

WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS



WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT...

Annie will be presented by the West Canada Valley Music Department **January 29th and 30th at 7:00pm streaming online from the comfort of your own home on [ShowTix4U.com](https://www.showtix4u.com)** under the direction of Shane Bonney, with assistant direction by Andrew Duffer. *See page 7 for more details!*



STUDENT ARTWORK HIGHLIGHTS



*John Michael
Clay Sculpture*



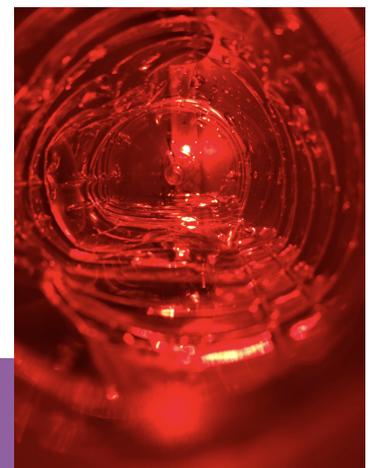
*Julie Kichuk
Watercolor*



*Grace VanEtten
Watercolor*

**See page 4 for
more information
from the Middle &
High School Art
Department!**

*Jace Bartlett
Photography*





FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MR. DJ SHEPARDSON



The pandemic has certainly impacted our lives in so many ways. The West Canada Valley School District continues to sympathize with our community as we battle the effects of the virus. As you know, the virus and the contact tracing associated with the virus has disrupted our in-person instruction at times. The district sincerely appreciates your patience and understanding as we know moving to remote instruction is disruptive to your lives at home. Although the pandemic will continue to challenge us through the winter months, please know this school district will continue our efforts to provide a sound education to our students while maintaining a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff.

COVID-19 Update

The staff have done amazing things to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students. The instructional staff has used many different strategies for both in-person and remote learning. Our students have adapted and been great throughout this process as well. With that said, the district understands the importance of in-person instruction and we are making every attempt to stay open for those who chose this option. It is also important to be aware of the increase in positivity in our region. If the district were to fall into a cluster zone, there would be voluntary testing requirements for staff and students in order to remain open for in-person instruction. The district closely follows these trends and will provide notification to everyone if this occurs. Although testing will be voluntary and require permission forms, we will need to test a percentage of our building to remain open. Until then, we will continue to monitor the situation and make informed decisions.

Board of Education

During the month of October, School Boards around New York State are recognized for their commitment to education in their respective communities. West Canada Valley joins other districts around the state in showing our appreciation for all of their time and effort in support of the students, staff, and members of the community. This work does not go unnoticed. Each member has been so supportive of our students and staff during the pandemic.

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Communication

The pandemic has certainly amplified the importance of effective school-to-home communication. The West Canada Valley School District continues to use all available resources to keep everyone informed. Communication resources include the district website, social media, in-home mailings, newsletter, and the emergency call/email/text system. The parent portal is also open so parents/guardians are able to further monitor the educational progress of their children. In addition, the district is able to offer virtual meetings for any parent/guardian in the district. As always, we will continue to explore new avenues of communication to provide information in the most effective/efficient manner.

School Closing

With winter rapidly approaching, inclement weather is right around the corner. We will continue to use the emergency call system, local radio, and television to keep the public informed about closings and delays. Your patience on these days is also appreciated as we will continue to work closely with our local towns when making a closing/delay decision. The goal is to remain open as long as we feel we can safely transport students to and from school. I know there has been some discussion regarding a switch to remote instruction on inclement weather days. Although this may be a potential option, there are a number of variables that will impact this decision including several mandates that must be met. In all likelihood, if the weather does not allow for safe transportation to school, the district will likely close as usual.

Holiday Season

The district is very thankful for the support of everyone in our educational community. This continued support has allowed the district to open school and provide educational opportunities for students during the pandemic. I certainly hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season as we look forward to better days ahead. If you have anything you would like to discuss, questions you would like answered, or ideas you would like to share; do not hesitate to contact the district office.

