**Superintendent’s Message**

Welcome Patriots! It is my pleasure to once again welcome you back to Lenape Valley! Whether you are a returning student, a new student, a parent, or teacher, I, like you, am ready to start the new year right. We have had a busy summer preparing for the students’ return. Our school is in a very good place financially and as a result of the hard work of our administration and thoughtful budgeting, we have been able to make capital improvements to our facilities. Our new all-purpose turf field and softball field are both now complete, and are being enjoyed by our athletic teams as well as our physical education classes. We have also begun the process of putting in new lockers that will replace those that were here when the building opened its doors in 1974. Our bathroom facilities continue to be updated as well. Perhaps most exciting is our step forward into the future with our new STEM lab area which now encompasses the entire lower media center, including two classrooms and one open space for creativity and collaboration. This new STEM lab is equipped with 3D printers, CAD, a CNC Router and several workstations. Lenape Valley is a technology leader here in Sussex County and we should all be very proud of that. In addition, this summer we installed the new 911 Alert system to integrate the school with local law enforcement agencies in the event of a true emergency.

In addition to upgrades to our classrooms and facilities, our teachers too, have continued to educate themselves, by attending and becoming certified to teach additional Advanced Placement level courses. We offer a total of 19 Advanced Placement courses, all providing students with the opportunity to earn college credit before graduating high school. Our newest course is the Calculus BC Advanced Placement course.

Over the past 6 months, our special services department has been working very hard to develop two new classrooms with the goal of providing services to our Lenape Valley students who otherwise may have had to attend schools out of district. This opens the possibility of all students, regardless of ability, to learn from one another, and we are very excited to have these new students among us.

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Sincerely,

Paul DiRupo,
Superintendent

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**A Warm Welcome to our Newest Patriots**

**Ms. Janell Deutsch** – Ms. Deutsch is the teacher of the new Life Skills classroom! She has worked with children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder for the past eight years. She enjoys traveling and taking care of her “fur babies” on her free time. She is very excited for this new program at Lenape Valley Regional High School!

**Ms. Victoria Torrisi** – Ms. Torrisi is a teacher in the new cognitive severe room and she looks forward to what this year has in store for the new program and new students. She has been in the educational field for 13 years, working as both an aide for 6 years and a teacher for 7 years working with ED and BD students. Ms. Torrisi has a background knowledge in ABA and sign language. When not at Lenape Valley she enjoys playing with her puppy, Oliver, and watching movies.
Ms. Kelly Ginsberg - My name is Kelly Ginsberg and I joined the Lenape Valley High School community as a special education teacher. I previously taught English in Denville, NJ and Dobbs Ferry, NY. I am a graduate of Virginia Tech, Manhattanville College and Rutgers University. I am blessed to be the mother of Sarah, Jack and Michael. Our family just adopted Wes from O.S.C.A.R and he is enjoying all the attention and walks from my three teenagers. In addition to valuing time with my family, I also spend as much time outdoors as possible. I have hiked many portions of the Appalachian Trail and my dream is to hike the entire AT one day.

Mrs. Latifa Heuer - My name is Latifa Heuer, I am a French teacher at Lenape Valley Regional High School. I am a graduate of Montclair State University with a B.A and an M.A in Education, French and Spanish. I am certified by the State of New Jersey in Supervision and I hold a certification in Student Personnel Services. I enjoy traveling, reading, writing poetry and gardening.

Mr. Brian Bennington – Mr. Bennington is very excited to become part of the Lenape Valley family as the new STEM instructor. The community's support for the STEM initiative is providing our students with the opportunity to work and learn in what will surely become one of New Jersey's premier high school STEM laboratories. Mr. Bennington says that he is “honored to be a part of this innovative program”. Following his undergraduate studies, he earned his Master of Architecture from NJIT. He has worked for several years as an architectural designer on both, commercial and residential projects, throughout the northeastern US. For the past ten years, he served as a STEM instructor, the STEM building coordinator, and a Technology Student Association (TSA) adviser for Newton High School. He was also instrumental in founding the varsity lacrosse program there, serving as head coach for ten years. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family. Mr. Bennington says, that he is “appreciative of the warm welcome I've received at Lenape Valley”.

