



# STEEL VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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## September 2023

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Welcome back, Steel Valley students!

The first week of the 2023-24 school year is in the books, and the district could not be more excited about what is in store in the weeks to come. Kindergarten, fifth grade and ninth grade students experienced Transition Day on August 24 to help them adjust to their new surroundings. A big part of adjusting to kindergarten, middle school and high school for the first time is just knowing where to go and who to talk to. Steel Valley helps students make that adjustment, allowing the students to get their feet under them before their respective schools are filled with the other grades.

Middle school principal Mr. Clay Stone and the staff helped the fifth graders navigate their daily schedules and meet with their teachers, while the middle school student government helped show the students around the building. At the same time, the ninth graders were learning about each of the high school's different departments. The freshmen met with teachers from the English, Math, Science and Social Studies departments as well as health, physical education, art, music and elective teachers. Students also had a chance to learn more about the various clubs, activities and sports available at the high school level.

Check out more photos from the first few days of school below.



## STEEL VALLEY SPOTLIGHT



What a start to the season!

The Ironmen opened the 2023 football season with a 35-0 win over Sto-Rox. The victory was an excellent way for Steel Valley to begin its defense of the WPIAL Class 2A championship after making it all the way to the state semifinals last year. Check out some photos from the game, including snapshots of your 2023 Steel Valley Marching Band and the Steel Valley cheerleaders. [A full gallery is available on the website.](#)





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## **BE A STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE NURSE!**

Please contact 412-464-3600 ext. 1500 for more information!

The Steel Valley School District is looking for substitute nurses for the 2023-24 school year. If you are an active registered nurse with some extra availability during school hours, please contact us at 412-464-3600 ext. 1500 for more information.

Steel Valley High School has two openings for cafeteria workers, with one position at 3.5 hours per day and other at 3.25 hours per day. If you are interested, please contact food services director Lisa Runco at [lrunco@steelvalleysd.org](mailto:lrunco@steelvalleysd.org) or at 412-464-3600 ext. 2800.

For a full list of current openings in the district, please visit us at <https://www.steelvalleysd.org/about/employment-postings>

**Barrett Elementary News**



Barrett students are off to a fantastic start to open the 2023-24 school year. The first few days of the year have gone incredibly well, even with a few changes to arrival and dismissal.

As a reminder, arrival is slightly different this year. Barrett Elementary students may begin arriving at 7:30 a.m. and should use the gymnasium entrance on Amity Street. Students who arrive at 7:30 will be sent to the cafeteria for their free breakfast. Students arriving up to 7:45 a.m. will wait in the gymnasium before heading to the cafeteria for their free breakfast.

Dismissal has some changes, too. The biggest change has been for students who are being picked up by a family member. Drivers are asked to please wait between the orange cones and the gravel parking lot on Glenn Street. The children will raise their hand when they see their grown up. The assigned staff member will release them to their grown up. [A reminder about the dismissal procedure is available in Principal Kimberly Winters' presentation from Meet the Principal Night.](#)

Parents are asked to please be patient with the changes. They were made for the safety and security of Barrett students.





## Park Elementary News



The year is off to a great start at Park Elementary. Students have been reviewing the school rules -- everyone at Park always tries to be Prepared, Accountable, Respectful, and Kind! Students and families are invited to meet with teachers and staff at the Open House on Wednesday, September 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

September will be busy as students begin to fully settle in to their routines. School picture day is Wednesday, September 20, so students should make sure they bring their best smiles to school that day.

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday, September 18 through Friday, September 22. This is always a really great opportunity for students and families to find amazing books to read. There is always a wide selection, no matter if students want to read by themselves or if families want to read together.





## Middle School News



Middle school students are settling in and beginning to dive deeper into their work in each of their classes. Clubs and activities are really beginning to pick up speed, as well.

The Middle School Student Government will have its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 5 after school in the middle school cafeteria. All grades in the middle school are welcome to join. The student government is very active and devotes much of its time to school and community service and social projects.

Middle school sports are also picking up speed. The official school teams are for seventh and eighth graders, as per PIAA rules. The middle school soccer team opens the regular season Tuesday, September 5 against Mt. Lebanon at Bird Park. The football team begins the regular season on Wednesday, September 6 at Chartiers Valley. The girls volleyball team starts its regular



season on Tuesday, September 12 at home against South Park. The middle school also sponsors cross country and swimming in the fall, as well as cheerleading.



## High School News



High school students have just a few days left to make any necessary changes to their schedules. Students must speak with Mr. Jason Novak in the guidance office in order to make changes to their schedules. All changes must be completed by no later than Friday, September 8.

The varsity athletics programs have had their seasons begin and now will start to enter into the heart of section play. The [boys soccer team](#) has a win over Chartiers-Houston and has played several close games to start the year, while [the girls soccer team](#) begins section play in earnest with contests against Jeannette and Riverview this week.

The [girls volleyball team](#) heads to Shaler for a tournament on Saturday, September 9 before jumping into the meat of its section schedule. The [golf team](#) has several key contests before section qualifiers on September 18, and the [cross country team](#) has a home meet on September 26 against Brownsville, Southmoreland and Belle Vernon.

Students, families and the community are encouraged to come out and support each athletic program.



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