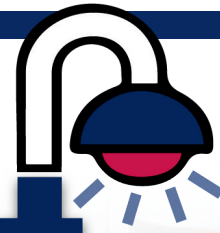


Tri-Valley Central School District

# Guidepost



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## Superintendent's Message

Dear Tri-Valley,

The school year is in full swing and we are focused on continuing to support our students in their academic journeys, addressing the challenges of learning, and ensuring that every child has the tools they need to succeed.

November marks an important opportunity for families to connect with teachers during parent-teacher conferences. These conferences are a valuable time for collaboration between home and school, as we share insights on student progress, discuss goals for the remainder of the year, and strengthen the partnership that helps our students thrive. I encourage all families to take advantage of these meetings and continue to stay engaged in their child's education.

As we get ready for the colder months, I want to remind families to stay informed about any possible school closures or delays due to weather. The district is using ParentSquare to communicate these updates. Please ensure you are signed up for ParentSquare and that your contact information is up to date to receive timely notifications. We also encourage families to visit our district website regularly for additional important updates.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to everyone in our school community. I am deeply grateful for the hard work of our teachers, the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and, of course, the enthusiasm and determination of our students. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our children and I am beyond proud to be a part of this amazing community.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

With Bear Pride,  
Erin Long  
Superintendent of Schools



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## Honoring Our Veterans: A Tribute to Service and Sacrifice



Throughout the week leading up to Veterans Day, the Tri-Valley School community came together in a powerful demonstration of respect and gratitude for the men and women who have served our country. Through two meaningful events—our Field of Flags ceremony and Veterans Day Assembly—we collectively honored the dedication, bravery, and sacrifice of our veterans, while also acknowledging the ongoing support of their families.

On November 4th, Tri-Valley secondary students and staff gathered for a Field of Flags ceremony. This event saw each participant place an American flag around the flagpole at the front of the school, transforming the area into a vibrant and meaningful display of respect. The flags not only represented the courage of individual veterans but also served as a visual reminder of the enduring strength of our nation, made possible by the sacrifices of those who have served.

On November 8th, our Secondary School hosted a special Veterans Day Assembly to continue the observance. This event was filled with inspiring speeches, beautiful performances, and moments of reflection, all aimed at honoring our veterans. Students and faculty alike took part in acknowledging the courage and sacrifices of those who have served, with heartfelt tributes that underscored the significance of Veterans Day.

One particularly touching contribution came from our elementary students, who created handmade cards as a special way to thank veterans for their service. These cards were filled with heartfelt messages of gratitude, which were shared with veterans in attendance at the assembly.

These events were just a small way for us to show our appreciation, but we hope they served as a meaningful reminder of the depth of our gratitude. As we reflect on these events, we are reminded that honoring our veterans is not confined to a single day or event. It is an ongoing commitment to recognizing their sacrifices and ensuring that their courage and dedication are never taken for granted. Thank you again to everyone who made these events possible, and for your continued support of our veterans.



## FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Submitted by:  
Principal Carbone



Greetings TVES Families,

The 1st Quarter has ended! These first 10 weeks as your Principal have been amazing! The students show each day how much they care about our school and each other. The work that they do, day in and day out, puts them on the path to success and if there is an area that they struggle in, remember that we are here to help every student grow to their full potential.

November is usually a month for giving thanks. We thanked our Veterans at the beginning of the month and with Thanksgiving coming, we reflect on what we are each thankful for. In my professional journey, I have had a lot of support from family members and I am thankful for that. Most recently, I am thankful for the trust that this community has put in me to be part of this amazing school. I hope each of you have a restful Thanksgiving Break and have time to reflect on what you are all thankful for.

We will quickly be into December and an extended Winter Recess. As the holiday season comes around, please remember that not everyone celebrates the same way. Some may not celebrate at all. If your child has any questions about any differences they encounter, we can support some discussion here or help you with ideas at home.

Lastly, as the weather begins to finally get a bit colder and the days shorter and shorter, we understand that it may be hard to come to school each day. Please remember that missing school, even one day a week, adds up to 40 missed days a year! Unless your child is sick or with a fever, encourage them and bring them to school. I am hoping that the next 10 weeks are even better than the first. Thank you Tri-Valley!





## FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Submitted by:  
Principal Eberly

We have wrapped up the first quarter of the school year and I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible growth and accomplishments we've witnessed across our school community. This time of year offers an opportunity not only to look back at the progress we've made but also to recognize the hard work and dedication that everyone has shown. We will be honoring our students quarter achievements with our honor roll breakfast celebrating those students who have excelled academically. I want to commend our students for their perseverance and commitment to learning. Whether it's tackling challenging coursework, engaging in classroom discussions, or demonstrating creativity and problem-solving skills, our students have truly risen to the occasion.

In addition to academics, we've had several events that have brought our school community together. From spirit days and pep rallies to club meetings and extracurricular activities, the energy on our campus has been nothing short of inspiring. Our students are demonstrating leadership and a sense of belonging by getting involved in everything from athletics to the arts, and it is amazing to see how our school spirit continues to grow.

