

HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2024

2024 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN



ALEXA MCMANUS **Valedictorian**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2024 Valedictorian is Alexa McManus, daughter of Heidi and Sam McManus. Alexa is a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Alexa has been a valued participant in the art and music programs at West Canada Valley. She is an active member of the Jazz Band, Marching Band, Ilion Civic Band, and has attended All-County as a junior and senior. Alexa is a talented artist and was named Best in Show in the First Annual WCV Art Show and has been a member of the school's Art Club. Alexa will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall to major in Illustration.



MADELYN ALLEN **Salutatorian**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2024 Salutatorian is Madelyn Allen, daughter of Laura and Tim Allen. Madelyn is a member of National Honor Society and has been active in numerous athletic activities throughout high school, including cheerleading, cross country, and indoor & outdoor track. She is also a skilled musician, having participated in wind ensemble and jazz ensemble throughout high school. In the fall, Madelyn will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to study Physics.





FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Jeremy Siddon

It is hard to believe that the end of the 2023-2024 school year is rapidly approaching. The Class of 2024 will graduate on Saturday, June 29th at 10:00am in the school auditorium. The logistics of the ceremony and guest information will be provided soon.

I would like to thank members of the community for supporting the 2024-2025 budget and the bus proposition. The ongoing support from the community allows the district to maintain all current programs while giving our students a great education with many opportunities. In addition, congratulations to Ms. Janine Lynch and Mrs. Sara Northup-Lynch on being re-elected to the West Canada Valley Board of Education.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate the following staff members who will be retiring at the conclusion of the school year;

Lisa Ackley - Custodian, 30.5 years of service

Mary Lou Flansburg - Senior Account/Payroll Clerk, 8 years of service

Susan Kubica - Elementary Teacher, 26 years of service

Karen Sheets - Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk - 23 years of service

Christine Wiatr - Elementary Teacher, 37 years of service

The district is grateful for the many years of dedicated service these individuals have given to the West Canada Valley Central School and the countless number of students who have walked through its doors.

On behalf of the district, Congratulations to the Class of 2024!! As you prepare to graduate from high school, please take with you the tools you have learned; they will help you achieve great success in whatever you set out to accomplish. We could not be more proud of your outstanding achievements. Thank you to all of the parents, guardians and family members for supporting your children, and the school district, throughout their time here.

As always, preparations are underway for the upcoming school year. The district will spend a great deal of time planning to ensure that we are providing a safe instructional and learning environment for the upcoming school year. Throughout the summer, construction will continue on the capital project that the voters approved during the 2022-2023 school year. The track and elementary playground will be closed while the field turf and lights are installed. We can't wait for the community to see the finished product! We look forward to welcoming students back to the building in September, including the Class of 2025!!

Once again thank you for your support. Stay safe and enjoy the summer months!

MRS. EDICK'S DREAM QUILT

At the end of the 2022-2023 school year, Mrs. Edick, a long-time volunteer reader, donated a handmade quilt to the elementary school. Her dream was that students would listen to stories while being gathered upon it. On May 22, 2024 her dream was fulfilled when Pre-K students in Miss Kathy's Class fell in love with the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle while cozied on and around it.



GUEST READERS

WCV Elementary students enjoyed a special treat when Guest Readers visited classrooms in April for part of our Reading Safari. It's always fun to hear a favorite story. The cafeteria staff also prepared trail mix to end with a snack. Thank you to everyone who participated. Thank you to our guest readers Melissa Maine, Jeremy Siddon, Bronwen Keefer, Janelle D'Aoust, Dustin Cool, Joseph Carney, Shelby Butler, Nurse Angie, Gretchen Blynt, Officer Jamie, Tina Sternberg, Rita Juteau, Brianne Parent, Freddie Sarus, Jackie Bray, and Christine Nofri.



4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO NY ENERGY ZONE

4th grade recently visited the NY Energy Zone in Utica after learning all about different forms of energy in science class. Students had the chance to engage in hands-on exhibits related to various types of energy including electricity and sustainable power sources. A great time was had by all!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

CONSERVATION DAY

The sixth graders participated in a 4-H Conservation Day at the KOA Campground in Middleville, organized by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County.



