

**West Canada Valley Central School**

# Highlights

**November 2017**

Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* – will be presented by the West Canada Valley Music Department November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the WCV auditorium under the direction of William Van Patten and Shane Bonney. The story centers around a young woman, Cinderella (Devin Thomas) forced into a life of servitude by her cruel stepmother (Samantha Raymo) and self-centered stepsisters

(Shayla Clark and Sarah Esty), who dreams of a better life. With the help of her Fairy Godmother (Olivia Johnson), Cinderella is transformed into a Princess and finds her Prince (Kurt Florian). Others in the royal household include Christopher Schultz as the King, Baily Jackson as the Queen and Silas Bouchard as the Herald. Royal servants include Chase Bugeya, Zackary Wood, Emilie Monahan, Zackary Comstock and Tyler Weakley. Townspeople include John Tolpa, Emi Hughes, Madilyn Connor, Adia Clarke, Reneé Jenkins, Kadence Gage, Sulia Martin, Julia Marriott, Scarlett Bouchard, Joshua Grabowski, Hannah Ippolito, Isabella Smith, Jessica Lindsay, Kala Reinhardt, and Jillian Houck. Others in the performance are Ava Amendola, Bella Guido, Hailey Haynes, Sheridan Hughes, Bella Jackson, Alissa Lyga, Faith Moseley, Lindsay Pierson, Veronika Ribarsky, Billie Tyson, Leilani Tyson, Chloe Williams, Savannah Williams, Kile Wood, Jenna DeSantis, Tanner Brennan, Clayton Davis, Raymond Sprague, Devin Quayle, Logan Valerio, and Paul Ward.



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 10th and 11th!**

### From the Superintendent's Desk...

The school year is off to another great start and the district is sincerely grateful for the investment and support of the entire community. As we move forward, the district will continue to explore new courses, new policies, and improved facilities as we strive to educationally prepare our students in the best possible learning environment.

**Communication-** As a district, we continue to seek ways to improve our communication. The district has developed 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 had added a Facebook page to provide an additional mechanism for communication. In the very near future, the parent portal will be open so that parents/guardians will be 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.

**Capital Project-** For those of you who have had the opportunity to be on campus, you have certainly witnessed the many facility improvements that have occurred during the past several months. At this point, the project is about 90% complete with some final items to be completed through the spring. Once complete, you will receive information regarding a community open house that is expected to be scheduled for a time yet to be determined this spring. This will give community members an opportunity to get an up-close view of the project and to show our appreciation for the continued support for this district. We are certainly very proud of this finished product and we are confident you will be pleased as well. Thank you again for supporting a project that will ensure safe and secure facilities for years to come.

**Parking-** The district would like to thank everyone for adhering to the new signage in the upgraded parking lots. 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 pulling vehicles 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.

**Herkimer BOCES Proposed Remington Purchase-** Residents of the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES region will soon vote on whether to approve Herkimer BOCES purchasing the former Remington Elementary School building that was initially left vacant after the Mohawk and Ilion school districts merged to form Central Valley.



The special vote will take place on Nov. 14, 2017 from noon to 8 p.m. and is open to residents of the 10 Herkimer BOCES component school districts: Central Valley, Dolgeville, Frankfort-Schuyler, Herkimer, Little Falls, Mount Markham, Owen D. Young, Poland, Richfield Springs and West Canada Valley.

Voters will be asked to provide one form of proof of residency such as a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill or a voter registration card. Voters also will be required to provide their signature and address. Voters who do not provide a proof of residence may be asked to sign a declaration in order to be allowed to vote.

Residents of all component districts will vote on whether BOCES should purchase the building. As always, voting will take place in the West Canada Valley High School Lobby between the hours of 12:00-8:00 pm. If you have any questions regarding this vote, please contact the district office.

**Evacuation Drill Reminder** – On Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will execute our mandatory Evacuation Drill. All students, K-12 will be released by 2 PM. We will be using one (1) bus run in order to complete this drill. Please be aware that students will arrive home earlier than normal. Please make note of this so that you may arrange care for your children. Thank you in advance for your understanding and 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 school.

Again, thank you for the continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the many events scheduled for this school year. If you ever have any questions/concerns, do not hesitate to contact me in the district office. 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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Our 7th grade students working with Crystal Gerhardt, the TREATY Program Coordinator, on the Peace Builder's curriculum. The year long program engages adolescents in discussing, addressing and actively participating in putting an end to peer violence and bullying.



