

WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS



MY JERSEY - MY IMPACT

My Jersey-My Impact has been a positive influence here at WCV, Our senior athletes have shown our faculty what a powerful impact they have made in their lives. Our faculty is realizing they really do make a huge difference with the students' here at WCV. Stay posted to see who our spring athletes choose.

Here is a list of who are senior winter athletes selected:

Mrs. Allen - Michael Tubia
Mrs. Shepardson - Bella Borden
Mrs. Bray - Erin Gorinshek
Mrs. Christiano - Sarah Lynn Ossont
Mrs. Sternberg - Ben Conover
Mr. Sarus - Alyssa Youngs
Mr. Kerr - Brayden Shepardson
Mr. Miner - Lonzo Passage

Mr. Dougherty - Aidan Monahan
Miss Venettozzi - Peyton Wright
Mrs. Bonney - Aurora Davis
Mrs. Clark - Annabelle Allen
Mrs. Hazard - Reese Fellows
Ms. Murphy - Charlie Reed & Evan Ceneviva
Coach Hobin - Edvin Selimovic & Joshua Grabowski



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MR. DJ SHEPARDSON



As we move toward the final four months of the school year, the district enters into a very busy time. Budget development continues to move forward and we continue to gather further information in terms of anticipated revenue from both the state and federal level. In addition, students are progressing forward in their studies and the West Canada Valley Class of 2023 is entering the final months of their senior year. As we look ahead, the district plans to hold commencement outdoors on the football field as we did last year. Commencement is scheduled for June 24, 2023. As we get closer, the district will communicate the details to everyone.

Budget Season – The district has devoted a great deal of time and effort building our budget for the 2023-2024 school year. The governor’s proposed budget has provided West Canada Valley with an increase (3%) in operating aid in comparison to the previous year. With much of our revenue dependent on state aid, the district will watch closely as future discussions occur at both the state and federal level. The district will work to financially support a program that is high quality for our students and responsible to the taxpayers. As always, the budget will be program-driven with great emphasis on curriculum options, mental health support, extra-curricular options, and the academic intervention needs of our students. We look forward to the coming months and to your continued support throughout this process.

Capital Project – The district is preparing for the first phase of construction to begin this summer on the approved project. Much of the project work will occur inside the facility. Work will focus on air quality improvements, domestic water enhancements, efficient lighting, pool upgrades, auditorium upgrades, mechanical upgrades, and plumbing/electrical upgrades. This project will improve the efficiencies in the building resulting in long-term cost saving. Construction bids are anticipated to take place in March with work to begin sometime in May. The district is working with our consultants to maximize the significant federal funding and limit the overall cost of this project.

As you may know from watching the monthly BOE meetings, the district has received a very generous donation from an anonymous donor. This donation is earmarked for the next phase of upgrades to the district’s track/field area located behind the school. Utilizing the donation, the district will be looking to add bleachers, lights, and multi-sport field turf to the interior track area. The additional work being discussed will be presented to the public in the coming months with an anticipated public vote to occur alongside the budget vote in May. Using the available federal funds alongside the donation will allow the district to complete a great deal of facility work with minimal impact to the supporting taxpayers in this district.

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Social Worker – The district would like to formally introduce our new Licensed Social Worker, Ms. Challee Kohl. The district welcomes her to our staff and looks forward to the support she will be providing to our students.

High Standards– West Canada Valley continues to rank in the top tier of schools in the Tri-County BOCES Region in terms graduation rates and Advanced Regents Diplomas.

Congratulations to our graduates, administration, staff, parents/guardians, and the entire educational community whose support is essential to the overall success of the students.

Providing high quality education at West Canada Valley is a long-standing tradition that will continue for years to come.

Again, thank you for the continued support and we look forward to seeing everyone at our spring events. It has been great to see everyone here on campus this year. If you ever have any questions/concerns, do not hesitate to contact me in the district office. Take care.

Mr. DJ Shepardson
Superintendent of Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

TWO OPEN SEATS

Two (2) Board of Education Seats are open, both are three-year terms. Petitions are available in the District Office for candidates interested in running for a seat on the School Board. Qualified district residents will be electing two (2) members to the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The following board members have terms that will expire on June 30, 2023: Mr. Carson Marko and Mrs. Shawn Schultz.

To qualify for membership on a school board an individual:

- Must be able to read and write
- Must be a qualified voter of the district; that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent
- Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family
- May not be a current employee of the school
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office

Candidate's petitions must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on April 17, 2023 and must contain a minimum of 25 qualified voters' signatures. If you have any questions regarding petitions for a seat on the Board of Education, please contact Karen Sheets at 315-845-6800 ext. 3380 or KSheets@westcanada.org

FROM THE NURSES' OFFICES

REMINDERS FROM OUR NURSES

Sports Physical Exams:

If any student plans to participate in a school sport they must have an updated physical exam on file. It is best to have your child check with the Health Office prior to the start of all sports seasons to ensure that their physical exam has not expired.

Working Papers:

If any student will need working papers for employment an updated physical exam must be on file with the Health Office. If one is not on file working papers cannot be issued.

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 the 1st day of school in September.

Attendance:

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please contact the health office.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact either:

Danielle Dutcher, RN

Middle/High School Nurse

ddutcher@westcanada.org

Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 3352

Angie Lyon, RN

Elementary School Nurse

alyon@westcanada.org

Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 1152

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

THANKS TO THE MUNICIPALITIES THAT TAKE CARE OF OUR ROADS:

The Towns of Fairfield, Norway, Newport, Herkimer and Schuyler did a fantastic job of plowing and sanding the roads this past winter. Thanks to all the Superintendents and drivers who came to the bus driver's rescue on those bad days.

