

Welcome Back!

**The New
Strategic Plan
Is Complete!**

**VALLEY CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**



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The first few days of school went smoothly and were filled with excitement. Staff greeted students with warm welcomes. It was a pleasure to see smiling faces during morning arrival. Students participated in activities to get to know each other, their teachers and school staff, routines and procedures. There was a level of comfortability and familiarity in each building. I was able to visit all of our schools. It filled me with joy to see students eager to learn and happy to return to school. I wish all of our staff, students and families a very successful school year.

VALLEY CENTRAL'S MISSION

At Valley Central we champion curiosity and set high expectations. Our mission is to empower every member to achieve at high levels and embrace the joy of continuous learning.

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Superintendent's Message

Dear Valley Central Families,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Valley Central School District! I hope you have had a restful, enjoyable summer and feel refreshed and ready to begin a new school year. As we embark on this new school year, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Our district has been hard at work over the summer, preparing for the return of our students and staff. Construction crews worked diligently to complete projects to enhance our District's facilities. Both the Middle School and High School parking lot improvements are completed. Each building now features a newly installed pavilion, creating outdoor learning spaces for students. Additionally, the renovations at the High School have further enriched the learning environment in two key areas: a technology classroom and an art classroom.

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction has worked on identifying differentiated professional learning experiences for teachers that will lead to improved student achievement. We will pilot a new Literacy program in K-5 called Amplify CKLA. The program is designed to enhance our students' reading and writing skills. We believe this Science of Reading aligned curriculum will shift our approach in literacy education as well as meet criteria outlined in NYSED literacy initiatives. In addition, we continue our work in Valley Central's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), which is critical in providing targeted tiered interventions that meet the diverse needs of our students.

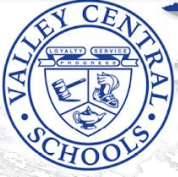
This year, we will be implementing our newly developed [5-year Strategic Plan](#), which was created with input from our community. This plan outlines our vision, mission, values, and key priorities. It will guide us as we strive to provide exceptional learning environments for all of our students. Your role in this process is invaluable. I encourage you to remain actively engaged and to continue to share your unique perspective. Please take some time to review the [strategic plan](#). I want to thank you for your feedback and collaboration in developing the strategic plan.

As we welcome our students back, let us remember the importance of how a strong partnership between home and school is essential for the success of our students. Maintaining a relationship and open communication with your child's teacher is key. Please stay informed about school events and activities by regularly checking our website, reading newsletters and school and district communications. Your involvement makes a difference in your child's educational journey.

I appreciate your dedication and commitment. We look forward to working together as one team, one district, to build a strong, vibrant, and thriving learning community that supports all students.

Together, we can make this school year a rewarding and successful experience for the VC community.

Warm regards,
Superintendent Avila



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First Day Memories



Students arriving at ALC Maybrook



Students being greeted by staff at Walden Elementary School



Students eagerly entering East Coldenham Elementary School



Principal of Montgomery Elementary School Matthew Canino stops by classrooms to welcome students



Berea Elementary students playing on the playground



Middle School Students receiving hot lunch with a side of hospitality



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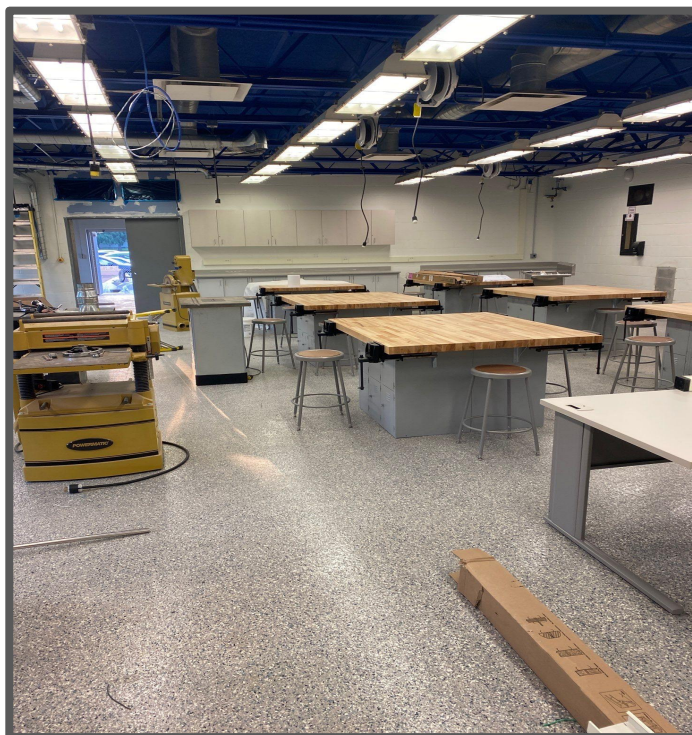
Construction Update



Outdoor learning pavilions are in their final stages of completion at each school building. These areas will be equipped with lighting and wifi and provide for an alternative learning environment for classes.



Thank you to all of the hard working
Buildings and Grounds workers!



The High School technology classroom was recently renovated to create a much-needed, modern, state-of-the-art learning environment for students.



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