



## West Canada Valley Central School

# Highlights

November 2013

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" was presented by the West Canada Valley Music Department on November 8 & 9 at 7:00 PM in the WCV auditorium under the direction of William Van Patten and choreographed by Shane Bonney. **White Christmas** is based on the beloved and timeless film, the heartwarming musical adaptation features seventeen Irving Berlin songs and a book by David Ives and Paul Blake. Veterans Bob Wallace (Solomon Davies) and Phil Davis (Noah Marrero) have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters, Betty Haynes (Hannah Wagner) and Judy Haynes (Kristen Gizzi), en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. The dazzling score features well known standards including Blue Skies, I Love A Piano, How Deep is the Ocean, and the perennial favorite – **White Christmas**. Others in lead roles included William Lawrence, Katelyn Strong, Shayla Clark, Garrhett Davis, Myranda Davies, Faith Rowsam, Tyler Conover, Parker Esty, Samantha Raymo, Kevin Chlus, Samantha Johnson, Michael Desmond, Morgan Desmond, Mariah Conover and Michael Jacobs-Mijolovic.

Chorus members included Michala Bintz, Cris Boerger, Morgan Brennan, Jesse Davis, Erik Ervin, Kimberley Ford, Courtney Gee, Kaylin Gee, Baily Jackson, John Lawrence, Wally Markowski, Alexis Oyer, Chris Schultz, Nicole Snyder, Andrew Thierry and Rebecca Williams.



### From the Superintendent's Desk

Once again, the first two months of school have quickly passed and I have a few informational items to share with you.

**Early Release Reminder** – On Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, we will perform our mandatory "early release" drill. All students, K-12 will be released at 2 PM. We will be using one (1) bus run in order to complete this drill. Please be aware that students will arrive home earlier than normal. Please make note of this so that you may arrange care for your children. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

**School Closing** – With winter rapidly approaching, inclement weather is right around the corner. We will continue to use Global Connect, local radio, and television to keep the public informed about closings and delays. Your patience on these days is also appreciated as we will ... (continued on page 4)



### Citizens of the Month

We are very proud of our citizens of the month for September (*left*) and October (*right*) 2013!  
Parents are welcome to join us for Morning Program any day from 9:10-9:30. It's a great way to start the day!



### Third Grade Visits Camp Russell

The third grade classes visited Camp Russell on October 11th to participate in several team-building activities. They had wonderful weather to attempt the monkey bridge, participate in a team ski race, and even go fishing!



### Book Fair : November 12-18

Get your holiday shopping underway with some great books – including new titles like the latest in the “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” series! We’ll be open in the elementary library during elementary school hours and parent/teacher conferences for all elementary students and any parents, grandparents, or relatives interested in shopping. If your child’s library class is scheduled during the Book Fair, they will also have a chance to shop or peruse during this time, as well.

We do our best to direct children to purchase books, since the ultimate goal of the book fair is to get kids reading, and try to order some budget books for this reason. The “miscellaneous” silly pens, erasers, pointer fingers, toys, etc are usually a last resort (or purchased along with at least one book), unless a note is sent with the money specifically asking for such. We appreciate your support!

Flyers previewing many of the book titles have been sent home during library classes (which are different from Scholastic book order forms). If sending checks, please make them payable to the WCV PTO. Thanks, and we hope to see you there!

## September 2013

Zachary Burton – ELA 7, Mrs. Murphy-Scalise – Zachary is off to a great start in ELA. He is an intent listener and an active participant during class. Zack is a delightful young man who acts as a role model to his peers!

Shayla Clark - Junior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - What a joy! You are doing an awesome job Shayla. Thank you for always having a smile on your face. Keep up the good work. I look forward to working with you for many years to come.

Michael Finley - Global Studies, Mr. Sarus - Michael comes to class everyday eager to learn and participate. He is very knowledgeable in World History and has a positive attitude. He dominated the Greek War game! Michael is a pleasure to have in class and an excellent role model for his fellow classmates.



