



WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS

2023 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN



REBECCA ELWOOD **VALEDICTORIAN**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2023 Valedictorian is Rebecca Elwood, daughter of James and Bonnie Elwood. Rebecca is a member of National Honor Society, international club, and drama club, and is active in the community through 4-H. She is also a skilled musician, playing in our school's jazz band, concert band, and marching band, and playing at all-county, area all-state, and Solofest. In the fall, Rebecca will attend Rochester Institute of Technology to study mechanical engineering.



JULIE KICHUK **ACCELERATED SALUTATORIAN**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2023 Accelerated Salutatorian is Julie Kichuk, daughter of Ilya and Valentina Kichuk. Julie has been an exceptionally motivated student throughout high school, and doubled up on classes to graduate a year early. She is a member of National Honor Society and has also served on student council and as class treasurer. She is a skilled musician and participated in all-county band. In the fall, Julie will attend SUNY Poly to study Nursing.



GRACE VANETTEN **SENIOR SALUTATORIAN**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2023 Senior Salutatorian is Grace VanEtten, daughter of Cheri VanEtten. Grace is a member of National Honor Society. She has been involved in numerous extracurricular activities throughout high school, including art club, drama club, and has had several starring roles in school plays and musicals. In the fall, Grace will attend Utica University on the biochemistry pre-med track with the goal of becoming a surgeon.



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MR. DJ SHEPARDSON



The conclusion of the 2022-23 school year is rapidly approaching. The class of 2023 will graduate on Saturday, June 24th at 10:00 AM in an outside ceremony on the football field. The logistics of the ceremony as well as guest information will be provided in the upcoming weeks. We will once again be streaming graduation live through our website for those unable to attend who would like the opportunity to view the ceremony.

Once again, I would like to thank members of the community for supporting the 2023-2024 budget, bus proposition, and capital improvement proposition. The ongoing support from the community allows the district to maintain all current programs while increasing opportunities for our students. The facility improvements that will take place over the next two years will ensure that West Canada Valley will provide a positive and safe learning environment for years to come.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate the following staff members who will be retiring at the conclusion of the school year;

- Julie Purinton - Teacher
- Gloria Ackman - Teacher
- Nancy Gallagher - Teacher Assistant
- Nancy Fulmer - Teacher Assistant
- Sharon Candella - Teacher Assistant
- Jim Dieffenbacher - Building and Grounds
- Glenn Miner - Teacher Assistant
- Carol Leon - Bus Driver
- Ruth Dillenbeck - Cafeteria

The district is grateful for many years of dedicated service to West Canada Valley Central School.

Congratulations to Mrs. Alisa Brewer and Mr. Edwin Schatzel for being elected to the West Canada Valley Board of Education. Thank you to Mrs. Shawn Schultz and Mr. Carson Marko for the many years of dedicated service to the district.

On behalf of the district, congratulations to the Class of 2023!!! I am confident that this senior class has prepared themselves for the next steps in their lives and will move on to do great things in the years ahead. Thank you to all of the parents/guardians for supporting your children and the school district throughout their time here.

As always, preparations are underway for the upcoming school year. The district will spend a great deal of time planning to ensure that we are providing a safe instructional/learning environment for the upcoming school year. Staff will be working diligently on curriculum/instruction this summer. In addition, our summer programs for our students will be designed to prepare them for September. We look forward to welcoming students back to the building in September including the Class of 2024!!!

Once again thank you for your support. Stay safe/healthy and enjoy the summer months!

Mr. DJ Shepardson
Superintendent of Schools

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

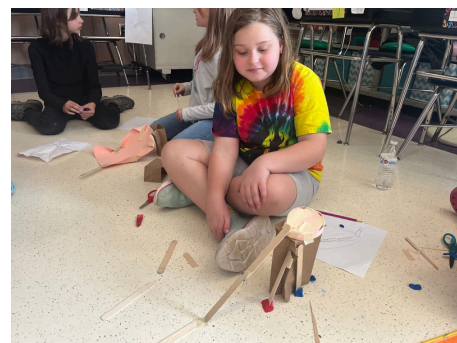
READING SAFARI

The 2023 WCV Reading Safari was successful and very busy! Thank you to our special guest author, Mr. Kozak who was here to share his book, Oh No Little Joe. Students also enjoyed the Book Share, everyone was able to pick out a book to keep. Also, thank you to Mrs. Butler and the cafeteria staff for serving us a special dessert.

