

*A message from the Superintendent*

## Lenape Valley Regional High School is a High Performing School

In December, the Lenape Valley community gathered to celebrate the granting of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability (NJQSAC) Equivalency and the designation of our school as a **High Performing School District**.

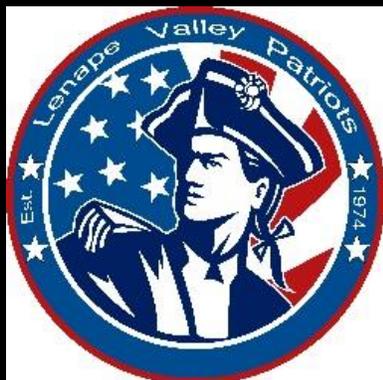
The Equivalency Waiver we received allows high performing school districts to demonstrate continued compliance with QSAC regulations without undergoing the standard monitoring. This equivalency process involved review by the NJDOE of the Lenape Valley Regional School District's 2016-2017 QSAC Statement of Assurance and analysis of other critical QSAC indicators in each of the five mandated District Performance Review (DPR) areas: Instruction & Programming, Fiscal, Operations, Personnel and Governance.

Lenape Valley Regional had successfully met these requirements and was notified by the New Jersey Department of Education of the School District's eligibility to apply for the QSAC Equivalency Waiver. This equivalency waiver will provide our school district with a three-year extension prior to the next comprehensive monitoring.

We are very proud to be considered a **High Performing School District** and give thanks to the faculty, staff and students for their hard work in getting us there.

Forever A Patriot!

Paul M. DiRupo



## Wall of Fame

Lenape Valley Regional High School is pleased to announce the inception of the Lenape Valley Wall of Fame. In 2015, the Lenape Valley faculty formed the Wall of Fame Committee. The purpose of the Wall of Fame is to recognize LVR graduates or contributors who have, through their performance and achievement, brought credit and honor to themselves and to Lenape Valley Regional High School after their graduation.

The Wall of Fame Committee has selected the following individuals whose accomplishments as a student at Lenape Valley, as a leader in the professional community, as well as their personal integrity and character make them a role model for young people. These individuals are a true testament to the "Patriot Tradition".

- Robert Coronato
- Joseph Crescione
- Todd DeGhetto
- Louis Esposito Sr.
- Christopher Polaszek
- Rocco Simmerano
- First Board of Education Members: Anthony Arbolino, Eileen Dean, William Durling, Jacques Edwards, Marion Fine, Elizabeth Kelting, Patricia Pierson, Alfred Togno and Frank VanFleet. Joseph Stracco, Superintendent and Dr. James Riccobono, Principal.

Please join us in celebrating these exemplary individuals on their contributions to our community throughout the years. A reception will be held on Saturday March 25, 2017 at 6 o'clock in the evening at Farmstead Country Club in Lafayette, New Jersey. Feel free to contact Lauren VanOrden, [lvnorden@lvhs.org](mailto:lvnorden@lvhs.org), for more information or tickets.

### **Vestibule**

In an effort to improve safety and security, we have given our Main Entrance a facelift by constructing a vestibule. This addition will provide an added layer of security by allowing office staff to interact with parents and visitors before they enter the building. All guests will enter the building using the vestibule. As guests enter, they will be able to speak to office staff through a "teller" style window. This window will contain a drawer that may be used to drop off items such as lunches or athletic equipment. Before any guest is admitted into the building, they will be asked whom they are here to see and will be required to scan an ID through our School Gate Guardian system. Once the ID is scanned, a pass will be printed. Office staff will be available to assist guests without an ID. Guests will then enter the Main Office and wait to be escorted to their destination. Additionally, we will not be allowing any guests in the building during our lunch period (10:46am-11:26am) without a prior appointment. Parents will still be able to pick up students and drop items off using the teller window during this time. At any time if there are any issues with this process, there will be security or an administrator available to assist. Lenape Valley values the safety of your children and this project is just one more way to support those efforts.

