



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB. 7 | REV THEATRE: KINDERGARTEN

FEB. 10 | VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

FEB. 12 - FEB. 16
KINDNESS WEEK

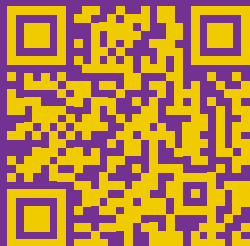
FEB. 13 | BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG.
(6:00 P.M.)

FEB. 14 | 100 DAY CELEBRATION

FEB. 19 | PRESIDENTS' DAY
NO SCHOOL

FEB. 18 - FEB. 23
MID-WINTER BREAK

SCAN TO VIEW
EVENT CALENDAR



UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO EXPLORATION

On January 6, the JV Girls and Varsity Boys basketball teams traveled to UB to explore the campus and cheer on the Buffalo Bulls Mens Basketball Team as they played Western Michigan. Our post-game meal took place at Chef's Restaurant.



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY DR. TAWEEPON FARRAR

At this time of year, the district starts planning the budget for the 2024-2025 school year. Our district, and many other school districts across New York State, is facing a Foundation Aid reduction under Governor Hochul's executive budget proposal. Foundation Aid is the primary source of state funding for public schools. Fourteen school districts in Erie and Niagara counties would receive less money in Foundation Aid under Governor Hochul's executive budget proposal. Twelve school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties would also receive a reduction in Foundation Aid. Statewide, Governor Hochul is proposing cuts of over \$400 million to Foundation Aid.

While some districts are getting an increase, there should be no school district in New York State that receives less funding. We should be investing in our public schools and our students so they can achieve their goals and prepare for their post-secondary paths. The Regents State Aid proposal released this month recommends maintaining full Foundation Aid and includes a hold harmless provision to ensure that no district would see a decrease in Foundation Aid. It also updates the formula so that the Foundation Aid numbers reflect the reality facing districts. Students from our rural communities and high need districts seem to be getting hit the hardest under the Governor's proposal. Our students deserve the same opportunity as all other students across New York State.

As an administrative team and Board of Education, we will begin developing plans for a possible reduction in aid while advocating heavily to restore full funding to Foundation Aid. Our hope is that the Legislature will maintain full Foundation Aid for every district. We will continue to monitor the situation as budget projections will continue to fluctuate over the next few months.

Regardless of the potential budget situation for 2024-25, we remain committed to our mission more than ever and seek to provide a life-changing education to our students each and every day.



THE GLASS IS HALF-FULL

BY MR. AMODEO, PRINCIPAL/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

February is the beginning of the second semester. Many, especially students, may look at the start of the second semester and exclaim the school year is half over. I would like to say that we have a half year left. That is, we have half a year left to learn, improve our academics, strengthen peer relationships, and half a year left to accomplish our goals.

While February is a short month due to the mid-winter break, we have much going on in the district. We are nearing the end of our winter sports season and are looking forward to postseason opportunities for our athletic teams. Ski Club will continue to run through February as long as the hills still have snow on them. First grade students will be working on their 100-day projects to be presented on the 100th day of school in February. Our Student Support Center, in collaboration with our Student Council, will be sponsoring a Kindness Week during the week of February 12th with many activities planned for students and staff. Finally, we will be sending four 7th grade students to a leadership conference on February 29th at the Dresser Rand Challenger Center. These students will be nominated based on their demonstrated leadership potential.

There is much to be proud of. I would like to acknowledge our students and staff for their efforts throughout the first semester. We have had a successful half of the school year overcoming adversity and persevering towards success. However, the glass is half full of opportunities to still be had. The second half gives us the opportunity to build on the successes of the first, adjust, and continue to work towards meeting our goals.



FEEDMORE WNY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

If any family wishes to participate in our **Weekend Backpack Program**, please contact Mr. LaBrake anytime during the school year. The goal of the Weekend Backpack Program is to provide nutritious and easy-to-prepare meals for children to take home on weekends. This program is provided to you **completely free of charge!**

Each week your child will be provided with a bag of nutritious, non-perishable food to be eaten over the weekend. The food will be placed in your child's backpack at the end of the school day, and it is intended to be opened once your child is home. The program will continue throughout the 2023-24 school year. Participation in the Weekend Backpack Program **will not affect your family's eligibility for other food assistance programs (such as SNAP, WIC, or food pantry access).**



To enroll your child/children in the program, contact Mr. LaBrake. Please call with any questions at 716-942-3100 extension 4148 or send an email to mlabrake@wvalley.org.

