



STEEL VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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Twenty-six Steel Valley High School seniors received a \$5,000 scholarship from alumnus Mr. Richard Bazzy during the district's annual honors awards ceremony on Thursday, May 4. The Dr. Lawrence A. Griffin Senior Honor Awards celebrate Steel Valley seniors who have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.25 and who have been selected to receive a scholarship award from a local business, organization, alumni or community.

This is the fourth year that Mr. Bazzy, the president and owner of Shults Ford, has awarded scholarships to Steel Valley seniors, with the number of recipients growing each year. During an interview played as part of the awards ceremony, Mr. Bazzy explained that it was too difficult to choose from all of the applicants, so he decided to award a scholarship to each of them. Mr. Bazzy added that the compelling essays from students, their collective desire to make a difference in their community, and the endorsements from counselors, teachers and friends made it impossible to say no.

Mr. Bazzy was one of dozens of sponsors who teamed up to donate 38 distinct awards to members of the Class of 2023. The sponsors include alumni, local businesses, community organizations, and additional generous donors. For a

full list of sponsors and scholarship recipients, as well as photos from the event, [check out the story on the district website.](#)



STEEL VALLEY SPOTLIGHT



The Steel Valley Class of 2023 Top 10 has been revealed. These students did phenomenal work in the classroom in order to be ranked at the top of their class.

1. Brenna Kern
2. Chelsea Bulger
3. Randy Keller
4. Kendall McConnell

5. Gabrielle Matusky
6. Breanne Francis
7. Ariel Mariani
8. Myrian Perez-Paulino
9. Lawson Carter
10. Brooke Farrah

The Steel Valley School District congratulates all of the students for their achievement and commends them for the way they have represented their school and community. [More photos of the Top 10 are available on the district website.](#)

STEEL VALLEY COMMUNITY MEETING

Be informed before you go to the polls!
Join us for Meet the Candidates Night,
as Steel Valley School Board and local
borough candidates will share their
background and platform prior to the
May 16 primary elections.

All candidates on the ballot should
have received an invitation. If they have
not or still need to RSVP, please email
christineschott@gmail.com.

Also, senior Bre Francis will share her
idea and plans to create a Mayor's
Youth Advisory Council for all Steel
Valley students.

- 📅 Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m.
- 📍 Steel Valley High School Auditorium





STEEL VALLEY STRONGER ♥ DAY OF COMMUNITY

CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH
YOUR STEEL VALLEY COMMUNITY MEMBERS! SPORTS
& CLUBS HAVE GUARANTEED TABLES TO RECRUIT
AND PROMOTE EVENTS!

MAY
20TH
1 - 5pm

STEEL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrate with: ;

- local Vendors
- live music
- Food Student sports & clubs
- Inspirational speakers



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Barrett Elementary News



Barrett students got into the spirit of Earth Day by helping to clean up trash around the school. Third graders paired up with the kindergartners as they learned about the importance of keeping the school, neighborhood and the planet trash free. Meanwhile, first graders learned about recycling throughout April. They learned how to reduce, reuse and recycle by repurposing plastic bags. The students were able to turn the plastic bags into jump ropes to use on the playground.

Kindergarten students are participating in the ABC Countdown to the final day of school and the start of summer. Each day features a special theme, from having a beach day for the letter "B" to enjoying ice cream for the letter "I." Kindergartners also enjoyed a special magic show on Friday, May 4.

The third and fourth graders have been busy with PSSA testing. To make sure they had the best test-taking environment, Mrs/ Catterall's ELA turned out the overhead lights, grabbed a flashlight and a book, and picked a comfortable spot in the classroom to do some quiet flashlight reading. Barrett's friends and partners at the Best of the Batch Foundation also helped out, as they kindly provided test bags for the students. Every third and fourth grader received a bag that included snacks, water and some test-taking supplies to make sure the students were prepared to do their best.

Fourth grade Step Up Day is on Monday, May 15, while the Barrett spring concert will be Thursday, May 25. Barrett Field Day is Friday, May 26 and the last day of school is Wednesday, May 31.



Park Elementary News



Kindergartners took advantage of some of the nice weather recently and planted radishes in planter boxes. The activity is part of the programming through the Steel Valley Grows Garden, which will be having a plant giveaway as part of the Steel Valley Day of CommUNITY on Saturday, May 20. Plant tables will be set up in the garden space near the Franklin Building. Tomatoes, peppers, marigolds and more will be available. Donations are welcome and will benefit the garden.

Friends from the Best of the Batch Foundation stopped by to help third and fourth graders prepare for PSSA testing, as they kindly provided test bags for the students. Every third and fourth grader received a bag that included snacks, water and some test-taking supplies to make sure the students were prepared to do their best.

