

# WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS



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# 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 2022 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 25, 2022. As we get closer, the district will communicate the details to everyone.

**Capital Project** – The district continue to move forward with the planning and development of the upcoming project. The district’s consultants are developing drawings and developing detailed cost associations related to the approved project items. In addition, the district is working with our consultants to maximize federal funding and National Grid incentives to limit the overall cost of this project.

**Budget Season** – The district has devoted a great deal of time and effort building our budget for the 2022-2023 school year. The governor’s proposed budget has provided West Canada Valley with a slight 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. As always, we will work diligently to provide a program that is high quality for our students and responsible to the taxpayers. We look forward to your support throughout this process.

**Regents Exams/State Assessments**–As we continue to promote strong foundation skills in our young students the district recognizes that our curriculum/assessment practices are an important piece of student development. The district has continued to work diligently on curriculum development as well as our instructional strategies during the past year. This will continue to be a high priority as we move forward. This year’s state assessments including Regents exams are still under discussion at both the federal and state level. Districts across the state are expecting guidance in the upcoming months on the requirements and the proposed testing schedules. We continue to work through the pandemic and understand our teachers and students continue to face unusual circumstances. Once we know what tests are being made available and the schedule; we will certainly communicate to all stakeholders.

**Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** – Our educational community continues to work with multiple stakeholders including the New York State Education Department to identify areas of strength and weakness in our academic programing. This has led to the development of a comprehensive plan to improve upon all academic areas as we move forward as a district. This has been a great opportunity for the district to reflect upon all of its achievements as well as develop plans that will take the district to the next level academically. To accomplish this, we continue to look at all areas of our academic program.

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The pandemic has and will continue to present new challenges to our educational planning. The district continues the ongoing assessment of those needs and is making plans to address learning gaps that may exist at this time. As a parent/guardian, if you have any questions regarding the state assessment process and/or instructional planning, please do not hesitate to contact the district office. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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. The last few years have certainly been unprecedented, but we have worked together as a community to get through these challenges.

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 and I anticipate that opportunities will only expand in the months ahead. If you ever have any questions/concerns, do not hesitate to contact me in the district office. Take care and stay safe!

**Mr. DJ Shepardson**  
Superintendent of Schools

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **THREE OPEN SEATS**

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 three (3) members to the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 12-8pm in the MS/HS lobby. The following board members have terms that will expire on June 30, 2022: Mrs. Jessica Bartlett, Mr. Roger Kemler and Mrs. Shauna Michael.

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 5:00PM on April 18, 2022 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](mailto:KSheets@westcanada.org).

# DIGITAL EQUITY SURVEY

## NYSED REQUEST

The NY State Education Department (NYSED) has required all school districts to collect "data equity" information for each enrolled student. If you have not already done so, please help WCV CSD collect this data for NYSED by taking a few minutes to use the QR code to complete the brief survey below for each student in your home. NYSED requires an answer to each of the nine questions. You can also type in the following link to access the survey. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/qa3gCaoirWc85ytA7>



## 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](mailto:ddutcher@westcanada.org)

Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 3352

#### **Angie Lyon, RN**

Elementary School Nurse

[alyon@westcanada.org](mailto:alyon@westcanada.org)

Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 1152

# CAFETERIA

## ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA NEWS

Hi everyone,

We continue to offer Free breakfast “grab and go” meals each morning for the elementary students.

Many students take advantage of this, and our school receives a reimbursement from the NYS and federal governments for each meal taken. There is no charge for a student to have breakfast.

The same continues for our Lunch meals. There continues to be no charge to a student who receives lunch. One lunch meal is provided free of charge. Additional portions, or “seconds” need to be paid for at the time of service. Students desiring these extra food items will need to have money on their Lunch account or cash to pay. Sorry, but we cannot allow a student to have additional food items without paying for them.

Lunch accounts can be set up on the My School Bucks website:  
<https://www.myschoolbucks.com> or money can be placed on their accounts by sending in a check made out to WCV Lunch Program.

If I can be of assistance with any of this or you have questions, please call me at 315-845-6800 ext. 3360 or e-mail me at [sbutler@westcanada.org](mailto:sbutler@westcanada.org)

Thank You all so much!

Shelby Butler, Food Service Director



# TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

## TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS

- 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.
- Please make sure someone is home for elementary students when the bus arrives in the afternoon.
- Bus discipline issues are serious. Do not hesitate to contact either the Principal or myself with your concerns.
- Please refrain from the practice of following a bus to take a child off, or let a child get on the bus. It can be very dangerous when students walk along the side of a bus and the driver is unaware.
- State law: Never pass a stopped school bus that has its red lights flashing. Violators will be prosecuted.