**Special Vote for Herkimer BOCES Proposed Remington Purchase November 14th from 12-8 in the HS Lobby.**

## *All-County I Music Festival*

Congratulations to several students who will represent our school on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Herkimer County All County I Music Festival at Frankfort-Schuyler High School. In the elementary chorus are Scarlet Bouchard, Dalten Brennan, Joshua Conover, Garrett Cristallo, Grayce Harvey, Emonnie Perez, Faith Perry, Blake Reese, Gabriella Schrader, John Tolpa, Curnin Wallace-Eaton, and Korbin Williams. Playing in the Junior High Band are Maggie Burdick, Madilyn Connor, Jenna DeSantis, Maya Farber, Kadence Gage, Jillian Houck, Reneé Jenkins, Jordan Kohn, Jordyn Kuzontkowski, Jenavieve Lyon, Lydia Reimer, and Morgan Warney. Senior chorus members include Jacqualynn Bender, Silas Bouchard, Sarah Esty, Kurt Florian, Kaylin Gee, Emi Hughes, Samantha Johnson, Julia Marriott, Olivia McNeil, Samantha Raymo, and Zackary Wood.

## 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.



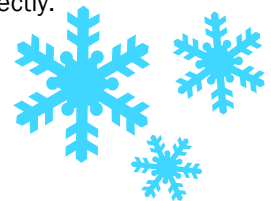
## THINGS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- 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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## New Elementary Entry

The elementary building has a new entryway! This beautiful glass entry provides controlled access to the building while providing a perfect place for announcements and seasonal decoration! Stop in to see it!



## WCV Learns about Fire Safety

West Canada Valley Elementary School observed Fire Prevention Week on Friday, October 13th. In order to promote fire safety awareness, the Guild of Thespian Puppets performed a live fire safety show during Morning Program with their original handmade puppets. We are thankful to representatives of the Newport and Middletown Volunteer Fire departments who presented fire safety tips and displayed their equipment.



### Technology News

Technology plays a big part in the education of our students and prepares them for life after high school. This year West Canada Valley Central School has invested in the increased use of technology by providing teachers and students with new tools. In all classrooms we have begun the process of installing new speaker systems to provide improved sound when presenting to students. The elementary school will be getting 30 additional iPads for instructional use and the high school has received 15 additional Chromebooks with a cart to be used in the new technology class. In the elementary laptop lab we have replaced the very old and outdated laptops with new Dell laptops that allow our students a more robust experience, quicker sign-on, and increased access to programs and web services. Many of the printers in the district were getting older and the cost of toner was an annual expense. This year we have replaced all printers in the district with new laser printers at no additional cost to the district!

We are very excited with the direction we are going and with the great technology we can provide our students! Thank you so much for all your support and for additional information please follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WestCanadaValleyCSD/>.



Find us on  
**Facebook**



Students showing off the new laptops in the laptop lab!

### September Students of the Month

**Bryann Brelinzky** - Algebra 2 NR, Mrs. Kraszewski - She is doing well for not having math last year. Keep up the great job.

**Madilyn Connor** - Junior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - Madilyn is an excellent role model for the other students. She is always kind and polite. Her singing is always perfect and she is a leader in the soprano section. Keep up the good work and keep singing!

**Rebecca Elwood** - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Rebecca did an outstanding job on the US/NYS geography unit. Great start to the new school year. Keep up the good work.

**Sarah Esty** - Senior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - Congratulations on your part in the musical. Looking forward to seeing the show. Thanks for helping the soprano section learn their parts. Keep singing!

**Alyssa Gauthier** - English 9/Basic Algebra, Ms. Blynt - Alyssa is one of the hardest workers I know. She always tries her best in class and asks for extra help when she needs it. She has a real desire to achieve her best in all her classes. It's a pleasure to work with her.

**Alyssa Gauthier** - Physical Education, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Alyssa has been an excellent example of what trying your best looks like. She has not complained, but in everything we have done she has given 100%. She strives to do her best and challenge herself so as time goes on she will only get better.

**Joshua Grabowski** - Junior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - Thank you Joshua for being such a strong singer in the boy's section. You are a great role model for the other students. Keep singing!

**Kaleb Horan**- Mr. Kozak - Kaleb has started the year off in a great direction. He has shown a desire to improve both in and out of school. Keep up the hard work Kaleb!