BOOKS THAT SING

The Morning Program was treated to a special performance by singer/songwriter and multi instrumentalist, Mark Rust. Mr. Rust, of Woodstock, NY presented his show, “Books that Sing” to the classes in grades K-2. Kids and teachers alike enjoyed this interactive experience!



ECLIPSE DAY

4th grade celebrated an Eclipse Day. We learned all about what makes an eclipse happen, where the path of totality is for this, and how to safely view a solar eclipse. Each student got to take home a pair of ISO certified eclipse glasses. We had a great day!

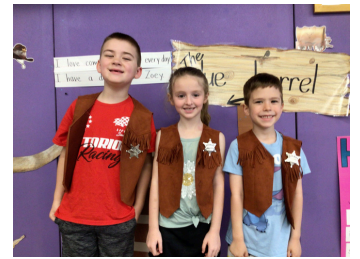


ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

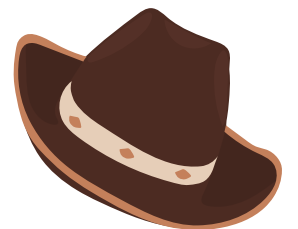
BEST OF THE WEST

The K-2 students featured in the pictures below were honored with the “Best of the West” award during the Morning Program in February, March, April, and May. They were selected by the Morning Program Committee for displaying positive character traits such as respect, responsibility, kindness, helpfulness, along with notable academic achievements and progress.

FEBRUARY



APRIL



APRIL 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Brooke Balash - *Junior Chorus, Mr. Carney* - Brooke is the type of student every teacher looks forward to. Kind, always on task, and always caring for others around her. Brooke is a great leader and has been an excellent addition to Junior Chorus.

Glenn Broadbent - *Science 8, Mr. Dougherty* - Glenn puts forth great effort in class. He is always willing to read aloud or add ideas to class discussions. He completes all assignments and prepares himself thoroughly for science assessments.

Glenn Broadbent - *Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Glenn puts forth an outstanding effort in all areas of the class. He neatly completes his work and does his best on everything. Glenn is an excellent role model to other students and a pleasure to have in class. ¡Fantástico trabajo!

Dylynn Casanova - *English 8, Mr. Rogowski* - Dylynn is an extremely responsible, intelligent, and hard-working student. She doesn't hesitate to answer and is always willing to lend a helping hand to her fellow classmates. Keep up the great work, Dylynn!

Cuyler Colony - *Health, Mr. Swiecki* - Cuyler produces incredible reflections in health class (weekly assignment that is a reflection of things learned that week). Her reflection has thought put into them and are easy/enjoyable to read. I like to think that this is indicative of interest in health class!

Grace Cutshaw - *ELA 10, Mrs. Downing* - Grace is extremely intelligent. She understands complex topics that others may struggle with, and she is always willing to share her ideas in class. She is a strong writer and aces all her tests and quizzes. I have been very impressed with her work ethic. Keep up the good work, Grace!

Katie Gorinshek - *Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus* - Katie is a fantastic student. She is motivated and takes her academics seriously. She welcomes challenges and always completes her work on time. She actively participates in class and has a great sense of humor. Katie is a polite young lady and a pleasure to have in class.

Teegan Harvey - *Senior Chorus, Mr. Carney* - Teegan shows excellent leadership and is always ready to learn. She is the type of student to always make others laugh and make the classroom environment fun and enjoyable.

Alizabeth Hull - *Global History & Geography I, Mr. Sarus* - Ali is cheerful and pleasant. She comes to class each day ready and willing to learn. She participates with enthusiasm. Her work is always completed and submitted in a timely manner. Her test and quiz scores are excellent. She's a fun and competitive student with a great sense of humor.

APRIL 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Lincoln King - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Lincoln has done a great job in social studies all year. He is very conscientious with his work, and puts forth great effort in developing his comprehension of the content. Lincoln has a very bright future ahead of him!

