



Chippewa Valley High School – 9th Grade Center
Weekly Announcements
Week of October 6, 2025



NEWLY ADDED ANNOUNCEMENTS for 10/6/2025 – 10/10/2025 (please read)

- ***New from the You-Know-That-Word's-Not-Right Corner:*** Because students often write how they speak, Mr. Williams announces a new word or phrase that he overhears incorrectly used in the hallway, and he uses it correctly. Students listen, quickly learn, and laugh, especially since many have used quite a few of these words. The goal is to increase proficiency in reading and writing, even if only by small gains. Like a penny, these gains in vocabulary add up. Last week's words and/or phrases were as follows:
 - **Converse** – Although the threshold for gaining entry into the dictionary is based partly on the widespread use of a word, *conversate*, as in, "I was conversating on the phone," is incorrect and should not be used in formal writing assignments. The correct word is *converse*, as in, "I was conversing on the phone."
 - **Hurt** – The past tense of *hurt* is *hurt*. *Hurted* is not a word. If you have ever uttered *hurted*, lightly give yourself a slap on the wrist.
 - **See** – The simple past tense of see is saw, as in "I *saw* you do it." "I *seen* you do it" is incorrect. Although there are nuances, the simple rule of thumb is to place the participle *have/has/had* between the subject and verb. Then, "I *have seen* you do it" is correct.
 - **Ask** – Although most students will not make this mistake in writing, we must be clear when we say *we asked him* versus *we axed him*. The latter is quite brutal. *Ask* and *ax (axe)* are not homonyms/homophones. Ask your English teacher how aunt and ant merged to be universally recognized as homophones/homonyms in the U.S. as you continue to make meaning of our language.
- ***From the CV9 Counseling Office:*** Counselors visited all Freshmen Global History classes last week. Graduation requirements, available help, tips for success, and other resources were all shared. Attached is the information they were provided, which can also found on our [Counseling Website](#) by clicking *Welcome Freshmen Class of 2029*. We are excited to help your Big Red have a great freshmen year!
- **Freshman Fall Dance:** The fall dance takes place Saturday, 10/18/25, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in CV9's cafeteria. Ticket sales resume 9/29/25 – 10/15/25 for \$20. Ninth grade students will not be allowed to attend the homecoming dance at the main building. Click on [dance tickets](#) to purchase dance tickets.
- **Student Clubs and Activities:** The opportunity to participate in the following teams, clubs, and activities was *recently announced* to students:
 - **Winter Guard's Meet & Spin** will be held Sunday, 10/26/25, from noon until 4:00 p.m. in CV9's gym. Anyone in grades eight through 12 can attend. No experience is necessary. Just be sure to wear comfortable, athletic clothing. You should also bring a full water bottle and a smile. Direct all questions to Monica@evokepc.com or call 568-876-2442.
 - The **Baseball program** will hold an informational meeting Tuesday, 10/7/25, at 7:30 p.m. in the main building cafeteria. Anyone that is interested in playing should attend the meeting with a parent for off-season information. If you have questions, please see Mr. Piscopink in room 324.
 - There will be a **Drama Club** meeting in the Auditorium after school Wednesday, 10/1/25, from 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to join!
 - **Writer's Club** meets every Thursday in room 103 after school until 3:00 p.m. See Mrs. Johnston for questions.
 - The **Detroit Zoo**, yes, THE Detroit Zoo, is coming to CV9. They host an after-school club on Tuesdays starting 10/7/25. Meetings will be held in Mr. Kohnen's room (room 301) from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Email or see Mr. Kohnen for more details.
 - **Salt and Light Bible Study** meets every Tuesday in room 124 after school in the main building. All are welcome!
- **Upcoming Sporting Events:** Please click on [CVHS' Sports Schedules](#) to stay abreast of all sporting events. Students are not admitted to any of our sporting events for free. The only way a student can get in is if they have purchased a student

activity card through PaySchools Events and have the sports icon added to their student IDs. Otherwise, they will need to purchase a ticket online at [GoFan - The largest high school ticketing solution in the U.S.](#)

- **Positivity Quote** of the week: Growth is growth, no matter how small.

Choose to have a fabulous week!



ON-GOING ANNOUNCEMENTS for Parents (review only as needed)

