



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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SENIOR TRIP TO OCEAN CITY, MD

By Olympia Leckey

For the Senior Trip, this year's class went to Ocean City, Maryland. The drive was long, lasting 12 hours instead of 8, but we finally made it. On our first official day in Maryland, we went for a walk on the beautiful beaches of Ocean City. For dinner, we ate at the Angler Restaurant and had amazing service. For our first cruise, we were dressed to impress and had

a blast "riding the waves" in the Atlantic Ocean. Many of us watched movies together and had a blast in the pool. From riding roller coasters to lunch together at the Boardwalk and just swimming together, we all bonded and became closer in many ways. I think all the seniors can agree that we had an amazing time together. The Senior Trip was an amazing adventure

full of memories. As a class we went on two cruises and spent a lot of time "water racing, water chasing," and had lots of fun. We spent tons of time together at the beach and watched as Tristan, Nikki, Janay, and Zach rode "The Slingshot." Our class had a blast. Bonds were made and friendships were strengthened.



JUNE REGENTS SCHEDULE

Thurs., June 1	Wed., June 14	Thurs., June 15	Fri., June 16	Mon., June 19	Tues., June 20	Wed., June 21	Thurs., June 22	Fri., June 23
7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	Juneteenth Holiday Observed	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	No Testing	RATING DAY
US. History & Government (Framework)*	English Language Arts	Global History & Geography II	Physical Setting / Earth Science		Geometry World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint A Exam	Algebra II		
	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.		11:45 a.m.	Transportation: A.M. Testers ride regular A.M. Bus. Mid-Day Bus leaves at 10:55 Mid-Day Bus returns at 11:35		
	Living Environment	Algebra I	Physical Setting / Chemistry		World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint B Exam			

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By DR. TAWEEPON FARRAR

Thank you to everyone who voted positively on our 2023-2024 school budget!

Thank you to Mr. Michael Harmony for his time serving on the board these past five years. Your dedication to our mission has been greatly appreciated. We do welcome again George Kazmierczak and Gary Niesyty as well as first time board member Adam Fisher. I am confident our board will continue West Valley's vision of becoming an exemplary learning community in our region, leading with pride and positivity, striving for excellence in and outside the classroom, and moving forward for our students.



A successful budget vote helps us continue the promise of providing an exceptional educational atmosphere for all our learners.

As the school year comes to an end, we will reflect on how to do better and be better! We continue to move forward in a positive direction. There is so much to be proud of and thankful for, especially when it comes to our West Valley school community.

The end of the year will be here faster than we know it. We will continue teaching our students, celebrating the learning that has occurred, and providing out of the classroom experiences to enrich each student's educational experience at West Valley.

June celebrates learning and brings the school year to a close with many milestone events for our students and families. We will continue to stay the course over the last few weeks of school, savoring the moments. There is power in those moments. We will finish the year out strong! Why? Because...

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DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

Budget passed: 108 yes, 60 no

Bus passed: 115 yes, 54 no

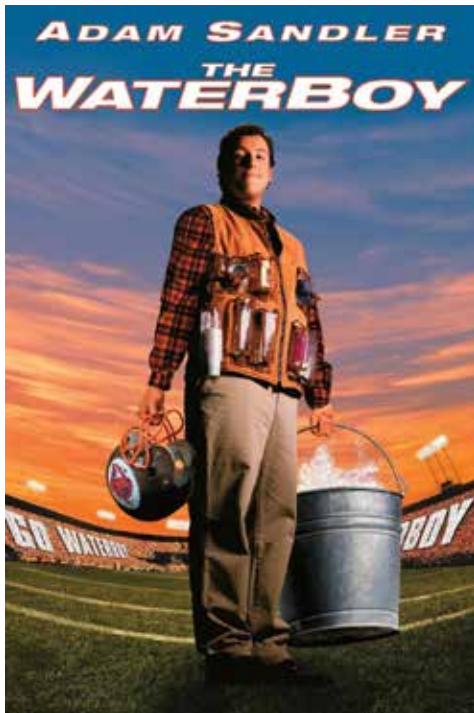
Gary Niesyty: elected to 5-year term starting July 1

Adam Fisher: elected to 5-year term starting July 1

George Kazmierczak: elected to the remainder of a 5-year term starting May 17, 2023

THIRD ANNUAL SADD / REALITY CHECK "DRIVE-IN" MOVIE NIGHT

The WVCS SADD Chapter, along with Reality Check, will be sponsoring a movie night for grades 8-12 on Friday, June 9th starting at 8:30 p.m. (Rain location: AUD). We will have pizza, snacks, pop, and water for sale. Bring your trucks, blankets, lawn chairs, and sense of humor! Come support our SADD Chapter and laugh a little!



St. Paul's United Methodist Church
along with St. John's Catholic
Church, West Valley
Invites you to

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26th - 30th, 2023
9:00 – 11:45 a.m.

3 years old to 6th grade

For more information,
please contact
Alice at 716-942-6511

FINISHING STRONG

BY MR. AMODEO, PRINCIPAL/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

Yes, it is June, but not yet the time to celebrate the end of the year as we still have a couple of very important weeks of school left. Students in grades 8-12 will be taking their respective Regents exams beginning on June 1 with the administration of the New Frameworks U.S. History Regents exam; Regents will continue from June 14-22. Additionally, our 8th grade students will complete their state assessments in Science on June 5.

