



PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

District News

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A message from Bryna Moritz Booth, Superintendent

I hope that your New Year is off to a promising start. Hopefully this will be a year of rebuilding personal connections, an end to COVID-19, improved instructional outcomes for our students, a return to community building use, and movement toward normalcy. It has been a pleasure to walk the halls and see students and staff socially distanced, but under the Pine Valley roof again. Please be safe and socially distanced during the coming months.

The survey I put out to the community regarding our changed pandemic processes has already provided helpful data. Thank you to those that participated. If you would still like to participate, please contact the District Office. The leadership team will utilize this data to decide what practices to keep and what to revert back to, when we are able to move more toward normal. If something has been working better for our students and families during COVID-19, we want to keep that practice in the district long after this pandemic is over.

The past year was not easy on anyone and the only way forward is for us to use what we have learned. Our staff has learned and grown in many areas including building sanitation, remote education, building security, transportation models, communication with families, IEP accommodations, feeding, discipline strategies, and in-house collaboration. We will use the lessons learned in each of these areas and build on them to get better as a district. I'm excited to do this work with our leadership team and for COVID-19 to be behind us.


Unfortunately, we are still impacted by COVID-19. Protocols for contact tracing have continued to evolve and change all year. Our financial future is still tumultuous. We are still being told to anticipate a 20% reduction in our state aid. Our district is primarily funded by state aid, so we have been taking steps in district (including not rehiring for several positions) to prepare if our aid is reduced. State assessments, Regents Exams and APPR are still on track to occur this year, unless a waiver is granted to the state. As a school we are seeing a huge rise in the mental health

related concerns of those we serve and work with. Our ability to hold full, in person instruction five days a week is still contingent on the need to socially distance in house and safely transport all students. We are working on a plan to safely lengthen our school days in the new year. We will then move to five day as soon as possible after that.

We have continued to make huge progress in the Valley despite these circumstances. During this pandemic, the elementary school has implemented an entirely new English Language Arts program. We are already seeing gains in students' reading levels from this implementation. The High School has rolled out a new curriculum guide and implemented a virtual learning platform. Our new principals have taken on discipline issues utilizing data, our handbook and high expectations. Several special education students are now receiving their education at Pine Valley rather than offsite. Our transportation department has been trained and begun utilizing the bus tablets for routes and navigation. More information will go home to families on this shortly. Our cafeteria staff has adapted more than almost any other department. They now greet every elementary student at the door with a meal each morning. We hosted a full soccer season this year. Even though winter sports are currently postponed, we have a plan for a modified spring musical.

The biggest gains this year are not tangible but can be felt among our staff. In times of strife, organizations can fall prey to a negative culture or bond together and support one another. Our Panthers have acted with love, kindness and understanding each day during this pandemic. I am proud to work with these amazing people.

Looking forward to the future!

Go Panthers! 

Bryna Moritz Booth

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Pine Valley/Gowanda Girls & Boys Varsity Soccer All-Star Selections:

Congratulations to Fall Sports All Stars:

2nd Team All-Stars	Sarah Kruszka
Honorable Mention	Madisyn Herman
Pine Valley/Gowanda Sportsmanship Award	Zoey Kota (Gowanda)
2nd Team All-Stars	Wayne Libby, Evan Frontuto and Cameron Hayes
Honorable Mention	George Kruszka and Noah Frontuto
Team Sportsmanship Award	Pine Valley
Sportsmanship Player of the Year	Brendan Butcher

Welcome New Pine Valley Staff!



*We are thrilled to welcome
the following staff members for the
2020-2021 school year.*



Ms. Alexis Smith

Please welcome Ms. Alexis Smith as our newest School Counselor at the junior/senior high school. Alexis received her Master's Degrees in School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She also earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Alexis was formerly employed at the Erie-2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus-BOCES Hewes Educational Center, for three years. Prior to that she worked at UPMC Chautauqua for five years as a Therapist and a Behavioral Health Counselor. Alexis and her fiancé, Kurt, reside in Ashville. In her free time Alexis enjoys camping, hiking and kayaking with her friends.



Mr. Derek Schalk

Mr. Derek Schalk is the new chemistry teacher at the junior/senior high school. Mr. Schalk is from Middleport, NY. He received his Master's in Education from Buffalo State College and attended Alfred University, where he obtained a Bachelor's in Chemistry as well. Derek is a certified teacher in Chemistry, Earth Science, and General Science. He was formerly employed as an earth science teacher at both the Tonawanda Central School District and Yonkers Public Schools. Derek volunteers his time as a co-advisor for the Science Olympiad. In his free time Derek enjoys woodworking, crafting pens and making 3-D prints.



Mrs. Doris Treusch

Mrs. Doris Treusch, "Buckie" is our newest Cleaner II at the elementary school. She is a former graduate of the Pine Valley Central School District, class of 1985. She was formerly employed at Cherry Creek Woodcrafters for over 20 plus years and has 20 years of experience working as a dairy farmer. Doris and her husband, James, reside in South Dayton. They have been married for 36 years and three children: James Jr. (36), Crystal (34), Joseph (30) and seven lovely grandchildren. In her spare time, Doris loves mowing her lawn and enjoying bonfires with her husband. "Buckie" is also a die-hard Cleveland Browns fan.



Ms. Cassandra Chase

We would like to welcome Ms. Cassandra Chase as our newest Cleaner I at the elementary school. Cassandra attended Pine Valley Central School District from Kindergarten through 8th grade. She then attended Bolivar-Richburg Central School from 9th to 12th grade. Upon her graduation, Cassandra returned to Cherry Creek. She was formerly employed at Lutheran Jamestown. Cassandra is a member of the Park United Methodist Church in Sinclairville, where she volunteers her time helping with Mission Trips. In her free time Cassandra enjoys running and has completed two half marathons.



