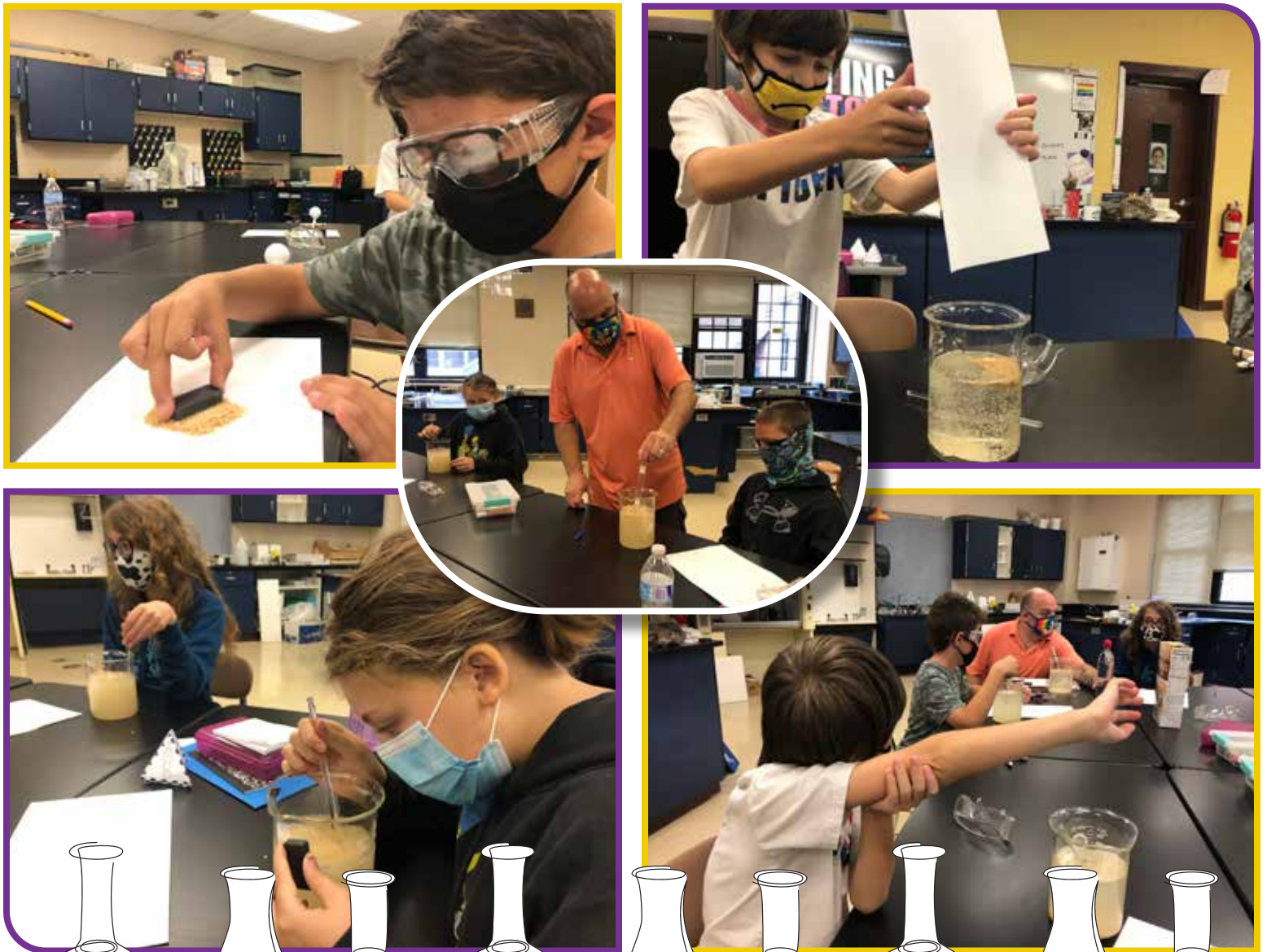




SCIENCE CAMP - SUMMER 2021



While the start time for 2021-22 school year remains the same (7:36 a.m.), please note that dismissal is now at 2:41 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY DR. TAWEEPON FARRAR

SUMMERTIME

There were a lot of school programs over the summer that were engaging and interactive—our students had a great time learning. Our teachers have been eagerly preparing their classrooms and finalizing their lesson plans for our upcoming school year. I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy their summer and took the time to spend with family and friends while enjoying the weather.