Olivia Leyko - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Olivia is an excellent student. She is enthusiastic about the material, and I am always impressed by the effort she puts into every assignment. She applies my feedback and I have seen great improvement in her writing skills. It has been a pleasure to have her in my class!

Izabella Mauldin - *ELA, Mrs. Santmier* - Izabella has been enjoying reading novels. She is ready to get to work, and is always willing to participate in class discussion. Great work Izabella!

Madeline McManus - *Math, Ms. Santmier* - Madeline loves math class and always comes in with a smile on her face. She works hard and participates in class discussion. Madeline is a joy to have in class!

Blake Reese - *AP/CN ELA 12: Lit & Comp, Ms. Blynt* - It's been a pleasure to teach Blake this school year! He has really grown as a writer and developed his ability to analyze college-level texts as a direct result of his efforts in this course. I can always count on Blake to contribute to class discussions and work to his potential.

Miranda Reinhardt - *Science 7, Mr. Dougherty* - Miranda is a terrific student to have in class. She is always on task, she regularly participates in class discussions and she puts forth great effort on assignments.

Mason Senatore - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Off to a great start for the 4th marking period. Keep up the good work!

Logan Staring - *English 9, Mr. Rogowski* - Logan is an extremely respectful student who has made great strides since the beginning of the school year. He is capable of achievement at the highest level when he concentrates and puts maximum effort into his work. Keep up the good work, Logan!



MAY 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Ryder Aldrich - *Science 7, Mr. Dougherty* - Ryder is a great student to have in class. He participates regularly, prepares well for all assessments and puts forth tremendous effort. Ryder takes school very seriously and it is much appreciated.

Ryder Aldrich - *Junior Chorus, Mr. Carney* - Ryder has worked very hard this school year and has come a long way in his vocal development. I am very proud of Ryder and his hard work!

Charlotte Allen - *Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Charlotte excels in all areas of the class. She is always well prepared and ready to do her very best. She demonstrates a great commitment to her learning of the language as she goes above and beyond on every assignment and participation in class. Charlotte is an outstanding role model student and a pleasure to have in class. ¡Excelente trabajo Charlotte! Keep it up.

Ashlaya Azzarito - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Ashlaya always tries her best and has received the most extra credit for the year. Best of luck in 8th grade next year.

Brooke Bevers - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Brooke always tries her best and has received the most extra credit for the year. Best of luck in 8th grade next year.

Caiden Brennan - *Global History & Geography I, Mr. Sarus* - Caiden has been a joy to have in class. Her participation is excellent. Her assignments are well done. She excels on tests and quizzes. Her astute personality and curiosity make class fun and interesting. Caiden values her academics and enjoys the little things in life. I look forward to having her in Global 10 next year.

Marissa Christiano - *Math 8, Mrs. Smith* - Marissa is a role model student. She is polite and respectful, comes to class ready and willing to learn each day, and excels in all she does. She has a sincere interest in learning and will always ask questions when she doesn't understand something. Her class participation is phenomenal! I truly enjoyed having Marissa in class this year and appreciate all of her hard work! Congratulations Marissa!

Grady Crocker - *Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Grady is a pleasure to have in class. He strives to do his very best in all tasks. He is always very well prepared and participates often. Grady is a great role model student. ¡Fantástico Grady Keep it up :)

Dominic DiFillippo - *Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus* - I'm very proud of the work Dom has done this year. He has really put in the work and shown great maturity throughout the school year. He participates in class, he's well mannered, and his work is always done. His test and quiz grades demonstrate that he has been studying more and taking his academics seriously. Dom is a pleasure to have in class.

MAY 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Kylie Dodge - *Science 8, Mr. Dougherty* - Kylie is a wonderful student. She has never missed an assignment, she is always on task and she participates regularly in class discussions. Keep up the good work Kylie!

Hallie Fehlhaber - *Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus* - Hallie is a very responsible and hard-working student. She puts forth a great deal of effort into her academics and it shows. Her assignments are very well prepared and always completed in a timely manner. She studies diligently for exams and has been excelling in Global History. She's always present and communicates effectively. Hallie has been a pleasure to have in class.