THANKS TO THE BUS DRIVERS AND MONITORS THAT HELP TRANSPORT YOUR CHILDREN SAFELY EVERY SCHOOL DAY:

This is a tough job well done by a truly dedicated group of people. As a parent, you may disagree with the request and demands asked of you and your children by the bus driver. But understand the drivers make these request for the safety and security of your children that ride the bus.

TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS

1. Have a new phone number? Please contact the school so we can update our files. In the event of an emergency situation current phone numbers are very important.
2. Please make sure someone is home for elementary students when the bus arrives in the afternoon.
3. Bus discipline issues are serious. Do not hesitate to contact either the Principal or myself with your concerns.
4. Please refrain from the practice of following a bus to take a child off, or let a child get on the bus.
5. State law: Never pass a stopped school bus that has its red lights flashing. Violators will be prosecuted.

Felix Ray

Transportation Supervisor

E-Mail: fray@westcanada.org

Phone: 315-845-6800 EXT 401

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

READING SAFARI

The Elementary School's Reading Safari will begin on February 27th and end on April 6th.

Students who read for six hours outside of school during the six week period will earn a ticket to Water Safari good during the 2023 season. We have several exciting activities planned for this year.

The Book Share has been very successful and will return on March 23rd. Gently used books will be collected during the week of March 5th.

Author Jeremy Austin will be a special guest at Morning Program on March 30th. He will be reading his book, *Oh No Little Joe*. Later, he will meet with students in grades 3-6 discussing ways for students to tell their stories.

FEB 27 START OF
READING SAFARI

MAR 6-10 BOOK SHARE
COLLECTION
WEEK

MAR 7-16 BOOK FAIR
IN LIBRARY

MAR 23 BOOK SHARE

MAR 30 AUTHOR VISIT
WITH JEREMY
AUSTIN

APR 6 END OF
READING SAFARI

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

2023-2024 UNIVERSAL PRE-K (UPK 5-HOUR PROGRAM) AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

To be eligible for enrollment in either Universal Pre-K (UPK 5-hour Program) or Kindergarten in September 2023, your child must meet the following requirements:

- **UPK 5-hour Program**
 - Child must turn four (4) years old on or before December 1, 2023
 - Be committed to a school day from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
 - Be transported to school by the parent/guardian by 8:15 am (afternoon transportation provided)
- **Kindergarten**
 - Child must turn five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2023.
- **Residency**
 - Be a West Canada Valley district resident

Universal Pre-K 5-hour Program The West Canada Valley UPK 5-hour Program (formerly half day pre-k administered by Herkimer BOCES) will be administered by West Canada Valley School District this year, and will be housed in our Elementary Building as in previous years. The hours of instruction will be from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm with parents/guardians providing transportation to the school by 8:15 am. UPK 5-hour Program students will be transported home on a designated UPK bus. UPK registration packets (with more detailed 5-hour Program information) will be available from the district registrar. Please call or email the district registrar to pre-register your child and request a UPK 5-hour Program registration packet be mailed to you.

Kindergarten registration packets will be mailed to parents/guardians of all current pre-k students; no pre-registration is required. If your child is not a current UPK student, or if your family has just moved to the district, please call or email the district registrar to pre-register your child and request a Kindergarten registration packet be mailed to you.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to register both UPK 5-hour Program and Kindergarten students, in person, during the dates and times listed below:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, March 16	12:30 - 4:00 pm During parent/teacher conferences	Elementary Cafeteria
Friday, March 17	12:30 - 4:00 pm During parent/teacher conferences	Elementary Cafeteria
Monday, March 21	4:30 - 7:30 pm By appointment only	Elementary Cafeteria

If you are unable to attend any of the registration dates above, please contact the district registrar to make an alternate appointment. Our goal is to have all UPK 5-hour Program and Kindergarten registration packets returned by Friday, April 28, 2023.

Please contact the district registrar, Daphne Raymo, at 315-845-6800, ext. 3353 or draymo@westcanada.org to pre-register your child and request a registration packet.

DRAMA CLUB

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

West Canada Valley Drama Club will be presenting Alice in Wonderland on Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th at 7 pm in the West Canada Valley Auditorium. This performance is an adaptation written by Anne Coulter Martins, which closely follows the original and beloved classic by Lewis Carroll. This whimsical tale will delight the audience from the very beginning when Alice (Grace VanEtten) slides down the rabbit hole after following the White Rabbit (Olivia Ray). She soon meets her guide through Wonderland, the Cheshire Cat (Julius Grower). Alice takes a personal journey of her own as she makes her way through the labyrinth of Wonderland, meeting a cast of well-known characters, such as The Caterpillar (Matthew Lape), Tweedle Dum (Mya Johnson) and Tweedle Dee (Olivia Broadbent), the Duchess (Hailey Haynes-Davis) and Cook (Charlotte Allen), Humpty Dumpty (Ash Muthig), the Mock Turtle (Amelia Lekki) and the fantastical Gryphon (Cade Hayes). The Mad Hatter (Matthew Lape), March Hare (Dustin Shannon-Dineen), and Dormouse (Cuyler Colony) make their appearances at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, before the play culminates with a raucous croquet game and trial, both of which are overseen by the fearsome Queen of Hearts (Annabell Allen) and her not-so-fearful husband, the King (Davin Kirchberg). This performance will feature stunning student-created scenery, along with music and dance, and is sure to delight the entire family! The performance will be followed by a Tea Party in the cafeteria, where refreshment will be available and the audience can meet their favorite Wonderland characters. Admission for Alice in Wonderland is \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from Drama Club members.

