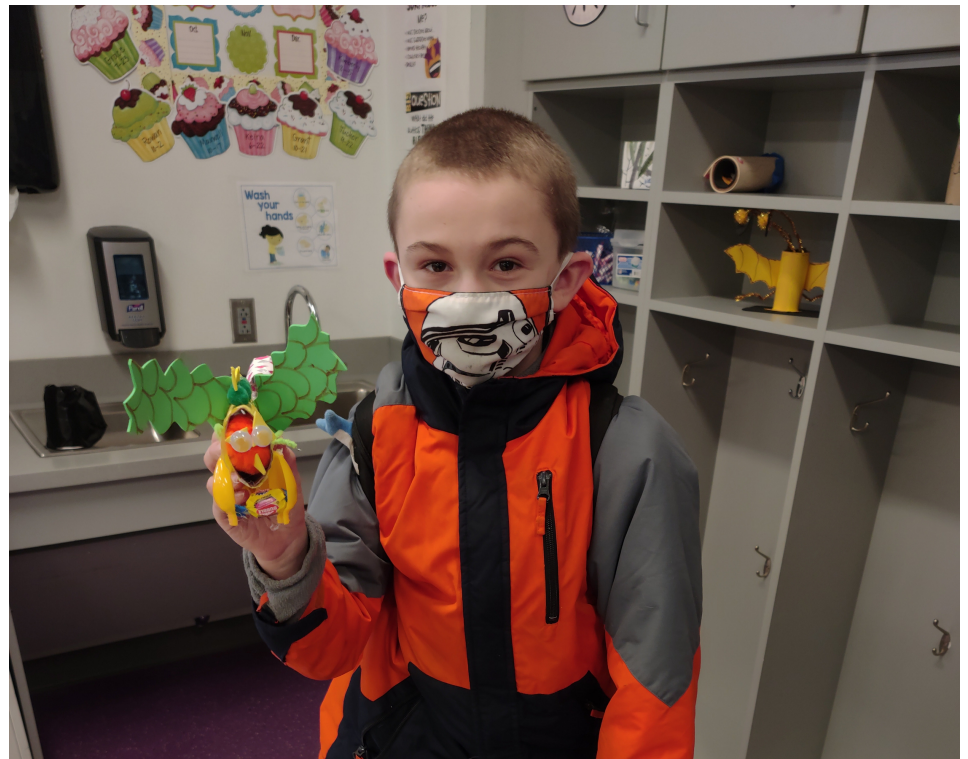


MARCH 2021

WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS



ELEMENTARY SNAPSHOTS



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from the
Elementary
School.



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MR. DJ SHEPARDSON



As we move toward the final 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 during challenging times and the West Canada Valley Class of 2021 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 26, 2021. 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 2021-2022 school year. The governor's proposed budget has provided West Canada Valley with a slight increase 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 this month 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.

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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 programming. 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. 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

Graduation rates including Advanced Regents and Regents Designation have been released. West Canada Valley continues to rank in the top tier of schools in the Tri-County BOCES Region with a 96% graduation rate. The last year has 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 very soon. The district looks forward to the days where the campus is busy with activities. 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 NEWS

BOARD OF EDUCATION THREE OPEN SEATS

Three (3) Board of Education Seats are open, two are three-year terms and one is a two-year term. 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 18, 2021. Mr. Carson Marko and Ms. Janine Lynch's terms expire on June 30, 2021. The remaining vacant seat is a two-year term that will expire on June 30, 2023.

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 April 19, 2021 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' OFFICE

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 your child has an upcoming appointment for their physical exam please notify the health office. If your child has had a recent physical exam please provide the health office with a copy. At this time in school physical exams are not being offered.

Mandatory physical examinations are required for all students regardless if they are learning remotely or in-person this school year.