In all, 236 students earned tickets to Water Safari by reading at least six hours during the six week period. Congratulations!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Students in Kindergarten through 6th grade participated in a Science Olympiad. Students worked with a partner to complete Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) challenges. Each grade level had a specific task. Students worked in teams to build towers, boats, ramps, airplanes and more. Staff throughout the building served as judges and we were also joined by some smiling retired teachers. It was a great event that culminated with an awards ceremony where first, second and third place prizes were awarded for each grade level.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2023 STUDENT RECOGNITION



Charlotte Allen - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Charlotte actively contributes in class discussion and does her best on daily and weekly assignments. She has a great sense of humor and is a pleasure to have in class.

Olivia Broadbent - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Olivia is an excellent student. Every day, she comes in with a positive attitude, ready to get right to work. She has great participation in class and goes above and beyond to make sure her work is accurate and thorough. She is constantly exceeding my expectations!

Marissa Christiano - *Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Marissa is a pleasure to have in class. She is a very polite and hardworking young lady. Since the moment she enters the classroom, she is always well prepared and eager to learn. Her great dedication and enthusiasm to her learning amazes me. Marissa is a role model student. Congratulations Marissa! Fantastico 😊

Charles Doris - *ELA 8, Ms. Buckley* - Charles is an intelligent and polite student who has shown a lot of growth during this past month. Charles has been volunteering answers in class, asking about ways he can improve his grade, and has been completing his assignments in a timely manner. Great job, Charles!

Ellie Hayes - *Advanced Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Ellie is great about getting her work in on time & making up work when needed. She is an amazing artist and takes creative risks. She excels in art even when working with new mediums such as printmaking & paper quilling.

Yevgeniy Karyagin - *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - Yevgeniy has a great work ethic and motivates others to stay on-task. He brings up insightful ideas in our discussions and is always eager to participate in class. Great work, Yev!

Yevgeniy Karyagin - *Spanish II, Mrs. Foster* - Yevgeniy is a pleasure to have in class. He speaks to me in Spanish whenever he sees me and I greatly appreciate that. Yevgeniy is a natural language learner and is eager to obtain as much content as possible. He is an exemplary student. Keep up the great work. ¡Buen trabajo, Chico!

Holly Reinhardt - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Holly is committed to her schoolwork and is an asset to our English class. She is always ready and willing to participate. She is constantly engaged and stays on top of her work. It has been a pleasure to have her as a student!

Victoria Rozyla - *Living Environment, Mrs. Maloney* - Victoria is a fantastic student! She always pays attention and participates in class. I have been very impressed this year at Victoria's constant effort and her desire to go above and beyond. I have no doubt she will continue to thrive in this class. I will miss her!

Payton Smith - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Payton continues to advance in his studies each day. He has been focused, motivated, and participates in class. His writing has improved significantly and I have been very impressed with the work he has turned in. Keep it up, Payton!

Grace VanEtten - *College Now Drawing & Painting, Mrs. Sayers* - Grace always goes above & beyond in class. She excels in art herself but also shares her knowledge with others. She is an outstanding student!

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MARCH 2023 STUDENT RECOGNITION



Brooke Balash – *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Brooke is consciousness of her work. She strives to do her best. She participates daily and is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work!

Brooke Balash – *Junior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* - Brooke is consistently focused in chorus. Every day she comes ready to sing and learn. As a 7th grader, Brooke is already becoming a leader in her section. Finally, she has a kind and respectful demeanor that is appreciated by myself and the other students.

Carson Baslow – *English 9, Ms. Astour* - Carson has been making strides in English. He has continued to stay focused and motivated which has directly contributed to his success. Carson has improved in his participation, not only with the whole class, but in small groups as well. Keep up the good work Carson!

Glenn Broadbent – *Junior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* - Glenn has a good attitude and work ethic in chorus this year. He does a great job of leading the baritone section in chorus and has put a lot of time into extracurricular opportunities like All-County, Solo Festival and West Canadians this year. Keep it up!

Stella Brown – *Advanced Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Stella is a talented artist, and a great student. She is always eager to work on art. Even when she has finished an art project early she will challenge herself by taking on another art project to work on during class time.

Kaity Dingman – *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - I have been very impressed with Kaity this year. I cannot believe how much her writing has improved since last year. She is a model student and is self-motivated. She not only cares about getting good grades, but also cares about learning and improving her skills. She goes above and beyond to make sure she gets the most out of her education. Keep up the good work, Kaity!

Alexis Haynes-Davis – *Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Alexis is a fantastic artist & always takes her time on her projects! She is very meticulous and has a great eye for detail.

Agafya Karyagina – *Art 8, Mrs. Sayers* - Agafya is an outstanding student & talented artist. She puts in her best effort on all of her projects and it shows.

Olivia Leyko – *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Liv comes to class prepared and ready to learn every day. Her assignments are always complete and she performs well on tests and quizzes. She also has excellent class participation. She is an all-around model student and an excellent role model for her peers! She is a true pleasure to have in class!