### **PARCC Testing Schedule**

Lenape Valley continues to prepare for the 2016/2017 administration of the PARCC testing as required by NJDOE. Upgrades continue on our network and wireless functionality to best assure a smooth and effective testing administration. Testing this year will occur over six days to allow students the need to only focus on one testing unit per day. Students are reminded to bring headphones and fully charged Chrome books for best testing environments.

The Class of 2020 is reminded that taking each tested area of PARCC is required by the State of NJ as a graduation requirement. Testing and its requirements are constantly in flux and Administration at LVRHS will continue to do the best they can to keep up with and adapt to any future changes with testing requirements as they pertain to PARCC.

The testing schedule is as follows:

PARCC ELA 9-11 April 11, 2017 – April 13, 2017

PARCC Algebra 1 April 26, 2017 – April 28, 2017

PARCC Geometry April 26, 2017 – April 28, 2017

PARCC Algebra 2 April 26, 2017 – April 28, 2017

Please visit [www.lvhs.org](http://www.lvhs.org) under “Announcement” for information and links to practice tests.

## Upgrade Annex

Lenape Valley Regional High School is pleased to introduce its UpGrade Annex. This new program has been created to give a leg up to those who are struggling academically. For students who failed the **FIRST OR SECOND** marking period of a full-year course, participation in the UpGrade Annex will provide them with academic assistance for a second chance they need to master material and earn the credit essential to receiving a Lenape Valley Regional High School diploma. Taught by certificated teachers, students in the UpGrade Annex will revisit coursework from the previous marking period to further their confidence and skills, as well as work on material from the courses of the current marking period. Upon the successful completion of this program, students will be able to upgrade a failing grade of the previous marking period with their grade earned in the UpGrade Annex. UpGrade Annex will take place 2 days per week – Monday & Tuesday and Wednesday and/or Wednesday & Thursday, from 2:30 to 4:30, beginning on Tuesday February 7th, through Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, for fourteen sessions per course.

**Important information, complete details including pricing as well as registration forms are available in the Guidance Office.**

## Summer School

Every year, some students need the opportunity of summer school to get back on track in order to graduate with their class. This year LVR will offer summer school courses in English, mathematics, science, the social studies, and Spanish I. These courses are not only for credit lost this year, but can also be taken to retrieve credits from other years, including similar courses taken at other schools.

Students in our program will be taught by our staff in comfortable, familiar surroundings, Monday to Thursday, beginning on June 26 and ending on August 2. To retrieve credit for a failed, five-credit class, students must attend a summer session for SIXTY HOURS and must achieve a passing grade. The passing grade and recovered credits for the summer school course will be recorded on students’ transcripts.

Please watch for our Summer School information page to appear on our website this spring. If you have any questions, please contact our Guidance Department.



## Holt Adoption Agency Fundraiser

On January 10, 2017, **Sarah Najemian** organized a fundraiser for Holt International Children Services. Guests paid \$5, which was donated to the adoption agency. Sarah Najemian gave a presentation about the agency in the auditorium. Holt is a non-profit organization that works with families in thirteen different countries, strengthening family relationships, providing orphan care, and adoption services. Holt International has a goal, that every child deserves a loving and secure home.

After the presentation, the fundraiser was moved to the cafeteria. There was food, made and provided by Sarah and her family. With the help from her friends, family, and teachers, Sarah was able to raise \$695. Sarah wants to give a special thanks to her Principal, **Thomas Claeys**, and the Director of Development at Holt International, **Andres Mc Nall**.

## Music in the Halls

### Winter Concert

Forty-five singers performed at the annual Winter Concert Thursday, December 15 in the auditorium. In addition, the band and chorus performed for the entire school Friday, December 23. Mr. **David DiGrazia** conducts the band, and the chorus is under the direction of Ms. **Lynda Veech**.

