



# Highlights

rease – (school edition) will be presented by the West Canada Valley Music Department on November 13 & 14 at 7:00 PM in the WCV auditorium under the direction of William Van Patten and Shane Bonney.

This show takes Rydell High's senior class of 1959: ducktailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gumsnapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head "greaser" Danny Zuko (Parker Esty) and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski (Devin Thomas) try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin" and "It's Raining on Prom Night", recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation.



The "Pink Ladies" will be played by Oliva Hull, Katelyn Strong, Myranda Davies and Shayla Clark. Playing the "Burger Palace Boys" will be Kurt Florian, Kevin Chlus, Andrew Thierry, and Chris Schultz. Other characters include Nicole Moyer as Miss Lynch, Jacqualynn Bender as Patty Simcox and Tyler Weakley as Eugene Florczyk. Also performing are William Lawrence as Vince Fontaine, Zackary Wood as Johnny Casino, Martha Tolpa as Cha-Cha DiGregorio and William Morrow as the "Teen Angel".

Also performing are Olivia Johnson, Gianna Pagano, Angelica Rolka, Faith Rowsam and Michael Jacobs-Mijolovic. The chorus includes Silas Bouchard, Morgan Brennan, Katelyn Broadbent, Caeli Campbell, Alison Chapman, Sydnie Clark, Adia Clarke, Madelyn Conover, Sarah Esty, Kim Ford, Khushi Gondalia, Amanda Hoskey, Gabrielle Ippolito, Alissa Lyga, Kelsey Lyga, Julia Marriott, Sulia Martin, Olivia McNeil, Emilie Monahan, Kylee Pink, Kala Reinhardt, Kodi Wellington, Rebecca Williams and Chloe Williams.

Tickets can be purchased from cast members or reserved (suggested) by calling William Van Patten at 845-6800 x367. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

# Come and join us November 13th and 14th at 7pm!

# **District News**

#### From the Superintendent's Desk

We are certainly excited to have students back in our hallways. 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.

As we seek ways to improve our communication, the district has redesigned our website to be more user-friendly. The website allows members of the community to view learning opportunities that occur daily in our classrooms. In addition, the website provides a venue for important announcements as well as information regarding upcoming events. We will continue to explore new avenues of communication as we seek to provide information in the most efficient manner.

Working toward our goal of providing a safe/secure learning environment for our students, the district will be seeking voter approval for a proposed building project on November 19, 2015. The proposed project will update and improve many of the district's campus features. Parking areas as well as sidewalks will be reconstructed and reconfigured to enhance safety and efficiency. Original metal roofs will be replaced. The elementary school will complete its renovation with new airflow units and remodeling/updating of the halls and classrooms. The entrance to the elementary building will also be redesigned to enhance the safety/security of students and staff. In addition, the outdoor track and tennis courts will be reconstructed to create a safe surface for students as well as the community.

A public informational meeting has been scheduled for November 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the high school library.

A public vote date has been set for November 19, 2015. Voting will take place at the West Canada Valley School District with voting hours scheduled from 12:00pm-8:00pm.