School phone number: 315 845-6800

Elementary office: Ext 1100

High School office: Ext 3300

Transportation Department: Ext 3401

### **Felix Ray**

Transportation Supervisor

E-Mail: [fray@westcanada.org](mailto:fray@westcanada.org)

Phone: 315-845-6800 EXT 401



# DRAMA CLUB

## RADIUM GIRLS

West Canada Valley Drama Club is pleased to present Radium Girls, a two-act play written by DW Gregory, a show based on actual events that occurred around Orange, New Jersey between 1918 and 1928. This play is inspired by the true life stories of three girls, Grace Fryer (Grace VanEtten), Katheryn Schaub (Olivia Clark), and Irene Rudolph (Annabelle Allen) who worked for US Radium Corporation and were poisoned by the radium in the paint used to illuminate



watch dials for the troops. After learning of their illness, and with the help of activist Katherine Wiley (Danelle Shannon-Dineen), they took on the president of the company, Arthur Roeder (Oren Valerio), and his associates, Edward Markley (Julius Grower) and CB “Charlie” Lee (Matthew Lape), which resulted in a classic conflict of working class versus corporate greed. These events are narrated by reporters, Jack Youngwood (Anthony Smith) and Nancy Jane Harlan (Hailey Haynes), who add to the action with their fast paced delivery. The action is further enhanced by testimonials of scientists Dr. VonSochocky (Ash Muthig) and Dr. Marie Curie (Olivia Ray). A poignant glimpse into the life of Grace Fryer is included, with scenes portraying her fiance (Tyler Reinhardt) and her mother (Leanne Kennedy).

Radium Girls is fast-paced and thought provoking, chronicling the lives of the “ghost girls”, young factory girls who literally glowed from the chemicals they worked with every day. Their efforts to stand up to the executives at US Radium Corp improved factory conditions for all, and their plight is an accurate and timely glimpse into American history. This production is directed by Mrs. Patricia Lang and Mrs. Joyce Patti. It is co-directed by Dramatic Literature students Grace VanEtten, Olivia Clark, Annabelle Allen, and Hailey Haynes, all of whom also have major dramatic roles in the show. Additionally, the performance incorporates unique and complex set design and lighting, a challenging task taken on by Stage Crew Director, John Flanagan, and Stage Crew members, Nadia Paul, Louis Clarke, and Madelyn Allen.

Drama Club is thrilled to be back on stage after a two year absence, and the students have learned so much in preparation for this production. Please join us for the performance of Radium Girls on Friday, March 25th and Saturday, March 26th, at the West Canada Valley High School Auditorium at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from Drama Club members and at the door.

# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## ALL-COUNTY I MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent our school on February 5 th at the Herkimer County All County I Music Festival that was held at Central Valley Academy. Performing in the Junior High Band were Olivia Ray, Grayce Harvey, Audrah Lyon-Saunders, Matthew Lape, Emma Canelo, Olivia Broadbent, Jack Stewart, Dominic Lekki, and Gregory Lekki. Singing in the Senior High Chorus were Chase Bugeya, Dalten Brennan, Julius Grower, Korbin Williams, Madilyn Connor, Renee’ Jenkins, Hailey Haynes-Davis, and Emma Soron.

## ALL-COUNTY II MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent our school on March 18 th and 19 th at the Herkimer County All County II Music Festival to be held at Dolgeville Central School. Singing in the Junior High Chorus are Grayce Harvey, Mya Johnson, Olivia Ray, Olivia Broadbent, Katie Gorinshek, Danelle Shannon-Dineen, Julius Grower, Matthew Lape and Ash Muthig. Senior Band members include: Madilyn Connor, Renee’ Jenkins, Julie Kichuk, Madelyn Allen, Lydia Reimer, Jordyn Kuzontkoski, Rebecca Elwood, Erin Scanlon, Aurora Davis, Jenavieve Lyon, Sydney Kinsella, Maya Farber, Alexa McManus, and Blake Reese.

## UPCOMING CONCERT DATES

<p><b>Tuesday, March 8th</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 15th</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 10th</b></p>
<p>Music In Our Schools Month Concert 7:00 PM Grades 5th-12th Bands</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><b>Tuesday, May 17th</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 19th</b></p>	
<p>Spring Concert II 7:00 PM Junior Chorus, Senior Chorus, Junior Band)</p>	<p>Spring Concert III 6:00 PM - 1st &amp; 3rd Grade 7:00 PM - 4th Grade, Elem. Chorus &amp; Band</p>	