### All Schools Concert

The Lenape Valley Music Department, led by Mr. DiGrazia and Ms. Veech, held their annual All-Schools Concert on February 2, 2017. Students from Byram, Stanhope, and Netcong Schools were invited to the high school for a full day music experience. This included a full day rehearsal on stage with the LVR chorus and symphonic band and of course a pizza party. At 7:00 PM, the middle school students had the opportunity to perform with the high school ensembles and see what Lenape Valley has to offer. 81 band and 54 choral students from LVR joined with 68 band and 36 choral students made for an impressive sight on stage.



## A Visit to Bristol Glen

On December 6th, members of the *LVR Service Art Club* traveled to Bristol Glen in Newton, NJ to conduct a holiday craft event for the residents. An article appeared recently in the *Township Journal* on this event.- See the article at the following link- <http://www.townshipjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20161212/NEWS01/161219998/High-schoolers-do-art-with-senior-citizens&template=mobileArticle>

## German Folk Club

The German Folk Club performed at the Sparta Christmas Market on December 4th. We had students playing holiday tunes with the Oompah band and with the cowbells, our dancers performed 3 folk dances, and Tanzmeister **Gabby Harrison** taught the audience one of them. Our small chorus sang 2 holiday songs, partly in German. The weather was great, the audience wonderful, and everybody who went had a great time.



## Student Council

Student Council worked with the project 1 Million Good Nights and **Zack Gallo** to collect pajamas and books for children in Sussex County. It was a huge success, as the school and Zack were identified in *The New Jersey Herald's* rather lengthy article. Student Council is advised by Mr. **Peter De Kleine**.

## Literary Magazine: Dreamcatcher

Lenape Valley's literary magazine, advised by Mrs. **Marta Rivara**, received the following accolades in December for its 2016 edition *Dreamcatcher*:

- American Scholastic Press Association's Annual Review and Contest: First Place with Special Merit
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association: Gold Medalist
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association: Certificate of Merit (in open [free] form poetry for magazine publication) to **Jillian Grassia**.

## Academic Quiz Bowl

The Academic Quiz Bowl team finished in the Elite Eight at the Thirteenth Annual Phillipsburg Academic Tournament Saturday, February 4. The "A" team, comprised of **Sean Kumar** (captain), **Shannon Fahsbender**, **Gabby Harrison**, **Ian Hall**, and **Aaron Kumar** were seeded fourth out of forty-eight teams. Fellow SCIL schools Sparta and High Point also competed but did not make the playoffs.

## National Honor Society News

### National Honor Society Induction:

NHS Induction was held on January 30th at 7pm in the auditorium. Community members and faculty were invited to come and enjoy the induction. The NHS is excited to have our new members joining us.

### Blood Drive:

The NHS is conducting the 2nd blood drive this year on February 16th. At our last blood drive in November we collected 54 pints of blood. We hope to do the same during this next drive.

Requirements for donating blood are:

- 16-17 years of age with parental consent form
- 18 years old or older (no consent)
- 120 pounds minimum
- Picture ID with proof of age (license or community blood service card).

If your child would like to donate, please make sure you have signed the permission slip.

## LVR Sports News

### Conference Champions:

Over the course of the Fall Season, the Girls Tennis and Football Teams won Conference Championships. The Girls Soccer team with a 12-4 record had their best season in years. The Football team played at Met-Life Stadium in the Sectional Final and finished the season with an 11-2 record.

### All-League Teams:

Congratulations goes out to 47 Student-Athletes were chosen to All-League teams for the Fall Sports Season.

### Coach Recognitions:

**Lindsay Steingall**, Head Girls Soccer coach, was chosen Mugs Media Girls Soccer Coach of the Year.



**Lauren VanOrden**, Head Field Hockey coach, was chosen by New Jersey Officials association for Outstanding Sportsmanship. The award is only given to two coaches in North Jersey.

#### **Player and Team Recognitions & Awards:**

*Girls Tennis Team* won the Freedom Division and the Sportsmanship Award for the Fall season.

Senior **Madison Dudzic**, the Captain of the Girls Soccer Team, has been chosen as Lenape Valley's Pass It Along Scholar Athlete and will represent the Patriots at the annual dinner to be held at Perona Farms in March.

