

# June 2014

## Class of 2014 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The West Canada Valley Class of 2014 Valedictorian is Hannah Wagner, daughter of Andrew and Frances Wagner. Hannah is graduating with honors. Hannah is a member of the National Honor Society. She is an active member of the Marching Band, West Canadians, All County Band and All County Chorus, and Dance. Hannah completed an internship through the Regional Program for Excellence with the Broadway Theatre League. She is also a church volunteer and sings with her church choir. Hannah will attend SUNY Fredonia in the fall for Music Theatre.

The West Canada Valley Class of 2014 Salutatorian is Walter Markowski, son of Walter and Dara Markowski. Walter is graduating with honors. Walter is a member of the National Honor Society. He has participated in school plays and athletics at WCV including track and football. He is active in the Boy Scouts and is a school Peer Mediator. Walter will attend Rochester Institute of Technology for Industrial Engineering.

The West Canada Valley Class of 2014 Accelerated Salutatorian is Tabitha Broadbent, daughter of Frank and Heidi Broadbent. Tabitha is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Marching Band and has participated in athletics in softball and track. Tabitha was selected to participate in Davidson College July Experience in 2013. Tabitha will attend Cazenovia College in the fall for the Inclusive Elementary Program.



Walter Markowski



Hannah Wagner



Tabitha Broadbent

Class of 2014 Graduation Ceremony is on Saturday. June 28th at 10:00 AM

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

The 2013-14 school year is quickly winding down. The class of 2014 will graduate on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. As in the past limited seating exists for this event. However, we will be streaming graduation this year for those who would like the opportunity to attend but can't. You will be able to access the ceremony on our website or view the live stream in the West Canada Valley Central School library.

Thank you to the community for supporting the 2014-2015 budget and bus proposition this past May and March respectively. Your continued support will allow us to continue and enhance opportunities for students during the upcoming school year. I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate and thank our staff members who will retire at the end of the school year. Thank you Fran DeKalb, Monica Edwards, Debby Kaiding, Jamie LaPorte, and Joyce Patti, for their 150 combined years of service to the students of West Canada Valley.

Congratulations to the West Canada Valley Central School Marching Band on another remarkable performance at Sherburne Pageant of the Bands a short time ago. WCV earned the following:

BEST IN Class C
Small Ensemble - First in Class C
Cadence Competition - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Class C
Concert Band - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Class C

Color Guard - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Class C Jr. High Concert Band, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Parade Competition – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Class C Jazz Ensemble – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Class C

Additionally, congratulations to WCV's Envirothon Team for once again coming in first place this past spring with a score of 428 which is a new record high for this event!

No major renovations or building projects are scheduled to take place this summer although we will start planning for items that will need to be addressed in a future capital project possibly in the summer of 2016. As always staff will work diligently this summer in order to prepare for the 2014-2015 school year!

Once again thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer!

Go Indians!!!

John Banek, Superintendent

## West Canada Valley Ranks with Best High Schools in America

The U.S. News rankings include data on more than 19,400 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Schools are awarded gold, silver or bronze medals based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

This year West Canada Valley was awarded a Bronze medal. Student tests in Math and English were near or exceeded the state average.



## Honor Graduates from WCV Class of 2014

Hannah Wagner Tabitha Broadbent Walter Markowski Shania McEvoy Kristen Gizzi Ryan Moody Kristen Sportello Hayley Yager Thomas Brindisi Shannon Tolman Vanessa Hebert Kara Pepin Laken Dawson Solomon Davies Erin Oakley Samantha Spellman Rebecca Salm Alexander Williams Zackary Borden Amanda Mauldin Michala Bintz Rebecca Fuller Adam Congdon Kaitlian Madderom Spencer Raymo Carleigh Hughes Victoria Eaton Danielle VanName

#### Summer School 2014

Summer School this year will be held at Central Valley Academy in Ilion from July 7-August 12, 2014. Regents exams will be August 13-14, 2014. Registration takes place through the WCV Guidance Office.