Colten Lisowski – *Algebra I CC, Mrs. Goggin* - Colten is an extremely hard worker in Algebra. Colten's work is always complete and he is great about asking questions when he needs help. Colten is such a pleasant student with a great work ethic. Keep up the excellent work, Colten!

Isabelle Lyon – *Math, Ms. Hummel* - Isabelle is always ready to learn, and happy to use every opportunity for help when needed. Isabelle works really hard in Math class by asking questions, studying, and being an excellent role model for other students.

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Isabelle Lyon – *Math, Ms. Hummel* – Isabelle is always ready to learn, and happy to use every opportunity for help when needed. Isabelle works really hard in Math class by asking questions, studying, and being an excellent role model for other students.

Cheyenne Mayo – *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* – Cheyenne is a great student. She completes every assignment thoroughly and puts full effort into all of her work. She is always on top of her grades and does not hesitate to reach out for help when she has questions. I am constantly impressed by her work ethic. Keep up the good work, Cheyenne!

Alexa McManus – *Graphic Arts, Mrs. Sayers* – Alexa is a joy to have in class and a talented artist! She is very knowledgeable with Photoshop and is always willing to help out other students with questions as well.

Brianna Muthig – *Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* – Brianna is a talented artist! She is always willing to try new mediums and isn't afraid of an artistic challenge. She has grand ideas in art and creates some pretty amazing artwork.

Olivia Ray – *College Now Drawing & Painting, Mrs. Sayers* – Olivia is a great student, talented artist, and always gives it her all on art projects. She puts in her best effort and it definitely shows.

Morgan Rios – *Sculpture, Mrs. Sayers* – Morgan is a talented artist & sculptor. She really pays attention to craftsmanship when it comes to art projects. She persists even when the project gets challenging and creates some beautiful work.

Jack Stewart – *Geometry, Mrs. Smith* – Jack is an extremely hard worker. I truly appreciate his perseverance when working through a problem and if he does find himself struggling, he does not hesitate to ask questions. It's important to Jack that he understands all material and I find this admirable! He is doing an outstanding job in Geometry this year! Congratulations Jack!

Alexia Stofanek – *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* – Lexi has done an outstanding job in social studies all year. She puts forth her best effort on every assignment, and participates in class regularly. She is a tremendous role model for her peers. Great job, Lexi!

Alexia Stofanek – *Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski* – Alexia goes above and beyond in every aspect of the class. Her commitment to her learning of the language is outstanding. She is never afraid to participate and ask questions. Alexia is a very polite, enthusiastic, and a wonderful role model student. Congratulations Alexia. I'm so proud of you!

Carmen Youngs – *Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* – Carmen is a joy to have in class! Carmen is a talented artist & very organized with her work. No matter what we are doing in class she always gives it her all.

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APRIL 2023 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Alysiah Agne - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Alysiah is a pleasure to have in class. She completes her work to the best of her ability and consistently shows her understanding of the material. She helps other students when needed and contributes to a positive learning environment in the classroom. Keep up the good work.

Alysiah Agne - *Math, Ms. Hummel* - Alysiah has a great personality, and makes very mature decisions for her age. Alysiah is always on top of her assignments, and always asks questions when needed.

Alivia Blando - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Alivia has been a consistent force all year. She always volunteers to participate in class, she works very hard on all of her assignments, and is very cooperative and polite. Alivia is a wonderful role model for her peers! Great job, Alivia!

Alivia Blando - *Junior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* - Alivia has become a strong leader in chorus this year. She participates fully, asking questions and singing with purpose and confidence in rehearsals. Alivia has also improved in her music reading ability and has demonstrated leadership in that area. Thank you for your hard work this year, Alivia.

Olivia Broadbent - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Olivia comes to class ready and willing to learn each day. She's polite, she participates, and she has a great attitude. She communicates effectively, she's responsible, independent, and her work is very thorough. Olivia is a pleasure to have in class.

Emma Canelo - *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - Emma is a great student. She cares about doing well and always puts a lot of effort into her work, especially when tasks are difficult for her. She keeps up with all her assignments, even when she is busy with sports. I have seen significant growth in Emma's work ethic and overall attitude throughout the past two years. Great work, Emma!

Evan Ceneviva - *College Now Drawing & Painting, Mrs. Sayers* - Evan is a great student. He has very original ideas and is a talented artist. He takes direction well and always makes sure his artwork is done on time. He asks questions when necessary, and does art outside of class as well.

Kilie Clark - *Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Kilie is a wonderful student and artist. She always pays attention to directions and asks for clarification when necessary. She gives it her all for every project and always stays up on her work.

Hallie Fehlhaber - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - I am constantly impressed by the amount of effort Hallie puts into her work. She takes initiative whenever she doesn't feel confident about the material and does extra work/reading outside of class to make sure she understands. Hallie always has a positive attitude and she is a pleasure to have in class!