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

#### **Capital Project**

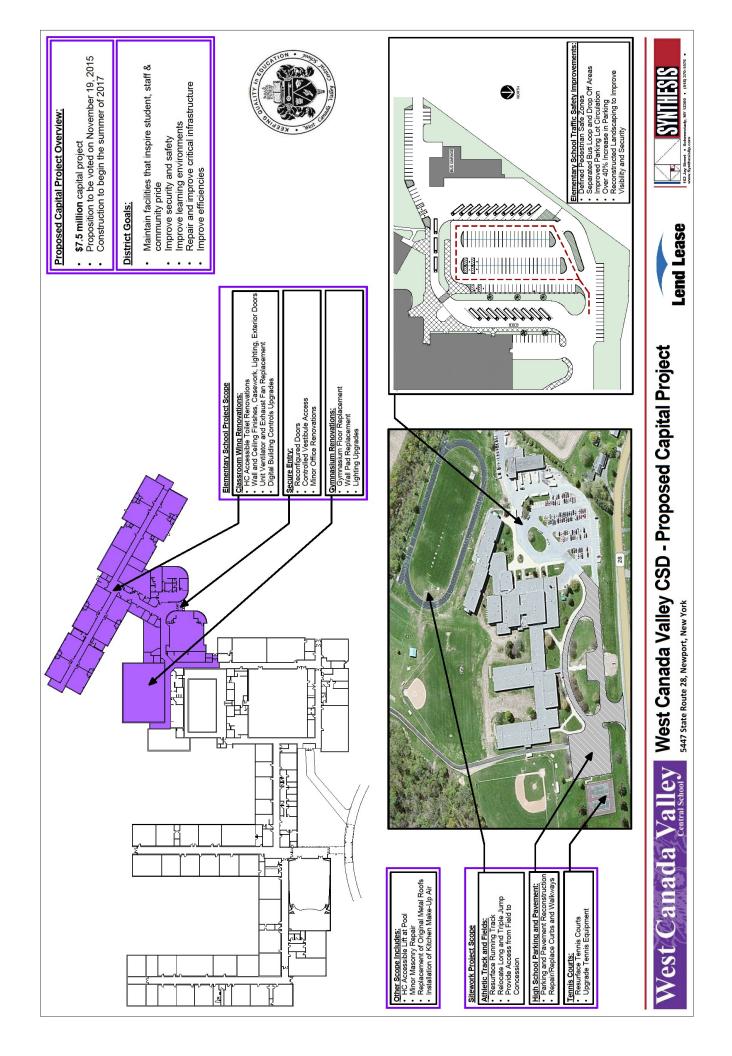
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#### WINTER WEATHER BUS SCHEDULE REMINDER

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.

Felix Ray, Jr Transportation Supervisor fray@westcanada.org



#### Substitute Bus Drivers Needed

The Transportation Department is currently seeking Substitute Bus Drivers. This is a great way to get on the list for future openings. If you are interested, please contact Felix Ray Jr by calling (315) 845-6800 or by email at fray@westcanada.org





#### **District News**



Handmade wooden canoe, built by students at WCV, will be raffled off during the Marion Crouch Memorial Craft Fair (11/21). All proceeds will go to the Newport Volunteer Fire Dept. Tickets are only \$5.00.

#### **Dignity for All Students Act**

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. Mrs. Ritamarie Juteau, School Psychologist, was named the West Canada Valley CSD Dignity Act Coordinator. She may be reached at (315)845-6800, ext. 209 or at <u>rjuteau@westcanada.org</u> with any concerns regarding discrimination or harassment.

**Early Release Reminder** - On Friday, November 20th, we will perform our mandatory "early release" drill. Students, K-6 will be released at 2 PM. Students 7-12 will be released at 2:10 PM. We will be using (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 closing and delays. This year, we will be adding a text feature to Blackboard Connect to enhance our communication. 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. As always, our goal is to remain open if we are able to transport our students safely to school.



#### **Drumming up Support!**

Some of our elementary teachers attended Drumming and Disabilities. This workshop focused on improving the quality of life for people with disabilities through rhythm.

The intervention strategies are research based and proven to help students with autism have increased attention to task, increased non-verbal expression, better socialization, and stress reduction.

Workshop leader Jim Donovan is the former drummer for the band Rusted Root and current professor at Saint Francis University in Central Pennsylvania.

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#### International Dot Day

Tuesday, September 15th, was International Dot Day!! This day was created after the book, The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds, inspired creativity in people all over the world. It encourages youth to simply "make a mark" and see where it takes you. Grades K-6 celebrated this day in their first art class of the year after we all read the story.

This photo shows the "dots" of Mrs. Parmon's first grade class. They used sponge paint, cray-pas, crayons, and colored pencils to make these vibrant masterpieces. Each student also participated in a classroom critique to analyze the elements of art they used in their paintings. The elements we discussed included line, shape, and color! Some even discovered imagery, such as a sunset or a map, in the work of their friends.



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Calling at the WCV talent! We are starting Open Mic at morning program and we want you to audition on November 10th at 3pm in room 116. Thanks to **Nick Smith** from Miss Metzler's 4th grade who performed his Kata for us this month!

#### Fourth Grade Experiences Nature First-Hand

Students in the fourth grade classes took a trip to the Reineman Wildlife Sanctuary and Beaversprite Nature Center in Dolgeville in September.

The classes learned about beavers and their habitats as well as other organisms that reside in New York State. Students were able to explore "touch and feel" stations, crawl through an imitation beaver lodge, and take a stroll on a nature trail that wound its' way around the sanctuary.

The trip reinforced the fourth grade curriculum in an enjoyable way!