Ms. Lindsay Anderson

Ms. Lindsay Anderson was appointed to the positions of Secretary to the Superintendent and District Clerk. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Dance and Psychology from the University at Buffalo. Her former employment includes working as a Personal Care Aide for Lakeshore Central School District, an Administrative Assistant for M&T Corporate Trust and a Senior Mortgage Representative for M&T Mortgage Corporation. Lindsay is the owner of Yesterday's Treasures; she restores and sells furniture. Ms. Anderson resides in Irving, with her two children Brady (12) and Tyler (9). She has previously volunteered for SABAH (Spirited Athletes Bold at Heart) and was a 4-H leader for the Chautauqua County 4-H Youth Program. In her free time, she enjoys spending time outdoors hiking, camping and kayaking with her children and friends.



Mr. Ryan Riley

Mr. Ryan Riley is the newest Cleaner II at the junior/senior high school. Ryan is a former graduate of Pine Valley Central School District. He resides in Conewango Valley with his wife, Mercedes, and their three children Adam (8), Arianna (5) and Claire (3). He was formerly employed at the Seneca Allegheny Resort and Casino for 12 years and received employee of the month three times while he worked there. Furthermore, he worked for the House of Television, where he was named employee of the month four times. Ryan volunteers his time helping set-up the PA system at the Cherry Creek, 4th of July Parade every year. He is an avid video game collector and operates a You Tube Channel with friends. In his free time, he enjoys golfing and fishing with friends and family.



“The Hello Girls”

By: Danielle Kelly

The Pine Valley Drama Club is excited to announce our high school musical: The Hello Girls. The show follows the stories of the first women to join the U.S. Armed Forces during WWI, as switchboard operators. It is a modern retelling of a critical part of history in the struggle for Women's Rights.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we want to make sure that we provide a safe viewing experience for both our cast, crew and our audience. As a result, we will be taping our performance and holding a movie night premiere this spring! With rehearsals under way, we cannot wait to share this inspiring real-life story with the community. Watch Pine Valley's Facebook page for more information on dates, times, and ticket prices as well as other ways you can help support the arts!



Substitutes Needed

Pine Valley Central School is accepting applications for the following substitute positions:

- Teachers (NYSED Certified - \$130/day; Uncertified \$110/day)
 - Teacher Aides (\$13.17/hour)
 - Cleaners (\$12.58/hour)
 - Custodians (\$13.72/hour)
- Food Service Helpers (\$12.50/hour)
 - Nurses (\$16.17/hour)
 - Bus Drivers (\$15.40/hour)

Questions?

Teachers/teacher aides, please contact
Lindsay Anderson, Secretary to the Superintendent at 988-3293 ext. 3307

For all other positions please contact
Jamie Rodgers, School Business Executive, at 988-3291 ext. 3304

Please see our website for further information:
www.pval.org (Our District - Employment Opportunities).



Happy Retirement!!

In October, Dale Hooker retired with 22 years of employment at the Pine Valley Central School District as a Custodian.

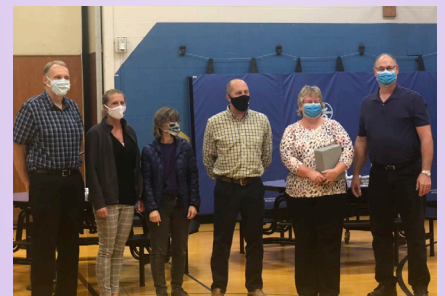
Deb Hooker retired with 28 years of service as the Secretary to the Superintendent and 13 years of service as the District Clerk. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

Tim Nobles retired after his 39 years of service to the students of Pine Valley Central School District, as a Social Studies teacher and beloved coach.

Deb Taylor retired with 34 years of service at Pine Valley Central School District as a Cleaner.

Lastly, Gwen Logan retired after 20 years working as a monitor for our school district.

We thank them for their service to our students and our community and wish them a wonderful retirement!



Committee on Special Education (CSE) Meeting Guide and Tips for Parents:

There are many reasons that students need additional help to be successful in school. In school we use a variety of research-based interventions and strategies to help students be successful. Sometimes students need more support than the classroom teacher can offer to help them access education. When this happens, we work as a team to assess whether not a student might qualify for special education services.

When a referral to special education is made you will receive a packet of information and some paperwork that will need to be filled out. One part of this paperwork is the consent for our team to do a variety of assessments and screeners to see if students qualify to receive special education services. Once these assessments have been completed a meeting for the Committee on Special Education will be held. This can feel like an overwhelming process, but by knowing what to expect can help!

Before the meeting:

You will receive written verification of the meeting time, date and location, as well as a copy of the due process approximately five (5) days before the meeting. You may wish to speak with the people related to your child's referral: the building principal, school counselor, teacher, nurse, psychologist, social worker or other support personnel. Be sure that you understand the supports and, if applicable, placement that the District personnel are recommending. Please contact the CSE Secretary prior to the meeting to inform them if you are inviting guests.

Consider whether your child should attend the meeting. Many students in junior and senior high are encouraged to attend the meeting after being thoroughly prepared by teachers, counselors and you. It is a means of involving them in the decision-making and seeking their valuable input and feelings.

Ask questions such as:

- Why is a change being recommended?
- What other supports are available?
- How will this program provide for my child?
- Are there other options that may be considered?
- Ask to observe any placements being considered.

Gaining as much clarification as possible at the building level prior to the actual CSE meeting can be very beneficial, allowing you to be an active participant in the CSE process.

During the meeting:

The CSE Chairperson introduces parents/guardians to the committee and explains the committee's function. The listing of material and data that is being used by the committee for identification/placement of the child is reviewed. You as the parents/guardians/students are then asked for their input for committee consideration. This portion of the meeting is the central

focus for parental input. You should be prepared to present any information you feel is helpful. We highly value your input!!

The committee will review the evaluation results. Based on that information, and information that you provide, the Committee decides if your child is eligible or ineligible to receive special education programs and/or services. If the Committee, decides that your child does not require special education services or programs, the Committee must provide you with written notice indicating why your child is ineligible following the meeting. They will also refer you back to the child's building leader to determine what supports are available through general education to help your child. If you and the other members of the Committee decide your child is eligible for special education services, the Committee will create an Individualized Education Program.