Ms. Kristi Kulcsar - Kristi Kulcsar (aka Miss K) is a Ramapo College and Kean University graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Literature and a Master's Degree in Writing Studies. She was the 2015 recipient of the Excellence in Graduate Studies Award from the Nathan Weiss Graduate College at Kean University for her thesis work on Electronic Literature and has presented original research for the National Writing Center Association and International Conference for Peer Tutoring in Writing at Walt Disney World! When Miss K is not planning or teaching in her high school classroom, she can be found teaching College Composition, Creative Writing, and Literature at Kean University as an Adjunct Lecturer. She has an affinity for music, theater, and writing creative nonfiction, poetry, and children's literature. She also enjoys crocheting hats, scarves, and baby blankets for all of her family and friends and has made it her mission to convince the world that crochet is not "just your grandma's sport" anymore.

Ms. Victoria Hoskin - My name is Vicky Hoskin. I am the Transition Services Coordinator here at Lenape. My job is to assist students with disabilities and their families through the process of leaving high school and entering into the adult world. I have been working with this population for over 10 years. Prior to Lenape Valley, I was an Employment Support Professional at Employment Horizons. I am married to a great guy, Dave and I have a 7 ½ year old daughter, Emily. We also have four dogs – Bruce, Sam, Rufus, Freddie.

…And to our newest Classroom Aides:
Ms. Cynthia Langenfeld and Ms. Corrine Price

… And finally to our new Part Time School Nurse:
Ms. Christine Lydiksen
2019-2020 Testing Dates

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Other Guidance News

Mark your calendars for these special guidance department events this fall:

- 10/10: 9th & 10th Grade Parent Meeting
- 10/23 & 11/13: mini college fairs for students

Welcome to the Team!

WELCOME, Mr. Moylan! The guidance department is very happy to introduce Mr. Daniel Moylan to the department. On Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Mr. Moylan hosted a Meet and Greet with the parents and guardians. Whether you were meeting Mr. Moylan for the first time or are already well acquainted, the parents enjoyed an open forum discussion, learning more about Mr. Moylan in his new role as school counselor. Mr. Moylan has proudly been in the Lenape Valley School District for over 30 years and has proven to have his finger on the pulse of our school community. Lenape Valley is very fortunate to have a seasoned veteran join our team of professionals!

Something for Everyone

LVR offers a wide range of clubs and activities meant to enhance the high school experience. These extracurricular groups are a great way to make friends while effecting positive change at LVR and within our community. We encourage all of our students to participate in at least one of these groups – after all, there truly is “something for everyone”! A complete description of these clubs can be found in the Guidance office.

- Academic Quiz Bowl
- Choir
- Class Council
- DECA
- FBLA
- German Folk Club
- Gifted and Talented
- Go Green Club
- Interact
- International Friendship Circle
- Jazz Band
- Literary Magazine
- LVR Service Art Club
- Marching Band
- Mock Trial
- Patriot Press
- Peer 2 Peer
- Robotics
- Science & Engineering Club
- Student Council
- Theatre Technical Stage Crew
- Fall Drama & Spring Musical
- Yearbook
- Yearbook Business Staff
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Multi-Cultural Club
Amazon Future Engineer School

Lenape Valley is pleased to announce that it has been selected as an Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) School - a partnership between Amazon and Edhesive to improve access to computer science education in communities currently underrepresented in the technology field. According to the Bureau of Labor statistics, by 2020 there will be 1.4 million computer science related jobs available and only 400,000 computer science graduates with the skills to apply for those jobs. Many students eager to fill that gap and obtain a high paying job in technology do not have access to computer science in their high schools. Often schools want to offer these courses to their students but do not have access to curriculum and/or teacher support materials. Amazon and Edhesive are partnering to address this gap by sponsoring teachers and administrators who demonstrate this need and are committed to bringing computer science to their school with access to content such as: Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, or AP Computer Science courses. This content also includes access to support forums for both students and educators new to learning or teaching computer science.