Thank You

Again, thank you for the continued support. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Mr. DJ Shepardson
Superintendent of Schools

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I would like to thank all who have completed the Junior/Senior High School Parent/Guardian Contact Preference Survey on the District website and the District Facebook page. The survey will provide the school with the most preferred forms of communication for different scenarios and will help us better serve our students and families. The school has had 104 responses so far, but are looking to have responses from every family. If you have not already done so, please take a couple of minutes to complete the quick survey. Once all the responses are collected, I will share the results with the teachers and staff. Please contact the school 315-845-6800 if you are unable to complete the survey online and we can assist you. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Glenn M. Broadbent

Middle School/High School Principal

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

This year in the art department has been different, to say the least. But when life gives an artist lemons, we make lemonade. I want to highlight how well our students have adapted to the changes of this year. This year students have had to work harder to meet deadlines and, although each project has been presented differently than usual, they have still managed to create masterful works. The new schedule and online learning have also forced the art department to come up with new projects such as weekly photography assignments that have turned out to be extremely gratifying for students. Please be on the lookout in upcoming newsletters for a link to WCV's new virtual art gallery.

Mr. Pumilio

Credits from Front Page:

Jace Bartlett, Photography, Water Project

Julie Kichuk, Watercolor, Value Project

Grace VanEtten, Watercolor, Value Project

John Michael, Clay Sculpture, Skull Project

YEARBOOK WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR PHOTOS!

If you have any pictures of your son/daughter studying, playing or practicing a sport or musical instrument, completing an art project, or just enjoying himself/herself, please consider sharing it with the yearbook staff for possible inclusion in this year's yearbook.

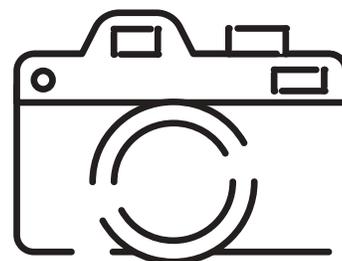
Photos can be submitted directly to the yearbook staff at hjeshare.com.

School code: wecava

Since school photographers will not be taking formal photos this year, we are asking parents and guardians to get a picture of their child and submit it to the yearbook at hjeshare.com, school code: wecava. Choose the portrait option and the site guides you through the process.

The guidelines for taking photos are:

- Color photos only
- Plain/neutral background preferred
- Full face view, facing forward
- Clothing and jewelry must fit school dress code guidelines
- No creative filters or photographic treatments
- No weapons or hand signs of any kind



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



OCTOBER 2020 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Andre Arsenault - H.S. Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Andre is present for every Google Meet and makes sure to participate. His assignments are always handed in on time and done with excellence. (Not available for photo)

Audrey Campbell - Spanish College Now, Mrs. Foster - Audrey is very dedicated to her acquisition of the Spanish language. She has continued to study Spanish on her own during the summer months. It is a pleasure to have Audrey in class. Keep up the great work! ¡Bien hecho!

Madilyn Connor - Senior Chorus, Mr. Duffer - Madilyn has always been a very skilled, strong musician. This year, however, she has improved her independence and is supporting her tone more confidently. Even at the top of the class, Madilyn understands that there's always more to learn and she continues to push for that next level.

Dominic DiFillippo - ELA 7, Ms. Blynt - Dominic is eager to participate and share responses in class. He is adjusting well to the new procedures and demands of school this year. He is motivated to be successful and is a pleasure to work with!

Iain Farber - ELA 9, Mr. Varco - Great participant and excellent thinker in class

Katie Gorinshek - Math 7 Accelerated, Mrs. Goggin - Katie, I am so proud of you. Your ability to take charge of your education along with your communication skills are skills that many students do not develop until later in life. You are a very hard worker and I am happy to have you in class this school year!

Xavier Huyck - ELA 7, Ms. Murphy - Xavier has been working very hard since school began. He makes sure that his work is done thoroughly and punctually, even on his remote days. In addition, Xavier volunteers answers in class, and he always demonstrates polite, respectful behavior in my classroom. Keep up the great work, Xavier!

Lenora Johnston - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Lenora is having a great start to the new school year. She has been a great help with the technology aspect of google classroom. Not only is she willing to help me (google meets), but she provides help to others in the class as well. Keep up the good work. (Not available for photo)

Jackson King - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - I really appreciate Jackson's participation in and enthusiasm for ELA class! His positive attitude is certainly reflected in his outstanding work.

Paige McNamara - ELA 10, Mr. Varco - Great participant and deep thinker.