Julius Grower - *Graphic Arts, Mrs. Sayers* - Julius is a great student. He asks great questions and is really interested in getting to know the programs. Julius always does extra projects if he finishes early furthering his knowledge of the programs.

Teegan Harvey - *Art 8, Mrs. Sayers* - Teegan is a talented artist and wonderful student! She always asks for clarification on projects and gives it her all. She is great at getting feedback and revising her work accordingly.

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Ellie Hayes - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Ellie has been fantastic in Global. She has quietly moved herself toward the top of her class period. She is beginning to participate more and her assignments are completed in a timely manner. Her tests and quizzes are good and she's very competitive in Quizlet Live. She's a very polite young lady with a great deal of potential. Ellie is a pleasure to have in class.

Alexis Haynes-Davis - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Alexis is great to have in class. She's very bright and has a great deal of potential. She's one of the few that actively participates in her class period. Her attendance has improved tremendously and her grades have gone up as well. She's been completing her work in a timely manner and her test/quiz scores have been excellent. Alexis is a polite young lady with a great attitude.

Brook Helmer - *Spanish II, Mrs. Foster* - Brook is a pleasure to have in class. She is excited and eager to learn. Brook puts extra effort into all of her assignments and is enthusiastic about participating in and outside of class. I look forward to assisting Brook with her language learning journey. Keep up the great work. ¡Bien hecho, chica!

Isabella Hull - *ELA/Math 9-12, Ms. Astour & Mrs. Dedicke* - Iszy is an extremely hard worker. She is kind hearted and always willing to help others. She always thinks of others and reminds Mrs. Dedicke of her daily schedule; on what letter days she will be in class with her. Keep up the good work!

Kaylin Keiffer - *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Kaylin is a very diligent student. It is important to her that she does well in math. If she does not understand something, she asks questions and if her answers are incorrect, she is always willing to correct them to raise her grade. I appreciate all of her hard work and dedication. Great Job Kaylin!

Jackson King - *Spanish III, Mrs. Foster* - Jackson displays exceptional skills for acquiring the Spanish language. Jackson participates and contributes to class discussions on a regular basis. By participating in class Jackson helps his fellow language learners to understand and feel more confident about their own learning abilities. ¡Mantenga el buen trabajo Jackson!

Travis Lundquist - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Travis is an excellent student and has a positive influence on the students he works with. I have been very impressed by his performance so far in my class. He is a great writer and has a strong work ethic. It is a pleasure to have him as a student!

Isabelle Lyon - *Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Isabelle always puts forth an outstanding effort in all areas of the class. She comes to class on time, very well prepared and neatly completes all her work. She participates often and shows a great eagerness to learn. Isabelle is a very polite and an excellent role model student. Great job Isabelle! Keep it up.

Kiera Maida - *Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Kiera is a wonderful artist & always has original ideas. Kiera always comes in to make up her work and work on artwork outside of class. Kiera also always pays attention to craftsmanship.

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Cheyenne Mayo - Basic Algebra, Mrs. Goggin - Cheyenne is a pleasure to have as a student in Basic Algebra. She comes to class prepared and ready to learn every single day. Cheyenne is polite, attentive, and kind to her peers. It is obvious that Cheyenne is working on her math skills outside of class. Her hard work shows! Keep up the great work!

Hannah Reinhardt - ELA 9, Mrs. Downing - Hannah always has a positive attitude. She puts significant effort into her assignments and is determined to do well. She uses her class time wisely and is a great student overall. Keep up the good work, Hannah!

Leila Selimovic - ELA 8, Ms. Buckley - Leila brings a happy and silly energy to my classroom while maintaining her grades and supporting others. She is eager to participate and she can always make our class laugh! She knows exactly how to balance effort and entertainment.

Jack Stewart - ELA 10, Ms. Downing - Jack is enthusiastic about our classwork/discussions and is eager to participate in class. He puts full effort into all of his assignments and is determined to excel in school. His writing has improved significantly, and I am very impressed by his overall progress in my class. Keep up the good work!

Alexia Stofanek - Art 8, Mrs. Sayers - Alexia is a joy to have in class. She is a talented artists and wonderful student. She asks questions when necessary for clarification and she gives every project her full attention.