Patriots Travel Abroad

From June 23 to July 9th, 2019, Frau Kauderer traveled with sixteen LVRH students to Karlsruhe, a city in the Southwest of Germany. Here the students stayed for more than 2 weeks with their German host families. Since the German students had visited Lenape Valley in October 2019, the Lenape Valley students already knew their peers. Apart from touring Heidelberg, Germany's most visited city and its oldest university, downtown Karlsruhe and Mannheim, as well as Ladenburg, an ancient Roman fortress, Our students got to visit a chocolate factory (Ritter Sport), where they made their own chocolate. Many students visited Europa Park -- a very popular amusement park in Germany's southwest. But the highlight of this trip was definitely a two-day trip to Paris: Landmarks like the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre and Sacre Coeur, a boat ride on the Seine past the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral, made a lasting impression on our students.

The trip was organized by “Jobatravel”.

LVR Teacher Updates

Mr. Nick Ripatrazone has been named Culture Editor for Image, a journal whose byline is “Art. Faith. Mystery.” According to the publication’s Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Ripatrazone is “a one-man whirlwind of Catholic literary attention and appreciation...a faithful critic...invested in taking art seriously enough to analyze it, unpack it, critique it, dissect it—all with a view to better appreciating these feats of imagination and inviting us to do the same.” Having been published in Image himself, he is noted for being both “omnivorous in his interests” and “omnipresent where literary conversations happen.”
Ms. Melanie Lombardi completed AP training this summer for the course, AP Literature and Composition. This experience will better enable her to vertically align her freshman honors classes with AP Language and AP Literature expectations, rigor and pace. She also brought back invaluable resources in lieu of the College Board’s new six-point scoring rubrics for the test’s three essays.

Mrs. Rachel Strodel completed AP training this summer as preparation for teaching the AP Environmental Science course this year.

Mrs. Susan Gales commuted to Rutgers for an AP Calculus BC Summer Institute. The days were filled with the details on required course content, offering pacing information and teaching resources. The workshop provided a variety of instructional approaches with a wide range of useful teaching strategies that she will be able to draw upon throughout the year.

Mr. Peter De Kleine attended Drew University this summer honing his teaching skills in the area of World History.

This past year’s edition of Mind Carpenter literary magazine, entitled Labyrinth, received a Gold Medal rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The CSPA evaluates magazines for their Verbal, Visual and Essential qualities. Further, Mind Carpenter earned All-Columbian Honors for special merit in the Essentials category, scoring in the 95th percentile of all submissions for its information that makes the literary/art magazine reader-friendly. Mrs. Marta Rivara advised the magazine’s staff, led by Editor-in-Chief Jennifer Sarcona and Assistant Editors Alexis Peterson and Marissa Cairo.

Marching Band Festival

The LVR Marching Patriots hosted their annual Marching Band Festival on Saturday October 5th. Spectators were certainly treated with a great show! The festival is a spectacular show with a fantastic line-up of music and choreography, which no doubt amazes. Each band represented had worked tirelessly for months, putting in long hours and exhausting work. Schools who competed were: Newton HS, High Point Regional HS, Warren Hills Regional HS, Nutley High School, Wayne Valley Regional HS, North Warren Regional HS and our very own LVR Marching Patriots.

New Programs Offer Students A Place Among Peers

The Special Services Department is thrilled to announce that they have opened two new programs at Lenape Valley this year! Since our goal is to be able to keep our students with special needs here in our building, we have opened a Cognitive Severe room and a Life Skills Room.

The Life Skills room is made up of some of our older learners (16-21), who are working on vocational and daily living skills. We designed their “classroom” to look like an apartment, with a full working kitchen, washer/dryer, dishwasher, living room, bedroom, etc., so that we can have them in a setting where they can functionally learn these skills. They are very busy cooking, doing laundry, hanging clothes, making the bed, vacuuming and looking after many other household tasks that qualify as common daily living skills. Additionally, these students will be job sampling at various local places and putting their vocational skills
into practice within our community. These students are also enjoying getting to know their typical peers here in the high school.

Our Cognitive Severe room is all about trying to bring our learners with very specific needs into the Lenape family. By attending school here, these students will get to be ingrained in the school community, while still receiving all the parts of their program that they need, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc. They will also have the opportunity to interact with their typical peers, and this is one of the most important parts of their program. The students in this room were able to recently attend the pep rally and they loved it!

We are so glad to expand our Special Services programming this year, and we look forward to all the valuable experience this is going to bring our Lenape community! We are also happy to welcome their two new teachers and an aide who are working in these rooms.

