



# WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

*School and Community Working Together*

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## FALL FEST

Fall Fest was a fun filled event that the whole West Valley community enjoyed. Games, floats, food, and fun were the main highlights of the event.

The high school classes competed against each other in a tug-of-war. The seniors were the big winners!

Each class designed a float with the theme of food. The seniors were also the winners of the float vote!

The elementary students had fun playing games and using the giant slide.

It was great to have this event back at West Valley. We're looking forward to Spring Fling in June!



*Additional Photos  
from Fall Fest  
on Page 2.*



## FALL FEST (CONT'D)





## TECHNOLOGY CLASS

Technology class is off and running. The 8th grade made CO2 cars and raced them for a winner. The building trades class used

problem solving skills and the design process to design a project out of only a pallet. In Small Engine class, students are learning

about fundamentals of combustion engines, along with breaking down and rebuilding them.



## BOARD CORNER

Just as a community looks to its school board for wise decisions, firm commitments, and steady achievements, board members look to their president for strong leadership. Effective board presidents understand the responsibilities of the position and their role on the governance team.

A school board is required by law to elect a president and may elect a vice president at its discretion. Elections occur at the annual organizational meeting, and normally include a nomination process. Your school board procedures will indicate the process for nominating and electing the board president and vice president.

The board president's authority is essentially no greater than that of any other board member. The president will still participate in all board actions as a regular voting member. The board president does not

lose the ability to vote and is expected to vote on every matter before the board.

The responsibilities of the **school board president** require this individual to be organized, decisive, and an effective communicator. The president must listen with an open mind, delegate responsibilities to foster board engagement and act with a clean focus on the district's vision and mission. The board president's responsibilities typically include:

- The voice of the board
- Mediate conflict
- Create a meeting agenda in consultation with the superintendent
- Signing the necessary instruments, acts, and orders
- Ensure compliance with the open meetings law

The **school vice president** has the power to exercise the duties of the president should the president be absent due to illness, work or family commitments, or a vacancy in the position. Expectations of this position typically include:

- A key part of the leadership team
- Stay informed & abreast of all communication
- Participate in agenda setting
- Help manage the business meeting
- Remain in the loop between the board president and superintendent
- Carry out duties without interruption if president is unable to do so.

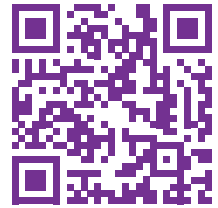
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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER UPDATE

When a vacancy occurs on the Board of Education, the Board has the option to appoint a person that meets the recommended criteria. At the October 11, 2022 Board of Education meeting, George Kazmierczak was appointed to serve until the May 16, 2023 election. He will be a great addition to the Board!

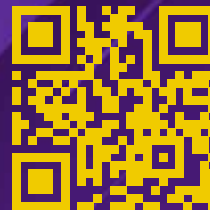
## BOARD OF EDUCATION WEBSITE INFORMATION

Scan this QR code to be taken directly to the Board of Education section on our website.



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## HOMECOMING WEEK

October 11th through 14th was Homecoming Week at WVCS. The whole school showed their school spirit by dressing up for spirit week, from movie character day and Hawaiian day to class colors and school colors. Student council students decorated the gym hallway, and 9th-12th grade classes each created a class banner to hang in the gym above their bleacher seats for the pep rally. The pep rally was a huge success, with students and staff all getting involved in the games!

On Friday night, high school students got all dressed up and danced in the auditorium, which was decorated with leaves and pumpkins for a fall theme. The WVCS Homecoming Court was crowned on stage during the dance. Tristan Ehnes and Nikki Blackwell were crowned Homecoming King and Queen; Prince and Princess were Jordan Manaher and Emma Smith; Lord and Lady were Jack Tharnish and Victoria Parish; and Duke and Duchess were Cole Holstein and Ruth Letson.