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

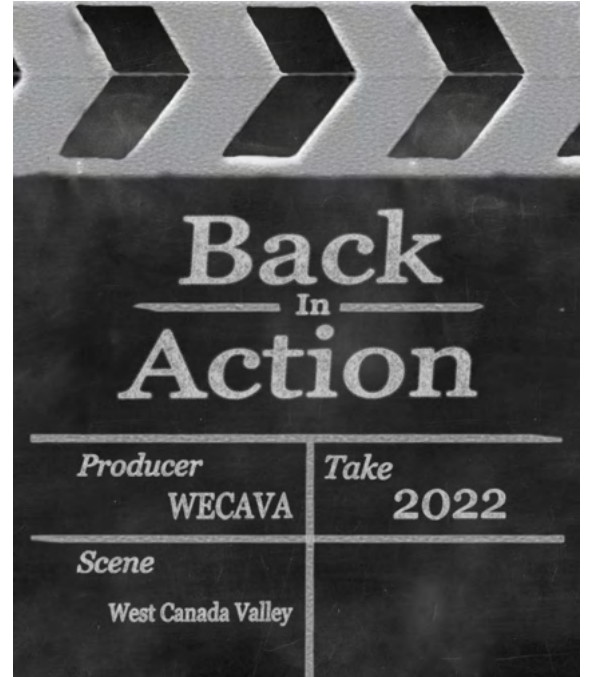
## YEARBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDERING

Yearbooks are available for ordering. Get yours now before they're all gone!

Here's how to order:

- Go to [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com)
- Enter school code 3215
- Click on: Order Yearbook
- Choose personalized (\$55), non-personalized (\$50), or seniors only - free personalization (\$50).
- Choose your student's name
- Add desired personalization
- Checkout

Please note: Herff Jones charges a \$4.99 processing fee. This is added to your total at checkout.

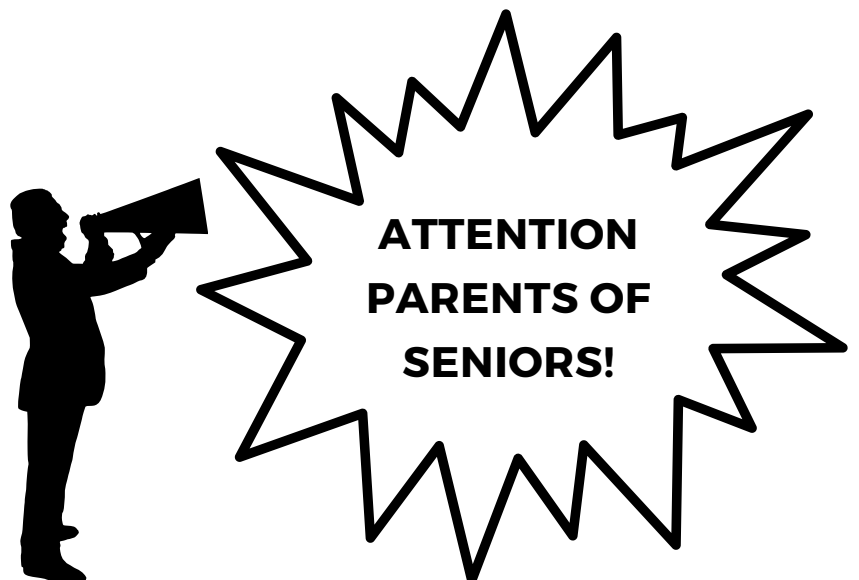


## YEARBOOK FAMILY AD

There is still time to get a family ad in the yearbook. It's all done online and you get to choose the size, the images, the color, and the text. Here's how:

- Go to: [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com)
- Enter school code 3215
- Click on: Start ad
- Choose size (1/4 page = \$65, 1/8 page = \$35, or 1/16 page = \$20).
- Choose your student's name
- Create account
- Add text and upload images.
- Checkout

Your completed ad will be submitted directly to the yearbook. These ads are a way for you to celebrate your child's achievements. These ads can be purchased and designed by other family members and friends too. It is easy to purchase multiple ads. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ackman at [gackman@westcanada.org](mailto:gackman@westcanada.org).





# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Seniors:

- Scholarships are available to all students and shared with seniors via the Counselors' Class of 2022 Google Classroom.
- Please bring in acceptance letters to the Guidance Office as soon as possible!

### Juniors:

- Juniors will be invited to attend College Day at Herkimer College on April 27. This is a college fair where college representatives from all over the state will be available to talk with students.
- Juniors who are thinking about attending 4 year colleges 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 their testing requirements. To register for the SATs, visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and choose your desired exam date and location (Herkimer and/or Utica are typically the closest locations). Visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register for the ACTs.

