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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY DR. TAWEEPON FARRAR

As I sit down to write my last article for you, my heart is filled with a mixture of gratitude, pride, and a touch of sadness. Serving as your superintendent has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional life, and it is with a heavy heart that I depart from West Valley Central School District.

Over the past four years, I have had the privilege of working alongside dedicated board members, committed educators, supportive parents, and inspiring students. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and made lasting memories. Our shared commitment to excellence in education has been the cornerstone of our journey, and I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished.

I am deeply grateful to the teachers and staff who have shown tremendous dedication to our students' success. Your passion, innovation, and resilience have been the driving force behind our achievements. To the parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and for being active partners in their learning journey. Your support and involvement have been invaluable.

To the students, you are the heart of this community. Watching you grow, learn, and thrive has been the greatest joy of my tenure. Your curiosity, creativity, and determination inspire me every day. I have no doubt that you will continue to achieve great things and make a positive impact on the world.

While I am excited about the new opportunities that await me, I will always cherish the time I spent here at West Valley. This community will forever hold a special place in my heart. I am confident that the district will continue to flourish under new leadership, and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful accomplishments that lie ahead.

Thank you for the incredible journey and for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful community. It has been an honor to serve as your superintendent.

With heartfelt appreciation and best wishes,

Fair winds and following seas.

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SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VOLLEYBALL CAMP AT FRANKLINVILLE (GR. 7-12)
JULY 15-18 | 3:30 - 6:30 P.M.

ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL CAMP
JULY 22, 24, 29, 31 | 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP AT WEST VALLEY (GR. 7-12)
JULY 15-18 | 3:30 - 6:30 P.M.

BASKETBALL CAMP AT WEST VALLEY
JULY 23, 25, 30, AUGUST 1
11:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK CAMP AT WEST VALLEY
JULY 11, 18, 25, AUGUST 1, 8
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

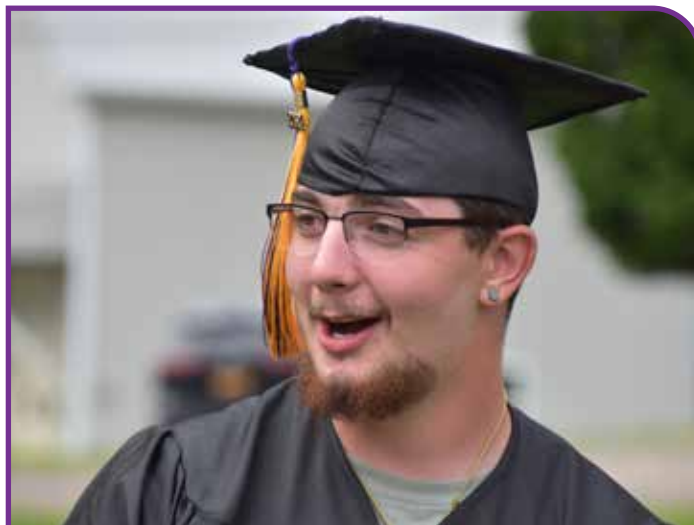
SUMMER ENRICHMENT
JULY 8 - AUGUST 8 | MONDAY - THURSDAY

SCAN TO VIEW
EVENT CALENDAR



Summer Vibes







*Valedictorian
Nick Peters, Jr.*

Nick Peters, the son of Craig and Amanda Lawrence, has been named valedictorian of the West Valley Central School class of 2024.

Nick has excelled academically, taking multiple college courses in biology, US history, Spanish, chemistry, and algebra during high school. He also attended BOCES for Autobody and Collision Repair.

An active member of the National Honor Society, Nick also participated in SADD and dedicated significant time to the WVCS track & field and cross country teams. This past year, he was part of four record-breaking relays: the steeplechase relay (3200m), sprint medley relay (800m), distance medley relay (4000m), and co-ed relay (400m). Additionally, Nick enjoyed bowling and being a member of the ski club.

This fall, Nick will attend Alfred State College to pursue Autobody and Collision Repair, aiming to one day own his own collision shop.



*Salutatorian
RyAnn Turner*

RyAnn Turner, the daughter of Megan Turner and Tyler Tingué, has been named salutatorian.

RyAnn has actively participated in SADD, Student Council, GSA, Yearbook, Prom Committee, and Art Club. She also played on the WVCS softball and bowling teams.

RyAnn has volunteered at the Pines with Art Club and helped with sports by taking pictures and providing support. RyAnn also served as class vice president during her junior year. She is earning an Advanced Regents Diploma Designation for her studies.

After graduation, she plans to attend Regis University in Denver, Colorado, to major in Psychology and Business, with minors in Writing and Art.



Aiden Benz



Ronni DuFrane



Wyatt Jackson



Jordan Manaher



Nick Peters, Jr.