## YEARBOOKS

**It's time to order your yearbook! \$48.00 (pay half now and half in March if you want.)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

HR teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to the main office

### Place a Personal Ad for one of our Seniors

Name of Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # in case of questions \_\_\_\_\_

# of photos to include in ad \_\_\_\_\_

(Please put your name on the back of all photos. Digital photos at least 300 DPI)

**Ad Text:** (ex. We love you, Suzy!) Write your message below/attach it or email it to [jmumbach@wvalley.org](mailto:jmumbach@wvalley.org) or [hmazzuto@wvalley.org](mailto:hmazzuto@wvalley.org), mail it to 5359 School St. West Valley, NY 14171 or send with student.

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**Ad sizes & prices:** 1/4 page - \$25 1/2 page - \$50 Full Page - \$100

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*Samantha Kowalski*



*Ben Fisher*





# 1ST QUARTER RECAP

BY DANIEL AMODEO PRE-K-12 PRINCIPAL/  
CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

We are just about to finish the 1st quarter of the school year as November 10th marks the closing of grades. The end of the first quarter is the time of year that we hold our parent-teacher conferences. This year our conferences will be held on November 21st and November 22nd. On these days, students will have a half-day of school and will be released at 11:17.

At Open House, teachers had schedules available for parents to sign up for parent-teacher conferences. If you were unable to sign up for a conference at that time and your child is in grade 7-12 please contact Mrs. Dana Westfall to schedule a parent-teacher conference. If your child is in grades Pre-K-6 you may contact your child's

classroom teacher to schedule a parent-teacher conference. If you have any concerns that you would like addressed prior to the scheduled parent-teacher conferences please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would also like to congratulate our fall athletes, coaches, chaperones, parents, our transportation department, and all others who helped to make our fall sports season a success. Our Fall athletes will be recognized for their accomplishments on November 16th at our Fall Sports Awards Night. As we finish our fall season, we are looking forward to a successful winter season having added JV boys' and girls' basketball at West Valley.

Throughout November, our school continues to provide opportunities for our students and community. We are excited to have our High School students attend a Math Competition at JCC on November 10th and our senior class attend a field trip to explore Houghton University on November

16th. We will have our Veterans Day breakfast on November 10th and our annual Kindergarten and 1st grade classes will host a Thanksgiving Feast. Finally, in November we will have our Scholastic Book Fair during parent-conferences and our Honor Societies will be sponsoring a food drive. I could not be more thankful to have the opportunity to work with the students and community of West Valley. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



**NOV. 10th**

**VETERANS DAY**  
**BREAKFAST**

SPONSORED BY  
**WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**8:45 a.m. | School Cafeteria**

**716-942-3100 ext. 4102 | RSVP by November 4th, 2022**

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**Join the West Valley Ski Club**

Scan the QR Code to purchase a **Tuesday Night Pass**  
**Username:** MWWESTVA **Password:** ski  
Or go to <https://www.wvalley.org/skiclub>

- 8 TUESDAY NIGHTS WITH BUS RIDES
- PASS IS GOOD FOR ANY TUESDAY
- 8 LESSONS INCLUDED
- SEE MR. LEMBKE (ADVISOR) FOR HELP

**\$160 Pass or \$284 with Ski/Snowboard Rental Included**  
**Student Night Season Pass \$340 or Regular Season \$458**  
\*\*\*Community members can also use the link to purchase any discounted pass



## ELEMENTARY STEAM CLUB

The first STEAM Club of the year is in the books. The theme was everything Fall. The students in 3rd and 4th grade had the opportunity to stay after school and

build, create, and code. The students made Frankenstein Towers, fences for pumpkins, Lego scenes, and beautiful leaves. They had fun designing a zipline for a squirrel to get its

treasures from tree to tree. Coding a trick-or-treat route using a Root Robot was the final challenge. Everyone had a great time!





## STEAM LAB

West Valley's STEAM Lab has officially opened! STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. The STEAM Lab provides classes with the opportunity to explore concepts in a variety of ways. The lab has robots, building materials, iPads, circuits, and lots of art supplies for students to explore. Students and teachers

are able to use the STEAM Lab throughout the day. Recently the 2nd and 4th graders have been taking advantage of our new STEAM Lab. They have helped fairy tale characters, made robotic hands, created some scary ghosts, and learned about Non-Newtonian fluids.