Paige Harodecki - *Science 8, Mr. Dougherty* - Paige has been a welcomed addition to our class this year. Paige regularly participates in class discussions, is always prepared, and puts forth great effort on a daily basis. Paige is a pleasure to have in class.

Ellie Hayes - *ELA 10, Mrs. Downing* - Ellie is a model student. She has a great work ethic and truly cares about learning and improving her skills. She goes above and beyond to make sure every assignment is completed thoroughly and thoughtfully. It has been great having her in my class!

Emma Lindsay - *Science, Mrs. Santmier* - Emma is a pleasure to have in science class. She enjoys learning about science and participates in class discussions. Emma walks in for science class ready to get right to work. She encourages her classmates to join in with her enthusiasm.

Emma Macrina - *English 11, Ms. Blynt* - Emma is a delight to teach! She's very conscientious and kind-hearted every day. Emma has done exceptionally well deciphering subtle text evidence clues in our current mystery novel and has been a great verbal participant in class discussions as a result. I have thoroughly enjoyed her this school year.

Isaac Maxwell - *Geometry, Mrs. Smith* - Isaac is an ideal student. He is polite and respectful, comes to class ready and willing to learn each and every day, and completes all assignments with exceptional accuracy. His knowledge of math/geometry is OUTSTANDING! It has been a true pleasure having him in class this year and watching him EXCEL. Congratulations Isaac!

Olivia Ray - *Senior Chorus, Mr. Carney* - Olivia is a driven and hardworking individual. She accepts nothing but excellence for herself and positively pushes others around her to succeed. She is a great leader to have in class.

Brayden Rath - *English 9, Mr. Rogowski* - Brayden is an energetic young man who is always willing to help his classmates. He consistently completes all assignments and usually does so with a smile. Keep up the good work, Brayden.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MAY 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Aaron Schuster - *Math 7, Ms. Hummel* - Aaron has been responsible for his duties, and has been working to get his grade back on track with great success! Keep up the good work!

Chandler Smith - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - It has been a true privilege to have had Chandler in class over the course of this school year. Chandler brings an upbeat and cheerful attitude to class on a regular basis. He has put a smile on my face many times this year with his witty one-liners. Thank you for being you, Chandler, and have a great summer!

Alexia Stofanek - *ELA 9, Mrs. Downing* - Lexi is an excellent student. She is always on top of her assignments and cares about improving her skills. She comes into class every day ready and eager to work. She has a great work ethic, and it has been a pleasure to have her in class this year!

Lily Williams - *English 8, Mr. Rogowski* - Lily consistently puts maximum effort into all of her work and assignments. She is also extremely respectful and is always willing to lend a helping hand to her fellow classmates. Keep up the great work, Lily!



LETTERS HOME

Brooke Balash, Isabella Schrader and Cameron Fitzsimmons attended the LETTERS HOME: CIVIL WAR STORIES OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH on March 25th at the Gateway Center in Herkimer.



FFA'S IMPACT ON OUR SCHOOL

West Canada Valley's FFA chapter has had a great impact on its school, such as educating other students and providing opportunities for its members to learn more about agriculture and everything it encompasses.

For the past five years, FFA has been "stampeding" classrooms with a life-size model horse, cow, and goat that are repainted every year by Mrs. Treen's animal science class.



For one week out of the school year, students buy tickets from FFA members and write the names of teachers they want to have surprised with the animals. Then, without the appointed teachers knowing, the animals are moved into their classroom. A new teacher is selected each day that week.

Most teachers enjoy and look forward to this event. "It brightens my day to have a bunch of farm animals in my room," says high school English teacher, Ms. Blynt. "I like that they're redone every year. It's educational," says high school Math teacher, Mrs. Goggin.



Other teachers have been taken off guard by the animals. New history teacher, Mr. Shearer, recalls his first time being stampeded. "All I see is this figure of a face in my room at 6:30 in the morning." He was so startled he says he punched the locker behind him. That face was none other than a fiberglass cow.