Throughout June our elementary students will be attending several field trips that will engage them in learning experiences that are connected to their grade level curriculums. The field trips our students are attending range from the Buffalo Zoo to the Maid of the Mist. Our Spring Sports Awards will be held on June 1 followed by our Academic Awards and Scholarship Banquet on June 5. The Spring Band Concert will be held on June 7th. We will recognize our spring athletes at our Spring Pep Rally on June 9. Our Spring Fling event will also be held on June 9 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The annual 4th-6th grade Track and Field Day will be held later in the month of June.

The end of a school year is always a time to reflect and celebrate the achievements of our students throughout the year. I would like to congratulate our seniors on their upcoming graduation and all their accomplishments during their time at West Valley Central School. They have persisted through many uncommon years during high school to achieve this milestone. I am proud of all of them and wish them all the best in their futures. The success of our students throughout their time at West Valley Central will be most evident at our senior graduation ceremony on Friday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. in our Auditorium.

As this is our last newsletter edition for the 2022-2023 school year, I want to express how proud I am of our students, parents, staff, Board of Education, and community for making this a successful year. I am already looking forward to the start of a new school year, but before we get back to work in September, please have a safe and joyful summer!



TECHNOLOGY

It's been a busy spring in technology! 7th grade is learning about propulsion and Newton's laws as we build and fire off rockets. 8th grade is learning about residential framing as they complete small-framed homes. CADD is engineering a solution to an irrigation problem with CADD software and 3D Printing. Building Trades is wrapping up the framing, roofing, and building of a chicken coop to get an understanding of building systems and home framing.



HONOR ROLL

WEST VALLEY, NY – West Valley Central School Principal, Daniel Amodeo, announced the following students in grades 7-12 have been named to the honor roll for the third quarter.

High Honor Roll

- Grade 8 – Samantha Fisher
- Grade 10 – Isabella Gibson, Eve Niesyty, Magdalena Parish
- Grade 12 – Benjamin Fisher, Kasper Heitman

Honor Roll

- Grade 7 – Karly Otto
- Grade 8 – Noah Klahn, Isabella Mitchell
- Grade 10 – Jack Tharnish
- Grade 12 – Samantha Herbst, Athens Leckey, Nolan Spencer

Merit Roll

- Grade 8 – Eva Barnes, Calvin Keller, Elizabeth Winsor
- Grade 9 – Payton Ehnes, Olivia Harmony
- Grade 10 – Joshua Kowalski, Victoria Parish, Madelynn Winsor
- Grade 11 – Nicholas Peters, Mara Swan
- Grade 12 – Nicole Blackwell, Jacob Coluci, Lauren Frascella, Gabrielle Hickey, Samantha Kowalski, Olympia Leckey, Zander Smith, Zachary Westfall

PRE-K REGISTRATION

If you have a child who is eligible for either Pre-K or Kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year, please call Mrs. Dana Westfall at 942-3100 ext. 4170 to make an appointment for registration. Registration appointments will be held during the summer months. In order to be eligible for Pre-K your child must be four years old before 12/1/2023. For kindergarten, they must be 5 before 12/1/2023.



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

The end of spring and the beginning of summer are near. With the nicer weather, our playground will be utilized more often. The playground is intended for the play activities of our students and to allow our community families the same opportunity when school is not in session. Below are guidelines for West Valley Central School's playground.

- Adult supervision is required at all times.
- Playground equipment/area is designed for children ages 4-12.
- Proper attire, including shirts and shoes, is required on school grounds.
- Vulgar or foul language is prohibited.
- Animals are prohibited on school grounds.
- School grounds are drug and alcohol-free zones. This includes the use of e-cigarettes and vapes.



The use of our school property and visitors to school property are subject to the West Valley Central School Code of Conduct. If you have questions or concerns about the use of the playground, do not hesitate to contact us.

PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS (PARP)

The Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program ran for two weeks from Monday, May 8th until Friday, May 19th. The theme this year was dinosaurs—"Welcome to Jurassic PARP!" Students received a calendar with activities such as wearing a shirt with words, reading to a pet or stuffed animal, wearing a hat ("hats off to books"), and several others that added to the fun of celebrating reading.

Students were encouraged to read for at least 20 minutes every night and fill out a reading log. Each morning they got a stamp in their log and a ticket to enter for raffle prizes. For each night they read, students also earned tickets to spend at the carnival! This was the culminating event held in the gym on Friday.

Every student also got to pick a new book to keep, enjoyed a scavenger hunt in the PARP hallway, and could choose to do a book swap.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated and a big thank you to the NHS and NJHS students, 6th graders, and high school students who helped out at the carnival. This would never be a successful program without support from the staff and the parents. We're already looking forward to next year!



ART SHOW



ART CORNER

It's hard to believe how fast the year flew by! It must be true when they say, "time flies when you're having fun!" And it's sure been a lot of fun in the art room!

