



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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What We Love About You



Ms. Galvin and Ms. Mulhisen created a feel-good board that encourages our fifth and sixth graders to keep up their self-esteem and confidence day after day. “We hope it will give the students a little pick-me-up feeling during their day,” said Ms. Galvin, “and we hope that they know how much we care about them and see the good in them.”



ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS REVIEW 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

According to the updated New York State counseling regulations, all students in grades 6-12 must complete an “Annual Individual Progress Review” with their School Counselor to discuss their academic, social emotional, and college and career readiness development. I look forward to this opportunity to learn more about your child’s strengths, hopes, dreams, and help them set plans for their future. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Mr. Matthew LaBrake | School Counselor | 716-942-3100 extension 4148 | mlabrake@wvalley.org

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY DR. TAWEEPON FARRAR

School Safety and Security

As a District, our number one priority is to provide our students, faculty, and staff with a healthy and safe place to learn. This past fall we had an onsite safety and security evaluation completed by a reputable security and safety consulting firm. This evaluation resulted in a list of further steps the District could take to improve our current safety and security measures.

One of the many items we are focusing on is the establishment of a secure main entry point. We have waited quite some time for the construction to be completed and are delighted to report that after April break all students and visitors will begin using the new entrance.

In addition, new lockers were installed over the February break. Students in grades 7-12 were all issued individual lockers and expectations have been shared with them on proper locker usage. Please refer to the article specific to lockers in this newsletter.

Facilities Improvement

The 2021-22 and 2022-23 Capital Outlay Projects included interior door replacements, athletic exterior door replacement, and athletic entryway floor replacement. The work for the athletic exterior door replacement will occur this summer. It is important that we continually update and improve our facilities for our students' safety and security.

Professional Development for our Staff

Dr. Melissa Sadin visited our staff on March 17th and presented on The Science of Happiness: From Roots to Results. This discussion revolved around resilience, gratitude, laughter, hope, and self-care. We are in the business of taking care of and instructing our students. It is especially important that, as a district, we are also taking care of the adults who take care of our students. During our Professional Development Day our bus drivers had the chance for more training on safely supporting our students with Mr. Dunham. Overall, the

day occurred because of the thoughtful planning of the Wellness Committee (Ms. Emily Kazmierczak, Mr. Matthew LaBrake, Mrs. Alison Locke, Mr. Alex Marino, Ms. Leanna Pfeffer) led by Mrs. Behringer, our Assistant Principal. Several of our staff (Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Hannah Mazzuto, Mrs. Lil Lechner, Mrs. Jody Thiel, and Ms. Emily Kazmierczak) led and/or facilitated our sessions. A huge thank you goes to everyone for their dedication to West Valley CSD.

Budget Planning for 2023-2024

We will continue to await details from Albany related to the New York State budget for school districts. Once the official data is released, we will build our budget for the 2023-24 school year. I encourage you to attend our board meetings, as we continue to have presentations related to the budget for the next school year.

Remember that Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.

#WEAREWESTVALLEY



STUDENT LOCKERS

West Valley Central School is excited to share that the new middle school and high school lockers were installed over the February recess and students started using them over the last two weeks. This has been a highly anticipated change but will still take some time to adjust to. Mandated guidelines put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic and recent construction projects stalled the use of West Valley's old lockers and caused secondary students to carry their backpacks throughout the school day.

The primary concern of the current Capital Project has been on improving our school's safety and security. The new student lockers are a part of that plan. Having classrooms, aisles, and hallways clear of any obstructions greatly improves our ability to enter and exit a space in emergency situations. Being free of a heavy backpack during the school day also improves the physical well-being of students by not burdening them with weighted bags throughout the day.

It is now a requirement for students in grades 7-12 to store their backpacks, hats, jackets, boots, etc. in their locker when they arrive to school until the end of the last period before leaving school. There are three minutes in between classes for students to go to their lockers. Administrators, teachers, and staff will continue to work with students on planning and managing their locker time as we work through this change. We appreciate your support as we work through this transition. Please contact Mr. Amodeo or Mrs. Behringer with questions or concerns.

THE FINAL STRETCH

BY MR. AMODEO, PRINCIPAL/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

When students return from Spring break there will only be four days left in the 3rd quarter! The final stretch of the school year begins with the start of the 4th quarter on April 17. April and the beginning of May are extremely important as we look forward to 100% of our students participating in the NYS 3-8 ELA and Math assessments.