WIN A HEART COMPETITION

The WCV 7th grade Social Studies 7 class held a "Win a Heart" competition on Valentine's Day. Hearts were collected by doing random acts of kindness for fellow classmates. 1st place went to Logan Maida and 2nd place went to Davin Kirchberg. The next competition will be on St. Patrick's Day.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

ALL-COUNTY II MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent our school on March 16 th & 17 th at the Herkimer County All County II Music Festival to be held at Poland Central School. In the Elementary Band are Olivia Bell and Carina Ostapuk (flutes); Keira Cornacchia and Emma Baker (clarinets); Liliana McCann (alto saxophone); Corbin Jones (trombone) and Tucker Hopsicker (percussion). Singing in the Junior High Chorus are Amelia Lekki, Alizabeth Hull, Alivia Blando, Teegan Harvey and Caiden Brennan (sopranos); Katie Gorinshek, Olivia Broadbent, Hallie Fehlhaber, and Lorena Hatton (altos); Matthew Lape, William Muthig, Glenn Broadbent and Julia Hayes (baritones). Senior Band members include: Julie Kichuk, Olivia Ray, and Madelyn Allen (flutes); Rebecca Elwood, Gabby Schrader, Grayce Harvey, Erin Scanlon and Aurora Davis (clarinets); Emma Canelo (baritone sax); John Tolpa (trumpet); Alexa McManus (trombone); Dominic Lekki (baritone); Blake Reese and Gregory Lekki (tubas).

UPCOMING CONCERT DATES

<p>Tuesday, March 7th</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 14th</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 9th</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 16th</p>
<p>Music In Our Schools Month Concert 7:00 PM Grades 5th -12th Band</p>	<p>Music In Our Schools Month Concert 7:00 PM Grades 5th-12th Choruses</p>	<p>Spring Concert I 7:00 PM Senior Band</p>	<p>Spring Concert II 7:00 PM Junior Chorus, Senior Chorus, Junior Band</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 23 rd</p>		<p>Monday, May 29 th</p>	
<p>Spring Concert III 6:00 PM - 1st & 3rd Grade 7:00 PM - Elem. Chorus & Band</p>		<p>Memorial Day Parade 10:00AM @ Middleville</p>	
<p>Wednesday, May 31 st</p>	<p>Thursday or Friday, June 1 st /2nd</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 9th</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 16th</p>
<p>Song Fest 2023 7:00 PM West Canadians and Jazz Ensemble</p>	<p>Sherburne Pageant of Bands</p>	<p>Spring Concert I 7:00 PM Senior Band</p>	<p>Spring Concert II 7:00 PM Junior Chorus, Senior Chorus, Junior Band</p>

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

MAY 2023 AP EXAM SCHEDULE

All AP Exams take place at WCV during the school day

AP Exam	Test Date
AP English Literature and Composition (Seniors)	Wednesday, May 3, 8:00 AM
AP United States History	Friday, May 5, 8:00 AM
AP. Calculus AB	Monday, May 8, 8:00 AM
AP English Language and Composition (Juniors)	Tuesday, May 9, 8:00 AM

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULING

We will continue meeting individually with all students throughout the spring to review current courses, outstanding credit and Regents requirements, and to collect student course requests for next school year. The 2023-24 WCV Course Catalog can be viewed on the Guidance and Counseling Services page of the school website.

Seniors:

- Scholarships are available to all seniors and shared via the Counselors' Class of 2023 Google Classroom. The scholarship spreadsheet is also posted on the Guidance and Counseling Services page of the school website.
- Please bring in copies of acceptance letters to the Guidance Office as soon as possible!

Juniors:

- Juniors will be invited to attend College Day at Herkimer College on April 19. This is a college fair where college representatives from all over the state will be available to talk with students.
- Regional Program for Excellence (RPE) is an internship program that incoming juniors and seniors may be eligible to participate in during the summer or throughout the school year. The internship is set up through OHM BOCES and transportation is not provided by the district. If you are interested in getting more information on the program, counselors have application materials in the Guidance Office. Application materials will be due April 5, 2023.

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2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULING

Juniors:

- Juniors who are considering attending a 4 year college are typically advised to consider taking the SATs and/or ACTs in the spring of junior year, and again in the fall of their senior year. With many colleges waiving the standardized testing requirements they usually have, we strongly recommend researching the colleges you are interested in and verifying their testing requirements. To register for the SATs, visit www.collegeboard.org and choose your desired exam date and location (Herkimer and/or Utica are typically the closest locations). Visit www.act.org to register for the ACTs.

Spring SAT Dates (visit collegeboard.org to register)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Changes, Cancellation, and Late Registration Deadline
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

Sophomores:

- Sophomore Visitation at Herkimer BOCES to visit CTE programs will take place March 1, 2023. BOCES will also be holding an Open House on Wednesday, March 8th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM for any students and families wanting to attend. Herkimer-boces.org has the latest updates regarding Open House.
- Registration for Sophomores who are interested in attending a Herkimer BOCES CTE program for Junior and Senior year will be taking place throughout March. See your counselor if you are interested.
- Regional Program for Excellence (RPE) is an internship program that incoming juniors and seniors may be eligible to participate in during the summer or throughout the school year. The internship is set up through OHM BOCES and transportation is not provided by the district. If you are interested in getting more information on the program, counselors have application materials in the Guidance Office. Application materials will be due April 5, 2023.

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2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULING

Freshmen:

- On March 14 the Freshman class will be attending Career Day at Herkimer College.

Middle School (7th and 8th Grade):

State Test	7th Grade	8th Grade	Make up Dates (7th & 8th)
ELA	April 20 - 21	April 20 - 21	April 24 - 28
Math	May 3 - 4	May 3 - 4	May 5 - 11
Science Performance	N/A	May 24	May 25 - June 2
Science Written	N/A	June 5	June 6 - 9

SAVE YOUR TABS

West Canada Valley National Honor Society is collecting pop tops/pull tabs from cans to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

The pull tab program provides extra proceeds for the Ronald McDonald House.