# Elementary Highlights



#### iPads for Third Grade!

On October 14th, Mrs. West's third grade class was presented with a check for \$6,000. West Canada Valley third grade teacher, Mrs. West applied for a grant from Terry Stanley of Iberdrola Renewables. These funds allowed for the purchase of 13 iPads, a storage station, and protective cases for the devices.

"The past few months have already been so rewarding," said Mrs. West. The students can't wait to get their iPads out to see what classroom assignment or app they will be using. Recently, they learned how to write haiku poems and include a favorite picture of fall they took while going on a nature walk.

Adobe Voice is quickly becoming a favorite

app in this classroom as students learn how to respond to questions using a video. "Learning this year has taken on a whole different approach," says Mrs. West.

Mrs. Holmes was invited to visit Mrs. West's classroom to observe an interactive lesson utilizing the iPads and SMART Board. She stated, "It was great to see third grade students learning through the use of technology in the classroom! The iPads kept the students motivated and actively engaged throughout the lesson. It is very exciting to see technology being integrated into daily instruction at West Canada Valley Elementary!"

#### WCV Staff Raises over \$1,500 for Amazing Gracie's Gift Foundation

September was Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and the staff members at WCV again generously united and raised money for Amazing Gracie's Gift Foundation. Through dress down donations, sponsorships and t-shirt sales, the staff raised over \$1500 for a cause near and dear to their hearts. Have you heard about the Amazing Gracie's Gift Foundation?

Amazing Gracie's Gift Foundation is an organization that is dedicated to providing support, hope and memories to families fighting pediatric cancer or a life threatening illness. We know that memories are one of the most important gifts you can have when your child is faced with a life threatening disease. Our hope is to help families create memories that will last a lifetime. We are one of the very few foundations that will help families with children under the age of 2 ½ create everlasting memories. Our mission is carried out in three unique ways to help families get through the toughest times in their lives. Amazing Gracie's Gift Foundation aims to provide gifts of support to families of children with cancer or a terminal illness. We



will provide gifts of monetary donations to families in need of financial assistance and/or gifts to create memories to needy families of children with cancer or a terminal illness.

Through the support of Amazing Gracie's Gift Foundation, many students from our own district have been helped during their difficult time. Amazing Gracie's Gift Foundation is thankful for the support that the community continues to provide to them.

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#### September Students of the Month

**Olivia Bolton** – Mythology, Mrs. Ackman - Olivia has really embraced the content of the course. Even though she is the only sophomore in a class of seniors, she participates fully and eagerly. Her enthusiasm is contagious. Keep it up, Olivia. Glad to have you in class.

**Portia Camardello** - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Portia is a pleasure to have in class! She works hard, participates, and has an excellent sense of humor. She is off to a great start in ELA 8!

**Dakota Cohn** - Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Dakota is a role model student. Having not previously learned Spanish, he puts forth great effort into the class. His participation goes along with his desire to learn and succeed in the subject. - Excelente Dakota! Keep it up.

Jenna DeSantis – Math 7, Ms. King – Jenna has already demonstrated that she is a very responsible student. I look forward to great things this year. Nice job Jenna!

**Connar Dibble** – Ms. Goodwin's Class - Connar is a hard-working, polite, considerate, and responsible young man. He has gone above and beyond in his first few weeks of school! Connar is a wonderful role model for other students. I am very proud of Connar and how well he has adjusted to the middle school!!

Kolten Farber - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Kolten is off to a great start. Keep up the good work.

**Olivia Johnson** - Global Studies 10, Mr. Sarus - Olivia comes to class prepared every day, and she does so with a positive attitude. She actively participates in class discussions and is not afraid to ask questions. Olivia has some great scores to start of the marking period. Her effort is appreciated.

Aidan Maxwell - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Aidan is off to a great start. Keep up the good work.

**Faith Waldron** - College Now Spanish, Mrs. Foster - Faith is an exemplary student. She always has her assignments completed and handed in before the due dates. Faith is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work Faith. ¡Buen Trabajo!



Yearbooks are now available to order. This year's book will be bigger and better with a whole new look and focus, at the same price as last year's! Yearbooks are \$70.00 with out personalization or \$75.00 with personalization. Order forms are available from Mrs. Ackman in Room 5 or can be ordered online.

For online ordering, go to www.yearbookordercenter.com. When prompted for school code, enter 3215. It's that easy!