As we enter the final quarter of the school year and students are preparing for their end-of-year assessments, students and staff are also planning for the 2023-24 school year. In my January newsletter article, I

had outlined a new process for determining student electives.

This past month, students worked with teachers on brainstorming new course ideas. Students and teachers also completed an interest survey to help develop our course electives for next school year. Once we write new course descriptions, determine the length of courses, and finalize the amount of credit for each course, we will be sharing a summary with families that can be used to have conversations at home about what course electives a student may want to take next school year.

The final step of course requests will occur when students formally meet with Mr. LaBrake to discuss their course schedule for the 2023-24 school year. Please keep in

mind that we will be asking students to make elective choices above and beyond the total number of classes required. This is because the placement of required courses in the Master Schedule may not allow a student to be available for a given elective. Having more options provides greater flexibility to build a student's schedule.

While this process may seem a little lengthy, we feel the extra time devoted to gaining interests and ideas from students allows us to build course offerings that reflect current trends among our students and meet more of their learning goals. If you have questions regarding courses, requests, and/or scheduling, please feel free to contact myself or Mr. Matthew LaBrake at 942-3100.

WEST VALLEY'S ACADEMIC CHALLENGE



West Valley's Academic Challenge finished up the season with our final competition at JCC in March. Our team included Kasper Heitman, Jacob Coluci, Ben Fisher, Sam Fisher, Nolan Spencer, and Maggie Parish. We competed in the High School Quiz Bowl as well as a day long tournament at the Olean BOCES Center back in the fall. These students have committed to learning, reading, and conversing in a way to gain more knowledge about the past, the present, and the future. They were coached by Miss Pfeffer and spent time together weekly watching Jeopardy, answering all sorts of general knowledge questions as well as being aware of current events in order to be successful at our meets. Our Team Captain, Jacob Coluci, as well as Ben, Kasper, and Nolan are all graduating. These students have created a solid foundation to a great team here at West Valley. If you are a student with a love of learning and reading we will be hoping to add to our team in the fall. Miss Pfeffer is incredibly proud of all of our team members and commends them all for their commitment to Academic Challenge while often playing another sport as well as working outside of the school day. Congratulations on a job well done!

BOARD CORNER

Are You Interested in Running for the Board of Education?

Petitions to be a candidate for a board of education seat are available beginning March 21, 2023, in the district office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

When the petition is picked up, you will need to **identify what specific seat** you would like to run for.

There are three (3) seats open for election to the Board of Education.

- **Five-year term**, currently held by Michael Harmony (term expires on June 30, 2023).
- **Five-year term**, currently held by Gary Niesyty (term expires on June 30, 2023).
- **Four years remaining on the original 5-year term**, it is currently held by George Kazmierczak until May 16th, 2023 (BOE appointed due to resignation). If elected to this seat your term will start May 16th after the vote is certified through June 30, 2027.

The petition requires signatures and residences of at least 25 qualified voters. On the petition the candidate's name and residence should be on each page of the petition.

Signed petitions must be filed with Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2023.

To qualify to be a board candidate you must meet the following criteria:

- A citizen of the United States,
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older,
- Able to read and write,
- A legal resident of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one (1) year prior to the election,
- Cannot be an employee of the West Valley Central School District,
- The only member of his/her family (that is, cannot be a member of the same household) on the West Valley Central School District Board,
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office, including, but not limited to Superintendent, clerk, tax collector, treasurer or librarian, or an employee of the Board. In union free and central school districts, however, a Board member may be appointed clerk of the board and of the district.
- Must not have been removed from a school district office within one (1) year preceding the date of appointment or election to the Board.



KINDNESS WEEK

Student Council hosted Kindness Week with dressed up Spirit Days, writing Kindness Cards to one another, and collecting donations for the SPCA. As a community, we collected around fifteen pounds worth of donations! Awesome job, West Valley!



Collecting Can Tabs

To benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities

Please send to WVCS Attention: Mrs. Ford



SHEEP HEARTS

Mr. Guagliardo's science elective class has dissected sheep hearts! They are getting ready for the cat dissection by practicing proper technique on the hearts.



NHS AND NJHS

On Wednesday, March 8, West Valley's Chapters of the National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) inducted a total of 7 new members. Each inductee achieved high standards in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship.

Inducted to NHS were Nicholas Peters (Grade 11), Isabella Gibson (Grade 10), Eve Niesyty (Grade 10), and Magdalena Parish (Grade 10). Inducted to NJHS were Logan Manaher (Grade 8), Sebastian Froland (Grade 7), and Aaron Stoops (Grade 7).