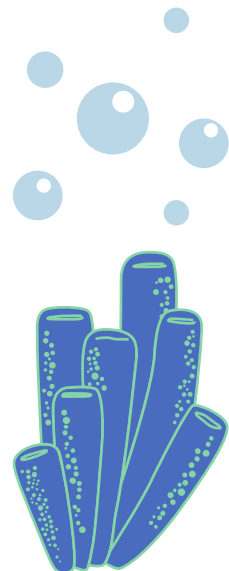
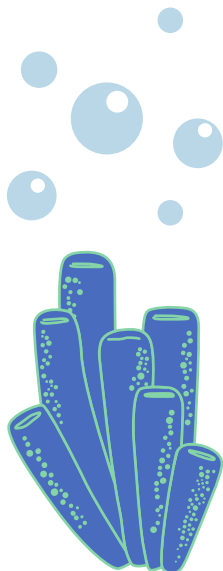
John Tolpa - Sculpture, Mrs. Sayers - John is a great student. He always asks for feedback and makes revisions accordingly. He helps other students with their projects and gives them ideas.

Brooklynn Williams - Journalism, Ms. Blynt - Brooklynn has really blossomed this semester. She has worked very hard to improve her writing, completing multiple revisions to achieve her best final product and has contributed several articles for publication in the school newspaper. She is also actively participating in conversational tasks that are usually far outside of her comfort zone. It's been so wonderful to see her come out of her shell the past couple of months!

WCV MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



NOVEMBER 9TH, 10TH & 11TH
WCV AUDITORIUM
7:00 PM



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT RECOGNITION



CONGRATULATIONS!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

2023 HONORS NIGHT

The 2023 WCV annual Honors Night, along with the Junior and Senior National Honor Society Inductions, will be held Thursday, June 22, at 5:00pm on the football field. Invitees will be notified by letter.

HIGH HONOR & HONOR GRADUATES

High Honor Graduates

Annabelle Allen
Klohe Bolton
Isabella Borden
Evan Ceneviva
Benjamin Conover
Aurora Davis
Reese Fellows
Erin Gorinshek

Joshua Grabowski
Hailey Haynes-Davis
Sulamita Kovalets
Aidan Monahan
Tara Quayle
Erin Scanlon
Brayden Shepardson
Caitlyn Vriesen

Honor Graduates

Marissa Jones
Michael Tubia
Kiersten Usyk
Alyssa Youngs

JUNE 2023 REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE

All exams are administered at WCV.

Date	8:00am (arrive by 7:45am)	12:00pm (arrive by 11:45am)
Thursday, June 1	US History & Government	No Exams
Wednesday, June 14	English Language Arts	Living Environment
Thursday, June 15	Global History & Geography	Algebra I CC
Friday, June 16	Earth Science	Chemistry
Tuesday, June 20	Geometry Spanish I Checkpoint A	Spanish III Checkpoint B
Wednesday, June 21	Algebra II CC	No Exams
Thursday, June 22	Physics	No Exams

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

2023 HFHO REGIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

2023 Regional Summer School Information		
Location	Dates	Times
Jarvis Middle School 28 Grove St., Mohawk 315-867-2909	July 10 - August 17 (Monday - Thursday only) Must not miss more than 2 days	Session 1: 7:35am - 9:28am Session 2: 9:33am - 11:26am

Regional Summer School Course Offerings				
Middle School	High School			
Middle Level Academy 7 Middle Level Academy 8 (All 4 core subjects are taught in Middle Level Academy)	ELA 9 ELA 10 ELA 11 ELA 12	Global Studies I Global Studies II US History Government* Economics*	Living Environment Earth Science Basic Algebra Algebra I Geometry	Physical Education Health* Spanish I Virtual Learning Courses

*Course may be taken for credit accrual with perfect attendance

Regents Review Classes		
Location	Dates	Times
Jarvis Middle School 28 Grove St., Mohawk	July 31 - August 15 (Monday - Thursday only)	11:45am - 1:15pm

Regents Exam Schedule			
All exams are administered at Jarvis			
Wednesday, August 16		Thursday, August 17	
8:30am	12:30pm	8:30am	12:30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I CC ELA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global History Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History Earth Science Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geometry Living Environment
Uniform Admissions Deadlines: 9:15am (Morning exams) ■ 1:15pm (Afternoon exams)			

Registration Deadlines		
Summer School Classes	Regents Review Classes	Regents Exams
Wednesday, June 28 at 12:00 noon	Wednesday, June 28 at 12:00 noon	Thursday, July 20 at 12:00 noon

WCV Bus Transportation		
Location	Bus Pick Up	Bus Drop Off
Norway Town Park	6:35am	12:20pm
Newport Playground	6:45am	12:08pm
Middleville Fire Station	6:53am	12:00pm
Schuyler Town Park	7:05am	11:45am

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

CLASS OF 2022 ACCEPTANCES

Annabelle Allen Utica University

Klohie Bolton Lasell University, Le Moyne College, Salem State, Herkimer College

Isabella Borden Utica University, Coastal Carolina University, Keuka College, The College of Saint Rose, Le Moyne College, Hartwick College