NEW STAFF

We have been very busy with the hiring process. We have hired a Special Education Teacher, Physical Education Teacher, and Laborer, in addition to a Cleaner, Assistant Principal, and School Nurse. We are still looking to hire a Bus Driver, Lunch Monitors, ISS/Substitute Teacher and Technology Teacher as this newsletter goes to print. We do hope that we will start the year off with all hires completed. We will introduce you to everyone in the next newsletter. We are excited to welcome everyone to the West Valley family; these new staff members will be a great addition to the district.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

I have started working with key stakeholders to begin our long-range planning in the areas of academics, facilities, and budget. Long-range planning includes recognizing our current strengths, our future needs and creating the best plan to support a well-rounded program for our students. We will be providing updates periodically on the progress we are making.

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

For the re-opening of school, our first goal is the safety of our students and staff. We are still waiting on the Department of Health and New York State Education Department for re-opening guidance related to masks and social distancing. Once confirmed, we will send a message out to staff and families. We do know that we will be full-time, as we were last school year, and all students will be expected back in-person.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

A new year brings new excitement for the new opportunities we have to continue to make West Valley the best school district it can be. It all starts with our students, faculty, staff, families, and all other West Valley community members. The last year was a challenge for everyone and now we move on to a new school year with some new challenges, but together we can overcome them. I would like to welcome you all back and I look forward to working with everyone throughout the 2021-22 school year.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

The school will be hosting a flu shot clinic put on by the Springville Pharmacy, Monday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The clinic will be held in the school health office. Please bring your insurance card. The cost for those without insurance is \$29.99 per person. If you would like to sign up please contact Dana Westfall at 942-3100 Extension 4111 or dwestfall2@wvalley.org.



PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, September 14 will be our school-wide picture day. Purchase envelopes will be sent home prior to picture day. Picture retake day will be Tuesday, October 26.

CAFETERIA MONITOR VACANCY

- 2 hours per day when school is in session,
- Minimum wage
- Apply to Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator, application school website: www.wvalley.org



SUMMER ENRICHMENT

This summer, all K-6 students were offered the opportunity to attend our Summer Enrichment Camp.

During this four-week program, students attended for three hours a day and participated in a variety of activities and learning experiences. Transportation and snacks were provided by the district.

Students created daily STEAM challenges, participated in Social Emotional Learning activities, and worked on various projects that incorporated and reviewed previously taught academic content. They read books, played math games, listened to stories, made projects related to them, and participated in book clubs. They also designed and planned for a vacation within 75 miles of West Valley to another state or to another country (based on their grade level and ability).

The students had a great time reviewing and building on their skills!



Last January we merged all our students in grades K-12 into the software guidance planning tool, Xello. This online program helps K-12 students determine future goals and plans to achieve them. It helps them explore options and create a plan

for their future college experience and the world of work. This summer, Xello developed a new family portal inviting parents and guardians to view their child's future goals and plans.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to introduce you to a new program our school has acquired to help your child prepare for academic, career, and future success.

Say hello to Xello!

Xello is an engaging online program that helps students build the skills, knowledge and plans to be future ready. The program uses an investigative, discover-based learning process. Students better understand themselves, their future career options, and the 21st century skills they'll need to succeed.

Here's how it works...

The Student Experience with Xello

With Xello, your child will:

- 1. Build Self-knowledge**
Define their interests, skills, preferences, and aspirations so they can explore the opportunities right for them.
- 2. Explore options**
Learn about career possibilities and educational pathways by exploring rich, engaging content and lessons.
- 3. Create a Plan**
Your child can create dynamic actionable plans that outline the steps needed to achieve school, career, and life goals.

