A Message from Dr. Vitale

The 2022-23 school year was filled with incredible achievements and new beginnings! Not only is this a nod to the opening of our innovative new K-6 school, Ehrman Crest Elementary/Middle School, but it’s also a reflection of the continued growth, evolution and progress that has taken place across our District.

We saw our largest number of new teachers join the SV family and many students earned accolades for their academic, creative, musical and athletic talents.

Our future is bright here at Seneca Valley, and I’m honored to lead this District as we help prepare our students as they step out into the world to embrace life’s journey.

There are many goals that we as educators have for our students. Among those goals, we strive to Inspire. Connect. Excel.

Seneca Valley is a place where our students, faculty and staff inspire one another, connect with community members and ultimately excel inside and outside of the classroom.

We’re proud of our many partnerships that elevate our communities, and most especially our family partnerships, which allow us to authentically build strong connections. These connections include invaluable student and parent resources like mental health and wellness programs.

We hope that you enjoy the 2022 Seneca Valley Annual Report and will join us in our commitment to inspire, connect and excel in everything we do. As Aristotle said, “Excellence is never an accident; it is the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities.”

Tracy Vitale

Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools

Seneca Valley Superintendent Dr. Tracy Vitale was presented with the prestigious 2022 Distinguished Educator Award by the Tri-State Area School Study Council School in the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh.
2022 Seneca Valley 
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School board meeting information, agendas and minutes can be found on the school district website at www.svsd.net/school_board.

Mission Statement

In collaboration with family and community, the mission of the Seneca Valley School District is to provide a nurturing and safe environment with academically challenging opportunities, emphasizing digital citizenship, innovation, and global awareness in order to prepare our students to be productive and contributing citizens.
WE EXCEL - Ehrman Crest Elementary/Middle School opened in August 2022. This state-of-the-art K-6 facility was designed to be a learning tool and provides a vast array of dynamic and unique learning environments. TIME publishes an annual list highlighting the most impactful new products and ideas from around the world and Ehrman Crest was recognized as one of the Best Inventions of 2022! Ehrman Crest was the only school on the list and was chosen based on originality, efficacy, ambition and impact. We are incredibly proud of this designation and the learning opportunities the school provides.

Visit www.svsd.net/storyofehrmancrest to learn more.
Enrollment

More than 160 student teams, clubs and organizations in academics, arts, athletics, leadership, service and STEM

100 - Advanced Placement, Honors and College in High School Courses

109 - Seniors in National Honors Society

263 - Seniors with Highest Honors Roll – GPA 4.00 and above

1 - National Merit Finalists

83% - 2022 Graduates planning education beyond SV

Student Diversity

American Indian/Alaskan Native <1%
Asian 3.2%
African American 2.1%
Hispanic 3.9%
Multi-Racial 4.5%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander <1%
Caucasian 86.2%

Enrollment

7,381

Employees

880 employees

640 Professional

240 Classified

Student Wellness

School Nurses – 12
School Psychologists – 6
Coordinator of Collegiate and Career Affairs – 1
School Counselors – 20

Schools

Elementary Schools – 4
Middle Schools – 3
High Schools – 2
Cyber School – 1
SCHOOLS – 10

Enrollment - Seneca Valley Academy of Choice

Full time - 200  Hybrid – 2,000
Safety & Security
3 School Resource Officers (secondary campus, grades 7-12)
2 Police Service Agreements (all elementary buildings, grades K-6)

Tech Stat...
Technology Device Ratio in Grades K-12
1:1

Transportation
Total miles traveled per day
- approximately 12,000 miles/day
- over 2.1 million miles annually

Food Services
Number of meals served
Lunch – 643,368
Breakfast – 275,093

NICHE.COM Rankings
A Grade
#1 Best School Districts in Butler County
#15 Best Middle School, Pittsburgh Area, Haine Middle School
#1 Best Places to Teach in Butler County
Top 14%
Best School Districts in Pennsylvania

Top three favorite entrees
1. Pizza
2. Pasta & Sauce
3. Breakfast for Lunch (French Toast Sticks)

Voices Podcast
5,400 downloads total

Total number of buses utilized per day
142

Total Views
19K
53.8K Watch Time Minutes

YouTube

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Special Education

The Seneca Valley School District’s Special Education Department is committed to meeting the needs of students with disabilities and helping them reach their potential. The Seneca Valley School District offers a continuum of services and placement options to meet the needs of each student. Services include but are not limited to:

- Autistic Support
- Blind-Visually Impaired Support
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support
- Emotional Support
- Learning Support
- Life Skills Support
- Multiple Disabilities Support
- Speech and Language Support

In addition, services for eligible students may also be provided by Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIU-IV). Services provided by MIU-IV may be provided in the district by itinerant MIU-IV staff or in multi-district programs.

Special Education Transition Programs included the following:

- Community based vocational training
- On-campus vocational training:
  - Raider Roast coffee shop
  - Raider Gear spirit wear kiosk
  - Seneca Square smoothie shop
  - No Cost to Shop store
- Shopping
- Banking
- Community based travel instruction
- Independent living room
- Unified Bocce

Gifted Education

If a student demonstrates a potential need for gifted services, a multidisciplinary evaluation is conducted to determine if the child is in need of special programming. The evaluation process may be initiated by school staff or by a child’s parent, who may do so by contacting the building principal.