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The entire student body and staff were treated to t-shirts and wore them during the Pep Rally on September 13th. Patriot Pride was in full force as we cheered on our fall teams!

Music Mondays

Here’s something just for fun….. every Monday throughout the year, we will have “Music Monday”. A selection of music is played throughout the school as students and staff enter the building. Take a listen… you can also hear it from outside the building! It’s a fun way of welcoming everyone back from the weekend.

Around the classrooms….

On September 16, 2019, the students in Miss Kulcsar's English 3 class participated in a Canterbury Tales Digital "Escape" Room. With the use of their Chromebooks and cell phones, the students experienced an introductory exploration of Geoffrey Chaucer's world through a digital web quest in which they had to follow a trail of hyperlinks to solve puzzles by listening to Medieval music, deciphering encrypted codes, and reading internet articles about Chaucer and the Middle ages. The first group to escape the room received homework passes! Congratulations to Andrew, Graham, Hunter, and Vaughn!

Other “worthy participants” photo (L to R): Olivia Hickey, Brielle Sarno, Andres Villanueva, and Adnan Brescic

Financial Aid Presentation

Lenape Valley recognizes value in providing the school community with the opportunity to better understand their role in managing the potentially overwhelming task of navigating the Financial Aid process.

On the evening of September 18, 2019, Diane Pienta-Lett, the Director of Financial Aid at Sussex County Community College, provided our families with valuable information, enabling our parents to confidently embrace a potentially consuming process.

If you missed the presentation, do not fret! You can view the Financial Aid PowerPoint presentation by visiting Lenape Valley’s guidance website.
The Uninvited

This year's drama club brings the tales of the dark, back to the LVR stage with the Fall Drama *THE UNINVITED*. The play follows siblings Pam Fitzgerald (Shea Schindelar) and Roddy Fitzgerald (Kyle McHugh) as they seek to escape the demands of London life. In their search, they discover a charming house in the west of England, overlooking the Irish Sea. The house, located at Cliff End, has been long empty, and they are able to purchase it at a suspiciously low price from the stern and rough Commander Brooke (Ian O'Connell) and his granddaughter Stella (Alyssa Heinen). The reason is soon apparent - the house has an unsavory reputation. Pam and Roddy come to find out that fifteen years earlier a murder may or may not have occurred by the gnarled tree overlooking the cliff. As the new owners settle in, their housekeeper, Lizzie (Bailey Delahanty), and her cat, Whisky, begin to sense the evil spirit that still inhabits the house, announcing its presence with a sudden, bone-chilling cold. Hearing sounds of a weeping woman coming from the nursery, the Fitzburghs enlist the help of their friends, Wendy Carey (Laila Haughton) and Max Hilliard (Tyler McGeough) to help solve the unexplained sounds. Along the way, we meet the town doctor, Dr. Smith (Lindsey Bongiorno) and Stella's nanny, Mrs. Holloway (Payton Marx), who were in town when the murder took place. Along with their nosy neighbors, the Jessup sisters (Madelyn Fisher, Catherine DeLuca, and Samantha Coremin), the Fitzburghs discover that ghost is not only real but also dangerous.

Don't miss the haunting: November 15th & 16th at 7PM and November 17th @ 2PM.

Email mdonahue@lvhs.org for tickets.

Storm King

The students in Mrs. Carnegie’s *Studio Art* and *Art Portfolio* classes recently visited the *Storm King Art Center* in New Windsor, NY. Through exploring the grounds and museum building of *Storm King*, students learned about sculptures made by various artists. Students spent most of their time at *Storm King* viewing the large scale artworks on display outdoors within the property. As part of the trip experience, Mrs. Carnegie had students research information on sculptures on exhibit, as well as work on their drawing skills by sketching these works of art. Mrs. Carnegie said that “Because of the size of the art center, it is impossible for students to see the entire collection in one trip to Storm King.” Mrs. Carnegie went on to say that “What she loves about this trip is that it gives students an opportunity to see artworks exhibited in a beautiful park like setting.” *Storm King* is known for providing a visual experience to visitors like no other through the bonding of art with nature. Mrs. Carnegie hopes to return some day to *Storm King* with future students so that they too can visit this amazing sculpture park.
What is AP Capstone?