4. Learn & Reassess

Interactive lessons help your child develop age appropriate skills and knowledge for success in school and beyond.

Parent Involvement

You're encouraged to explore Xello with your child by logging in together. Your child can log in to his or her account via desktop or mobile device to share what they've learned about themselves, the world of work, and their future options.

Safe and Secure Environment

We take data protection and privacy very seriously. So does Xello. The program complies with legal requirements for safety and security outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). That means advertising is not displayed within Xello, nor is data used for commercial purposes. Xello is also a signatory of the Student Privacy Pledge, requiring them to uphold strict standards for safeguarding student privacy regarding the collection, maintenance, and use of student personal information.

You can learn about Xello and student experience by visiting www.xello.world.

We hope you're just as excited as we are about this new program making every student future ready.

PSAT'S

On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, our school will administer the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) for 10th and 11th graders. The cost per student is **\$18.00**, and checks are to be made payable to WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL. The deadline to sign up and pay for the test is **Monday, October 18, 2021** in the Guidance Office or with Mrs. Westfall. Even if your child is not considering college at this time, he or she should take this test. Just taking it can encourage a student to start thinking seriously about life after high school, goals, and the education necessary to reach those goals.

1. The PSAT measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college (and for success in most jobs and careers in today's world). After the test, a score report will show the students' results in each of the sections. It will also target areas that need improvement before re-taking/taking the PSAT/SAT standardized tests.
2. This test gives students a chance to see how their skills compare with those of other students who will apply to college.
3. For 11th graders only, it is the first step in entering the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions for scholarships and recognition.
4. The Student Search Service gives PSAT/NMSQT test takers the option to voluntarily place their names and addresses in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities, and scholarship agencies.
5. Lastly, it provides practice for the SAT exams, which most juniors take for the first time in the spring.
6. Please encourage your son or daughter to sign up for the PSAT/NMSQT.

The time to start thinking about further education beyond high school is now!

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORNER

Over the summer, Scott Payne, CA BOCES Superintendent and Tim Cox, CA BOCES Assistant Superintendent, facilitated a board retreat for the West Valley CSD Board of Education. Dr. Taweepon Farrar, Superintendent was also in attendance. The board spent several hours reviewing board roles and responsibilities. The board also discussed draft board norms (a guidance for the board of education to follow) and goals that will be discussed further with the community and staff, these were finalized at the August 24th board meeting and will be shared soon. The mission and vision statements were reviewed, and the district will involve stakeholders (residents) during the next school year to update the statements to ensure all voices are heard for updates to these statements. The Board of Education will strive to accomplish that district decisions will be made with "no surprise" approach. We are determined to promote the highest levels of transparency where items are discussed openly and shared with all stakeholders. We are extremely excited for this upcoming school year and look forward to working together.

A NEW BEGINNING

BY MR. AMODEO, PRE-K-12 PRINCIPAL/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

We are very excited about the start of the 2021-22 school year. The summer months have been filled with preparations for our students and staff to return. Providing the best education and experience for all our students continues to be our number one goal. Throughout the summer many of our teachers have participated in Professional Development to meet this goal.

Specifically, we are very excited about the work we have been doing in the areas of ELA and Math. The focus of this work is to ensure that all students have access to the same rigorous teaching and learning. This will help to ensure every student achieves their highest potential. We will continue this work throughout the school year with additional Professional Development for West Valley staff on September 7 and 8. **Thursday, September 9 will be our first full day of students.**

Our school day for students will be increasing by 5 minutes for the 2021-2022 school year. The student start time will not be affected by this change, **but student dismissal will now be at 2:41 p.m.** The increase allows us to provide additional time for each class period and additional time to continue implementing our Social and Emotional Learning programs.

Many of our families and students may have questions about what the new school year will look like with respect to COVID-19. As I write this article, guidance from the New York State Education Department was just released, and therefore the specifics of our plan are not able to be included in this newsletter. While we had a couple instances of the need to transition to remote learning last year, we had no known transmissions of COVID-19 in our school. This is a testament to our entire school community working together to implement our health and safety protocols. West Valley is committed to following all appropriate health and safety guidelines to reduce the risks associated with COVID-19 in our school building.