ABSENCE

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

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

Angie Lyon, RN
Elementary School Nurse
alyon@westcanada.org
Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 1152

Danielle Dutcher, RN
Middle/High School Nurse
ddutcher@westcanada.org
Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 3352



TRANSPORTATION NEWS

THANK YOU TO ALL OF 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.

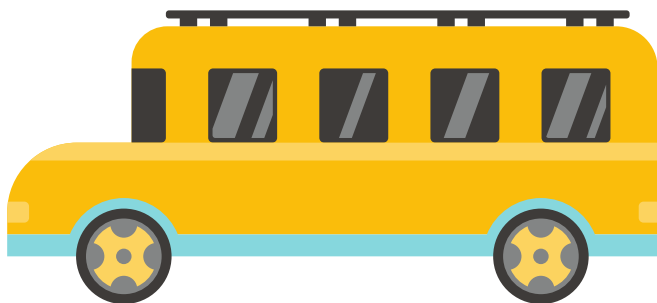
THANKS TO THE BUS DRIVERS AND MONITORS THAT HELP TRANSPORT YOUR CHILDREN SAFELY EVERY SCHOOL DAY!

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: 845-6800 EXT 3401



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



KINDERGARTEN - MRS. SMITH

The kindergarten kiddos in Mrs. Smith's class used their Science Spin magazines to learn about "Cool Sounds". In the Scandinavian country of Norway, instruments are carved out of ice and an ice concert is performed at their annual Ice Music Festival. We heard an ice cello, horn and xylophone play. The students made instruments at home with their families, brought them to school and we made music of our own. In music class, Mrs. Kubica taught the kids a melody to play and sing along with. I sure do have a harmonious bunch!



4TH GRADE STEM CHALLENGE

After learning about different physical and behavioral animal adaptations, 4th graders completed an animal adaptation STEM challenge. Students created a new animal species. They thought about the habitat, diet and adaptations their animal would need in order to survive. The kids built their new "animal" to share with the class. They were so creative!



PRE-K - MISS RILEY

In hopes of ending 2020 on a positive note, Miss Riley's Pre-K classes collected donations for the Humane Society of Rome. After hearing about the big hearts of West Canada Valley's littlest learners, the elementary and high school staff decided to further support their efforts. Generous donations of dog and cat food, toys, blankets, and much more started appearing in the collection box outside their classroom. A districtwide dress down week raised enough money to purchase several large Kuranda beds for the animals as well. Thank you to everyone who helped care for our four-legged friends, and who made them feel happy and healthy while they wait for their "fur"-ever homes!



1ST GRADE - MS BRAY

First grade students are having fun reading Dr. Seuss stories and celebrating his birthday this month!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wanted to reach out and thank everyone for their continued support and patience as we approach the one year anniversary of the school closing last spring due to the COVID-19 epidemic. It is hard to believe that it has only been a year, since so many times it has felt like there was no end in sight. I know our students, especially our seniors, have missed out on so much over the past year and have worked hard to adapt to the changes that have unexpectedly been thrown at them. Please encourage your children to not give up and to push forward. The teachers and staff are there for them and understand how hard it has been. They continue to look for new ways to engage students in meaningful learning both in school and online. I believe that as a school community, we have done an excellent job keeping everyone safe and providing students with some sense of normalcy while in school. The good news is that spring is around the corner, several sports and extracurricular activities have resumed, and the increase in vaccinations and a reduction in positive cases brings some hope that all of this will be over soon.

“Today is only one day in all the days that will ever be. But what will happen in all the other days that ever come can depend on what you do today. It's been that way all this year. It's been that way so many times.”

-Ernest Hemingway

Sincerely,
Glenn Broadbent
MS/HS Principal

NEW YORK STATE BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (NYSBDA) HONORS BANDS

The NYSBDA Honors Bands consist of students from all over New York State and acceptance is based on the score that a student receives at the New York State School Music Association Solo Festival (NYSSMA) the previous year.