#WEAREWESTVALLEY



West Valley Central School 2024-2025 Budget Development Calendar

January 23, 2024	Budget Development Calendar presented to Board of Education for adoption.
January/February, 2024	Development of Building and Department level budgets.
February 13, 2024	6:00 p.m. - Meeting of the BOE to include Budget Discussion
March 1, 2024	Property Tax Cap Submission due to the NYS Comptroller's Office
March 19, 2024	6:00 p.m. - Meeting of the BOE to include Budget Discussion
April 5, 2024	1st Publication of Legal Notice for Budget Hearing, Vote, & Election (Subsequent publications on April 19 th , May 3 rd , and May 17 th)
April 16, 2024	6:00 p.m. - Meeting of the BOE. Review of recommended budget. Budget Adoption, Property Tax Report Card, & Adoption of the BOCES Administrative Budget.
April 17, 2024	Submission of Property Tax Report Card to SED (by the end of the business day following budget adoption and not later than April 29, 2024). Submission of Property Tax Report Card to local newspaper.
April 22, 2024	Board Candidate Petitions due to the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m.
May 7 - May 21, 2024	Copies of the budget must be available to the residents upon request.
May 7, 2024	Voter Registration Day 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., District Office
May 14, 2024	Annual Budget Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. BOE meeting following hearing.
May 15, 2024	Budget Notice mailed to district residents.
May 21, 2024	Annual Budget vote and Board of Education Election from 12:00 - 9:00 p.m. BOE Meeting 9:00 p.m.

4TH GRADE MATH MINUTE

Fourth graders in Miss Kaz's room took a break from their math modules to review what they have learned with some fun math games. Games throughout January included Fraction Dominoes, Fraction War, Zoom, and multiplication puzzles. They did a great job!



FREE COMMUNITY

CLOTHES CLOSET

St. John the Baptist Church
Location: behind the church in Bingham Hall
Wednesday from 1-4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

Besides clothing and shoes, we accept bedding, kitchen and household items, and books for Cattaraugus County residents. Donations of gently worn undamaged, clean, and seasonal items are welcome. Upon request, can fulfill a need of furniture items.

For questions or to make an appointment, please call Jacque Conrad at 716-942-3836.



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Location: Ashford Town Barn, Fox Valley Rd. Open by appointment only.

If you are need of food, please call Kris Aldrow at 716-942-6690 or Amy Frank at 716-942-6657 to set up a time/day.

Most orders will be filled on normal food bank days: the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (1-4:00 p.m.)

If you need emergency food please call and we will arrange a pickup or delivery time.

If WVCS is closed for weather the food pantry will also be closed.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned fruit
Soup
Side Rice

Noodle dishes
Spaghetti sauce
Salad dressing

Paper towels
Toilet paper

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TREASURER

We'd like to welcome **Kathie Solly, our new Treasurer, to WVCS.**



Prior to coming to West Valley, I served at Roswell Park for 18 years. More recently I served for 2 years as a Sr. Accounts Payable Clerk and was also asked to take over and improve the Continuing Education Program for the school district. When I did, I relied on my experience in recruiting and relationship building to take the program from 25 classes to 70 class opportunities adding classes in cooking, baking, candy making, CPR certification, Red Cross Babysitting Certification, as well as a class to educate and help reduce the cost of your car insurance among many other opportunities. The response from the community was overwhelming.

What I am looking forward to in my new role?

I am looking forward to working in the Business Office and being of service to the staff of the West Valley School District. I take the position of Treasurer very seriously understanding that it is my role to safeguard the District's finances and assist in financial planning and budgeting.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LABORER

Jacob Campbell joins our Buildings & Grounds Department as a part-time Laborer, currently working the morning shift. Jake will also be assisting the Cleaning Department on an as needed basis. **Welcome Jake—we are happy to have you as part of our team!**



Sport Schedules

BOYS MODIFIED BASKETBALL

Date/Time		Opponent
2/3/24, 11:00 AM	@	OLEAN
2/7/24, 5:00 PM	@	FRANKLINVILLE
2/9/24, 5:00 PM	@	ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE
2/13/24, 5:00 PM	VS	SALAMANCA
2/15/24, 5:00 PM	VS	PORTVILLE

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date/Time		Opponent
2/6/24, 6:00 PM	VS	FRANKLINVILLE
2/9/24, 5:00 PM	VS	CATT LV
2/15/24, 5:00 PM	@	CATT LV

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Date/Time		Opponent
2/2/24, 6:00 PM	VS	PINE VALLEY
2/7/24, 6:30 PM	@	FRANKLINVILLE
2/9/24, 6:00 PM	@	ELLCOTTVILLE

Dates and times are subject to change. Scan the QR Code below for the most up to date schedules:



West Valley Central School

SPORTSMANSHIP CREED




At West Valley,
Sportsmanship is an Expectation!

LET THE PLAYERS PLAY
LET THE COACHES COACH
LET THE OFFICIALS OFFICIATE
AND MAY THE SPECTATORS ALWAYS BE POSITIVE

SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UPS

SIGN-UPS FOR SPRING SPORTS WILL GO LIVE ON FEBRUARY 12 VIA FINAL FORMS. THE SPRING SPORTS BEING OFFERED INCLUDE VARSITY SOFTBALL AND VARSITY TRACK & FIELD.

Save the Date!

Winter Sports Awards Night:
March 5 at 6:30 p.m.



