



March 2017

# Highlights



Wednesday, March 8th – Music In Our Schools Month Concert - 7:00 PM (gr. 5-12 Bands)

Wednesday, March 15th – Music In Our Schools Month Concert - 7:00 PM (gr. 5-12 Choruses)

Friday/Sat, March 17-18th – All County II – Herkimer H.S.

Tuesday, April 11th – 1st and 3rd Grade Concert – 7:00 PM

Friday/Saturday, April 28-29 – Solo Festival Level 1-4 (Westmoreland)

Tuesday, May 9th – Spring Concert I – Senior Band – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 16th – Spring Concert II – 7:00 PM (4th grade and Junior Band)

Thursday, May 18th – Spring Concert III – 7:00 PM (Junior and Senior Choruses)

Friday/Saturday, May 19-20 – Solo Festival – Level 5-6 – (CVA)

Wednesday, May 24th – Spring Concert IV – 7:00 PM (Elementary Chorus and Band)

Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day Parade - 10:00AM (Middleville)

Wednesday, May 31st – Song Fest 2017 – 7:00 PM (West Canadians and Jazz Ensemble)

Friday, June 2 - Sherburne Pageant of Bands - 5:00 PM (Jazz Ensemble, Flute Choir)

Saturday, June 3 - Sherburne Pageant of Bands - 7:30 AM (MS Band, HS Band, Marching Band)

Thurs/Sat, June 2-4 – Sherburne Pageant of the Bands



## Reminders

### Calendar Change

The West Canada Valley Central School District has announced a change to the spring calendar. The approved change will allow the District to make up the additional snow days used during the winter months. Under this change, **students will attend school half-day on March 17, 2017.**

Middle School/High School dismissal will be at 10:30 and the Elementary students will dismiss at 11:30. Any questions should be directed to the District Office at 845-6800.

### Registration



Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration Days will be held on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the elementary office. There will be time for you to complete paperwork and for us to answer any of your questions. A copy of YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF RESIDENCY, AND PROOF OF MMUNIZATIONS are needed for

registration. Our staff members will review each Child's packet to ensure all parts are completed. In addition, you will also schedule a time for your child's screening in June. If you have a child who will be 5 on or before December 1, 2017, please contact the office at 845-6800 ext. 100 to receive a packet.

### Alumni Banquet

We are planning the Alumni Banquet for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The dinner has been moved to a new location this year and we are very excited about it. The Utica Maennerchor Hall, 108 Flanagan Road, Marcy 13403, 738-5882. This will be a new place to start having our special night with a home cooked meal and a spacious dining area. Please save the date and enjoy a new journey.

We would love to see all of our alumni and hopefully the classes we have not seen in a while. Any questions: Email Meta Elwood (melwood@westcanada.org).

### All County II Music Festival

Several students will be participating in the All County II Music Festival to be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Herkimer High School. Playing in the elementary band are Rebecca Elwood, Aurora Davis, Hailey Keiser, Reese Fellows, Michael Tubia, Rowan Houch, Alexandria Stewart, Benjamin Conover and Alex Shubich. The junior chorus participants will be Jenna DeSantis, Sarah Esty, Julia Marriott, Sulia Martin, Adia Clarke, Jessica Lindsay, Lydia Reimer, Morgan Warney, Silas Bouchard, Chase Bugeya, Zackary Comstock and Kurt Florian. Playing in the senior band are Olivia Johnson, Devin Thomas, Shania Camardello, Samantha Raymo, Olivia Hull, Olivia McNeil, Christopher Schultz, Aleesha Tyson, Kaylin Gee and Jason Januario. The Jazz choir will include Samantha Johnson, Katelyn Strong, Jacqualyynn Bender, Tazren Lilley and William Morrow.

### Order Your Yearbook Now!

2016-2017 Yearbooks are available to order. Only a limited number are printed and once those are sold, there will be no more. Don't miss out on this wonderful chance to preserve the memories. Yearbooks are \$70.00 non-personalized and \$75.00 personalized (one line). Checks may be payable to WCV Yearbook to the school, attention Gloria Ackman.

If you have any questions, please contact [gackman@westcanada.org](mailto:gackman@westcanada.org) or 315-845-6800 ext. 305



## From the Superintendent's Desk...

As we move past the mid-point to this school year, the district enters into a very busy time. Budget development continues to move forward and the district has entered into the bidding phase of the building project set to begin this spring. In addition, students are progressing forward in their studies as the West Canada Valley Class of 2017 approaches the finish line this June.