Spring SAT Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022

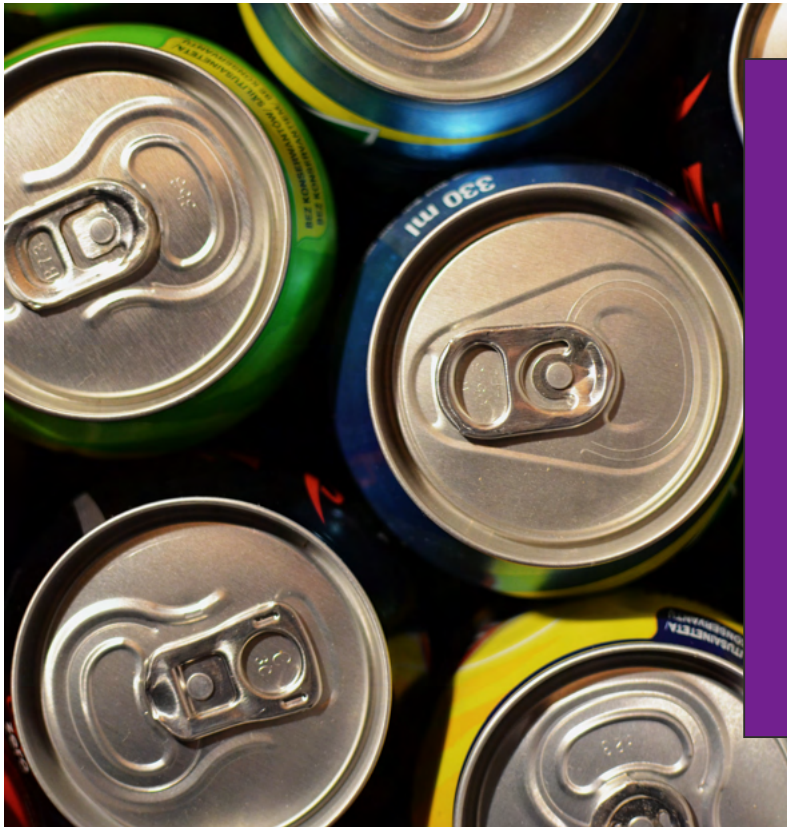
### Sophomores:

- Sophomore Visitation at Herkimer BOCES to visit CTE programs will take place March 2, 2022. BOCES will also be holding an Open House on Wednesday, March 9th for any students and families wanting to attend. [Herkimer-boces.org](http://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.

### Freshman:

- On March 15 the Freshman class will be attending Career Day at Herkimer College.

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## CLASS OF 2023 CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE

The WCV Class of 2023 will be conducting a can and bottle drive on Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 11:00am-3:00pm in the high school parking lot of WCV Central School. All proceeds will benefit WCV's Class of 2023 and help with the costs of the upcoming prom.

Please consider saving and donating your bottles and cans for a good cause!

## 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



## OCTOBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

**Stella Brown** - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Stella is a wonderful asset to my period 1 class. She arrives on time each day ready and willing to learn. She has a very positive demeanor, she's polite, friendly, and an active participant in class. In addition, her grades are "Stellar."

**Mackenzie Christiano** - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Mackenzie is off to a great start this school year. Her positive attitude and class participation are excellent. She is very conscientious of her work and does her best daily. Keep up the good work!

**Mackenzie Christiano** - *Math 7, Mrs. Goggin* - Mackenzie is an excellent math student. She is doing a great job completing her assignments with accuracy. Mackenzie is a role model for her peers. I am proud of you, Mackenzie!

**Josh Conover** - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Josh has been outstanding over the past several weeks. His test and quizzes have been super! Josh's participation in class is also appreciated. He has great potential when motivated and focused. Great start to the school year.

**Kadrie Farber** - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Kadrie has shown some significant improvement over the past several weeks. She has been putting forth more effort and communicating effectively. Her assignments are always completed and turned in on time. She has been showing more interest in class discussions and participating more. Kadrie has a good sense of humor and is a pleasure to have in class.

**Analyce Grabowski** - *Geometry, Mrs. Smith* - I have one word to describe Analyce - OUTSTANDING! Outstanding effort, outstanding knowledge, outstanding performance. I am extremely impressed with Analyce's mathematical abilities. Amazing job Analyce! Congratulations!

**Grayce Harvey** - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Grayce is an outstanding student. Her work is impeccable. She comes to class each day ready and willing to learn. She is polite and displays a positive attitude. She is very knowledgeable and shows a genuine interest in the topics discussed. Grayce is a pleasure to have in class.

**Nyssa Lopez** - *ELA 8, Mrs. Lang* - Nyssa's work is always well done and turned in on time -- sometimes ahead of time! She volunteers answers in class and is a pleasure to have in ELA 8!

**Nyssa Lopez** - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Nyssa participates in class every day. She does a great job and puts forth wonderful effort. Congrats, Nyssa!

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

**Blake Reese** - *English 10, Ms. Downing* - Blake is a wonderful student and an excellent role model. He is always excited to learn and happy to help those around him. I especially admire his willingness to speak up when he has questions, because this helps out others who may be confused as well. He has a great work ethic, and his positive attitude really brightens up the room!



# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## NOVEMBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

**Hanna Burdick** - *Computer Basics, Mrs. Goggin* - Hanna is a pleasure to have in class! Her projects are always completed promptly, accurately, and creatively. I am so happy to have you in class again this year, Hanna. Keep up the great work!

**Audrey Campbell** - *Physics, Ms. Petro* - I am very proud of Audrey's effort and tenacity in our class!

She thinks outside the box and looks for solutions. I was happy to have had her in chemistry last year and thrilled that she joined Physics this year!

**Louis Clarke** - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Louis is stealthy! He quietly takes care of business. He has been outstanding in Global. His test and quiz scores are top notch. He's very good at Quizlet Live and Kahoot! He is always on time and ready to learn. He is a polite and knowledgeable young man.

**Will Dingman** - *English 10, Ms. Downing* - Will is a great student. He always participates and comes up with some very thought-provoking ideas. He has a positive attitude in the classroom and is very studious. I am always impressed by him.

**Ava Fellows** - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Ava has been crushing it in Global Studies! She tends to fly under the radar, but has achieved an outstanding average in Global, and is a master of Quizlet Live. Her assignments are always well done and on time. Her test and quiz grades have been stellar. A very impressive start to the school year!

**Sierra Grogan** - *Chemistry, Ms. Petro* - Sierra is a pleasure to have in class! She contributes daily to class discussions and is diligent with her work. Her work ethic and determination is fantastic to see!

**Alizabeth Hull** - *ELA 7, Ms. Murphy* - Alizabeth is a conscientious worker who brings positivity and thoughtfulness to the classroom. She works well with others, and I can always count on her to be paying attention and volunteering answers. Keep up the great work, Alizabeth!

**Logan Humphreville** - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Logan is the most improved student for Social Studies 7. His homework is always completed on time and he has improved on his testing techniques. His daily participation is evidence of his grasp of the material. Keep up the good work.

**Penny Johnston** - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Penny is a terrific student. She always comes to class prepared and ready to learn. Her assignments are excellent. Her test and quiz scores are great. She participates in class discussions and is not afraid to ask questions. She is a polite young lady who shows a genuine interest in the subject matter.

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## NOVEMBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

**Leanne Kennedy** – *Government, Ms. Venettozzi* – Leanne has made great strides this year. She is not letting her senior year go to waste. I was so proud when she told me she was involved with the senior class at BOCES. Leanne has also been great in government class as well. Go Leanne go!

**Destiny Malison** – *ELA 8, Mrs. Lang* – Destiny's work is always extremely well done and turned in on time, often times even ahead of time! She is an exemplary student and a pleasure to have in ELA 8!

**Kristina Ostapuk** – *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* – Kristina is an extremely hard worker who excels in all she does. She comes to class each day on time and ready to learn, and her assignments are always completed with accuracy. She is a true pleasure to have in class!

**Victoria Ostapuk** – *Living Environment, Ms. Maloney* – Victoria comes to class prepared every day! She completes every assignment with accuracy and always makes sure to make up anything she has missed. Her effort each day is outstanding and she is a tremendous asset to the class!

**Collin Petrie** – *ELA 7, Ms. Murphy* – Collin works hard and tries his best. He has great suggestions, and he uses his time wisely, seeming to really care about learning and improving. I just love having him in class!

**John Tubia** – *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* – John has been terrific in Global. He is always on time, ready and willing to learn. He's attentive, well behaved, and prepared each day. His assignments are always completed and submitted promptly. His test and quiz scores are very good. He demonstrates maturity and a positive attitude on a daily basis.

**Peyton Wright** – *US History 11, Ms. Venettozzi* – Peyton is involved in class every single day. I also love that he has great movie suggestions that go along with the time period or topic we are covering. Keep up the good work and can't wait to hear more of your movie recommendations!

**Carmen Youngs** – *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* – Carmen has done an outstanding job in social studies this year. She always puts forth her best effort and participates regularly in class. She's a great role model for her peers. Great job, Carmen!



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## DECEMBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

**Andre Arsenault** - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Andre aka Dre is a dominant force in Global History. His test and quiz scores are outstanding. He shows up each day ready and willing to learn. His breadth of knowledge is impressive and he demonstrates a genuine interest in the topics. Dre has a great sense of humor, and his participation and effort are appreciated.

**Samuel Ayers** - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Samuel is a very intuitive young man. He comes to school each day ready and willing to learn. He's like a sponge just soaking up knowledge. I marvel at his ability to think critically about a variety of subjects. He's like a modern day Avenger for academia.

**Tyler Barnes** - *Physics, Ms. Petro* - Tyler is a terrific part of our physics class! He participates, always has a positive attitude and keeps the class smiling! Tyler clearly strives for understanding for whatever topic we are discussing and asks very good questions to help lead the class to a conclusion. He is a pleasure to have in class!