#WeAreWestValley

WEST VALLEY MENUS

FEBRUARY 2024 - GRADES PREK-12 - BREAKFAST MENU				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			French Toast Sticks W/ Syrup ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk -8oz	Breakfast Wrap ----- 100% fruit Juice ½ Cup Or Prepared Fruit ½ Cup Milk -8oz
Muffin W/ 4oz Yogurt ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or prepared Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz	Cherry Frudel ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8 oz	Cinni Mini ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk -8oz	Bagel W/ Assorted Toppings ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or prepared Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz	Chocolate Pop Tart ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or prepared Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz
Muffin W/ 4oz Yogurt ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz	Apple Frudel ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz	Valentine Donut ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk -8oz	Croissant Breakfast Sandwich W/ Hashbrown ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup, Milk -8oz	Pancake W/ Syrup ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk -8oz
President's Day No School	Mid-Winter Break No School	Mid-Winter Break No School	Mid-Winter Break No School	Mid-Winter Break No School
Chocolate Pop Tart ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz	Bagel W/ Assorted Toppings ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz	Breakfast Pizza ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz	Cinnamon Donut ----- 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz	

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGES

REMEMBER, if you are approved for free Lunch, you are automatically approved for Breakfast!
If your child has a food allergy, please notify us at 716-257-3483, ext. 5950.

FEBRUARY 2024 - GRADES K-6 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Assorted Pizza Ham Sandwich ----- Baked Beans ¾ Cup Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 1	Sloppy Joe On A Bun Buffalo Chic. Wrap ----- Sweet Potatoes ¾ Fresh Fruit 1 piece Milk-8oz 2
Barbeque Chicken Strips Turkey Sandwich ----- Baked Beans ¾ Cup Fresh Fruit -1 piece Milk-8oz 5	Frozen Yogurt Day Hot Dog on A WG Bun, Egg Salad Sandwich ----- French Fries ¾ Cup Fruit ½ Cup, Milk -8oz 6	Meat Lovers Pizza Chicken Salad Wrap ----- Steamed Broccoli ¾ Cup NYS Apple-1Piece Milk-8oz 7	Taco W/ Lettuce,Cheese, Tomato Ham Sandwich ----- Green Beans ¾ Cup Fruit ½ Cup, Milk-8oz 8	Cheese Sticks W/ Sauce Turkey Sandwich ----- Baby Carrots ¾ Cup Fresh Fruit 1 piece Milk-8oz 9
Popcorn Chicken Chicken salad Wrap ----- Maple Glazed Carrots ¾ Cup Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 12	Taco In A Bag Ham Sandwich ----- Black Bean Salad ¾ Cup NYS Apple -1 Piece Milk-8oz 13	Cheese Pizza Tuna Wrap ----- Green Beans ¾ Cup Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 14	Chicken Patty On A Bun, Turkey Sandwich ----- NYS Baked Potatoes ¾ Cup Fresh Fruit -1 Piece Milk -8oz 15	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Egg Salad Sandwich ----- Steamed Broccoli ¾ Cup Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 16
President's Day No School 19	Mid-Winter Break No School 20	Mid-Winter Break No School 21	Mid-Winter Break No School 22	Mid-Winter Break No School 23
Hot Dog W/ meat Sauce & Cheese, Ham Sandwich ----- Broccoli ½C, Baked beans ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 26	Nacho Grande Turkey Wrap ----- Green Beans ¾ Cup Fresh Fruit- 1 Piece Milk-8oz 27	Rotini W/ Alfredo & Chicken Buffalo Chicken Wrap ----- Carrots ¾ Cup Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 28	Hamburger Or Cheeseburger On A Bun, Ham Sandwich ----- NYS Roasted Potatoes ¾ Cup NYS Apple-1Piece Milk-8oz 29	

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FEBRUARY 2024 - GRADES 7-12 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Assorted Pizza, Ham Sandwich ----- Baked Beans ¾ Cup Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 1	Sloppy Joe On A Bun Buffalo Chic. Wrap ----- Sweet Potatoes ¾ Fresh Fruit 1 piece, Milk-8oz 2
Barbeque Chicken Strips Turkey Sandwich ----- Baked Beans ¾ Cup Fresh Fruit -1 piece, Milk-8oz 5	Frozen Yogurt Day, Hot Dog on A WG Bun, Egg Salad Sandwich ----- French Fries ¾C, Fruit ½ Cup Milk -8oz 6	Meat Lovers Pizza Chicken Salad Wrap ----- Steamed Broccoli ¾ Cup NYS Apple-1Piece, Milk-8oz 7	10 "Taco W/ Lettuce,Cheese Tomato, Ham Sandwich ----- Green Beans ¾ Cup, Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 8	Cheese Sticks W/ Sauce, Turkey Sandwich ----- Baby Carrots ¾ Cup, Fresh Fruit 1 piece, Milk-8oz 9
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ART CORNER

Welcome to Winter! Students have been creating many exciting winter projects. Our elementary students have been painting snowmen on blue paper and learning about Picasso's style of art called Cubism. They created snowmen with a square style. Another fun project the younger students did was crayon resist with watercolor. The older students worked on a drawing project using colored pencil. This was called Winter Windows.

The 7th graders learned about the artist Keith Haring and his style. They created a winter scene with figures in action. The high school Drawing and Painting class learned how to paint with watercolor and salt to create backlighting with birch trees—they turned out amazing!



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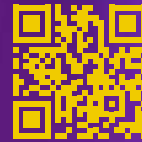
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