



WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS

2021 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN



Catherine Christensen **VALEDICTORIAN**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2021 Valedictorian is Catherine Christensen, daughter of Christin and Christopher Christensen. Catherine is graduating with Honors and with Mastery in Math and Science. Catherine is a member of the National Honor Society and the class chair of the Student Council. She is an active member of the Rotary/International Club. Throughout high school, Catherine has been a participant in the music program as a member of the school's Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. As a member of the Girls Athletic Association, Catherine represents West Canada Valley as a three sport scholar-athlete and MVP in Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track. Catherine has broken several school records in track and field events, including the 1000 meter, 1500 meter, 3000 meter, 4x800 meter and the Distance Medley Race. This fall, Catherine will attend Stony Brook University to major in Biochemistry.



Maggie Burdick **SALUTATORIAN**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2021 Salutatorian is Maggie Burdick, daughter of Kathy and Steve Burdick. Maggie is graduating with Honors and with Mastery in Math and Science. Maggie is a member of the National Honor Society, is Senior Class President, and President of Student Council. She participates in West Canada Valley's music program as a member of the band and also serves the community being active in the Kuyahoor Valley Foundation Next Generation and FCCLA. Throughout her entire high school career, Maggie has been an active member of the Girls Athletic Association as a three sport athlete and has been named as a Scholar-Athlete every year of her high school career. She is a valued member of West Canada Valley's Soccer, Basketball, and Softball teams and served as team captain for both Basketball and Softball. In the fall, Maggie will attend Nazareth College to study Physical Therapy.

**THE CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION CEREMONY IS ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH AT 10:00 AM**



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MR. DJ SHEPARDSON



The conclusion of the 2020-21 school year is rapidly approaching. The class of 2021 will graduate on Saturday, June 26th at 10:00 AM in an outside ceremony on the football field. The logistics of the ceremony as well as guest information will be provided in the upcoming weeks. We will once again be streaming graduation live through our website for those unable to attend who would like the opportunity to view the ceremony.

Once again, I would like to thank members of the community for supporting the 2021-2022 budget and bus proposition. The ongoing support from the community allows the district to maintain all current programs while increasing opportunities for our students. I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate the following staff members who will be retiring at the conclusion of the school year;

Mrs. Debrah Lopata – Teacher Assistant (23 years)

Mrs. Valdean Chamberlain – Teacher Assistant (15 years)

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

Congratulations to Ms. Janine Lynch, Mrs. Sara Northup-Lynch, and Mr. Carson Marko for being elected to the West Canada Valley Board of Education.

The Class of 2021 will graduate in June having to sacrifice so much during the pandemic. With that said, I am so proud of the way that this senior class has handled this crisis. Although the short term losses both small and large have been disappointing; I am confident that this senior class has learned a great deal from these challenges and will go on to do great things in the years ahead. Thank you to all of the parents/guardians for supporting your children and the school district throughout their time here.

As always, preparations are underway for the upcoming school year. The reopening of our district will take a great deal of planning to ensure that we are providing a safe instructional/learning environment as we anticipate the return to full in-person instruction next year! Staff will be working diligently on curriculum and instruction this summer in order to prepare for this transition. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to the building in September including the Class of 2022!!! Once again thank you for your support. Stay safe/healthy and enjoy the summer months!

Mr. DJ Shepardson
Superintendent of Schools

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

ANOTHER “SAFE AND SOUND” YEAR FOR TRANSPORTATION

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

As your Transportation Supervisor I have the responsibility of overseeing upwards of 750 students that are transported every school day in a “safe and sound” manner using a fleet of 21 buses that travel close to 300,000 miles a year. I, like you, expect this to happen with all students being transported “safe and sound” every day. How do we accomplish this? It takes all of the following people and actions to make it work.

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

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

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

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

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

Although this year has been a little different than any other year. Hopefully we will return to a normal school year in the fall.

Felix Ray

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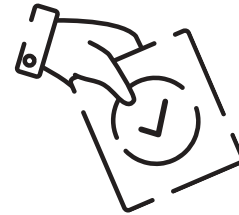
DISTRICT NEWS

VOTE TELLERS NEEDED

Vote Tellers needed for 2021-22 school year.