- **Announced Hall Sweeps:** As encouragement for students to arrive at class *and* lunch on time, CV9 will implemented *announced* hall sweeps **only if needed for our new class of students**. Parents will be notified in advance, if this system is necessary. Sweeps will continue every hour each day, should they be deemed necessary. Students who travel to and from the main building are dismissed four minutes early both ways. Those caught in tardy sweeps will receive an after-school detention for each sweep. Students who are frequently caught in tardy sweeps will face progressive consequences, which might include a suspension, so please encourage your child to make the right choice. To help navigate CV9's hallways quickly and to avoid the consequences of tardiness, please reinforce these tips:
 - Learn your locker combination.
 - Take care of business first and then socialize near your next scheduled class.
 - Take two classes worth of folders if you think you'll be late by going to your locker.
 - If you really have an urge, go directly to the restroom after class. Do not wait until after the two-minute warning bell rings.
 - If your friends are running late, leave them! They will have to catch up with you later.
 - In addition to the warning bell, Mr. Williams loudly proclaims in the hallways that the *walk-and-talk bell* has rung. He also says, "Walk it while you talk it (from the artist Migos)" and to "walk it out now (from the artist Unk)." Most of our students are familiar with these artists, so they know what to do.
- **Attendance:** Please view the [attendance policy](#) so that you are fully aware of the process. For every four instances of tardiness to a given class, students will receive an after-school detention.
- **Backpacks:** Students will not be allowed to carry clear backpacks or backpacks of any other material into their classrooms. Only laptop carrying cases will be allowed inside of classrooms. Students may, however, bring backpacks to school, but the backpacks must be stored in the students' assigned lockers during the school day. Larger instruments or sports-related bags can be brought to the main office for storage. **Students who travel to the main building first or sixth hours for band, choir, German, or non-freshman-level courses will be allowed to carry clear backpacks (no other type i.e., fabric, mesh) to the main building.** For any other type of backpack, students will need to report to their lockers before traveling to the main building first hour or return to their lockers after traveling to the main building for sixth hour. Students who travel to the main building during hours two through five should carry only what is needed for that course. Traveling students are given 10 minutes to reach their designated class on time, which also includes time to stop at their lockers.
- **Bus Stop & Schedule:** Click on [Transportation - Departments - Chippewa Valley Schools Home Page](#) for information.
- **Cell phone policy:** Please click on [cell phone policy](#) for complete information.
- **ClassLink:** You (parents/guardians) still have the option to sign up and access a ClassLink dashboard that includes common district-websites, such as PowerSchool Parent Portal, Meal Magic, PaySchools Central, and more! Like staff and students, you can also add additional apps to customize their dashboard. Please click on the link for step-by-step directions.
- **CVHS 10-12 Building:** Students not involved in sanctioned, supervised activities must not enter the main building. Ninth graders who are waiting for rides can remain inside at CV9. Students found unsupervised next door may be cited for trespassing.
- **Dress Code:** Please be sure to review Chippewa Valley High School's [dress code](#) with your child to help ensure an amazing start to each day.

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- **Early Dismissal:** Although we expect the students to act more mature than in their middle school years, they are not adults just yet. Please help us maintain proper care of your child by calling the office to sign out your student instead of calling/texting your student to just leave the building. Undocumented absences will be marked as unexcused.
- **Free and Reduced School Meals:** For the 2024-25 school year, breakfast and lunch will be free to all students, regardless of income; however, in order to ensure that CV9 has full access to federal and state funding for educational programs (i.e., credit recovery) to which our students are entitled, please fill out the application for free and reduced lunch, even if you do not believe you qualify. **If you've never filled out this form, please start. If you've ever completed the form, please continue.** Click on [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#) and select *Apply for Benefits*.
- **Gym Apparel:** Click on [CV9 gym apparel](#) if you would like to purchase t-shirts and shorts with the high school's name.
- **Helpful Documents:** Please review the documents that are posted on the [Big Red Check-In](#) page with your son or daughter so that he or she is as familiar as possible with CV9.
- **House Slippers, Hoods, and Other Head Gear:** Slippers must not be worn during school hours. Please remind our students that full head scarves, bonnets, and do-rags are prohibited; however, hoods and hats can be worn during lunch and in the hallways but not during class.
- **IDs:** If your student has a mobile phone, please encourage him or her to **take a picture of the ID** (once available) and be sure that the barcode is visible. The cost to replace an ID is \$2.
- **Inappropriate Language:** Recently, there has been an increase in students using inappropriate language (profanity/n-word). Even if they can use this speech at home, please speak to your child to ensure they are using productive, positive language and that they are respectful of those who are near while at CV9. Students were given this message and were reminded that they are responsible for the choices they make.
- **Laptop Fee Chart**

Reason	Charge to Student
HP Laptop Replacement Cost (lost)	\$575
HP Power Cable Replacement (lost)	\$25 or must be HP / Dell if replacing
Liquid Damage	\$200
Laptop Case (if applicable)	\$25
Bezel (Frame around screen and/or keyboard)	\$20
Replacement Asset Tag (Barcode)	\$3
Bottom Base (Plate)/ Palm Rest	\$20
Hard Drive	\$50
Hinge Cap	\$10
LCD Monitor (screen)	\$100
System board	\$30
Port Damage (USB, charging port, headphone, etc.)	\$25
Hinge	\$20
Missing Key(s) replaced (per key)	\$10
Neglect (Food/dirt/sticky residue)	\$5
Other _____	Actual repair cost

