



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

*School and Community
Working Together*

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DECEMBER 2024

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WINTER CHORUS
CONCERT | 12/5



CAPITAL PROJECT
VOTE | 12/11

WINTER BAND
CONCERT | 12/11

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING | 12/11

ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY
SHOW | 12/13

WINTER SPIRIT WEEK
12/16 - 12/20

EARLY WINTER BREAK
12/23 - 1/3



SCAN TO VIEW
EVENT CALENDAR



VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday, November 8, we welcomed 17 veterans to our annual Veterans Breakfast at WVCS. Our students and staff served breakfast to the veterans and their families, our kindergarteners led the Pledge of Allegiance, and students from various grades created placemats, decorations, and posters as special gifts. We're deeply grateful to these local veterans for their service and sacrifices for our freedoms.



FIFTH GRADE MAGNETS

The fifth graders designed magnets for all the veterans and spouses who attended the Veterans Breakfast.

While they were making the magnets, the class discussed the significance and importance of Veterans Day. They truly enjoyed being able to thank a veteran and give back.



CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES ON PAGES 3-4

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By Mr. Donald Putnam, Superintendent

Dear West Valley Community,

As we embrace the holiday season, it's a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the incredible achievements of our students and the vibrant, supportive community we share. Our students have genuinely excelled this semester, with over 60 percent of our 7-12 graders earning a place on the honor roll and being recognized for their merit. This outstanding academic performance highlights their dedication and hard work.

In addition to their academic successes, our students have demonstrated remarkable athletic determination. Our cross-country team has had an exceptional season, showcasing their skill and perseverance with impressive performances in both sectionals and states. Likewise, our girls volleyball team is laying a solid foundation for future success as they continue to develop their skills and teamwork.

We must invest in our facilities to build on these solid foundations and further support our students in reaching their full potential. Providing our students with the necessary resources and environments is crucial for helping them achieve their dreams and goals. A critical step in this ongoing effort is the upcoming Capital Project Vote, scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th. Voting will occur from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Main Entrance. Your participation in this vote is vital as we collectively strive to enhance our educational environment for all our students. Thank you for your continued support!

Our students deserve every opportunity to reach their full potential, and we are dedicated to creating pathways that turn those dreams into reality. Whether they excel in the classroom, contribute to a team, or lend their talents to a club or activity, our students embody the values of hard work, perseverance, and teamwork.

Together, we will continue to expand opportunities for learning, personal growth, and success—both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you for being a community that believes in our students and supports them every step of the way.



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE!

By Mr. Amodeo, Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

Congratulations to our High Honor, Honor, and Merit Roll achievers from the first quarter. Thank you to the teachers, students, and parents for laying the foundations for a successful school year.

While we have many events and opportunities for our students throughout the month of December, there is one that is significant to provide the best for our students: our Capital Project Vote on Wednesday, December 11. The Capital Project we are proposing focuses on replacing our community's playground. Whether it is after-school, during other athletic contests, or through the summer, you will find families at the playground. The design and cost of our Capital Project is purposeful—to maintain no tax increase for our families while at the same time improving our facilities. To learn more about the Capital Project, please visit our website, www.wvalley.org.



Fall Sports Recap and Winter Athletics

Our combined volleyball program with Franklinville continued building the foundation in year two of our program, as we were able to field varsity and modified teams. Our coaches have been phenomenal at developing our athletes, from learning the basics at the beginning of the season to winning and competing in every set through the end of the year. Our varsity team will also be recognized as a scholar athlete team.

Our cross country team continued where it left off last year with two of our runners qualifying for the state meet and placing first and third at the Class D sectional meet. Every runner on the team was able to improve on their times throughout the year and we look forward to them continuing their strong performances in the next season.

Our lone swimmer with SGI completed a successful career as a team captain, achieving personal best times and competing at the sectional meet. This was our inaugural season of combining with Franklinville/Ellicottville for football. We had multiple students compete at the modified level and look forward to them continuing at the next level. We congratulate our seniors on successful careers with their fall sports.

While we just wrapped up the fall season, we have already started practices and game play for our winter season. We have 41 student athletes participating in varsity boys and girls basketball, modified boys and girls basketball, basketball cheer, wrestling, bowling with Franklinville, and indoor track with Springville. Check the West Valley athletics page on our website for the most up to date schedules.

#WeAreWestValley



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2024

FUNDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On December 11, 2024, West Valley Central School District will hold a public vote on a \$6,095,000 Capital Improvement Project to address aging infrastructure and evolving educational needs. The project also includes a much-needed community playground, offering a safe, engaging space for children and fostering community connection.



WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND CONCEPTUAL RENDERING

HOW TO VOTE

1. Register with County

- Eligible to vote in all Federal, State, County, Town and School elections.
- Visit the DMV Website:
<https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>

2. Register for School District Elections Only

- Eligible to vote in School elections every year.
- Provide ID and proof you reside within the School District boundaries.
 1. Register on November 25, 2024 Noon - 7:00pm
 2. Register on November 26, 2024 8:15am - 11:15am
 3. By appointment.Please call Carolyn Boberg at 716.942.3100, Ext. 4102

3. Without Registration

- Eligible to vote in the Capital Project Vote. One-time, only.
- Provide ID and proof you reside within the School District boundaries.

NO TAX IMPACT

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE:

- Must be 18 or older
- U.S. citizen
- Resident of the district for at least 30 days before December 11, 2024

REMEMBER:

- You don't need to own property or have children in the school to vote!

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE • WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, 2024
NOON - 9 PM • MAIN ENTRANCE VESTIBULE



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2024

PROJECT SCOPE: \$6,095,000



EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

- Playground replacement
- Parking lot replacements
- Lighting upgrades
- Window shades
- Weight room ventilation
- Wall finish upgrades
- Foundation restoration
- Kitchen HVAC upgrades
- Generator replacement/upgrades
- Tech Ed. room Improvements



PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT



PARKING LOT REPLACEMENTS



LIGHTING UPGRADES



WINDOW SHADES



WEIGHT ROOM VENTILATION



TECH ED. ROOM IMPROVEMENTS



KITCHEN HVAC UPGRADES



GENERATOR REPLACEMENT / UPGRADES



STAFF ROOM RENOVATION



FOUNDATION RESTORATION

BUS GARAGE



MASONRY RENOVATIONS



CHIMNEY REMOVAL



MAINTENANCE PIT IMPROVEMENT



ROOF REPLACEMENT

NO TAX IMPACT

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FREE COMMUNITY

CLOTHES CLOSET

St. John the Baptist Church
Location: behind the church in Bingham Hall
Wednesday from 1-4:00 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 can fulfill a need of furniture items.

For questions or to make an appointment, please call Jacque Conrad at 716-942-3836.

FIRST GRADE BUILT MAYFLOWER SHIPS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD FLOAT



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Ashford Food Pantry is open:

Wed., December 4 from 3-7 p.m. | Wed., December 11 from 12-4 p.m.

Wed., December 18 from 3-6 p.m. (*Christmas Boxes will be available*)

Sat., December 21 from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (*Christmas Boxes will be available*)

If you are a new client to the Food Pantry, please call Kris Aldrow 716-942-6690 or Amy Frank 716-942-6657 to set a time. If you need emergency food, please call and we will set up a day and time. The food pantry is located at the Ashford Town Barn on Fox Valley Road in West Valley.

THE FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CANNED FRUIT
SIDE RICE/NOODLE DISHES
SPAGHETTI SAUCE

CANNED VEGETABLES
SALAD DRESSING

PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER

We would like to thank the community for their continued support.

THIRD GRADE "CLASSIFYING ANIMALS"

Ms. Westfall's third grade class invited a special guest to wrap up their science unit, "Classifying Animals." Jaclyn Butcher, a graduate of SUNY Cobleskill who studied Wildlife Biology, brought many items such as animal skulls, bones, teeth, feathers, fur pelts, snakeskin, turtle shell; all of which generated lively conversations and great questions. Jaclyn described her experiences during college, such as handling snakes in herpetology class, learning taxidermy, and hiking and fishing during classes to identify trees, plants and fish.

She also shared some of the jobs she's had in her field, including feeding penguins at an aquarium, taking care of camels at the Bronx Zoo, and working with horses on a ranch in Colorado. She currently works in a vet's office and gets to help deliver puppies!

Jaclyn shared many tips about wildlife and keeping their living space safe. One important tip is to always have wet hands if you are going to pick up or touch amphibians such as frogs or salamanders. They breathe through their skin and if our hands are dry, it causes them pain when we touch them. Then always put them back in their own habitat.

We appreciate Jaclyn taking the time to share her knowledge and experiences with our young animal enthusiasts!

FOURTH GRADE BILLS DAY



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS!



Madison Scheffler



Danielle Westfall

We are excited to welcome two new educators to our team this year: Mrs. Danielle Westfall and Ms. Madison Scheffler.

Mrs. Westfall joins us as a 5th-6th Grade Teacher. She brings a wealth of experience, having previously taught at South Buffalo Charter School, Franklinville Central, Pioneer, and Wellsville. Mrs. Westfall earned her undergraduate degree in Childhood Education with a Mathematics concentration from SUNY Fredonia and a master's in Literacy from Medaille College.