Deadline for registering for classes is no later than 2PM Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Deadline for registering for an August Regents exam ONLY is July 11 at the latest; however, it is highly recommended to register before then. Registration for Regents exam review classes is also available. Photo ID and parent signatures are required. Further information is available in the Guidance Office or at <a href="https://www.herkimer-boces.org">www.herkimer-boces.org</a> under P-12 Programs.

#### **Guidance News**

#### Fall 2014 PSATs

Any sophomores(& freshman as well) planning to go to college are highly encouraged to take the PSAT next fall. Please sign up in the Guidance office. Tests need to be preordered by the end of June to take the October 18, 2014 test. There will be a nominal fee involved which will be collected next fall.

#### **NCAA**

Any students planning on playing a Division I or II sport in college <u>MUST</u> qualify in order to be eligible. Students are urged to check with intended colleges as well as check out all information @ <u>www.ncaa.org</u>. Students must register online through the Eligibility Center at this site as well. It is highly recommended that this eligibility registration process be handled PRIOR to entering a student's senior year in high school. In addition, students must bring a signed release to Mrs. Tubia.

\*\*Please check the Guidance website for all timely information\*\*

#### ANOTHER "SAFE AND SOUND" YEAR FOR TRANSPORTATION

As a parent you watch your children leave home in the morning and return in the afternoon on the school bus "safe and sound" from another day at school. That's just the way it has to be.

As your Transportation Supervisor, I have the responsibility of overseeing that upwards of 750 students are transported every school day in a "safe and sound" manner using a fleet of 21 buses that travel close to 290,000 miles a year. I, like you, expect this to happen with all students being transported "safe and sound" every day. How do we accomplish this? It takes all of the following people and actions to make it work.

Every school day starts with the State, County, Township and Village highway departments making sure the roads are safe to travel on. They do an excellent job and are always there if our buses need extra help. Thank them for the great job they do

The community support every year for the bus purchases is another important asset we have at West Canada. Our buses are the safest and most modern in the area. Thank you for the support.

The mechanics that maintain our bus fleet have obtained another year of success from New York State Department of Transportation for bus inspection. Each bus is inspected by a NY DOT inspector twice a year. Thank Shane Korniat and Kevin Dillenbeck, our two mechanics, when you see them.

The bus drivers and monitors that are operating your children's bus are probably the most important ingredient of all to the "safe and sound" ride your children deserve. It is their personal judgment and skills that will ultimately assure your children ride the bus in a "safe and sound" manner every day. Thank them when you see them.

A big thank you from me to all the parents that make sure their children are loading and unloading safely and behaving on the bus so that a safe bus ride can be assured for all.

Felix Ray, Transportation Supervisor

#### Morning Program Citizens of the Month





## **Sixth Grade Graduation Ceremony**

HS Auditorium, June 25th at 1pm

#### **Elementary Teachers Reflect on Practices**

Elementary teachers were recently awarded a grant proposal that allowed structured time for reflection on classroom practices. Using the Common Core State Standards in Math, the teachers analyzed vertical alignment of vocabulary and concepts to better understand content and strategies for improved student learning.

During meetings a representative from each of the grades Pre-K through 5 presented module concepts and effective ways to deliver instruction. Discussions were informative and the team agreed that continued study would be worthwhile.

#### Relay for Life

During the month of May, students and staff participated in a variety of activities to fundraise for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The High School Student Council and students from Mrs. Grogan and Mrs. Cooley's classes helped with a bake sale, while the whole HS student body were involved in a grade level."



dent body were involved in a grade-level "Penny Challenge".

In the Elementary, a paper chain challenge and bake sale raised money, as well as a staff "Dress-Down" week. A total WCV contribution of \$1805.00 was raised. Once again, WCV proves it has lots of heart!!

## WCV Reading Safari

This spring WCV students were fortunate to be able to participate in a special program to promote reading.

Students who documented 6 hours of reading outside of school were awarded a ticket to



Water Safari. Our "Reading Safari" was a great success, 245 WCV students earned tickets. Congratulations to all who participated!

## Did you know?

Staff and students at WCV elementary raised almost \$3,000.00 this year for a variety of community organizations and causes.

