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STEEL VALLEY SPOTLIGHT



It takes a little time for Ben Novotny and Riley Furrick to list all of the clubs, organizations and activities they've been involved with at Steel Valley. The two seniors are fixtures in extracurricular activities, so perhaps it's fitting that they will help usher the Class of 2022 into the future. Novotny has been named class valedictorian, while Furrick has been named the class salutatorian.

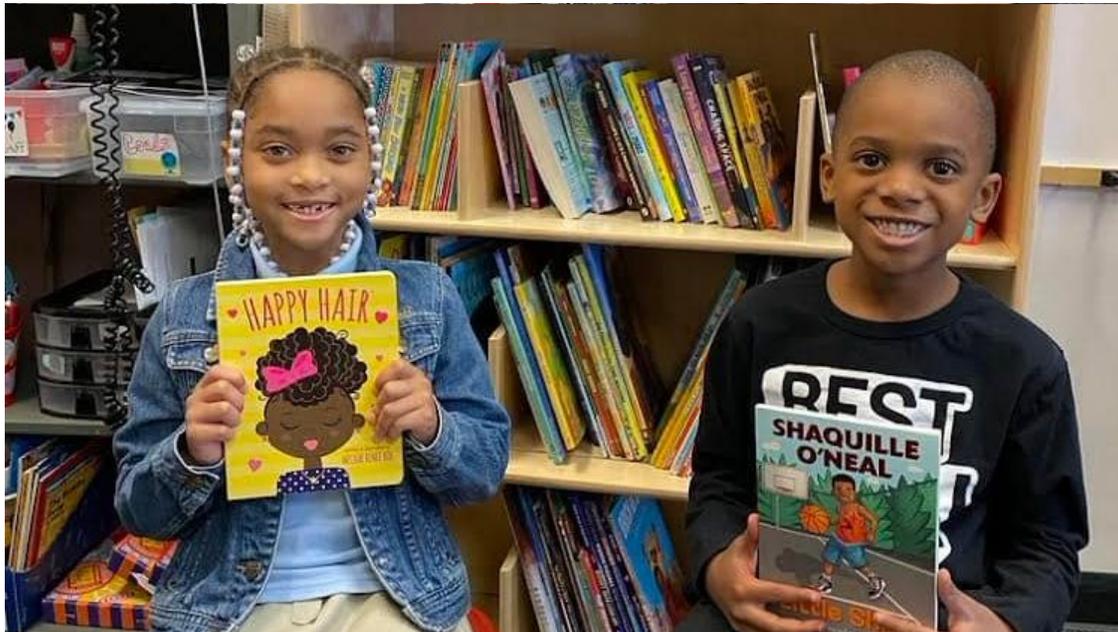
They are two members of the annual Steel Valley Top 10, a celebration of the students with the top grade point averages in the senior class. Joining them in the Top 10 for the Class of 2022 are Molly Krupa, Justin Chau, Kelsey Salopek, Madisyn Faux, Dacia Hruska, Emma Koval, Brooke Weber and Abigail Tester.

Keep an eye out in the near future for more honoring the rest of the Top 10. In the meantime, Novotny and Furrick shared some insight on their college plans, life goals and some Steel Valley memories. [Check out the full interview on the district web site.](#)

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take the math PSSA on Monday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 3. Students will report to school at their normal time and will be dismissed at 1:10 p.m. on those two days. The Science PSSA, which is only for eighth graders, will take place on Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 11. Students will operate on a normal schedule those days.

BARRETT ELEMENTARY NEWS



The Interboro College Club of the Pittsburgh Foundation generously gifted a multicultural library to Barrett. Thanks to their gift, Barrett now has over 150 new multicultural books for students. Those new books were used during Barrett's "Tournament of Books," which drew inspiration from the NCAA Tournament and pitted books against each other. The students picked a favorite from a daily match-up, all the way down to a final showdown between the eventual winner "The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors" and the runner-up "Salt in His Shoes."

May is going to be full of exciting opportunities and field trips for students. Kindergarten and first graders will take a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on Tuesday, May 17. The second and third graders will cruise the rivers as part of the Gateway Clipper Lock and Dam cruise on Wednesday, May 18. Fourth graders from Barrett and Park Elementary will take a field trip to PNC Park for a Pirates game on Wednesday, May 25.