The *Girls Basketball Team* won the Belvidere Holiday Tournament with a 45-28 victory over Belvidere. It is the First time the Lady Pats have won an opening season tournament. The Girls Basketball Team has recently advanced to the second round of the HWS Tournament with a thrilling 53-48 victory over North Warren.

The *Boys Basketball Team* competed in the Dover Holiday Invitational and finished with a 1-1 record.

The *Wrestling* team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Dover Holiday Tournament with three Champions, **Jacob Falleni**, **Ray Smaha** and **Nick Palumbo**. Smaha and Palumbo were both chosen as Co-Outstanding Wrestlers voted by the coaches. The team also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the LVR Holiday Tournament with five finalists and two Champions **Nick Palumbo** and **Jacob Falleni**, who was also voted the Outstanding Wrestler.

Wrestler **Nick Palumbo** recently signed a letter of intent with Division I University of Buffalo. Nick also joined the exclusive "100 Win Club" with his victory in the Tri-Match on 1/7/17. He will be trying to break the school record of 122 career wins held by DJ Russo later this season.

Lenape Valley will host the **District 5 Wrestling Tournament** for the first time on **Saturday, February 18th**.

The *Boys Swimming Team* is currently undefeated with a 6-0-1 record while the Girls Swimming Team is 4-3. The NLV Boys Swim Team recently finished third in the HWS Tournament with 177.5 pts. The team was led by **Hunter Klingener** who won the 100 yard Butterfly event. Both the NLV Boys and Girls teams have qualified for the State Tournament again this season. The girls wrapped up their regular season with a 4-3 record and the boys finished with a 6-0-1 record and their third consecutive NJAC North Division Championship. Individually, **Hunter Klingener** has had a standout season in which he has broken two school records (100 Butterfly and 500 Freestyle) as well as qualified for MOC's with cuts in his 100 Breaststroke and 100 Butterfly.



The *N/LV Hockey Team* was fighting for the first place spot in the HAAS division but will finish in 2nd place. Their highest seed since joining the league. They have qualified for states for the 8th time in the past 9 seasons and have 3 players in the top 15 scorers for the Haas division.



### Mock Trial

The LVR Mock Trial team won their first two competitions at the Sussex County Courthouse on 1/17 and 1/19 before succumbing to High Point in the county semifinals. Lawyers **Darcy Opperman, Carly Costanza, Willie Bias** and **Julia Marra** led the team to two victories. Witnesses **Alex Poisseroux, Molly Swiencki, Hanna Joudi, Michael Plemenos, Rhianna Teates** and **Jacob Drayer** turned in strong performances to seal the wins. The team is advised by Mr. **Nicholas Costanzo**.

### Mini-College Fair Announcement

Lenape Valley Regional High School is pleased to announce the third and final **Mini-College Fair** to be held this school year. We invite students to meet representatives of universities, community colleges, vocational, and military post-secondary programs. Come see the many exciting options that the future holds for you!

**What:** Mini-College Fair  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
**Time:** Student Lunch  
**Location:** Gymnasium



### Lenape Valley Presents...

#### The Wizard of Oz

Play director Mr. **Michael Donahue** and Ms. **Lynda Veech** visited local elementary schools to recruit and audition munchkins for the production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Students in grades five through eight were given the opportunity to audition for the play.

Mark your calendar:

April 7th @ 7pm

April 8th @ 7pm

April 9th @ 1pm

\$10 for Kids/Students/ Seniors and \$15 for adults. *After the show there will be a meet and greet with Dorothy and friends!*



## 2017-2018 School Calendar Now Available

Be sure to check out the 2017-2018 School Calendar on [www.lvhs.org](http://www.lvhs.org). It can be found on the homepage under the "Our School" tab.

## Gifted and Talented

Poet Ed Romand read and discussed poetry with twenty-eight students in Mrs. **Jean Potters'** Gifted and Talented program February 3.

## Reminder – Winter Break

Lenape Valley will be closed on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>.



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