Relay for Life
Cystic Fibrosis Walk
American Heart Walk & Run
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Pennies for Patients

#### Class of 2014 Commencement

The Class of 2014 of the West Canada Valley Central School will hold its Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 28 beginning at 10:00 AM in the High School Auditorium. Admittance is by ticket only. Please arrive early as we expect every seat to be taken in the auditorium.

Congratulations to the entire class and best wishes in the future!

#### ATTENTION: Class of 2015

Your formal photo is due by September 26!

Don't wait until the last moment. You need to make an appointment as soon as possible. Be sure to

take the requirement sheet that you were given to the photographer. Also use the summer to look for interesting youth and group photos. This is YOUR yearbook and we want it to reflect you!

See page 8 for detailed picture requirements.

## Music Program Seeking Used Instruments

The WCV Music Dept. is looking for used instrument donations. Check your attics, garages, and basements and make a child's dream to be a musician in the band program a reality.

Donations can be dropped off to the high school main office. Questions? Email Mr. Bonney at SCBonney@westcanada.org.



#### **New Electives**

The following high school courses are being offered for the 2014-15 school year. If interested, see your counselor ASAP to sign up.

Transportation Systems
Energy Systems
Electricity
Home Repair
Land Transportation
Construction Systems
Studio in Graphic Arts

### Cornell Cooperative Extension Government Intern Program

This program provides the opportunity for students to learn about the local government process; students attend Board of Legislators meetings, interview legislators, and participate in group projects. Adam Congdon and Walter Markowski both participated in the spring of 2014.

#### College Acceptances for the Graduating Class of 2014

Kyle Arsenault—MVCC

Michela Bintz-HCCC

Treyten Borden-Utica College

Zackary Borden-Potsdam, Fredonia, OCC, CUNY

Thomas Brindisi—Clarkson

Tabitha Broadbent-Cazenovia

Andrea Christensen-MVCC

Lacey Comins—MVCC

Tyler Conover-HCCC

Laken Dawson-Green Mountain College, VT

Patrick Denslow-HCCC

Sarah Downs-HCCC

Victoria Eaton—MVCC, HCCC, Bryant & Stratton College

Brianna Fancett—HCCC

Rebecca Fuller—SUNYIT, MVCC, Utica College, BOCES LPN

Shelby Fuller-MVCC

Kristin Gizzi-HCCC

Matthew Haubert—MVCC

Vanessa Hebert-Delhi, Ulster CC, Alfred State, Canton

Carleigh Hughes-MVCC, HCCC

Jillian Jones-MVCC

Kaitlian Madderom—Florida Atlantic University

Walter Markowski-RIT

Amanda Mauldin-MVCC, OCC

Justin Maxwell-HCCC, MVCC

Shania McEvoy-St. Elizabeth, HCCC

Korey Mizener-HCCC

Ryan Moody—Utica College, Ithaca College, Sacred Heart, CT
Marissa Murphy—HCCC

Erin Oakley—Moore C, Champlain C, Albany, MECA, FLCC

Kara Pepin-Clarkson, HCCC

Spencer Raymo—HCCC

Brandon Roberts-HCCC, MVCC

Chase Roesler-MVCC

Rebecca Salm-Canton, Monroe CC

Samantha Smith—MVCC

Samantha Spellman—Plattsburgh

Kacey Sperry-Morrisville

Kristen Sportello—Syracuse University

Michael Sternberg-SUNYIT

Joshua Sudakow-MVCC, HCCC

Shannon Tolman—Brockport, Cortland, Utica College

Danielle VanName—HCCC

Hannah Wagner-NY Film Academy, Fredonia

Amanda Wellington-Delhi

Alexander Williams-MVCC, Clarkson

Zachary Woods-MVCC

Hayley Yager-LeMoyne, Clarkson, St. John Fisher, Albany,

Hartwick, Siena

Jordan Yaworski-MVCC

Yannick Biedermann-Switzerland (Foreign Exchange)

## Student Recognition

#### February 2014

Abigail Gorinshek - Concert Band, Mr. Bonney - Abby is a great trumpet section leader who gives full attention and effort in every lesson and band rehearsal. She has taken on additional work learning her first solo for NYSSMA, which shows initiative, drives her progress, and makes me proud to call her the MS student of the month. Keep it up Abby!