**Ethan Lindsay** - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Grogan - Ethan has been so responsible so far in 8th grade! He is becoming a serious student, very organized and hard working. Great job Ethan! You are on your way to success.

**AJ Nitti** - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - AJ set a goal at the beginning of the school year to carry a high average in math all year. So far, he has succeeded in doing this!! I'm proud of you AJ!! Keep up the awesome work!!

**Kiersten Usyk** - Math 7, Mrs. Goggin - Kiersten comes to class every day with a smile on her face. She is eager to participate and always puts forth her best effort. Kiersten is a sweet, polite, and kind young lady. Keep up the excellent work!!





### Area All-State Music Festival to be Held in Oneonta

Several students have been selected to attend the 2017 Area All-State Music Festival held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at SUNY Oneonta. Performing in the Mixed Chorus are Jacqualynn Bender and Emilie Monahan. Emi Hughes will sing in the Women's Chorus. Caeli Campbell, Kaylin Gee, Madison Greco, Olivia Johnson, Olivia McNeil, Samantha Raymo, Logan Steates, and Devin Thomas will be playing in the Concert Band.

### Emergency Test Call

On November 1, 2017 the West Canada Valley Central School District will be conducting a test of our emergency call service. This call will take place between the hours of 5 and 6 pm.

### Evacuation Drill—Thursday, November 9th

All students (K-12) will be released at approximately 2pm with a single bus run.



### NEEDED: HOST FAMILIES FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

The Kuyahoorra Valley Rotary Club is providing an opportunity to expand the horizons of your family and students within the local school district. We sponsor foreign exchange students from various countries (Spain, China, Japan, Germany, Chile, etc) to live in our local area and attend school. Rotary foreign exchange students are mature, well-traveled and follow a rigorous vetting process to qualify for the program. The students are interested in learning about local customs and traditions and share insights about life in their home country. They arrive in the United States in the middle of August and stay for the entire school year.

The Kuyahoorra Valley Rotary Club sponsors a student every year with student attendance alternating between Poland and West Canada Valley Central School Districts. This school year Ivan, our Foreign Exchange Student from Chile, is attending West Canada.

The Rotary Club is looking for 2 or 3 families in this district to host our student for a period of 1-4 months each. This can be a wonderful experience for families to learn about another culture, its people, and its customs. Having a foreign exchange student live with a host family gives the children in that family a chance to learn with and develop a close relationship with a student from another country. We have found that foreign exchange students remain in contact with their host families long after their visit ends. In fact, that student becomes a special part of each family. You may remember recent WCV Foreign exchange students Khushi and Yannick.

If your family would be interested in hosting our foreign exchange student during the 2017-2018 school year, please contact KV Rotary club Youth Exchange Officer Melissa McCredie directly at 315-891-7502 or

[Melissa.mccredie@nbtbank.com](mailto:Melissa.mccredie@nbtbank.com)

**WCV Concert Dates 2017-2018**

Friday/Sat, November 3-4

**All County I – Frankfort-Schuler H.S.**

Fri-Sat, November 10-11

**Cinderella 7:00 PM**

Friday/Sat, November 17-18

**Area All-State – SUNY Oneonta**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**Winter Concert I – 7:00 PM( Kindergarten and Second Grade)**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**Winter Concert II – 7:00 PM**

(Jr. and Sr. Choruses and Bands)

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**Winter Concert III – 7:00 PM**

(Elementary Band, Elementary Chorus and Select Chorus)

*Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Concert Snowdate*Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**Music In Our Schools Month Concert - 7:00 PM**

(gr. 5-12 Bands)

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**Music In Our Schools Month Concert - 7:00 PM**

(gr. 5-12 Choruses)



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 & & Craft Bazaar*



presented by the  
Newport Volunteer Fire Department



**Saturday, November 18th**  
9 am to 3 pm



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Occupant

Middleville, NY 13406

**Coming Events**

**November 3-4**

All County  
Frankfort-Schuler H.S.

**November 10**

Veteran's Day (Observed)  
No School

**November 13**

BOE Meeting  
7:00 PM

**November 17**

Area All-State  
SUNY Oneonta

**November 23-24**

Thanksgiving Recess  
No School

**December 6**

Winter Concert I (K-2)  
7:00 PM

**December 11**

Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 PM

**December 19**

Winter Concert II  
11th & 12th Chorus/Bands  
7:00 PM

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!



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