**Olivia Broadbent** - *ELA 8, Mrs. Lang* - Olivia is such a pleasure to have in class! She always completes her work on time and goes above and beyond on all writing assignments. Great job, Olivia!

**Cuyler Colony** - *Instrumental Music Lessons, Mrs. Bonney* - Cuyler has grown so much over the past three months as a clarinetist in the band. She is consistently attentive in band rehearsal and comes to her lessons ready to learn and improve her playing. She has been working on articulating her notes properly and producing a clear tone, both of which she nailed at her lesson this past week. Congratulations, Cuyler - keep up the great work!

**Madilyn Connor** - *Wind Ensemble, Mrs. Bonney* - Madilyn is the strongest flutist I have ever had the pleasure to teach! Over the years, she has consistently come to lessons with all of her material prepared, practices for hours every day, genuinely loves learning and approaches everything with a great attitude. Madilyn was chosen for the Conference All-State Band (the last time a student made this band from WCV was in 2002) that took place at the beginning of the month and received the principal chair in the ensemble - solidifying her as the BEST FLUTIST IN NYS regardless of school size or location!! Congratulations, Madi - I am so proud of you!

**Jacob Cornacchia** - *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Jacob is a responsible, respectful student who excels in all he does. When he completes his work, he is always willing to help others which I greatly appreciate! He is a role model for his peers and a true pleasure to have in class! Thank you Jacob!

**Teegan Harvey** - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Teegan is a pleasure to have in class. She participates in daily discussions, completes her work on time and to the best of her ability, and is always ready to learn. On a side note: her bowling skills have increased dramatically over the past three weeks. Keep up the good work!

**Sulamita Kovalets** - *Physical Education, Mr. Ludwin* - Sulamita always comes to class with a smile on her face and a good work ethic. No matter the activity, she constantly puts in a great effort and that's what leads to her success in PE!

**Nyssa Lopez** - *Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Nyssa is doing a wonderful job in class. She works very hard and does her best on everything. She often participates and is eager to learn. Her assignments are always very well done. Nyssa is an outstanding student in class and a great role model to others. Fantástico trabajo Nyssa. Keep it up.

**Zachery Morris** - *Global History & Geography, Mr. Sarus* - I have seen a significant turnaround in Zachery from last school year. He demonstrates a great deal of knowledge in the classroom. He participates with enthusiasm and scores really well on tests and quizzes. He may not always appear to be listening, but he absorbs a lot of information during class. He dominates when we play review games. His classmates want him on their team. Zachery contributes to class discussions and demonstrates maturity in the classroom. He's a polite young man and a pleasure to have in class.

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## DECEMBER 2022 STUDENT RECOGNITION

**Kristina Ostapuk** - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Kristina has been doing a fantastic job in social studies this year. She always tries her very best on all of her assignments, and she volunteers to answer questions in class on a regular basis. She is very kind and polite, and is a pleasure to have in class.

**Nadia Paul** - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Nadia has been fantastic in Global. She has posted some very impressive quiz/test scores. Her assignments are always completed on time. Nadia shows up each day ready and willing to learn. She participates in class discussions and demonstrates a great deal of knowledge. She's also very tough to beat in review games! Her participation and effort are truly appreciated.

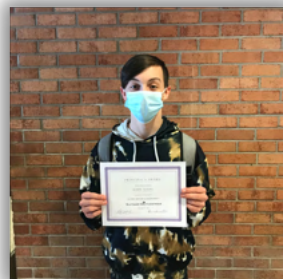
**Logen Spellman** - *English 9, Ms. Downing* - Logen has made great progress this year. He has shown so much improvement in his work ethic, and he continues to impress me with his participation and engagement in class. Keep up the good work!

**Alexia Stofanek** - *Math 7 Accelerated, Mrs. Goggin* - Lexi is an excellent math student. Her work is always impeccably done and I am proud of the effort she is making this school year. Keep up the great work, Lexi!

**Alexia Stofanek** - *ELA 7, Ms. Murphy* - Alexia is such a delight, a daily breath of fresh air. Her maturity and worth ethic are unmatched. She goes above and beyond in and outside of the classroom. Keep up the great work, Alexia!

**John Tolpa** - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - John's positive attitude is a breath of fresh air. He enters the classroom each day with a polite greeting. He is always in attendance even when joining class remotely. He asks questions and participates with enthusiasm in class discussions. His grades and work ethic are excellent. John communicates effectively and demonstrates mature and responsible behavior. He has a good sense of humor and is a pleasure to have in class.