Each year hundreds of students participate in NYSSMA Solo Festival with the hope of achieving a perfect score that will secure their way into one of the Conference All-State Ensembles. The NYSBDA High School Honors Concert Band was formed with the sole interest of taking the students who have scored a 98, 99, or 100 on their Level VI solo, but did not make into Conference All-State. . Two students from West Canada Valley were chosen for this honor. **MADILYN CONNOR** (junior) was selected to perform on the flute. Madilyn received a 99 on a Level VI solo, this is a college level solo and in addition was chosen for a solo in the performance. **LYDIA REIMER** (junior) was selected to perform on clarinet. Lydia received a 95 on her Level VI solo, again a college level solo. Madilyn and Lydia study with Mrs. Bonney.

With COVID-19 protocols in place the NYSBDA Bands were completely virtual this year. Lydia and Madilyn attended weekly rehearsals on Zoom and then were asked to record themselves playing through difficult literature and submit it to the conference chair. The videos/recordings of the students involved throughout the state were then compiled by an Audio/Visual tech and were featured in a NYSBDA concert blasted out to those involved on March 6th. It was a spectacular performance, congratulations Lydia and Madilyn!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

SENIORS

- Scholarships are available to all students and shared with seniors via the Counselors' Class of 2021 Google Classroom.
- Please bring in acceptance letters to the Guidance Office as soon as possible!

JUNIORS

- 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 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		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021

SOPHOMORES

- Registration for Sophomores who are interested in attending a Herkimer BOCES CTE program for Junior and Senior year will be taking place in mid-April. See your counselor if you are interested.



WCV ATHLETICS NEWS



SPRING ATHLETICS UPDATE

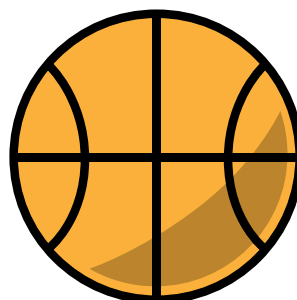
Hello Families,

West Canada Valley plans on participating in Varsity Football and Sideline Cheer during the Fall 2 season. Dates for Fall 2 would be April 5th - May 8th WCV plans on participating in all spring sports this year. Dates for the spring sport season are April 26th - June 12th. Coaches will handle sign ups prior to the start of their respective seasons. Should you have any questions about Fall 2 and Spring sport offerings, please email the Athletics Office at edougherty@westcanada.org or call 315-845-6800 X-3357.

Remember to checkout live athletics streams on our website or YouTube channel

YouTube: WCV Communications

Website: www.westcanada.org



Ed Dougherty

Athletics Director

West Canada Valley Central School

E-Mail: edougherty@westcanada.org

Phone: 315-845-6800 EXT 3357

WCV ATHLETICS SCHEDULE



West Canada Valley (B) V Basketball

Coaches:

- David Smith
- Matt Spowell

DATE	WEEK DAY	TYPE	OPPONENTS	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION	TRANSPORTATION	LEAGUE / NON-LEAGUE
Mar 8, 2021	Mon	Regular Season	@ Dolgeville	6:30 PM		HS Gym #2		L
Mar 10, 2021	Wed	Regular Season	Dolgeville	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 12, 2021	Fri	Regular Season	Frankfort-Schuyler	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 15, 2021	Mon	Regular Season	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	6:30 PM		FSSHS Main Gym		L
Mar 17, 2021	Wed	Regular Season	@ Mount Markham	7:00 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 19, 2021	Fri	Regular Season	Mount Markham	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 22, 2021	Mon	Regular Season	Poland	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 24, 2021	Wed	Regular Season	@ Poland	6:30 PM		Poland J/S HS		L
Mar 25, 2021	Thu	Regular Season	@ Utica Academy of Science	6:30 PM		Utica Academy High School		L
Mar 27, 2021	Sat	Regular Season	Utica Academy of Science	1:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 29, 2021	Mon	Regular Season	Little Falls	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 31, 2021	Wed	Regular Season	@ Little Falls	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Apr 1, 2021	Thu	Regular Season	@ Central Valley Academy	6:30 PM		CVA Main Gym		L
Apr 3, 2021	Sat	Regular Season	Central Valley Academy	1:30 PM		HS Gym		L