In closing, we are looking forward to the start of the school year and it being as close to normal as possible. Please enjoy the last few days of your summer. I cannot wait until students begin filling our halls and classrooms once again.

ROBO-CALLS FROM WVCS

Attention Community Members:

If you would like to receive robo-calls from WVCS for any of the reasons listed below for the 2021-22 school year, please complete and return this form to Mrs. Dana Westfall in order to be added to the system. Please indicate which calls you would like to receive. Thank you.

Name: _____

*Phone Number: _____

*If a cell phone, please indicate if you would like:

☐ voice, and/or ☐ text messages

- ☐ BOE Meetings and Information
- ☐ Changes/Updates to Scheduled Events
- ☐ All information that goes out to student homes

ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION

West Valley Central School will be administering the ASVAB assessment instrument, which is part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP), to any **interested** students in grades 10-12 on **Wednesday, December 1, 2021 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 19**. This test is an invaluable tool to help your child with his/her future educational and career plans.

The ASVAB CEP will help your student:

- 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 of 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 military service.

The ASVAB CEP's website: www.asvabprogram.com offers great information regarding the program including a brief video summary explaining the process and benefits of the program. Please call Mr. LaBrake with additional questions at 716-942-3100, extension 4148.

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 _____



2021-2022 SAT/SUBJECT TEST DATES

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Deadlines
August 28	July 30	August 17
October 2	September 3	September 21
November 6	October 8	October 26
December 4	November 4	November 23
March 12	February 11	March 1
May 7	April 8	April 26
June 4	May 5	May 25

The SAT with Essay costs **\$55.00** for the regular registration deadline. The optional SAT Essay is discontinued for weekend SAT. Late registration deadlines cost an additional **\$30.00**. Other "SAT Fee" information (i.e., SAT Subject Tests, scores by phone, extra score reports to a college, test center and date changes, etc.) is available at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-fees>.

In order to register for the SAT Exam, use the following website: www.sat.org/register. It is very important that when a student applies for the SAT online that they write down all their passwords and print a copy of the confirmation page (last page); this is the admission ticket for the day of the test. If a student has test modifications, please see Mr. LaBrake before applying for the SAT.

Select which scores you want to send to your score recipients on-line through the following website: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-score-choice>. Score Choice gives you the option to choose which scores you send to colleges — in accordance with an institution's stated score-use practice. If you decide not to use Score Choice, all your scores will be sent to your recipients. Students should still feel comfortable sending all scores, since most colleges consider a student's best score.

You must provide a photo with your registration, which will become part of your Admission Ticket. If you are not easily recognizable in your photo, you will not be admitted to the test center: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/photo-requirements>.

Any seniors interested in attending a college (**Fall of 2022**) that requires the SAT's who have not tested, or wish to test again, should test either **August 28th or October 2nd**.

See Mr. LaBrake for assistance with registering for the SAT's.

TEAMING UP!

This upcoming school year, West Valley's fifth and sixth grade teachers will be teaming up! Miss Galvin will be taking on the role as the fifth and sixth grade teacher for English Language Arts and Social Studies, while Miss Mulhisen will become the fifth and sixth grade Science and Math teacher.

"I am very excited for our students to have both Miss Galvin and Miss Mulhisen as teachers in 5th and 6th grade. The change will allow our teachers to maximize their areas of expertise and give our students an earlier experience of having different teachers for different subjects." -Mr. Amodeo

"I am looking forward to this change! I feel it will benefit the students in the long run and prepare them well for middle school and on." -Miss Galvin

2021-2022 ACT DATES

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Deadlines
September 11	August 6	August 20
October 23	September 17	October 1
December 11	November 5	November 19
February 12	January 7	January 21
April 2	February 25	March 11
June 11	May 6	May 20

ACT with Writing costs **\$85.00** and the late fee is **\$36.00**. Students must check with individual colleges to see if they will accept the ACT "No Writing" exam for **\$60.00**. Other "ACT Fee" information (i.e., refunds, test center and date changes, etc.) is available at www.actstudent.org/register/actfees.html. To register online for the ACT, go to www.actstudent.org.