**Winter Months** – February and March tend to be the most difficult months of the winter season typically resulting in some closings and delays. It is our hope that this information is being communicated in an efficient manner. As always, if you have any questions/concerns regarding closings and weather delays, do not hesitate to contact the district office.

**Building Project** – Since receiving support from the community for the upcoming building project, the district has worked diligently with our design team to finalize the details of the project. Competitive bidding for various areas of the project occurred this month and we expect some preliminary work to begin this April. The majority of this project will be completed this summer as you will see a great deal of site work taking place in the parking lot and sidewalk areas. Updates on this process are a regular item at our monthly board of education meetings and will continue to be as we progress toward the completion. As always, if you have any question regarding the project, do not hesitate to contact the district office.



**Budget Season** – The district has devoted a great deal of time and effort building our budget for the 2017-2018 school year. The governor's proposed budget has provided West Canada Valley with approximately the same operating aid as last year. At the same time, we anticipate much discussion in Albany over the next few months as they work to pass the state budget. With much of our revenue dependent on state aid, the district will watch closely as these discussions progress. 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.

**State Assessments** – I am certainly pleased to hear our new state leadership has taken a step back and recognized that our curriculum/assessment practices are important for student development. The state assessments provide teachers, students, and parents/guardians with academic information that assist in guiding our instructional practices based on student needs. Providing the assessment results in an efficient manner has assisted the district in identifying areas of strength along with areas in need of improvement. State assessments are one of several important measures by which we determine if a student is making academic progress. As a reminder, grades 3-8 ELA assessments are scheduled for April and grades 3-8 Math assessments are scheduled for May.

**Politics** – Education is always an important topic when new leadership takes over office. This year has been no exception as the new Education Commissioner has been officially appointed. As you continue to monitor this discussion, please know that no matter how negative this may become in the media, we as a community are truly in charge of educating students in this district. As always, we will continue to work diligently to provide our students with a sound education that prepares each of them for future success. 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 you at the many events scheduled during the second half of the school year. If you ever have any questions/concerns, do not hesitate to contact me in the district office.

D.J. Shepardson-Superintendent of Schools



## November Student Recognition Awards

**Seth Arsenault** - Physical Education, Mr. Hobin - Seth is active and participates in every class and does so without going out of his way to draw attention to himself. He is respectful to everyone.

**Chase Bugeya** - Junior Chorus, Mr. Van Patten - Thank you for being such a wonderful section leader, Chase. You are really helping those around you to learn their parts. Great job in the musical as well. Keep up the good work.

**Catherine Christensen** – Science 8, Mr. Chapman -Great attitude. Great worker. Always works hard. We are going to hear great things about Catherine all through high school!

**Madilyn Connor** -ELA 7, Mrs. Murphy-Scalise -Madilyn is a model student who positively influences her peers with her cheerful attitude, consistent participation, and noticeable effort. She is an absolute pleasure to have in class!

**Madilyn Connor** - Instrumental Music Lessons, Mrs. Bonney - Madilyn is a model student, she is consistently prepared for lessons and thirsts for new knowledge. She shows great aptitude as a flutist and is currently working on a Level IV solo as a seventh grader. I look forward to seeing how much Madilyn will achieve as a musician in our program.

**Chris Emerson** - English 10, Mrs. Raymer - Chris has been doing exceptionally well in English this year. He always contributes to class discussion with an insightful outlook on what is being discussed and he consistently works diligently to improve his writing skills. Keep up the great work!

**Skylar Gay** - College Now Spanish, Mrs. Foster - Skylar comes to class with a great attitude every day. Skylar puts forth tremendous effort and wants to improve her skills in Spanish Class constantly. Keep up the great work Skylar you are doing a fantastic job! ¡Bien hecho!

**Abigail Gorinshek** – Chemistry, Mr. Brown -Abigail has been working exceptionally hard throughout the first quarter. She is extremely meticulous in all of her work and she has scored the highest overall chemistry average for the first quarter. Great work and keep it up!

**Olivia Hull** - Senior Chorus, Mr. Van Patten - Thank you for always being on task in chorus and being such a great leader in the soprano section. The others look to you for stability. Great job in the musical this year. Keep up the great work!