## WOZ ED

Thanks to a grant we received we've been able to purchase five STEM curriculum kits from Woz Ed. The kits cover coding, AR/VR, animation, robotics, and engineering. The curriculum was developed for students in K-8th grade. Students in K, 5th, and 6th grade have been learning about coding this

month in library. The students have used the Osmos and Ozobots to create codes and develop an understanding of programming. The students are doing a fantastic job at developing code and solving problems that happen along the way.





# COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING AT WEST VALLEY

BY COACH EMILY KAZMIERCZAK

West Valley Central had the very first competitive cheerleading team in the school's history this year. We have spent the last two months working so hard to learn a routine to take to competition. On October 22nd we traveled to Lake Shore to compete in NYS sectionals. We received some great compliments on our routine after we finished! Next year, we plan to attend more competitions and hope to keep growing the program. Coach Krystal and I are so proud of the girls for their hard work and dedication this season. We are looking forward to basketball cheer and heading to some competitions in the winter.

2022-23 Competitive Cheerleading Team were: Janay Ghani, Ava Bockhahn, Natalie Stanier, Addison Smith, Emily Quinn, Lorna Voit, Karly Otto, Onnalee Caswell, Olivia Harmony, Maddie Pierce.







## Fall Sports Awards Night

November 16  
at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Auditorium

## WINTER SPORTS

JV Girls and Boys Basketball (at West Valley)

Bowling (at West Valley)

Indoor Track (at SGI)

Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball (at SGI)

### Sign-Ups:

If your student signed up for a winter sport and you have not yet completed the online registration process on Final Forms please do so at [www.wvalley.org/athletics](http://www.wvalley.org/athletics).



## Winter Sports Parent/Player Meeting

November 3 - 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria

## BILL HARBISON

### BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING COACH

Job title at WV: Special Education Teacher (7-12)

Coaching experience: 4 years

Favorite coach: Sean Peyton

Favorite athlete: Drew Brees

Favorite sports movie: Friday Night Lights



"I will prepare and someday my chance will come." – Abe Lincoln

Goals for the team: To get better every day and to have fun!

WVCS ATHLETICS

## ALEX MARINO

### JV BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Job title at WV: Physical Education Teacher

Coaching experience: 4 years

Favorite coach: Sean McDermott

Favorite athlete: Josh Allen

Favorite sports movie: Miracle



"It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe." – Muhammad Ali

Goals for the team: To challenge individuals to constantly improve on skills and concepts, bring a positive attitude, and be the best teammates possible.

WVCS ATHLETICS

## KERSTIN CRUM

### JV GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Job title at WV: Health and Physical Education Teacher

Coaching experience: Soccer and Ice Hockey

Favorite coach: My grandpa Dick Crum

(Head football coach at Mentor High School, U of Miami (OH), North Carolina, and Kent State

Favorite athlete: Alex Morgan

Favorite sports movie: Miracle on Ice



"Don't let anyone work harder than you" ~Carli Lloyd

Goals for the team: For all of the girls to improve on their previous skills. Teach the game and rules of basketball. Be competitive in our games. Have fun!!!

WVCS ATHLETICS



# WEST VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY

The West Valley Cross Country Team is having a phenomenal season this year!

## Meet the Team

The team has grown to include 13 athletes representing our modified and varsity program. This year's Varsity Boys' Team is led by Jack Tharnish who ran over 200 miles this summer in preparation for the Cross Country season. Jack has been running Cross Country since 7th Grade bringing not only experience but leadership. Jack regularly gets our other athletes into a routine and sets the bar high for everyone. This year he has seen substantial gains proving that hard work pays off. Currently, Jack is ranked 14/159 in the CCAA league.