You will need a credit card to register online. If a student has test modifications and/or thinks they might qualify for a fee-waiver email Mr. LaBrake before applying for the ACT's.

As part of ACT's test security requirements, you must now provide a recent photo of yourself in order to complete your test registration. This photo will be used for identification and test security purposes. This photo will print on your ticket and on the score report that is automatically sent to your high school. Photos are valid for two years: <http://www.actstudent.org/register/add-photo.html>.

With online registration you:

- Register for the ACT 24/7
- Know immediately whether your preferred test center has space for you to test
- View your scores at no charge
- Print your admission ticket

23RD ANNUAL FINANCIAL AID NIGHT TUESDAY, OCT. 19, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

A representative from Jamestown Community College's Financial Aid Office will provide information for 11th and 12th graders and their parents/guardians on the financial aid process, including completion of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), grants, scholarships, and various student and parent loans.

Financial aid is money that comes in many forms. It generally consists of a combination of grants (actual cash that you do not have to pay back), scholarships (actual cash awarded for academic achievement), and loans (must be paid back). These types of aid come from a variety of sources: the college itself, individual states, private donors, and the Federal Government (by far the largest source of aid). Once you've filled out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> colleges will extend to you the types of aid for which you are eligible.

"I'm very excited to be partnering up! I think we make a great team and that the students are going to have a fun time having double the amount of great teachers!" -Miss Mulhisen



SPORTS SCHEDULES

WEST VALLEY ATHLETICS



BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER • Holland / West Valley

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
8/30/2021	12:00 p.m.	Frontier	Frontier Senior High School
8/31/2021	5:00 p.m.	Springville-Griffith	Springville-Griffith Middle School
9/2/2021	6:00 p.m.	Lake Shore	Holland Middle School
9/4/2021	10:00 a.m.	Tapestry Charter	Holland Middle School
9/8/2021	7:00 p.m.	Eden	Eden Senior High School
9/10/2021	6:00 p.m.	Tonawanda	Holland Middle School
9/15/2021	5:00 p.m.	Alden	Alden High School
9/21/2021	5:00 p.m.	Lackawanna	Lackawanna High School
9/23/2021	6:00 p.m.	Depew	Holland Middle School
9/25/2021	10:00 a.m.	Springville-Griffith	Holland Middle School
9/28/2021	7:00 p.m.	Pioneer	Pioneer Central High School
9/30/2021	6:00 p.m.	Eden	Holland Middle School
10/4/2021	5:00 p.m.	Tonawanda	Tonawanda High School
10/6/2021	6:00 p.m.	Alden	Holland Middle School
10/8/2021	6:00 p.m.	Lackawanna	Holland Middle School

GIRLS' MODIFIED SOCCER • Holland / West Valley

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/9/2021	5:00 p.m.	Eden	Holland Middle School
9/18/2021	10:00 a.m.	Alden	Alden High School
9/23/2021	5:00 p.m.	Springville-Griffith	Springville-Griffith Middle School
9/28/2021	5:00 p.m.	John F. Kennedy	Holland Middle School
10/2/2021	5:00 p.m.	Tonawanda	Holland Middle School
10/4/2021	5:00 p.m.	Eden	Eden Senior High School
10/6/2021	5:00 p.m.	Alden	Holland Middle School
10/8/2021	5:00 p.m.	Springville-Griffith	Holland Middle School
10/16/2021	11:00 a.m.	John F. Kennedy	John F. Kennedy High School
10/19/2021	5:00 p.m.	Tonawanda	Tonawanda High School

CROSS COUNTRY • FALL 2021 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
9/14/2021	4:30 p.m.	Cattaraugus-Little Valley
9/21/2021	4:30 p.m.	Franklinville Elementary School
10/5/2021	4:30 p.m.	Lake Erie State Park
10/12/2021	4:30 p.m.	Alleghany State Park
10/19/2021	4:30 p.m.	Olean
10/25/2021	4:30 p.m.	Silver Creek High School
10/29/2021	3:00 p.m. (Boys Race) 3:30 p.m. (Girls Race) 4:00 p.m. (Boys Modified) 4:15 p.m. (Girls Modified)	CCAA League Meet Long Point State Park 4459 Route 430 Bemus Point, NY