Outside the classroom, she enjoys reading, volleyball, building Lego sets, and cheering on her son at his sporting events. She's looking forward to the opportunities of working in a small district, and she hopes to get involved in coaching sports. Fun fact: Mrs. Westfall has played the piano since she was five, and can play six instruments!

Ms. Scheffler joins us as a Special Education Teacher. She previously worked as a 6:1:1 teacher at Pioneer and with CA BOCES. Ms. Scheffler holds a bachelor's degree from SUNY Fredonia and a master's in education from Buffalo State.

She loves the welcoming atmosphere at West Valley, noting how quickly students and staff made her feel at home. In her free time, Ms. Scheffler enjoys crafting, hiking with her three dogs, and exploring nature. She's also a big Buffalo Bills fan!

Halloween Celebrations



Pumpkinville



SPORTS UPDATES

SUPPORT THE WVCS SPORTS BOOSTERS!

West Valley Sports Boosters will have a concession stand open for each home basketball game with drinks, candy, chips, etc.

On the following dates, we will have a FULL concession stand, including items like nachos, taco in a bag, pizza, and more!

- **12/10** | Girls/Boys varsity doubleheader vs. North Collins (girls start 5:30 p.m.)
- **1/21** | Girls/Boys varsity doubleheader vs. Hinsdale (girls start 5 p.m.)
- **1/27** | Girls/Boys varsity doubleheader vs. Cattaraugus-Little Valley (girls start 5 p.m.)
- **2/10** | Boys modified vs. Salamanca/Girls varsity vs. Pine Valley (boys start 5 p.m.)

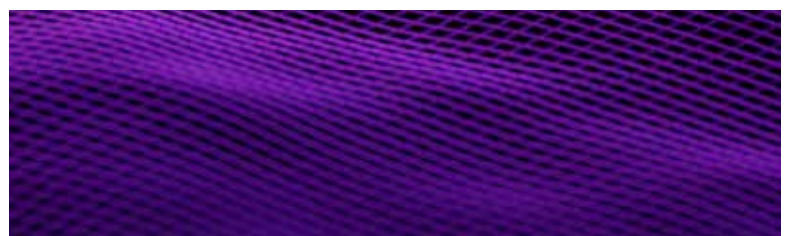
TOP HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS PAST CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

- ✓ We had enough runners to field a boys team, allowing us to compete collectively at multiple meets, where we beat several local districts in these larger meets, including Franklinville/Ellicottville and Springville (a Class C school).
- ✓ Our home meet on September 17 showcased the incredible hard work put into the course, recognized as one of the most challenging in WNY.
- ✓ Noah Klahn and Jack Tharnish were able to attend one of the most elite meets in the United States, the Manhattan Invitational on October 13.
- ✓ We proudly sent two students to states on November 16: Jack Tharnish and Olivia Harmony.



FALL SPORTS AWARD NIGHT

33 student athletes were recognized at the Fall Sports Awards Night on November 12. Congratulations to all of our students for an outstanding season. A big thank you to our coaches for their hard work and support throughout the fall.



SPORTS SCHEDULES

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE GAME AND PRACTICE SCHEDULES



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL ACCOLADES

MAKENZIE CHASE | 2nd Team All-Star

ALEXIS MILLER | Honorable Mention

DANICA HOPKINS | CCAA Sportsmanship Award

The Wildcats were also awarded the CCAA Team Sportsmanship Award

MAKENZIE



ALEXIS



DANICA



WEST VALLEY MENUS

DECEMBER 2024 - GRADES PREK-12 - BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple Frudel ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 2	Bagel Breakfast Sandwich ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 3	Cinnamon Roll ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 4	Trix Muffin ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz, 5	Bagel W/Assorted Toppings ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 6
Muffin W/ Graham Fish ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 9	Cinn Crunch Muffin Top ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 10	Breakfast Wrap ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 11	Chocolate Filled Crescent ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 12	Cinnamon Roll ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 13
French Toast, Mini Cinni ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 16	Trix Muffin ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 17	Breakfast Wrap ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 18	Cinni Mini ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 19	Christmas Donut ----- 4oz assorted Juice cup 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 20
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MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGES

REMEMBER, if you are approved for free Lunch, you are automatically approved for Breakfast!
 If your child has a food allergy, please notify us at 716-257-3483, ext. 5950.