**Caitlyn Vriesen** - *Chemistry, Ms. Petro* - Caitlyn always has a positive attitude when she enters class, participates to further her understanding of the topic at hand and has a fantastic work ethic! She is a pleasure to have in class!



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**Kaden Brewer** - *General Music 7, Mr. De Jesus* - Kaden has been consistent all semester with his participation and work ethic in general music class. Kaden sets a high standard for achievement on all of his assignments and tests. In addition, Kaden shows enthusiasm for learning and participates with a good attitude, setting a great example for his peers.

**Anna Dibble** - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Anna is the most improved student for the 2nd marking period. Keep up the good work!

**Katie Gorinshek** - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Katie has done a fantastic job in social studies. She always puts forth her best effort, and regularly participates in class. She is a tremendous role model for her peers.

**Hailey Haynes-Davis** - *Senior Chorus, Mr. De Jesus* - Hailey is working hard in Senior Chorus to be a confident and strong musician in her section. Hailey is working on a tough level 6 NYSSMA Solo and has taken responsibility for learning much of it on her own, allowing her to come to lessons prepared. Keep up the great work in chorus, Hailey!

**Sydney Kinsella** - *Physics, Ms. Petro* - Sydney is pleasure to have in class!!! On every level! She is smart, kind, always smiling and just a fantastic part of our class!

**Camerohn Ludwig** - *Global History and Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Cam (Shaggy) is an awesome student. He is very consistent and puts forth his best effort. He participates in class and he completes all of his work in a timely manner. His tests and quizzes are excellent. He's a very attentive, polite, young man. Cam is a pleasure to have in class.

**Destiny Malison** - *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Destiny does a fantastic job in math and puts forth excellent effort every day. In addition, she is an avid participator in class which is greatly appreciated. She is a true pleasure to have in class. Keep up the amazing work Destiny!

**Alexa McManus** - *English 10, Ms. Downing* - I admire Alexa's enthusiasm about writing and her creative writing skills. She has created entire stories from a single sentence given in class for grammar practice - just for fun! She goes above and beyond for every single assignment in my class. She is an excellent student and role model. Keep up the good work, Alexa!

**Jordan Murphy** - *Chemistry, Ms. Petro* - Jordan has worked very hard this year and it shows! She participates and has excellent study skills (I love all the colored markers!). Jordan is a pleasure to have in class!

**Ash Muthig** - *Junior Chorus, Mr. De Jesus* - Ash helps lead the baritone section in Junior Chorus with strong participation and musicianship skills. Ash is always eager to learn more about the theory behind the music that we're singing. Keep up the great work, Ash!



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**Blake Reese** - *Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus* - Blake is a very bright and intelligent young man. He has a great sense of humor and he always puts forth his best effort. He comes to class each and every day ready and willing to learn. He demonstrates that he cares about his academics and other people as well. He's a pleasure to have in class.

**Skyler Schram** - *Global History & Geography 9, Mr. Sarus* - Skyler is an excellent student. She has a great sense of humor and is a pleasure to have in class. She is a critical thinker and a great listener. She's competitive and participates in class discussions. She's a very polite and intelligent young lady.

**Jack Stewart** - *Living Environment, Ms. Maloney* - Jack is a fantastic student! He is always prepared for class and comes in ready to go. Jack is engaged in class on a daily basis and hands in every assignment. He is a role model for other students and a joy to have in class!

**Alexia Stofanak** - *Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Alexia is an outstanding role model student. Her effort is exceptional as she goes above and beyond on every assignment and participation in class. She possesses an excellent commitment to her learning of the language. Alexia is a pleasure to have in class. ¡Muy bien Alexia! Keep it up.

**Macyn Thomas** - *Forensics, Ms. Petro* - Macyn is a great contributor in class! She is always adding to the discussions that help the class determine what we may be looking 'at' or for. I am impressed by Macyn's analytical skills ...she's a born Forensic Scientists!

**Grace VanEtten** - *Physical Education, Mr. Ludwin* - Grace is an amazing student whose attitude and energy is unmatched. She enjoys participating in every activity we do and will often come into other PE classes just so she can play more. So far, she has done well in our volleyball unit and has shown great growth! Keep up the good work!!



# WCV ATHLETICS NEWS

## SMITH BREAKS BASKETBALL RECORD

Congratulations to Will Smith who set the school record for points in a game when he scored 46 against the Cooperstown Hawkeyes.



## YOUNGS QUALIFIES FOR STATES

Congratulations to Alyssa Youngs for qualifying for states in Indoor Track & Field.