Evan Ceneviva MVCC

Aurora Davis Utica University, SUNY Oswego

Dylan Dayton MVCC

Rebecca Elwood Kettering University, Western New England University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Clarkson University, The University of Maine, Stony Brook

Reese Fellows SUNY Cortland, SUNY Geneseo, Saint John Fisher, Russell Sage, Siena College, UAlbany, University at Buffalo

Erin Gorinsheck SUNY Brockport, Hartwick College, St. John Fisher University, SUNY Plattsburgh

Joshua Grabowski US Military Academy at West Point

Hailey Haynes-Davis University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, University of New England

Sheridan Hughes Russell Sage College, MVCC

Marissa Jones Russell Sage College, MVCC, Le Moyne College, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Roger Williams University

Julie Kichuk SUNY Polytechnic Institute

Sulamita Kovalets SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Utica College

Tara Quayle MVCC

Michael Ray Lineman Institute of the North East (L.I.N.E.)

Erin Scanlon Le Moyne College, Nazareth College, Utica University

Edvin Selimovic Utica University, SUNY Polytechnic Institute

Brayden Shepardson St. Lawrence University

Grace VanEtten Utica University, PrattMWP College of Art & Design, Le Moyne College, RIT, RPI, University of Rochester, Buffalo State

Caitlyn Vriesen Alfred State College, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Delhi

Alyssa Youngs Utica University, Niagara University, St. John Fisher University, Sacred Heart University

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

7TH GRADE OREGON TRAIL PROJECT

The 7th grade social studies class was given a project at the end of the westward expansion unit. The following students created a Conestoga Wagon/Prairie Schooner. They all did an excellent job. Students include: Nora Moran, Isabella Schrader, Cameron FitzSimons, Artum Vykhotets, Wyatt Passage & Elliot Lundquist



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Members of the Class of 2023 spent the day volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House of Albany. Students toured the home and performed various household chores. They also delivered several bags of aluminum tabs. The Ronald McDonald House raises approximately \$3000 annually by collecting tabs. Please continue to support the WCV tab collection.



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WORKING PAPERS

Students ages 14-17 who plan to work this summer will need working papers. The applications were emailed to all 9th -12th grade students and are available in the High School Main Office. Please return all completed applications to the Main Office by Tuesday, June 20th. If you have any questions, please contact Heather x3300 or hborden@westcanada.org.

MOCK FATAL

West Canada Valley Central School District and Poland Central Schools held the annual Mock Fatal at West Canada Valley on Friday, May 5th. Over a hundred students from Poland and West Canada Valley attended the event. The event was an amazing combination of services and community support. West Canada Valley's Mike Kerr from the Herkimer County Sheriff's Department did an amazing job of coordinating and organizing the event. A special thanks goes out to following organizations and people that made the event possible: Middleville Fire Department, Poland, and Newport Fire Department, Kuyahoorra Ambulance; Bill Stubba of LifeNet of NY; Authernith's Funeral Home; Shannon McEvoy; Judge Harris; NYS Trooper Tabor and the NYS Police; Deputies Dupont and Farrington of the Herkimer County Sheriff's Department; Mike Edwards of Herkimer County Stop DWI; Herkimer County 911; Mr. Scott Bonney; and all those who participated in the event.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

ALL-COUNTY II PARTICIPANTS

The second All-County Festival of the year was held at Poland on March 16 & 17. Representing WCV in the Elementary Band were: Olivia Bell, Carina Ostapuk, Keira Cornacchia, Emma Baker, Liliana McCann, Corbin Jones, and Tucker Hopsicker. Students participating in the Junior Chorus were: Amelia Lekki, Alizabeth Hull, Alivia Blando, Teegan Harvey, Caiden Brennan, Katherine Gorinshek, Olivia Broadbent, Hallie Fehlhaber, Lorena Hatton, Matthew Lape, William Muthig, Glenn Broadbent, and Julia Hayes. Representing WCV in the Senior Band were: Olivia Ray, Julie Kichuk, Madelyn Allen, Rebecca Elwood, Grayce Harvey, Gabriella Schrader, Erin Scanlon, Aurora Davis, Emma Canelo, John Tolpa, Alexa McManus, Dominic Lekki, Blake Reese and Gregory Lekki.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

NYSSMA SOLO FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS

Many of our students participated in Level 1-4 NYSSMA Solo Festival on May 12th & 13th at Central Valley. Each student prepared a solo and scales (instrumental) to be adjudicated. Students who performed a vocal solo include: Julius Grower, Grayce Harvey, Blake Reese, William Muthig, Olivia Ray, Danelle Shannon-Dineen, Amelia Lekki, Olivia Broadbent, Alexia Stofanak, Teegan Harvey, Agafya Karyagina, Caiden Brennan, Julia Hayes, Mikayla Synakowski, Brooke Balash, Glenn Broadbent, Dylann Casanova, Alizabeth Hull, Isabelle Lyon, Isabella Schrader, Lily Williams. Those who performed an instrumental solo include – William Muthig, Olivia Ray, Madelyn Allen, Grayce Harvey, Olivia Broadbent, Dominic Lekki, Agafya Karyagina, Gregory Lekki, Teegan Harvey, Charlotte Allen, Paige Morgan, Amelia Lekki, and Madison Fagan.

