

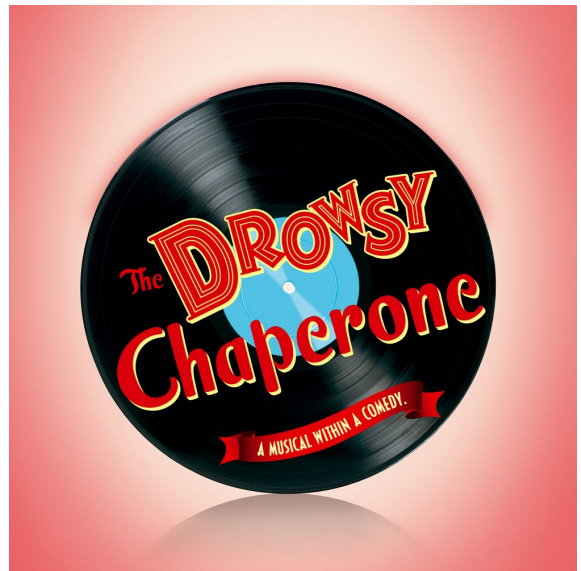


West Canada Valley Central School

Highlights

November 2018

The Drowsy Chaperone – will be presented by the West Canada Valley Music Department November 9th and 10th at 7:00pm in the WCV Auditorium under the direction of Shane Bonney, with assistant direction by Andrew Duffer. With the houselights down, a man in a chair (Christopher Salati-Weir) appears on stage and puts on his favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording comes to life and *The Drowsy Chaperone* begins as the man in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers (Shayla Clark and Chase Bugeya) on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man (Kurt Florian), a desperate theatre producer (Christopher Schultz), a flaky chorine (Adia Clarke), a not-so-bright hostess (Emilie Monahan) and her butler (Tyler Weakley), two gangsters (Samantha Raymo and Isabella Smith) posing as pastry chefs, an aviatrix (Caeli



Campbell/Olivia Gibson), a misguided Don Juan (Silas Bouchard) and an impaired chaperone (Jacquallynn Bender), and you have the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight. Hailed by *New York Magazine* as "The Perfect Broadway Musical," *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a masterful meta-musical, poking fun at all the tropes that characterize the musical theatre genre. Other featured characters include: Joshua Grabowski and Kala Reinhardt as reporters; Scarlet Bouchard, Madilyn Connor, Kadence Gage, and Macyn Thomas as monkeys; Bella Guido, Julia Marriott, and Sulia Martin as aviators; and Jessica Lindsay as a maid. The remaining ensemble includes: Lily Bauder, Catherine Christensen, Joshua Conover, Macalah Cristallo, Evan Davis, Ashley Fritschi, Rowan Houck, Sheridan Hughes, Alyssa Lyga, Nadia Paul, and Iris Pellani.

Tickets can be purchased from cast members or reserved (suggested) by calling Daphne Raymo at 845-6800 x 353. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Mark your calendars for November 9th and 10th!

From the Superintendent's Desk...

The school year is off to another great start and the district is sincerely grateful for the consistent investment/support of the entire West Canada Valley Community. As we move forward, the district will continue to use this support to explore new courses, improve policies, and enhance facilities. We will continue to provide the students of this community with an education that prepares each of them to become responsible, caring, and productive citizens.



Communication- As a district, we continue to seek ways to improve our communication. The district has a user-friendly website that is utilized on a regular basis to recognize the work of both our students and faculty. In addition, the website provides a venue for important announcements as well as information regarding upcoming events. The website provides access to important parent forms, job opportunities, and other important documents related to the district. The district is on Facebook providing an additional mechanism for communication. The parent portal is now open so parents/guardians are able to further monitor the progress of their children. As always, we will continue to explore new avenues of communication to provide information in the most effective/efficient manner.

Parking- The district would again like to thank everyone for adhering to the signs in each parking lot. As a reminder, please do not park in any areas marked Fire Lane or where No Parking/Do Not Enter signs have been installed. In addition, please refrain from parking on grass areas or over the new curbs. The number of parking spots has been greatly expanded for our events and access to sporting events behind the building can easily be accessed from both main parking areas. We not only want to preserve the appearance of the campus, but also maintain the safety of our visitors and emergency responders. Thank you again for your cooperation.

School Closing – With winter rapidly approaching, inclement weather is right around the corner. We will continue to use Blackboard Connect, 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.