Jadon Schoefflin



Emma Smith



Mara Swan Campanella



Nadia Tucker



RyAnn Turner

AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Valedictorian.....	Nick Peters
Salutatorian.....	RyAnn Turner
Academic Excellence	Nick Peters / RyAnn Turner
Bette Aldrow Medical Award.....	Ronni DuFrane
Alfred State College Pioneer Leaders Award	Jack Tharnish
Irwin Ahrens Memorial.....	Emma Smith
Alumni Association Award	Nick Peters
AU Scholar Award.....	Magdalena Parish
Business First Comm. All Star.....	Nick Peters / Mara Swan
CANY Scholastic Recognition.....	Jack Tharnish
CCB Academic Scholarship.....	Mara Swan
Clarkson University Leadership & Achievement Award	Magdalena Parish / Isabella Gibson
Community Service Award.....	Emma Smith
Doug Ford Memorial.....	Nick Peters
English	Nick Peters
God and Country.....	RyAnn Turner
Theron Hotaling Memorial.....	Nadia Tucker
JCC College Connections Student	Magdalena Parish
Keuka College George H. Ball Award.....	Magdalena Parish / Jack Tharnish / Maddie Winsor / Walker Herbert / Isabella Gibson
Barb Nagel Memorial.....	Ronni DuFrane
NHS Outstanding Member	Magdalena Parish
NHS Distinguished Service	Nick Peters
Outstanding Vo-Tech Student.....	Nick Peters
Penn York Excellence in Chem.....	Maddie Winsor
Rensselaer Medal.....	Magdalena Parish
RIT Art & Design.....	Isabella Gibson
RIT Women In STEM.....	Magdalena Parish
RIT Science & Math Award.....	Jack Tharnish
Russell Sage College Award	Isabella Gibson / Maddie Winsor / Jack Tharnish / Walker Herbert / Magdalena Parish
Pete Scherer Memorial.....	Jadon Schoepflin
Anna Schroeder Memorial.....	Emma Smith
Anna Schroeder Memorial Servant Leadership Award	Delia Shoup
John Phillip Sousa.....	Jordan Manaher
St. Bonaventure Bonnie Award	Isabella Gibson / Maddie Winsor / Jack Tharnish / Hailey Robbins / Magdalena Parish
State of NY Comptroller	Nick Peters / Mara Swan
Supt. Award for Attendance	Emma Smith
Triple C Awards.....	RyAnn Turner / Nicholas Peters
U of R Bausch & Lomb Science	Magdalena Parish
U of R Fred Douglas/Susan B. Anthony.....	Maddie Winsor
U of R George Eastman Young Leader	Jack Tharnish
U of R Handler Scholarship	Nick Peters
U of R Xerox Award for Innovation	Isabella Gibson
US Air Force Math & Science Award.....	Nick Peters / RyAnn Turner
US Air Force Scholar/Athlete Award	Jack Tharnish / Magdalena Parish
Wells College 21st Century Leadership.....	Magdalena Parish / Isabella Gibson
Liz Wiley Memorial	Emma Smith
Keith Young Memorial	Nick Peters
Leo Bernhoft Memorial.....	Nick Peters
Janda Lee Hunt Memorial	Mara Swan
Jack Nuthall Memorial	Mara Swan
Delmont K. Pfeffer Memorial.....	Nick Peters
Gilbert Snyder Memorial	Jordan Manaher
WVTA Scholarships.....	Emma Smith
CH2MHill WXT West Valley, LLC Science.....	Ronni DuFrane / Nadia Tucker



CLASS OF 2024 POST SECONDARY PLANS

Aiden Benz	Enter the Workforce
Ronni DuFrane	Attend University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Major: Exercise Science
Wyatt Jackson	Enter the Workforce
Jordan Manaher	Attend Canisius University Major: Animal Behavior, Ecology and Conservation
Nick Peters, Jr.	Attend Alfred State College Major: Autobody Repair
Jadon Schoepflin	Enter the Workforce
Emma Smith	Undecided
Mara Swan Campanella	Attend Erie Community College Major: General Studies
Nadia Tucker	Entering the Workforce
RyAnn Turner	Attend Regis University in Denver, CO Major: Psychology/Business

PRE-K GRADUATION

Thirteen students graduated from our Pre-K class on Tuesday, June 25. Congratulations to the future WVCS Class of 2037! Watch a re-cap of the graduation ceremony by scanning the QR code below.



Collecting Can Tabs

To benefit Ronald McDonald
House Charities

Please send to WVCS
Attention: Mrs. Ford



4TH QUARTER HONOR/MERIT ROLL

West Valley Central School Principal, Mr. Amodeo, announced the following students in grades 7-12 have been named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter.