The amount and type of gifted support to be received by a student is determined on an individual basis annually by the child’s Gifted Individualized Education Program (GIEP) team, of which the parent is a very important member.
Athletics and Activities

82  Total number of athletic programs (male and female combined)
83  Extracurricular clubs/activities for grades 7-12
1,705  Student rostered participation opportunities in athletics (968 boys, 737 girls, grades 7-12)
36.59  Total percentage of students who participate in athletics (grades 7-12)
1,372  Total number of students who participate in extracurricular clubs/activities (grades 7-12)
39.19  Total percentage of students who participate in extra-curricular clubs/activities (grades 7-12)
1  Number of PIAA Team State Champions:
   • Seneca Valley Boys’ Swimming & Diving Team
2  Number of PIAA Team State Finalists:
   • Seneca Valley Boys’ Soccer Team
   • Seneca Valley Girls’ Softball Team

Honor Roll Athletes:
   • Honor Roll Athletes = 372 students (29.04%)
   • High Honor Roll Athletes = 272 students (21.23%)
   • Highest Honor Roll Athletes = 525 students (40.99%)
   • Total Athletes who made Honor Roll (Honors + High Honors + Highest Honors) = 1,169 students (91.26%)
   • Total number of students who participate in sports (grades 7-12) = 1,281

20  Estimated hours athletes invest in sports weekly
248  Students who are part of a club that serves our communities
82  Staff members who serve as advisors for these extracurricular activities
190  Staff members who serve as coaches for athletics teams
Excelling in Academics

National Merit Scholarship Winner

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that Daniel Spear (SV ’22) was offered a National Merit Purdue University Scholarship.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the Finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provided between $500 and $2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. College-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners are a part of the distinguished group of about 7500 high school seniors who received National Merit Scholarships for college undergraduate study worth nearly $28 million.

Nationally Recognized

The Seneca Valley Academic Decathlon placed tenth in the nation and earned three individual national medals at the (virtual) United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) National Competition which was held April 22, 2022.

The following students won national competition awards:

- Ava Stewart (SV ’23) - Bronze Medal Science Honor, Highest Scoring Team Member
- Rayan Ghaffar (SV ’22) - Silver Medal Essay Scholastic
- Katherine Hilling (SV ’23) - Silver Medal Interview Varsity

Academic Games

Seneca Valley students competed against approximately 1,200 other students from schools all over the country in the Academic Games National Championships April 22-25, 2022. Players from all around the country in grades 5-12 gather and compete in several academic games to see which are the best teams and who are the best individual players.

Artistic Talents Shine Through

Many SV students attended the 2022 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Pittsburgh Arts Region Competition.

The following students were announced as Gold Key winners:

- Phung Do (SV ’22)
- Camryn Kotula (SV ’22)
- Julia Lingenfelter (SV ’22)
- Lauryn Priester (SV ’22)
- Isabel Wooslare (SV ’22)
- Ashlyn Gianfrancesco (SV ’23)

Miss Gianfrancesco was also announced as a 2022 National Key Winner for her ceramic sculpture “Up, Up and Away.”
A sampling of colleges and universities chosen by our 2021 Graduates:

American University
Butler County Community College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chatham University
Community College of Allegheny County
Duquesne University
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Fashion Institute of Technology
Grove City College
Institute of Culinary Education - NYC
Kent State University
Michigan State University
North Carolina State University
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Pittsburgh Technical College
Point Park University
Purdue University
Robert Morris University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Slippery Rock University
Temple University
University of Kentucky
University of Pittsburgh
Virginia Tech
West Virginia University
Westminster College
Youngstown State University

Graduating Class of 2022

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2021-22 Financial Information

2021-22 Revenue/Fund Balance Use

**REVENUE**

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<td><strong>$145,712,582</strong></td>
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The primary sources of Local Revenue for Seneca Valley are real estate and earned income taxes. Also included in Local Revenue are federal funds that pass through our intermediate unit, as well as funds generated when Seneca Valley provides cyber services to outside school districts. We are cognizant of the significance – and take very seriously – the responsibility that comes with spending revenue from local sources (see expenditures below).

2021-22 Expenditures

**EXPENDITURES**

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<td>170,500</td>
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Instructional Services account for more than 60 percent of the expenditures budget and provide educational services for regular, special and vocational education. Our Instructional Support Services provide logistical support to further enhance and facilitate instruction, and includes guidance and pupil health. We are committed to maintaining an expenditures budget that provides the tools necessary for maximum student success.

To view the budget in its entirety, visit [www.svsd.net/2022Budget](http://www.svsd.net/2022Budget).
Staff gathered for one last group photo on the last day at Evans City Elementary/Middle School in June of 2022. Read more about the legacy of Evans City at www.svsd.net/storyofehrmancrest.
The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) is committed to encouraging academic excellence and innovation throughout Seneca Valley Schools. Over the past 10 years, the SVF has proudly raised over $1 million for a variety of projects and programs across the district.