The elementary school looks forward to the stampede, too. "The elementary looks for the horse every time we move them," says Mrs. Treen, FFA advisor and agriculture teacher.

In addition to surprising students, FFA also educates elementary schools about agriculture. This year, FFA went to Poland Elementary school on Halloween to make pumpkin pie in a cup with their students.

They also went to our own elementary school to teach second graders about the life cycle of a strawberry plant.

Dustin Shannon-Dineen, treasurer of our FFA chapter, read *I love Strawberries* by Shannon Anderson to them. "Reading to the elementary students is always really fun because they are really good at listening and paying attention and answering questions," he says. "I feel like it has a great impact on younger kids because it introduces them to...leadership and FFA itself and agricultural stuff."

FFA'S IMPACT ON OUR SCHOOL CONTINUED

Dustin says being in FFA helps with leadership skills, working together as a team, and communicating with other people more. Through FFA, he has learned to be a kind and respectable person and a lot about life in general.

His “hands-down favorite” past FFA event is last year’s trip to Camp Oswegatchie, a camp in the Adirondacks just for FFA students. He says it was a lot of fun to hang out and goof off while still being respectful.

An event FFA students attended this year was the State Convention. FFA president, Evelyn Russett, says she attended different workshops to improve teamwork within our FFA chapter. “I learned we have to improve our commitment and communication,” she says.

Her favorite part was the fun night, where she and her fellow FFA members from all across the state danced and played games. She had a lot of fun at the sessions as well, where state FFA officers gave their retiring addresses and more dancing and games ensued.

Being president of our FFA chapter has taught Evelyn better planning, communication skills, and organization of everything and everyone.

FFA will continue to educate and inspire future generations for years to come.

Stella Brown

Class of 2025

FFA Member



FFA ADVISOR THOUGHTS

As the advisor, my favorite part about FFA is watching the students grow from shy middle schoolers, to confident young adults. Stella Brown is a talented young writer and FFA member since 2020. I've watched her develop into her own person, gaining confidence in herself and her abilities to become a leader in our chapter. I am very proud to share this article Stella wrote about West Canada Valley FFA's impact on its members.

Kiley Treen
Agriculture Educator
FFA Advisor



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

BAND PROGRAM EARNS TOP HONORS

This weekend the WCV Bands headed back to Sherburne to defend their 2023 Class Champion title. This year, the HS Wind Ensemble, MS Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Colorguard, and Drum Line competed at the 75 th Annual Sherburne Pageant of Bands on Saturday, June 1 st . Schools were placed in classes according to their high school's student population. Classes ranged from A (Medina Central School) all the way down to D (Laurens Central School). West Canada Valley was placed in Class B along with Bainbridge-Guilford, Dolgeville, Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville, Marathon, and Waterville.

The WCV Wind Ensemble (grades 9 – 12), under Mrs. Shane Bonney's direction, received first place honors in the high school Concert Band category. The Small Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney, received first place honors in their respective category. The Color Guard was awarded first place, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney. The WCV Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Scott Bonney took second place in their category, performing three pieces of literature. The WCV Drum Line, under the direction of Mr. Bonney, received second place honors in their category. The Marching Band took second place in the parade competition. This band, which is 105 members strong (grades 7-12), is under the direction of Mrs. Shane Bonney and was led this year by Drum Major Madelyn Allen. The Concert Band (grades 7 and 8), under the direction of Mr. Bonney, competed in the Middle School Class (an open class, regardless of school size) against nine other middle school bands, and took third place.

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 2024 Class B Champions. In the past seventeen years of attending the pageant (with a two year hiatus due to COVID in 2020 and 2021), the band program has been named Class Champions ten other times at the Sherburne Pageant of Bands (2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2022, 2023) – a feat that very few programs ever attain.

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 out of all the competing bands. 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!