Why Tabs? Collecting pull tabs instead of cans is more sanitary & tabs take up less space.

What to do: Collect aluminum pop tabs from any container (soda can, soup, pet food, etc.) there will be a drop off location in both the elementary and high school entrances.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Kamrin Boyd - *Living Environment, Ms. Maloney* - Kamrin has done fantastic so far this year! He is very attentive in class and always puts forth maximum effort. Every day when he comes to class, he knows what needs to be done and immediately gets to work without being asked. Kam works well with others and is very polite. Keep up the good work!

Evan Ceneviva - *Creative Writing, Ms. Blynt* - Evan's writing is imaginative and creative. His stories are a treat to read. I also really appreciate that he's always willing to actively participate and stretch himself with out-of-the-box thinking.

Alizabeth Hull - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Ali is off to a great start in Social Studies this year. She works very hard and is very involved in class. I am looking forward to great things from her this year! Great job, Ali!

Agafya Karyagina - *Junior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* - Agafya's participation in Junior Chorus is outstanding. She has already become a leader in her section, helping those around her to learn their harmony parts. Agafya has a great attitude for learning and wants to do well.

Amelia Lekki - *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Amelia is an EXCELLENT math student who always comes to class prepared and ready to learn. She completes all assignments on time and excels in all she does. She is a true pleasure to have in class!!

Amelia Lekki - *ELA 8, Ms. Buckley* - Amelia always comes in prepared. She immediately starts doing her bell ringer quietly and always volunteers answers, to read, and to help other students. She sets an amazing example for the rest of the class and does amazing work.

Paige Morgan - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Paige did an excellent job on the Geography Unit. Well done on the US States/Capitals/NY Geography/World Geography test. Keep up the good work.

Blake Reese - *Spanish College Now, Mrs. Foster* - Blake is a pleasure to have in class. Every day, Blake has positive attitude and is willing to participate while adventuring outside of his comfort zone. Great start to the year Blake. Keep up the great work.

Gabriella Schrader - *Senior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* - Even just 4 weeks in, I've already noticed a difference in Gabby's leadership in Senior Chorus. She recognizes the need for strong leadership in the alto section this year and I have observed her willingness to fill that role.

Danelle Shannon-Dineen - *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - I've seen great improvement with Danelle's work ethic, motivation, and commitment to her schoolwork this year. She has a positive attitude in class and has had a great start to the school year so far. Keep up the great work, Danelle!!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Chandler Smith - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Chandler is a very polite, hardworking, and enthusiastic student. He possesses an outstanding commitment to his learning of the language. He always puts forth a great effort and is eager to participate in class. ¡Fantástico trabajo Chandler! Keep it up :)

Jade Stokes - Art 8, Mrs. Sayers - Jade always goes above and beyond on projects. She puts effort into her work and works consistently throughout class. She is a joy to have in class.

Kaden Vincent - Algebra I CC, Mrs. Goggin - Kaden is extremely hard working in Algebra this year. I am proud of his ability to stick with a problem until he finds a reasonable solution. Thank you for always participating, paying attention, and putting forth your best effort. Keep up the great work, Kaden!

Khloe Vincent - General Music, Mr. DeJesus - Khloe is an active participant in class, answering questions, asking questions and explaining her thought process behind those questions. She is prepared for class physically and mentally every day.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



OCTOBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Glenn Broadbent - *Accelerated Math 7, Ms. Kelly* - Always striving to do his best, positive and respectful in class, helpful and successful student.

Olivia Broadbent - *Living Environment, Ms. Maloney* - Olivia is a role model student! She is prepared for class every day and has such a willingness to learn. Her class participation is excellent and her quiz/test scores directly reflect the effort she puts into class. She is always willing to help others and is very polite and respectful. I am excited to see her excel in this class!

Mackenzie Christiano - *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Mackenzie is a very polite and hard-working student. She has done an OUTSTANDING job in Math 8 so far this year. Keep up the awesome work Mackenzie!

Cuyler Colony - *Algebra I CC, Mrs. Goggin* - Cuyler is a very hard worker in Algebra this year. It is obvious that she spends a lot of time working on her assignments and preparing for her assessments. Cuyler is great about asking questions and she is always willing to help others. I am proud of you, Cuyler. Keep up the excellent work!

Dominic DiFillippo - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Dom has been doing great in my class. He comes in every day ready to work and is always on top of his assignments. It is clear that he cares about his schoolwork and doing the best he can on all his assignments. He has really impressed me so far this year. Keep up the good work, Dom!

Madison Gonzalez - *ELA 10, Mrs. Downing* - Madison is off to a great start this year. Since last year, I have seen so much improvement in her positive attitude, her willingness to participate, her motivation, and her grades overall. She even helps others with their work when she gets ahead. Keep it up, Madison!

Erin Gorinshek - *Anatomy & Physiology, Ms. Maloney* - Erin is a brilliant student who cares about her classes. Despite the amount of information learned in this course, Erin is excelling and going above and beyond my expectations. She puts in the work and her grades are an accurate representation of this. Keep up the good work Erin!

Payton Jackson - *English 11, Mrs. Ackman* - Payton is a model student who is diligent about getting her work completed thoroughly and accurately, maintains a positive attitude, and is pleasant, polite, and respectful. She visited Salem, Massachusetts during our study of *The Crucible* and shared her discovery of an awesome memento left on a victim's memorial with me and the class. Her enthusiasm and engagement is wonderful to see. Keep up the awesome work, Payton!