Nick Peters is new to cross country, but it would be hard to tell based off his amazing times. Nick initially started out as a sprinter in track and field running the 100/200/400-meter dash. He has shifted into an impressive endurance athlete putting up very competitive times.

Noah Klahn started this year out as a modified boys runner, but after his first race, he stated that he wanted to take the placement test to get into varsity. He succeeded and has helped our West Valley cross country program have the 5 members required to compete as a team. Noah set his personal best at 20:55 and is working tirelessly to get his PR down.

Rounding out the Boys' Varsity Team are Josh Kowalski and Slater Smith. Josh and Slater both participated in the program last year and have shaved nearly 4 minutes off their times from last year. Both are year-round athletes participating in cross country, basketball, and track and field.

Leading the Girls' Team is Olivia Harmony. Olivia also trained over the summer and continued to see improvement in her times. This is her first year as a varsity athlete with the team. She took a first-place finish at the 28th annual Allegheny Limestone invitational and has had many top 5 finishes this year. Olivia is ranked 7/113 in the CCAA league. Of the Class D only schools she is ranked first.

Olympia Leckey is the only senior this year and her successes were celebrated at the West Valley senior night home meet on October 11th. She has made impressive gains this year shaving over a minute off in just a month's time. She is ranked 45/113 in the CCAA League.

Victoria Parish is another seasoned athlete having competed in Cross Country since 7th Grade. Victoria brings a positive spirit and encouragement to her teammates with some amazing finishing times as well. Victoria's sister Maggie is dual sporting this year as a swimmer and a cross country athlete. She is a persistent athlete and gives every ounce of effort at our meets.

Our modified athletes include Sebastian Froland, Osias Leckey, Emma Arent, and Calypso Leckey. With each meet their times improve as does their determination to succeed.

## Home XC Meet

This has been a successful year for our Cross-Country athletes and program. Over the summer many of the athletes came out to put in our first ever 5k trail. This required over a mile of new trails to be constructed in The Grove. The athletes raked out the minimally four-foot-wide path, cleared the path of debris, roots, and helped to level off spots that could be hazardous to runners. After months of work and the help of school staff and the community the trail was done just in time for West Valley's inaugural home meet. The runners put up amazing times. Olivia Harmony's finish was exceptional, taking first place for girls' varsity and finishing 3 minutes and 42 seconds before the next nearest competitor. Her girls' varsity course record is set at 21:39, a testament to our challenging terrain. The meet was a great success and could not have happened without the help of the athletes, parents, school, and community at large.





## WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The West Valley Food Pantry will be open by appointment only.

If you are in need of food, please call  
Kris Aldrow 716-942-6690 or Amy Frank 942-6657.  
All orders will be filled on normal food bank days.

Food bank days and hours: 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 1-4:00 p.m.

The fourth Wednesday of each month **produce boxes** will be available for anyone in the town of Ashford or in the West Valley Central School District from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at Ashford Town Barn located on Fox Valley Rd.



## CLOTHES CLOSET

St. John the Baptist Church has a Free Community Clothes Closet located behind the church in Bingham Hall every Wednesday from 1 to 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, we have access to fulfill a need of furniture items.

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please call Jacque Conrad at 942-3836.

Thank you very much for the continued support.



## Community Library is Back

The school library will be open to the community 1 Wednesday a month. The library will be open 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Community members may check out books, DVDs, and use the library's resources.

MYSTERY

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Dates: 11/2/22, 12/7/22, 1/4/23, 2/1/23,  
3/1/23, 4/12/23, 5/3/23, 6/7/23  
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm



## Scholastic Book Fair

November 14th - 22nd  
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Daily

November 21st  
8:00 am. - 7:00 p.m.

November 22nd  
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.





