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## 25th Anniversary of Putnam Valley High School



**Putnam Valley High School** opened its doors in September 2000, and we are proud to celebrate 25 years of learning, growth, and community. This milestone reflects a quarter-century of achievement and pride. PVHS has become a place where students discover their strengths, build lasting relationships, and prepare for bright futures. We are grateful to the staff, students, families, and community members whose support has shaped the high school over the past 25 years!

## Pre-K at Putnam Valley Elementary School – 2026-2027

Putnam Valley Central School District, in partnership with the YMCA of Central & Northern Westchester, will once again offer a no-fee universal pre-K program for the **2026–27 school year**. The program is funded by New York State and is located behind the Elementary School.

Eligible children must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2026, and reside in the Putnam Valley School District. **Applications are open until December 31, 2025**, with limited seats filled by lottery. Fee-based before/after-school care will be available.

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# PUTNAM VALLEY

## School District News



## PVES has a Special New Staff Member Welcome Mason!



**This wonderful addition to PVES and the PVCSD community** was made possible through a grant written by Assistant Superintendent Jackie Levine and generously funded by the Putnam Valley Education Foundation (PVEF), whose ongoing support brings innovative ideas to life for our students.

Mason has found his perfect match with our Elementary School Technology Specialist, Alex Gofman. As Mason's primary handler, Alex brings him to school each day and takes him home, so Mason lives with Alex and his family while also being a regular part of the PVES community. We're so fortunate to have Mason with us—spreading joy, offering support, and becoming an important part of our school community.

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### Letter from the Superintendent

*Dear Putnam Valley Community,*

It has been a wonderful start to the school year, and I remain deeply grateful for our dedicated staff, supportive families, and outstanding students.



In line with our **CORE Values** of *Community, Opportunity, Resilience, and Empowerment*, we've chosen **Resiliency** as our district-wide focus for this school year. Resilience is guiding our work as we support students and staff in navigating challenges and building strength through learning, connection, and care.

At recent Board of Education meetings, we heard updates from each of our schools, and it's clear

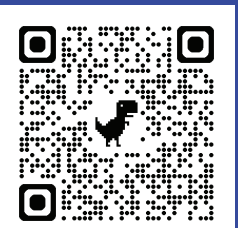
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## IB MYP



Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated Middle School staff, Putnam Valley Middle School has been certified as an International Baccalaureate World School for the Middle Years Programme (IB) (MYP). This accomplishment is the culmination of a rigorous process of review and implementation of the MYP curriculum. As an IB World School, PVMS is now recognized as providing a global curriculum focused on developing well-rounded, critically thinking students who are prepared to make a positive difference in the world.

Thank you to every educator, leader, and team member whose tireless commitment and thoughtful leadership made this achievement possible. Your work has created a lasting foundation for excellence in teaching and learning at PVMS.

## Celebrating First Responders

At the end of October, we hosted our annual First Responder Appreciation Events, honoring all who live in and/or serve and protect our community. A special thank-you to the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department for anchoring many of these learning opportunities and our special student celebrations.



During a Middle School recess, we were joined by the Putnam Valley Ambulance Corps, the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department, the Westchester County Police Special Response Team and Bomb Squad with K9 Casey, as well as the New York State Police and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, who brought their rescue vehicle, motorcycle, and K9 Harlan. We also welcomed a LifeNet of New York medical transport helicopter for a special visit.

At the Elementary School, First Responder classroom visits culminated with the Westchester County Police Department helicopter landing on the front field—a true highlight for our students! The in-person visits from mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who serve as first responders made these events especially meaningful. Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and service.



## Letter from the Superintendent

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that meaningful learning and engagement are happening every day. I want to thank our teachers, staff, and administrators for their creativity, compassion, and commitment to creating a strong, supportive learning environment where students are excited to come to school.

In this newsletter, you'll find information about:

- Universal Pre-K: Register for the lottery by December 31
- Mason, the newest addition to Putnam Valley Elementary School
- The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
- Updates and upgrades of our buildings and grounds
- Celebrating Putnam Valley's First Responders ...and much more!

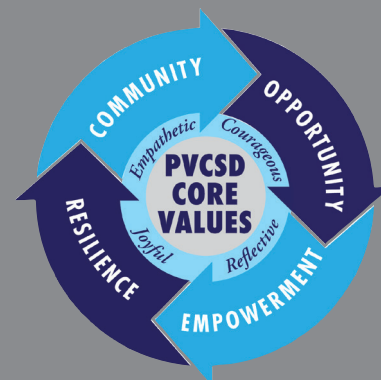
Thank you to our community for the tremendous support of the High School and Middle School blood drives and our holiday food drives. The efforts of our teachers and students—supported by our larger community—make a real difference and reflect the generous spirit of Putnam Valley.

Across our district you'll see many examples of our students building resilience, learning to navigate challenges, and excelling both inside and outside the classroom. Together, we continue to build a community where everyone can grow, lead, and thrive.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeremy Luft  
Superintendent of Schools



## Athletic Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the 2025 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees:

Kristi Dini, Class of 2005

Joe Morgan, Class of 2005

Erin McCrudden, Class of 2013

Community contributor -  
Mrs. Jerri Cohen



Reminder: Make your nominations for our Hall of Fame here.



Hall of Fame inductee Joe Morgan, pictured with his PVHS teachers and coaches. (Tad Ignatz, Joe Morgan, Brian Kuczma, Bob Baker)

## Green Ribbon Award

Putnam Valley Central School District has been selected as a recipient of the New York State Green Ribbon Award, presented by the New York State Department of Education Board of Regents. This prestigious recognition honors schools and districts that demonstrate innovative efforts in sustainability, environmental education, and wellness. It is a powerful reminder that our commitment to building a foundation for the future includes both academic excellence and environmental responsibility.



Congratulations to the High School cast and crew of *Arsenic and Old Lace* on a fantastic production! The performances and the incredible set showcased our students' talent, teamwork, and creativity, and we are so proud of everyone involved.

Save the Date for the Spring Musical - *Into The Woods* - April 17, 18, 19.

Behind every great show is an incredible team! Cast and crew of *Arsenic and Old Lace* with Theater Manager and Stage Crew Advisor, Susi Cummings.

## Facilities Update

Our Turf and Track replacement project is complete and looks amazing. Additional summer projects have enhanced our buildings, including a new instructional space at Putnam Valley High School to support a specialized program. Additionally, an underutilized space on the second floor of the Middle School has been transformed into small group instructional spaces, an office, and a conference room. This has allowed us to free up space that will now serve as a full-size classroom.



The voter-approved facilities capital project is also underway as we conclude the detailed planning and development phase of the project.

Architects have met with our school nurses, administration, and district staff to discuss priorities for the renovation of the nurse's office at PVES. Engineers have been on-site conducting design work for our geothermal and HVAC work at PVES, as well as the parking lot, retaining wall, and drainage work on the Middle and High School campus. We remain hopeful that some of the approved work can begin as early as the summer of 2026 to help avoid escalation costs.