- **Medication:** If your child takes any medication including over-the-counter medicine, please click on the link for guidance regarding [School Medication Procedures](#).
- **Okay2Say:** Please keep the link for **Ok2Say** in an easily accessible place <https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say>. Ok2Say is a part of Michigan School Safety programs. If you are ever aware of a threat to our school or to a student in our school, report it. 24/7/365.
- **Parent Portal:** Please frequently check Parent Portal, and email teachers for grades and other information. If you would like access to your child's Schoology account, be sure to email ONE of your child's teachers for a parent access code.
- **Parking Lot Procedures:** When **dropping off** your student in the morning, please recognize that there is only one way in and out of the CV9 court. When you arrive, please keep your child inside the vehicle, follow the flow of traffic around the circle, and do not release your child until he/she is curbside. To maximize movement, please pull as close to door 2 as possible (just beyond the main entry) and allow your child to quickly exit the vehicle as soon as he or she is curbside; there is no need to wait until he or she is right in front of the main entry. **At no point should your child cross the street, so children**

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should not be released in the parking lot. Please do not use the middle lane until you pass door 2 (one door past the main entry). Doors open at 6:25 a.m. To avoid the morning rush, please consider dropping off your student prior to 6:45 a.m. Always practice patience.

When **picking up** your student, park alongside the curb as traffic dictates. Pull forward to door 2. Whenever possible, please continue to move forward. **Your child will be able to cross the street at the main crossway in front of the main entry only.** He or she must wait until Mr. Williams gives the signal to cross. After picking up your child, and you are still not able to progress, please kindly signal, and Mr. Williams will help you access the middle lane.

- **Pathfinder:** Help your kids explore in-demand careers and the credentials they'll need on Pathfinder. The recently updated pathfinder uses current labor market information and wage data to help you learn about career paths in Michigan. Get started at <https://pathfinder.mitalent.org/resources>.
- **Physical Horseplay and Altercations:** Please help reinforce that students must keep their hands to themselves. Many would like to say they are playing with friends, but when asked, they often don't know the other student's name. Other students say they are just having fun, but these playful actions set the stage for accidents or an escalation due to one student feeling embarrassed in front of a group. Encourage students to contact a trusted adult in the event of struggles or conflicts. Do not encourage fighting. Please know that school fights result in 10-day suspensions, a \$250 fine for the first infraction (\$100 civil and \$150 court fee) and a \$650 fine (\$500 fine and \$150 court fee) for second offense with the possibility of additional consequences.
- **Restroom Expectations:** Please remind your son or daughter of the following **restroom expectations**:
 - Do not enter the restrooms in groups of three or more. Those who need mirrors, please use the mirror outside of the office, or reverse the camera view on cell phones to inspect appearances.
 - Phones must be put away while in restrooms, even when waiting for an available stall.
 - Only one person is allowed in a stall at a time, no exceptions.
- **Transportation Options:** If you live in-district, but you drive your student to and from school, please consider allowing your child to ride the bus. For those of you who are uncomfortable with your child walking in the dark, your child can wait at his or her bus stop inside your vehicle until the bus arrives. This way, you won't have to worry about traffic jams or making a left turn out of CV9's parking lot. You can also wait for your child to arrive at his or her bus stop in the afternoon from the comfort of a nearby subdivision.

If you still prefer to drop off and pick up, please strongly consider making a right turn. You will find that turning right is less stressful, and the two extra minutes it takes you to get home will be the same two minutes you would have used waiting for others as you attempt a left turn out of CV9's parking lot.

Those of you who arrive early for afternoon pick-up, please fight the urge to park beyond door #2. Doing so may create a shortcut or be easier for you, but it blocks a lot of drivers from entering the lane to make a right turn, which inhibits everyone's ability to exit. Be patient, and remember, there is only one way in, and one way out.
- **Vacations Prior to the Conclusion of the School Year:** Family vacations are very important, and many of us must take trips whenever our employers allow, but some of us understandably make plans when there is a spectacular deal. If possible, please avoid scheduling elective trips between 6/9/25 and 6/11/25. The last day of finals and teacher-presence is 6/11/25. Scheduling finals over summer break is not only difficult to coordinate, but your child will need to retain all of the information he or she learned for an even longer period of time to be successful on exams, which accounts for 20% of his or her final grade. For those who absolutely must travel prior to the last day of school, please have your child make arrangements with his or her teachers to take finals prior to the trip.
- **Videos:** Please discourage your child from recording others, especially during a conflict. The expectation is to immediately report problematic behavior, but at the very least, your child should move away from and not run toward the problem to record. Should your student record and share videos that cause additional disruptions in school, your student will be held accountable.

Daily Class Schedule (M,T, Th, F)	
Periods	Times
1 st Hour	7:10 – 8:09
2 nd Hour	8:15 – 9:14
3 rd Hour	9:20 – 10:19
4 th Hour	10:25 – 12:56
5 th Hour	12:02 - 1:01
6 th Hour	1:07 - 2:06



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