Park will host its spring concert on Wednesday, May 17. There are two

showings - one at 9 a.m. and one at 1 p.m. Because of increased enrollment, Park asks that no more than two guests attend per family, and that guests attend only one of the two shows.

The Buy One, Get One Scholastic Book Fair runs through May 11. The second graders will take a field trip to Triple B Farms that day, as well. Step Up Day for fourth graders is Monday, May 15. They will take a field trip to the Laurel Caverns on May 18. First grade will take a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on Friday, May 26. The last day of school is Wednesday, May 31.



STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Parents should bring proof of residency, immunization records and birth certificates for their children.

Enrollment packets will be available on site for parents to fill out.

Kindergarten staff will be present to meet with parents and new students.

Registration at Barrett Elementary and Park Elementary is ongoing!

**Stop by the elementary school offices or the
district residency office to pick up your
registration packet today.**

Barrett Elementary

**221 East 12th Avenue
Homestead, PA 15120**

Park Elementary

**4102 Main Street
Munhall, PA 15120**

District Residency Office

**220 East Oliver Road
Munhall, PA 15120**



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Middle School News



The first week of May brought the Steel Valley Instrumental Spring Concert, which featured the theme of "Ancient Times: A Journey Through Time."

The fifth and sixth grade concert band kicked things off with a performance of "Castles and Dragons," as well as a rendition of "The Dragon Lord." The seventh through 12th grade concert band joined the fifth and sixth graders for a joint performance of Ralph Ford's "Dark Adventure."

Band director Mr. Michael Sisley noted that several older students have worked with the fifth and sixth graders throughout the year, serving as mentors. The seventh through 12th grade concert band then performed a trio of pieces, all of which included solo performances. [A full recap of the evening, including photos, is available on the district website.](#)

Eighth graders will have a celebration day on May 26 in recognition of their advancement to high school. As part of the celebration, Ms. Ryan Dunmire is putting together a "Then/Now" slideshow. Students/parents can submit an appropriate digital photo of them as an 8th grader and as a younger child or baby to rdunmire@steelvalleysd.org by Friday, May 12th to have it included as part of the slideshow.

Middle School Student Government members joined Team Dante for the March of Dimes walk on April 16 in downtown Pittsburgh. Earlier in April, the group raised \$1,200 with its dime campaign for medical research for premature babies, their mothers, and those that suffer miscarriage, infertility, and death. The student government collaborated with Dante and the Hruska family and friends for the campaign.



The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be making a stop at Steel Valley High School from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 8 and August 14 and it will be stopping by Barrett Elementary on June 12 and July 6. The Care Mobile offers medical care to children throughout the Pittsburgh area and will be available for families in the Steel Valley community with this visit to the high school. The Care Mobile can provide immunizations, routine physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses in children, adolescent and youth adult health care, referrals for specialty care, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) form assistance.

All of the services are provided at no out-of-pocket cost to families. Anyone interested in stopping by the Care Mobile should make sure they arrive by 1:30 p.m. on one of the above dates in order to register in time. The Care Mobile is a collaboration between UPMC Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown. Anyone in need of more information before the visit can call 412-352-1059 or visit www.chp.edu/our-services/mobile-medical-clinic.

High School News



Brenna Kern and Chelsea Bulger seem to be constantly in motion. Bouncing from one extracurricular activity to the next, all while juggling a high academic workload, the two close friends have a deep drive to succeed. Their final assignment as Steel Valley students will be to usher their classmates into the future. Kern has been named the Class of 2023 valedictorian while Bulger is the Class of 2023 salutatorian.

Kern and Bulger reflected on their achievements, shared their college plans, and reminisced on their time at Steel Valley. [You can read the full interview on the district website.](#)

Senior Makhai Valentine was named the Pennsylvania Class 3A boys basketball player of the year by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers and named to the Class 3A all-state first team. Valentine averaged 36.2 points per game for the Ironmen this season.

Samuel Zortea, Sophia Sabo and Jasmin Harris were each recognized as Students of the Month for May by the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education. Zortea is studying HVACR, Sabo is studying Sports Medicine, and Harris is studying as a Veterinary Assistant.

The Steel Valley Drama Club will present an alumni cabaret on Saturday, May 13 in the high school auditorium. Current and former students will perform selections from past musical productions, and the show will also honor retiring teacher Mr. Michael Altman. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Stay up to date with what's happening on our social media accounts! The district has a Twitter account and Instagram account, as well as individual Facebook pages for each of our four schools. Click the respective icons at the bottom of the newsletter to make sure you're following us!



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