**Jessica Lindsay** - Physical Education, Mrs. Tuzzolino - She always goes above and beyond in all of the activities that we do and never complains. Jessica is a pleasure to have in class and always gives it her best.

**Caden Ludwig** - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman -Caden is an all-around All Star. He always puts forth his best effort while being polite, respectful, and friendly to his peers. Great job, Caden!

**Andrew Soron** - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Andrew's work is always well done, and I love his enthusiasm for learning!

**Faith Stewart** - Math 7, Ms. Kalwara- Faith is a very strong math student. When working in math class, Faith always takes her time and completes each problem thoroughly. Keep up the excellent work!

**Taylor Trask** - English 11, Mrs. Ackman -Taylor goes above and beyond in all her assignments this year. She is attentive in class, participates in discussions, and completes everything on time and thoroughly. Keep up the good work, Taylor.

**Faith Waldron** - Music History, Mrs. Bonney - Faith is a pleasure to teach and seems genuinely interested in learning about the history of Western music. She studies diligently for exams and is an active contributor to class discussions. Faith currently has the highest average in Music History. Congratulations, Faith!

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### November Student Recognition Awards



## December Student Recognition Awards

**Tanner Brennan** – Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Tanner is a pleasure to have in class. He is always on time and ready to learn. He makes everyday interesting.

**Shania Camardello** –Accounting, Ms. Kalwara - Shania has proved herself to be an extremely strong accounting student. It is obvious that she has more than a basic understanding of the concepts being taught in class. Shania completes all her assignments with accuracy and is able to analyze her work efficiently. Keep up the great work, Shania!! You are a pleasure to have in class.

**Emi Hughes** – Sculpture, Ms. Wilmarth - Emi is an amazing artist. Her craftsmanship and attention to detail make her work exceptional. I always look forward to seeing her weekly visual journal assignments, her 3 dimensional class work, as well as her paintings done outside of class. Emi is a gifted artist and a pleasure to have in class.

**Shae McEvoy** - Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Shae is an outstanding student. She brings a positive attitude to class and always does her very best. She isn't afraid to try, participate, and ask questions. Overall, Shae is a very diligent and respectful young lady. Keep it up Shae. ¡Fantástico!

**Hunter McGivern** - Science 8, Mr. Chapman - In science class Hunter sets the bar high and works hard to reach his goals. This month Hunter has pulled a 99 average. At least he left a little room for improvement for next time!

**Michael Senkiv** –Mr. Kozak - Michael is a pleasure to have on the bus. He is always eager to help his peers and the monitor, whether it's helping the younger kids put backpacks on or just making the morning brighter with a smile! Thank you for all the help Michael!





## January Student Recognition Awards

**Zachary Burton** - Spanish III, Mrs. Foster - Zachary continues to amaze me with his Spanish proficiency. Zachary helps to make class interesting with his participation and witty responses in Spanish. Zachary has really grown in his confidence through his language abilities. Keep up the great work Zachary. !Buen Trabajo!

**Shania Camardello** - AP Calculus, Mrs. Kraszewski - Shania is just such a pleasure to have in class. She has an excellent work ethic, a pleasant personality, and of course her work is outstanding.

**Zackary Comstock** - Junior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - Thank you for doing such an awesome job in chorus. You are a true leader in the boys section. Continue the great work in lessons. Keep singing!!

**Siara Elliott** - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Siara is the "Most Improved" student in Social Studies 7

**Bella Jackson** - 8th grade ELA and MATH, Mrs. Perry - Bella comes to both classes prepared and eager to learn. She follows all of my directions and consistently answers my questions. She is always pleasant and offers assistance when needed.

**Olivia Johnson** - Wind Ensemble, Mrs. Bonney - Olivia has really developed into a fine musician and flutist. She shows growth from week to week and it is evident that she enjoys playing her instrument. Olivia was selected to be the principal flutist at Area All-State this year, making her the best flutist out of five counties. Olivia also has an interest in pursuing Music Education as a career, a profession I have no doubt that she will succeed in. In addition to her musical ability, Olivia is a kind person and good friend to her peers. She is a model musician, student, and person. Congratulations, Olivia!

**Shae McEvoy** - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Shae goes above and beyond to make sure her work is done to the best of her ability. She is also very helpful and a pleasure to have in class!

**Gianna Pagano** - Senior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - Many thanks for your awesome work in chorus. You are a strong leader in the alto section and I am grateful for your mature attitude and attention to detail. You did a super job in the musical and are an asset to West Canadians! Keep singing!

**Lydia Reimer** - Instrumental Music Lessons, Mrs. Bonney - Lydia is a very strong clarinetist in my studio. As a seventh grader, her musical ability is that of a high school student. She is diligent, always prepared for lessons, enthusiastic about music and spends all of her free time playing her instrument in the practice room. She is a model student, a great leader, and has taken on the role of being a musical mentor to some of her peers. Congratulations, Lydia!

**Andrew Soron** - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Andrew is a very polite and respectful young man. He has a genuine interest in his learning, and shows concern and kindness toward his peers. Great job, Andrew!

**Hunter Stowell** - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Hunter is the "Most Improved" student in Social Studies 7.



# Two Board of Education Seats Open

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 (2) members to the Board of Education on May 16 of this year Mr. Robert Kemler, and Mr. Carson Marko terms expire on June 30, 2017.

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 board
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office

Candidate's petitions must be returned to the District Clerk's office no later than 5:00 PM on April 17, 2017 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 me at 845-6800, extension 380 or e-mail to [KSheets@westcanada.org](mailto:KSheets@westcanada.org).





### Sports

#### Boys Varsity Baseball

April 3, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Remsen
April 5, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Town of Webb
April 8, 2017 1:00 PM	A	@Little Falls
April 12, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Waterville Central
April 13, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Oriskany
April 14, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Morrisville-Eaton
April 20, 2017 4:00 PM	H	Little Falls
April 25, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Hamilton Central School
April 26, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Dolgeville Central
April 28, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Westmoreland
May 3, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@New York Mills
May 8, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Oriskany
May 10, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Waterville Central
May 11, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Morrisville-Eaton
May 15, 2017 4:30PM	H	Dolgeville Central
May 17, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Westmoreland
May 19, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Poland Central



#### Girls Varsity Softball

March 31, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Herkimer
April 3, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Remsen
April 5, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Town of Webb
April 8, 2017 1:00 PM	A	@Little Falls
April 12, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Waterville Central
April 13, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Oriskany
April 14, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@Morrisville-Eaton
April 20, 2017 4:00 PM	H	Little Falls
April 22, 2017 1:00PM	A	@Herkimer
April 24, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Frankfort-Schuyler
April 25, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Hamilton Central School
April 28, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Westmoreland
May 3, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@New York Mills
May 6, 2017 Time: TBD	A	CVA tournament
May 8, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Oriskany
May 10, 2017 4:30PM	A	@Waterville Central
May 11, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Morrisville-Eaton
May 17, 2017 4:30 PM	A	@ Westmoreland
May 19, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Poland Central

#### Boys and Girls Varsity Track and Field

April 5, 2017 4:30 PM	A	Boys @Holland Patent Central
April 5, 2017 4:30 PM	A	Girls @Holland Paten Central
April 12, 2017 4:30 PM	A	Boys @Dolgeville Central
April 12, 2017 4:30 PM	A	Girls @Dolgeville Central
April 26, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Boys @ Clinton Central
April 26, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Girls @ Clinton Central
May 3, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Boys @ Herkimer
May 3, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Girls @ Herkimer
May 10, 2017 4:30 PM	H	Boys @ Adirondack Central
May 10, 2017	H	Girls @ Adirondack Central
May 17, 2017 4:00 PM	A	Boys @ CSC Division 1 Championships at Sauquoit Valley Tournament
May 17, 2017 4:00 PM	A	Girls @ CSC Division 1 Championships at Sauquoit Valley Tournament



#### Boys Varsity Golf

April 24, 2017 3:30 PM	A	Adirondack Central @ Poland Central
April 26, 2017 3:30 PM	A	Town of Webb @Oriskany
April 28, 2017 3:30 PM	H	Town of Webb Remsen
May 2, 2017 3:30 PM	A	Poland Central @ Remsen
May 3, 2017 3:30 PM	A	Poland Central @Holland Patent Central
May 4, 2017 3:30 PM	A	Town of Webb @ Adirondack Central
May 5, 2017 3:30 PM	H	Poland Central Adirondack Central
May 12, 2017 3:30 PM	H	Holland Patent Central Oriskany
May 22, 2017 Time:TBD	A	Sectional Qualifier Tournament





Tazren Lilley from WCVCS was selected as the Kuyahoorra Rotary Club student-of-the-month for December. He is currently a graduating Senior with plans to

attend a local college and pursue a career in either Physical Therapy or Physical Education and coaching. As well as being a top student, he has a long resume of high school activities that the Kuyahoorra Rotarians feel are outstanding. He is on the local football team and was selected for the Mohawk Valley All-Star Football team, published by the O-D. He was selected by his school to participate in Empire Boys State and ended up being elected a County Official. He is an Eagle Scout and helped landscape and plant a small garden in front of the Veterans Outreach Center in Utica. Tazren also has a softer side. He plays the bass clarinet in the school band and held the lead role in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST in this year's musical. We are so proud of him. Pictured in the Photo is Tazren and the Rotary Club's President Frank McGann.



**May 6, 2017**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Rotary Club Auction**

The club is in need of donations (used furniture, tools, appliances, garden equipment, etc) for this auction. We would consider items on consignment. This is one of the major fund raising efforts for the club each year. Anything that you, your organization or business can do to help our auction will be appreciated. Feel free to contact Klutsch at 315-826- 5612, Bob at 315-826- 3609 or John 315-845- 8486 to have the club pick up your donation.

Thank you in advance for your support and please attend to auction on May 6<sup>th</sup> to experience this great event.



**The Kuyahoorra Rotary Club** is a service organization

supporting community within the townships of Deerfield, Fairfield, Herkimer, Little Falls, Newport, Norway, Ohio, Russia and Schuyler and the villages of Cold Brook, Middleville, Newport and Poland.

Some of the clubs notable efforts include: graduation awards (\$4000) at Poland Central and West Canada Valley Central Schools, participation in the Rotary exchange student program (incoming and outgoing students to and from such countries as Germany, Finland, Spain and Brazil), a free fishing derby for area youngsters (12 years of age and younger), free dictionaries to area third graders, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library book program for free age appropriate books to children ages 0 to 5, a roadside litter pick-up project, sponsoring local Scouts and youth groups, maintenance of the local fishing access area on the West Canada Creek and other community improvement/support projects as they arise.

**Find Us At**  
[kuyahooravalleyrotary.org](http://kuyahooravalleyrotary.org)

Visit us on Facebook at  
[bit.ly/210IHka](https://bit.ly/210IHka)

**What is Rotary Club?**

Our club members are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back.

Our club accepts new members by invitation.



### Cafeteria Corner



As this school year flies by so quickly, we often get caught up and forget things. I would like to remind everyone that if a student would like a snack at lunch they must have cash or money on their account.

**Charging of any snacks is not allowed.** Also, we have the ability to put restrictions on the account so a child is limited in how much money they use. If you would like to take advantage of this, please just send me a written note with the restrictions you would like.

– Joanne Vanaernam  
Food Services Coordinator

### Social Studies

This month the 6th graders have been studying Ancient Greece in Mrs. Wiatr’s Social Studies class. Along with their study of the geography and the people they also talked about some important contributions that the Greeks have given us.

One of these contributions was the Greek theater. To go along with this they were to make a mask that an actor would have worn on the stage. With creativity in mind they set out to complete this task. What a wonderful job they did!



"OSCAR" winning star students at Morning Program. Feel free to join us Monday-Friday at 9:10, it's a great way to start the day!



DAR winner, Jacob Lyon (left) and our MS/HS Principal, Mr. Jeremy A. Kozak.



## Upcoming Events

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day at HCCC Tuesday March 14, 2017-students will bring home a permission slip as the date nears

10<sup>th</sup> Grade BOCES Sophomore Visitation Day Tuesday March 7, 2017- students will bring home a permission slip as the date nears

The WCV 2017-18 High School Course Handbook is available for viewing at [westcanada.org](http://westcanada.org) on the Guidance page

### Drama Club Presents...

The West Canada Valley Drama Club will present **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**, a play written by Richard George and based on the novel by Roahl Dahl, on **March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the West Canada Valley High School Auditorium.**

This whimsical tale follows the adventures of young Charlie Bucket (Gillian Houck) as he witnesses his fellow golden ticket holders, Veruca Salt (Adia Clarke), Violet Beauregarde (Sarah Esty), Mike Teavee (Kurt Florian), and Augustus Gloop (Isaiah Farrell), learn important lessons from factory owner Willie Wonka (Shalya Clark).