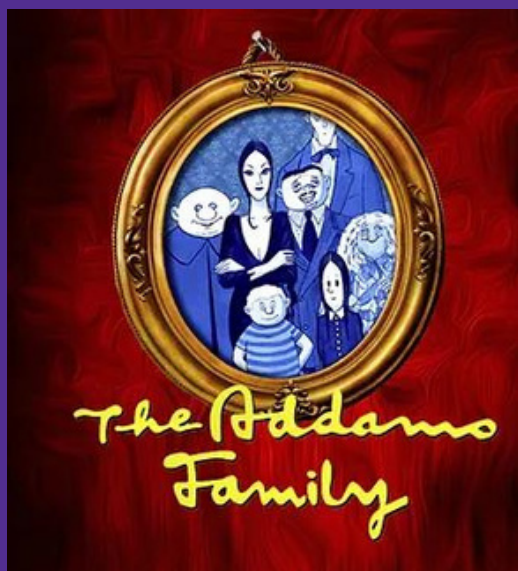


MUSIC DEPARTMENT

NYSSMA SOLO FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS

Many of our students participated in Level 1-4 NYSSMA Solo Festival on May 12 and 13 at Central Valley. Each student prepared a solo and scales (instrumental) to be adjudicated. Students who performed a vocal solo include: Julius Grower, Glenn Broadbent, Nathan Ruppert, Paige Morgan, Athena Franklin, Olivia Ray, Matthew Lape, William Muthig, Olivia Broadbent, Grayce Harvey, Brooke Balash, Lily Williams, Amelia Lekki, Teegan Harvey, Alizabeth Hull, Julia Hayes, Isabella Schrader, Cameron FitzSimons, and Dylenn Casanova. Those who performed an instrumental solo include – William Muthig, Olivia Ray, Grayce Harvey, Olivia Broadbent, Dominic Lekki, Teegan Harvey, Charlotte Allen, Paige Morgan, Amelia Lekki, Olivia Bell, Glenn Broadbent, Isabella Schrader, and Lily Williams.

Congratulations to all of these students on their hard work, dedication, and for doing a fabulous job!



WCV 2024 MUSICAL PRODUCTION

November
8th & 9th
2024

WCV Auditorium

7:00 PM

ALL-COUNTY II



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

2024 HONORS NIGHT

The 2024 WCV annual Honors Night, along with the Junior and Senior National Honor Society Inductions, will be held Tuesday, June 25, at 5:00pm in the auditorium. Invitees will be notified by letter.

CLASS OF 2024 HIGH HONOR GRADUATES

Andre Arsenault
Jenna Beam
Hanna Burdick
Sean Burdick

Louis Clarke
Kadrie Farber
Ava Fellows
Margaret Jones

Camerohn Ludwig
Blake Reese
Gabriella Schrader
Emma Soron

CLASS OF 2024 HONOR GRADUATES

Joshua Conover
Iain Farber
Payton Jackson

Christian Lopez
Paige Lowell
Sarah Maine

Nadia Paul
Evelyn Russett
Alison Valenti

JUNE 2024 REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE

All exams are administered at WCV

Date	8:00am (arrive by 7:45am)	12:00pm (arrive by 11:45am)
Tuesday, June 4	Algebra I (regular school day)	No afternoon exam
Friday, June 14	ELA	Living Environment
Monday, June 17	No Exams - Rating Day	
Tuesday, June 18	US History	Global History
Wednesday, June 19	Juneteenth Observed - No Exams - No Students - No Faculty	
Thursday, June 20	Earth Science	Chemistry
Friday, June 21	Geometry	Spanish III and ASL III Checkpoint B
Monday, June 24	Algebra II	Spanish I Checkpoint A
Tuesday, June 25	Physics	No afternoon exam