- Committee discusses classification of your child and picks one of thirteen classifications.
- Committee discusses your child's strengths and weaknesses in four areas and considers other special factors related to learning.
- Committee agrees on measurable annual goals to address your child's weaknesses.
- Committee discusses special education supports, services and modifications your child needs to meet his or her annual goals.
- Committee discusses the location and placement of the special education services in the least restrictive environment.

After the meeting:

The committee decision will be approved by the Board of Education. You will receive a copy of the IEP in the mail and will be asked to sign and return an acceptance. Program, supports and accommodations as discussed at the meeting will be put in place in accordance with the timeline discussed at the meeting.

You will be asked to attend an Annual Review yearly to review progress and prepare IEP for the upcoming year. You should communicate regularly throughout the year with your child's special education teacher and / or related services provider to discuss child's progress. (Notebooks, phone calls, e-mails, meetings and conferences) Remember you may meet with your child's teacher and support team whenever you have concerns. The IEP is a working document and you and the team can choose to go back to CSE and make necessary changes to support your child.

The CSE referral process can be feel overwhelming but knowing more information about the process can help you successfully participate. Not all students will qualify for special education services and that is okay! Remember that we all want to work together to best support our Pine Valley students in whatever way we can and if a student doesn't qualify, we will work together to support them throughout their academic career.

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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

Hello Panther Family!

I hope that this finds all of you well! I cannot believe we are almost through half of our school year and I am writing this to all of you. We entered the year with a lot of unknowns, but I could not be prouder of our students, families, faculty, staff, and community for showing **grit** and **resilience** through this time. Every new day has challenges, but in true Pine Valley fashion; we remain a **team** and solve it! From internet outages to shifting quickly to an instructional method that meets the needs of all our students, we continue to show a **"we can"** mindset.



As we move through our school year, please know that we will continue to **raise the bar** for our students educationally. Thus far, I have seen **exceptional** things happening within our classrooms and I am excited to see how we will take what we have learned through this pandemic and apply it to our traditional classrooms, in hopes to take our student's educational experience to the **next level**. We will only come out of this time **stronger** students and educators!

Does your child have an IEP or 504 Plan?

If so, you can now have access to your child's confidential documents, via a secure Parent Portal. All you need is an email address.

Call or email Cheryl Vanzile at 988-3291 x3403 or cvanzile@pval.org.

Once we have your email address, you will receive and email from CleartrackPortal2@e2b.org, inviting you to create a password and to logon to the Parent Portal. You will then have your child's documents at your fingertips.

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS

Mr. Shane Gallivan, Jr./Sr. High School Counselor • Mrs. Stacy Chase, Secretary

Who is Your School Counselor?

Mid-December we mailed out letters to all students and families to share the great news that we now have two school counselors in the high school. With this addition, we revised the assignments of school counselors to our students. Any student who graduates in an odd year (2021, 2023, 2025, 2027, etc.) is assigned to Miss Alexis Smith. Any student who graduates in an even year (2022, 2024, 2026, 2028, etc.) is assigned to Mr. Shane Gallivan. This new assignment will allow each student to have a consistent counselor who can assist them with emotional and academic support throughout their middle and high school years.

Please feel free to reach out to your student's school counselor anytime.

Mr. Shane Gallivan - phone: 716-988-3276 ext. 4310; email: sgallivan@pval.org

Miss Alexis Smith - phone: 716-988-3276 ext. 4335; email: asmith@pval.org

Course Selection for the Next School Year

We are getting close to the time when students should start considering their course selections for the next school year. All students have been given access to the 2021-2022 Curriculum Guide which outlines graduation pathways and course offerings. Our teachers of electives will be constructing informational videos about their classes to share with all students in January. We hope this will help spark some interest in our students to explore some special areas to enrich their academic schedule. Starting in January, students will meet one-on-one with their counselor to choose and discuss their classes for next year as well as their plans beyond high school. Parents are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend these meetings in order to take part in the process. To schedule your appointment, please call the counseling office secretary- Mrs. Stacy Chase at extension 4334.

PSAT

On October 16th, Juniors took the PSAT here at the school. The PSAT is the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test and it measures critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills that are important for success in college. Test scores were sent to Pine Valley in January and each student has or will meet with their school counselor to review their scores. Documentation regarding understanding the scores has been handed to each student with their results and test booklets at this appointment. If parents want or need help understanding the scores, please feel free to contact your student's school counselor.

Winter and Spring SAT & ACT Dates

Now is the time for Juniors to be thinking about college preparatory exams. Please visit the websites to learn more information or ask for an appointment with your school counselor to discuss your options. Below are the dates of exams and their registration deadlines. All registrations must be completed online, but your counseling office can assist you with the process.

SAT:

Register online at www.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 3, 2021*	January 28, 2021
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021

**This is Pine Valley's "SAT School Day" test date. Registrations for this exam does NOT happen online, but with the PV Counseling Office. Please inquire at the PV Counseling Office for more info on this specific exam.*

ACT:

Register online at www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 6, 2021	January 15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021

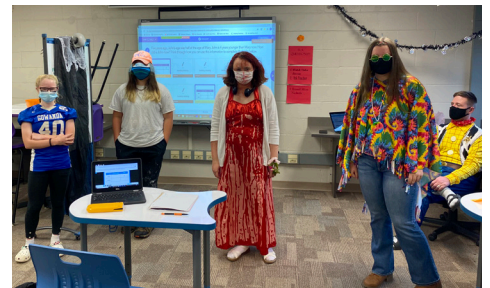
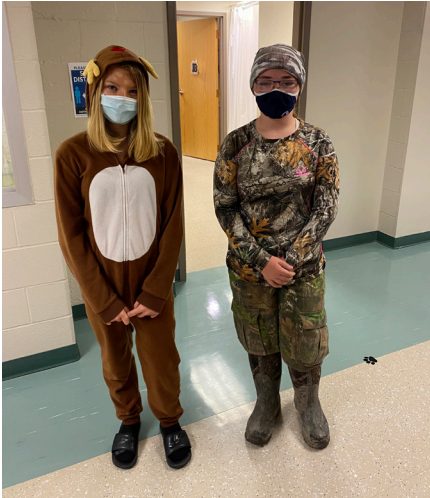
Pine Valley High School Code
(used for both exams): 335260



ELEMENTARY NEWS

Mrs. Brandi Meacham, Elementary Principal

On Thursday, October 29th we celebrated Halloween at the Elementary School. It was great to see all the students dressed up as they got off their buses in the morning! Almost the entire faculty and staff participated in the day by dressing up as Disney characters. Due to the rainy weather, we started the day with a safe, indoor Halloween parade. Each class was recorded as they walked by the main office, and the video was posted on our social media sites. We had dance breaks and staff trivia throughout the course of the day as well as school-wide Bingo over the PA system for the students. Even though Halloween looked a little different this year, we thoroughly enjoyed that we were able to celebrate in a fun, but safe way!