The Kids of Steel club from Barrett took part in the Pittsburgh Kids Marathon as part of the annual Pittsburgh Marathon weekend. The race took place Saturday, April 30 and it is the culmination of ten weeks of training. During that training, the kids run a total of 25 miles. They run the last mile - for a marathon equivalent of 26 - as part of the race weekend. The weather was perfect for the race. Ms. Lyons, Ms. Selick, Mr. Walsh and a team of parents helped make sure the group enjoyed their time.

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The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be making a stop at Barrett Elementary on Monday, May 16. 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 Barrett. 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 Monday, May 16 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.

PARK ELEMENTARY NEWS

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May will have a lot of activities and adventures for Park students. The Scholastic Book Fair will take place starting Monday, May 9 and the Science Olympiad will take place the following week. The second graders will take a field trip to Triple B Farms in Monongahela on Friday, May 6. The first graders will go to the Pittsburgh Zoo on Friday, May 13 while the third graders will go on Tuesday, May 31. Fourth graders will go to PNC Park with their classmates from Barrett on a Pirates game on Wednesday, May 25.

Congratulations to Ashley Chen, a second grader who placed third in the NETL Earth Day Poster Contest. Thousands of posters were submitted, but Ashley's poster caught the attention of the judges for the Pittsburgh area contest. The theme of this year's contest was, "What can you do to stop climate change?" Ashley's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Department of Energy headquarters in Washington, D.C.

With the weather turning nicer, there will be more opportunities to have experiences outside. Kindergartners planted radishes in garden boxes recently, while first graders recently took a walk to the pond and garden on the high school campus.



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The district is in need of paraeducators and substitute teachers, as well as substitute secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, and cafeteria workers. A full list of openings [is available on the web site.](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Ms. Noblet's science class capped their unit on gravity with a friendly egg drop competition. The student groups were challenged to utilize a \$100 "budget" in order to purchase supplies and build a device to protect their raw egg. There were all kinds of designs and theories on how to best protect their precious eggs, and the students were able to utilize The Forge maker space to test their devices. Three eggs were successfully protected while two succumbed to the effects of gravity.

Steel Valley alumnus and current Chattanooga, Tennessee newscaster Ben Bobick lent a hand to Mrs. MacDonald's English Language Arts classes recently. Students have been reading the novel "Hatchet" by Gary Paulson. They turned that story into news scripts, took on roles such as news director, reporter, the main character of the novel, and the rescue pilot from the novel. Ben offered some tips on putting together a successful news broadcast. Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Geyer, Mr. Seech, and Mrs. Takos all provided some help to get the SVTV broadcasts on the air.

Don't miss out on the Steel Valley Middle School/High School spring concerts! The spring band concert is Tuesday, May 3 and will feature both the middle school and high school bands. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Middle school performers should make sure they arrived by 5:30 p.m., while high school performers should ensure they arrive by 5:45.

The spring vocal concert is Tuesday, May 10 and will start with a senior showcase at 6:15. The concert will follow at 7 p.m. Middle school students should be sure to wear their spring colors and report to the auditorium by 6:50 p.m. Students should sit with their families in the audience until called to the stage.

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



A pair of Steel Valley student athletes will be continuing their athletic pursuits in college.

Senior Matthew Marrone will play football at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa. Marrone is a two-sport athlete at Steel Valley, where he also plays volleyball besides playing football. On the gridiron, Marrone played both wide receiver and defensive back for the Ironmen. He will be a defensive back for the Golden Tornadoes at Geneva.

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senior at Steel Valley High School in Washington, Pa. Tester is a three-sport athlete at Steel Valley, where she has excelled in volleyball, basketball and softball. During her senior year of volleyball, Tester was named to the Section 5-2A all-section team.



Senior Kelsey Salopek was named a WPIAL James Collins Scholar-Athlete Award Winner. Every year, the WPIAL selects 20 seniors to recognize as part of the Scholar-Athlete award. Kelsey and the other students will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of their hard work on the field and in the classroom.

The Dr. Lawrence A. Griffin Senior Honors Awards banquet will be Thursday, May 5. The annual event celebrates those seniors who maintained a minimum GPA of 3.25 or have been selected to receive one of the local scholarship awards made possible thanks to Steel Valley's generous partners.

Tickets will be available soon for the spring musical. This year's show is the classic "Oliver!" and will be performed May 19 through May 22. More information will be coming soon.



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