As we continue to support students and staff, we thank SV employees, school board, families, community members and businesses for their support of our mission. With the incredible generosity of the Seneca Valley community throughout 2021-22, the SVF has proudly supported 24 initiatives throughout the district totaling over $87,000! Those initiatives included teacher-inspired and district-wide programs including “Rewarding Readers” incentives at the elementary schools, revitalization of the courtyard at the Seneca Valley Intermediate High School, STEM mini-grants, international educational seminars for staff, and updated equipment in the Seneca Valley Center for Biotechnology Research.

The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to encouraging excellence and innovation in the Seneca Valley schools. The Foundation achieves this by seeking donations and patrons to facilitate new district, building or classroom projects, programs and/or grants/scholarships. Its board members consist of stakeholders from local business leaders, community leaders and school leaders. As a non-profit organization, the SVF is utilized as a vehicle by which memorial and other charitable donations may be made to the Seneca Valley School District. To learn more, please visit www.svsd.net/svfoundation.
SVF Donors

Thank you to the following donors who contributed to the Seneca Valley Foundation in the 2021-22 school year. We are so grateful for your support.

Annual Support Campaign

**Platinum Donors ($1,000+)**
- Central Maintenance
- Ms. Heather Lewis
- Mr. Jim Pearson – In memory of Katherine Pearson

**Gold Donors ($200 - $999)**
- Ms. Heather Lewis
- Mr. Jim Pearson – In memory of Katherine Pearson

**Silver Donors ($25 - $199)**
- Ms. Jennifer Exler
- Ms. Rebecca Finch – In memory of Ted Neil
- Ms. Lisa Fornadel
- Mr. Steve Fortunato
- Ms. Lisa Graham
- Ms. Kristine Hart
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeff and Jodi Hassen – In honor of Tracey O’Toole – outstanding chemistry teacher
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Kristin Henry
- Ms. Darlene Howley
- Ms. Lindsey Ksucky
- Ms. Bria Koch
- Ms. Kristen Kress
- Ms. Holly Lingenfelter
- Mr. Joseph Logsdon
- Mr. Mike Maniple
- Mr. Barry Mcarrella
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- Ms. Sarah McKissick
- Ms. Jennifer McMurray
- Ms. Carrie McNally
- Ms. Bridget Miller – In honor of Kendra Bertoti
- Ms. Tammy Micco
- Ms. Lisa Mislan
- Mr. Rick Morgan – Print King
- Ms. Faye Nelson
- Mr. and Mrs. Jason and Megan Oldenski
- Ms. Ashley Patterson
- Mr. Michael Pelloni
- Mr. Scott Phelps
- Ms. Christine Roe – In memory of Ashley Roe-Snyder
- Ms. Kristin Schlemmer
- Ms. Phoebe Schoenewies
- Ms. Heather Sibeto
- Ms. Sara Snyder
- Mr. Andrew Teti
- Anonymous – In honor of SV Marching Band Directors
- Ms. Erin Wilcher
- Mr. Stephen Wolfe
- Ms. Chrystal Zinkham

**Major Gifts and Fundraising**
- Parag and Urmil Batavia - $10,000 – Dedicated to the SV Robotics Program and S.W.E.E.T (Seneca’s Women Engineering Exploration Team)
- Eileen and Jim Wrubel - $7,000 – Dedicated to the continuation of “Raider Space” Summer Camp for Exceptional Students
- Gift of Hope Golf Classic: $33,589
- Neighbors for Neighbors “Five Days to $5K” Fundraiser: $58,934

**General Fund Donations - $17,605.70**
- Amazon Smile
- Armstrong Group
- Blackbaud Giving Fund on behalf of New York Life
- Ms. Melissa Bonicky
- Cranberry Township
- Ms. Jill Czar – In memory of Jamie Thomas
- Eckles Construction Services
- Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Kristian Jacobs
- Ms. Amanda Kile
- Mr. Rick McGarry - In memory of Jamie Thomas
- Cathy Mowery – In honor of Jason Wehrle’s 51st Birthday
- MPLX Regional Giving Group
- Mr. and Mrs. James and Karen Nickel
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Cecelia Peterson
- Dr. Stephanie Rhoads – In memory of Jason Wehrle
- Mr. Terry Shulsky
- Mr. Nicholas Silano
- Mr. David Sylvester
- T-Mobile
- VMware Foundation – In honor of Oliver Nowak

**Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program Contributions**
In 2021-22, the Seneca Valley Foundation received generous donations from local businesses totaling more than $47,500 through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program grant. We sincerely thank the following businesses for their continued generosity. These donations directly benefit Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) classes at Seneca Valley.

- Nextier Bank - $27,500
- Waste Management - $10,000
- The Buncher Company - $5,000
- Farmers National Bank - $5,000

For additional information about this program and how your business can receive tax credits for your donations to our non-profit, please visit our webpage: www.svsd.net/SVFoundation/EITCProgram.

SVF was named a 2022 Community Champion by the Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber of Commerce.
The Seneca Valley Marching Band was named Grand Champions in the 2022 Norfolk North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Festival’s “Parade of Nations” in Norfolk, VA.

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