Congratulations to all of these students on their hard work, dedication, and for doing a fabulous job!

RETURNING WCV MUSIC DEPT. PROPERTY

Any student/family that borrowed school property is asked to return it by Monday, June 12th. This is after the final parade and before Regents Exams begin. This could include instruments used for specific ensembles like concert, jazz or marching band and were home for practice. Summer is the time for instrument repairs to be done before fall. Books, sheet music, stands, neck straps, and various supplies can be placed in a bag with the student's name on it so we have a record as we inventory materials as they come in. Thanks for helping us be able to continue to loan equipment to WCV students/families in the future by returning what you may still have at home. Any donation of personal musical instruments is always welcome and is always put into deserving hands of appreciative students/families. Students keeping school instruments over the summer for personal practice, band camps, or community bands etc. please let Mr. or Mrs. Bonney know what you have at home before your final lesson of the year. Happy Summer!

BAND PROGRAM EARNS TOP HONORS

The WCV Bands headed back to Sherburne to defend their 2022 Class Champion title where they had placed first in MS Band, HS Band, Colorguard and Small Ensemble and had respectable finishes in Marching Band (5 th), Drum Line(3 rd), Jazz Ensemble(2 nd). This year, the HS Wind Ensemble, MS Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Colorguard, and Drum Line competed at the 74 th Annual Sherburne Pageant of Bands on Saturday, June 3rd. Schools were placed in classes according to their high school's student population. Classes ranged from A (Medina Central School) all the way down to D (Worcester CSD). West Canada Valley was placed in Class C along with Naples CSD, Oxford Academy, Cherry Valley Springfield, Richfield Springs, and Marathon CSD.

The WCV Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Scott Bonney took first place in their category, performing three pieces of literature. The Concert Band (grades 7 & 8), under the direction of Mr. Bonney, competed in the Middle School Class and performed very well. The WCV Wind Ensemble (grades 9 – 12), under Mrs. Shane Bonney's direction, received first place honors in the high school Concert Band category. The Small Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney, received first place honors in their respective category. The WCV Drum Line, under the direction of Mr. Bonney, received second place honors in their category performing a cadence written by 10 th grader Trevyn Borden. The Color Guard was awarded second place, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney. The Marching Band took second place in the parade competition. This (grade 7-12) band, which is 100 members strong, is under the direction of Mrs. Shane Bonney and was led this year by Drum Major Rebecca Elwood.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

BAND PROGRAM EARNS TOP HONORS

Due to the outstanding finishes in all 6 categories of the competition, the West Canada Valley Band Program was awarded the coveted BEST OF CLASS trophy, signifying WCV Bands as 2023 Class C Champions. In the past seventeen years of attending the pageant (with a two year hiatus due to COVID in 2020 and 2021), the band program has been named Class Champions nine other times at the Sherburne Pageant of Bands (2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2022) – a feat that very few programs ever attain.

The weather was extremely pleasant this year at the pageant and the number of parents and community members that flocked to Sherburne to see the bands compete was commendable. West Canada Valley definitely had one of the biggest fan cheering sections out of all the competing bands. The bands truly appreciate the support of everyone who attended, and the praise upon their return.

The directors are very proud of these accomplishments, as are the students who were involved. WCV is extremely pleased to announce that pride in the band program continues to reach new heights. Congratulations students, we're proud of you and the community should be as well!



CAFETERIA CORNER

Well folks, here we are at the finish line for this school year! How time goes by so quickly! West Canada Valley will continue to offer “Free of Charge” Breakfast and Lunch for all students again next year. I encourage you to take advantage of this great benefit. Over the summer months, there are places for your children to obtain free meals also. See the following for details:



Hunger Free America operates the National Hunger Hotline (<https://www.hungerfreeamerica.org/en-us/usda-national-hunger-hotline>) on behalf of USDA. The hotline is a resource for individuals and families seeking information on how to obtain food. The National Hunger Hotline staff connects callers with emergency food providers in their community, government assistance programs, and various social services.

During the summer months, the hotline also serves as a vital resource connecting children 18 years old and under at approved sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. To find a summer meals site near you: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>.

The hotline can be reached at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish), Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET.

The Child Nutrition staff would like to thank all of you for your support this year. We wish you all a safe summer vacation and look forward to seeing the student in September.