Open Door – I certainly enjoy seeing so many of our community members both at school events and out in the community. I learn a great deal from our discussions and appreciate the many thoughts and ideas you share with me. Please know that I am available to meet with you as individuals or as groups. If you ever have anything you would like to discuss, questions you would like answered, or ideas you would like to share; do not hesitate to stop in or give me a call in the district office.

Thank you - Again, thank you for the continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the many events scheduled for this school year. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

D.J. Shepardson-Superintendent of Schools



Dignity for All Students

The New York State Dignity for All Students Act became effective July 1, 2012. The goal of this Act is to create a safe and supportive school climate where students can learn and focus, rather than in fear of being discriminated against or harassed.

The District condemns and prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment of students based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientations, gender, or sex by school employees or students on school property and at school-sponsored activities and events that take place at locations off school property. In addition, any act of discrimination or harassment, outside of school sponsored events, which can reasonably be expected to materially and substantially disrupt the education process, may be subject to discipline.

If you need to report an incident of bullying or harassment at WCV, please stop and see a counselor or Deputy Kerr. Anonymous reporting forms are available in the Guidance Office.

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Students from Mrs. Bray's first grade performed an adaptation of "The Ugly Pumpkin". They taught us that it's ok to be different!



It's pumpkin day! Our K-2 students were provided with 150 pumpkins, one for each student!

Area All-State Music Festival to be Held in Oneonta

Several students have been selected to attend the 2018 Area All-State Music Festival held on November 16th and 17th at SUNY Oneonta. Performing in the Treble Chorus are Jacqualynn Bender and Emilee Monahan. Silas Bouchard, Emi Hughes, and Kurt Florian will perform in the Mixed Chorus. Performing in the Concert Band are Caeli Campbell (alternate), Madilyn Connor, Jenna DeSantis, Kadence Gage, Kaylin Gee, Summer Hoover, Renee' Jenkins, Jordyn Kuzontkoski, Iris Pellani, Samantha Raymo, Lydia Reimer, and Logan Steates.

All-County I Music Festival

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent our school on November 2nd and 3rd at the Herkimer County All County I Music Festival to be held at Little Falls High School High School. In the elementary chorus are Dalten Brennan, Madelyn Gross, Julius Grower, Kelsea Hayes, Grayce Harvey, William Muthig, Faith Perry, Olivia Ray, Nathan Ruppert, Danelle Shannon-Dineen, Curnin Wallace-Eaton, and Korbin Williams. Playing in the Junior High Band are Audrey Campbell, Ben Conover, Rebecca Elwood, Maya Farber, Kadence Gage, Renee' Jenkins, Alina Kichuk, Jordyn Kuzontkoski, Jenavieve Lyon, Blake Reese, Gianna Rutherford, Erin Scanlon, Gabriella Schrader, and Kiersten Usyk. Senior chorus members include: Jacqualynn Bender, Zackary Comstock, Isabella Coriale, Olivia Gibson, Emi Hughes, Samantha Johnson, Julia Marriott, Nathaniel Lowell, Samantha Raymo, Christopher Salati-Weir, and Morgan Warney.



WINTER WEATHER BUS SCHEDULE REMINDER

On bad weather days and we still have school; 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.



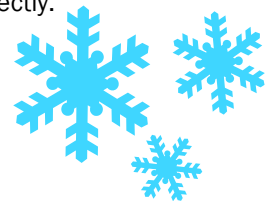
THINGS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- School buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the bus.
- Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities.
- The loading and unloading area is called the “Danger Zone”.
- The “Danger Zone” is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (ten feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child, ten feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver’s blind spot, and the area behind the bus).
- Half of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus-related accidents are children between 5 and 7 years old.
- Young children are most likely to be struck because they:
 - Hurry to get on and off the bus
 - Act before they think and have little experience with traffic
 - Assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross the road
 - Don’t always stay within the bus driver’s sight