In the elementary school, our pre-schoolers made beautiful Mother's Day gifts, printing their hands to make Irises. Kindergarten students painted with Q-Tips and also made flowers for their mothers, placing them in lovely vases. The 5th grade just completed a project with a focus on an animal of their choice, zentangles, and the study of habitats. They designed their names with black and white zentangles while filling the background with contrasting bright and bold colors. Their name was placed inside of an animal body, illustrating the animal in their natural environment. Sixth graders studied pop art and created a self portrait in the style of pop art. They incorporated ben-day dots, a technique named after Benjamin Henry Day and made famous by artist Roy Lichtenstein. Lastly, our seventh graders have been really studying "how to see" and are drawing an animal of their choice in four different viewpoints. Doing this practice helps students learn how to study a form from different angles.

Students in photography learned the three pillars of photography—shutter speed, aperture, and ISO. They experimented with long exposure photography creating light paintings in the dark. It was a fun and interactive way to play with photography. Our animation class is rounding out the course, working on completing their independent projects. They have the option to choose between flipbooks, paper cuts, claymation, or stop motion. The students have shown a lot of growth with this pilot program and it's been a wonderful elective for West Valley to offer. Sculpture students are having a lot of fun working on their sculptured puns. Some chosen puns to look forward to are "dino-soar, deviled egg" and

"superbowl." Finally, our drawing and painting students have been working on intuitive, symmetrical drawings. They experimented with watercolor to make a symmetrical painting and are now being inspired by their artistic flow to illustrate images within their paintings.

We hosted our annual district art show on May 16, celebrating each Vallian artist and showcasing a wide range of two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and digital artwork. The night was filled with artistic and interactive stations and it was a delight to see students showing off their artwork to their families.

Lastly, we would like to celebrate senior Benjamin Fisher as our Celebrity Artist of the Month. He plans on attending SUNY New Paltz after graduation as a computer science major. His favorite color is red and he loves chicken finger subs. "Ben is one of the most hard working students I've known with a good head on his shoulders. He certainly has a unique sense of creativity in the art room and I love his different viewpoints," says art teacher Hannah Mazzuto. Ben goes on to say that he will miss spending time creating art at WVCS. We congratulate Ben for being Artist of the Month and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors!



JUNE 2023 - GRADES PREK-12 - BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Assorted Pop Tarts OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
Raspberry Churro OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Apple Frudel OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Maple Pancakes OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Sausage-n-Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Cinni Mini OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
Cinnamon & Sugar Donut OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Mini French Toast OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Assorted Pop Tarts OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Bagels with Toppings OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Sausage-n-Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
NO SCHOOL	Assorted Breakfast ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Assorted Breakfast ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Assorted Breakfast ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Summer Vacation Starts

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGES

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

JUNE 2023 - GRADES PREK-12 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Nacho Grande/Rice (9-12) OR Buffalo Wing Wrap ----- Salsa, Corn	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza OR Turkey & Cheese Sub ----- Tossed Salad
Chicken Patty/Bun OR BLT Sandwich ----- Carrots	BBQ Chicken Strips OR Turkey Sandwich ----- Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes	Sloppy Joe on Bun OR Ham/Cheese Sandwich ----- Corn, Baked Beans	Italian Meatballs w/ Bread & Butter OR Chicken Salad Wrap ----- Tossed Salad	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza OR BBQ Pork on Bun ----- Mixed Veggies
Chicken Fajita/Rice (9-12) OR Ham/Cheese Sandwich ----- Cooks Choice	Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Bun OR Chicken Salad Wrap ----- Cooks Choice	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza OR Turkey Sandwich ----- Cooks Choice	Grilled Cheese OR BLT Sandwich ----- Cooks Choice	Chicken Nuggets OR Assorted Sub ----- Cooks Choice

June 19 - No School | June 20-22 - Half Days/No Lunch | June 23 - Summer Vacation Starts

WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The West Valley Food Pantry is 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 which are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 4:00 p.m. If you need emergency food please call to arrange a pickup or delivery time. The Food Pantry is located at Ashford Town Barn on 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	Salad Dressing
Soup	Paper Towels
Side Rice/Noodle Dishes	Toilet Paper
Spaghetti Sauce	

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.



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STARBOOKS BOOK TASTING

The 9th grade students dropped by “Starbooks” in the library to sample an array of books with the aim of broadening their literary palate. The Book Tasting event was designed to give students a taste of different genres, including fiction, non-fiction, mystery, and fantasy. Each table was set up with a selection of books for the students to preview.

The Book Tasting was a great success, with many students discovering books that appealed to them and that they might not have chosen themselves. It was also a great opportunity for students to socialize with their friends. We look forward to hosting more literacy events to cultivate a love of reading in our school.



JV SOFTBALL

This year's JV softball team included great group of girls who practiced and played hard. As a new team we focused on good throwing, catching, and hitting techniques. During the season when problems arose these girls were flexible with their positions and worked hard wherever they were placed. The JV girls have grown tremendously since the beginning of the season. They are an awesome group of girls, and we as their coaches couldn't be prouder of them!

Stephanie Stock, Head Coach | Emily Kazmierczak, Assistant Coach