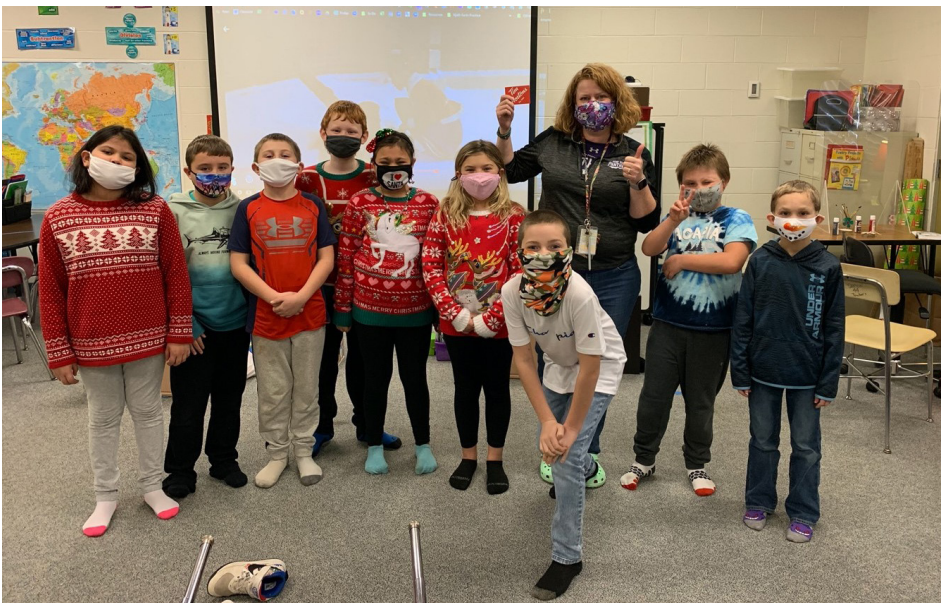
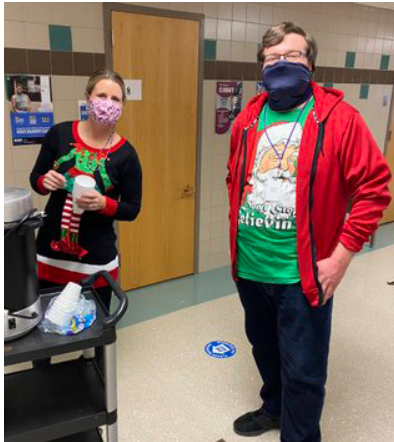
We had a Boooooo-tiful day at the High School!



December Fun

By: Brandi Meacham, Elementary School Principal

December was a fun month here at Pine Valley Elementary School! Teachers and staff participated in a Jean-cember event by dressing up in fun ways! Students joined in with a week of fun holiday outfits leading up to Winter Break. Outfits ranged from silly sweaters, crazy socks, and whacky hair to full character costumes! Throughout the month, we had two elves on the shelf visiting with silly antics! On Tuesday, December 22nd students enjoyed special reindeer cookies prepared by our wonderful kitchen crew! The cookies were served with hot cocoa and marshmallows graciously donated by our own Community in Action! On Wednesday, December 23rd the entire school participated in a winter bingo game hosted by Mrs. Himes. The Grinch, Santa, and his elf visited our school and helped to make the day even more magical! Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and community members who helped to make this week so fun for all!



Library with Mrs. Brown's Class

By: Mrs. Cindy Snyder



At the beginning of the 2020-21 Pine Valley school year, Mrs. Brown's class and I collaborated on a Butterfly unit. We first read *Butterflies on the First Day of School* by Annie Silvestro. After reading the story, students communicated about how scary the first day of school can be and how it can feel to have butterflies in your stomach. In the story, every time Rosie speaks, she is releasing her nervousness as a butterfly leaves her mouth. We then incorporated the butterfly theme by creating butterfly bookmarks. These butterfly bookmarks will be used when students start to check out books from the Library again. Each butterfly bookmark has the student's own unique barcode (number) on them for checking out books. The bookmarks can also be used to mark their place on the shelf of where their book belongs.

These teaching and learning activities culminated into the children going outside to read their own butterfly books. On a beautiful hot and sunny day, we all went outside to read books on the playground. We then spoke about the stages and cycles of a caterpillar transforming into a butterfly. Each student selected their own non-fiction book about butterflies to read. The students had a great time playing with their butterfly bookmarks and looking at the pictures of butterflies in their books.



Mrs. Maltbie's Class

Students in Mrs. Maltbie's class made crystal snowflakes in science while learning about snow and winter. Each snowflake was unique just like snowflakes are in nature. Students then hung their snowflakes on the door to add to the holiday decorations for the door decorating contest.