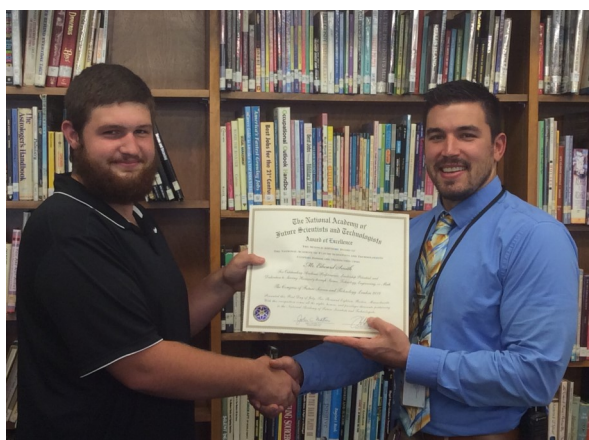
THINGS STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- The bus driver and others cannot see you if you are standing closer than 10 feet to the bus. Stay out of the danger zone.
- If something falls under or near the bus, tell the driver. Never try to pick it up yourself!
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the road.
- When you get on or off the bus, look for the bus safety lights and make sure they are flashing.
- Be alert to traffic. When you get on or off the bus, look left, right, left before you exit the bus and before you enter or cross the road.
- When the driver says it is safe to cross the road, remember to cross in front of the bus.
- Stay in your seat and sit quietly so that the driver is not distracted.
- Our school buses have seat belts. We urge you to use them. Learn to use them correctly.



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Ed Smith, recipient of the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence.

West Canada Valley Central School District has now made available our new rschooltoday athletics app for iOS and Android! Download it, pick your school, and see sports scores, rosters, dates of competitions, and up to date changes in the schedule! Free to download, install and use!



WCV Guidance Counselors

Rebecca Wood grades 5-12 (last names beginning with A-K)
Kady Conklin grades 5-12 (last names beginning with L-Z)

Financial Aid News

Seniors and their parents/guardians can begin filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) beginning October 1 for the 2018-2019 college school year.

Herkimer College will be hosting a FAFSA Workshop on Saturday, November 17 at 9 AM. You can register by emailing finaid@herkimer.edu or calling (315) 866-0300 ext. 8243.

Herkimer College Instant Admit Day

Representatives from Herkimer College will be coming to WCV on November 28 at 1:00 PM for Instant Admit Day. Any seniors planning to apply to Herkimer should attend and can sign up for it in the guidance office.

Spring SAT Dates for 2018-2019

To sign up for the SATs, go to www.collegeboard.org.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019

Spring ACT Dates for 2018-2019

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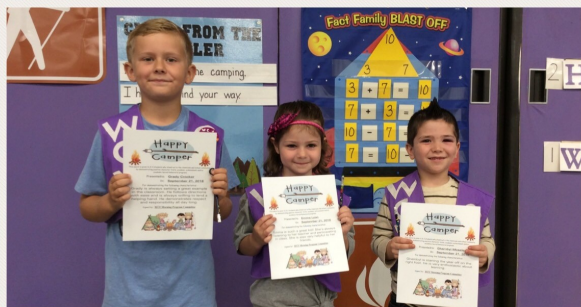
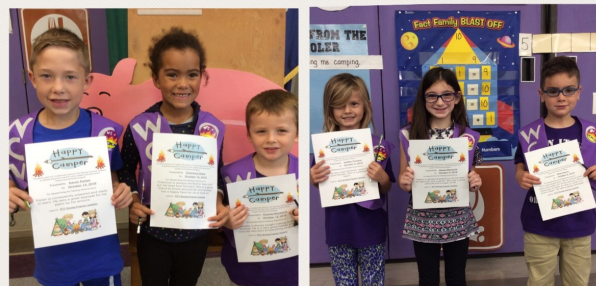
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
February 9, 2019	January 4, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019

Scholarships and College Rep Visits to WCV

Visit www.westcanada.org to see upcoming Scholarships and College Representatives visiting WCV.



Members of the Newport Volunteer Fire Department and Kuyahoorra Valley Ambulance Corps. visited our elementary students to teach fire safety. Sparky the Fire Safety Dog was even there! Students watched a puppet show that reminded them to never play with matches, stay calm in an emergency, how to dial 911 and talk to their parents about a family meeting place in case of fire. The firemen also stayed to give classes a closer look at the fire trucks and explain what some of the equipment is on the trucks and how it works. Thanks to all of our local first responders for keeping us safe



Pictured here are students who have received Morning Program's "Happy Camper" Award. This award is given to students who follow school rules, work hard, and are kind to others. Come visit Morning Program in the Elementary Cafeteria any day at 9:05, it's a great way to start the day!