Ms. Diane Westfall was the night's guest speaker, and current members of both chapters conducted the ceremony: Benjamin Fisher (NHS), Nolan Spencer (NHS), Zachary Westfall (NHS), and Payton Ehnes (NJHS).

We are so proud of all of West Valley's new inductees! Congratulations!



PROJECT: PLAY, LEARN, REPEAT

Pre-K is the place to be!



While it may seem all we do is play in pre-k, we learn best through play, colors, sorting, dress-up, puzzles, and art projects. Our Art Cart gives us the change to explore, try new things, hone our fine motor skills, and create all through play. The smiles tell the story!

R.A.F.T.

BY MISS KAZMIERCZAK, 4TH GRADE TEACHER

We recently completed RAFT (r= role, a= audience, f= format, t=topic) projects in 4th grade. Our projects were based on the Middle Ages and the kids chose from a variety of options to create their one-of-a-kind projects. Options of presentation included plays, diary entries, speeches, letters, etc. I loved this project and watching the creativity flow out of these kids.



SECOND GRADE NEWS

The students in 2nd grade have been working extremely hard to become independent and self-motivated learners. Many life skills are being incorporated in this process including the theme for February, kindness. During the month of February students read and listened to many stories that helped to build our community based on kindness. In addition, every Wednesday students are invited to share in a **Friendship Lunch** in the classroom. This is a quiet chance to celebrate friends and practice our life skills.

Math Facts

Students are “scooping for ice cream!” We have been practicing earning levels of an ice cream cone, which are based on addition and subtraction facts. When we reach the top level, we have earned an ice cream treat. Many students have mastered addition and are on to subtraction. We even have some students who are “scooping” multiplication!

Greek Mythology

2nd graders have been so excited and interested in the history and stories behind Greek Mythology, so our next challenge is to create a Greek God or Goddess! Part of our challenge will be to create a story around our character. We look forward to sharing our progress!

STEAM Lab

2nd graders have the opportunity to attend the STEAM Lab! They anticipate the weekly challenges that Mrs. Thiel presents us with. This is an opportunity to think “outside” of the box and use materials not found in the classroom.

These are just a few of the many activities and experiences that the 2nd graders at WVCS have been working on this quarter.



2023 PTO Plant Sale

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Plants may be picked up at Fox Valley Greenhouse (942-3710) on Monday May 22 or Tuesday May 23 between 3PM and 7 PM. We will have other items available for sale, depending on our inventory at that time.

Please mail order forms and payment (checks payable to West Valley PTO) by April 14, 2023.

**West Valley PTO
c/o Amy Butler
5378 Williams Ave
West Valley, NY 14171**

Or give to a PTO member or WVCS teacher

Please note if you'd like a WVCS student to receive credit for your purchase; prizes will be awarded to the top 5 sellers in the school!

Important Notes:

Fox Valley Greenhouse reserves the right to substitute herbs and mixed annuals based on the growing season.

Mixed flowering annuals: 48 plants total: 4 plants of each, zinnia, snapdragon, pansy, marigold, wax begonia, petunia, impatiens, coleus, dusty miller (substitutions and additions may be made)

***Vegetables include:** 4 cucumbers, 4 winter squash, 2 zucchini, 2 summer squash, 4 hot peppers, 4 sweet peppers, 4 cherry tomatoes, 4 cabbage, 4 tomato, 4 lettuce, 4 broccoli, 4 cauliflower, 4 sweet banana peppers

***Herbs include:** Herbs: thyme, oregano, lavender, basil, parsley, rosemary, dill, sage

***Mixed hanging basket** (5 varieties/colors minimum): lobularia, bacopa, verbena, calibrochoa, hanging petunia, sweet potato vine, etc.

***14" patio pot** is mixed plant material and colors and comes in a 14" terra cotta pot.

Any special ordering questions, contact the Couture's at the Greenhouse. (716-942-3710)

Thank you for your support!



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ART CORNER

The art rooms at West Valley are marching right into spring. At the elementary level, our pre-schoolers have read the story "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds and made their mark making their own dot. They are vibrant and colorful, perfect for spring! In Kindergarten, students finished drawing rabbits and added texture by sponge painting their backgrounds. Fifth graders have been creating their own zentangles. Zentangles are drawing repetitive, and oftentimes intricate, patterns. They are said to be very therapeutic and meditative. The zentangle backgrounds were

created in black and white, and were then overlapped with a large paintbrush painted with watercolor. They were mounted onto their zentangles to create a nice, three-dimensional effect.