Monserat Gonzalez – Spanish, Mrs. Foster - Monserat has been a treasure to have in class. Monserat is willing and eager to share her cultural experiences with all of her classmates. She has been a peer tutor and has helped many of her classmates better understand why certain traditions occur in the Hispanic culture. Monserat your enthusiasm for the Hispanic culture is infectious. Keep up the great work.

Olivia Hull - Wind Ensemble, Mrs. Bonney - Olivia works incredibly hard at perfecting her clarinet playing and is becoming a more confident player with each day. She is consistently one of the most diligent students I teach and shows a sincere interest in becoming the best clarinetist she can be. Olivia was chosen this year to participate in All-County Band. I am so proud of you Olivia, keep up the great work!

Harper Jones – Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs – Harper and Cameron Murphy tied for the highest grade on the pre-test. Nice job!

Joseph Lamphere - Senior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - I'm glad that you are enjoying music so much. Thanks for being there in chorus and congratulations on what you have accomplished with the guitar. Keep up the good work.

Olivia McNeil – Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski – Olivia's outstanding effort and participation in class makes her a role model for her classmates. With her positive attitude, she brings to class; she always demonstrates she is ready and willing to learn. Excelente Olivia! Keep it up.

Scarlett Moynihan – Science 8, Mr. Chapman – Talk about being off to a great start! For her first four grades Scarlett has scored two 100's and has an average of 95! I predict Scarlett's going to have another top year.

Cameron Murphy – Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs –Cameron and Harper Jones tied for the highest grade on the pre-test. Nice job!

Kara Pepin - Wind Ensemble, Mrs. Bonney - Kara has really fit into our music program so seamlessly. She is a really great and humble musician and has proven her flexibility by switching between tenor and baritone sax at a moment's notice. She is an excellent leader and has an innate sense of musicality that cannot be taught. Kara is such a pleasure to teach! Keep up the great work!

Carter Perry – Ms Goodwin – Carter has been putting forth a good amount of work toward his academics! I am proud of him. Keep up the good work.

## October 2013

Morgan Brennan – Studio Art, Ms. Wilmarth – Morgan is a pleasure to have in class. She gives 100% effort on each project and the results are wonderful. She is a talented artist and an excellent role model.

Jacob Cardinal – US History & Government, Mr. Burke – Jacob is a great contributor to classroom discussion. His work ethic should be commended.

Taylor Dejohn – Geometry, Mr. Frank – Taylor always puts forth her best effort in Geometry. She participates in class and turns in all assignments on time. Excellent job!

Ryan DeWitt – Basic Algebra, Mrs. Kraszewski – Ryan is a pleasure to have in class. He works steadily and will ask me when he is unsure on what he is doing. He is always prepared and homework is always completed. Keep up the GREAT work Ryan.

Herbert Fountain – Health, Mr. DeKalb - Herbert is curious about learning. He is bright, respectful and he adds so much to my class. A great role model for other seventh graders to follow.

Olivia Hull – Earth Science, Ms. Fisher – What a great start! Olivia is energetic, enthusiastic and always willing to participate in class discussions. Keep up the good work.

Will Lawrence - English 10, Ms. Manoiero - Will always shows a lot of enthusiasm for learning something new. Not only does Will give above and beyond every day in class to complete his work and become the best he can be, but he also does extra work outside of the classroom. Great job Will!

Sabrina Reel - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Sabrina is off to an excellent start in ELA! She is a pleasure to have in class, and her written work is always especially well done. Keep up the good work, Sabrina! **...(continued on page 6)**





## A Note from the PTO

What a fantastic start to our school year! Thank you to all of the people who donated their time and goods to the Healthy Harvest sale this past week, and thank you to the teachers for helping the PTO with the Square One Art Project!

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 in the Elementary Library. The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on November 13, 14 and 15 in the Elementary Library. What a great way to support the PTO and the education of your children!

### DID YOU KNOW THAT THE WCV PTO...

- Gave each teacher a gift of \$50.00 to spend on classroom needs
- Purchased a Cricut cutting machine to help allow more cutting options and designs for bulletin boarding
- Purchased a camera for K-6 faculty use
- Purchased a printing station, ink, photo paper and a memory card for Morning Program use.