## NOVEMBER 2022 - GRADES PREK-12 - BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	NO SCHOOL  Superintendent's Conference Day	Sausage Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Mini French Toast Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Cereal Bars Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
7	8	9	10	11
Assorted Muffins Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Cinni Mini Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Sausage Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Pop Tarts Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	NO SCHOOL  Veterans Day
14	15	16	17	18
Apple Frudel Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Mini Waffles Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Donut Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Raspberry Churro Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
21	22	23	24	25
Pop Tart Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Assorted Breakfast Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	NO SCHOOL  Thanksgiving Break	NO SCHOOL  Thanksgiving Break	NO SCHOOL  Thanksgiving Break
28	29	30		
Cereal Bars Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Mini French Toast Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Sausage Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Cereal w/ Graham Crackers ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk		

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGES**

**REMEMBER, if you are approved for free Lunch, you are automatically approved for Breakfast!**

## NOVEMBER 2022 - GRADES PREK-12 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	NO SCHOOL  Superintendent's Conference Day	Chicken Patty/Bun OR Ham/Cheese Sandwich ----- Glazed Carrots	Pizza OR BLT Sandwich ----- Sliced Cukes	Cheeseburger or Hamburger OR Turkey Wrap ----- Green Beans/French Fries
7	8	9	10	11
Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Rice OR Egg Salad Sandwich ----- Broccoli	Taco w/Toppings OR Turkey Bacon Sandwich ----- Bean Salad/Salsa	Pizza OR Buffalo Wing Wrap ----- Tossed Salad	Meatball Sub OR Ham Sub ----- Corn/Seasoned Carrots	NO SCHOOL  Veterans Day
14	15	16	17	18
Chicken Nuggets OR BLT Sandwich ----- Celery Sticks and Baby Carrot w/Dip	Nacho Grande OR Spicy Chicken Wrap ----- Baked Beans/Salsa	Grilled Cheese OR BBQ Pork on Bun ----- Green Beans/Tomato Soup	Turkey and Gravy w/Bread Stuffing OR Ham Sub ----- Sweet Potatoes/Corn	Pizza OR Turkey/Cheese Wrap ----- Assorted Veggies
21	22	23	24	25
NO LUNCH	NO LUNCH	NO SCHOOL  Thanksgiving Break	NO SCHOOL  Thanksgiving Break	NO SCHOOL  Thanksgiving Break
28	29	30		
Chicken Fingers OR Ham Sub ----- Baked Beans/Seasoned Noodles	BBQ Pork on Bun OR Turkey/Bacon Wrap ----- Baby Carrots/Cole Slaw	Twin Tacos/Topping OR BLT Sandwich ----- Salsa/Black Beans		

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGES**





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### BOARD OF EDUCATION

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George Kazmierczak  
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**POSTAL PATRON LOCAL**

### ADMINISTRATION

**Dr. Taweepon Farrar**, Superintendent  
**Ann O'Brien**, Business Administrator  
**Daniel Amodeo**, Pre-K-12 Principal  
**Danielle Behringer**, Assistant Principal, CSE/CPSE Chairperson

Dear Parents/Guardians,

West Valley Central School will be administering the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) assessment instrument, which is part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP), to any **interested** students in grades 10 - 12 on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please have your son/daughter sign up in the Guidance Office with Mr. LaBrake by **Friday, November 18th**. This test is an invaluable tool to help your child with his/her future educational and career plans.

The ASVAB CEP will help your students:

- To learn more about themselves and the world of work
- Explore occupations in line with their interests and skills
- Develop an effective strategy to realize their career and education goals

One of the scores on the ASVAB is the military services' entrance score, which may be used by your child to explore career options in the military. Your child's name and ASVAB CEP Scores will be released to the military unless you choose not to have their name released. Even if your child's name is released to the military, by no means is your child obligated to the military service.

The ASVAB CEP's website [www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com) offers valuable information regarding the program and includes a brief video summary explaining the process and benefits of the program. Please call me with additional questions, 716-942-3100, extension 4148. Thank you.

**If you would rather not have your child's test scores released to the military, please sign, and complete the information below and return to the Guidance Office.**

I, (Parent/Guardian Name) \_\_\_\_\_ request that (student's name) \_\_\_\_\_ name and ASVAB CEP results not be released to the military recruiting services.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

*Matthew LaBrake*

Matthew LaBrake  
School Counselor