Our middle schoolers have also been busy! Our sixth grade students just finished a project called "My personality hoodie." The hoodies they designed incorporated several different facts about themselves using words and symbolism. It was a great lesson for students to show off their individual identities. And lastly, our seventh grade students are starting a fibers unit by weaving their own looms.

In the high school, our photography students have been exploring more digital editing and manipulation, using their photographs they took from the first semester. Our animation students have completed their first two flipbooks and are now working on papercut animations. Our sculpture students have just finished creating taxidermy heads made out of paper mache of an animal of their choice. Studio in Art students are now beginning to design mandalas—an art method that is a meditative process that provides a form of therapy.

Art Club has teamed up with the elementary teachers and

have started creating decorations for this year's upcoming PARP carnival. This year's theme is Dinosaurs!

Lastly, our Celebrity Artist for the month is Gabrielle Hickey, a senior at West Valley. Gabby will be attending JCC after high school, majoring in Studio Art. Naturally, art is her favorite subject as she has been actively involved in Art Club throughout her high school career. She also has played softball for the last three years. Congratulations Gabby, and good luck in college!



QUARTER 2 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT MARDI GRAS

On Friday, March 3rd, approximately 50 middle and high school students celebrated their achievements of reaching the Merit Roll, Honor Roll, and High Honor Roll in the second marking period. The Mardi Gras party featured plenty of treats for students to snack on, including New Orleans-inspired beignets (donuts with a sweet dipping sauce). Students played games and took home lots of bead necklaces for participation! Great job West Valley students!



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The West Valley Food Pantry is open by appointment only. If you are need of food, please call Kris Aldrow 716-942-6690 or Amy Frank 716-942-6657 to set up a time/day. Most orders will be filled on normal food bank days which are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-4 pm. If you need emergency food please call and we will arrange a pickup or delivery time. The Food Pantry is located at Ashford Town Barn Fox Valley Rd.

If WVCS is closed for weather, the Ashford Food Pantry will also be closed.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Canned fruit
Soup
Side rice/noodle dishes
Spaghetti sauce
Salad dressing
Paper towels
Toilet paper

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 716-942-3836.

Thank you very much for the continued support.

West Valley Central School 2023 - 2024 Budget Development Calendar



March 31, 2023	1st Publication of Legal Notice for Budget Hearing, Vote, and Election (Subsequent publications on April 14th, April 28th, and May 12th) (1st Publication occurs at least 45 days before annual meeting, no sooner than 49 days before annual meeting)
April 17, 2023	Board candidate petitions due to District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. (No later than 30 days before annual meeting)
April 18, 2023	BOE Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Final Budget Review, Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget & Property Tax Report Card/ Adoption of BOCES Admin Budget
April 19, 2023	Submission of Property Tax Report Card to SED (by the end of the business day following budget adoption/no less than 21 days prior to annual meeting) Submission of Property Tax Report Card to local newspaper
May 1 – May 16, 2023	Copies of the budget must be available to the residents upon request (during the 14 days before the vote and on the day of the vote)
May 4, 2023	Voter Registration Day 3:00 -7:00 p.m., District Office (no more than 14 days, nor less than 5 days before vote)
May 9, 2023	Annual Budget Hearing 6:30 p.m., Auditorium (7 to 14 days prior to annual meeting) BOE meeting following hearing
May 10, 2023	Budget Notice mailed to district residents (at least 6 days prior to annual meeting)
May 16, 2023	Annual Budget vote and Board of Education Election from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (3rd Tuesday in May)/ BOE Meeting 9:00 p.m.



APRIL 2023 - GRADES PREK-12 - BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Spring Break No School	Spring Break No School	Spring Break No School	Spring Break No School	Spring Break No School
10	11	12	13	14
Spring Break No School	Assorted Pop Tarts OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Sausage-n-Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Cinni Mini OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Raspberry Churro OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice
17	18	19	20	21
Apple Frudel OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Strawberry Mini Bagel OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Sausage-n-Cheese Pizza OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Pop Tarts OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Mini Waffles OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice
24	25	26	27	28
Chocolate Filled Crescent OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Sausage-n-Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Bagels OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Mini Pancakes OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice	Assorted Muffins OR Cereal ----- Milk, Juice

