

CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Learning, Connections, and Growth for All

The 2022-2023 school year began with a focus on structure as we reset some norms and expectations for being a Chippewa Valley High School Big Red. Now, we end the year recognizing and celebrating a year of growth, accomplishment and Big Red Pride. Many of those accomplishments are listed below. In addition, we'd like to recognize and thank Mr. Tony Fiorvento, one of our assistant principals, for his 46 years of dedicated service to our school, and to wish him all the best in retirement. Once a Big Red, Always a Big Red!

Academics

- 61 seniors will graduate Summa Cum Laude - GPA of 3.9 or higher, 34 Magna Cum Laude - GPA of 3.75 - 3.89, and 68 Cum Laude - GPA of 3.5 - 3.74.
- On Decision Day at CVHS we recognized students going to Purdue, Kentucky, DePaul, Morgan State, Bowling Green, North Texas, Florida Southwestern, Lourdes, Concordia Chicago, Clark Atlanta, Marymount Manhattan, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Texas Women's, Indiana Tech, Florida Tech, Northern Ohio, Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Northern Michigan, Oakland, Grand Valley, Saginaw Valley, Wayne State, Michigan Tech, Detroit Mercy, Hope, Albion, Kettering, Baker, Calvin, Northwood, Madonna, Davenport, Siena Heights, Lawrence Tech, Kuyper, Macomb CC, St. Clair County CC, Elevate, and the US Navy.
- We had three students named to the Macomb County All-Academic Team. They are among the top students in the county based on SAT and GPA. Congratulations again to Gjonpjer Kola, Logan Leitch, and Sarah Nseir for earning this recognition.
- Madi Stewart and Mia Apone took the Top Team Award in the Macomb County Rising Stars Macomb Innovates Competition. To earn this honor they performed better than students from Macomb Community College and Dakota High School. Along with the honor, they will be making an impact, as the Provost from MCC indicated that they will be using their video to recommend changes needed at the college. In addition, Madi, Mia, Payton McDonald, Alayna Haag, Molly Wilczynski, and Lauren Coury collectively took top school. Impressive work. <https://www.macombdaily.com/2023/05/01/chippewa-valley-students-take-top-awards-at-macomb-innovates>
- Our Science Olympiad team finished 4th in their Regional Tournament. Gold bid winners for the State competition were Nicolas Burch (Trajectory), Alyssa Nava and Sophia Brodeur (Green Generation). Team Members: Nicolas Burch, Carson Allen, Ethan Murphy, Griffin Murphy, Zachary Neeman, Lucas Coker, Sophia Brodeur, Zachary Kraemer, Gabe Popso, Shea Farmer, Addison Simpson, Alyssa Nava and David Sawyer.
- We have an English Language Program which supports 25speaking 8 different languages.
- Congratulations to Alaya Welch, John Marquez, Paris William, and Paul Hernandez who were all awarded academic honors from the [College Board National Recognition Programs](#).
- Chippewa Valley High School, Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families, and Dakota High School, were the recipients of the UOE Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching for the project, "Community-Engaged Learning: Bridging Medical Education and Community-Based Strategies to Leverage Health Sciences, Social Initiatives, and Evidence-based Knowledge."
- Sophomore Daniia Brown and senior Sarah Karras will have their writing published as part of the Academy of American Poets series "Dear Poet." Both addressed letters to living poets and both will be published along with other students around the nation by the most prestigious poetry organization in our country. They are the first CV students to be so honored. Congratulations Daniia and Sarah.
- CVHS Alum was recognized on Forbes Magazine's 30 Under 30 List: <https://www.cbsnews.com/detroit/news/clinton-township-native-makes-forbes-30-under-30-list/>

Athletics

- Volleyball won their first league championship in 29 years.
- Boys Tennis won the MAC White Championship.
- The following individuals qualified for individual state championships: Brandon Mento - Bowling, Julia Snyder - Wrestling, and Dylan Warnock - Swimming.
- Competitive Cheerleading advanced to Regionals for the first time in program history.
- Our varsity volleyball team won its first MAC league championship in 29 years.
- The Boys Track team won the MAC RED Championship and Regionals, and finished 2nd in the state in Division 1. Boys and Girls Track and Field had 13 athletes who qualified for the State meet. They are: Mia Barnett, Jack DeWaele, Chris Estell, Aaron Franz, Darren Hawkins, Shamar Heard, Jordan Monroe, Kaia Monroe, Jonas Morris, Noah Morris, Justin Parker, Kaelin Shaw and Jailen Thomas. Our 4 x 200 relay team of Jonas Morris, Chris Estell, Noah Morris, and Shamar Heard were state champions and also finished third in the 4 x 400. Shamar was the state champion in the 400. Jonas finished third in the 400. Noah was 5th in the 200 and 7th in the 100. And for the girls team, Kalia Munroe finished 6th in the shot put, breaking the school record.
- We recognized 38 Three Sport Athletes this year including Paige Maiorana and Aaliyah Williams who have been Three Sport Athletes for all 4 years of high school.
- We had a total of 476 student athletes compete on 27 Varsity teams this year, and 330 of them, or 69.33%, earned the MAC Academic Award for maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA. By season, this breaks down as follows:
 - Fall - 197 Athletes - 132 MAC Academic awards or 67.01%
 - Winter - 98 Athletes - 67 MAC Academic awards or 68.37%
 - Spring - 181 Athletes - 131 MAC Academic awards or 72.38%
- Twenty of our Senior graduating athletes will be continuing their athletic career next year in colleges across the country.