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

CLASS OF 2024 ACCEPTANCES

Hanna Burdick	Elmira College SUNY Brockport College Utica University	St John Fisher University SUNY Poly	Hartwick College SUNY Canton
Sean Burdick	SUNY Oneonta SUNY Brockport UCONN	SUNY Poly Utica University	SUNY Cortland SUNY Buffalo
Margaret Jones	Boston University Eckerd College RIT Simmons University	St. Lawrence University St. Mary's College of Maryland SUNY Stony Brook	University of Maine University of New England University of New Haven
Kadrie Farber	Mohawk Valley Community College SUNY Poly Le Moyne College	St. John Fisher University Keuka College St. Bonaventure	St. Lawrence University Keiser University St. Thomas University
Paige Lowell	Fulton Montgomery Community College Hartwick College	Le Moyne College Mohawk Valley Community College	Nazareth University Siena College SUNY Delhi
Camerohn Ludwig	Alfred State College Gallaudet University Hartwick University	SUNY Brockport SUNY Cortland SUNY Oneonta	SUNY Potsdam Utica University Vermont State University
Alexa McManus	Rochester Institute of Technology		
Gabriella Schrader	Nazareth University LeMoyne College Russell Sage	SUNY Cortland SUNY Brockport	SUNY Buffalo SUNY Morrisville
Nicholas Smith	Lineman Institute of the North East		
Emma Soron	Keuka College Niagara University	SUNY Cortland SUNY Fredonia	SUNY Oneonta SUNY Plattsburgh
Alison Valenti	Alfred University Buffalo State Hartwick College LeMoyne College Nazareth University	New York Institute of Technology Russell Sage College Siena College	South Carolina State University St. John Fisher University SUNY Cortland SUNY Oneonta

2024 HFHO Regional Summer School

2024 Regional Summer School Information		
Location	Dates	Times
Jarvis Middle School 28 Grove St., Mohawk 315-867-2909	July 8 - August 15 (Monday - Thursday only) Must not miss more than 2 days	Session 1: 7:35am - 9:28am Session 2: 9:33am - 11:26am

Regional Summer School Course Offerings				
Middle School	High School			
Middle Level Academy 7 Middle Level Academy 8 (All 4 core subjects are taught in Middle Level Academy)	ELA 9 ELA 10 ELA 11 ELA 12	Global Studies I Global Studies II US History Government* Economics*	Living Environment Earth Science Basic Algebra Algebra I Geometry	Physical Education Health Spanish I Virtual Learning Courses

*Course may be taken for credit accrual with perfect attendance

Regents Review Classes		
Location	Dates	Times
Jarvis Middle School 28 Grove St., Mohawk	July 29 - August 15 (Monday - Thursday only)	11:45am - 1:15pm

Regents Exam Schedule All exams are administered at Jarvis			
Monday, August 19		Tuesday, August 20	
8:30am	12:30pm	8:30am	12:30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I CC ELA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global History Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History Earth Science Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geometry Living Environment
Uniform Admissions Deadlines: 9:15am (Morning exams) ■ 1:15pm (Afternoon exams)			

Summer School Registration Registration will be completed via online form - more information will follow	
Registration Opens	Registration Closes
Friday, June 21	Friday, June 28

WCV Bus Transportation		
Location	Bus Pick Up	Bus Drop Off
Norway Town Park	6:35am	12:20pm
Newport Playground	6:45am	12:08pm
Middleville Fire Station	6:53am	12:00pm
Schuyler Town Park	7:05am	11:45am

ANOTHER “SAFE & 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 the students that are transported every school day in a “safe and sound” manner using a fleet of 21 buses that travel close to 300,000 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. Thank them for the great job they do.

The community support every year for the bus purchases, this 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, they 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 Eric Morse, 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
West Canada Valley Central School
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Phone: 315-845-6800 EXT 3401

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

End of the Year Medication Pickup: Please contact the Nurses' office to make arrangements to pick up any unused medication by the end of the school year. Any medications not picked up by June 25th , 2024 will be discarded.

Physical Examinations: New York State Law requires a physical examination for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade. Physicals are acceptable that have been performed no longer than 12 months prior to September 4th, 2024.

Sports: Any student that plans to play a school sport must have an up to date physical on file with the health office. Please keep in mind that if a student's physical was valid for one sports season it may not be valid for the next sports season. Physicals will be offered at school over the summer. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates which will be posted on ParentSquare.

Immunizations: New York State mandates students entering the grades listed below are required to have the following vaccines. These vaccines are required to be completed prior to the start of school in September unless otherwise noted.