GIRLS' VARSITY SWIMMING • SGI / West Valley

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/7/2021	5:00 p.m.	Holland	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/10/2021	5:00 p.m.	Cleveland Hill	Cleveland Hill High School
9/14/2021	5:00 p.m.	Eden	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/17/2021	5:00 p.m.	Lake Shore	Lake Shore Central High School
9/21/2021	5:00 p.m.	Maryvale	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/29/2021	5:00 p.m.	Alden	Alden High School
10/1/2021	5:00 p.m.	Tonawanda	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
10/5/2021	5:00 p.m.	Depew	Depew High School
10/7/2021	5:00 p.m.	Pioneer	Springville-Griffith Institute HS

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SPORTS SCHEDULES WEST VALLEY ATHLETICS



GIRLS' JV VOLLEYBALL • SGI / West Valley

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/2/2021	5:00 p.m.	Catt-Little Valley	Catt-Little Valley Central School
9/7/2021	4:30 p.m.	Gowanda	Gowanda Central School
9/9/2021	5:30 p.m.	Eden	Eden Senior High School
9/10/2021	5:00 p.m.	Cheektowaga	Cheektowaga Central High School
9/14/2021	5:00 p.m.	Maryvale	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/15/2021	5:00 p.m.	Pioneer	Pioneer Central School
9/20/2021	5:00 p.m.	Depew	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/22/2021	5:00 p.m.	Lake Shore	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/23/2021	5:00 p.m.	East Aurora	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/27/2021	4:30 p.m.	Holland	Holland Central High School
9/30/2021	5:00 p.m.	Cheektowaga	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
10/2/2021	8:00 a.m.	JV Tournament	North Tonawanda High School
10/5/2021	5:00 p.m.	Maryvale	Maryvale High School
10/7/2021	5:00 p.m.	Pioneer	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
10/8/2021	5:00 p.m.	Depew	Depew High School
10/12/2021	5:00 p.m.	Ellicottville	Ellicottville Central High School
10/13/2021	5:00 p.m.	Lake Shore	Lake Shore Central High School
10/19/2021	5:00 p.m.	Holland	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
10/21/2021	5:00 p.m.	Catt-Little Valley	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
10/22/2021	5:00 p.m.	East Aurora	East Aurora High School

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL • SGI / West Valley

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/2/2021	6:30 p.m.	Catt-Little Valley	Catt-Little Valley Central School
9/7/2021	6:30 p.m.	Gowanda	Gowanda Central School
9/9/2021	6:45 p.m.	Eden	Eden Senior High School
9/10/2021	6:30 p.m.	Cheektowaga	Cheektowaga Central High School
9/14/2021	6:30 p.m.	Maryvale	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/15/2021	6:30 p.m.	Pioneer	Pioneer Central School
9/20/2021	6:30 p.m.	Depew	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/22/2021	6:30 p.m.	Lake Shore	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/23/2021	6:30 p.m.	East Aurora	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
9/27/2021	6:00 p.m.	Holland	Holland Central High School
9/30/2021	6:30 p.m.	Cheektowaga	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
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10/8/2021	6:30 p.m.	Depew	Depew High School
10/12/2021	6:30 p.m.	Ellicottville	Ellicottville Central High School
10/13/2021	6:30 p.m.	Lake Shore	Lake Shore Central High School
10/16/2021	8:00 a.m.	Varsity Tournament	North Tonawanda High School
10/19/2021	6:30 p.m.	Holland	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
10/21/2021	6:30 p.m.	Catt-Little Valley	Springville-Griffith Institute HS
10/22/2021	6:30 p.m.	East Aurora	East Aurora High School

For the most up to date schedules, look at the WVCS Athletics website!

www.wvalley.org