If you are interested in helping out at our annual budget votes, please contact Karen Sheets to be added to our Teller List.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

SIXTH GRADE BOILERMAKER CHALLENGE

In an effort to encourage fitness, goal setting, and teamwork, the sixth grade students have embarked on a Boilermaker Challenge Project. The students are being challenged to cover the length of the actual Boilermaker (9.3 miles) over the course of several weeks. To accomplish this, students record the laps they have run or walked on the track or the time spent on the nature trail during their recess time. In the sixth grade wing, a large bulletin board displays the progress of the students as they gradually tick off the miles. The students have shown plenty of enthusiasm for the project and have encouraged each other to "Go the Distance!"

Upon hearing about the efforts of our kids, the Boilermaker Corporation sent a generous box of Boilermaker Goodies to share with the kids.

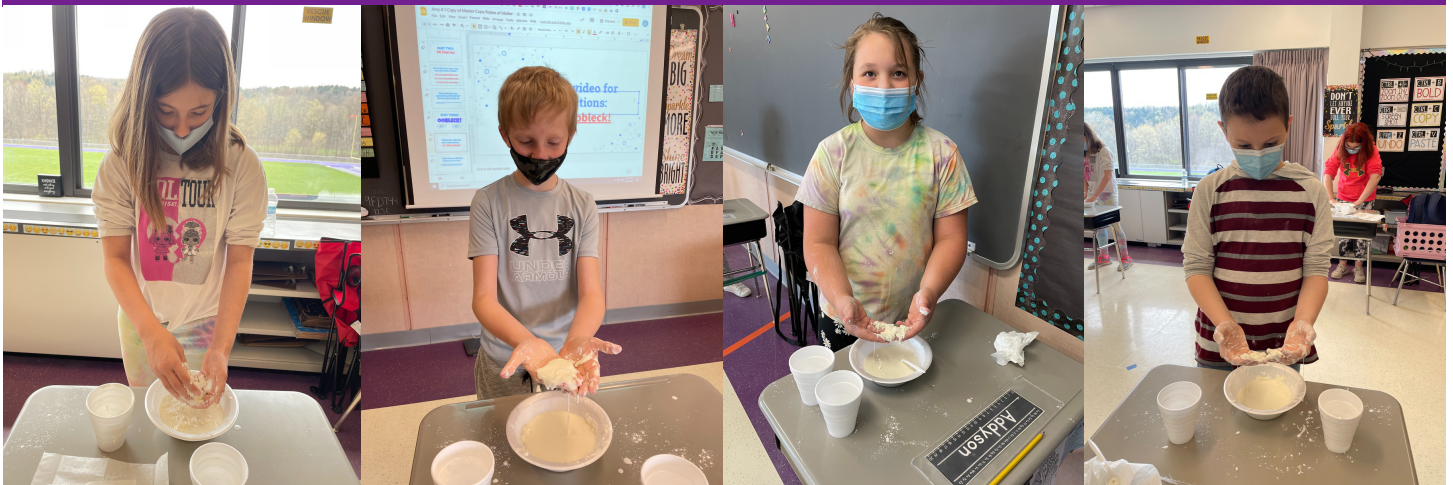
Great job, Sixth Grade!!!!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



Mrs. Countryman's 3rd & 4th-grade students learned about the states of matter. Students learned that Oobleck is a milky-white, shiny substance known as a non-Newtonian fluid. It flows like thick paint when you pour it, but mash your hand onto its surface, and it forms a hard skin. When you squeeze some in your palm, it will shape into a tough glob.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we move closer to the end of the school year, I would like to provide you with some important information regarding our end of the year events. I am pleased that after a year and a half we are able to provide students with some sense of normalcy through athletic participation, jr/sr prom, senior class trip, and end of the year ceremonies.

Final Exams and NYS Regents Exams

Final exams will be given June 7th through June 16th. June 16th will be the last regular day of school for students not taking the NYS Regents or Checkpoint exams (ELA 11, Living Environment, Algebra 1, Earth Science, and Checkpoint A and B). NYS Regents and Checkpoint exams will be held June 17th through June 24th (schedule below), with no exams being given on June 18th in observance of Juneteenth. Please encourage your children to study and work hard as they finish up the school year.