Penny Johnston - *Spanish III, Mrs. Foster* - Penny is always putting her best foot forward in Spanish Class. Penny is a kind student who likes to make her classmates smile. She has been doing an outstanding job learning the Spanish language and culture. Keep up the great work.

Agafya Karyagina - *ELA 8, Ms. Buckley* - This student is always on task, helping other students, and submitting excellent work!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



OCTOBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Matthew Lape – *Health, Mr. Russo* – Everyday Matt comes into class prepared, enthusiastic, and happy. During lessons Matt participates and engages into the conversation to offer answers and give his opinion which (most of the time) applies to the health topics we discuss. He is a responsible and hard-working young man with a great future ahead in education, athletics, and life in general.

Dylen Nicotera – *ELA 10, Mrs. Downing* – Dylen has really impressed me so far this year. I have seen so much improvement in his motivation and commitment to his schoolwork. He comes to class with a positive attitude every day, ready to work as soon as he walks in. He participates in class, studies for assessments, and stays on top of his assignments. Keep up the good work, Dylen!

Isabella Schrader – *Life Science 7, Ms. Rose* – Isabella has great class participation. She is awesome at assisting and encouraging her classmates. She is doing a super job in science this year!

Alexia Stofanak – *Junior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* – Alexia has gained confidence in her abilities as a musician this year. She leads others to strengthen their skills and has taken a big step forward in her new role in the musical. Great job, Alexia!

Khloe Vincent – *Math 7, Ms. Kelly* – Always has work completed, succeeds on all in and out of class assignments, is a pleasure in class and very respectful.

Khloe Vincent – *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* – Khloe is off to a great year. She is very conscientious about her work. Homework is handed in early and she participates on a daily basis. She is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work.

Khloe Vincent – *Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski* – Khloe is an exceptional student. She is always very well prepared and neatly does her assignments. She is a very polite young lady, a great role model student, and a pleasure to have in class. Muy bien Khloe. Keep it up.

Lily Williams – *Math 7, Ms. Kelly* – Always a pleasure in class, does excellent on all assignments, positive attitude, and helpful.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



NOVEMBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Bella Bartlett - *Spanish III, Mrs. Foster* - Bella is a pleasure to have in class. She loves to dance on "Baile Viernes" which inspires the rest of her classmates to get up and move. Bella naturally excels in Spanish Class and has a witty personality that makes me laugh often. Keep up the great work Bella. ¡Bien hecho!

Andrew Carney - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Andrew has shown a great deal of improvement this year. He has been completing his work on time and doing well on tests and quizzes. He has been attentive during class and his attendance has been great. His effort has not gone unnoticed.

Dylynn Casanova - *Accelerated Math 7, Ms. Kelly* - Dylynn has shown great improvements with her mathematic and organization skills this year. She is dedicated to continuously getting better at the new information taught. Dylynn has spent extra time in my classroom when it is needed to ask questions and get the help she needs to strive in math. She participates and always comes to class ready to learn. Keep up the great work!

Amber Cool - *Math 7, Ms. Kelly* - Amber has shown great dedication and effort to improving her mathematics skills. She is always prepared and respectful in class. Amber participates often and is always asking questions when needed. She shows how much she cares each day. Keep up the great work!

Emma Davidson - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Emma brings great energy to class every day. She is always willing to participate in class and try her best. She is a wonderful role model for her peers.

Madison Fagan - *ELA 7, Ms. Murphy* - Madison is among the most conscientious students I have ever encountered. She works hard, participates thoughtfully, and encourages others. Madison makes me smile every day with her bright personality and sense of humor! Keep up the excellent work, Madison!

Madison Gonzalez - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Madison has been working hard this year. Her assignments are always well-prepared and she has shown improvement on assessments. She is not afraid to ask questions and or volunteer during class discussions. Her attendance and attentiveness have been great. She's a polite young lady who demonstrates that academics are important to her. It's enjoyable to see Madison succeed.

Julius Grower - *Senior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* - Julius completed the notable November Triple Whammy. Julius was accepted into All-County, was a lead in the musical and was accepted into Area All-State, learning difficult music and participating in 3 massive performances back-to-back-to-back. Having a student complete all 3 weekends is rare I'm so proud of Julius' work ethic and dedication to being a quality student musician this year.

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Alysia Hare - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Alysia is the most improved student in Social Studies 7. Keep up the good work!

Davin Kirchberg - *Math 7, Ms. Kelly* - Davin always comes to class prepared and ready to participate. He is doing excellent with the work and is always in a positive mood. He has shown great effort towards his grades. Davin is always helpful in class when asked. Keep up the good work! Go Bills!

Davin Kirchberg - *Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Davin is a pleasure to have in class. He strives to do his very best in all tasks. He is always very well prepared and participates often. Davin is a great role model student. ¡Fantástico Davin! Keep it up :)

Colten Lisowski - *ELA 10, Mrs. Downing* - Colten is one of the hardest working students I have had. I commend the effort he puts in to all of his work and his willingness to constantly improve. He participates often and is always on top of his assignments. Great work, Colten!

Paige Lowell - *Anatomy & Physiology, Ms. Maloney* - Paige is a pleasure to have in class! She is extremely polite and comes in prepared every day. She participates in class and has a positive attitude. There is a lot of information in this course, but Paige stays on top of her work and her grades reflect that! Keep up the good work!

Izabella Mauldin - *ELA, Mrs. Zimdars* - Izzy has great class participation! She volunteers to read during class and assists others when answering questions. Great job, Izzy!

Savanna Miner - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Savanna has come a long way in Global History. She has shown progress in her academics and attendance. Savanna participates in class discussions and she shows genuine interest and enthusiasm in the lessons. She has great potential when she puts her mind to something.