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGES

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

APRIL 2023 - GRADES PREK-12 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Spring Break No School	Spring Break No School	Spring Break No School	Spring Break No School	Spring Break No School
10	11	12	13	14
Spring Break No School	8" Taco w/Seasoned Rice Or Ham Sub ----- Black Beans, Corn, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice	Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a Bun Or Buffalo Wing Wrap ----- Green Beans, Maple Glazed Carrots, NYS Apple ----- Milk, Juice	Chicken Tenders w/Seasoned Noodles Or Turkey Sub ----- Fresh Sliced Cucumbers, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice	Sloppy Joe on a WG Bun Or Buffalo Chicken Sandwich ----- Peas, Fresh Baby Carrot, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice
17	18	19	20	21
Chicken Nuggets w/ Macaroni Salad Or Turkey Sub ----- Baked Beans, Fresh Sliced Cucumbers, NYS Fresh Apple ----- Milk, Juice	Taco in a Bag w/Nacho Doritos, Meat, and Cheese Or Turkey Sub ----- Corn, Steamed Carrots, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice	Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza Or Ham and Cheese Sandwich ----- Fresh Baby Carrot, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit ----- Milk, Juice	Spaghetti and Meatballs w/Warm Dinner Roll Or Turkey Sandwich ----- 1C Romaine Salad, Carrots, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice	Diced Chicken w/Gravy and a Dinner Roll Or Ham Sandwich ----- Baked Red Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice
24	25	26	27	28
Sweet and Sour Chicken over Rice Or Ham and Cheese Sandwich ----- Green Beans, Roasted Cauliflower, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice	8" Taco w/Seasoned Rice Or Turkey and Cheese Sandwich ----- Corn, Black beans, NYS Fresh Apples ----- Milk, Juice	Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a Bun Or Turkey Sub ----- Fresh Baby Carrots, 1 c Romaine, Salad, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice	Chicken Patty on a Bun Or Ham Sub ----- Roasted Red, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit ----- Milk, Juice	Meatball Submarine w/Mozzarella Cheese Or Chicken Salad Wrap ----- Broccoli, Sweet Potatoes, NYS Fresh Apples, Milk ----- Milk, Juice

PERSONAL REGISTRATION

Registration will be held in the district office on **May 4th from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Please bring personal identification and proof of address with you to register. You may also register online at the Department of Motor Vehicles website at:

<https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>

If you are not registered, you may not cast a ballot. Please take the time to register, everyone's vote is important. If you are in doubt, call Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk at 942-3100 ext. 4102 to determine your status.

If you have voted in recent years your name will be on the list.

To qualify to vote, you must be:

1. a citizen of the United States,
2. eighteen (18) years of age or older,
3. a resident within the district for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the next meeting at which he/she offers to vote,
4. a college student whose legal residence is in the school district,
5. on the **Personal Registration of Voters list for West Valley Central School District** which is provided by the Cattaraugus County Board of Elections.

To qualify to vote, you must be:

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APRIL 2023

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

West Valley Central School District is required by law to make absentee ballots available to qualified district voters for our May 16th, 2023, Annual School Budget, purchase of a 65-Passenger Bus funded by the Transportation Reserve Fund, and board members election. Call Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk at 942-3100 ext. 4102 for an application or question.

A qualified district voter must request in advance an **application for absentee ballots** and select the reason you will not be able to appear in person on May 16th, 2023, to vote in person on this particular day.

- (a) are/or will be a patient in the hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place on such day because of illness or physical disability or,
- (b) duties, occupation, business, or studies will require him/her to be outside of the country/county or city of their residence on such day, or
- (c) on vacation outside the country/county or city of his residence on such day; or,
- (d) absent from his voting residence because detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.
- (e) COVID concern

The district clerk must receive the application at least seven days before May 16th (**if the ballots need to be mailed to you**), **this will give ample time to be returned to the district**. Completed absentee ballots will be accepted by Carolyn Boberg until 5pm on May 16th, in the gymnasium.

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023,
WVCS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.**

BUDGET PROPOSITION

PROPOSITIONS FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET, PURCHASE OF A 65-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS (AND RELATED EQUIPMENT) FUNDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND, AND BOARD MEMBERS VOTE will be held on **Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, from noon until 9pm** in the **WVCS GYMNASIUM**.

The district will again rent electronic voting machines from Cattaraugus County.