DECEMBER 2024 - GRADES K-6 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets OR Ham Sandwich ----- Broccoli 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 2	Nacho Grande OR Chicken Salad Wrap ----- Steamed Corn 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 3	Hamburger Or Cheeseburger OR Turkey Sandwich ----- Steamed Carrots 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 4	Meatballs Alfredo Over Noodles OR Buffalo Chicken Wrap ----- Cucumber Slices 1/2c, NYS Spaghetti Squash 1/2, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 5	Pizza OR Ham Sandwich ----- Baked Beans 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 6
Mozzarella Sticks W/Sauce OR Chicken Salad Sandwich ----- Vegetarian Beans 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 9	Taco In A Bag OR Turkey Sandwich ----- Steamed Corn 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 10	Pizza OR Buffalo Chicken Wrap ----- Steamed Carrots 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 11	Hamburger Or Cheeseburger OR Ham Sandwich ----- 1C Romaine Lettuce=1/2c, NYS Butternut Squash 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 12	Chicken Nuggets OR Egg Salad Wrap ----- Steamed Broccoli 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 13
Assorted Pizza OR Turkey Sandwich ----- Baked Beans 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 16	Taco W/ Lettuce Tomato, Cheese OR Ham Sandwich ----- Fresh Carrot Sticks 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 17	Meatballs W/Garlic Bread Sticks OR Egg Salad Sandwich ----- Steamed Broccoli 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 18	Chicken Patty On A Bun OR Buffalo Chicken Wrap ----- Green Beans 1/2c, NYS Acorn Squash 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 19	Ugly Sweater Day - Spaghetti and Meatballs OR **Jolly** Sidekick ----- Frozen Fruit juice=1/2c, Steamed Corn 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 20
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DECEMBER 2024 - GRADES 7-12 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets OR Ham Sandwich ----- Peas 1/2c, Steamed Carrots 3/4c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 2	Nacho Grande OR Chicken Salad Wrap ----- Black Beans 1/2c, Corn 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 3	Hamburger or Cheeseburger OR Turkey Sandwich ----- Green Beans 1/2 Steamed Carrots 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 4	Meatballs Alfredo Over Noodles OR Buffalo Chicken Wrap ----- Broccoli 1/2c, NYS Spaghetti Squash 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 5	Philly Cheesesteak Sub OR Ham Sandwich ----- 1c Romaine Lettuce =1/2c, Baked Beans 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 6
Mozzarella Sticks W/ Sauce OR Chicken Salad Sandwich ----- Mixed Vegetables 1/2c, Broccoli 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 9	Taco In A Bag OR Turkey Sandwich ----- Sliced Cucumbers 1/2c, Corn 1/2c Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 10	General Tso Chicken Over Rice OR Buffalo Chicken Wrap ----- Steamed Carrots 3/4c, Peas 1/2c Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 11	Hamburger Or Cheeseburger OR Ham Sandwich ----- Fresh Carrots 1/2c, NYS Butternut Squash 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 12	Chicken Nuggets OR Egg salad Wrap ----- Baked Beans 1/2c, 1c Romaine Lettuce=1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 13
Chicken Alfredo Over Noodles OR Turkey Sandwich ----- Steamed Carrots 3/4c, Peas 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 16	Taco W/Seasoned Rice OR Ham Sandwich ----- Steamed Corn 1/2c, Mixed Vegetables 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 17	Meat Balls With Garlic Bread Sticks OR Egg Salad Sandwich ----- Broccoli 1/2c, Black Beans 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 18	Chicken Patty On A Bun OR Buffalo Chicken Wrap ----- Bell Pepper slices 1/2c, NYS Acorn Squash 1/2c, Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 19	Ugly Sweater Day - Spaghetti and Meatballs OR **Jolly** Sidekick ----- Frozen Fruit juice=1/2c, 1c Romaine Lettuce=1/2c, Green Beans 1/2c Fresh or Prepared Fruit 1/2c, Milk-8oz 20
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WVCS CLASS OF 2025 PRESENTS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DEC 8 | 9-11AM
BINGHAM HALL

PANCAKES, EGGS, SAUSAGE,
POTATOES, COFFEE, JUICE, MILK

* Breakfast Tickets: \$7 PRESALE
\$10 AT THE DOOR

SPONSORED BY WV PTO:
BASKET & GIFT CARD RAFFLE
50/50

Jack Tharnish Earns Spot in Area All-State Band

We are proud to announce that Jack Tharnish was accepted into the Area All-State Band, an honor that places him among the top four saxophone players in Western New York. This recognition reflects Jack's hard work and dedication to his musical craft. The Area All-State concert took place on Saturday, November 22 at SUNY Fredonia.

Congratulations, Jack, on this achievement!