Honor Roll

1st Quarter – 2020-2021

5th Grade

Liam Bradigan
Lucy Brehm
Kaden Helman
Saphera Lindquist
Landon Reger
Zane Rogers
Ava West
Kieran Zollinger

6th Grade

Matthew Abbey
Zachary Barsky
Karley Ebel
Gabriella Hill
Lily Hohl
JaKobe Howard
Hunter Jackson
Maya Quinn
Cameron Rinehart
Madilynn Robertson
Danica Sillemann
Brayden Simmons
Adam Spencer
Trent Sunick
Caysie Troutman
Carlie Ward

7th Grade

Alaina Banach
Jacob Banach
Rayne Bruyer
Cyrus Jackson
Kaitlyn King
Kadyn Logan
James Maltbie
Jarrett Meyers
Amelia Morey
Camryn Slade

8th Grade

Matthew Burdic
Preston Danner
Madison Ebel
Alexis Giles
Paige Hohl
Trent Ivett
Sarah Kruszka
Olivia Lawton
Landyn Lewellyn
Destiny Lindquist
Elizabeth Roland
Kendra Schultz
Sara Sunick
Danielle West
Julianna Yasurek

9th Grade

Arryanna Bardo
James Gleason
William Jones
Zachary Lanphere
Maive Leverentz
Jessina Miller
Alyssa West
Muriel Zollinger

10th Grade

Dale Bauer
Kyle Chase
Joshua Fish
Nicholas Gleason
Collin Gregory
Haleigha Hardy
Kaitlin Hayes
Heather Hinkley
Sophia Jones
Daylon Logan
Allyson Morey
Megan Parke
Molly Sunick
Darwin Westlund
Brandon Yoris

11th Grade

Brendon Butcher
Mattison Cadle
Sydney Dahl
Kennedy Duke
Madalyn Fisher
Jade Giambrone
Donavon Guglielmi
Christopher King
Margaret King
Zenobia Peck
Jenna Robbins
Savannah Steves
Alexis Tunstall
Rylyn Tunstall
Cassidy Vincent
Owen Ward

12th Grade

Kaylee Astry
Kylie Bremiller
Sierra Brown
Sarah Crouse
Evan Frontuto
Cameron Hayes
Madisyn Herman
Jenna Jacchino
Madison Meabon
Madilyn Mitchell
Hannah O'Neil
Haley Pillard
Hailey Rivera
Kirkland Smuda
Lyric Westlund

Great Job Everyone!

Merit Roll

1st Quarter – 2020-2021

5th Grade

Dominick Austin
Jenelle Bailey
Alexis Colburn
Isaac Kelley
Sadie Kruszka
Addison Lyndsley
Romin O'Neil
Annabell Seabolt
Brooklynne Sterling

6th Grade

Colin Eddy
Caden Herman
Jareth Horvath
Cameron Howard
Sandra Ivett
Bella Lilley
Dominick Lulas
Jason Mitchell
Toby Stockman

7th Grade

Braden Chitwood
Tobias Doner
Kuepper Duke
Brooke Dustin-McCoy
Madalynn Hill
Owen Honey
Sadie Hosmer
Daniel Meabon
David Ramirez
Zachary Scinta
Addison Smith
Caden Troutman

8th Grade

Sawyer Bradigan
Carley Ellis
Danica Farnham
Noah Frontuto
Dylan Green

Serafina Joyce
Shaelynn Meyer
Madison Mosher
Sofia Sheldon
Thomas Switala

9th Grade

Ryan Jackson
Dylan Naples
Austin O'Neil
Nora Smith
Brody Swanson

10th Grade

Alyiah Bremer
Trishten Brisley
George Kruszka III
Kristal Ramirez
Fredrick Roland
Luisa Smith
Zachary Waterman

11th Grade

Abigail Ellis
Chloe Lachut
Wayne Libby
Matthew Rugg
Bryce Sercu
Owen Smith
Melody Sunick
Dakota Wolff

12th Grade

Sarah Dunlap
Jaycee Flagg
Sage Haskins
Rebecca Jones
Jacob Kotar
Emily Rasmussen
Morgan Sandy
Lily Swift
Ty Wilkins



ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

by Mrs. Laura Osinski

It has been great to see our students return to school this year. Although there have been many new COVID guidelines that we have to follow during our Physical Education classes, we are still making sure our students are getting a high quality and fun PE program. We have been limited with activity space and what equipment we can utilize; however, I can comfortably say that our creativity has been not been diminished by these limitations.

To start the school year most of the classes enjoyed PE outside with minimal equipment and hands-free games and activities. Back by popular request, students helped design a hands-free obstacle course outside. Students also enjoyed nature hikes and walks, along with some soccer activities as well. Although equipment was used, most of the time it was only with our feet.

As the holidays drew near, so did our themed PE days, with COVID friendly obstacles. Students enjoyed a modified Spook-tacular obstacle course and a modified Winter Wonderland obstacle course as well. Although many adjustments were made to comply with COVID guidelines students still had a great time and we look forward to next year when more equipment can be used once again.

Physical education classes will continue to go outside, weather permitting. We want to thank everyone for supporting our PE program and having students come to school prepared for the outdoors. Students have been enjoying the snow, building forts, making snowmen and keeping their heart rates up while outside. We look forward to more outdoor time in the snow in the coming months. We are very grateful for Erie 2 BOCES who will be supplying us with snowshoes during the month of February. Snowshoes will be used in grades

3 – 6 to provide students with another fun opportunity to be outside during PE classes. Please continue to make sure students are coming prepared for the outdoors with jacket, gloves, hats, boots and snow pants. If you need assistance with any of these items, please reach out to the school.



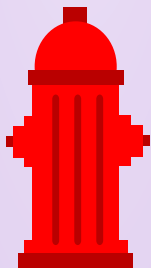
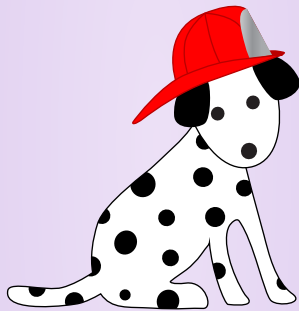
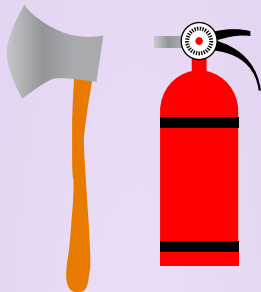
This past year has been incredibly challenging in many ways, however; our students have been handling our new expectations with COVID guidelines exceptionally well! Some things to look forward to this year are the use of snowshoes, rollerblades and mountain bikes. Thank you, parents and students, for being flexible as we work hard to provide amazing things in the gym.