WCV ATHLETICS SCHEDULE



West Canada Valley (G) V Basketball

Coaches:

- Shelly Hazard
- Whitney Reddington
- Theresa Synakowski

DATE	WEEK DAY	TYPE	OPPONENTS	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION	TRANSPORTATION	LEAGUE / NON-LEAGUE
Mar 8, 2021	Mon	Regular Season	Dolgeville	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 10, 2021	Wed	Regular Season	@ Dolgeville	6:30 PM		HS Gym #2		L
Mar 12, 2021	Fri	Regular Season	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	6:30 PM		FSHS Main Gym		L
Mar 15, 2021	Mon	Regular Season	Frankfort-Schuyler	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 17, 2021	Wed	Regular Season	Mount Markham	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 19, 2021	Fri	Regular Season	@ Mount Markham	7:00 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 22, 2021	Mon	Regular Season	@ Poland	6:30 PM		Poland J/S HS		L
Mar 24, 2021	Wed	Regular Season	Poland	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 25, 2021	Thu	Regular Season	Herkimer	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 27, 2021	Sat	Regular Season	@ Herkimer	2:00 PM		Elementary School Gym		L
Mar 29, 2021	Mon	Regular Season	@ Little Falls	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Mar 31, 2021	Wed	Regular Season	Little Falls	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Apr 1, 2021	Thu	Regular Season	Central Valley Academy	6:30 PM		HS Gym		L
Apr 3, 2021	Sat	Regular Season	@ Central Valley Academy	1:30 PM		CVA Main Gym		L

WCV ATHLETICS SCHEDULE



West Canada Valley (G) V Winter Track

Coaches:

- Ference Sarus
- Todd Hobin

DATE	WEEK DAY	TYPE	OPPONENTS	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION	TRANSPORTATION	LEAGUE / NON-LEAGUE
TBD		Regular Season	Camden	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Fabius-Pompey	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Rome Free Academy	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Clinton	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Poland	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Tully	4:30 PM		TBD		L



West Canada Valley (B) V Winter Track

Coaches:

- Ference Sarus
- Todd Hobin

DATE	WEEK DAY	TYPE	OPPONENTS	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION	TRANSPORTATION	LEAGUE / NON-LEAGUE
TBD		Regular Season	Poland	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Clinton	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Fabius-Pompey	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Camden	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Tully	4:30 PM		TBD		L
TBD		Regular Season	Rome Free Academy	4:30 PM		TBD		L

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

STUDENTS IN K-12:

BE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH EVERYDAY. MRS BUTLER AND THE CAFETERIA STAFF ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE DELICIOUS, HEALTHY FOOD FOR YOU TO ENJOY.



SHELBY BUTLER
FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 2020 STUDENT RECOGNITION



Olivia Broadbent - ELA 7, Ms. Murphy - Olivia is one of the hardest working seventh graders I have ever taught. She is punctual and thorough in all she does. She is an active participant in the majority of class discussions, and she strives to get the most out of every class. Olivia is an excellent role model for her peers, and I really enjoy having her in class! Great job, Olivia!

Madilyn Connor - Wind Ensemble/Music Theory, Mrs. Bonney - Madilyn is doing a fabulous job in Music Theory and Wind Ensemble, she is a true pleasure to teach. She was selected to perform in the Hartwick Honor Band Virtual Ensemble and was selected as a member of the 2020 Area All-State Band. She is consistently prepared for her flute lessons and is preparing several professional level solos on both flute and piccolo. Her diligence, thirst for new knowledge and drive to improve are second to none. Keep up the wonderful work, Madi!