Brett Greco - Spanish III, Mrs. Foster - Brett keeps developing his knowledge of Spanish on a daily basis. I have seen the advancement of Brett's abilities and I am very proud of his work. Brett is a student that does not draw a lot of attention to himself but when he's called upon or he speaks up he is usually very accurate with his answer. Buen Trabajo Brett. Keep up the great work.



Jillian Jones – Drawing & Painting, Ms Wilmarth- Jillian has been doing a wonderful job on all assigned projects in the drawing portion of class. I look forward to see her upcoming paintings. She is very creative & talented.

Nate Marrero - Math 7, Ms VanDerwiel - Nate is a very conscientious student who always strives to do his best. His work is always accurately done and he consistently scores well on tests and quizzes. He is an active participant during class (which is very much appreciated) and demonstrates a high level of understanding on all topics. He is an all-around model student. Great job Nate!

David Ostapuk – Concert Band, Mr. Bonney – David has attended every lesson this year on time, prepared, and eager to meet new challenges. He puts forth above average effort every time he plays his French Horn and is a solid leader in the Middle School Band. Keep working hard David.

Kayla Pomichter - Basic Algebra, Mrs. Kraszewski - Kayla always does her work, comes in extra when she needs help, and is always willing to help someone who is struggling. Keep up the great work Kayla.

Janelle Salm - English 10, Ms Manoiero - Janelle has been working very hard this year in English. She always puts forth her best effort and actively participates in class. Great job Janelle and keep up the good work!

Taryen Schultz – Social Studies, Mr. Burke – Taryen's Civil War project was outstanding and her last four tests have all been in the 90's. Taryen is a great example of how hard work pays off. She is a great contributor to classroom discussion and a role model to other students. Great Work!!

Victoria Tasovac- ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - So far this quarter Victoria has a 100 average! She is always prepared and is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work!



#### March 2014

Jacqualynn Bender -Instrumental Music Lessons, Mrs. Bonney - Jacqualynn has improved so much over this year and often can be found in the practice room after school and on her own time. She has a beautiful tone on the flute, has the desire to become great, and is developing her musicianship at each lesson. I am so proud of her! Congratulations, Jacqualynn - keep up the great work!

Alison Chapman - Global Studies 9, Mr. Sarus -Alison has done a tremendous job all year long in Global Studies 9. She is always on time, she completes all of her homework assignments thoroughly, and she volunteers during class. Her test and quiz scores are very high. She is patient and humble in a large class that can be overwhelming at times. Her hard work, patience, and eagerness to learn are both refreshing and appreciated.

Myranda Davies – Senior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten – Thanks for your continued work in Senior Chorus and West Canadians. It is great to have you helping keep the Alto section on track. Great job with the musical and in All County II. Keep up the great work!!

Parker Esty – Spanish, Mrs. Foster - Parker Esty is a very enthusiastic student of Spanish. Parker is a very fast processor of the language and he enjoys being able to understand and speak in Spanish. Parker makes the class more interesting and keeps everyone on their toes. Buen Trabajo Parker.

Jacob Gorinshek - Wind Ensemble, Mrs. Bonney - Jacob has really stepped up to the plate and has become quite a leader of the trumpet section. His musicality, range, technicality, and confidence have all grown immensely over the course of the year. I cannot wait to see how he progresses over the next few years. Keep up the wonderful work, Jacob!



## Student Recognition

Braeton Henzel – Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski – Braeton strives to do his very best in all aspects that foreign language learning takes. He is not afraid to practice his Spanish speaking in and outside the classroom. He isn't just putting forth much effort into a good grade, but into enhancing his Spanish learning skills as much as he can. Additionally, he has shown willingness to help other classmates when some extra help is needed. He may not have a 100 average, but his effort makes him the great role model he is

Tyler Kuzontkoski – Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs – Tyler has been working hard. He comes in for extra help and he tries his best. Keep up the hard work.

Derek LiBritz – Science 8, Mr. Chapman – Motivated. Smart. Well Behaved.

Prepared for class. Friendly. What else is there to say? Congratulations Derek!

Chris Saint-Miller - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Chris earned a 100% on his last test!