High Honor Roll

- Grade 7 – *Finley Ford-Grover, Delia Shoup*
- Grade 8 – *Alayna Kinney*
- Grade 9 – *Samantha Fisher, Noah Klahn*
- Grade 11 – *Magdalena Parish*

Honor Roll

- Grade 7 – *Madison Lawrence, Julienna Robbins, Abigail Tucker*
- Grade 9 – *Isabella Mitchell*
- Grade 10 – *Payton Ehnes, Olivia Harmony, Annabelle Proseus, Liliana Toms, Lorna Voit*
- Grade 11 – *Isabella Gibson, Victoria Parish, Emily Quinn, Hailey Robbins, Jack Tharnish*
- Grade 12 – *Nicholas Peters, RyAnn Turner*

Merit Roll

- Grade 7 – *Ryan Bartz, Archer Clarkson, Ryley Foster, Caleb Heineman, Matthew Ignatowski, Trynty Osborne*
- Grade 8 – *Jersie Czapl, Sebastian Froland, Karly Otto*
- Grade 9 – *Scarlett Clarkson, Calvin Keller, Ezra Tingle, Kara Troutman, Elizabeth Winsor*
- Grade 10 – *Karson Heitman, Abbigail Pinkowski*
- Grade 11 – *Walker Herbert, Justis Kapp, Joshua Kowalski, Slater Smith, Natalie Stanier, Madelynn Winsor*
- Grade 12 – *Aiden Benz, Ronni DuFrane, Wyatt Jackson, Jadon Schoepflin, Mara Swan*

WAX MUSEUM

Ms. Westfall's third-grade students presented a "Wax Museum" for families on Tuesday, June 18 in the evening. The event took place on the school's front sidewalk, making it a family friendly event, enjoyed by all.

For the project, students selected and learned about famous people they would like to portray. Their subjects were a diverse collection including athletes, political figures, historical figures, and more. The students read from a variety of sources and collected facts about their individual's childhood, education, life, and accomplishments. The students wrote and typed a research report based on their research. Then students created note cards to use for their oral presentations at the Wax Museum. It was a collaborative project worked on in class and at the library.

For the museum, they dressed as their subjects and stood as still as wax figures. Guests touring the museum were encouraged to "push" buttons created by each child, at which time the "wax" figure would become animated, sharing a summary describing their famous person.

The students did a great job with their research and presentations.



OUTDOOR FUN DAY

On Tuesday, June 18, our primary classes enjoyed an Outdoor Fun Day in the field near the playground. The weather was warm and sunny! Students enjoyed a variety of events including a water-filled obstacle

course, water kickball, and water relay races. Students made bagel bird seed feeders and got their faces painted. They even had time to play on the playground for a little bit! When it was over, students

enjoyed eating lunch in their classroom. A great time was had by all students! A huge thank you to all of the adults who made this day happen!



OUTDOOR FUN DAY



DWI DRILL

On May 23, our high school students took part in a DWI/Distracted Driving Simulation Drill. Thanks to the support of Mercy Flight and the West Valley Volunteer Hose Company, Inc., students observed a lifelike crash scenario resulting from distracted driving. We extend our gratitude to these committed first responders for not only setting up the scene but also for interacting with our students and educating them on the importance of making safe and responsible driving decisions.



Watch a video of the DWI Drill by scanning the QR code.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BUBBLES

Middle school students were tasked with designing the perfect bubble! They designed experiments with varying amounts of ingredients and practiced their measurement skills to develop their "perfect bubble" recipe.



MILESTONE RECOGNITION

June 2024 - Service to the District

Name	Date of Hire	Years in District
Matthew Birt	9/1/2023	1 year
Clayton Blaszc	9/1/2023	1 year
Nathan Dash	9/1/2023	1 year
Joseph Guagliardo	1/23/2023	1 year
Michael Kawka	1/18/2023	1 year
Emily Kazmierczak	9/1/2023	1 year
Samuel Klahn	1/18/2023	1 year
Adrienne Sayers	9/1/2023	1 year
Barbara Sporyz	5/1/2023	1 year
SRO Deputy Angelia Johnson	9/1/2023	1 year
Natalie Galvin	9/1/2019	5 years
Rachael Mulhisen	9/1/2019	5 years & Tenure - Effective 9/16/2024
Matthew Trimm	9/1/2019	5 years
Lillian Lechner	9/1/2014	10 years
Jennifer Seltzer	9/2/2009	15 years
Vincent Venitelli	9/2/2009	15 years
Bonnie Hess	9/21/2004	20 years
Theresa Nowak	10/10/2003	20 years
Lisa Green	9/1/1999	25 years
Matthew LaBrake	9/1/1999	25 years
Leanna Pfeffer	9/1/1999	25 years
Gary Feldman	6/19/1984	40 years
Kathi Gimbrone	9/1/2023	Long Term Sub
Kristen Collura	9/1/2020	Tenure
Steven Kenworthy	9/1/2002	RETIRE
Kimberly Lewis	9/1/1998	RETIRE

THANK YOU FROM THE PTO

The West Valley PTO would like to thank the Couture family at Fox Valley Greenhouse for their many years of dedication to our organization, school, and community. Phyllis and Chuck have helped make our fundraiser for students a success for over 15 years. We have been so grateful for their support and the beautiful flowers and vegetables they have provided through the years. This year's sale was a huge success and will provide many opportunities for our students and staff. This sale will also be the last with Fox Valley Greenhouse. We want to thank the Couture family for all they have done for the West Valley PTO and community. We wish you a relaxing and well-deserved retirement!