Dylen Nicotera - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Dylen is having a great year! He demonstrates genuine interest and enthusiasm in class. He participates daily in class discussions. His assignments are very well done and he exhibits critical thinking skills. Dylen is a polite young man and his effort is greatly appreciated.

Tyler Ossont - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Tyler has shown tremendous improvement this year. He is a bright young man with a great deal of potential. His attendance and overall attitude have been terrific. He shows up each day ready and willing to work. He participates daily in class discussions and he dominates when we play review games. His work ethic has improved greatly. He completes his assignments in a timely manner. Tyler is a pleasure to have in class and I enjoy our conversations about Netflix.

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Brooke Reddington - *Middle School Music, Mr. DeJesus* - Brooke is always prepared physically and mentally for music class. She works hard to participate every single day, giving thoughtful answers in class discussion. Brooke is clearly very serious about doing quality work in school and balances that with energy and a fun and willing attitude.

Blake Reese - *HS Music, Mr. Bonney* - Blake Reese deserves to be recognized for his all-around dedication and effort in all he does as a student at WCV. In addition to a full school day and work load in his classes like all his peers, Blake put in three hours per day directly after school contributing to the success of our football team. Then he scrambled off to three more hours of daily practice as a lead cast member in our school's musical production. All of this occurred the entire first quarter without complaining or a day missing from school even while sick or exhausted. Blake's remarkable attitude/manners, leadership through doing, and dedication to the team concept should be celebrated. Additionally, he was selected and represented WCV as a member of the Area All-State Chorus. Thanks for all you do Blake - amazing work ethic!

Alexis Russett - *Basic Algebra, Mrs. Goggin* - Alexis is such a hard worker in Basic Algebra. She comes to class prepared and motivated every single day. I am so impressed with the effort Alexis has been putting forth this school year. Keep up the excellent work!!

Wyatt Walker - *ELA 9, Mrs. Downing* - Wyatt has been an excellent student in ELA this year. He is always eager to participate, he has done great on his assessments and essays, and he is always on top of his work. Keep up the great work, Wyatt!

Carmen Youngs - *Living Environment, Ms. Maloney* - The effort that Carmen puts into class and her work on a daily basis is outstanding! She participates in class frequently and is not afraid to ask for help or clarification when needed. I am very proud of Carmen and how well she is doing in class! Keep up the great work!

Carmen Youngs - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Carmen is a very conscientious student who comes to class ready and willing to work each day. She completes all of her work, she asks questions, and she participates during class. Carmen works very hard and helps others when needed. I enjoy our conversations and daily banter as well. She's a pleasure to have in class.



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Hallie Fehlhaber - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Hallie comes to class each day ready and willing to learn. She displays excellent effort, communicates effectively, and has a positive attitude. She's a polite young lady and has a good sense of humor. Her assignments are very well-prepared and she always completes her work in a timely manner. Hallie's a very conscientious student.

Reese Fellows - *Anatomy & Physiology, Ms. Maloney* - Reese is a fantastic student! She completes all her work in a timely manner and her quiz/test scores are outstanding. Keep up the good work!

Katherine Gorinshek - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Katie is an excellent student. She strives to do the best she possibly can on all of her work. She is excited to participate and engage with the material. She is a model student. Great job, Katie!

Katherine Gorinshek - *Living Environment, Ms. Maloney* - Katie is an exemplar student! Her class participation is outstanding as well as her overall effort in the course. She comes to class every day with a willingness to learn and is the first one to offer help to others. Keep up the excellent work Katie!

Katherine Gorinshek - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Katherine is an excellent student. She pays attention to details and displays critical thinking skills. She's attentive, responsible, and very conscientious. She participates in class discussions, she displays excellent effort, and she has a great attitude and sense of humor.

Teegan Harvey - *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Teegan is a model student. She comes to class ready and willing to learn, her work is always complete, she always strives to do her best and she has excellent class participation. She is a true pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work Teegan!

Alizabeth Hull - *Junior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* - Ali has been a pleasure to watch grow into the musician that she has so far this year. Ali comes to chorus ready to participate and learn. She listens to direction and works on improving her singing skills through class, lessons and solo opportunities. Keep up the great work, Ali!

Agafya Karyagina - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Agafya has been a true pleasure to have in class. She is always trying her very best, and participates in class on a regular basis. She is a wonderful role model for her peers. Great job, Agafya!

Yevgeniy Karyagin - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Yevgeniy is a terrific student. He's very cordial and puts forth excellent effort. He always participates in class discussions and isn't afraid to ask questions. He completes his work in a timely manner. His test and quiz scores are outstanding. Yev is a very polite young man who is academically motivated.

Olivia Leyko - *Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Olivia is an outstanding role model student. Her effort is exceptional as she goes above and beyond on every single assignment and participation. She possesses an excellent commitment to her learning of the language. ¡Excelente trabajo Olivia! Keep it up.

Nyssa Lopez - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Nyssa is a great student. She is excited about the material and always eager to participate. She keeps up with all her work and even goes above and beyond to help out in class. Keep up the good work, Nyssa!

William Muthig - *Spanish II, Mrs. Foster* - William is an outstanding language learner. He amazes me every day with a new phrase he has learned in Spanish. William makes teaching Spanish so much fun. I hope you keep the enthusiasm for learning a new language for your entire life William. Keep up the great work. ¡Bien hecho!