Edward Vykhodets - Junior Chorus, Mr. Duffer - Edward has already matured as an eighth grader in terms of his leadership and confidence in class. His is singing with great effort and skill and continues to lead others around him to do the same. Great work so far, Ed!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Audrey Campbell
Spanish, College Now



Madilyn Connor
Senior Chorus



Dominic Difillippo
ELA 7



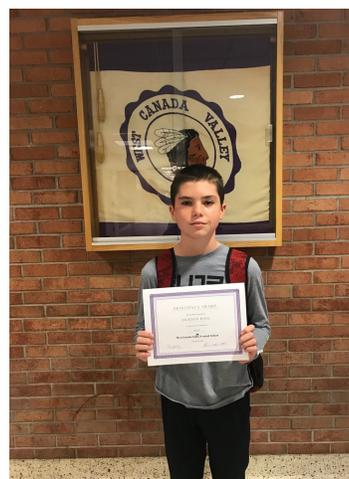
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ELA 10



Edward Vykhodets
Junior Chorus

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

WEST CANADA HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT "ANNIE"

Continued from front page...

In 1933, **Annie (Morgan Warney)** is in the Municipal Girls Orphanage, along with many other orphans. When the littlest, **Molly (Olivia Broadbent)**, awakes from a bad dream, she angers the older orphans **Pepper (Grayce Harvey)** and **Duffy (Gabriella Schrader)**. **July (Curnin Wallace-Eaton)** tells them to hush up and eventually gets into a fight with Pepper. **Tessie (Renee' Jenkins)**, **Kate (Mya Johnson)**, and the other orphans (**Hallie Fehlhaber**, **Brianna Muthig**) are all awakened by the kerfuffle. Annie gets up and tells everyone to go back to sleep, wondering when her parents will return. Annie decides to escape to find her parents but is caught by **Miss Hannigan (Olivia Gibson)**, the owner of the orphanage. She forces the girls to clean and they lament the terrible conditions that they live in. Annie later successfully escapes and stumbles upon a Hooverville, where people made homeless by the Great Depression have come together as a community. However, policeman **Lt. Ward (Macyn Thomas)**, who has been sent by Miss Hannigan, catches Annie and takes her back to the orphanage. **Grace Farrell (Madilyn Connor)**, the assistant to the billionaire **Oliver Warbucks (Chase Bugeya)**, comes to the orphanage asking for an orphan to come to his mansion for Christmas and Annie is the orphan she chooses. Meanwhile, at the Warbucks Mansion, the butler **Drake (Catherine Christensen)** and the entire staff (**Rebekah Farrell**, **Jenna DeSantis**, **Olivia Ray**, and **Madison Gonzalez**) welcomes Annie with open arms, when Oliver Warbucks comes back. He isn't happy to have an orphan in his mansion. As time progresses, Warbucks' hardened exterior is pierced by Annie's optimism and charm. Back at the orphanage, Miss Hannigan's ne'er-do-well brother, **Rooster (Julius Grower)**, and his unscrupulous girlfriend, **Lily (Isabella Smith)**, pay a visit. Miss Hannigan mentions that Annie is staying at a billionaire's house, and they decide they can use this situation to their advantage. Through using Annie's broken locket, Warbucks hatches a plan to find Annie's parents using the Hour of Smiles show hosted by **Bert Healy (Matthew Lape)** and his puppet **Wacky (Hallie Fehlhaber)**. When the radio show leads to dead ends, Warbucks enlists the help of his good friend **President Franklin D. Roosevelt (Blake Reese)** to help him. Roosevelt is eager to help, but is in the midst of a socio-economic crisis and is working diligently with **Harold Ickes (Iris Pellani)** and the rest of his cabinet to improve conditions in America. Will Annie find her parents or will her plans be hampered by Miss Hannigan?

Join us on January 29th and 30th from the comfort of your own home to find out! Tickets are \$9 and are available for sale on ShowTix4U.com on January 6th.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



SCHOLARSHIPS

Many local scholarships will become available after the first semester. Seniors should continue checking the Guidance Office's Class of 2021 Google classroom for updates.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Maggie Burdick was selected as the recipient for the 2020-2021 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarship. The scholarship winner is selected by staff and students and awarded to the senior demonstrating the qualities of "dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism." ***Congratulations Maggie!***



COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is open! If you are planning on continuing your education in the fall, and have not already completed the FAFSA, we encourage you to complete the application soon. Visit <https://studentaid.gov> and click on "Apply for Aid" > "Complete the FAFSA Form."