#### **Technology Classes Benefit Community**

This group of students from WCV Production Systems class (Manufacturing) have worked hard at producing these beautiful Adirondack chairs. In this class we developed a mock manufacturing company and attempted to learn about as many aspects as possible of conducting a business.

Just a few of these aspects covered are cost analyzing, purchasing, inventory, labor involved, marketing, sales, and commissions. As a group, the students decided that proceeds from the sale of our chairs should go towards giving back to the community. All money raised through the sale of the chairs was donated to a family in the community who had recently experienced a hardship.



This has been a great opportunity to introduce the students at our school to experience how rewarding it can be to focus on helping others rather than just focusing on ourselves. Through this process these students have been able to take some classroom learning and offered an opportunity to apply what they have learned to a real life experience.

This is an experience they will remember for ever! Lots of work, lots of effort, lots of learning, and lots of gratification! Thank you to each student who took part in this great adventure!

#### **Music Department Recognition**

Congratulations to several students who will represent our school on November 6th and 7th at the Herkimer County All County I Music Festival at Mount Markham High School. In the elementary chorus are Chase Bugeya, Olivia Clark, Madilyn Connor, Fred Hayes, Jillian Houck, Erin Scanlon, Annabelle Allen, Audrey Cambell, Maya Farber, Reese Fellows, Hailey Haynes-Davis and Alexandria Stewart.

Playing in the Junior High Band are Jacqualynn Bender, Portia Camardello, Sarah Esty, Samantha Raymo, Adia Clarke, Christopher Schultz, Caeli Campbell, Eddie DiTata, Maggie Burdick, Ryan Soron and Kaylin Gee. Senior chorus members are Olivia Hull, Faith Rowsam, Gianna Pagano, Angelica Rolka, Tyler Weakley, Zackary Wood, Parker Esty, William Lawrence, Tazren Lilley, and William Morrow.



Several students have been selected to attend the 2015 Area All-State Music Festival held on November 21st and 22nd at SUNY Oneonta. Performing in the Mixed chorus are Parker Esty, William Lawrence, Tazren Lilley, William Morrow, Angelica Rolka, Katelyn Strong and Andrew Thierry. Faith Rowsam and Martha Tolpa will sing in the Women's Chorus. Hannah Bouchard, Bailey Chapin, Madison Greco, Nicole Hebert, Sam Straney, and Devin Thomas will be playing in the Concert Band.

#### Ski Club Returns

Ski Club is very excited to be back in business here at West Canada, and we have a lot of upcoming opportunities for both beginning and experienced skiers and snowboarders! Once again we will be taking a bus to Woods Valley every Thursday night as soon as the snow flies, and there are many ways students and their families can take advantage of this. Night passes are available for \$150.00, and these are valid for every Thursday throughout the ski season. As another option, weekly tickets can be purchased for \$19 (ages 12 and under) or \$23 (13 and over) by the club coordinator on Thursday nights. All of these prices are valid for ski club members, siblings, and parents. Woods Valley also offers rentals, as well as a lesson package that will run for 3 consecutive weeks, beginning the week of January 6th.

In addition to our weekly trips to Woods Valley, Ski Club will be holding a Ski Exchange during the Holiday Craft Bazaar on November 21st. This is a great opportunity to sell outgrown equipment and maybe get some slightly used equipment. If anyone has equipment they would like to sell or donate, contact Mrs. Lang at 845-6800 Ext. 326. Pickups are available! Ski Club will also have sweatshirts, long and short sleeved t-shirts available soon!

Finally, look for our Half Court Contest during upcoming WCV basketball game. A variety of prizes will be offered to contestants that make the shot. Shots are \$1.00, and all proceeds will benefit the WCV Ski Club Scholarship Fund. All proceeds will benefit the WCV Ski Club Scholarship Fund.