I'd also like to take a moment to acknowledge our dedicated parents and families. Your support, whether through volunteering, attending events, or encouraging your students at home, has been invaluable. You are an integral part of our school's success.

As we move into the second quarter, let's carry forward the momentum from the first. Let's continue to push ourselves, set new goals, and work together to make this year one of the best yet. Whether it's improving grades, trying a new extracurricular activity, or taking on a leadership role, the second quarter offers fresh opportunities to shine. Let's continue to celebrate each other's successes, support one another through challenges, and, most importantly, never stop striving for excellence.

Thank you for all that you do. Here's to a fantastic second quarter ahead!



## Celebrating Bullying Prevention Month at Tri-Valley Elementary

Tri-Valley Elementary students showed incredible spirit and unity during Bully Prevention Month in October. The week of October 15th was filled with fun, meaningful activities aimed at promoting kindness and standing up against bullying.

The celebration kicked off with Unity Day, where students wore orange and added colorful leaves to a "unity tree," symbolizing their commitment to supporting one another. On Superhero Day, students dressed as heroes and discussed what it means to be a hero, creating crafts that reflected those values of courage and kindness. The week wrapped up with a day in Tri-Valley colors, where students made pledges to stand strong against bullying.

Together, these events helped foster a sense of community and empower students to make a positive impact in their school. A special thanks to our Elementary School Counselor, Alexandra Bassani for organizing this week for our students.



## Tri-Valley Theater Club Presents Larceny and Old Lace

Tri-Valley Secondary School's Theater Club brought laughter and excitement to the stage with their production of *Larceny and Old Lace* by Van Vandagriff. The comedy, filled with quirky characters and witty dialogue, was performed on November 15th and 16th, captivating audiences with its charm and humor.

The play centered around a series of hilarious misunderstandings and antics, showcasing the talents of our students as they brought the eccentric characters to life. The cast and crew worked tirelessly to create an entertaining experience for all who attended, and their hard work paid off with memorable performances.

A big thank you to everyone involved in bringing this delightful production to the stage including Ms. Hartman and the following students: John Botsford, Cadence Buckler, Jennifer Castelli, Maddox Cruz, Katie Dauch, Caleb Davison, Taylor Drake, Addison Dymond, Aaron Edwards, Crixus Fields, Mya Ibarra, Kenzie Krier, RJ Leach, Alex Meade, Bianna Meyer, Maddie Mingo, Novalee Morton, Aiden Mulholland, Daniella Mulholland, Sariah Mulholland, Tabitha Mulholland, Eden Noren, Logan Noren, Jeremy Rhode, Emma Richardson, Abigail Rusin, Katelyn Sauer, Brea Sheeley, Ariana Small, Zoey Sullivan, Julia Sweetman, Mason Tenbus, Chrissy Wachter, Liam Weyant, Logan Weyant.



# ATHLETICS

Submitted By:  
Kevin Crudele, Director of Director of PE, Health,  
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As the fall sports season comes to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on the many accomplishments of athletes, coaches, and teams throughout the year. Athletics offer more than just physical challenges—they foster teamwork, discipline, and a sense of pride that extends far beyond the playing field. Whether it was a dramatic victory, an individual breakthrough, or the development of character and resilience, this season has been one to remember.

Girls soccer, football, and cross country all participated in post-season play. While competing at Bear Mountain State Park, the Boys cross country team won the section title, and three athletes from the Girls cross country team qualified for the State Championship Meet. In addition, while competing at the State Championship held at Queensbury High School, Anna and Van Furman were each the individual state champions for their respective race.

We look forward to the Winter sports season, which began November 18th for JV/Varsity and will begin on November 25th for Modified. We currently have 122 athletes across ten JV/Varsity teams and 33 athletes across three teams for Modified sports.

School sports are often more than just games; they are a testament to the hours of hard work and dedication put in by athletes who juggle academics, extracurriculars, and personal lives. Thank you to the coaches and athletes who participated in the Fall sports season. Coaches have worked tirelessly to refine skills, motivate their teams, and create a positive and supportive environment. Athletes have demonstrated the grit to push through challenges, face adversity, and continuously strive for improvement. From intense practices to the highs and lows of competition, the athletes have grown not only in their sport but as individuals.



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On November 1st, Tri-Valley staff took part in a Youth Mental Health First Aid training led by the Empowering a Healthier Generation (EHG) Team.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

Parent Teacher Conferences- Day- No School for Students

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024**

Thanksgiving Recess-School Closed

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024**

Picture Retake Day-Grades UPK-6

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024**

Winter Concert, Grades 9-12  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Secondary School Theater

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024**

Board Meeting  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024**

Winter Concert, Grades 4-8  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Secondary School Theater

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024**

Winter Concert- Grades 9-12  
SNOW DATE ❄️  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Secondary School Theater

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024**

Winter Concert- Grades 4-8  
SNOW DATE ❄️  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Secondary School Theater

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025**

Winter Recess-School Closed

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

Board Meeting  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

**MONDAY JANUARY 20, 2025**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day- School Closed

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 - FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2025**

Regents Exams

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025**

Lunar New Year- School Closed

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Conference Day- No School for Students

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

Board Meeting  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