Ryan Soron – ELA 7, Mrs. Murphy-Scalise – Ryan exhibits all of the characteristics of a life-long learner. He is a daily breath of fresh air, and I greatly enjoy having him as a student.

Devin Thomas – Junior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten – Devin continues to be a very strong section leader and really helps to make sure the rest of the section is on task. Thanks for your work at All County and for the wonderful solo at the March concert. Keep up the great work!!

Matthew Zbytniewski – Chemistry, Mr. Hansen - Matt has worked very hard this year in Chemistry. Recently he was the only student in either class to correctly answer a bonus question that went beyond what had been taught in class. He has demonstrated great problem solving skills and is a pleasure to have in class. Great job Matt!

#### **April 2014**

Hannah Bouchard- Global and Gourmet Foods, Mrs. Cooley - Hannah is always thinking ahead and anticipating her next step in Gourmet Foods. Her willingness to participate and ability to show initiative to get the job done is appreciated. Thank you for your on-line presence as well.

Arlete Costa - English 9, Ms. Manoiero - Arlete has shown a lot of growth this marking period. She is becoming more confident with her English reading and writing skills and is always participating in class discussions. She even volunteered to read the part of Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet" and did an amazing job! Keep up the great work!

Michael Finley - Instrumental Music, Mr. Bonney - Michael has wowed me with his dedication to improve as a tuba player. He enjoys being the foundation of the band playing the bass voice and acts as a confident leader of his section. He has taken on the additional work of preparing a NYSSMA solo for solofest, and will do very well on his performance. Mike is excited to switch to sousaphone for marching season, and has already memorized his part! Mike is a polite young man, who always shows great attitude and effort. These awesome traits will bring you continued success Mike, keep up the hard work.

Alexis Flanagan - Health 7, Mr. DeKalb - Alexis amazes me with much of her health related knowledge. She is a curious learner. She freely contributes to class discussions. She asks great questions. Alexis adds so much to my class. I truly enjoy having her as a student.

Olga Kichuk -Math 7, Ms. VanDerwiel - Olga is a very hard working student. She puts forth her best effort in all she does and is not afraid to ask questions when she doesn't understand something. Because of her hard work, she has had a very successful year in Math 7. Congratulations Olga!!

David Ostapuk - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - David has consistently been a great pleasure to have in class this year. He shows a genuine interest in literature and contributes to class discussions. He is a very respectful young man who is always willing to help when needed!

Kara Pepin – Precalculus, Mrs. Kraszewski – Kara has an amazing grasp of mathematical concepts! She is also a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the GREAT work Kara.



#### May 2014

Wesley Broadbent - Global Studies, Mr. Sarus - Wesley has maintained a solid average throughout the school year, but this month he has been exceptional. Wes shows a genuine interest in the topics presented in Global Studies. He often volunteers during class discussions and asks thought provoking questions. His sincere interest in world history is appreciated.

Arlete Costa - Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Besides mastering Spanish as her second language, Arlete has been a pleasure to have in class. She is always ready and willing to participate and help her classmates as needed. She has successfully integrated to this school year, which isn't easy and can be a big challenge for someone who's English is not his/her, native language. Arlete is a unique role model of determination and dedication, especially for anyone whom may ever think that succeeding in a foreign country is impossible. I am so proud of you Arlete! Felicitaciones.

Dylan Dewitt – Chemistry, Mr. Hansen - Dylan was the first student to receive a 100 average for a marking period this year in Chemistry. Over the school year he has been close but this past marking period he worked diligently to avoid silly mistakes and achieve this grade. He has a mind capable of thoughtful scientific analysis. Great job!

Hannah Leshinski – Driver Education, Mr. Youngs – Hannah's participation in Driver Ed. class has given her more confidence, knowledge, and better understanding for what is expected for the behind – the – wheel portion of the class.

Kaitlian Madderom – Economics, Mr. Pullman – Kaitlian is a very conscientious student. She has excellent attendance, and takes her school work seriously. Congratulations, Kaitlian!

Chloe Murphy - Spanish III, Mrs. Foster - Chloe is a very diligent and hard working inside and outside the classroom. She is a student that helps others and still is successful in all that she does. Keep up the great work Chloe. ¡Buen trabajo!