Rebecca Elwood - Spanish III, Mrs. Foster - Rebecca is like a sponge absorbing all the information that is presented to her in class. It is a pleasure to have you in Spanish III this year. Keep up the great work Rebecca.

Hallie Fehlhaber - Physical Education, Mrs. Hazard - Hallie comes to class prepared every day with a smile on her face. Hallie also completes all assignments on time and with excellence. She is an excellent role model for her fellow students!

Analyce Grabowski - Instrumental Music Lessons, Mrs. Bonney - Analyce wows me at every lesson with both her preparedness and talent. Her flute playing has been improving consistently over the past year and she has made the most progress in her method book out of all the flutes in her grade. Analyce has the drive to improve and I appreciate her ability to take everything I say and apply it to her flute playing. Way to go, Ana - keep up the marvelous work!

Hailey Haynes-Davis - Senior Chorus, Mr. Duffer - Hailey has always been attentive and intentional about her effort in class. This year, however, she has started to lead others to do the same. She participates at a high rate and is continuing to improve her vocal technique.

Emma Macrina - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Emma has been doing an outstanding job in Math 8 so far this year! Keep up the great work Emma!

Victoria Ostapuk - Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Despite the challenges this school year has brought, Victoria has demonstrated an outstanding effort in all areas of the class. Her hard work, great participation in class, and eagerness to achieve learning at her best potential is greatly appreciated and a positive example to others. Congratulations Victoria. Keep it up.

Alivia Petranich - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Excellent start to the school year. Alivia is very conscientious of her work. She puts a lot of effort into her assignments. Keep up the good work.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



NOVEMBER 2020 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Gabriella Schrader - Global 9, Mr. Sarus - Gabriella is an absolute delight to have in my Google Meets for Global History. She is always attentive and participates. She is always very cheery and polite. She completes her work in a timely manner and she demonstrates effective communication skills. Her participation and positive attitude is very much appreciated especially during these unique and difficult times.

Skyler Schram - Junior Chorus, Mr. Duffer - Despite the fact that Skyler is a virtual learner, she is exceeding my expectations with her music reading skills and focus on vocal technique improvement. Skyler has become more confident with her voice and diligent about her progress in chorus this year. Her assignments and google form check-ins are completed daily and accurately.

Anthony Smith - Instrumental Music, Mr. Bonney - Anthony is making wonderful progress in his skill acquisition as a percussionist. He comes to his weekly lesson prepared and excited to show me what he has obviously put time into at home. His preparation has him moving at a wonderful pace as an eighth grader, including keyboard percussion on top of his rhythmic snare work. I'm impressed with your work ethic Anthony - Keep it going!

Jayden Smith - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Jayden is off to such a great start this quarter! All of his work has been turned in on time, and his reading quiz grades are excellent. Keep up the good work, Jayden!

John Tolpa - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - John is a pleasure to have in class. He is very involved on a daily basis with class discussions. He is a very friendly and kind classmate. Great job, John!

Peyton Wright - Global 10, Mr. Sarus - Peyton is a fantastic, polite, young man. His enthusiasm for learning and sincere interest in the topics are very much appreciated. He participates, asks questions, listens intently, and leads by example. I am very impressed with Peyton's ability to navigate through all of the new technology requirements and this new learning platform. He does so with ease and without complaining. He communicates effectively and is a joy to have in class.

CONGRATULATIONS

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 2020 STUDENT RECOGNITION



Leah Alexander – Physics, Ms. Petro - Leah goes above and beyond. She seeks extra help every day she is in school and emails me for help on virtual days. Leah puts in an extraordinary amount of effort for this class. She deserves the recognition for her hard work!

Olivia Broadbent – Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Olivia amazes me how she always goes above and beyond every aspect of the class. Her enthusiasm and desire to learn Spanish at her best potential is demonstrated through her outstanding effort and participation. She is a great role model student. Congratulations Olivia. Keep it up.

Evan Ceneviva – Spanish III, Mrs. Foster - Evan is a pleasure to have in class. Evan is always striving to do his best on his assignments. I have seen tremendous growth in Evan's acquisition of the Spanish Language. Keep up the great work Evan. ¡Bien hecho chico!

Rebecca Elwood – H.S. Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Rebecca is a wonderful role model for her fellow classmates. She has never missed a Google Meet and always turns her assignments in on time. Her assignments are always done with excellence! Keep up the good work!

Hallie Fehlhaber – Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Hallie is a true pleasure to have in class. She always has a smile on her face and is eager to learn in the classroom. Her work is exceptional and she completes extra assignments to learn more about the material. Keep up the good work.

Hunter Hayes - ELA 7/Math 7, Ms. Blynt - Hunter does an excellent job participating in his classes! He is eager to share his thoughts on literature and explain his answers to math problems. His independent motivation toward his school work is great to see!

Skyler Schram – Algebra I CC, Mrs. Goggin - To be a successful virtual student, it takes many skills. Skyler exhibits dedication, discipline, effective communication, persistence, and confidence on a daily basis. I have truly enjoyed teaching Skyler virtually and I look forward to her class. I am proud of your ability to become a successful online learner. Keep up the excellent work!! Congratulations, Skyler!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2021 STUDENT RECOGNITION



Olivia Broadbent - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Olivia is always present for class, both in-person and remotely. Her assignments are completed and turned in on time and she is very thorough with her work. She is an excellent role model for her fellow classmates and she is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work!

Hallie Fehlhaber - Math 7, Mrs. Goggin - Hallie is a very hard working math student. She asks questions when she needs help and her work is always completed on time. Hallie prepares for quizzes and tests by utilizing extra practice available to her. Keep up the great work, Hallie! I am proud of you!

Katherine Gorinshek - Physical Education, Mrs. Hazard - Katherine is a wonderful role model for her fellow classmates. She is always ready to participate with maximum effort in class. She goes above and beyond on her homework assignments and always hands them in on time. Katherine also has excellent communication if she will be missing a class and makes sure to get her make up assignment. Keep up the good work!

Reneé Jenkins - College Now Spanish, Mrs. Foster - Reneé is an exemplary student. Reneé is hard working and she is willing to go the extra step to improve her skills. Reneé is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work. ¡Buen trabajo chica!

Jackson King - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Jackson has done an outstanding job in social studies this year. He is extremely conscientious with his work and is a kind classmate. Great job, Jackson!

Melinda Passage - Chemistry, Ms. Petro - Melinda works very hard in class, juggling her core classes along with BOCES. She is organized, participates and asks questions when needed. She is an exemplary Chemistry student!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



FEBRUARY 2021 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Andre Arsenault - Global 9, Mr. Sarus - Andre (Dre) is outstanding in Google Meets. He is always present, he's attentive, and he always participates. He completes all of his assignments in a timely manner. He has a great sense of humor. He's a good communicator and he possesses higher level thinking skills. Dre is an excellent asset to our virtual class. His work ethic and positive attitude are greatly appreciated.

Reese Fellows - Global 10, Mr. Sarus - Reese has been such a pleasure to have in class. She is always present, attentive, and participating in class discussions. She has a great sense of humor, great work ethic, and always wants to improve her grade. Reese is a critical thinker and her contributions are appreciated.

Brook Helmer - Math 7, Mrs. Goggin - In a particularly quiet class, Brook is always willing to participate, share answers, volunteer, and help others. Brook transitions well between hybrid and virtual learning environments. Keep up the great work, Brook! I am proud of you!

Dylan Herringshaw - Spanish 1, Mrs. Foster - Dylan has been working very hard in Spanish 1. Dylan is new to Spanish after learning French for several years. Dylan's hard work has not gone unnoticed. Keep up the great job Dylan! ¡Bien hecho chico!

Xavier Huyck - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Xavier has shown much improvement over this school year. He tries his best on his assignments and comes in for extra help when needed. Keep up the good work.

Penny Johnston - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Penny is a pleasure to have in class virtually. She attends all meets, participates when called on, and completes all assignments on time and with excellence. She is an excellent role model for other students. Keep up the great work Penny!

Victoria Ostapuk - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Victoria is a very hard working and self-motivated student! She is not afraid to ask questions, and she goes above and beyond to make sure she turns in excellent work. She is a pleasure to have in class!

Faith Stewart - English 11, Mrs. Ackman - Faith is an enthusiastic learner who is always seeking deeper connections and a deeper understanding. Her work is of the highest quality and is always completed thoroughly and on time. Faith is a genuine, caring, and compassionate person who adds to the classroom environment. Her smile and personality make my day brighter.

John Tolpa - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - John has been doing an outstanding job in social studies all year. He routinely participates in class discussion and shows a genuine interest in his learning. It's been great having him in class. Great job, John!

Curnin Wallace-Eaton - Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski - Curnin excels in all areas of the class. She is always well prepared and ready to do her very best. She demonstrates a great commitment to her learning of the language as she goes above and beyond on every assignment and participation in class. Curnin is an outstanding role model student and a pleasure to have in class.

West Canada Valley | School District Calendar 2021-2022

SEPTEMBER 2021				OCTOBER 2021				NOVEMBER 2021				DECEMBER 2021			
M	Tu	w	Th	F	M	Tu	w	Th	F	M	Tu	w	Th	F	
		1	2	3						1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30				
JANUARY 2022				FEBRUARY 2022				MARCH 2022				APRIL 2022			
M	Tu	w	Th	F	M	Tu	w	Th	F	M	Tu	w	Th	F	
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	4	1	2	3	4	1	
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	
24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	
31					28					28	29	30	31		
MAY 2022				JUNE 2022				JULY 2022				AUGUST 2022			
M	Tu	w	Th	F	M	Tu	w	Th	F	M	Tu	w	Th	F	
2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3			1	2	3	
9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	
16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	
23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	
30	31				27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	

First day of school for students: September 7, 2021

Final Day of school for students: June 23, 2022

Student Days:
 September 18
 October 19
 November 18
 December 16
 January 20
 February 15
 March 23
 April 15
 May 21
 June 16
 Total Student Days: 181

Staff Days:
 September 20
 October 20
 November 18
 December 16
 January 20
 February 15
 March 23
 April 15
 May 21
 June 17
 Total Staff Days: 185

Student Vacation Days

<p>September 1-2 Supt. Conf. Days 6 Labor day 7 First Day for Students</p> <p>October 11 Columbus Day 22 Superintendent Conf Day</p> <p>November 10 Evacuation Drill 11 Veterans Day 22-23 Parent Teacher Conf. (Elem 1/2) 24-26 Thanksgiving Recess</p>	<p>December 23-31 Winter Recess</p> <p>January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 28 Regents Rating Day (1/2 Elem No MS/HS)</p> <p>February 21-25 Mid-Winter Recess</p>	<p>March 17 & 18 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conf. (Dismissal 11:30) 18 MS/HS Early release 10:30</p> <p>April 11-18 Spring Recess</p> <p>May 30 Memorial Day</p> <p>June 20 June Teenth 23 Last day for Students 24 Regents Rating Day 25 Commencement</p>	<p>Vacation Days (red) Regents Test Days (blue) Superintendent Conf. Days (yellow) Parent/Teacher Conf and Early Release Days (green) Regents Rating Days (orange)</p>
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Calendar

April 2-9
Spring Break

April 12
Board of Education
Meeting at 6:30pm

May 10
Public Hearing at 6pm
Board of Education
Meeting 6:30pm

May 18
12-8pm Annual Budget
Vote/School Board
Election

May 31
Memorial Day

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