**Our fundraisers are our primary source of income to support the above list.  
We look forward to your support during upcoming PTO fundraising events!**

### From the Superintendent's Desk ... *(continued from page 1)*

continue to work closely with our local towns when making a closing/delay decision. The goal is to remain open as long as we feel we can safely transport students to school.

**Student Safety** – We continue to explore methods in which we can improve student and staff safety at West Canada Valley. Thank you again to everyone as you adapt to the new buzzer system when entering the building. Please remember that you need to sign in at the main office once you enter the building. No school districts in Herkimer County qualified for a School Resource Officer through the County Sheriff. However, we continue to work with the Sheriff's Department in order to find another avenue to obtain a SRO through that department. Additionally, by the time you receive this letter, we will have two sets of doors locked between the elementary gym and high school gym. Please be advised that you will not be able to access the high school from the elementary or the elementary from the high school as a visitor during school hours. Additionally, you can help us keep your children safe, it is imperative we have up to date contact and emergency contact information on file so that we may quickly contact you when needed. Please remember to report changes to the appropriate office.

**Parent Portal** – We are in the process of opening a parent portal which will allow parents access to their child's attendance and grades. Be on the lookout for more information as we prepare to launch this for you.

**Happy Anniversary** – It is hard to believe that construction on the current building was completed in 1963. Students have been attending school on the current campus for 50 years as of November 2013. Happy Anniversary West Canada Valley!

## Music Department News

Several students have been selected to attend the 2013 Area All-State Music Festival held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at SUNY Oneonta. Performing in the mixed chorus are Garrhett Davis, Jesse Davis, Kristen Gizzi and Noah Marrero. Abigail Esty and Hannah Wagner will perform in the Womens Choir. Hannah Bouchard and Vanessa Hebert will be playing in the concert band.

Congratulations to several students who represented our school on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Herkimer County All County I Music Festival at Frankfort-Schuyler High School. In the elementary chorus are Silas Bouchard, Mackenzie Bray, Olivia Carney, Portia Camardello, Adia Clark, Jenna DeSantis, Sarah Esty, Kurt Florian, Olivia Gibson, Brayden McCaw, Madison Szczesniak and Morgan Warney. Playing in the Junior High Band are Ashley Bray, Bailey Chapin, Parker Esty, Kaylin Gee, Nicole Hebert, Olivia Hull, Olivia Johnson, David Krouse, Tazren Lilley, Olivia McNeil, Samantha Raymo, Nicole Snyder and Devin Thomas. Senior Chorus members are Myranda Davies, Garrhett Davis, Jesse Davis, Abigail Esty, Rebecca Fuller, Courtney Gee, Kristen Gizzi, Vanessa Hebert, Noah Marrero, Maureen Kimbrell, William Lawrence, Noah Marrero and Hannah Wagner.

**Boys Modified Basketball**

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
Fri	24-Jan	Old Forge	5:00	A
Mon	27-Jan	Little Falls	5:30	H
Thu	30-Jan	Oriskany	4:30	A
Mon	3-Feb	Little Falls	5:00	A
Wed	5-Feb	Poland	4:30	A
Thu	6-Feb	Adirondack	4:30	A
Sat	8-Feb	Holland Patent	9:30	A
Tues	11-Feb	Adirondack	4:30	H
Thurs	13-Feb	Oriskany	4:30	H
Fri	14-Feb	New York Mills	4:30	H
Thurs.	20-Feb	Old Forge	4:30	H
Mon	24-Feb	New York Mills	4:30	A
Thurs	27-Feb	Poland	4:30	H
Mon	3-Mar	Holland Patent	4:30	H

**Girls Modified Basketball**

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
Fri	24-Jan	Old Forge	5:00	H
Mon	27-Jan	Little Falls	5:00	A
Wed	29-Jan	Oriskany	4:30	H
Mon	3-Feb	Little Falls	5:30	H
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Thu	6-Feb	Adirondack	5:30	H
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Thu	20-Feb	Old Forge	4:30	A
Mon	24-Feb	New York Mills	5:30	H
Thurs	27-Feb	Poland	4:30	A
Mon	3-Mar	Holland Patent	4:30	A