Victoria Tasovac – Science, Mr. Chapman – Victoria is one of those students a teacher can always rely on in class. Intelligent, self-motivated, respectful of others and always well behaved. Victoria, keep these habits and you will do great things next year!

Matt Zbytniewski – English 11, Mrs. Ackman – Matt is a very dedicated student. He always pays attention in class, participates in discussions, and asks questions. Anytime he has to miss class, he not only makes up the work, but he also makes sure he comes in to learn what we did in class. Matt are an excellent role model and his commitment to his own education will take far. Great work, Matt!



### WCV Class of 2014 Senior Photo Yearbook Requirements

#### **Formal**

Due September 26, 2014

Paper Finish- Glossy with no dull spots Size- 2 ½" (horizontal) x 3" (vertical)

<u>Head Size</u>- 1 ½" from top of head to bottom of chin. No Extreme Head Tilts or Profiles. No Props, Hats, logos on t-shirts <u>Background</u> – NO designs, patterns

<u>Background Color</u> – Neutral tans, soft blues or grays (No outside photos)

This photo is a formal picture with a traditional appearance Second Photo may be professional informal-may be outside

#### NO PHOTOGRAPHER IDENTIFICATION ON EITHER PHOTO!!!

<u>ONLY</u> crisp, clear photos will be accepted, <u>NO</u> soft focus or blurry look.

Formal photo may be emailed, on CD or hard copy.

#### **Informal Photos**

Due October 24, 2014

Photos should be color; Glossy Preferred

Only quality youth pictures will be used

Please submit **several** quality pictures with your name written with Sharpie on back

Group photos (such as Sixth Grade Graduation, team pictures, etc.) are highly desirable

## PLEASE SHOW THIS HANDOUT TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER!!

Yearbook Photos are your responsibility. Schedule appointments **NOW!** The yearbook **DOES NOT** take either formal photos or informal photos.

NO Company Logos (names or dates) may appear on any photo!

Yearbook Profile packets will be distributed in September.

We have 5 people who are retiring from their West Canada family this year. Between all of the retires, there are 150 years of service to the West Canada Valley School District! These five individuals have spent countless hours giving to our district and children. If you run into these folks in the community, please thank them for their dedication and service.



Joyce Patti School Nurse 28 years



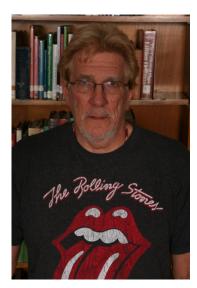
Jamie LaPorte Elementary Teacher 29 Years



Debby Kaiding Principal's Office 34 Years



Monica Edwards
Business Office
30 years



Fran DeKalb
Phys Ed/Health
29 years

"We thank you for your commitment to the students of the West Canada Valley community. While our entire WCV family will miss you, we wish you well on your next adventures. Congratulations!" Superintendent John Banek

#### **Band Program Earns Top Honors**

The HS Wind Ensemble, MS Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Small Ensemble, Colorguard, and Drum Line competed at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Sherburne Pageant of Bands from Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> along with thirty-five other schools from Upstate New York. Schools were placed in classes according to their high school's student population. Classes ranged from A (Norwich City Schools) all the way down to D (Laurens Central Schools). West Canada Valley was placed in Class C along with the Poland, Richfield-Springs, Naples, Marathon, Edmeston, Andover, and Cherry Valley-Springfield districts.

The WCV Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Scott Bonney took **first place** in their category on Thursday evening, performing three pieces of literature including one piece that featured senior Kara Pepin on the baritone saxophone. Also on Thursday evening the Small Ensemble (Woodwind Choir), under the direction of Mrs. Shane Bonney, took **first place** in competition with two pieces that she arranged for her students. The Concert Band (grades 7 & 8), under the direction of Mr. Bonney, competed in the Junior High Class against seven other districts in an open class structure and took **third place**. The WCV Wind Ensemble (grades 9 – 12), under Mrs. Bonney's direction, received **first place** honors in the high school Concert Band category. The Wind Ensemble received a score of 99 – the highest score a WCV band has ever earned in twelve years of attendance at the pageant, as well as the highest score of any band at the entire pageant. The WCV Drum Line, under the direction of Mr. Bonney and senior Zackary Borden, received **third place** honors in their category. The Color Guard was awarded **second place**, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney. The Marching Band took **third place** in the parade competition. This (grade 7-12) band is under the direction of Mrs. Shane Bonney and was led this year by Drum Major and senior class member Hannah Wagner.