September Students of the Month

Silas Bouchard - Living Environment, Mrs. Bryan - Silas always puts in his best effort to complete assignments well and on time. He demonstrates his determination to succeed both inside and outside of the classroom. He is willing to participate in classroom discussions and volunteer for tasks. He is friendly and respectful to others and comes into the classroom with a positive attitude. I can count on him to be doing the assigned tasks and following my expectations. Keep up the great effort and attitude, Silas!

Hanna Burdick - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Great start to the new year. Excellent study habits and time management skills. Keep up the good work!

Joshua Grabowski - Junior Chorus, Mr. Duffer - Joshua is a strong leader in chorus, helping those around him. He's always attentive and prepared for class.

Margaret Jones - Science 7, Mrs. Bryan - Margaret always shows how responsible she is by completing her assignments on time and to the best of her ability, self-advocating by asking for what she needs, and following the classroom and school expectations. I can count on her to be working on the assignments, to be listening while we do notes or I give directions, and to be doing only assigned tasks. She is never disrespectful to others and is cooperative when working with her peers. Keep up the great effort and attitude, Margaret!

Sheridan Hughes - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Sheridan is doing fantastic in Social Studies. She is always attentive and she regularly raises her hand to participate in class. Congrats on a successful start to the school year, Sheridan!

Nate Lowell - Algebra 2 CC, Mrs. Kraszewski - Nate is just a pleasure to have in class and an exemplary role model. Keep up the GREAT work.

Jenavieve Lyon - Wind Ensemble/Lessons, Mrs. Bonney - Jenavieve is a true pleasure to teach - she is kind, diligent, and very talented. She also goes above and beyond, she took private lessons over the summer to help her get a jump start on her solo for this year. She was recently selected as the principal saxophonist for the 2018 Herkimer All-County JH Band. I also greatly appreciate her tenacity in rehearsals and lessons. Thank you for being a stellar student, Jenavieve - keep up the great work!

Jacob Novick-Maxwell - Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski - Jacob is a very polite, responsible, and enthusiastic student. He demonstrates a great desire to learn, often participates in class, asks questions, and strives for his best in all the assignments. Jacob, great way to start this school year. Keep it up. Congratulations.

Samantha Raymo - H.S. Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Samantha has been prepared for class each day and adds to the positive environment. She is a pleasure to have in class.

Hope Rider - ELA 8/Math 8, Ms. Blynt - Hope is a kind student and a diligent worker. She puts forth her full effort in many classes and is achieving success as a result. She has really started off the school year on a good foot!



Boys Varsity Basketball

Date	Time	Opponent
11/26/18	7:00 PM	@Canastota CSD
11/29/18	7:00 PM	@Holland Patent
12/4/18	7:00 PM	@Frankfurt-Schuyler
12/7/18	TBD	@Tully Junior High
12/8/18	TBD	@Tully Junior High
12/11/18	7:30 PM	@Herkimer CSD
12/13/18	7:00 PM	Little Falls
12/17/18	7:00 PM	@Dolgeville CSD
12/27/18	TBD	Boosters Tournament
12/28/18	TBD	Boosters Tournament
1/03/19	7:00 PM	@Mount Markham
1/5/19	TBD VARSITY ONLY	@Utica College v Herkimer
1/8/19	7:00 PM	Canastota
1/11/19	7:30 PM	@Holland Patent
1/18/19	7:00 PM	@Frankfort-Schuyler
1/25/19	7:00 PM	@Little Falls CSD
1/31/19	7:00 PM	UAS
2/1/19	7:00 PM	Mount Markham
2/5/19	7:00 PM	Dolgeville
2/8/19	7:00 PM	@Oriskany CSD

Girls Varsity Basketball

Date	Time	Opponent
11/27/18	7:00 PM	@Oriskany CSD
11/30/18	TBD	Sect. 2 v Sect. 3
12/1/18	TBD	Sect. 2 v Sect. 3
12/4/18	7:00 PM	@Sauquoit Valley
12/7/18	7:00 PM	Clinton
12/14/18	7:00 PM	Little Falls
12/17/18	7:00 PM	Frankfort-Schuyler
12/21/18	7:00	Dolgeville
1/02/19	7:00 PM	Poland
1/4/19	7:30 PM	@Herkimer CSD
1/7/19	7:00 PM	Oriskany
1/10/19	7:00 PM	@Poland CSD
1/14/19	7:00 PM	Sauquoit Valley
1/17/19	7:00 PM	@Clinton
1/24/19	7:00 PM	@Little Falls CSD
1/28/19	7:00 PM	@Waterville
1/31/19	7:00 PM	@Frankfort-Schuyler
2/4/19	7:00 PM	@Dolgeville CSD
2/7/19	7:00 PM	Herkimer
2/11/19	7:00 PM	Waterville

