

eNEWS

Allegheny Valley School District

Back-To-School 2022

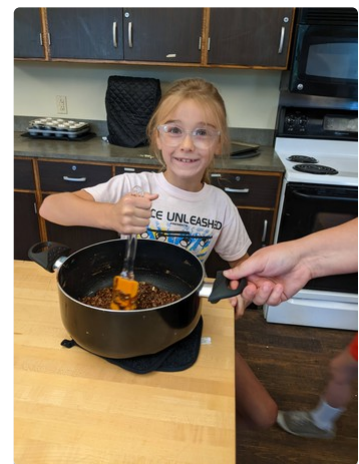
Photo: Athletic camps started on Monday, August 15 for fall sports. Students participating in football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, and cheerleading began practice for the 2022 season.



Allegheny Valley Prepares To Go Back To School

The Allegheny Valley School District enthusiastically looks forward to the 2022-2023 school year. The theme of "Reach" highlights the District's belief in moving outside the comfort zone, extending beyond the norm, and achieving great things. This year, emphasis will be placed on moving education to a new standard and enthusiastically building a better Allegheny Valley School District.

The upcoming school year brings new programs and ideas to the District. Acmetonia Elementary School will support a Technology Explorations course to assist students with technology and integrating



concepts into the classrooms. Springdale Jr-Sr High School adds an AP environmental science class to its list of advanced placement courses. In addition, both buildings have added staff members to reinforce mathematics education.

In addition, the special education program will have co-teaching scheduled in all grade levels. Four special education teachers will work collaboratively with general education teachers in English Language Arts and Math to provide instruction and support in the least restrictive environment. Collaboration and training with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit started in May and will continue throughout the school year to provide consistent, research-based practices for all students.

The Technology Department has installed Viewboards in all of the lower elementary classrooms. This project will be completed in three phases, replacing all projector setups in the individual rooms throughout the District. The High School Computer Lab was upgraded, and Chromebook usage was expanded to grade 2. Pre-K through grade 1 students will continue to use iPads. Finally, a new helpdesk/ticketing system will be implemented to streamline technology support throughout the District.

Allegheny Valley will also launch a new District Website and a separate athletic website to provide additional information to students, parents, and residents. An online District store will also be available at the start of the school year to provide Dynamo items to the school community.

For the 2022-23 school year, the Allegheny Valley School District has implemented the [Community Eligibility Program \(CEP\) in its Food Service Department](#). The CEP provides all students with free nutritional breakfast and lunch meals. Families don't have to take any action. All meals will meet federal and state nutritional guidelines.

Finally, Springdale Jr-Sr High School welcomes two teachers, Acmetonia Elementary School welcomes three new teachers, and the District welcomes four new administrators to its staff. The newcomers will continue to provide a first-rate history education program. All of these individuals are happy to begin working with students and continue to build their various programs.

Allegheny Valley offers details on goals, initiatives, and additional programs on its website. Please see www.avsdweb.org for information on the District as it begins a new school year.

Welcome Back!

The members of the Allegheny Valley School District are excited to begin a new school year. The pages of this newsletter contain information for the start of school. Students in grades 1-12 will begin school on Monday, August 22. Kindergarten students and their parents are encouraged to come to Acmetonia Elementary between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 22 for the Kindergarten Kick-Off. The event will allow students to tour classrooms, see their teachers, and review classroom procedures and routines. Kindergarten begins on Tuesday, August 23. For additional information on Kindergarten activities, please call the Acmetonia Primary School at 724-274-6500. Please keep in mind the following information:

- Classroom, scheduling, and bus information has been included on the parent portals and given to families through the Parent Portal.
- Parents are reminded that students must ride the bus THEY ARE ASSIGNED. Students cannot change buses daily and will not be permitted to ride home with friends. Administrators would appreciate NO parent requests of this nature. This policy is in place for the safety of the students.
- Parents who pick up their children at the bus stops are reminded to park at least ten feet from street

corners. While waiting for buses, individuals are asked to respect the property of the homeowners around bus stops.

- Please note that changing traffic patterns throughout the communities may vary bus times. The District asks that parents be patient with these time changes and understand that the District has no control over the time fluctuations.
- Parents driving their children to school are asked to drop off students at the appropriate doors. Doors open for students at Springdale Jr-Sr High School at 7:30 a.m.; Acmetonia Elementary School doors open at 8:10 a.m.



From the Food Services Department

Information about the Food Services Department, along with breakfast and lunch menus are listed on the [District's website](#).



Health & Safety Information

The Allegheny Valley School District provides information and updates on the Covid virus and procedures within the schools associated with the current situation on [its website](#). Any Immediate information will be sent to parents via the Blackboard Connect system.



Transportation

Bus Schedules for the 2022-23 School Year have been placed in the Parent Portal. Kindergarten students will receive information on bussing at their orientation. If you have any questions on transportation for your child, please contact Ms. Jennifer Vecchio, Transportation Director, at jvecchio@avsd.k12.pa.us



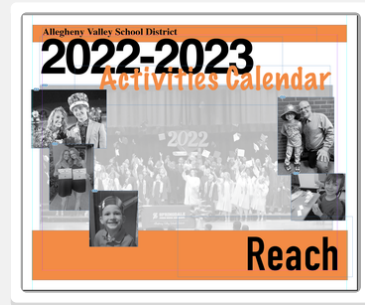
Safety

The goal of the Allegheny Valley School District is to provide and practice the most current emergency response information. Without prescribed protocols, potentially damaging issues can negatively affect the School District. In addition, the District employs a School Police Officer in each building. For Acmetonia Elementary School, Officer Kevin Gourley (kgourley@avsd.k12.pa.us) serves in this position; Officer Tom Downing (t Downing@avsd.k12.pa.us) works at Springdale Jr-Sr High School.



Technology

1:1 Devices will be distributed to students on the first day of school. Each student will receive the device, a charger, and a printed copy of the *1:1 Agreement*. All students, along with their parents/guardians, are asked to read the *1:1 Handbook* to learn the rules and expectations of using their school-provided device. The agreement must be signed and returned before Friday (8/26) to the student's 1st period class or homeroom teacher.



Activity Calendars

Each year, the Allegheny Valley School District publishes an Activities Calendar. The calendars will be available in all District offices after the start of school. After publication, updates for additional activities are added to the District's web site and can be printed directly from the calendar area.

Use of Student Photos or Interviews

Individual and/or group photographs, interviews, and/or videos of Allegheny Valley students may be taken for use by the District in publications, on its web site, or in local newspapers. Allegheny Valley provides opportunities for positive media publicity; a staff member is always present at these times. If a parent/guardian would prefer that his/her child not be photographed/interviewed for publicity purposes, he/she should send written notification to: Allegheny Valley School District, Public Relations Department, 300 Pearl Avenue, Cheswick, PA 15024.

Alumni Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

Members of the community and all alumni are asked to consider nominating a deserving alumnus for the Allegheny Valley School District's Alumni Hall of fame program. [Information and the nomination form](#) can be found on the District's website. Nomination forms are also available in the school offices.

Gold Cards

Senior residents are reminded that passes to enter District events are available. Residents can register for a Gold Card at Springdale Jr-Sr High School's main office. Seniors will need to complete an application and present proof of age, 62 or older, to receive their card. The cards do not have to be renewed.

Public Notices

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Superintendent Back-to-School Message 2022