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

For updated schedules, please visit our website at: www.wvalley.org

JV SOFTBALL

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
3/27/23	4:30 p.m.	Allegany-Limestone CS	ALCS Softball Turf
3/30/23	4:30 p.m.	Allegany-Limestone CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/13/23	5:00 p.m.	Ellicottville CS	ECS HS Softball Diamond
4/17/23	5:00 p.m.	Frewsburg CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/20/23	4:30 p.m.	Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/22/23	11:00 a.m.	Bolivar-Richburg CS	BRCS HS Field 2 J.V.
4/24/23	4:30 p.m.	Wesfield CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/27/23	4:30 p.m.	Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS	CLVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/29/23	11:00 a.m.	Ellicottville CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
5/5/23	5:00 p.m.	Frewsburg CS	Robert H Jackson Elem, Softball Field
5/6/23	11:00 a.m.	Bolivar-Richburg CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
5/10/23	5:00 p.m.	Westfield CS	WCS Softball Diamond
5/13/23	10:00 a.m.	Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
5/13/23	12:00 p.m.	Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
3/31/23	4:30 p.m.	Gowanda CS	GCS Softball Diamond
4/11/23	5:00 p.m.	Brocton CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/13/23	4:30 p.m.	Ellicottville CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/15/23	11:00 a.m.	Salamanca CS	Prospect Elem. Softball Diamond
4/18/23	5:00 p.m.	North Collins CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/20/23	5:00 p.m.	Franklinville CS	FCS Softball Diamond Elem
4/22/23	11:00 a.m.	Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
4/25/23	5:00 p.m.	Portville CS	PCS Softball Diamond
4/27/23	5:00 p.m.	Panama CS	PCS Deb Palmer Softball Field
4/29/23	11:00 a.m.	Brocton CS	BCS Softball Diamond
5/1/23	5:00 p.m.	Ellicottville CS	ECS Softball Diamond
5/3/23	5:00 p.m.	Ellicottville CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
5/5/23	5:00 p.m.	North Collins CS	NC Softball Turf Diamond
5/8/23	4:30 p.m.	Franklinville CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
5/10/23	5:00 p.m.	Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS	CLVCS Softball Diamond
5/12/23	5:00 p.m.	Portville CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond
5/15/23	5:00 p.m.	Panama CS	WVCS HS Softball Diamond

TRACK & FIELD

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
4/18/23	5:00 p.m.	Catt LV & West Valley	Portville
4/25/23	5:00 p.m.	Gowanda & Catt LV	West Valley
5/2/23	5:00 p.m.	Catt LV & West Valley	Allegany-Limestone
5/9/23	5:00 p.m.	Salamanca & West Valley	Catt LV
5/17/23	5:00 p.m.	Catt LV & Franklinville/ Ellicottville	West Valley
5/19/23	5:00 p.m.	CCAA Meet	TBD
5/26/23	5:00 p.m.	Class D Meet	Randolph



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WEST VALLEY HONORS OVER 50 ATHLETES AT WINTER SPORTS NIGHT

West Valley honored over 50 athletes on Thursday, March 2 at the Winter Sports Awards Night. Athletic Director Bryan Hansen, along with coaches of each winter sport, presented awards to all student athletes. West Valley fielded six teams during the winter season: boys and girls JV basketball, boys modified basketball, boys and girls bowling, and cheerleading. In addition, four athletes competed in combined sports (indoor track and girls varsity volleyball) with Springville-Griffith.

Athletic participation has increased at West Valley since sports were brought back in the spring of 2021. A total of 56 athletes participated in sports this winter season, compared with 36 a year ago. In total, 58% of West Valley grade 7-12 students participated in a winter sport.

"It is always nice to recognize the hard work and dedication of our student-athletes," commented Bryan Hansen, Athletic Director at West Valley. "These athletes are helping to build back a strong and storied



Heart of a Wildcat Award Winners, pictured L-R: Lorna Voit, Lauren Frascella, Jack Tharnish and Noah Klahn



Scholar-Athletes, L-R: Magdalena Parish and Benjamin Fisher

tradition of Wildcat Athletics, one season at a time. I am extremely proud of each and every one of them."

Two varsity athletes, Magdalena Parish and Benjamin Fisher, were recognized with the scholar athlete award by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for achieving a 90% or higher average during the winter season.

A new tradition began this season with the presentation of the Heart of a Wildcat award to one member from each team who exemplified the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication, respect, integrity, and excellence. Heart of a Wildcat recipients for the Winter 2022-23 season included: Jack Tharnish, Natalie Stainier, Lauren Frascella, Aaron Stoops, Lorna Voit, and Noah Klahn.