Arts

- The CVHS Drumline dazzled crowds this fall by playing upside down, ripping off shirts, and ultimately playing with their drumsticks on fire. [They were recognized in a story by Paula Tutman on Channel 4.](#)
- CVHS had 3 students selected for the Sutton Foster Awards this year. Then we had, for the first time in the Sutton Foster Awards history, an honorable mention-additional student selected, giving us a total of 4 students selected – Courtney Serra (Belle), Holly Zamojski (Belle), Charlie Anderson (Lumiere), and Taylor Pozzi (LeFou).
- Alaya Welch, a CVHS senior, won 2nd place at the International Youth Silent Film Festival Midwest Regional at the Redford Theater. She has been a member of the CVHS Film Club since its beginning last year. This month, the film will be shown at the Festival's final in Portland, Oregon. If you want to see her short film intitled *Gifted*, here is a link: <https://youtu.be/SB56QrOWu6Q>

CTE

- HOSA had 10 students compete in the State Leadership Conference in Traverse City. Amanda Doehr placed 4th in Human Growth and Development, and Mansi Karia was elected as a MI HOSA State Officer.
- Sophia Gielegem, Leona Nagj, Ashia Cathey and Alaina Peters traveled to Orlando, FL to compete in the Deca International Career Development Conference. Sophia and Leona were instrumental in our Red Zone school store receiving Gold Certification in the School Based Enterprise Category. This certification is the highest-level certification offered in this category. Ashia and Alaina were selected at the State Level to represent Michigan in the Emerging Leader Series.
- The Chippewa Valley Auto Skills Club members have qualified for the Macomb Community College Engine Challenge. Students qualified through a certification style written test to participate in the hands on engine build. The engine build is a timed competition where students must completely rebuild a small block Chevy engine in under 2 hours. The team with the best time wins. The following students are this year's Chippewa Valley Engine Build Team: Evan Vogel, Tony Pollun, Anthony St. Onge, Ian Rivera, Jackson

Langlois, and Nate Garon. Honorable mentions to the following students for attempting the written test: Angel Hernandez, Annalise Issac, Cory Ashwell, Matt Credo, Chris Keena, and Anthony Russell.

- This is the first year that the Medical Career class offered the Patient Care Technician certification test for the second-year students. 19 students passed out of 22 students who took the test. They are now certified PCT which can provide them with many different healthcare employment opportunities and is a steppingstone to other healthcare careers by providing hands-on patient care experiences.
- Senior Devyn Guptil placed first in Engineering Design in the American Society of Body Engineers competition. He also placed 6th in the region for both CAD Product Development and Wrought Metal in the Large Fixture category for the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Association.

Community

- Our Coalition Teen Council, with support from a number of other CVHS clubs and our community, created a Kindness Rock Garden at our main entrance this year.
- In September the Clinton Township Fire Department and Med Star joined CVHS students in our media center for CPR training in recognition of the life-saving action of CVHS student, Sophia Vitale. [Channel 4 reported the story.](#)
- Our Rowdy Red Zone was recognized by The Student Section Report as [the top football student section in the state](#). We were then voted the Best Student Section in the East Coast Region.
- Our school made a \$5007.66 donation to the Van Andel Institute to support biomedical research and science education programs to fight cancer as a part of Purple Week.
- Our National Honor Society students made 400 fleece tie blankets this holiday season. They were all donated to Chippewa Valley High School's less fortunate students, homeless veterans, local homeless shelters, senior living centers, and a school in need in River Rouge.
- Our Sophomore Student Council students made and donated 23 beautiful and thoughtful stockings and gift baskets to the Macomb Foster Closet, an all-volunteer nonprofit 501c3 organization providing much-needed clothing and other essential items free to children in foster care and the amazing families that care for them.
- Our Gay Straight Alliance participated in the Clinton Township Board's recognition of Pride Month: <https://www.macombdaily.com/2023/05/31/clinton-twp-sterling-heights-officials-show-support-for-lgbtq-communities-with-pride-flag/?share=nnlgbouesoslanlh3oi>
- Our Community Scholarship Program awarded 36 total scholarships to 55 of our seniors.

Have a great summer and Go Big Reds,



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