Regents Exam Schedule (students will need to arrive 15 minutes prior to the exam)

- June 17th: ELA 11 Regents @8:00am
- June 21st: Checkpoint A @8:00am; Checkpoint B @12:00pm
- June 22nd: Living Environment @8:00am
- June 23rd: Algebra I @8:00am
- June 24th: Earth Science @8:00am

Material returns (Chromebooks, hotspots, and school materials)

Students will begin returning materials the week of June 14-16th. Chromebooks, chargers, hotspots, and other school materials will be collected on June 15th and June 16th for in-person students. There will be multiple drop-off times for virtual students to return their chromebooks, chargers, hotspots, and other school materials. These drop-off times will be announced as we move closer to the end of the school year. Your child will be able to keep their devices or materials to study for Regent or Checkpoint exams if they wish. However, we ask that all these materials be returned the day of their exam. If you are unable to return the materials for any reason, please reach out to the school.

June 10th: Senior Trip to Niagara Falls

June 11th: JR/SR Prom at Harts Hill Inn at 7:00pm

End of the year ceremonies (details will be provided as we move closer to the ceremonies)

- June 23rd: National Junior Honor Society Ceremony @ 5:00pm on the football field
- June 23rd: National Honor Society/Honors Ceremony @ 6:00pm on the football field
- June 26th: Graduation Ceremony @ 26th at 10:00am on the football field

Sincerely,
Glenn M. Broadbent
Middle School/High School Principal

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



MARCH 2021 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Andre Arsenault – Geometry, Mrs. Smith - One word comes to mind - OUTSTANDING! Andre is one of the strongest math students I have ever had! His skills are extraordinary! He attends all google meets, has a high level of class participation, and completes all assignments with excellence. He has had an extremely successful year in Geometry and it has been a pleasure having him in class!

Ava Fellows - Spanish II, Mrs. Foster - Ava is a diligent student and always does her best. Ava tends to be quiet but she is observing and taking in all the information being presented. I have seen Ava grow in her confidence and language abilities throughout the year. Keep up the great work Ava.

Reese Fellows - ELA 10, Mr. Varco - For most of the year she has been inquisitive, passionate, and thoughtful towards our content. She should be recognized for challenging status quo, creating compelling arguments, questioning everything, and thinking critically.

Alyssa Gauthier – Economics & P.E. - Mrs. Herringshaw and Mr. Miner -We are SO proud of everything Alyssa has accomplished this school year! Her dedication, spirit, positive attitude, and determination are what give her the heart of a true WCV Indian! Alyssa is a champion both in and out of school and recently completed her nursing clinicals while making A's at school! She's one step closer now toward her dream of becoming a CNA. Way to go Alyssa- good luck on your upcoming nursing exams- you got this!

Madison Gonzalez - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Madison is doing a great job with our current novel; in fact, she's finished it already! This has been a great quarter for her, and she's looking to end the year on a great note. Awesome job, Madison!

Katherine Gorinshek - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Katherine is a pleasure to have in class. She strives to do her very best in all tasks of the class. She is never afraid to ask questions and participate. Katherine is a very polite, enthusiastic, and a wonderful role model student. ¡Fantástico trabajo Katherine! Keep it up :)

Grayce Harvey - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Grayce has done a wonderful job in social studies all year. She puts forth her best effort on a regular basis. A tremendous role model for her peers! Great job, Grayce!

Karissa Hayes - English 11, Mrs. Ackman - Karissa is always involved in her classwork. Her attendance is superb, and she completes every task on time and with a high level of quality. She has maintained a positive attitude through a difficult year. Karissa is a good role model for how to approach school as a virtual student. Keep up the good work, Karissa!

Dylan Herringshaw - Global 10, Mr. Sarus - Dylan is a very bright young man. He excels in Global History and has worked very hard these past few weeks. His work ethic and attitude are great. He's a pleasure to have in class and I'm thrilled to have an opportunity to coach him in sports as well. Keep up the good work.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2021 STUDENT RECOGNITION



Kaily Jackson - Global 10, Mr. Sarus - Kaily has really made a turnaround this marking period. She's always been a very bright and polite young lady, but her effort and motivation have often times been inconsistent. However, she has done an outstanding job these last few weeks and her true potential is finally shining through. She's a pleasure to have in class and I'm thrilled with her improved effort. Keep up the good work. I am very proud of you.