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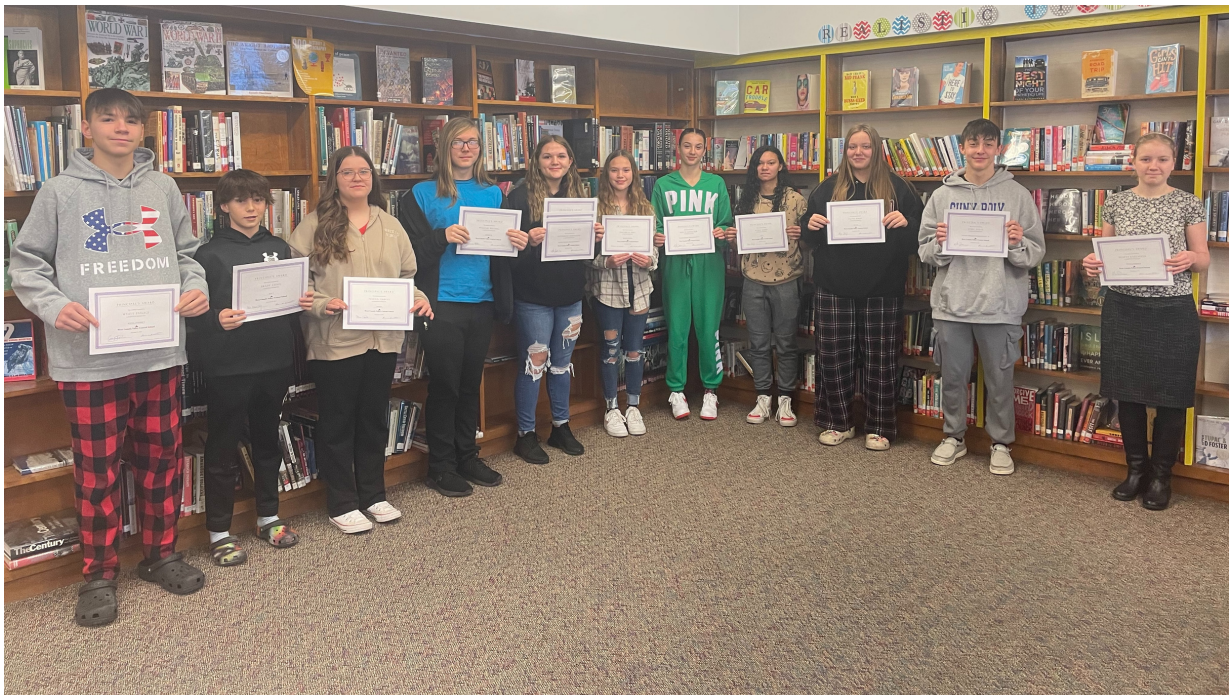
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Wyatt Passage - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Wyatt does his best on homework assignments and daily quizzes. His work is handed in on time, if not early, and he participates in daily discussions. Keep up the good work!

Faith Perry - *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - I have seen lots of improvement in Faith this year, with her work ethic, performance, and overall engagement. She is excited to participate in class, and she always keeps up with her work. She also goes out of her way to help out in class whenever she can. Keep up the good work!

John Tolpa - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - John is a role model student-athlete. He is a hard-working, conscientious, student who values his academics. He shows up each and every day ready and willing to learn. He always participates in class discussions, he shows a genuine interest for the curriculum, and displays a positive attitude. John is a polite young man with a great sense of humor.

Brady Zaino - *ELA 7, Ms. Murphy* - I would like to recognize Brady's improvements in both behavior and academics. Brady has been working hard so far this quarter, and his behavior has greatly improved. I appreciate his dedication to bettering himself, and I appreciate his new commitment to helping make our classroom atmosphere so positive! Keep it up, Brady!



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Tyenna Borden - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Tyenna is a great student. She keeps on top of her assignments, is always eager to participate, and puts full effort into completing her work to the best of her ability. She has a positive attitude and a great work ethic overall. It is a pleasure to have her in class.

Olivia Broadbent - *Geometry, Mrs. Smith* - Olivia is an ideal student! She is polite and respectful and comes to class everyday ready and willing to learn. Her knowledge of geometry is OUTSTANDING which is demonstrated in the work she completes and she has a high level of class participation which is greatly appreciated! Thank you for all of your hard work Olivia!

Cuyler Colony - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Cuyler has done a wonderful job in social studies all year. She makes a consistent effort to participate in class and try her very best. Congrats, Cuyler!

Jacob Cornacchia - *Spanish 2, Mrs. Foster* - Jacob is a pleasure to have in class. Jacob's work ethic is commendable, he puts extra effort and care into his assignments. Keep up the great work and positive attitude Jacob. ¡Bien hecho!

Aurora Davis - *Creative Writing, Ms. Blynt* - Aurora is intrinsically motivated with her writing. Her poems and stories show great creativity, and she is precise and discerning with how she wants to present her ideas to her reader. Aurora has contributed several pieces to the school literary magazine and was a valuable asset to class.

Kaity Dingman - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Kaity is terrific in class. She participates and completes all of her work in a timely manner. She comes to school with a smile, ready and willing to learn each day. She is able to think critically and does well on tests and quizzes.

Iain Farber - *English 11, Mrs. Ackman* - Iain is a wonderful student. He is committed to completing all of his work on time and thoroughly. His pleasant attitude and ready smile add joy to my day and to the class. Keep up the good work, Iain.

Erin Gorinshek - *Instrumental Music, Mr. Bonney* - Erin Gorinshek is the only senior percussionist who very capably serves as section leader in the high school Wind Ensemble. Her organization, punctuality, and effort are constants. She is easy to teach in that she is always prepared and is aware of areas she needs help and isn't afraid to ask for help in those rare instances. She is kind, pleasant, and helpful to her peers. I enjoy her natural leadership ability and am proud of her awesome progress and skills.