**Coed Indoor Track**

DAY	DATE	SITE	TIME
FRI	13-Dec	Colgate	4:30
THUR	19-Dec	Colgate	4:30
FRI	27-Dec	Colgate	10:00
FRI	3-Jan	Colgate	10:00
TUES	7-Jan	Colgate	4:30
MON	10-Jan	League Meet @ Colgate	4:30
FRI	17-Jan	MV Championships @ Colgate	4:30
WED	5-Feb	SECTIONALS @ OCC	4:30

**Girls Varsity & JV Basketball**

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
MON	25-Nov	@NYM - Scrimmage	5:30	A
SAT	23-Nov	@CLINTON - Scrimmage	11:00	A
MON	2-Dec	ADIRONDACK - Scrimmage	5:30	H
THU	5-Dec	@CENTRAL VALLEY	6:00	A
SAT	7-Dec	@POLAND	1:00	A
THU	12-Dec	COOPERSTOWN	6:00	H
MON	16-Dec	@FRANKFORT	6:00	A
THU	19-Dec	DOLGEVILLE	6:00	H
SAT	21-Dec	ORISKANY	1:00	H
MON	30-Dec	HERKIMER	5:00	H
MON	6-Jan	@LITTLE FALLS	6:00	A
SAT	11-Jan	WATERVILLE	1:00	H
TUE	14-Jan	CENTRAL VALLEY	6:00	H
FRI	17-Jan	@HERKIMER	6:00	A
WED	22-Jan	@COOPERSTOWN	6:00	A
FRI	24-Jan	FRANKFORT	6:00	H
WED	29-Jan	@ORISKANY	6:00	A
FRI	31-Jan	@DOLGEVILLE	6:00	A
TUE	4-Feb	@WATERVILLE	6:00	A
FRI	7-Feb	LITTLE FALLS	6:00	H
MON	10-Feb	POLAND	6:00	H

**Boys Varsity & JV Basketball**

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
THU	21-Nov	at VVS - SCRIMMAGE	5:00	A
WED	27-Nov	HP - SCRIMMAGE	11:00	H
TUE	3-Dec	at CENTRAL VALLEY	6:00	A
FRI	6-Dec	at CLINTON	5:30	A
TUE	10-Dec	at HERKIMER	6:00	A
FRI	13-Dec	at COOPERSTOWN	6:00	A
TUE	17-Dec	FRANKFORT	6:00	H
FRI	20-Dec	at DOLGEVILLE	6:00	A
FRI	3-Jan	NY MILLS TOURNEY	6:00	A
SAT	4-Jan	NY MILLS TOURNEY	6/7:30	A
WED	8-Jan	LITTLE FALLS	6:00	H
FRI	10-Jan	CENTRAL VALLEY ACADEMY	6:00	H
MON	13-Jan	CLINTON	6:00	H
THU	16-Jan	HERKIMER	6:00	H
SAT	18-Jan	POLAND	1:00	H
TUE	21-Jan	COOPERSTOWN	6:00	H
THU	23-Jan	at FRANKFORT	6:00	A
THU	30-Jan	DOLGEVILLE	6:00	H
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SAT	8-Feb	at POLAND	1:00	A

**WCV Sports on the Web**

For up-to-the-minute scores, cancellations, and re-scheduled events, along with team rosters and other information, go to <http://www.digitalsports.com/>

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Taryen Schultz- English 11, Mrs. Ackman - Taryen is a model student. She is diligent about taking notes, listening, completing her homework on time, and incorporating what she has learned into her writing. She gives 100% effort with everything she does, and that is a skill that will take her far. Great work, Taryen. Keep it up!

Eric Seifried - ELA/Math, Mrs. Grogan - Great Effort! Great Attitude! Eric is always smiling!