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# Sports Schedules: Winter 2015-2016

#### Girls Varsity & JV Basketball

19-Nov	Clinton	5:30 PM
23-Nov	Frankfort	5:30 PM
27-Nov	Dolgeville Tip Off Tourney	Time: TBD
28-Nov	Dolgeville Tip Off Tourney	Time: TBD
1-Dec	@ Mount Markham	7:30 PM
3-Dec	@ Herkimer	7:00 PM
10-Dec	@ Oriskany	7:30 PM
14-Dec	NY Mills	7:00 PM
21-Dec	@ Richfield Springs	7:30 PM
28-Dec	LFalls Holiday Tourney	Time: TBD
29-Dec	LFalls Holiday Tourney	Time: TBD
4-Jan	Mount Markham	7:00 PM
5-Jan	Central Valley	7:00 PM
7-Jan	Poland	7:00 PM
12-Jan	Herkimer	7:00 PM
15-Jan	@ Waterville	7:00 PM
20-Jan	Oriskany	7:00 PM
22-Jan	@ NY Mills	7:00 PM
1-Feb	<b>Richfield Springs</b>	7:00 PM
3-Feb	@ Central Valley	7:00 PM
5-Feb	@ Poland	7:30 PM
8-Feb	Waterville	7:00 PM

#### **Girls Modified Basketball**

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23-Jan	Holland Patent	9:30A H		
26-Jan	Dolgeville	5:00	н	
28-Jan	Poland	5:00	Н	
30-Jan	Herkimer	9:30A	A	
4-Feb	Adirondack	4:30	4:30 A	
6-Feb	Westmoreland	10:00A H		
9-Feb	Little Falls	4:30 A		
11-Feb	Dolgeville	4:30	4:30 A	
13-Feb	Holland Patent	9:30A	9:30A A	
22-Mar	Poland	4:30 A		
24-Mar	Herkimer	5:00 H		
29-Mar	Adirondack	5:00	Н	
2-Mar	Little Falls	5:00	Н	
Indoor Track		11-Dec	Colgate	
		18-Dec	Colgate	
		5-Jan	Colgate	

8-Jan

#### Boys Varsity & JV Basketball

20-Nov	@ Dolgeville	7:00 PM
25-Nov	@ Fonda Fultonville	10:30 AM
27-Nov	ST Johnsville	11:00 AM
30-Nov	@ Canajoharie Central	7:00 PM
2-Dec	Little Falls	7:00 PM
8-Dec	@ Oriskany	7:00 PM
11-Dec	NY Mills	7:00 PM
16-Dec	Canajoharie Central	7:00 PM
18-Dec	Town of Webb	7:00 PM
22-Dec	Poland Central	7:00 PM
29-Dec	WCV Holiday Tourney	Time: TBD
30-Dec	WCV Holiday Tourney	Time: TBD
5-Jan	@ Remsen	7:30 PM
8-Jan	@ Owen D Young	7:30 PM
11-Jan	@ Herkimer	7:00 PM
14-Jan	Owen D Young	7:00 PM
16-Jan	@ Little Falls	2:30 PM
19-Jan	Oriskany	7:00 PM
21-Jan	@ NY Mills	7:00 PM
28-Jan	@ Town of Webb	7:30 PM
1-Feb	@ Poland	7:30 PM
4-Feb	Remsen	7:00 PM
6-Feb	Remsen	2:30 PM

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# Maríon Crouch Memoríal Country Chrístmas Arts & & Craft Bazaar



presented by the Newport Volunteer Fire Department



Saturday, November 21st 9 am to 3 pm



West Canada Valley High School Route 28 between Newport and Middleville



Something For Everyone ... Crafts • Novelties • Treats • Foods • Gifts • Jewelry Ceramics and so much more



Refreshments all day in cafeteria



Special Attractions... BAA Pie Sale Pickup, Canoe Raffle Drawing Nancy's Pottery Demonstration and, Of course ... Santa Claus!

Free Admission and Free Parking A unique way to get a start on holiday shopping!

#### West Canada Valley Central School

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Business Office Mr. John McKeown Business Manager

Elementary School Mrs. Correne Holmes Principal

Junior/Senior High School Mr. Frank C. Sutliff Principal

### **Coming Events**

November 9 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM

November 11 Veteran's Day (Observed) No School

November 13/14 WCV Presents "Grease"

November 25-27 Thanksgiving Recess No School

December 9 Winter Concert I (K-2) 7:00 PM

December 14 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM

December 15 Winter Concert II 11th & 12th Chorus/Bands 7:00 PM

December 17 Winter Concert III Elementary Band /Chorus 7:00 PM



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Did you get a great picture of a WCV student at an athletic or other school event? Would you like the world to see that picture? Please share your amazing pictures of WCV students in action with the yearbook.

They can be emailed to <u>gackman@westcanada.org</u>. Please include the event name and date (if known), as well as the student's name. Thank you!

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!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US HERE AT WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL!