughout the season was tremendous and I cannot wait to continue to watch these girls grow and succeed on and off of the field, they have a bright future playing softball. To support our community, the Modified & Varsity Softball Teams held a Softball Clinic for our youth athletes. We had a

great turn out from girls in grades 1st grade to 6th grade. The young students participated in fun activities and drills related to softball. A big thank you to Adrienne & Cassie Kelly for being awesome assistant coaches. Shout out to Chris Buczek; our Athletic Director. Thank you Dee Herman for being an amazing bus driver and score keeper. Thank you Ryan Stefanik & Jason Donato, for taking care of our softball fields.

Girl's Varsity Softball

This year's softball season was a remarkably successful one despite what our record reflects. The Lady Panthers ended the season with 9 wins and 12 losses in the Class D division. We went up against the toughest teams in the league and we were able to hold our own. We will be losing two seniors out of our eleven players, Alyssa West and Jessina Miller. Alyssa was the first base player for the last 5 years and Jessina was our third baseman this season. Each of the girls will be deeply missed next year and were leaders on the team. The rest of the players were Danielle West, Paige Hohl, Danica Farnham, Olivia Lawton, Lizzie Roland, Destiny Lindquist, Brooke Dustin-McCoy, Sandra Ivett, and Madilynn Robertson.

We showed up at Franklinville and had an impressive warm up. From there we never let anything get in our way, Alyssa West led us off with a 1B and then Danica Farnham hit a home run followed by Olivia Lawton. The defense on the field was error free and we won the quarter final 6-4 with just enough time for the girls to get ready for prom. The next week we had an intense week of practice and then headed to Clymer/Sherman for the semi-final game where we battled for 6 innings with a tied score. We had an injury and then some errors which lead Clymer Sherman to gain 6 runs where we fell 8-2 in the 7th inning. This game the heavy hitters were Danielle West with a double, and Destiny Lindquist hit a home run.

Thank you to the community members who helped cheer on the girls every game. Thank you to the bus drivers that took us to and from games and Buczek for scheduling games and making sure all the paperwork was taken care of. A huge thank you to Leslie Milliman for keeping score and Brittany for keeping the home scoreboard. This season would not have been as successful as it was not for the assistance from Stephanie West, Kaitlin Hayes, Jill Szumigala, and Mike Robertson. Thank you to all the administration and the PVCS BOE for allowing the girls and I to have these opportunities. Finally, thank you to the parents for the support and making sure the girls had what they needed for the season.



Coaches Hayes and West

Football



Coach VanKoughnett

What a great football season we had. The boys put in a lot of hard work in the offseason with a lifting program over summer. The modified boys have really come a long way and learned so much. The team ended up 2-4 against some powerhouse teams for the Modified Program. The Varsity program went 4-4 with a playoff loss against a tough Randolph team. All the games played were battles. The boys were able put-up impressive performances against all the teams they played at both the varsity and Modified level. I am very proud of all

that this team has accomplished this year. Jon Sheldon and Connor Elliot gave their best in their Senior season, both had several picks on the season. I am very proud of all of those athletes I have been able to see some amazing progress with. For the returning athletes, Winning Starts in the Weightroom, see you there.

Coming off a winning season, the Pine Valley Unified Bowling team joined 49 other schools across four Western New York counties in the ever-growing Section VI Unified Bowling League. In their third year of competition, the team grew both in numbers and in skillsets. The athletes on this year's team included Matthew Burdic, Hunter Colvin, Dahlia Dawson, Alaina Banach, Ryan Adams, Hunter Bova, Tianna Bova, Anthony Sheldon, Bell Kerr, Carley Ellis, Madison Mosher, Warren Butcher*, James Maltbie, Sadie Kruszka, and Sayje Bruyer. (*- graduating Senior)

The Panthers went 4-3 in their 2024 season. Matthew Burdic led the team with a season high average of 143 and the highest single game score of 187. After regular season matches were completed, Pine Valley competed in the Section VI Unified Bowling Tournament which was held at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga on March 4, 2024. The Panthers bowled their best matches of the season, earning them 1st place in their division with a total pin score of 2,557. This score ranked the Panthers 5th place overall (out of 49 teams) in the entire Section VI league, only to be edged out by Kenmore West (1st- 2,986 pins), Medina (2nd- 2,738 pins), Dunkirk (3rd-2,679 pins), and Cheektowaga (4th- 2,565 pins). Pine Valley's own Ryan Adams was awarded the Cross Training Athletics Character Award, which is given to one student on each team who demonstrates a positive attitude, support of their teammates, and puts forth extra effort. Additionally, Panther Sadie Kruszka was awarded the Section VI Character Award, which is given to one student on each team who demonstrates respect towards competitors, determination, and perseverance throughout the season.

The team wants to thank Carrie Davenport, Chris Buczek, Krissy Sercu, and the admin team for their support and execution of logistics to make our season run smoothly. Thank you to Middle/High School Principal Kourtney Almedia, SRO Deputy Hite, the entire Middle/High School staff and student body for welcoming our athletes and coaches back to campus after their successful competition at Sectionals. Thank you to Dee Herman and Terry Brown for getting us to and from our matches safely and cheering us on. Thank you to Leslie Milliman and the kitchen staff for preparing breakfast and lunch for our students on the day of the competition. Finally, thank you to all of the parents and families for your support of the program! Great season, Panthers!

Unified Bowling



Coaches Santini and Cortright

Unified Bocce

This year Pine Valley introduced its inaugural Unified Bocce team to compete amongst 10 other Western New York teams in an extramural competition league. With this season as the first year of the sport being offered at Pine Valley, many students had not heard of Bocce. They took risks, opted to explore the unknown, and adapted quickly to learning a new and unique sport with its own ruleset and techniques. These athletes included Connor Adams, Ryan Adams, Hunter Bova, Tianna Bova, Hunter Colvin*, Dahlia Dawson, and Samuel Jacchino*. The coaches that competed cooperatively alongside athletes included Cole Sterling*, James Maltbie, and Sadie Kruszka. (*-graduating Senior)



Coaches Santini and Cortright

The Panthers went 1-2 in their opening season. Hard fought matches were had against Cassadaga Valley and Cattaraugus-Little Valley during the regular season. After regular season matches were completed, Pine Valley competed in a Culminating Tournament which was held at Sahlen's Sport Park in Elma, NY on October 26, 2023. The Panthers went 2-4 for the day against the opposing teams from Dunkirk in the South 2 Division.

The team would like to thank Special Education Director, Carrie Davenport, and Athletic Director, Chris Buczek, along with the members of the Board of Education for bringing Unified Bocce to Pine Valley. Thank you to Krissy Sercu and the bus garage team for forming bus plans, and for getting the team safely to and from matches. Thank you to the entirety of the Pine Valley administrative team for their support and execution of logistics to make our season a reality. Finally, thank you to all of the parents, guardians, and families for your unending support of the program! Great season, Panthers!

Trap



Coaches Habermehl and Bailey

Pictured: Coach Bailey, Cameron Howard, Brody Swanson, Dominick Lulas, Jeremy Adams, Caden Herman, Jon Sheldon, Julianna Yasurek, Noah Hardy, Maddie Mosher, Jack Sheldon, Cole Sterling, James Maltbie, Head Coach Habermehl, Isaac Hardy

All practices and home shoots were at Ellington Rod & Gun Club again this year. We travelled to Randolph for one shoot during the middle of the season. Special thanks to Mrs. Maltbie for taking photos throughout the season, the Ellington Rod & Gun Club, bus driver Mrs. Lanphere and senior Brody Swanson for weekly setup.



Pictured: Isaac Hardy, Brody Swanson, Dominick Lulas, Jeremy Adams & Top Shooter Noah Hardy



Runner Up Male: Brody Swanson
Top Female Shooter: Maddie Mosher

Unified Basketball



Coaches Buchman and Cortright

This year unified basketball season was a blast. We had some great winnings and some upsetting loses, but we were able to end the season with a record of 4-4. We are also a Section 6 first place bracket winner. Although we will be sad to see our seniors Warren Butcher and Jack Sheldon leave, we are also looking forward to see who else will be joining the team, I appreciate all the hard work the players have put in this year and I can't wait for another great season.



Awards and Thank you!

- Matt Burdick won Section 7 Sportsmanship award.
- Tianna Bova won the Character award.
- I would like to say thank you to all our fans and score table people for supporting us through the season.

Lead Scorers

Everyone was able to score a basket this season but some of our lead scorers include Matt Burdick, Ryan Adams, Caleb Kenna, and Tianna Bova.

Juniors Recognized for Boys State & Girls State

Pine Valley Jr./Sr. High School would like to recognize and congratulate two students from the Junior class who were recently selected as representatives for the American Legion Boys and Girls State this summer.

The American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government.

The South Dayton American Legion Post 1593 annually selects and sponsors students for this prestigious program. Students are selected based on academic accomplishment, club and activity involvement, leadership, sports, and community service.

Noah Hardy, the son of Gary and Janet Hardy, was chosen as the representative. Boys State will be held at SUNY Morrisville State College from June 28th to July 3rd.

The South Dayton American Legion Post 1593 Auxiliary selects and sponsors one representative to represent the Pine Valley Central School District.

ALA Empire Girls State is an educational program of the American Legion Auxiliary, developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part and commensurably responsible for the character and success of her government.

During the week-long event, students are instructed about the privileges of the vote, how political parties are formed, and how leaders are chosen and elected to fill the various offices – it serves to instill in them the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of the American Citizenship as they participate in the process.

Serafina Joyce, daughter of Kenneth and Nikcole Joyce of South Dayton will be representing Pine Valley this summer.

The 2024 session of Empire Girls State will be held from June 30th to July 6th at SUNY Brockport.





Softball Allstars

Section 6 Class D quarter final winners

Class D Coach of the year award
Tara Hayes

Class D Sportsmanship Award
Pine Valley Lady Panthers

1st Team Allstars
Alyssa West and Danica Farnham

2nd Team Allstar
Danielle West

Honorable Mention
Olivia Lawton

Sportsmanship Award
Jessina Miller



Varsity Baseball Allstars

Second Team Allstar
Trent Ivett



Football Allstars

Section 6, Class D

2nd Team Allstars
Dylan Green and Jon Sheldon

Honorable Mention
Camryn Slade



Girl's Soccer Allstars

1st Team Allstar
Sarah Kruszka

2nd Team Allstar
Arryanna Bardo

Honorable Mention
Sandy Ivett

Sportsmanship Award
Katie King

*Congratulations
All Stars!*



Girl's Basketball Allstars

Athlete/ Managers

1st Team Allstars
Vivien Libby and Danielle West

2nd Team Allstars
Alyssa West

Honorable Mention
Jessina Miller and Sarah Kruszka

March 20 Game at Fredonia College
Vivien Libby, Jessina Miller, and Alyssa West



Girl's Varsity Volleyball Allstars

Second Team
Danica Farnham and Vivien Libby

Honorable Mention
Jessina Miller

Sportsmanship Award
Madilynn Robertson

Pine Valley Students Performed in Spring All County Concert



Chautauqua, NY— Every Spring since 1949 (with a few notable exceptions), the Chautauqua Institution has come alive with the sights and sounds of nearly 1,000 music students from around Chautauqua County who assemble for the Chautauqua County Music Teachers Association's annual Spring All-County Concert. On Saturday, June 1 at 7:30 pm this festival was held at the renovated Chautauqua Amphitheater. As always, the concert featured the county's best student musicians from the twenty school districts located

in Chautauqua County, in one of several music ensembles. Performing yearly in this festival are the Elementary All-County Orchestra, Elementary, Junior, and Senior All-County Choruses, and the Junior and Senior All-County Bands, culminating in a combined finale of all junior and senior groups.

Each student is selected first by their school's music teacher and from there the list is pared down by the CCMTA chairpeople, who select the students (in some cases by audition, teacher recommendation, or through a score received by playing a solo for a New York State-certified music adjudicator) who will make the final roster for each group.

This year an astounding 27 Pine Valley student musicians were selected for the spring festival, spread out among these groups:



Senior All-County Chorus

Jeremy Adams Damien Stanfield
Arryanna Bardo Muriel Zollinger
Warren Butcher



Senior All-County Band
Katie King, Tuba,
1st chair



Elementary All-County Chorus

Kaydence Babcock Grace Rinehart
Josiah Doner Lauren Sawatis
Autumn Dybka Lilyan Sawatis
Jasper Howard Evelyn Smith
Mohammed Kassem Rosalie Stewart
Jena Lawton
Serenity Pilarski



Junior All-County Chorus

Megan Abbey
Jaxson Emke
Isaac Hardy
Lily Hohl
Scarlette Horvath
Sadie Kruszk
Blake Maynard
Kieran Zollinger

The concert itself lasts under two hours, but the time and preparation that go into the festival far exceed that moment in time on stage. Students begin rehearsing their music as soon as they receive it from their chairperson, sometime in early spring.

On the day of the concert, these dedicated student musicians will begin arriving on the grounds between 8:00 and 8:30 am for a prompt 9:00 am rehearsal start. The day continues with more rehearsals, lunch, and a few small breaks in between, until the students have dinner and dress for the concert.

In addition to the Spring All-County Festival and providing music study scholarships, CCMTA also sponsors a Winter All-County Music Festival each February featuring the Elementary Band, Women's Chorus, Jazz Chorus, Percussion or Brass Ensemble, and the Jazz Ensemble. CCMTA runs a solo festival in February, where students prepare and play for a New York State-certified music adjudicator, who in turn provides the student with valuable comments and tips on how to improve his or her musicianship.

School Health Services



Head Lice Alert

Head lice reach a peak time for infestation during the summer because of overnight camps, slumber parties and vacations. Consider checking your child's head for the presence of lice regularly during the summer and several times the week before school reopens. Information about identifying lice can be found at: [About Head Lice](#) | [Lice](#) | [CDC](#)

Please contact your School's Health Office for more information!

School Nurse:

HS Nurse: Mrs. Kenney RN

ES Nurse: Mrs. Bukoskey RN

Phone: HS: 716-988-3276 ext: 4324

ES: 716-988-3291 ext: 3325



Foreign Travel

Many students travel overseas during the summer. At this time, the Avian flu is not being passed from human to human contact, but good hand washing is very important when traveling abroad. It is also important to take care when eating out to be sure that foods are properly cooked and drinking water is appropriate for consumption to avoid food borne illnesses. Information on Foreign Travel can be found at: [U.S. citizens traveling abroad](#) | [USAGov](#)



Heat Exhaustion And Heatstroke

During hot, humid weather the body's internal temperature can rise and can result in heat exhaustion and heatstroke. If not quickly treated, heat exhaustion can progress to heatstroke, which requires immediate emergency medical care and can be fatal.

Signs and Symptoms:

Heat Exhaustion:

- Severe Thirst
- Muscle Weakness
- Nausea, Sometime Vomiting
- Fast, shallow breathing
- Irritability
- Headache
- Increased Sweating
- Cool, Clammy Skin
- Elevation of Body Temperature to Less Than 104 Degrees Fahrenheit (40 Degrees Celsius)

Heatstroke:

- Severe, Throbbing Headache
- Weakness, Dizziness, or Confusion
- Difficulty Breathing
- Decreased Responsiveness or Loss of Consciousness
- May Not Be Sweating
- Flushed, Hot, Dry Skin
- Elevation of Body Temperature to 104 Degrees Fahrenheit (40 Degrees Celsius) Or Higher

Think Prevention!

Teach children to always drink plenty

of fluids before and during any activity in hot, sunny weather-even if they aren't thirsty. Make sure kids wear light-colored loose clothing and only participate in heavy activity outdoors before noon or after 6pm. Teach children to come indoors immediately whenever they feel overheated. Information on Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke can be found at: [Symptoms of Heat-Related Illnesses](#) | [Extreme Heat](#) | [CDC](#)



Here are some tips for managing the summer sun:

- UV Rays are strongest in the middle of the day. Plan indoor activities at that time or look for shade to prevent sunburn.
- Cover the skin with a shirt AND sunscreen to avoid sunburn!
- Wear a hat – preferably one that covers the neck and ears. When wearing a baseball style hat, remember to apply sunscreen to the neck and ears.
- Sunglasses protect eyes from UV rays. Look for sunglasses that wrap around and block nearly 100% of UV rays.
- Use sunscreen! Use a sunscreen with at least a SPF of 15 and UVA/UVB protection.
- This information and more is available at [Sun Safety Facts](#) | [Skin Cancer](#) | [CDC](#)

More School Health Services on the back.

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School Health Services Continued

Vaccine Information

Summer is a good time to be sure that your student's immunizations are up to date! Students entering Kindergarten – Grade 12 in New York State require the following vaccinations:

DTaP	Grade: Kindergarten and Grades 1-5: 5 or 4 doses if fourth dose was received at 4 years or older. 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older. Grades 6-12: 3 Doses
Polio (IPV or OPV)	4 or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older
MMR	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who receive the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years
Varicella	2 doses
Tdap (Tetanys and Diphtheria Toxoid)	Grades 6-12th: 1 dose
Meningococcal	Grades 7-11: 1dose Grade 12: 2 doses

Information for Vaccines can be found at: [Birth-18 Years Immunization Schedule – Healthcare Providers | CDC](#)

Mark Your Calendars

Physicals for Fall Sports and Grade Levels 7th, 9th and 11th, Along with New Students to the District are scheduled for August 8, 2024 from 8am until 10am in the Jr./Sr. High School Nurse's Office.