Joshua Grabowski - *Senior Chorus, Mr. DeJesus* - Josh has been a steady leader throughout his time in chorus. This year it's even more noticeable. I know that I can count on Josh's responsibility, focus and leadership every day. Senior year is busy and overwhelming at times and it's a true accomplishment in itself to be so consistent. Thank you, Josh for your dependability and dedication to being a leader in chorus.

Alijah Greene - *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - I am very impressed by Alijah's motivation and commitment to his schoolwork. He always comes to class ready to work, he participates in discussions, and he is focused on doing as well as he can on all of his assignments. I have seen so much improvement in his work ethic and overall positive attitude. Great job, Alijah!

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Lucas Humphreville - *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Lucas is an excellent math student! His work is always complete and he excels in all he does! In addition, he is polite and respectful which is greatly appreciated! Thank you Lucas! Keep up the great work!

Lexus Lanz-Wilcox - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Lexus has improved her attendance and her grades. She's been terrific in class. She has been volunteering more frequently and she crushed the last unit test! Lexus is a very bright young lady with a lot of potential.

Colten Lisowski - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Colten is great to have in class. He participates, he asks questions, and he's polite. Colten really works hard and he demonstrates critical thinking skills. He shows a genuine interest in the topics being taught and he's always attentive.

Logan Maida - *Math, Ms. Hummel* - Logan always follows directions and is on top of his work. What made Logan stand out, was his kindness. I had a student that was very displeased with their grade. Logan took the time to chat with this student and tell them that it will all be okay. He was very comforting and kind to his fellow classmate. It warmed my heart to watch the encounter!

Paige Maida - *Sculpture, Mrs. Sayers* - Paige always goes above and beyond on her art projects in Sculpture. She uses references and even comes in to work on her projects when she has a free period.

Angelina Polidori - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Angelina is very quiet but absorbs everything. Her work is very thorough. She's always prepared and willing to learn. Her tests and quizzes are terrific. She's a very bright and polite young lady. She's a pleasure to have in class.

Olivia Ray - *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - Olivia is a model student. She goes above and beyond to make sure she hands in exemplary work, and she is constantly looking for ways to improve her skills and her grades even further. I am constantly impressed by her commitment to excelling in her schoolwork. Great job, Olivia!

Alexis Walsh - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Alexis is the most improved student in Social Studies 7 during the 2nd marking period. Keep up the good work.

Carmen Youngs - *Algebra I CC, Mrs. Goggin* - Carmen is an outstanding math student. During class she participates, helps others, and is never afraid to ask questions. Carmen is a very diligent student and a pleasure to have in class. She has even gone out of her way to help absent classmates with the material they missed. Keep up the great work, Carmen!



WCV ATHLETICS NEWS

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Start time</u>
4/5/23	Notre Dame, Utica	4:30 PM
4/7/23	Ben Conte Tournament (UND, WCV, FP) @ OESJ	TBD
4/8/23	Ben Conte Tournament (UND, WCV, FP) @ OESJ	TBD
4/17/23	@ Poland	4:30 PM
4/19/23	New York Mills	4:30 PM
4/21/23	@ Hamilton	4:30 PM
4/22/23	Frankfort-Schuyler	1:00 PM
4/24/23	Town of Webb UFSD	4:30 PM
4/26/23	@ Remsen	4:30 PM
4/27/23	Poland	4:30 PM
4/29/23	Cooperstown	1:00 PM
5/1/23	Little Falls	4:30 PM
5/3/23	@ Cooperstown	4:30 PM
5/6/23	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	1:00 PM
5/8/23	Morrisville-Eaton	4:30 PM
5/10/23	@ Oriskany	4:30 PM
5/11/23	@ Town of Webb UFSD	4:30 PM
5/17/23	Remsen	4:30 PM
5/19/23	@ Little Falls	7:00 PM
5/20/23	@ Notre Dame, Utica	12:00 PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Start time</u>
4/4/23	@ Camden	4:30 PM
4/5/23	Herkimer	4:30 PM
4/17/23	@ Poland	4:30 PM
4/19/23	New York Mills	4:30 PM
4/21/23	@ Hamilton	4:30 PM
4/22/23	Frankfort-Schuyler	1:00 PM
4/24/23	Town of Webb UFSD	4:30 PM
4/26/23	@ Remsen	4:30 PM
4/27/23	Poland	4:30 PM
4/29/23	Cooperstown	1:00 PM
5/3/23	@ Cooperstown	4:30 PM
5/5/23	@ Herkimer	4:30 PM
5/6/23	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	1:00 PM
5/8/23	Morrisville-Eaton	4:30 PM
5/10/23	@ Oriskany	4:30 PM
5/11/23	@ Town of Webb UFSD	4:30 PM
5/15/23	Canajoharie	4:30 PM
5/17/23	Remsen	4:30 PM

VARSIY GOLF SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Start time</u>
4/24/23	Adirondack @ Little Falls	4:00 PM
4/25/23	Little Falls @ Remsen	3:30 PM
4/28/23	Dolgeville, Remsen	3:30 PM
5/3/23	Little Falls @ Adirondack	3:30 PM
5/4/23	Dolgeville @ Poland	3:30 PM
5/5/23	Poland, Town of Webb UFSD	3:30 PM
5/8/23	Dolgeville @ Town of Webb UFSD	4:00 PM
5/12/23	Little Falls, Adirondack	3:30 PM
5/17/23	Adirondack @ Dolgeville	3:30 PM



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Calendar

March 7

MIOSM Concert (Band)

March 14

MIOSM Concert (Chorus)

March 17 & 18

All County II

March 24 & 25

Drama Club Production

April 7-14

April Recess

May 9

Spring Concert I
Wind Ensemble
(9-12 band)

May 16

Annual Budget Vote
School Board Election
12-8pm

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about sporting events,
upcoming meetings, or current
happenings at the school!

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