Fire Prevention Week

By: Brandi Meacham, Elementary School

To kick-off Fire Prevention Week, the elementary school welcomed local fire stations to teach important lessons. On Monday, October 5th, volunteers from Leon, South Dayton, Ellington, and Cherry Creek came with trucks, gear, and supplies to help demonstrate what students should know or expect in an emergency. Gift bags and water were provided for every student and passed out by station volunteers. Thank you to everyone in the community who helped make this day possible for our students.



Students of the Month for September -December 2020

We congratulate the following Students of the Month for September, October, November and December!

Each month students are recognized for being the Student of the Month in the classroom, Art, Music, Library, Physical Education and on the Bus. Students are nominated based on several criteria:

- Student consistently uses good manners.
- Student shows improvement or sincere effort in his/her studies.
- Student demonstrates positive peer and teacher interactions.
- Student completes tasks on time.
- Student has good attendance in school.



September 2020 - K-6th Grade

Janalyn Bailey, William Pekrul, Blake Booth, Ashly Ramirez, Mia Kozaczka, Alivia Beuzenburg, Summer-ann Comstock, Giana Paul, Gianna Pagan, Madison Johnson, Cole Lachut, Sandee Hosmet, Megan Abbey, Ayden Hohl, Liam Bradigan, Saphera Lindquist, Madilynn Robertson, Adam Spencer, Karley Ebel

September 2020 - Special Area

Library

Emma Buczek, Mia Kozaczka, Summer-ann Comstock, Josiah Doner, Zachery Weidmann, Liam Bradigan, Paige Elliott

Music

Easton Scott, Rylie Blair, Austin Press, Brett Killock, Gabe Lilley, Zack Cooper, Lily Hohl

Physical Education

Isabella Utley, Luke Smallback, Lauryn Sawatis, Draven Sillemann, Elliana Bellis, Kieran Zollinger, Matthew Abbey

October 2020 - K-6th Grade

Paislee Steward, Harrison Jones, Kaliyane Pilarski, Carter Stephens, Jeremiah Egner, Sam Fish, Obed Rosario, Jasper Howard, Mitchell Corson, Samara Irwin, Izick Brown, Brian Kelley, Ashlynn Sillemann, Mackenzie Schroeder, Kieran Zollinger, Kaden Helman, Bella Lilley, Carlie Ward, Danica Sillemann

October 2020 - Special Area

Library

Reese Bradigan, Rowan Luce, Jasper Howard, Draven Sillemann, Brenda Yoriv Rivero, Ava West, Carter Ellis

Music

Paislee Steward, Mia Kozaczka, Summer-ann Comstock, Mitchell Corson, Mark Smallback, Ava West, Dominick Lulas

Physical Education

Carson Reynolds, Grace Kelley, Timothy Doner, Serenity Pilarski, Colby Colvin, Isaac Kelley, Madilynn Robertson

November 2020 - K-6th Grade

Easton Scott, Brooke Sillemann, Brantley Douglas, Layla Dustin, Tabitha Hill, Aiden Gibbs, Keira Bruyer, Jayci Bailey, Lakelyn Brisley, Josiah Doner, Slycer Cooper, Taylor Postle, McKayla Ebel, Christopher Douglas, Zane Rogers, Sadie Kruszk, Matthew Abbey, Hunter Jackson, Caden Herman

November 2020 - Special Area

Library

Abigail Kelley, Allison Steubing, Layla Dustin, Chloe Colburn, Elliana Bellis, Amelia Thomas, Toby Stockman

Music

Carson Reynolds, Miranda Ritter, Giana Paul, Samara Irwin, Ruby Rosario, Romin O'Neil, Adam Spencer

Physical Education

Amelia Wightman, Jed VonLoh, Summer-ann Comstock, Tucker Racinowski, Ashlynn Sillemann, Ava West, Hunter Jackson

LIFT

Miranda Ritter, Lennox Richter, Tucker Racinowski, Sandee Hosmet, Alexis Colburn, Matthew Abbey

December 2020 - K-6th Grade

Isabella Utley, Reese Bradigan, Evan McBride, Luke Smallback, Barrett Austin, Kynleigh Gastol, Jordyn Olsen, Jena Lawton, Jonathan DeGolier, Timothy DeGoler, Timothy Schilling, Chad Schunk, Connor Schunk, Elliana Bellis, Brookelynn Sterling, Ava West, Autumn Bailey, Caysie Troutman, Carter Ellis

December 2020 - Special Area

Library

Robin Bruyer, Luke Smallback, Obed Rosario, Gage Gruka, Christopher Douglas, Annabelle Seabolt, Brayden Simmons

Music

Reese Bradigan, Mia Kozaczka, Obed Rosario, Cole Lachut, Elliana Bellis, Saphera Lindquist, Brayden Simmons

Physical Education

Easton Scott, Ashly Ramirez, Jasper Howard, Jena Lawton, Garrett Chase, Liam Bradigan, Sandy Ivett

LIFT

Rylie Blair, Rachelynn Meacham, Lakelyn Brisley, Megan Abbey, Kieran Zollinger, Caysie Troutman

PANTHER FALL SPORTS SUMMARY

2020 Boys' Varsity Soccer

By: Coach Jeff Housler



It was a different type of season with the pandemic for the 2020 Boys' Varsity Soccer Team. We weren't sure if we were going to have a season or if it would be cancelled. Luckily, we were able to get a complete season in with some real signs of progress. There was a stretch of four games where Pine Valley scored more goals than we did all last season. Unfortunately, soccer ended just as our team was peaking and ready to get some more wins. After every game you could really see how much the team improved from the previous week. The Boys' Varsity Soccer Team battled every single game and never quit! That is something that our Pine Valley community was very proud of and I too am extremely proud with the way our team advanced throughout the season. The team dedicated themselves to improving by joining an indoor soccer league over the winter months.

This year's awards were as follows: 2nd Team All-Star Players were Wayne Libby, Evan Frontuto, and Cameron Hayes. Also, we had two Honorable Mention Players, George Kruszka and Noah Frontuto. Pine Valley was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award for the second year in a row. As well as, Brendan Butcher received Sportsmanship Player of the Year. The Offensive Player of the Year Award went to Wayne Libby, who finished the season with six goals and two assists. The Defensive Player of the Year Award went to senior Cameron Hayes, who dominated his position. The recipient of the Coaches Award went to George Kruszka for his efforts and unwavering ability to never give up. Evan Frontuto received Most Valuable Player with five goals and six assists this season. The Rookie of the Year Award went to David Hunt, who was a big asset to our team this year even though he never previously played soccer before. The Boys' Varsity Soccer Team would like to thank everyone for their support during the season!

Boys' Modified Soccer 2020

By: Coach Matthew VanKoughnett



The Boys' Modified Soccer Team had a fun year. Despite the short season and the drizzling weather, we had a great time! There was so much learning going on between first time players and football boys, every day was a new learning experience. The scoreboard never reflected these athletes' true efforts, these kids put so much hard work into learning the game. We discovered our own talents throughout the season, John and Jack Sheldon, previously football boys ran the entire length of the field and John even scored a few goals. While, Cyrus discovered his talents were goalkeeping. Russel, David, Owen, Zach, Bryce and Elliot were all getting in their groove playing defense. Jarrett, Cam, and Sawyer played mid-field had it covered. On the front lines, we had John, Jack, Connor, and Dylan played offense. I am looking forward to growing with this young, talented team next year. Thanks to all the parents for picking the kids up every day after practice, we couldn't do it without support from you!

Go Panthers!



Winter Sports Schedule

Please check our website (www.pval.org) for the latest schedules (Under Departments, Athletics, Sports Schedules tabs)

2020 Girls' Varsity Soccer

By: Coach Eric Spanbauer



The 2020 Girls' Varsity Soccer season can be summed up in one word, gratitude! We were grateful to have a season this year and we were grateful for the volleyball players who join our team. We were grateful for our coaching staff, Athletic Director, game staff and our bus drivers. We were grateful for our volunteers, our refs, and our fans who came to our games. Finally, a huge thank you to the parents and athletes, whose efforts and willingness to adjust made this season possible.

This was our first soccer season in five years that yielded wins and the team didn't stop at one, they won a total of three games! Our first win was on Senior Night, playing against Catt-Little Valley. What a wonderful way to send off our seniors with their first win ever! What an amazing accomplishment for our seniors and the entire team. Our second win was an upset under the lights against Randolph and our final win of the season was again, against Catt-Little Valley.

This year's team was led by Captain, Madysin Herman, a senior who has been playing varsity soccer since the 9th grade. Madysin was often seen encouraging and directing her teammates on the soccer field. She has a heart for leading others and was proud to lead her teammates into their first victory.

Herman may have been the captain of the team, however; she was backed by an entire team of strong athletes. Coach Spanbauer is quoted as saying, "This year the girls worked together as one unit, they communicated and played off each other's strengths." During a school year where, social distancing is the norm, this team brought it upon themselves to be the best soccer team that they could possibly be.

Joining Herman in the senior circle this year are Lyric Westlund, Elise Forbes (Gowanda), and Zoey Kota (Gowanda). Elise brought the spirit of excitement to every single game and practice, as she would sprint down the field with Mattison Cadle and Sarah Kruszka in multiple weaves. Zoey's dedication from day-one paid off when she began her first year of soccer as a constant starter on the field. Lyric proved herself to be a strong goalie with three shutouts during the season.

Though we say goodbye to our four seniors, this season was the beginning of a very promising future. Next year's returning athletes includes, Luisa Smith, Sarah Kruszka, Chloe Luther, Rylyn Tunstall, Jada Geiger, Cassidy Vincent, Shelby Weston, Kaitlin Hayes, Maggie King, Haleigha Hardy, Abby Ellis, Trista Farnham, Alexis Tunstall, Sydney Dahl and Mattison Cadle.

2020 Girls' Modified Soccer

By: Coach Chandell Nichols



The 2020 Modified Girls' Soccer season is one that will always be remembered. They played hard, they trained hard, they all made improvements and they worked well together.

This soccer season began with many new faces on the field. The modified team only had seven returning athletes out of a complete team of eighteen girls. That paired with a shortened season, could have led to a very different outcome. However, they were dedicated, many of their players attended practices that were only mandated for varsity players. They had spirit and they never gave up, even when it seemed they were not going to win a game. They persevered through snow, mud, and conditioning that they thought was never going to end. Consequently, they came out a team that others wanted to beat, and they were proud.

Their first win was against Franklinville, the score was 3-1, with Salana and Rhianna each scored goals during this game. This was also the game that many girls moved to new positions, positions that they would play through the end of the year. Hailey became a forward from the defensive end. Vivien, Paige, and Emma all joined the midfielders.

In their next few games, Paige Holh, Rhianna Bibo, Salana Fergusquia, Alyssa West, and Alyssa Golden all scored goals or made assists to these goals. Rhianna became the team's top scorer with Alyssa West as her close second. Paige became the team's all-time penalty kicker. Vivien was the one expected to take every throw in from every angle of the field. Katie King and Hailey Errington were heard by players and fans alike, leading the team in communication. Danielle West was the goalie that every other team wanted to have and was afraid to go against. She was complemented by many competing coaches, players, and refs. She kept 3 games at a shut-out and made sure the score was close in every other game.

Though a few players will be moving to the varsity team, including both captains, Vivien Libby and Alyssa West. This year is hopefully the beginning of many great seasons to follow. Returning to the modified team next year as veteran players will be, Hailey Errington, Paige Hohl, Danielle West, Destiny Lindquist, Maddie Mosher, Julianna Yasurek, Ydalia Conover, Kuepper Duke-Ellis, Salana Ferrusquia, Emma Golden, Alyssa Golden, Katie King, and Jada Sterling. Moving on to the varsity team will be Alyssa West, Vivien Libby, Molly Fritsch, Arryanna Bardo, and Rhianna Bibeau.



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 and/or ice storms. Please instruct students about what to do, or where to go in case school closes early and no one is home.

Attention parents of elementary students: In case of early dismissal, children whose parents are not home will be brought back to school. We will try contacting parents as well as, the emergency contacts listed on the student information sheets.

Snow Days - Due to inclement weather, whenever possible, school will be delayed by two hours. Parents of students will receive a phone call from Blackboard Connect (our automated parent notification service) when school is delayed or closed. Delays and/or closings will be reported as soon as possible to the following radio stations and television: WBEN, WGR, WYRK, WKSJ, WDOE, WJTN and channels 2, 4 and 7. If you hear that PVCS is closed, this includes all after-school and evening activities.

TWO HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

Elementary School

- 9:50 am Students released from bus (NO BREAKFAST PROGRAM)
- 10:05 am Students in classrooms, attendance and announcements begin

Jr./Sr. High School

- 9:40 am Students released from bus (NO BREAKFAST PROGRAM)

Health Examination Requirements

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

The New York State Education Department requires that students entering a school district for the first time and those in grades Pre-K, K, 1,3,5,7,9, and 11 have a physical exam. As a part of your child's requirements for School, Education Law Article 19 and Regulations of Commissioner of Education require Physical Examinations of Public-school students within 30 days of the start of School. Parents and/or Guardians are required to provide the School Nurse with written proof of an exam from your family physician. We recommend that this examination be done by your family health care provider who knows your child best. Please note, that beginning



January 31, 2021 physical examinations for school are to be documented on the NYS Required Health Examination Form, or an electronic health record equivalent form. This is the only form that the school can accept after January 31, 2021. Please ask your child's physician to fax the physical to the school on the day that it is completed, so that we can keep our records up to date. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the School Nurse's Office.

Thank you,
Nurse Kathy



Clothing Needed

By: Nurse Kathy Bukoskey

The Elementary School Health Office is in need of gently used clothing. Students often come to the Health Office when they have had an accident, spilled their lunch, or gotten wet and muddy playing outside. We provide clean clothes for students to borrow however, our supply is currently low. We would especially appreciate pants with elastic waist bands such as, sweatpants and/or stretch pants. We need pants, shirts, and socks, sizes 5 through 14. If you have gently used sneakers, we would greatly appreciate those as well. Please send items to the Elementary School labeled "Nurse's Office."



No 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. Policy 5640 "Smoking/Tobacco Use" is posted on our website: www.pval.org – Our District – District Policies.



Transportation

Joseph Goodway, Head Bus Driver

School buses safely transport millions of children every day across our nation with New York State leading the way. To ensure student safety, many rules, laws, policies and regulations have been established for school transportation personnel as well as the students who ride school transportation. You can find articles pertaining to bus safety on our website www.pval.org. (Departments – Transportation – Information & Policies). Please acquaint yourself with these articles to understand what your responsibilities are to ensure children are transported safely and efficiently:

- Bus Safety
- Following Directions
- Designated Bus Stop/Pick-Up Point
- Young Children Drop-Off Requirements
- The 5 Minute Rule...Being at the Bus Stop
- Cross Procedures
- Types of Items That Are Not Allowed On The Bus
- Misbehaving Students = Distracted Drivers

If you do not have access to a computer, we will be glad to make copies of the information for you. As always the safety of your children is our number one priority. Please contact me if any issues arise. I can be reached at 988-3254.



Pine Valley Central School District COVID-19 Questionnaire Protocol

Elementary School Office: 716-988-3291
Elementary School Nurse: Ext. 3325

Junior-Senior High School Office: 716-988-3276
Junior-Senior High School Nurse: Ext. 4324

Thank you for taking your child's temperature and completing the daily COVID-19 Questionnaire to help ensure the safety of all within our schools and community.

Please answer Yes or No to the 4 questions below.

1. Has your child been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
Yes No
2. Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
Yes No
3. Is your child experiencing one or more COVID-like symptoms not related to a documented, pre-existing condition?
Yes No
4. Has your child traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the NYS Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?
Yes No

If you answered YES to any of the questions above:

1. Keep your child home from school and contact the school nurse;
2. Call your family physician;
3. If your doctor recommends a quarantine, please contact the school nurse;
4. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please contact the school nurse and/or building administrator;
5. Ensure your child is fever-free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.



NOTICE TO DISTRICT RESIDENTS

The Annual School District Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 6, at 7:00 pm in the Board Conference Room (Elementary School Room #11).

Voting for three (3) Board of Education members (three-year terms) and the School Budget for the 2020-2021 school year will be held on Tuesday, May 18 from 12 noon to 9 pm, in the Jr./Sr. High School.

Copies of the School Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year will be available by Thursday, April 29, in the District Office at the Elem. School.

Qualifications for Voting:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age
3. Legal resident of the district at least 30 days

Deadline for submission of petitions for nomination of Board of Education candidates is 5 pm on Monday, April 19. Interested residents may pick up a petition and information on school board membership from Debbie Hooker, District Clerk in the District Office (Room #13) at the Elementary School.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Board of Education Members

Mr. Jeffrey Chase
President

Ms. Darlene Silleman
Vice President

Mr. Gerald Clapp
Mr. Josh Howard
Mr. Terry Howe
Mrs. Rose Kruszka
Ms. Kara Frontuto
Ms. Christie Lokietek
Mr. Lawrence Zollinger

Administration

Ms. Bryna Moritz Booth
Superintendent

Ms. Carrie Davenport
*Director of Sp. Ed. and Curriculum &
Data Protection Officer*

Mrs. Jamie Rodgers,
Business Executive

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

Mrs. Brandi Meacham
Elementary Principal

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Organization
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NYS STAR Program

School Property Tax Relief

DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2021

Q: How do I register for the STAR credit?

A: To register, visit Register for the STAR credit. Before you begin, gather all the information required to register, because you won't be able to save the registration to complete at a later time.

Q: When should I register?

A: We recommend you register as soon as possible after you move into your home. Registrations will be accepted for three years from the income tax filing deadline for the year that the credit covers. For example, to claim the STAR credit for 2020, you must register by April 15, 2024. However, the sooner you register, the sooner you will receive your STAR check.

Q: Do I need to register every year?

A: No. Once you've registered, we'll automatically review your eligibility for the credit every year after that for as long as you continue to own and occupy your home.