Due to the outstanding finishes in all 7 categories of the competition, the West Canada Valley Band Program was awarded the coveted **BEST OF CLASS** trophy, signifying WCV Bands as **2014 Class C Champions**. In the past eight years, the band program has been named Class Champions four other times (2007, 2008, 2010, and 2012) – a feat that very few programs ever attain. In addition, the bands scored enough points in all the categories due to their placements, that they were ranked **second** among the 35 other bands in the pageant, only being topped by Laurens in overall points earned by an entire band program.

The weather was extremely pleasant this year at the pageant and the number of parents and community members that flocked to Sherburne to see the bands compete was commendable. West Canada Valley definitely had one of the biggest fan cheering sections in our history of competing in the festival. The bands truly appreciate the support of everyone who attended, and the praise upon their return.

The directors are very proud of these accomplishments, as are the students who were involved. WCV is extremely pleased to announce that pride in the band program continues to reach new heights. Congratulations students, we're proud of you and the community should be as well!

### Regional Program for Excellence

The Program provides opportunities for students to work side by side with professionals in the community, gaining valuable experience and knowledge about their professional areas of interest.

#### Current school year participants:

Rachel Agne - Veterinary
Sarah Downs - Physical Therapy
Vanessa Hebert - Veterinary
Ryan Moody - Physical Therapy
Kara Pepin - Family Law
Samantha Spellman - Business
Kristen Sportello - Nutrition & Dietetics
Hannah Wagner - Musical Theater
Hayley Yager - Pharmacy

#### 2014-15 Participants:

Hannah Bostwick- Law
Alexys Bolton-OB/GYN Nurse
Courtney Gee-Veterinary
Hannah Leshinski-Nursing
Sydney McEvoy-Dental Hygienist
Jewelia Ritter-Dental Hygienist
Taryen Schultz-Criminal Justice/Psychology
Caleb Sherwood-Aquatic Biology/Fish Hatchery
Tyler Wright-Pharmacy

## WEST CANADA VALLEY CALENDAR 2014-2015

## September 2014

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## October 2014

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## November 2014

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#### December 2014

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## January 2015

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## February 2015

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#### March 2015

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## April 2015

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## May 2015

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## June 2015

S W S (25)

- Sept. 1 Labor Day
- Sept. 2 Superintendent's Conference Day
- Sept. 3 Classes Begin Oct. 13 Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 Veterans' Day (Observed)
- Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Winter Recess
  - Jan. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
  - Jan. 30 Superintendent's Conference Day
  - Feb. 16-20 Mid-Winter Recess
    - Mar. 20 Superintendent's Conference Day
- Mar. 30-Apr. 6 Spring Recess
  - May 25 Memorial Day Observance
  - June 16-24 Regents Testing
    - June 25 Superintendent's Conference Day

#### KEY

Superintendent's Conf. Day = ( )

Vacation Day =

West Canada Valley Central School District

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Mr. John McKeown Business Manager

315-845-6800

#### **Elementary School**

Mr. Donald J. Shepardson Principal

315-845-6800

#### Jr/Sr High School

Mr. Frank C. Sutliff
Principal

315-845-6800

## Calendar

June 25, 2014

6th Grade Graduation 1:00 PM

High School Auditorium

June 28, 2014

Commencement

**10:00 AM** High School Auditorium

## Coming Soon!

The WCV Music Department will present...



November 14 & 15

#### \*\*\*\* ECRWSS\*\* RR1 Occupant Middleville, NY 13406

## Watch Graduation LIVE on the Web!

West Canada will be live streaming graduation to the web this year.

To view the graduation ceremony, simply go to **www.westcanada.org** at 10am on Saturday, June 28th and click on the link!