As in both movie versions of this play, these life lessons will be presented by Oompa Loompas (comprised of both high school and elementary students) who are guaranteed to sing and dance their way into the audience members' hearts! This fun-filled show also features Charlie's collection of comical grandparents, Grandma Josephine (Aleeshea Tyson), Grandpa Joe (Michael Jacobs-Mijolovic), Grandma Georgina (Emi Hughes), and Grandpa George (Samantha Raymo), as well as Narrator, Jackie Bender. The show will be followed by a Willy Wonka Candy Shop where children can meet Willy and all of the characters.

All in all, this fantastical interpretation of the original Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will be a treat for the entire family! **Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and are available from any Drama Club member or at the door.**



Save the Date!



**What:**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

**Where:**

West Canada Valley High School Auditorium

**When:**

March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:**

\$5.00 adults

\$3.00 children

## Art Awards

The NYSATA Legislative Exhibit is the flagship event for Youth Art Month and NYSATA's largest public display of student artwork in a government building. The exhibit is co-sponsored by New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). Founded in 1990, this student art exhibit is held in "Well" in the Legislative Office Building in Albany each spring, providing an exciting opportunity for students and their families to connect with their Legislators. A committee of dedicated art educator volunteers makes all of the arrangements and notifies legislators of participants in their electoral districts. Legislators from across the state are invited to recognize the artistic accomplishments of their aspiring artist constituents at a reception for students, parents and teachers held in the Well of the Legislative Office Building. The reception concludes with an interactive and inspiring ceremony.

*Stephen Morreale's charcoal drawing was unanimously chosen to represent the 2017 Legislative Show. His portrait is on all promotional materials and the cover of this year's exhibition program. This is the first time this honor has gone to an Upstate student.*

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7-12. Last year, students submitted nearly 320,000 works of visual art and writing to the Scholastic Awards; more than 85,000 works were recognized at the regional level and celebrated in local exhibitions and ceremonies. The top art and writing at the regional level were moved onto the national stage, where 2,500 works earned National Medals. National Medalists and their educators were celebrated at the National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

West Canada students compete in the Central New York region which covers 13 counties with almost 400 eligible schools. Each year our region adjudicates over 5,000 pieces of art from about 200 teachers and between 80 to 100 individual schools, making our program one of the largest in the country. More than 70 professional artists, educators, and photographers select award winners during the judging process. The winning work is then on display throughout the Whitney Applied Technology Center at Onondaga Community College for 5-6 weeks following the award ceremony.

**This year WCV had several winners.**



**Student:**  
Bella Coriale  
**Title:**  
*Reaching for the Stars*  
**Won:**  
Gold Key



**Student:**  
Morgan Brennan  
**Title:**  
*A Crow's Song*  
**Won:**  
Silver Key

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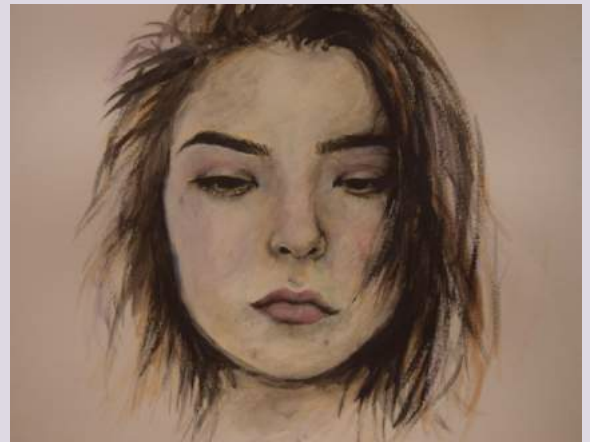


**Student:**  
Isaiah Farrell  
**Title:**  
Vaguely Trumpet  
**Won:**  
Honorable Mention

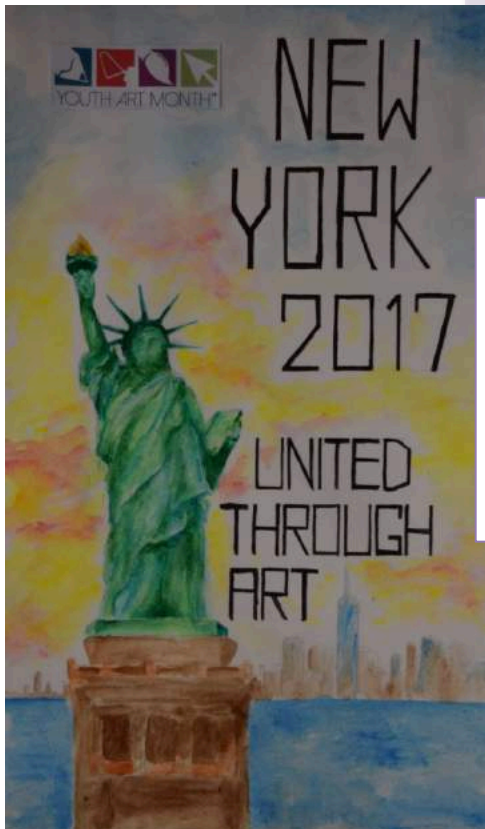


**Student:**  
Emi Hughes

**(right)**  
**Title:**  
Emi  
**Won:**  
Gold Key



**(top)**  
**Title:**  
Look  
**Won:**  
Silver Key



Emi also won the High School level of the Youth Art Month flag design competition. She competed against students from across the state. Across the country, March is Youth Art Month. West Canada will be participating in several exhibitions of student work promoting quality art education.

Locally look for student artwork at the Bassett Healthcare Center in Herkimer and the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts in Little Falls.





## Students, Faculty, and Staff Give Back to our Community

During the holiday season West Canada Valley knows that it is better to give than receive. Our students, faculty and staff realize the importance of giving back and went above and beyond to help others this year.

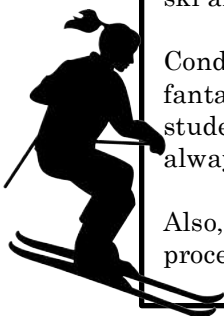
- SISTERS coordinated a food drive to benefit the Kuyahoorra Valley Food Pantry.
- WCV teachers and staff donated over a hundred unwrapped toys to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. Our mission was to send comfort, love, healing, hope and smiles to the children and families staying in the house this past Christmas.
- At their home game on January 24th the WCV Girls Varsity Basketball team along with the 6 th Grade WCV Girls Basketball team held a hoop shoot to raise money for a local family in need. They were able to raise \$2,469.
- In lieu of a holiday gift exchange, sixth graders collected spare change throughout the entire month of December and were able to make generous donations to the YWCA, The Herkimer County Humane Society, and an international outreach program that buys shoes for children.
- Fourth graders also decided to do something for others, instead of exchanging Christmas gifts they made a monetary donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Albany serving critically ill children and their families.
- The Senior National Honor Society donated gift cards in order to help families in need with their holiday meals.

### Ski Club Update

The West Canada Valley Ski Club is off to a great season this year. So far, we have taken six trips to Woods Valley and seven first time skiers/boarders have learned to ski and have made it up the “big chair” already!

Conditions at Woods Valley continue to improve, and we are looking forward to a fantastic season of skiing and boarding. Thursday night discounted rates for students and family members are \$23.00, \$19.00 for students under 13, and we are always open to new participants.

Also, Ski Club is holding half court shooting contests at all varsity home games; proceeds will benefit the Club’s scholarship fund. Think snow!



## Community Fitness Opportunities

Adult Swim	Basketball	Community Hall Walking
<p>West Canada Valley Central School will be hosting Community Adult Swim every Thursday from 6-8 pm.</p> <p>If the school is closed, adult swim will be cancelled.</p> <p>Reminder...<b>Adults only.</b></p>	<p>Sunday 9 am – 11:30 am</p> <p>Elementary Gym</p>	<p>Monday – Friday 5:30 pm – 8 pm</p>

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## Calendar

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Pre-K/K Registration  
9 am – 3 pm  
Elementary Office

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
BOE Meeting  
7 pm

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Half Day  
Superintendent's  
Conference Day  
MS/HS 10:30 am dismissal  
EL 11:30 am dismissal



Camerohn Ludwig and Maggie Burdick both won their respected divisions at the Elks Club District Hoop Shoot contest. Camerohn won the boys' 10 - 11 year old division by making 21 of 25 foul shots. Maggie won the girls' 12 - 13 year old division by making 19 of 25 foul shots. Both also received an award for the most consecutive foul shots made out of all boys' and girls' divisions. They will now compete in the New York State Final Four competition in Glens Falls on March 4.



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