Camerohn Ludwig - Global 9, Mr. Sarus - Cam (Shaggy) has been outstanding in class. He is a very bright and active participant. Cam is a polite young man and has a great attitude. His effort and participation are greatly appreciated.

Aidan Maxwell - Drawing and Painting, Mr. Pumilio - I've had the pleasure of having Aidan as a student starting when he was in 9th grade. Aiden is always ready to help peers, and teachers alike and usually goes above and beyond when completing tasks. He has a wonderful sense of humor and the unique ability to uplift the people around him.

Alexa McManus - H.S. Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Alexa is a pleasure to have in class. Her assignments are turned in on time and done with excellence. When she is answering questions or completing work, she makes sure to put thought into her responses. Alexa is a wonderful role model for her fellow students.

McKenzie Schuster - Global 9, Mr. Sarus - McKenzie has had a great few weeks. She's a very bright and polite young lady. She has been much more consistent in her effort. Her participation in class is terrific. She is motivated and her attitude and work ethic have been great. She is a pleasure to have in class and I look forward to coaching her in sports as well.

Trey Stack - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Trey has continuously participated in class, completes in-person and remote day learning activities, and strives to do his best every day. Keep up the good work!!!

APRIL 2021 STUDENT RECOGNITION



Madelyn Allen - HS Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Madelyn is a student who always has her work turned in on time and it is done with excellence. She participates in the Google Meets and is always prepared to answer any questions. She is a pleasure to have in class.

Olivia Broadbent - Instrumental Music, Mr. Bonney - Olivia has taken on the challenge of quickly learning a solo for NYSSMA SoloFest in addition to the normal requirements for her weekly trumpet lesson and chamber ensemble classes. Her work ethic to make time to practice at home has simplified this new challenge and has resulted in her learning and performing very capably a solo in record time for a seventh grader. Congratulations on your hard work and effort Olivia - it shows and always pays off!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



APRIL 2021 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Chase Bugeya – Chemistry, Ms. Petro – Chase has worked very hard in Chemistry all year! He is a pleasure to have in class! He participates in a positive way each day and is genuinely attentive to the topics at hand.

Aurora Davis – Spanish III, Mrs. Foster – Aurora is a very hard working student. It is a joy to see Aurora's eyes widen with excitement when she is about to answer difficult questions in class. Aurora continues to increase her knowledge of Spanish every day. Keep up the great work Aurora!

Analyce Grabowski – ELA 8, Mrs. Lang – Analyce's work is always excellent and she is a pleasure to have in class. I appreciate that she goes above and beyond to participate in class discussions and volunteer ideas!

Cheyenne Mayo – ELA 7, Ms. Blynt – Cheyenne has worked hard to achieve her best this year. She contributes positively in class and has shown consistent improvement in her classes. I'm so glad to have her as a part of our West Canada community!

Aidan Monahan – Global 10, Mr. Sarus – Aidan has really hit his stride over the past several weeks. His grade point average has increased significantly and his participation in class has been terrific. Aidan is a polite young man and demonstrates a clear understanding of the material and instruction.

Gregory Patrick – Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs – Gregory has been working hard all year. He completes his daily activities and homework assignments in a timely fashion. He tries his best every day. Keep up the good work.

Skyler Schram – Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski – In such a challenging school year, online learning comes along with some difficulties. As a virtual learner, Skyler has overcome such barriers, as she puts forth such an outstanding effort in all aspects of the class. She is always on time and well prepared, participates often, and neatly does her assignments. Skyler is a great example to others. ¡Excelente trabajo Skyler! Keep it up :)

Denten Spellman – Global 9, Mr. Sarus – Denten has really turned it around over the past several weeks. His effort and participation have improved tremendously. He follows directions and completes his assignments on time. His hard work is paying off and it's reflected in his average. He's a polite young man and a pleasure to have in class.

Trey Stack – Math 7, Mrs. Goggin – Trey is a pleasure to have in class. He is an extremely hardworking student. Trey takes the time to ask questions, show his work, and expand his knowledge. Trey is also kind and considerate towards his classmates. Keep up the great work, Trey! I am happy to have you as a student this year!

Alison Valenti – Global 9, Mr. Sarus – Alison has a great deal of potential when motivated and focused. Her class participation is outstanding. She has a great attitude and sense of humor. She follows directions and completes assignments in a timely manner. She asks questions and communicates effectively. Her effort is very much appreciated and she's a pleasure to have in class.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL'S COUNSELOR

May was Mental Health Awareness Month, so we just wanted to reach out to let you know that we are here and available to assist. We take pride in being able to guide our students and support them on their journey. The pandemic and this school year have presented many challenges for students, staff, and parents. We will continue to work with students to help them overcome these obstacles with a focus on mindfulness and positive well-being. Should you have any concerns for your child and/or family, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Middle School / High School Guidance Counselors:

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School Psychologist:

Rita Juteau ext. 1200 rjuteau@westcanada.org

School Social Worker:

Vanessa Boyer ext. 3364 vboyer@westcanada.org

2021 HONORS NIGHT

The 2021 WCV annual Honor's Night, along with the Junior and Senior National Honor Society Inductions will be held Wednesday, June 23 on the football field. Junior Honor Society (8th-9th graders) invited to the ceremony will be celebrated at 5:00 PM and Honor Society, Junior Awards, and Honor Graduates (10th-12th graders) will begin their ceremony at 6:00 PM. Invitees will be notified by letter.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Location: Frankfort-Schuyler Middle/High School

Dates: July 6-August 3

Time: 7:30 AM - 11:45 AM

(two classes will be held within this time period)

Registration Deadline: June 29, 2021

Registration can be completed online and eligible students and families will be contacted once grades are finalized.

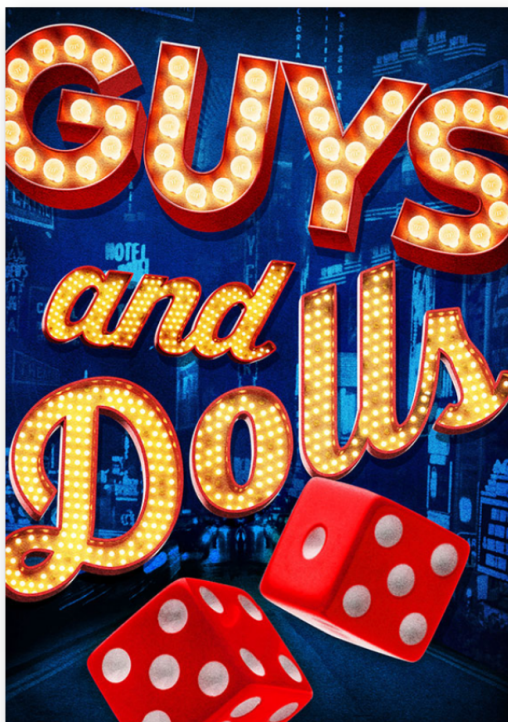
Regional transportation will be available.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

B SHARP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Madilyn Connor, flutist, was chosen as the 2021 winner of the B Sharp Scholarship in the area of Brass/Woodwind/Percussion performance. To compete for the scholarship, Madilyn had to prepare two musical works of contrasting styles and time periods. The two works she prepared were *The Carnival of Venice* by Briccialdi and Bach's *Sonata in E Major*, both of which are college level repertoire. Madilyn was adjudicated by an esteemed judge from a music university against other students in grades 9-12 from Oneida, Madison and Herkimer Counties. The scholarship she was given was in the amount of \$600. As part of her scholarship, Madilyn performed in a winner's recital on Sunday, May 23rd at 3pm at Munson-Williams, she was accompanied by Mr. John Krause. The WCV Music Program congratulates Madilyn on a job well done!



**THE WEST CANADA VALLEY
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS**

GUYS & DOLLS

NOVEMBER 12 & 13 2021

Starring your children!

CLASS OF 2021 ACCEPTANCES

Lily Bauder - LeMoyne College, Hartwick College, SUNY Brockport

Maggie Burdick - Nazareth College, Utica College, Daemen College

Catherine Christensen - Stony Brook University

Adia Clarke - Oswego, Plattsburgh, LeMoyne

Jenna DeSantis - Hartwick, OCC

Connar Dibble - MVCC

Kolten Farber Clarkson - MVCC

Ruben Gibson - MVCC

Victoria Grann - SUNY Geneseo

Faith Kinsella - MVCC

Jordan Kohn - Herkimer College

Caden Ludwig - Utica College

Iris Pellani - SUNY Cortland, SUNY Oneonta, Utica College, Ithaca College
Clarkson University

Isabella Smith - Herkimer College

Andrew Soron - Springfield College, Utica College, LeMoyne, SUNY Upstate,
SUNY Brockport, Nazareth College, Ithaca College

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

WORKING PAPERS

Students who plan to work this summer will need working papers. The applications are available in the High School Main Office. Please return all completed applications back to the main office before June 24th. If you have any questions please contact Heather Borden x3300 or hborden@westcanada.org

FROM THE NURSES' OFFICES

REMINDERS FROM OUR NURSES

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

If a student is planning on playing a school sport or will need working papers they must have an updated physical on file with the health office.

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

Entering Grade 6: Tdap vaccine. This vaccine is required at 11 years old. If your child does not turn 11 until after September 7th, 2021 you will need to provide a date and doctor's note that states the student is scheduled to receive this vaccine.

Entering Grade 7: Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine.

Entering Grade 12: 2nd dose of the Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine unless the 1st dose was given at age 16 or older. The 2nd dose of the vaccine is to be given at age 16, if your child does not turn 16 until after September 7th, 2021 you will need to provide a date and doctor's note that states the student is scheduled to receive this vaccine.

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

Angie Lyon, RN

Elementary School Nurse
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Danielle Dutcher, RN

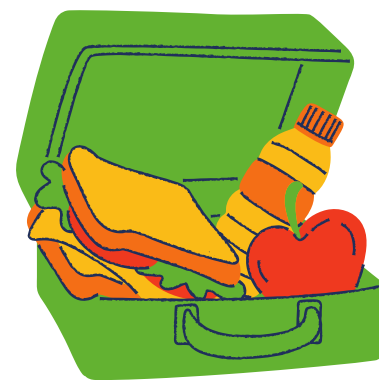
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CAFETERIA CORNER

As we enter into the final days of this school year, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all the students and staff who have supported the Child Nutrition Program.

Since accepting the position as Food Service Manager in November 2020, everyone has made me feel very welcome. Thank you all for your encouragement and reassurance during my adjustment to life at WCVCS. It has been my pleasure!



Preparations have begun for next school year in the Child Nutrition Program. In the coming weeks, the students should look for a short survey which will be used to obtain new ideas of food items they might like to see included on the menus.

Meals for next year will continue to be Free of charge for all students. However, to assure the district receives optimal state benefits, all families are encouraged to fill out/submit a Free and Reduced Lunch Application when they are provided in the August newsletter. I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!! See you in September.

SHELBY BUTLER

Food Service Director

WCV ATHLETICS NEWS

ATHLETIC BANQUET INFORMATION

The 2020/2021 WCV GAA/BAA Sports Banquet will be held on June, 24th starting at 5:00 under the tent on the football field. Students will be seated together in the front of the tent. Parents and family members will be permitted to attend. Family members will be required to wear a mask, temperature check, and fill out a health screening form at the gate. Family members must sit together, and they will be required to socially distance themselves from other families. There will be seating provided for the student athletes, but all family members should plan on bringing their own chairs. There will be no food or beverages provided at the banquet. Please call or email the athletics office if you have any questions.

Ed Dougherty

Athletics Director

West Canada Valley Central School

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BEST WISHES TO OUR RETIREES!



Debrah Lopata

Second Grade TA
23 Years of Service



Valdean Chamberlain

Fourth Grade Special Education TA
13 Years of Service

TENURE STATUS

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

- Julie Basel
- Amy Countryman
- Andrew Duffer
- Glenn Miner
- Lisa Perry
- Lauren Venettozzi



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Business Manager

Elementary School

Mrs. Correne Holmes
Principal

Jr/Sr High School

Mr. Glenn Broadbent
Principal

Calendar

June 14

BOE Meeting

June 16-24

Regents Testing

June 23

6th Grade Moving Up
Pre-K Graduation
NJHS & NHS Induction
Ceremonies

June 24

Sports Banquet

June 25

Rating Day

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

Visit us at
www.westcanada.org