SHELBY BUTLER
Food Service Director

FROM THE NURSES' OFFICES

REMINDERS FROM OUR NURSES

Physical Examinations - New York State Law requires a health examination for **all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade**. Physicals are acceptable that have been performed no longer than 12 months prior to September 7, 2023.

Sports - Any student that plans to play a school sport must have an up to date physical on file with the health office. Please keep in mind that if a student's physical was valid for one sports season it may not be valid for the next sports season.

Immunizations - New York State mandates students entering the grades listed are required to have the following immunizations. These vaccines are required to be completed prior to the start of school in September unless otherwise noted.

Entering Grade 6: Tdap vaccine. This vaccine is required at 11 years old. If your child does not turn 11 until after September 7th, 2023 you will need to provide a date and doctor's note that states the student is scheduled to receive this vaccine.

Entering Grade 7: Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine.

Entering Grade 12: 2nd dose of the Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine unless the 1st dose was given at age 16 or older. The 2nd dose of the vaccine is to be given at age 16.

If for any reason you are unable to make an appointment with your child's primary care doctor Herkimer County Public Health offers immunization clinics. All clinics are by appointment only call 315-867-1176 to schedule an appointment. Clinic dates and times are listed below.

Tuesdays

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The following Mondays:

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

June 26th, August 7th, August 21st,
September 11th, September 18th, October
16th, November 13th & December 11th

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Elementary School Nurse

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Danielle Dutcher, RN

Middle/High School Nurse

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

ANOTHER “SAFE AND SOUND” YEAR FOR TRANSPORTATION

As a parent you watch your children leave home in the morning and return in the afternoon on the school bus “safe and sound” from another day at school. That’s just the way it has to be.

As your Transportation Supervisor I have the responsibility of overseeing the students that are transported every school day in a “safe and sound” manner using a fleet of 21 buses that travel close to 300,000 miles a year. I, like you, expect this to happen with all students being transported “safe and sound” every day. How do we accomplish this? It takes all of the following people and actions to make it work.

Every school day starts with the State, County, Township and Village highway departments making sure the roads are safe to travel on. Thank them for the great job they do.

The community support every year for the bus purchases, this is another important asset we have at West Canada. Our buses are the safest and most modern in the area. Thank you for the support.

The mechanics that maintain our bus fleet, they have obtained another year of success from New York State Department of Transportation for bus inspection. Each bus is inspected by a NY DOT inspector twice a year. Thank Shane Korniat and Eric Morse, our two mechanics, when you see them.

The bus drivers and monitors that are operating your children’s bus are probably the most important ingredient of all to the “safe and sound” ride your children deserve. It is their personal judgment and skills that will ultimately assure your children ride the bus in a “safe and sound” manner every day. Thank them when you see them.

A big thank you from me to all the parents that make sure their children are loading and unloading safely and behaving on the bus so that a safe bus ride can be assured for all.

Felix Ray

Transportation Supervisor
West Canada Valley Central School
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FFA Stampede

To celebrate Agriculture Literacy Week (March 21st - 25th), FFA organized a schoolwide Stampede. Students & faculty purchased tickets to submit a faculty member's name to receive a life-sized fiber-stocked animal in their classroom for the day.



BEST WISHES TO OUR RETIREES!



Gloria Ackman
MS/HS English
11 Years of Service



Julie Purinton
Literacy Teacher
29.5 Years of Service



Sharon Candella
Teacher Assistant
30 Years of Service



Nancy Gallagher
Teacher Assistant
26 Years of Service



Glenn Miner
Teacher Assistant
7 Years of Service



Nancy Fulmer
Teacher Assistant
30 Years of Service



Jim Dieffenbacher
Groundskeeper
40 Years of Service



Carol Leon
Bus Driver
5 Years of Service



Ruth Dillenbeck
Food Service
6 Years of Service

TENURE STATUS

Congratulations to our staff members that received tenure this school year. Thank you for displaying commitment and dedication to our West Canada Valley students.

From left to right:
Bronwen Keefer, Kiley Treen, Shelly Hazard, Abigail Rose, and Victoria Petro.
Missing from photo, Tricia Clark.



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Principal

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Mr. Glenn Broadbent
Principal

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Occupant

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Calendar

June 13

Last Day of Classes for
MS/HS

June 19

Juneteenth - No School

June 21

6th Grade Moving Up
Pre-K Moving Up
Athletic Banquet
Elem. dismissal 11:30

June 22

Honors Banquet
Elem. dismissal 10:30

June 24

HS Graduation

Don't forget to check the West
Canada Valley website for the
most up to date information
about sporting events,
upcoming meetings, or current
happenings at the school!

Visit us at
www.westcanada.org

