

CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Learning, Connections, and Growth for All

Despite numerous challenges associated with the lingering effects of the Covid pandemic and all the other challenges that we face in our world today, our students learned and grew this year and we accomplished some great things. Many, but not all of those things, are listed below. Be proud to be a Chippewa Valley High School Big Red.

Academics

- 64 seniors will graduate Summa Cum Laude - GPA of 3.9 or higher, 42 Magna Cum Laude - GPA of 3.75 - 3.89, and 64 Cum Laude - GPA of 3.5 - 3.74.
- Decision Day at CVHS included students going to Hope, Oakland, Rochester, MSU, Tuskegee, Kettering, MIT, U of M, Macomb, Saginaw Valley, Ferris, Hampton, Lafayette, Grand Valley, Detroit Mercy, Central, Greenville, ASU, Wayne State, Butler, joining Army and Air Force, and more.
- We had four students named to the Macomb County All-Academic Team. They are among the top students in the county based on SAT and GPA. Joseph Pelkey earned the highest honor of making the All-Academic Dream Team and he was also selected as a candidate for the prestigious United States Presidential Scholar Program and is being offered the National Merit Michigan State University Scholarship.
- Our Science Olympiad team earned 2nd place in Regionals which qualified us for the State Competition. At Regionals every team member placed 4th and above in their events. We had 3 students win medals at States.
- We earned Macomb County Green Schools Evergreen status for the 12th year in a row, and we received the highest award, being named top overall school in Macomb County. This is the second year in a row that we have earned this and the third time overall.
- We won the March is Reading Month contest between CVHS and Dakota. We checked out 1034 books over four weeks, raised \$1100 for our Media Center, and won the Best Library in the MAC Trophy!
- This year students travelled to Rome and Paris, and next year we are planning trips to Costa Rica and Japan.

Athletics

- We had a total of 462 students compete as a Varsity athlete this year and 331 of them, or 71.65%, received the MAC Academic award! By season, this broke down to:
 - Fall – 204 Varsity Athletes – 135 MAC Academic awards or 66.18%
 - Winter – 105 Varsity Athletes – 78 MAC Academic awards or 74.29%
 - Spring - 153 Varsity Athletes – 118 MAC Academic awards or 77.12%
- 22 athletes are continuing their academic and athletic careers in the following sports: Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Volleyball, Softball, Swimming, Track & Field, Baseball, Bowling, & Basketball.
- The varsity boys basketball team won a MAC Red Championship for the first time since 2011 and they also won the District Championship.
- Elena Gassner & Casey Boni made school history by being the first ever females to earn All-State in the sport of wrestling. Elena earned a 3rd place while Casey placed 4th.
- Our Varsity Boys Bowling Team won the MAC Red tournament and Chase Kapraun was the MAC Red singles champion. The team also qualified for the State tournament and Giovanni Costa qualified for the State singles tournament.
- Six members of the Boys Swimming Team qualified for the state meet. Dylan Warnock set the school record in the 100 breast stroke.

- Our boys track team won the MAC Red Championship and the girls were 2nd. Our track teams qualified for states in 6 events. The boys track team who finished tied for third in the state at the state.
- Our baseball team who won the district championship.
- Shamar Heard is the state champion in the 100 and 200. Also, Karol Kozlowski, Aaron Franz, and Noah and Jonas Morris broke the school record in the 4 x 400. And Jonas Morris broke the school record in the 400 and finished 3rd in the state.
- Cephus Harris was one of 10 candidates for Michigan High School Football Player of the Year.
- Coach Scott Merchant was selected into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Arts

- Our Musical won “Best Choreography” in the state.
- Two students were selected to participate in State Honors Choir and R.J. Kilcher earned 2nd place in the state for the Sutton Foster Awards.
- We had a Mixed Quartet selected for All-State (which essentially means they won the state championship).
- McKenna Mead was selected as a top 16 soloist in the state.
- The CVHS Choir had 25 students earn a 1st Division Rating at the state solo & ensemble festival.
- The CVHS Duet, McKenna Mead and Evan Smith, earned a Perfect Overall Score in state competition.
- All three of our bands received straight 1's, first division ratings, at MSBOA District Band Festival.
- The Big Reds Marching Band finished in 2nd place at the Brandon SMB Competition and captured the Marching, Color Guard and Percussion caption awards.
- In the National Scholastics art competition, we had 5 gold key award winners, 4 silver key award winners, and 6 honorable mentions. The Gold Key award winners had their artwork move on to New York for the national awards competition, and one went on to win a gold key at the national level.
- The Film Club was selected as a finalist in the International Youth Silent Film Festival in April at the Redford Theatre.

CTE

- 10 CVHS Auto Tech students passed the Automotive Service Excellence - ASE Student Certification Exam and one, Nolan Provencher, also attained State of Michigan Automobile Mechanics Licensure.
- 17 students have earned Industry-standard ASE Certifications in Electrical/Electronic Systems and Engine Repair.
- 2 Information Technology student earned certification in Introduction to Programming using JavaScript.
- 7 Cybersecurity students earned their certification in Security Fundamentals.
- Logan Leitch was the first CVS student to earn Introduction to Programming Using Python certification.
- 15 Information Technology students earned certification in Introduction to Programming Using HTML and CSS.
- 64 students Microsoft Office WORD certified
- 45 students Microsoft Office POWERPOINT certified
- 13 students Microsoft Office EXCEL certified
- Aiden Britt was the first student to receive a perfect score of 1000 on PowerPoint.
- Christopher Meharg, Dallas Gordon, Marissa Genord, Emmanuela Johnson, Nolan Provencher and Kayla Rieger each earned Word, PowerPoint and Excel achieving the highest level of certification to become Microsoft Office Specialist certified.
- Our HOSA team had 19 Top 10 finishers qualifying them to compete in state level competition.
- Jenna Blair earned the Macomb Career and Technical Education Administrators Association winner for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- Ford donated a Ford Escort to the CVHS Automotive Technology program. Only one program is selected in each Ford region for this honor.

- Our Auto program received funding from RPM Foundation for \$3,000 to support the car restoration project for a donated 1965 Ford Mustang Coup.
- Our Internship Program presented at Macomb Chamber of Commerce to promote more industry partnerships and more work experience opportunities for students.

Community

- The CVHS Student Leadership and Key Club students, along with other community sponsors, helped Relay for Life raise over \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society. Mitchell Brand gave his survivor story to kick off the day.
- Donations for Mayfield, Kentucky were collected by the CVHS Community to help that community recover from tornado damage
- CVHS students participated in the Make A Wish/Macy's Believe Campaign, and along with 45 other schools, helped raise \$24,542.
- Our Annual Canned Food Drive collected a total of 1,169 cans and \$310.44.
- National Art Honor Society members created an adult coloring book and packaged them with crayons and colored pencils that were donated to the assisted living community.
- In a new partnership, AP Biology and Human Biology students participated in career and case study investigation with students and professors from MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Macomb.
- We partnered with Macomb Community College and the Michigan Partnership for Academic Transitions (MI-PAT) to involve select students in a dual enrollment course to improve students' ability to succeed in college math courses.

Have a great summer and Go Big Reds,



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