Entering Grade 6: Tdap vaccine. This vaccine is required at age 11. If your child does not turn 11 until after September 4th, 2024 you will need to provide a doctor's note with the appointment date that they are scheduled to receive this vaccine.

Entering Grade 7: Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine.

Entering Grade 12: 2nd dose of the Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine unless the 1st dose was given at age 16 or older. The 2nd dose of the vaccine is to be given at age 16. If your child does not turn 16 until after September 4th, 2024 you will need to provide a doctor's note with the appointment date that they are scheduled to receive this vaccine.

If for any reason you are unable to make an appointment with your child's primary care doctor Herkimer County Public Health offers immunization clinics. All clinics are by appointment only call 315-867-1176 to schedule an appointment. Clinic dates and times are listed below.

Tuesdays:

9:00 am – 11:00 am

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The following Mondays:

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

June 24th , August 5th , August 19th

We hope everyone has a great summer!

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CAFETERIA CORNER

Well folks, here we are at the finish line for this school year! How time goes by so quickly!

West Canada Valley will continue to offer “Free of Charge” Breakfast and Lunch for all students again next school year.

I encourage you to have your children take advantage of this great benefit.

Over the summer months, there are places for your children to obtain free meals also. See the following for details:

Hunger Free America operates the National Hunger Hotline on behalf of USDA. The hotline is a resource for individuals and families seeking information on how to obtain food. The National Hunger Hotline staff connects callers with emergency food providers in their community, government assistance programs, and various social services.

During the summer months, the hotline also serves as a vital resource connecting children 18 years old and under at approved sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. To find a summer meals site near you: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>.

The hotline can be reached at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish), Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET.

The Child Nutrition staff would like to thank all of you for your support this year. We wish you all a safe summer vacation and look forward to seeing the student in September.

Shelby Butler, Food Service Director

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

On May 16th Senior National Honor Society students spent the day volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House of Albany. The Ronald McDonald House is actually three large Victorian homes connected, offering 25 bedrooms to families in need.

Students performed various household tasks cleaning and organizing in different areas of the house. The RMH staff and families greatly appreciated their time and effort. They also appreciated the many pull tabs donated by the WCV community. Each year the Ronald McDonald House earns about \$3,000 by recycling aluminum pull tabs.



**Summer Fun and
Summer Meals!**

**Kids and
Teens Eat
Free!**



Kids ages 18 and under can get free, healthy meals this summer at places nearby. No sign up needed—just drop by when meals are served!

Find Summer Meals:



Text “Food” to 304-304
Visit SummerMealsNY.org
Call 211 or 311 (in NYC)
or 1-866-3-HUNGRY



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ATHLETICS NEWS

NIGHTHAWKS BOWLING

Our very own Carmen Youngs is the 2024 Division II New York State Champion. Congratulations!



CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FOR GIRLS TRACK TEAM

The Lady Nighthawks Track Team won their fifth consecutive CSC Section III Championship title on May 15, 2024. Congratulations to the entire team and the coaches too!



DISTRICT NEWS

BEST WISHES TO OUR RETIREES!



**LISA
ACKLEY**
Custodian
30.5 Years of Service



**SUSAN
KUBICA**
Elementary
Music Teacher
26 Years of Service



**CHRISTINE
WIATR**
Elementary Teacher
37 Years of Service



**MARY LOU
FLANSBURG**
Senior Account/ Payroll Clerk
8 Years of Service



**KAREN
SHEETS**
Superintendent's
Secretary/District Clerk
23 Years of Service

TENURE APPOINTMENTS

Two of our staff members received tenure this school year: Jennifer Karram in the area of Teaching Assistant, and Sarah Mayville in the area of Secondary Science. Thank you for displaying commitment and dedication to our West Canada Valley students! From left to right: Jennifer Karram, Jeremy Siddon & Sarah Mayville.





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Calendar

June 14th-25th
-Regents Exams

June 24th
-6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
-Universal Pre-K Graduation
-Athletic Banquet

June 25th
-HS Graduation Rehearsal
-Honors Ceremony

June 29th
-Graduation



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