## GIRLS CSC BOWLING CHAMPIONS

The Girls Varsity bowling team recorded an impressive 11-0 record this year. They won their division and the CSC league Title. Jenavieve Lyon, Sydney Kinsella and Carmen Youngs were selected to this year's First Team All-Star team. Luke Tyson was among the members selected to the Second Team All-Star team. Jenavieve Lyon had the highest average in the league and will bowl at the State tournament in March. Sydney Kinsella and Carmen Youngs will participate in the state shoot out on Feb.18th for a chance to bowl in the State Tournament. At the year end CSC Bowling Tournament, the WCV Varsity Girls took 1st place by rolling a 2427 series. During this tournament, Grayce Harvey bowled her personal best game with a 210, as well as, her personal best series of 516. Carmen Youngs (8th grader) had both the high game and high series for the tournament. She bowled a high game of 214 and a high series of 561. Congratulations to the WCV girls team.



*Pictured from left to right are: Carmen Youngs, Grayce Harvey, Luke Tyson, Coach Youngs, Emma Macrina, Sydney Kinsella and Jenavieve Lyon. Other members of the girls varsity team not in the photo include: Annabelle Allen, Brooklynn Williams and Elaine Williams.*

# WCV ATHLETICS NEWS

## GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Start time</u>
3/30/22	@ Little Falls	4:30 PM
4/4/22	@ Sauquoit Valley	4:30 PM
4/6/22	@ Oriskany	4:30 PM
4/18/22	Little Falls	4:30 PM
4/20/22	Remsen	4:30 PM
4/22/22	Morrisville-Eaton	4:30 PM
4/23/22	Herkimer	1:00 PM
4/25/22	@ Poland	4:30 PM
4/27/22	@ Town of Webb UFSD	4:30 PM
4/29/22	Hamilton	4:30 PM
4/30/22	@ Herkimer	1:00 PM
5/2/22	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	4:30 PM
5/4/22	Oriskany	4:30 PM
5/7/22	Frankfort-Schuyler	10:00 AM
5/9/22	@ Remsen	4:30 PM
5/11/22	@ Morrisville-Eaton	4:30 PM
5/13/22	Poland	4:30 PM
5/16/22	Town of Webb UFSD	4:30 PM
5/18/22	@ Hamilton	4:30 PM
5/20/22	Sauquoit Valley	4:30 PM

## BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

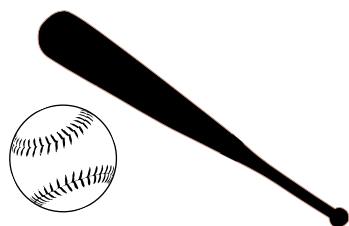
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Start time</u>
3/30/22	@ Little Falls	4:30 PM
4/1/22	Remsen	4:30 PM
4/4/22	@ Mount Markham	4:30 PM
4/6/22	@ Waterville	4:30 PM
4/8/22	Westmoreland	4:30 PM
4/9/22	@ Beaver River	12:00 PM
4/18/22	Little Falls	4:30 PM
4/20/22	Cooperstown	4:30 PM
4/23/22	Notre Dame, Utica	11:00 AM
4/25/22	@ Sauquoit Valley	4:30 PM
4/27/22	Frankfort-Schuyler	4:30 PM
4/29/22	@ Herkimer	4:30 PM
5/4/22	Waterville	4:30 PM
5/6/22	@ Westmoreland	4:30 PM
5/9/22	@ Cooperstown	4:30 PM
5/13/22	Sauquoit Valley	4:30 PM
5/14/22	@ Notre Dame, Utica	11:00 AM
5/16/22	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	4:30 PM
5/18/22	Herkimer	4:30 PM
5/20/22	Mount Markham	4:30 PM

## VARSITY OUTDOOR TRACK SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Start time</u>
4/6/22	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	4:30 PM
4/20/22	Dolgeville	4:30 PM
4/27/22	Adirondack	4:30 PM
5/4/22	@ Herkimer	4:30 PM
5/11/22	Clinton	4:30 PM
5/18/22	Championship Meet	4:00 PM

## VARSITY GOLF SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Start time</u>
4/27/22	Poland @ Adirondack	3:30 PM
4/27/22	Poland @ Adirondack	3:30 PM
4/29/22	Dolgeville, Remsen	3:30 PM
5/4/22	Poland @ Little Falls	3:30 PM
5/5/22	Remsen @ Dolgeville	3:30 PM
5/6/22	Poland, Adirondack	3:30 PM
5/10/22	Remsen @ Poland	3:30 PM
5/13/22	Town of Webb, Little Falls	3:30 PM
5/16/22	Adirondack @ Town of Webb	4:00 PM
5/17/22	Adirondack @ Remsen	3:30 PM



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**Calendar**

**March 8**

Music In Our Schools  
Month Band Concert

**March 12**

Snow Festival

**March 15**

Music In Our Schools  
Month Chorus Concert

**March 25**

Drama Club Production

**March 26**

Drama Club Production

**End of April**

W.C.V Retired Teachers  
Association - Lasagna  
Dinner

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

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