Dear Parents,

As discussed at the BAA and GAA banquets last year, West Canada Valley will be taking a different approach to the end of the year athletic banquet for the 2018-2019 school year. In an effort to make the Athletic Banquets a truly special experience there will be 5 fairly significant changes from the banquets in the past. First off, the BAA and GAA banquets will merge into one varsity banquet for both boys and girls. Second change, the new WCV Varsity Athletics banquet will be for varsity athletes only. JV athletes will not be recognized as they have in the past. A third change is that the banquet will move from the HS Auditorium into the HS Gymnasium where both dinner and the award ceremony will take place. The fourth change is that a dress code will be enforced this year. Jeans, work boots, t-shirts, hoodies and hats will not be allowed. The final change is that your child will be required to RSVP the number of guests who will be attending the banquet. The RSVP is necessary so we can set up the proper amount of seating in the gymnasium. Without an RSVP on file in the Athletics Office, you will not have a seat for the ceremony. The official Banquet date will be published soon on the WCV Athletics Webpage. If you have any questions about the dress code or anything else mentioned above please contact the WCV Athletics office at X-357.

Important changes

The banquet is for boy and girl varsity athletes only
 No JV teams will be recognized this year
 Banquet will be held in the HS Gymnasium
 Dress code will be enforced (see above)
 Student-Athlete must RSVP

Boys and Girls Indoor Track		
Date	Time	Location
12/7/18	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome
12/14/18	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome
12/21/18	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome
1/4/19	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome
1/11/19	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome
1/18/19	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome
1/25/18	TBD	Utica College Dome
2/1/19	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome
2/8/19	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome
2/13/19	4:30 PM	Utica College Dome



Boys and Girls Bowling		
Date	Time	Location
11/27/18	4:00 PM	@Waterville
11/29/18	4:00 PM	@Sauquoit Valley
12/4/18	4:00 PM	@Clinton
12/6/18	4:00 PM	@Adirondack
12/11/18	4:00 PM	Little Falls
12/13/18	4:00 PM	New York Mills
12/18/18	4:00 PM	@Holland Patent
12/20/18	4:00 PM	Herkimer Central
1/3/19	4:00 PM	@Cooperstown
1/8/19	4:00 PM	Sherburne-Earlville
1/10/19	4:00 PM	Canastota
1/15/19	4:00 PM	Adirondack
1/17/19	4:00 PM	@Little Falls
1/22/19	4:00 PM	@New York Mills
1/24/19	4:00 PM	Holland Patent
1/29/19	4:00 PM	@Herkimer Central

From time to time, student photos, video, audio, and information (name, grade level, teacher, school, honor roll, awards, art work, etc.) may be released for use in district publications, on the district's website, in the media and on district-sanctioned social media websites to depict WCVCS activities. If you do not wish your child's image or information used for these purposes, you can download the Student Media Release Form from the WCV website and send in to the main office.



Marion Crouch Memorial

Country Christmas Arts & Crafts Bazaar

Presented by
Newport Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, November 17th
9am to 3pm

At

West Canada Valley School

Rte 28 between Middleville and Newport

Free Admission and Parking

Refreshments sold in cafeteria

“New this Year”

Chinese Auction in Elem. Cafeteria

Nancy's Pottery

Crafts, Novelties, Jewelry, Wooden signs
Adirondack prints, and much more

And

Of course... SANTA CLAUS



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Occupant

Middleville, NY 13406

Coming Events

November 2-3

All County
Little Falls High School

November 9-10

The Drowsy Chaperone
7:00 PM

November 12

Veteran's Day (Observed)
No School

November 21-23

Thanksgiving Recess
No School

December 12

High School Winter Concert
7:00 PM

December 18

Elementary Winter Concert
7:00 PM

December 21–January 2

Winter Recess
No School

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!](http://www.westcanada.org)

