# **Cassadaga Valley Central School District**

# WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

## "Education is the most powerful tool that you can use to change the world."



### – Nelson Mandela

Summer is over, and school is back in session! Here at Cassadaga Valley, we are beyond thrilled to welcome back our students! We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break and is as excited as we are to be back to school!

Each month, our social work department comes out with a CVCS Helps newsletter. These are focused on different social emotional topics that vary. This month we are focusing on how to prepare to come back to school.



## WHO ARE KEY PEOPLE AT EACH BUILDING?

If this is your first year at CVCS, we welcome you to our district. If you are a returning student, we are so happy to see you again. As always, things are changing around our buildings. Between Sinclairville Elementary and Cassadaga Valley Middle High School, you might see some familiar or new faces. So, who are key people that may be able to assist you if needed the first week of school?

#### Sinclairville Elementary:

Principal: Mrs. Kelly Sedlak

Secretaries: Mrs. Rhonda Miller, Mrs. Jennifer Runge

Social Worker: Mr. Ryan Smith

School Counselor: Mrs. Marie Torrey

School Psychologist: Dr. Amanda Myles

*School Nurses:* Mrs. Samantha Smith, Mrs. Jacquie Anderson

#### Middle/High School

Principal: Mr. Ron Tonelli

Dean of Students: Mrs. Beth Beaver

Secretaries: Mrs. Peggy Heath

*Guidance Office Secretary*: Mrs. Nicole Warsitz

Social Worker: Ms. Emily Pleszewski

School Counselor: Mrs. Heather Nocero (Grades 9-12), Mr. Jacob Wilcox (Grades 5-8)

School Psychologist: Mrs. Katie DeVore

*School Nurses*: Mrs. Lynda DeGolier , Mrs. Samantha Smith

# WHAT ARE IMPORTANT WEBSITES TO KNOW?

If you are looking for our **district website**, it can be found at:

https://www.cvcougars.org/

#### SES:

https://www.cvcougars.org/o/cvcs/page/s inclairville-elementary

#### MHS:

https://www.cvcougars.org/page/mshs

#### **MHS Guidance Department:**

https://sites.google.com/cvcougars.org/gu idance-counseling-office/home

#### **SES Guidance Department:**

https://www.cvcougars.org/o/cvcs/page/s inclairville-elementary-counselor

#### **SES Social Work:**

https://sites.google.com/cvcougars.org/sc hoolsocialworksite/home

#### **MHS Social Work:**

https://sites.google.com/cvcougars.org/gu idance-counseling-office/social-work-servi ces

#### Powerschool for Parent/Student:

https://powerschool.cvcougars.org/public/

#### MySchoolBucks:

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/get main.action?clientKey=&requestAction=ho me

## WAYS TO PREPARE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- Use a calendar: using a calendar throughout the year can help students to be reminded of important dates, events and activities
- 2. Create a routine and stick to it: Some children thrive when there is a routine. Establishing this early in the school year can help your students succeed both before and after school.
- 3. Set and deal with expectations: Discuss with your students your expectations for them academically, the school's code of conduct. Normalize that though they might not agree with school rules, they are there for a reason.
- 4. Encourage students to find a staff member that they can connect with: Students often are scared to ask for help or when there is a problem at school. By identifying a staff member at school they are comfortable with, this could allow them to feel that they have a support during the school day
- 5. Make school aware of any medical concerns: Any medical concerns that may impact a child should be reported to the school nurse.



## Links & Resources

District Website

Sinclairville Elementary Website

Mr. Smith SSW Website

Middle/High School Website

Middle/High School Guidance Department

Dignity for All Students Website

District Code of Conduct

MHS Health Services

SES Health Services

Powerschool for Parents/Students

"This is a new year, a new beginning, and things will change." - Taylor Swift

If you would like any more information on social work or our services, feel free to reach out to us at <u>rsmith@cvcougars.org</u> or <u>epleszewski@cvcougars.org</u>

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