West Valley 24th Annual Community Yard Sale
July 13 starting at 9:00 a.m.



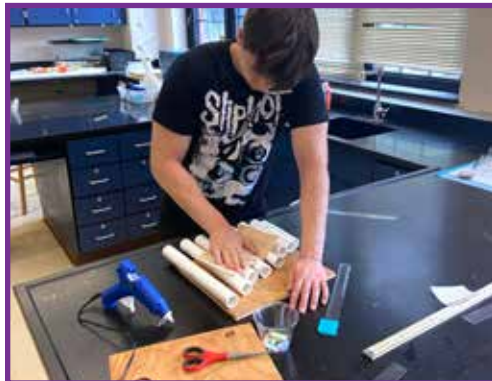
STAY CREATIVE

Congratulations to all the West Valley graduates! What an outstanding school year it was. So many amazing projects were created by Mrs. Lechner's and Mr. Dash's students. Enjoy your summer and we will see you in September! Remember to keep creating!



PHYSICS AND MUSIC

Physics students were challenged with designing their own PVC pipe xylophones. They applied their knowledge of physics to convert traditional notes from the piano to frequencies and tube lengths. Students then calculated the percent error for each note using a digital tuner. They celebrated great success with errors as low as 0.02% off the target notes!



7TH GRADE SCIENCE MUSEUM FIELD TRIP



FORENSICS TOXICOLOGY LAB



INTEGRATED SCIENCE - NATE HOWE MEMORIAL



27 STUDENTS HONORED AT SPRING SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

Twenty-seven athletes were recognized at the Spring Sports Awards Night held on Thursday, June 6.



3D LETTER WINNERS

Competed at the varsity level in all three sport seasons (fall, winter, spring).

- Ronni DuFrane
- Calvin Keller
- Noah Klahn
- Magdalena Parish
- Victoria Parish
- Jack Tharnish



SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Achieved a grade-point average of 90% or higher during the spring season.

- Olivia Harmony
- Karson Heitman
- Noah Klahn
- Madison Lawrence
- Magdalena Parish
- Victoria Parish
- Jack Tharnish



HEART OF A WILDCAT AWARD

Presented to one athlete from each team who exemplified the qualities of a scholar-athlete.

- Victoria Parish
- Nick Peters
- Mara Swan



ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Female Athlete of the Year
Magdalena Parish

Male Athlete of the Year
Jack Tharnish

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD RECORD BOARD UNVEILED

A new Outdoor Track & Field record board was unveiled at the Spring Sports Awards Night.
(The records date all the way back to 1965!)

Pictured here are this year's track & field athletes who broke a record this season. All told, these students broke eight records this year!

Records broken include:

Coed Relay (400m)

Girls Pole Vault

Boys Distance Medley Relay (400m)

Boys Sprint Medley Relay (800m)

Boys Steeplechase Relay (3200m)

Boys Steeplechase (3000m)

Boys 1600m

Boys 800m





West Valley Central School District School Calendar 2024-2025

JULY 2024						
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September

- 2 Labor Day Observance
- 3 Staff Development Day
- 4 First Day for ALL Students (UPK-12)

October

- 14 Columbus Day

November

- 1 Staff Development Day-No Students
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 25 Half-Day AM for Students (Parent Teacher Conferences 12 p.m.-7p.m.)
- 26 No Students (Parent Teacher Conferences 7:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.)
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Recess

December

- 23-31 Winter Recess

January

- 1 New Year's Holiday
- 2-3 Winter Recess Continues
- 6 School Resumes
- 20 M. L. King Jr. Day
- 29 Lunar New Year

February

- 17-21 Mid-Winter Recess

March

- 7 Staff Development Day-No Students

April

- 14-21 Spring Recess

May

- 26 Memorial Day

June

- 13 Last Day of Regular Classes for 7-12 Students
- 16 Local Exams and Regents Review Classes for 7-12 Students
- 17-25 Regents Exams
- 19 Juneteenth
- 23-25 Half-Days AM for Elementary Students
- 25 Last Day for Elementary Students
- 26-27 Rating Days
- 27 Closing Day (LAST STAFF DAY)
- 27 Graduation

JANUARY 2025						
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Total Teacher Days=184

Total Student Days=180

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