Aleeshea Tyson - Home & Career Skills 7, Mrs. Cooley - Aleeshea is wonderful. She completes all assignments correctly and on time. She is happy, smiles all of the time, and has a great sense of humor. Aleeshea also does not hesitate to participate and she always shows interest. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed Aleeshea. Thank you!

Autumn Verbitsky - Spanish, Mrs. Foster - Autumn is an enjoyable student to teach and have in the classroom. Autumn is a self-motivating learner. She is always writing down new material in Spanish from any source she can find. Autumn shares her knowledge with her classmates when they are struggling with a grammar concept or vocabulary. Autumn works diligently and quietly in class but her thirst for knowledge and her helpfulness do not go unnoticed.

Margarita Vilovchik-Math 7, M.s VanDerwiel - Margarita comes to class prepared and ready to learn every day. Her effort is outstanding and she is an active participant during class. She is a true pleasure to have in class and an excellent role model for her peers!



### From The Guidance Office

#### PSAT

The PSAT was given on Saturday, October 19. Results are expected back by December and students involved will receive their scores. In turn, all college-bound juniors are now highly encouraged to register for one of the remaining SAT and/or ACT tests for this year at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). In addition, check Mrs. Tubia's website for link regarding SSD testing accommodations.)

#### Class of 2014

Mrs. Tubia has met with all seniors regarding graduation requirements—credits, expected type of diploma, mandatory courses, etc—as well as discussing post high school plans—college application process including deadlines, military, employment, etc.. Parents please call if you have any questions or concerns.

### Congratulations Mr. Frank Sutliff



Mr. Frank Sutliff has been serving as the West Canada Valley Junior Senior High School principal since May of 1988. Recently, Mr. Sutliff was honored by being officially named the 2013-2014 President of SAANYS (School Administrators Association of New York State) on Monday, October 21, 2013. SAANYS has been in existence since 1971 and Mr. Sutliff is the 41<sup>st</sup> president of the organization.

Congratulations Mr. Sutliff, West Canada Valley Central School is very proud of you!

### Citrus Sale

The 9th grade class, FCCLA and Yearbook are having a Citrus Sale from November 1st- November 12th. Please contact the following teachers at (315) 845-6800 - Leonora Foster at ext. 310, Gloria Ackman at ext 305, or Cory Cooley at ext. 323 if you would like to order.

### FCCLA Blood Drive

"FCCLA will be sponsoring the second WCV blood drive to take place on March 20th, 2014, 3-7pm in the High school. Not only is blood donation a worthy and crucial mission it is the easiest and most affordable opportunity to "donate" for most people. This second blood drive gives our students and community an opportunity to participate in a worthy cause, but also an opportunity for our senior class to take advantage of a scholarship endorsement by The American Red Cross. If you wish to donate, participate at the drive or you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Cory Cooley, FCCLA Advisor."

## 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.



## Wanted: Substitute Bus Drivers

Please stop in the bus garage if you are interested in being a substitute bus driver at West Canada Valley CSD. This is a great way to get experience which will enhance your chance to become a full-time driver when positions become available.

**Requirements:** You must have a class “B” CDL driver’s license, Passenger endorsement, School Bus endorsement, and Air Brake endorsement. You will need to be able to pass the physical for a school bus driver, have a clean driver license history and be School Bus qualified or the ability to become qualified.

## 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 [rjuteau@westcanada.org](mailto:rjuteau@westcanada.org) with any concerns regarding discrimination or harassment.

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Mr. Frank C. Sutliff  
Principal

315-845-6802

## Coming Events

**November 26, 2013**

Early Dismissal for Students

**November 27-29, 2013**

Thanksgiving Recess  
No School

**December 9, 2013**

Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 PM

**December 10, 2013**

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

**December 11, 2013**

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

**December 17, 2013**

Winter Concert III  
Elementary Band /Chorus  
7:00 PM

**December 23-January 3**

Winter Recess  
No School



## *Marion Crouch Memorial Country Christmas Arts & Craft Bazaar*



29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bazaar presented by the  
Newport Volunteer Fire Department



**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
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



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