SPRING SAT DATES

Visit www.collegeboard.org to register.

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late fee required)
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	February 23, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 20, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 18, 2021

SPRING ACT DATES

Visit www.act.org to register.

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Window (Late fee required)
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9-15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021

WCV ATHLETICS NEWS



WINTER ATHLETICS UPDATE

Hello Families,

Please see our district website or district Facebook page for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's latest memo in regards to winter athletics. This memo explains that all high-risk sports are postponed until authorization is granted by state officials.

What this means for West Canada Valley:

- Basketball and Cheerleading are postponed until authorized by state officials.
- Indoor Track is postponed due to no available Indoor Track facilities.
- Bowling is permitted to begin on January 4th, but due to the West Canada Valley remote learning schedule January 4th-8th, bowling at WCV will begin on January 11th.
- Bowling tryouts are scheduled for the week of January 11th – 15th.
- Boys Varsity and Girls Varsity bowling schedules will be released over the next several weeks. If your child is interested in bowling and they have not yet contacted Mr. Youngs, please email Mr. Youngs at cyoungs@westcanada.org with your child's name and grade level.

If you have any other questions pertaining winter sports please contact Ed Dougherty.

THIS INFORMATION IS CURRENT AS OF DECEMBER 14, 2020. ANY CHANGES PERTAINING TO WINTER ATHLETICS AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE REFLECTED IN THIS PRINTED NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SEE THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

Ed Dougherty
Athletics Director
West Canada Valley Central School
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Phone: 315-845-6800 EXT 3357

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. A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within 30 days from the start of school. 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 had a recent physical exam, please notify 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. ***If a student is planning on playing a school sport they must have an updated physical on file with the Health Office.***

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 DEPARTMENT

WINTER SAFETY ON THE BUS

I want to thank all of you for making last year at West Canada a safe year for the transportation of all students to and from school. This year can be just as safe if all involved do their part.

Winter Weather Bus Schedule Reminder

On those bad weather days that school is still in session, the buses may leave the garage a little earlier to get to their routes. The students that are the first on the bus should be ready 5 to 10 minutes earlier. The students at the end of the run may see their bus arrive 5 to 10 minutes late. This will all vary due to road conditions. Please try to help the bus drivers out on those bad weather days by being patient and understanding.

Felix Ray

Transportation Supervisor
West Canada Valley Central School
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Phone: 315-845-6800 EXT 401



CAFETERIA CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS JOANNE!

The West Canada Valley Central School District wishes Ms. Joanne VanAernam the best in her upcoming retirement! Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the district.



DEAR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

As my retirement date nears (12/31), I want to thank each of you for the honor and joy that came with providing school meals to your children over the past 13 years. WCV is a special place to be a part of and I will cherish forever my memories. While this is still a very challenging time, I am sure you will be welcoming and understanding of the work ahead for my replacement, Mrs. Shelby Butler. She will be a wonderful addition to the WCV team. Thank you again and please stay healthy and safe... 'til we meet again!

DEAR BOARD OF EDUCATION

I just want to say thank you for the opportunity you gave me 13+ years ago. I have had the honor of working with some amazing staff and the pleasure of serving our great students. I will take with me so many wonderful memories. Take care, stay safe and thank you again.

Joanne VanAernam
Food Service Director
315-845-6800 ext 3360
jvanaernam@westcanada.org

IN THE EVENT OF FULLY REMOTE INSTRUCTION (MEALS)

In the event that the district switches to fully remote instruction, Food Service will return to the system used over the Summer.

Meal pick up would be in the high school on Monday and Thursday only. Monday will have three days of meals and Thursday will have 4 days of meals, so a full week of meals is available at no cost. As in the Summer, if getting to school is a hardship for a family, delivery would be available upon request. Please contact the Food Service Director with the names of students receiving meals and the location for delivery. Only one location per family is possible and someone must come to the bus to get the meals.

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Kelley Crossett
Business Manager

Elementary School

Mrs. Correne Holmes
Principal

Jr/Sr High School

Mr. Glenn Broadbent
Principal

Calendar

Dec 23 - Jan 1

Winter Recess

Jan 4

Classes Resume

Jan 18

No School - Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Jan 29

No School for MS/HS
Half Day for Elementary

Feb 15 - 17

Mid-Winter Recess

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