AP Capstone is a College Board program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. AP Capstone comprises two AP courses—AP Seminar and AP Research—and is designed to complement and enhance the discipline-specific study in other AP courses.

High Schools that offer AP Capstone program, can earn either the AP Capstone Diploma or the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

- The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.
- The AP Seminar and Research Certificate is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research.

This diagram illustrates the requirements of each award.

An electronic survey will be sent to the parents/guardians of 9th and 10th grade parents to more fully understand the interest level of the AP Capstone at Lenape Valley.

Fall Athletics Update – as of 10/9/19

Boys Cross Country: 1-2
Boys Soccer: 5-7
Field Hockey: 4-9-1
Varsity Football: 5-0
Girls Cross Country: 3-1
Girls Soccer: 9-2-1
Girls Tennis: 4-10
Congratulations to the LVR Patriot Football Team!

The Lenape Valley Football Team was selected as the *iHeart Radio/NNJ 103.7 FM* Team of the Week for October 7th. Gary Cee of WNNJ presented the team with a trophy recognizing their 5-0 start to the season.

Class of 2020 Graduates will be wearing....

The senior poll results are in! **Red** is the choice of color for the graduation regalia - defeating in order: white, navy, blue, and black.

**PATS Council**

New this year, Mr. DiRupo, Superintendent, invites parents and students to participate in the PATS Council. His vision for this group is to assemble a cross-section of community members, who will work together with Administrators in identifying opportunities and challenges for LVR. Look for an invitation to soon be sent out via Genesis. The first meeting will take place on November 21st @ 7:00PM. There will be 3 meetings in total for the school year.

Happy Trails to you Mr. Wachelka!

October 1st was Mr. Wachelka’s last day here at LVR and his first day of retirement! We wish him a very long, happy retirement. Keep in touch, Mr. Wachelka!

**On the Horizon....**

*Upcoming fun events at LVR include:*

- Week of Respect: 10/7/2019 – 10/11/2019
- St. Judes Walk-a-Thon: 10/11/2019
- Spirit week – 10/14/2019: 10/10/18/2019
- Homecoming Dance: 10/17/2019
- Homecoming Football Game vs. Madison: 10/18/2019
- Lip Sync battle: 10/23/2019
- School Violence Awareness Week: 10/21/2019 – 10/25/2019
- NHS Blood Drive: 11/12/2019
- The Uninvited (Drama): 11/15/2019 – 11/17/2019
- Share the Keys: 11/18/2019
A Community Event: Opioid Epidemic Symposium

The Sussex County Dept. of Health and Human Services is putting on symposiums around the county to share information on where/how/when to obtain services. Lenape Valley has been selected as one location where Sussex County Families may attend for free (no registration is required). The presentation includes *Hidden In Plain Sight* – a special demonstration providing parents with clues on what to look for in determining whether their child might be experimenting with drugs or alcohol.

Doors open at 6:30PM on October 28, 2019.

Soda Tabs and Ronald McDonald House

Starting on Monday, October 14th, 2019, Mr. De Kleine will again be collecting soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick, New Jersey. We started this program here at Lenape last year, and the Abdallah family picked this up and ran with it at the Valley Road School. Our combined efforts brought in a total of over 250 pounds of soda tabs!

So what is in that small amount of aluminum? For each pound we are able to bring in, the Ronald McDonald House is able to raise funds that directly go toward combating childhood cancers. Funds raised go toward helping doctors better understand and fight various childhood diseases, as well as to help families stay in a safe environment while their child undergoes treatments at local hospitals, and so much more.

Soda tabs can be brought to room B208. Together we can make a difference in our community. We are going to do this all year long! The goal is 500 pounds (or more for the year)

Follow us on Twitter!

Our official social media accounts are now up and running for Lenape Valley! They will be run by our social media coordinators, Mr. Scholl and Mrs. McCullough. We would love for you to follow our LVR accounts for photos and updates throughout the 2019-2020 school year!

They are as follows:

Facebook group - LVR Patriots Official Page
Instagram - lvr_patriots_official_page,
and Twitter - @lvrpatriots.
Check us out on Instagram

Please feel free to reach out to either of our coordinators with any questions and we are looking forward to a wonderful school year filled with fun activities!